

# Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief

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Weekly at-a-glance report from Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department. Previous editions are available on the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

## Airport

- The [FlyOgden](#) (Ogden Airport) Facebook page has reached its highest follower and engagement levels to date.
- Young Subaru rented its first rental car at the Airport last week.
- The Airport has reinstated paid parking (paused during the new terminal expansion construction) and is now using the City's new Passport parking app at a rate of \$5 per day.
- The Airport welcomed distinguished guests from the North Pole, arriving via [Breeze Airways](#), adding extra holiday cheer for travelers (*photo right*).



*New holiday display at Ogden Airport*

## Building Services *(building permits/inspections – business licensing – code services)*

- The [Plan Review](#) Team remained busy following the holiday week with a wide range of commercial, residential, and development reviews.
  - Staff also participated in continuing education through the Bonneville Chapter of the International Code Council's 32nd Annual Educational Institute to maintain state licensure and stay current with evolving code standards.
    - Topics included: 2021 IBC: Means of Egress; 2021 IBC: Apartment Buildings – Fire & Life Safety; 2021 IRC Chapter 3: Building Planning & Fire-Resistive Construction; 2023 NEC: Hazardous Locations & Article 230 – Electrical Services
- [Building Permits](#) issued a total of 56 building permits last week, with many involving mechanical and plumbing repairs. Highlights included:
  - Two single-family home permits issued in the Sunset Ridge subdivision (1338 & 1314 Sunset Court)
  - Two duplex permits issued in the Liberty Cove subdivision (325 & 316 N Liberty Cove Drive)
  - A demolition permit issued for 1518 Canyon Road to make way for new development
- 200 [Building Inspections](#) were completed last week across residential and commercial projects. The most common inspections included:
  - Residential final simple inspections (29); residential power to panel/service upgrades (28); residential 4-way inspections (13)
- 44 [Business Licenses](#) were processed last week, including 12 new businesses. Notable additions included:
  - Ben Lomond Lanes BC Bowling Center – new ownership at 329 Washington Boulevard
  - Wicked Wings Oddities – a specialty retail shop at 124 25th Street
  - Once Upon a Time Café – now open inside the Weber County Library at 2464 Jefferson Avenue
- [Code Services](#) hosted a ride-along with a neighboring city's code officer, providing an opportunity to share processes, exchange best practices, and strengthen interagency collaboration.

## Community Development *(housing – neighborhood improvements)*

- The 30-day public comment period for [Amendment #1 to the ConPlan and Annual Action Plan FY26](#) is underway (Nov. 14-Dec. 14).
- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovations of the home at 1183 28th Street are complete, a purchase offer has been received, and the single-family home is now under contract and scheduled to close by the end of December.
  - Renovations are complete for the single-family home at 470 30th St. and it is now listed for sale (*photo below*). [utahrealestate.com listing](#)
  - Renovations are currently underway for the home at 1065 21st Street.
  - Bids have been received for the renovation contract for the home at 2248 Van Buren Avenue and a bid award will be considered soon.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Construction of new single-family home at 866 Cahoon Circle is now complete and it has just been listed for sale. [utahrealestate.com listing](#): "Another incredible new build by Ogden City."
  - The new single-family home planned for 862 Cahoon Circle is in the permitting stage and construction is expected to begin in December.
- Public Improvement Projects: The demolition and cleanup of the dilapidated facility at 2325 Madison Avenue is nearing completion.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance: Since July, 21 loans funded and 31 applications received. Program is on hold until approval of AAP FY26 Amendment #1.



*Newly renovated and listed home at 470 30th St.*

- [Emergency Home Repair Loan Program](#): Since July, 5 applications have been approved, with 3 projects now complete and 2 projects underway.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program](#): Since July, 20 loans have been funded.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July, 14 volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program currently supports 84 formerly homeless individuals. 24 households (65 individuals) receive rental assistance, and 19 participants receive supportive services—including job training/therapy to promote long-term housing stability.
- Staff presented to City Council the resolution for intent to purchase surplus school district property (former Taylor Canyon Elementary site).

