

A holiday tradition that keeps on giving

Each year Weber School Foundation, an independent non-profit institution, hosts the Christmas Tree Jubilee at Eccles Conference Center in downtown Ogden to celebrate Christmas and the children of Weber County, particularly children with special needs.

Since 1980, the Christmas Tree Jubilee has raised millions of dollars and helped thousands of children by providing educational supplies, special wheel chairs, and other devices to make education more accessible to the children of our community.

The Christmas Tree Jubilee has become a tradition in Ogden and is a great way to kick-off the holiday season. There are so many ways to get involved: purchase a table at the gala, buy a tree, buy a wreath, donate to the silent auction, visit Wednesday and Friday with the family and enter to win a tree. Friday is Family Fun Night with a visit from Santa.



Follow us on Facebook for updates all month and get more info at www.wsdjubilee.com.

November 25-29

**Eccles Conference Center
2415 Washington Blvd, Ogden**



Kickoff the holiday season November 30 in downtown Ogden

Join the festivities November 30 when Santa arrives in Ogden to flip the magic switch that turns on the lights of Christmas Village kicking off a season-long celebration at Municipal Gardens.

4:30pm Santa Run: Hundreds of runners dressed in Santa suits will make their way up and down Washington Blvd. Registration includes Santa suit and beard. 801-335-4940 or www.runsanta.com.

5:30pm Holiday Electric Light Parade: Spectators line both sides of the street and watch as fifty lit up parade floats travel south on Washington Blvd from 22nd Street to 26th Street.

6:30pm Gala and Fireworks: When the parade is finished at approximately 6:30, enjoy the official Christmas Village opening gala at the amphitheater featuring live entertainment, parade awards, and a fireworks show.

Enjoy Christmas Village all season long

Christmas Village illuminates Ogden's downtown area with magnificent displays and holiday lights every year from the Saturday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Spectators find themselves in a dazzling winter wonderland set aglow with Christmas lights and a unique setting of cottages modeled after Santa's village at the North Pole.



Since its beginning in 1962, Christmas Village has grown to a mammoth and extraordinary seasonal attraction. Each year thousands of tourists and citizens come to view the Christmas lights and cottages, drawing visitors from all over as well as local families who have made visiting Christmas Village part of their Christmas tradition.

- Children can visit **Santa in his castle** Monday through Friday 6 to 9pm and Saturdays 5 to 9pm through Dec. 23. Pictures with Santa are just \$5.
- Mrs. Claus gives **tours for preschool** age children Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. Schedule tours at 801-629-8720.
- Purchase **Christmas Village memorabilia and souvenir hoodies**—\$18 youth, \$20 adult, \$25 for 2X and 3X—at Mrs. Claus's store open Monday

through Friday 6 to 9pm and Saturdays 5 to 9pm.

- Take a ride on **The Polar Express**. This train travels through a tunnel painted with glow-in-the-dark paint.
- Storytellers read Christmas

short stories to children from 6 to 8pm Monday through Saturday at the **Stories for a Lifetime** story tent. Free books are given to children while supplies last.

- Local talent performs on the **amphitheater stage** Tuesday through Friday beginning at 6:30pm. If you would like to perform call 801-920-3486.
- Meet two of **Santa's reindeer** who will visit on December 20 and 21 from 6 to 8pm.
- Hot cocoa and coffee is sold at the **Hot Chocolate Booth**; all proceeds benefit the Shoes for Tots program.
- Interactive **Penny Drop machine** is located next to Santa's Castle. Drop in spare coins to see the lights turn on; proceeds purchase new displays and make repairs to the cottages.

Get more info at 801-629-8214 or www.facebook.com/ogdenschristmasvillage.

Community Event Calendar

- November:** • 2 First Friday Art Stroll • 3 WSU Cultural Affairs presents the California Guitar Trio & Montreal Guitar Trio • 5 Municipal General Election • 9 Veterans Day Parade • 9 WSU Football vs. Southern Utah • 11 US Capitol Christmas Tree • 21 Weber State Downtown • 23 WSU Football vs. Idaho St • 29 Christmas Tree Jubilee • 29 Weber County Winter Holiday Festival • 30 Ogden Santa Run • 30 Holiday Electric Light Parade • 30 Christmas Village Gala and Fireworks • 30 Ballet West's The Nutcracker
- December:** • 6 First Friday Art Stroll • 7 The Nest Open House at Ogden Nature Center • 12 Utah Symphony-Holiday Swing • 13 Imagine Ballet Theatre presents The Nutcracker Ballet • 13 Eccles Community Art Center Holiday Open House • 17 Utah Symphony-Here Comes Santa Claus • 18 Brenn Hill's Cowboy Christmas Concert



Get a CO detector to prevent accidental poisoning or death



With cooler temperatures quickly approaching, home owners will be turning their furnace on to keep their home warm. While we enjoy “creature comforts” like this, poorly maintained heaters and appliances can put us and our families at risk.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that is a by-product of the combustion process. Any fuel burning appliance such as water heaters, furnaces, or gas stoves may produce CO. This can create a life threatening situation if not detected. Symptoms of CO poisoning mirror those of the flu, and it can be hard to tell the difference. Symptoms may include headaches, nausea, confusion, and dizziness.

