



Help for Small Businesses

Local experts at SCORE's Ogden Chapter provide free consulting services to those in our community interested in starting, growing, and evaluating their small business.

These experts are particularly adept in assisting individuals with the elements of a business plan and securing funding for a small business.

SCORE is a nonprofit organization that provides free business mentoring services to entrepreneurs throughout the United States. Known as *Counselors to America's Small Businesses*, SCORE is staffed by volunteers who are experienced business executives and academics.

Contact the Ogden Chapter of SCORE at 801-629-8613 or at ogden.score.org for free consulting service or if you are an experienced business executive or academic interested in giving back to the community by sharing your skills and experience with fledgling startup companies.

Francom Public Safety Building Stands for Courage and Honor

With a dedication ceremony on January 4, Mayor Mike Caldwell and the Ogden City Council officially named Ogden's public safety building the "Francom Public Safety Building."

Located at 2186 Lincoln, the building houses Ogden City police and fire departments along with Weber 911 dispatch center. The name on the building will forever be a symbol of courage and honor, and will stand as a public reminder of Officer Jared Daniel Francom's exemplary service to our community.

New Bus Service transports Skiers to Ogden Area Ski Resorts

Ogden City, along with Weber County, is pleased to announce a new agreement with Utah Transit Authority to offer seasonal bus service for skiers to reach both Snowbasin and Powder Mountain resorts from various pick up sites throughout Ogden.

This new transit option for residents and visitors who wish to enjoy the area's ski resorts is an opportunity to save on gas money, escape winter driving conditions, and avoid possible congestion in the canyon.



Fare is \$4.25 each way. Service originates from the

transit center in downtown Ogden with departures as early as 7:55am and continuing throughout the day with last service leaving the mountains as late as 4:30pm from Snowbasin and 9:36pm from Powder Mountain.

Ogden connections through town include: Ogden Transit Center at 2350 Wall Ave, Lincoln Ave and 24th Street, Grant Ave and 26th Street, Washington Boulevard at 25th, 24th, 23rd, 22nd, and 12th Streets, as well as the mouth of the canyon at 1851 Valley Drive.

Consult the official ski service schedule at www.rideuta.com for specific weekday, weekend, and holiday schedules.

Traffic Signals Modernized for Pedestrian Safety



Traffic signals throughout Ogden are being updated using technology of the latest standards for ease of use and accessibility to benefit both pedestrians and motorists.

Pedestrians are urged to use the new push buttons being installed at intersections when crossing the street. Using the button ensures the traffic light will allow more time for pedestrians to cross the street; if the button is not used, the light will assume the normal operating procedures and minimize intersection crossing time.

We appreciate the patience of Ogden residents and visitors as we work to make Ogden streets more pedestrian friendly.



Winter Safety Tips for Ogden Roadways

When it comes to pedestrian and motorist collisions in Ogden, they happen most often between October and February. That is why it is so important for pedestrians and motorists to not underestimate the dangers of snow and ice.

When a motorist is at fault for a collision with a pedestrian, the main reason is failure to yield to the right of way of the pedestrian. When a pedestrian is at fault, the primary reason is failure to use a crosswalk.

In order to reduce the number of crashes, injuries, and fatalities, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike can practice these safety tips for our area roadways:

Drivers: • Use winter tires; they make a difference. • Keep an ice scraper and snow brush in your car at all times. • Give yourself extra time to properly defrost your car before beginning your drive. • Be careful when turning left and right at intersections where pedestrians are crossing. Allow yourself enough time to slow down before entering the intersection. If you have to, wait. It's better than injuring someone.

Pedestrians: • Take sidewalks whenever possible. • Stay warm while wearing bright and reflective clothing that does not restrict your vision. • Use extra caution when using designated crosswalks to cross roadways. Snow and ice cause havoc quickly; ice can easily hide under a light dusting of snow, and just because you don't see the ice does not mean it is not there. • Keep your eyes open when walking on unfamiliar sidewalks or roads, as you may not have knowledge of where potential danger exists.

Ogden residents are responsible for keeping their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Be prepared to clear snow more than once during a snowstorm, and shovel to the right side of your driveway when you're looking at the street—this helps prevent plows from pushing shoveled snow back into your driveway.

Volunteers Needed for Tax Preparation

Each year, United Way and Ogden Weber Community Action Partnership sponsor Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) which provides free federal and state tax preparation for households whose income is below \$50,000. www.utahtaxhelp.org

To make this possible, VITA needs volunteers from the community who are willing to commit a minimum of three hours a week Jan 28 - Apr 15, at an Ogden site: Ogden Weber Community Action, Ogden Weber Applied Technology College, Catholic Community Services, Cottages of Hope, Mound Fort Jr. High School, Ben Lomond High School, and Weber State University.

Free online and classroom training by an IRS representative is provided. Volunteers are needed for two different types of positions, and bi-lingual Spanish as well as sign language volunteers are needed too.

1. **Screeners:** help taxpayers fill out paperwork and ensure they have all documentation. Because screeners do not answer tax law questions, no tests are required.
2. **Tax Preparers:** prepare tax returns, research tax law questions, and perform quality review on each return. Requires passing two tax law tests at 80%, open book.

To volunteer, call 801-399-9281 ext 303 or email gvazquez@owcap.org.

Winter Storm Awareness and Preparedness

Be prepared for winter storms and the problems they can bring. Citizen Corps urges all Ogden residents to have an emergency plan for their household and keep a 72-Hour Kit for each person containing water, food, and essential items for at least three days.

Be sure automobiles are in good condition. Pay attention to weather reports given on radio, TV, and internet at www.weather.gov and heed their warnings. Consider any neighbors who might need help; remove snow from their sidewalks and check on them regularly to make sure they are safe and well.

Winter storms can be deceptive killers, but you can prepare for Utah weather with localized tips from the national weather service www.wrh.noaa.gov/slc/wxsafety/winterweatherpreparedness.html.

For information about Ogden's Citizen Corps and neighborhood safety call 801-629-8948 or email citizencorps@ogdencity.com.



Ogden Trails now on Facebook

The Ogden Trails Network, an advisory committee for Ogden City, is excited to announce its new Facebook page which is dedicated to the trails of the Ogden area. Use the Facebook page to share great trail experiences, photos, suggestions, and trail maintenance alerts with the trails committee and other enthusiasts. Like the page at www.facebook.com/OgdenTrailsNetwork.

Trash Collection Schedule

• Jan 1, 2013, New Years Day:
No pickup service on Tuesday. Each day for remainder of the week will be delayed one day.

• Jan 21, Human Rights Day:
No delay

• Feb 18, Presidents' Day:
No delay

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 homesweetogden.ogdencity.com for a listing of homes for sale within the program or call 801-629-8940 for more info.



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