

# At Your Service

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Earn it.  
Keep it.  
Save it.

## Free Tax Help

If your household income is below \$50,000 per year, you may qualify for an Earned Income Tax Credit of up to \$5,600—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.

Keep your money—you've earned it! Have your taxes done for free and then use your refund to invest in your family's future. Check availability in Weber County by dialing 211 or visiting [www.utahtaxhelp.org](http://www.utahtaxhelp.org).

## Ogden City Recreation

Sign up now for great springtime league opportunities with Ogden City Recreation:

- Adult softball and flag football
- Youth baseball, softball, and t-ball
- Youth competitive baseball

For more information about these and other Recreation programs, contact Ogden City Recreation at 801-629-8253 or 1875 Monroe Blvd.

Register in person or online at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

Become a friend of Ogden City Recreation on Facebook! Friends will be kept apprised of open registration periods, upcoming events, and exciting opportunities while being able to view pictures of our fun activities.

## New Leadership in place with 2012 Induction Ceremony

On January 3, 2012, Ogden's recently elected officials were sworn into office.

Mayor Mike Caldwell took the oath of office and praised this community's "passion, energy, and pride in place for where we live and what we are able to do here. I plan to capture and leverage that passion over the next four years and make initiatives 'we-projects' with support, commitment, buy-in, and collaboration with City Council and the community overall. I hope to be measured over the next four years by what we do, and I look forward to getting to work."

The elected Council members took their place on the City Council: Richard Hyer representing Municipal Ward 2; Caitlin Gochnour who was reelected to her second term representing Municipal Ward 4; and Amy Wicks who was reelected to her third term representing At-Large Seat C.

City Council elected its leadership for 2012. Council member Neil Garner, who served as Vice Chair in 2011, was elected as Chair and Council member Bart Blair, who has served on the Council since 2010, was elected as Vice Chair.

Chair Neil Garner said, "I am grateful for the vote of support of my fellow Council members and the support of my family. I understand this position will require additional time and meetings, and I am dedicated to fulfilling these responsibilities. I look forward to the opportunity to work with Vice Chair Blair, Mayor Caldwell, and the City Council as we pursue the betterment of Ogden."

## In remembrance of our fallen and injured officers

To all of the public safety personnel who work to provide extraordinary service every day to keep our community safe: *thank you*. From the people next door to the people across the country who stood by our town as we grieved together, this community is grateful for the outpouring of support.

## Ordinance of the Month: Graffiti Vandalism

Graffiti has a negative effect on residents' feelings of safety in their own neighborhood. It creates a perception, factual or not, that crime is on the rise. When graffiti is not removed promptly it sends a message that people in the area just don't care, which in turn attracts other forms of crime and delinquency in the neighborhood.

With February's Ordinance of the Month, Ogden City is sending a message that graffiti is illegal and will not be tolerated. Vandals are being pursued to pay for damaged property and costs involved in removing graffiti. Penalties may include fines, jail time, and community service. In some cases, the parents of delinquent children are being pursued, pushing accountability back onto parents to know where their children are and what they are doing.

The key to crime prevention is community involvement, and residents are urged to report graffiti as soon as they see it. Don't let graffiti detract from the beauty of our city. Get involved, be on the lookout for graffiti, and report it immediately for prompt removal.

### How do I Report Graffiti?

- Call **9-1-1** immediately to report graffiti crimes in progress.
- Call the **Graffiti Task Force at 801-629-8752** to report new graffiti in your area. This is a voice mailbox set up by the second district court to collect information. Give as much detail as possible including the exact location of the graffiti. Hint: add this number to the contact list in your cell phone so you can report graffiti as you see it.
- Use the **iOgden app** on your phone to report graffiti. If you don't already have the City's app on your phone, download it now. It allows you to take a photo of the graffiti, capture exact GPS location, and send it directly to the task force.

## Graffiti Reward Program

Ogden City's Police Department is tightening the grip on graffiti and offering a \$100 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals.

Call the Graffiti Reward Hotline at 801-629-8204 if you have information about a suspect or a particular incident. All details gathered in the call are deemed confidential including your contact information.

**801-629-8204**



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## Get Ready for the Fly Fishing Event of the Year!

