

**Bleed Purple with Wildcat Basketball**

Weber State University Wildcats launched their basketball season with a string of wins and invite you to wear purple with pride and bleed purple for your hometown team.

Ogden residents receive discount admission for \$6 (regularly \$12) on February 14 for **Ogden Community Night** when WSU men's basketball team faces rival Montana in a critical Big Sky Conference showdown. Present ID with Ogden address at the ticket window to receive discounted admission price.

Several other special event games are planned throughout the season. Purchase your tickets to support the Wildcats and Lady Wildcats at all home games through March. Visit [www.weberstatesports.com](http://www.weberstatesports.com) and [www.facebook.com/weberstateathletics](http://www.facebook.com/weberstateathletics).



**Council Elects 2013 Leadership**

On January 8, the Ogden City Council elected Bart E. Blair as City Council Chair and Neil K. Garner as Vice Chair for 2013.

Council Chair Bart Blair was elected to the Council in 2010 and served as Vice Chair in 2012. Vice Chair Neil Garner was elected in 2010 and served as Chair in 2012 and Vice Chair in 2011.

Chair Bart Blair said, "It is an honor to serve the citizens of Ogden in this capacity. I have immense respect for my fellow Council members and Mayor Caldwell. We have made significant progress over the last year and I look forward to accomplishing much more in the upcoming year."



**Bus Service transports Skiers to Ogden Area Ski Resorts**



Ski busses pick up at various sites around Ogden transporting skiers to both Snowbasin and Powder Mountain resorts. The new transit option helps skiers save gas money, escape winter driving conditions, and avoid possible congestion in the canyon. Fare is \$4.25 each way. [www.rideuta.com](http://www.rideuta.com).

**Heat Homes Safely to Prevent Winter Fires**

Ogden City typically responds to an increase in structure fires during winter months. Many of these fires are the result of improper use of heating equipment, poorly maintained equipment, or the use of extension cords. In response to numerous fire-related deaths across the nation, the U.S. Fire Administration has issued the "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign and Ogden City's Fire department offers the following tips:



- Use heating equipment as directed by the manufacturer
- Do not overload extension cords
- Plug electric space heaters directly into an outlet
- Do not use fuel-fired space heaters indoors
- Check and replace batteries in smoke and CO detectors
- Conduct regular fire drills with your family and establish a meeting place outside
- Never go back into a burning home for anything, including pets

Help prevent a tragedy. More winter fire safety tips are available at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

**Excellent Rating for Ogden Water System**

Ogden City's water infrastructure has undergone extensive changes including the new reservoirs at 9th Street and 36th Street that eliminated deficiencies in storage and the Ogden Canyon Water Line project that eliminates pressure deficiencies in our system.

The new infrastructure has brought our Water Utility to a level of "excellence" recognized by the State of Utah and Weber-Morgan Health Department in a recent audit that assesses the safety, design, and functionality of water systems. We are proud to receive this recognition and acknowledge that further repairs and replacements of tanks, transmission lines, wells, and pumps will continue on our aging system.

For more information, contact Ogden City Water Utility at 801-629-8321.



## Ensure Your Fire Hydrant is Accessible

With the heavy snow that has fallen in our area, there are a lot of buried fire hydrants that cannot be seen by emergency responders. As a consequence, firefighters arriving on the scene of a fire must spend valuable time finding and uncovering them.

Residents are responsible for keeping fire hydrants cleared. Dig a path from the street to the hydrant and a three foot area all around for firefighter access. Ogden City Fire Department greatly appreciates the community's service to keep our neighborhoods safer this season.



## Prevent Frozen Water Pipes

Dealing with frozen water pipes in your home is costly and inconvenient. Fortunately there are preventive steps you can take to help avoid frozen water pipes at your house.

### Tips to avoid frozen pipes:

- During freezing weather, keep your thermostat at 55 degrees or higher, even when you're not at home.
- Insulate pipes and faucets on the outside walls of your home and in any unheated areas.
- When the outside temperature is below freezing, open cabinet doors under the sinks to allow warm air to circulate near water pipes.
- During extreme outside weather, allow inside faucets to drip slowly. But keep in mind allowing water to run through any faucet will increase water usage on your utility bill.
- Know exactly where to locate your water shut-off valve in case you need to immediately shut off water to the home.

