

# At Your Service

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## New Look for the City Newsletter

Beginning with this March issue of Ogden City's citizen newsletter, you'll notice in the bottom margin several features that have been added.

As social media is becoming more and more prevalent in our fast-paced world, we ask citizens to fan, friend, follow, and like Ogden City. You can find the official Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Blog sites of various departments and offices within the City by visiting [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com) and browsing the city directory. Getting up-to-the-minute information keeps you current, but getting the information right from the source keeps you in the know.

The other feature you'll notice in your newsletter's bottom margin is the QR Code for downloading the iOgden mobile app. Citizen's with an iPhone or Android phone can download iOgden to their phone by pointing their QR reader at the code. Don't have a QR reader? Download that too by searching for QR Readers. Most readers are free and all of them work about the same way. Find one you like and start scanning.

One of Ogden's slogans says, "Within 30 miles or 30 minutes, you can do it all—no other place puts so much so close." Hopefully these new technology tools will help bring the city, and all it has to offer you, closer and more accessible than ever before.

Enjoy Ogden.

## Get the iOgden Mobile App for your Smart Phone

Since Ogden City unveiled its free mobile app just a couple of months ago, more than 2,000 iPhone and Android users have downloaded the app that provides fast access to entertainment, recreation, shopping, food, and more. You could be next! The iOgden app is a free download available for both iPhones and Android devices. Simply scan the QR code with your phone's QR reader, or go to the iTunes App Store or Android Market.

Designed specifically to meet the lifestyle demands of residents and visitors alike, iOgden is the #1 mobile app to have when travelling in and around Ogden. It's like having your own personal tour guide in your pocket who knows all about Ogden's current deals and upcoming premier events.

- find and map mountain trails, historical sites, art galleries, museums, and points of interest
- be in the know about upcoming events and contact the venues for tickets
- search for retail types such as Mexican food, Italian cuisine, clothing stores, antiques, gifts, and more while viewing business hours, phone numbers, and turn-by-turn directions
- view the weekly deal and get the best bang for your buck on premier stuff to do, see, eat, and buy in Ogden
- contact Ogden City for prompt action on graffiti, street maintenance, street lights, and potholes while the app takes a photo and finds the exact GPS location of the problem

Download and use the iOgden mobile app and discover why now more than ever, in Ogden "it's all within reach."



Scan this QR code to download the *free* iOgden mobile app



Check the app often for weekly deals from Ogden businesses. If you don't have the iOgden app, find weekly deals posted at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

## Register now for 10k Trail Run April 9

Northern Utah Trail Series, Weber Pathways, and the Ogden Trails Network are honored to host the First Annual Gib Wallace Memorial 10k Trail Run. Gib Wallace was instrumental in designing, developing, constructing, and maintaining our wonderful trails network along the foothills in Ogden; he is considered one of the "Fathers of Ogden Trails."

Join us Saturday, April 9, at 9am, as we remember and honor Gib Wallace's legacy with a friendly 10k competition. The route takes in the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, Taylor Canyon, and Strong's Canyon, offering incredible views of the valley and finishes at Mt. Ogden Park.



Funds raised from this race will go back into Ogden's trail system through Weber Pathways and the Ogden Trail Network. Sign up online at [ultrasignup.com](http://ultrasignup.com).

More info at 801-675-2742 or [northernutahtrailseries.com](http://northernutahtrailseries.com).



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## Coming Soon - Free Trees for Ogden City Homeowners

Tree-lined streets are a valuable and charming asset to all communities. Trees are not only beautiful, they also provide shade, a nesting area for birds, and improved air quality. Free trees will be provided by Ogden City for residents to plant in the parking strip of their property. The parking strip is the open space between the sidewalk and curb.

These trees, including many colorful flowering varieties, will be available in April from the Ogden City nursery located at 460 20th Street. The nursery is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8am to noon. About 200 trees will be distributed

on a first-come-first-served basis and limited to one tree per household. Bring proof of residency such as a current city utility bill and driver license.