### Cultural Services *(arts – events – museums – Union Station)*

- Our annual Electric Light Parade and Christmas Village Opening Gala was successfully held last week, drawing strong attendance to start the season *(photo right)*!
- Hosted the Craft Lake City Holiday Market at Union Station on Sat.-Sun. (Dec. 5-6).
- This month's First Friday Art Stroll was held on Dec. 5 and included Union Station activities such as community voting for the *Patterns* Community Art Show, which remains on display through December.
- Opened a new art exhibit, *Unseen Worlds*, showcasing Ben Lomond High School's WSU ART1010 student work in the Myra Powell Gallery at Union Station throughout December and January.
- Hosted Ogden Police Department's holiday party and Ogden Public Works's holiday party at Union Station last week.
- Met with Utah Humanities staff to discuss communications and publicity plans for Union Station's hosting of *Voices + Votes*, a Smithsonian Museums on Main Street exhibit scheduled for late 2026.
- Working on Weber County RAMP Grants to support additional Union Station Museums Programming.
- Our Arts Grants cycle is now open for applications, with submissions due by December 12.
- Our Amphitheater stage has been programmed several evenings each week and on weekends throughout December for Christmas Village.
- Preparing for more holiday events at Union Station this week, including the big annual Breakfast with Santa event.



*Mrs. Claus/Santa (and fans) after Electric Light Parade – 11/29*

### Economic Development *(business support/development – redevelopment)*

- Continued partnering with our Special Events and Communications teams to prepare for the [State of the City](#) event on January 8 at Union Station.
- Obtained official postcard artwork from Breeze Airways to further promote our Ogden flight to Orange County, California.
- Participated in the setup and promotion of the Holiday Display at the Airport.
- Exhibited at [Grand Opening of Breeze Airways](#) operations center in SLC *(photo right)*.
- Continued work on multiple redevelopment projects and enhancements to the RDA dashboard, and working with Communications on an RDA article for the City paper.
- Engaged in a Union Station site review with our environmental consultants.
- Participated in a citywide review with our market potential consultant.
- Met with the CEO of [Suazo Business Center](#) to discuss updates to the Technical Assistance Program to support local businesses.
- Supported the Ogden Fresh Produce open house and promoted several businesses via [our division's social media](#) channels.
- Completed CDBG training with our HUD administrator to review compliance and program requirements.
- Met with our County planning/development colleagues to review ongoing project updates and activities.
- Finalized underwriting for two business loan applications in preparation for today's (Dec. 8) Loan Committee meeting.
- Welcome to our new Economic Development Division Director, Eric Gibson *(photo right)* – who starts today, Dec. 8.
  - Eric joins us after nearly a decade with Better City, LLC, where he led multi-stakeholder projects for communities across the U.S. He brings extensive experience in partnership-building and data-driven strategies, including coordinating complex public-private redevelopment projects, developing performance dashboards, and securing more than \$5 million in state and federal grants.



*Business dev. guru KC Sanders promoting Ogden at Breeze event*



*Eric Gibson – new Economic Development Division Director*

### Planning

- Planning Commission Meeting – December 3
  - The Commission reviewed a range of land-use applications and annual administrative items.
    - Approved, as part of the Consent Agenda, a special exception request for a canopy for the Merci Car display south of Union Station.
    - Reviewed and approved the Beacon Hills project at 756 30th Street, including a final group dwelling application for nine single-family homes and a private subdivision creating nine footprint lots.
    - Approved a Conditional Use Permit request for a used car dealership at 321 2nd Street.
    - Approved a special exception for painted brick on a home in the East Central neighborhood at 2743 Liberty Avenue.
    - Conducted a public hearing and recommended approval of a proposed zone change from R-1-10 to R-1-8 at 1425 Kingston Drive. This recommended zone change will now advance to the City Council for consideration.