Enjoy the humor, adventure, and great inspiration of the Fly Fishing Film Tour Friday, March 16, at Peery's Egyptian Theater, 2415 Washington Blvd. The party starts at 6pm; show starts at 7pm with a free raffle for great prizes during intermission.

To build awareness and enthusiasm for the restored Ogden River and to encourage fly fishermen to rediscover this easily accessible and tremendous local fishing resource, Ogden City is hosting the Fly Fishing Film Tour. This is a sellout show of short fly fishing films from the best in the industry that travels throughout the US and Canada, and it's coming to Ogden for a second year!

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Ogden River Restoration project. Tickets are available now for \$15 at [www.FlyFishingFilmTour.com](http://www.FlyFishingFilmTour.com) and Peery's Egyptian Theater box office. Tickets are just \$12 at local fly shops around town including Angler's Den, Sportsman's Warehouse, and Smith and Edwards.

## 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 unthaw pipes. It could cause a fire and may also heat the pipe too rapidly causing the pipe to burst.
- If you cannot locate a frozen pipe, contact Ogden City Public Utilities at 801-629-8325 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.

## Citizen Corps Corner: Prepare To Go Without Power



Citizen Corps encourages you to have your home ready so you can remain safe and reasonably comfortable, during periods of electrical outage. Some suggestions include:

- Have flashlights in different parts of your home, and a battery powered radio, along with extra batteries for each. DO NOT use candles or open flames for light.
- If during cold weather, DO NOT use Bar-B-Q grills inside your house to keep warm or to cook on. They give off deadly fumes. Instead put on several layers of warm clothing and use an extra blanket or quilt.
- Have the makings for emergency meals or snacks such as power bars, peanut butter and honey sandwiches, cheese and crackers, tuna for making sandwiches, or a can of pork and beans. Remember a hand operated can opener.
- Pack a cooler. Take a few essentials from the fridge and place in a camping cooler along with a few frozen items from the freezer to keep the fridge items cold.
- Have a car charger for cell phones.
- Know how to open the garage door using its emergency release.

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

## Animal Control: Online Pet Licensing

Ogden Animal Services has launched an online pet licensing service. Simply visit the site at <http://petlicense.ogdencity.com> and enter pet owner information followed by all of the pet's information. Multiple pets may be registered at a time. Once submitted, our Animal Services personnel will contact your veterinarian to verify the pet's rabies vaccination. Then we will contact you to get a credit card number, process the sale of the license, and then mail the new license to your home.

Citizens who have already used the online system have found it very effective and easy to use, but pet licenses can still be purchased in person if you prefer. Visit Ogden City Municipal Building

at 2549 Washington Blvd Suite 110 or 240 or the Ogden City Parks and Recreation Building at 1875 Monroe Blvd.

All pet licenses, whether purchased online or in person, require verification of current rabies vaccination and proof that the animal is spayed or neutered. The Big Fix is a low cost option for spay or neuter surgery. Free spay or neuter is available to some incomes levels, applications available at Ogden City's Animal Services office at 2549 Washington Blvd Suite 110 or at the Big Fix Website at [utahpets.org](http://utahpets.org).

Call Ogden City Animal Services with any questions at 801-629-8244.

## Trash Collection

No delays in February or March.

## Green Waste Cleanup

Most residential cleanup is complete from the wind storm earlier this season. Code enforcement officers have been lenient in citing violations, but will begin giving citations now for debris, downed trees, and yard cleanup that is not finished. The City does not offer curbside pickup for green waste, but residents may take advantage of two **free** City services: Green Waste Site, 1845 Monroe Blvd, Mon thru Sat 8:30am to 5pm, or Dial-a-Dumpster (801-629-8271).

## Get a CO Detector

Carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Carbon monoxide, or "CO", is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas. It is very dangerous because it is undetected until those exposed experience ill symptoms including nausea, headache, fatigue, and cramping.

Discounted detectors are available to residents for \$10, about half the regular cost, at Ogden City's Cashier's office (2549 Washington Blvd, Ste 240). Bring a current utility bill to prove residency. Contact Ogden City Fire Department for more information, 801-629-8074.

## 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
- 801-629-8752 Graffiti Task Force

- 801-399-HELP Ogden City answers hotline
- 801-629-8159 City Council agenda information line