To help make the best selection, residents will need to provide information about overhead power lines, the width of their parking strip, and their lot location. Photos of mature trees will be available to help in the selection process as well as tips on proper planting techniques.

When the trees are available, more information will be posted. Watch your utility bill, newspaper, and [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com) or call 801-629-8271 or 801-629-8231.



## Free Dump Passes for Ogden City Residents

With spring just around the corner, we will soon venture out into our yards and begin the spring cleaning and yard clean up. Fear not—help is on the way! Ogden City is offering citizens two free dump passes to the Weber County Transfer Station good for a total of 640 pounds of waste disposal. The passes will help residents dispose of items that are not allowed in the Dial-A Dumpster program or at the Green Waste Facility.

Available March 1 through June 15, dump passes can be picked up at Ogden City's Community Service Building located at 1875 Monroe Blvd or Public Ways & Parks Office located at 133 West 29th Street. Bring a picture ID; renters bring proof of residency such as a piece of mail addressed to you at your Ogden address. Own multiple Ogden properties? Call 801-629-8271 in advance to expedite the process.

More info about the Dump Pass program, Dial-A-Dumpster program, and the Green Waste Facility can be found at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com), or by contacting the Public Ways & Parks Office at 801-629-8338.

## It's Softball Season for Ogden City Recreation

Adult Softball Leagues: Register now for the 2011 Adult Slow Pitch Softball program. Leagues and divisions available for Men, Women, and Co-ed teams. Fees are \$380 per team or \$525 for Men's Double Header League. Registration deadline is April 22.

Ogden Spring Thaw Men's Softball Tournament:

On April 22 and 23 at 4th Street Softball Park, 21 teams will compete in the Ogden Spring Thaw Men's Softball Tournament. Register by April 15; fee is \$250. Teams are guaranteed three games.

For more information contact Ogden City Recreation at 801-629-8253, 1875 Monroe Blvd., or [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

## Citizen Corps Corner: Prevent Poisonings in the Home

March is Poison Prevention Month, and Citizen Corps reminds everyone of the importance of preventing poisonings in the home. Every 13 seconds, US Poison Control Centers receive a call about someone being poisoned. More than ninety percent of these poisonings take place in the home, and a majority of these involve children age five and younger. Remember, children act fast - so do poisons!

### Poison Prevention Tips:

- Keep common household solutions and medicine out of sight and out of reach of children, and educate children about their dangers.
- Store medications in child-proof containers.
- Store all household chemicals and solutions in original containers, not food or beverage containers.
- Avoid overdosing by keeping your pills organized in pill cases.
- Avoid taking medication in front of children.
- Never share prescription medication.
- Keep the phone number for the Poison Control Center accessible: 1-800-222-1222.

For information about Citizen Corps, call 801-629-8948 or email [citizencorps@ogdencity.com](mailto:citizencorps@ogdencity.com).



## Senior Health Fair at Golden Hours Senior Center

Golden Hours Senior Center will host a health fair on Thursday, April 21, from 12pm to 3pm. A number of services will be provided along with plenty of food and door prizes to be given away periodically during the event. Contact Golden Hours Senior Center at 801-399-5230 or 650 25th Street.

## 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



Call 801-629-8906 to ask about the Own in Ogden program. Down payment assistance is available in targeted areas for low and moderate income households.

## Emergency Home Repair

Ogden City offers Emergency Home Repair loans to low and moderate income owner-occupied households in need of financial assistance to correct emergency life- and health-threatening housing conditions. For information call 801-629-8906.

## Community Development

Ogden City is refurbishing homes and then offers these remodeled homes for sale at a great bargain. Up to \$10,000 in Federal stimulus funds is available for those who qualify. Visit [homesweetogden.ogdencity.com](http://homesweetogden.ogdencity.com) for a listing of homes for sale within the program; 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