### What to do if your pipes freeze:

- Open the cold water faucet nearest the freeze to reduce pressure in the pipes and lessen the risk of breakage.
- Locate the frozen pipe and use a hair dryer on its lowest setting to distribute heat evenly along the pipe. Heating the pipe too rapidly could cause the pipe to burst.
- Never use an open flame to thaw pipes. It could cause a fire, and it may also heat the pipe too rapidly which can cause the pipe to burst.
- If you cannot locate a frozen pipe, contact Ogden City Public Utilities at 801-629-8321 to help determine if the line is frozen in your service line or meter box. If the line is frozen on your side of the meter box, a plumber may be needed.

## Youth and Adult Recreation Sign-up

**Little Sluggers Baseball:** Little Sluggers is a six week instructional program for boys and girls age 3 and 4 geared toward teaching (with parental assistance) basic baseball skills including hitting, base running, and fielding. Team participation by parent/guardian required. Register through May 5 or until full; space is limited. \$40 per child/parent or guardian pair. Play Tuesdays at 5:30pm, Romrell Park at 275 4th Street, May 7 to June 11.

**Recreational Baseball/Softball/T-Ball for Youth:** T-ball, senior baseball, and fast pitch leagues for boys age 5 to 15 and girls age 5 to 16. Designed for each player enjoy the game and learn the skills for their age. Individual registration is currently open. Play April through June.

**Adult Volleyball Program League Registration:** Register for Adult Coed and Women's Volleyball Leagues. From average abilities to highly skilled. Women teams play Tuesday nights and Coed teams play Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Team fee is \$200; deadline is March 3 or until full.

To register for any of these activities or for more information contact the Recreation Office at 1875 Monroe Blvd., Ogden, 801-629-8253, or online at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

## Are You Ready For a Disaster?

If Ogden had a major disaster, would you be prepared? In light of the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy and the nor'easter in recent months, Ogden Citizen Corps is reminding everyone to plan for unforeseen natural disasters. Be informed, know what to do before, during, and after a disaster, and develop a plan for your family. It can make a difference when seconds count.

- **72-hour kit:** Each kit should include a gallon of water for each person in your family, per day, and non-perishable food that would feed your family for at least three days. Medication for seven days, a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, extra batteries and individual necessities.
- **Get trained:** Take emergency preparedness and response training such as CERT.
- **Be Aware:** Identify and prepare for the kinds of disasters Ogden is likely to experience such as snowstorms, power outages, flooding, extreme windstorms and earthquakes.

For info about Ogden's Citizen Corps, neighborhood safety, emergency preparedness, or to volunteer call 801-629-8948 or email [citizencorps@ogdencity.com](mailto:citizencorps@ogdencity.com).

## Free Tax Help

Keep your money—you've earned it! Have your taxes done for free and then use your refund

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Keep it.  
Save it.**

to invest in your family's future. If your household income is below \$50,000, you may qualify for an Earned Income Tax Credit of up to \$5,891—even if you don't owe any taxes! And, you may qualify to have your taxes prepared and filed for FREE by IRS certified volunteers.

Check availability in Weber County by dialing 211 or visiting [www.utahtaxhelp.org](http://www.utahtaxhelp.org).

## Fly from Ogden Airport and Get Away Today

Need to get out of the cold? Fly direct to sunny Arizona from Ogden-Hinckley Airport. Book flights at [www.AlliegiantAir.com](http://www.AlliegiantAir.com).

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Friends and family looking for an affordable ski vacation? Bring them to Ogden with ski and lodging packages available at [www.getawaytoday.com/tickets/SkiPackages](http://www.getawaytoday.com/tickets/SkiPackages).

## Trash Collection Schedule

No delay in trash collection for the week of Presidents' Day on Feb 18. Stick to your originally scheduled pick up day.

Questions about your curbside pickup? Please call 801-629-8271.

## Down Payment Assistance

The Own in Ogden program offers down payment assistance for low to moderate income home buyers in targeted areas.

Call 801-629-8940.



## Home Sweet Ogden

Ogden City refurbishes homes and sells them at a great bargain. Visit [ogdencityhomes.com](http://ogdencityhomes.com) for a listing of homes for sale within the program or call 801-629-8940.



### Useful Ogden City Contacts

• 801-629-8000 Ogden City Corp main line  
• 801-629-8159 City Council agenda

• 801-629-8961 Code Enforcement  
• 801-629-8752 Graffiti Task Force

• 801-395-8221 Non-Emergency Police & Fire  
• 801-629-8244 Animal Services