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Vote Because You Can

Voting is a tremendous gift. Believe it or not, people just like you in other countries actually fight and even die for this right; a right that so many in democratic nations take for granted.

A government by the people, for the people, just can't work without the people. This is a simple fact. It's like a car without an engine. A democracy without voters is just a shell and has no power. Some may think one vote doesn't make a difference, but the reality is that every vote counts. As an individual, your vote may seem to be little more than a whisper but when combined with the votes of others who share your views, it becomes a voice. With more like-voters, that voice becomes louder and grows.

So get out there and make your vote be heard!

For Ogden City's 2011 Municipal Election, citizens will vote for four positions: Mayor, Councilmember Ward 2, Councilmember Ward 4, and Councilmember At-Large "C".

Primary Election is September 13; General Election is November 8. Early voting begins 14 days before the date of the election and will take place at the Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Boulevard, in the City Recorder's Office at Suite 210, during office hours, Monday thru Friday 8:30am to 5pm.

Follow the election online at www.ogdencity.com or contact the Recorder's Office at 801-629-8150.

Harvest Moon Celebrates the End of Summer



One of Utah's largest outdoor celebrations will take place on Historic 25th Street on September 24, from noon until 10pm. The community will celebrate the end of summer with the tenth annual Harvest Moon Celebration along with the XTERRA USA Championships and Trail Run Nationals in Ogden.

World-class athletes will be in attendance during the event, and a presentation will feature highlights and honor the XTERRA champions. More than 25 family-friendly activities are planned for all ages including live music and kids activities.

Participate or watch the Hog your Seat contest where participants will play 101 musical chairs. Enjoy the downtown criterium bicycle races. Free kids activities will take place from

noon until 5pm including pumpkin painting, spray on tattoos, balloon art, a bubble pad, and more provided by community partners such as the George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park, the Eccles Community Art Center, Weber Pathways, the Tree House Children's Museum, and Ogden City Firefighters. The 25th Street restaurants will take their offerings to the street; snow cones and snack food will be offered and beverages will be available.

Other activities during the celebration include the last Ogden Farmer's Market of the season; vendors will begin at 8am and remain open throughout the day. Admission into Union Station Museums will be free. A Hope Walk will raise awareness and prevention of suicide. Local and national performers will continually fill two stages on 25th Street from noon until 9:30pm.

Open House at Ogden City Fire Department

To celebrate Fire Prevention Week, the Ogden City Fire Department is hosting its 8th annual open house with demonstrations, tours, exhibits, refreshments, and lots of fun activities and prizes.

Join us Wednesday, October 12, from 5 to 7pm at the Public Safety Building located at 2186 Lincoln Avenue. This year's theme is *Protect Your Family from Fire*. Kids of all ages will enjoy seeing the fire equipment in action, get the opportunity to try on real firefighting gear, and meet the men and women who save lives during emergencies. It's all in good fun and the children who participate will learn rather quickly that the biggest kids of all are the firefighters themselves!

Come join the fun and learn valuable life-saving information. Teaching kids to be safe and recognize danger is a commitment we can all support.



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A Time to Remember, A Time to Prepare



September is National Preparedness Month and the theme is: "A Time to Remember, A Time to Prepare." It's hard to believe that 10 years have passed since the September 11th terrorist attacks against our country. The loss of lives along with that of the many disasters happening across the United States and throughout the world have focused attention on the necessity of emergency preparedness like never before.

This month, Citizen Corps reminds the public to get a kit of essential supplies, be informed about potential emergencies, make a plan, and help others who need it. Training is available for anyone who wants it.



In addition to preparing yourself, take the time to honor and thank the local first responders, fire, police, and emergency medical services, who keep us safe and respond to our calls for help.

For information about Citizen Corps, to receive emergency preparedness information or training, or to volunteer, call 801-629-8948 or email citizencorps@ogdencity.com.