CO detectors are the best way to prevent significant exposure to CO. Just like a smoke detector in your home, a properly installed CO detector may save your life and your family.

Ogden City has CO detectors for residents to purchase at a discounted price. These are still available for \$10 and may be purchased at the cashier counter located on the second floor of the municipal building at 2549 Washington Blvd.

If your CO detector goes off, don't ignore it! This is an emergency situation and you should call 911 to report it. The fire department will respond and check your home for CO and provide further direction.

Ogden receives bike friendly designation

The League of American Bicyclists named Ogden a Bicycle Friendly Community at the bronze level. The league promotes bicycling for fun, fitness, and transportation, and works through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America. Their program recognizes 291 communities in 48 states across the country and is transforming the way communities evaluate their quality of life, sustainability, and transportation networks.

Ogden embraces the environmental, financial, and quality of life benefits that come with a bicycle friendly community and has completed five major projects in the last five years to increase bicycle lanes, add bike signage and sharrows on roadways, and extend trails to link the university to downtown as well as other cross sections and corridors through Ogden.



Volunteers needed for tax preparation

Volunteers are needed to help screen and prepare federal and state tax forms for Ogden families whose annual income is below \$51,000. The United Way 211 and Ogden Weber Community Action Partnership provide the free service, sponsored by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA.)

- Volunteers must commit a minimum of three hours a week from Jan 28- Apr 15
- Free online and classroom training provided by Weber County Regional Coordinator
- Volunteer screeners will assist taxpayers with paperwork and ensure correct documentation
- Volunteer preparers will help prepare returns, research law questions, and perform quality review
- No prior tax preparation is needed to become a volunteer

Call 801-399-9281 ext. 309, email ssmith@owcap.org, or visit the Community Action Partnership website at www.utahtaxhelp.org.

Ogden City Recreation

Ogden City leads northern Utah in quality of youth and adult sports, teams, and leagues. Our programs present fun, exciting, and safe atmospheres that are affordable for everyone. With over 10,000 participants of all ages year-round, it's no wonder Ogden is known for its competitive nature and adventurous lifestyle.

Spots still open for Jr Jazz Basketball:

- Boys Jr. Jazz Basketball for 3rd through 12th grade boys. Register through Dec. 16. Games are on Saturdays Jan. 11 to Mar. 11.
- Mighty Mites Basketball for boys and girls ages 3 to 5. Register through Jan. 7; play Jan. 14 to Feb. 18. Teaches fundamentals of the sport through fun activities and drills with parent/guardian participation.

Register for any of these activities at the Ogden City Recreation office, 1875 Monroe Blvd., 801-629-8253, or online at www.ogdencity.com.

Citizen Corps: Prepare your car for winter

With winter approaching, Ogden's Citizen Corps reminds drivers to make sure their vehicles are in good mechanical condition and prepared for winter. This should include roadworthy tires and good windshield wiper blades, etc.

Be sure each car has an emergency kit with items such as a blanket, flashlight, first-aid kit, drinking water, high-energy food bars, weather appropriate clothing, a shovel, and some jumper cables. It is also a good practice to keep fuel tanks above the half-full level.

For information regarding Ogden's Citizen Corps, for help with neighborhood safety, to receive emergency preparedness information, training, or to volunteer with Citizen Corps, call 801-629-8948 or email citizen corps@ogdencity.com.



Trash Collection

- Nov. 11, Veterans Day: No delay.
 - Nov. 28, Thanksgiving: No pickup service on Thursday. Thursday's pickup will be Friday, and Friday's pickup on Saturday.
 - Dec. 25, Christmas: No pickup service on Christmas Day. Wednesday's service will be Thursday; Thursday and Friday collection is delayed by one day.
- Questions about your curbside collection? Call 801-629-8271.

Emergency Home Repair

Ogden City offers emergency home repair loans for low to moderate income, owner-occupied households in need of financial assistance to correct sudden, unexpected emergency life- and health-threatening housing conditions. For information call 801-629-8903.



Home Improvement Loans

Ogden homeowners have access to a City program that provides low interest loans for qualifying exterior improvements and some interior updates to their home.

The Home Exterior Loan Program or “HELP” is open to all citizens city-wide on approved credit and *not* income restricted or reserved for select neighborhoods.

If your home is in need of roofing, driveway, windows, fencing, sprinkler, water heater, sewer, electrical, or plumbing repair, maybe Ogden City's HELP program can help. Visit Ogden City's Community Development office at 2549 Washington Blvd Suite 120 or call 801-629-8940.

Down Payment Assistance

The Own in Ogden program offers down payment assistance for qualifying 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 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

- 801-629-8253 City Recreation
- 801-629-8701 Accessibility