

## At Your Service

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### Ogden Trails Network seeks Committee Members

Do you love hiking and biking on the trails around Ogden? The Ogden Trails Network (OTN) is looking for people who share their love of the Ogden trails system and who would like to be able to provide input on future trail development and related issues. The OTN meets on the third Thursday of each month at 4:30pm at the Ogden Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Blvd, Room 710. Meetings are about an hour, and duties of the committee members include adopting a section of trail to check on and report problems. Volunteer work parties are invited to participate in some projects, but the majority of big projects are done by the Ogden Parks Department.

If you want to participate on this committee to preserve the Ogden trails system, please send a letter of interest with a short paragraph about your interest and experience to: Ogden Trails Network, Ogden City Planning Department, 2549 Washington Blvd, Room 140, Ogden, UT 84401.

After review by the OTN, applications are forwarded to the Mayor's office and City Council for consideration for appointment. For additional information please call 801-629-8940.

### Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study Public Invited to Participate

Ogden City is undergoing a water and sewer utility rate study. The public is invited to participate and provide input throughout the process. A number of opportunities exist for residents to get involved:

- An initial **survey** is available online at <http://council.ogdencity.com> or [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com), and in print at the Ogden Municipal Building, Suite #320 and the Public Services Building. The survey is open until March 4.
- Tuesday, March 6—**Fact Finding Work Session** at 6pm on the 3rd floor of the Ogden Municipal Building to discuss the study and review survey results.
- Thursday, April 5—**Town Meeting** at 6pm on the 3rd floor of the Ogden Municipal Building to discuss study findings and gather public input.
- Monday, April 9—An additional **citizen survey** opens to the public regarding study recommendations, available at [council.ogdencity.com](http://council.ogdencity.com), [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com), and in print at the Ogden Municipal Building, Suite #320 and the Public Services Building. The survey will be open until April 20.
- Tuesday, April 24—**Public Hearing** on utility rates and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and public input on culinary water and storm sewer master plans. This public hearing will be held during the regular City Council meeting that begins at 6pm.



### The Great Utah ShakeOut

Over the past years, Utah's Wasatch Fault has experienced a few geologic hiccups and is overdue for a major earthquake, something in the realm of a magnitude 7, experts say. Such a quake would mean thousands of deaths, tens of thousands of injuries, and catastrophic interruption in our lives.

On Tuesday, April 17, at 10:15am, the entire state of Utah will hold a statewide earthquake drill called "The Great Utah ShakeOut." Go to [www.BeReadyUtah.gov](http://www.BeReadyUtah.gov) and explore the ShakeOut website; it offers suggestions of ways to participate.

Ogden's Citizen Corps is asking residents to participate at a minimum of **Drop, Cover, and Hold On**. **Drop** down onto your hands and knees; **Cover** your head and neck by getting under something sturdy such as a table or desk; and **Hold On** to its legs, for at least one minute, so it doesn't shake away from you as a protection from falling furniture and flying objects during the shaking.

For help with your family's disaster plan, emergency preparedness training, neighborhood safety, to volunteer with Citizen Corps, or for other preparedness information, call 801-629-8948 or e-mail [citizencorps@ogdencity.com](mailto:citizencorps@ogdencity.com).



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## Safe Kids Day Fair

Join us Saturday, April 21, from 10am to 3pm at the Weber County Fairgrounds for the annual Safe Kids Day Fair. This is an educational event for the community that promotes injury prevention, emergency preparedness, and health and wellness in a variety of different areas. Learn to keep your family healthy and safe. Free admission, free bike helmets (limited supply), and free t-shirts to the first 500 kids. Free fun for the whole family! For more information, contact Jann Fawcett at 801-399-7186 or email [jfawcett@co.weber.ut.us](mailto:jfawcett@co.weber.ut.us).

## Ordinance of the Month aimed at Keeping Properties Clean and Safe

City codes are created and enforced in order to keep residents safe and minimize risks to the public. Several property maintenance codes are highlighted in this month's Ordinance of the Month campaign as a kick-off to spring cleaning and a reminder to clear the remaining debris that resulted from the tremendous windstorm that started our winter season this year.

While most residential cleanup is complete from the wind storm, some downed trees, broken fences, and other debris still remains. Code enforcement officers have been lenient in citing violations understanding that the winter weather hasn't always been cooperative with the cleanup efforts. But as the weather warms, homeowners may be cited for debris left in their yards among other property violations. The intent of the Ordinance of the Month program is to draw attention to recurring or seasonal problems and educate the public to resolve the issues so citations won't have to be issued.