Ogden River Restoration Ribbon Cutting Friday, Oct 7

Bring your work gloves, co-workers, friends, and family to a fun-filled day of community service and celebration on the Ogden River. Volunteers are needed beginning at 10am, October 7, to help bring us another step closer to finishing the restoration of the river. Celebrate the progress we've made so far at 2pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony and awards reception. Help remove invasive weeds and plant native plants; learn to cast a fishing rod and catch a fish; and float down the river or test your balance on a stand up paddle board! Register to volunteer, become a sponsor, or learn more by sending an email to info@ogdenriver.org.

Ordinance of the Month: Vehicle Noise

Ogden City's Ordinance of the Month campaign is helping educate and inform the public about expectations within Ogden. In its second month, the program reminds citizens to be mindful of the noise generated from their car stereo and vehicle's exhaust system.

"The idea of the Ordinance of the Month program is to educate and mitigate common problems without having to write citations," says Mayor Godfrey adding that each month's ordinance is selected from the topics officers encounter most and the issues citizens inquire about most.

Because a lot of complaints are seasonal, heightening awareness of problems before they become a concern is expected to save citizens the grief of being ticketed and overall continue good neighborly relations.

Ogden City police officers have been tasked to focus on enforcing the laws relating to the ordinance of the month. Vehicle noise laws were selected for this month because the moderate weather draws outdoor gatherings and downtown venues. The noise ordinance establishes standards that eliminate unnecessary, excessive community noise and keep public areas peaceful and enjoyable.

Ogden City's noise ordinance (12-14-6) prohibits sound amplification from vehicles that results in sound or vibration that can be heard or felt at a distance of 30 feet from the vehicle or within another vehicle at any distance when all the doors and windows of the other vehicle are closed.

In other words, if your car stereo can be heard or felt outside of your car, you are in violation of the noise ordinance.

State and City laws restrict vehicle exhaust noise as well. Modification or removal of exhaust systems is illegal if it creates excessive or unusual noise. Violation of the noise ordinance is a class B misdemeanor.

If you witness a noise ordinance violation, please report it to the traffic bureau of Ogden City's police department. Simply call 801-629-8285, send an email to loudcars@ogdencity.com. Reporting the license plate number or make, model, and color of the car will help officers locate the vehicle.

Help safeguard peace and tranquility in Ogden neighborhoods and around town by keeping your vehicle's exhaust noise and car stereo at an acceptable volume.

Keep Pets Leashed for Their Own Safety

Ogden City animal control officers respond to many calls pertaining to stray, roaming animals as well as those who have been injured or met an untimely death simply because their owners allowed them to roam free. Don't let this happen to your pet. Think of a leash as a seatbelt for your pet; it is a safety mechanism for the dreaded and the unexpected.

The leash law in Ogden requires that pets be kept from running at large. They must be kept securely confined within fences or enclosures or controlled by an adequate chain, cord, or leash—

even when letting the animal out to do its duty. While enjoying the great outdoors in Ogden, on the trails, the parkway, parks, and around town, pets must always be restrained on a leash—even nice pets that never pose a threat. Criminal tickets may be issued for roaming pets and a first offense is \$85.

Be responsible for your pet. Make sure their license is kept current and they are well cared for and safe whether on your property or while out and about. Having your pet licensed and/or chipped is their best ticket home if they ever do get out unexpectedly.

Volunteer for the Multicultural Advisory Committee

Ogden City is in need of volunteers to join the Multicultural Advisory Committee. This committee meets monthly to discuss and establish increased trust and understanding among the various ethnic communities within Ogden City. The highlight of the committee's efforts will be seen this year in the local elementary schools where several books are being donated to help bring cultural awareness to students. If you are interested in playing a critical role in the outcomes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee, please email MAC@ogdencity.com or call 801-629-8940.

Down Payment Assistance

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



Emergency Home Repair

Ogden City offers loans for low and moderate income, owner-occupied households in need of financial assistance to correct emergency life- and health-threatening housing conditions. Call 801-629-8906.

Community Development

Ogden City is refurbishing homes and offering them for sale at a great bargain. Up to \$10,000 in Federal stimulus funds are available for those who qualify. Visit 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