- It is the responsibility of property owners to keep the front, rear, and side yards, as well as alleys, park strips, and the street and gutter adjacent to their property well maintained and clear of debris.
- Trees, shrubs, and hedges that encroach, abut, or overhang the sidewalk must be kept trimmed by the property owner to a minimum of 14 feet above the roadway or 7 feet above the sidewalk (Ordinance 6-2-10-A.5).
- It is unlawful to place debris, or rake leaves and grass, into the gutter or street (Ordinance 7-2-1), and the premises shall be kept free of any rubbish, refuse, garbage, junk, debris, tree limbs, dead trees, stumps, building construction, demolition waste, or other solid waste that obstructs the street, gutter, park strip, or sidewalk.

Ogden City does not offer curbside pickup of yard debris, but there are many programs and offerings to help citizens and business owners keep their property in tiptop shape. Take advantage of these programs to clean up your yard and avoid a possible citation:

**Green Waste Site:** Open year-round, Monday through Saturday from 8:30am to 5pm, the Green Waste Site is located at 1845 Monroe Boulevard. Residents may dispose of tree limbs, brush, leaves, grass clippings, and other "green" materials free of charge with a Green Waste Site dump pass that can be used over and over throughout the year. Dump passes may be obtained from Ogden City Public Works (133 West 29th Street) or Community Services (1875 Monroe Boulevard) with a picture ID and proof of residency. Limit one pass per household per year. The Green Waste Site is an incredible recycling effort as the materials dumped at the site are processed and sold back to the community in the form of compost (\$15/cyd), wood chips (\$10/cyd), mulch and ground cover (\$7/cyd), rock chips (\$5/cyd), and firewood (\$60 - \$80/cord) cut and split.

**Dial-a-Dumpster:** A year-round program designed for five neighbors who live in immediate proximity of each other. Sign up to have a dumpster brought to your site and picked up 48 hours later, free once a year. Dumpsters are for yard cleanup only and not intended for remodeling, renovating, or moving. No cement, roofing, paint, or hazardous materials are allowed in the dumpster. Scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis; applications must be delivered in person to the Public Works office at 133 West 29th Street.

**Weber County Landfill:** Open Monday through Saturday, 8am to 5pm, and located at 867 W Wilson Lane, the Weber County Landfill accepts all dump materials—hazardous materials accepted only on the third Saturday of the month. Residents are charged by the weight of the material being dumped—a \$5 minimum charge is good for up to 300 pounds of waste.

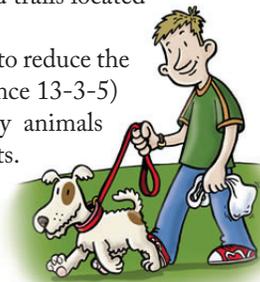
## Good Pet Owners take Good Care of their Pets

Your pets will want to go outside with you and enjoy the spring weather. Please keep in mind the leash laws for Ogden that pertains to all pets outside a residence. All pets must be on a leash when not contained in a fenced yard. The Ogden City leash law also pertains to the many parks and trails located around the city. (Ordinance 13-2-6)

It is very important for owners to clean up any animal waste from their pets to reduce the risk of spreading disease and maintain sanitary conditions in our city. (Ordinance 13-3-5)

Easter is just around the corner. Parents will commonly purchase baby animals including ducks, chicks, kittens, and puppies for their children as Easter gifts.

A new pet for a family should not be a decision taken lightly; the pet should be selected by all members of the family. It is important to keep in mind that within Ogden only 6 animals are allowed in a residence, and only 2 of those can be dogs. Chicks and ducks are not allowed in Ogden City limits.



## Open Burn in April

Ogden City's Fire Department will allow residents to burn plant items from their yards. Burn permits are required and must be obtained by calling the fire department at 801-629-8074.

Items that may be burned are clippings, bushes, plants and prunings from trees incident to property clean-up activities. Items to be burned must be thoroughly dry. Absolutely no trash, rubbish, or tires may be included in the fire and no oil may be used to start the fire.

Any fire deemed to be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions shall be prohibited, and the fire department will extinguish it.

### RULES FOR OPEN BURNING:

- A **burn permit** is required; \$5 fee applies.
- Location of open burning **shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure** and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.
- The minimum required **distance from a structure shall be 25 feet** where the pile size is less than 3 feet wide and 2 feet high.
- **No trash** may be burned whatsoever.
- Open burning shall be **constantly attended** until the fire is extinguished.
- Fire extinguishing **equipment shall be immediately available:** a portable extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or dirt, sand, a water barrel, garden hose or a water truck.

## Down Payment Assistance

The Own in Ogden program offers down payment assistance for low to moderate income home buyers in targeted areas. Call 801-629-8906 for more information.

## 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 801-629-8906.

## Home Sweet Ogden

Ogden City refurbishes homes and then sells these remodeled homes at a great bargain. Visit <http://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
- **801-399-HELP** Ogden City answers hotline
- **801-629-8752** Graffiti Task Force
- **801-629-8159** City Council agenda information line