

## At Your Service

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### International Baccalaureate Program comes to Ogden School District

The public is invited to attend an informational session regarding the International Baccalaureate Diploma program to be offered through Ogden High School beginning in the fall of 2012.

On February 15 at 7pm in Ogden High School's library (2828 Harrison Blvd) a meeting will be held to explain the highlights and benefits of this rigorous two-year study course with an international focus and independent student assessments for future 11th and 12th graders. This is one of the most highly respected high school academic programs in the world and is anticipated to offer incredible benefits to our local businesses and the community.

More info about the International Baccalaureate Diploma program to be offered through Ogden City School District can be found at [www.ohs.ogden.k12.ut.us](http://www.ohs.ogden.k12.ut.us).

### Do You Know Your H2O?

Ogden City's Water Department reminds us to use our water resources wisely. It is more important than ever for citizens to make conscientious use of the world's natural water resources.

With populations increasing each year, coupled with depleting levels of groundwater and rapid climate change, our current water situation continues to be of concern. It is quite possible that if we do not conserve and use our water resources wisely, our own future water needs and those of future generations, may not be easily met.

Be a responsible steward of our natural water ways; protect our lakes, rivers, and streams.



### Council Leadership elected for 2011

On January 4, 2011, the Ogden City Council elected Council member Caitlin Gochnour as its Chair and Council member Neil Garner as its Vice Chair for 2011.

The Council annually elects a Chair and Vice Chair to serve as representatives for the Council as a whole. Duties of the Council Chair include presiding at each Council meeting, signing all ordinances and resolutions, and facilitating communication between City administration and Council members. The Vice Chair assists with these functions and performs them during the absence of the Chair.



Council Vice Chair Neil Garner (left) and Council Chair Caitlin Gochnour (right) being sworn in as 2011 Ogden City Council leadership

Chair Gochnour was elected as a Council member in 2007, and served as Council Vice Chair in 2009 and Chair in 2010. Chair Gochnour said, "I look forward to working with all of my fellow Council members and with the Administration. I believe together we can continue to make Ogden a better place."

Vice Chair Garner was elected to serve on the Council in 2009. Vice Chair Garner said, "I am very appreciative of the support of the Council and am excited for the opportunity to work with Council members and the Administration over the next year. I'm confident we'll continue to have open communication as we discuss issues."

### Rebuilding a River from the Ground Up

The Ogden River suffered over a hundred years of poor practices before its recent major overhaul.

A 1.1 mile stretch along the river from the Kiesel Avenue footbridge to the Union Pacific right of way is receiving a complete cleanup and facelift.

The Ogden revitalization plan includes the acquisition and demolition of many properties and conservation easements along the river. Many Ogden community partners are working together creating a dramatic makeover of this section of the river by returning the waterway to a more natural condition and rebuilding the river from the ground up. The final product will add many environmental enhancements to this once blighted and neglected portion of our river.

The new Ogden River will feature 17 acres of newly vegetated flood plains along

with walkways and built-in river access points that will connect the River Parkway with trails from other communities. Over eleven thousand feet of riverbank will be enhanced upon completion.

Thirty-thousand native plants will be added while non-native, invasive plants are removed. The plants will create a new shaded vibrancy for trail users and will shade and cool the water too. This will attract a more varied group of aquatic life including bugs and the fish that feed on them expanding our unique downtown fishery. The vegetation will offer a refuge for neo-tropical birds that visit our riparian areas from the south every spring.

This is an unprecedented heroic effort for a city, and Ogden and its community partners are restoring and renewing a river that is truly the sole reason for the town's existence here.



**How can I help?** Donations are being accepted to help continue the river effort. If you are interested in becoming an Ogden River Hero, make a contribution to United Way of Northern Utah designating your funds specifically to Ogden River Restoration. Checks may be mailed to United Way of Northern Utah, 2955 Harrison Blvd., Ogden Utah, 84403-0984 or donations can be made online at [www.uwnu.org](http://www.uwnu.org). Be sure to designate your funds to Ogden River Restoration. With your help we can clean up this remarkable resource for our children and our children's children.

## Animal Services Update for Pet Owners of Ogden



With the closing of Ogden City's animal shelter and the transition to a more centralized county-wide animal services facility, it is important for the citizens of Ogden to know that animals from our community are being well cared for and are kept for the longest time possible according to regulations and shelter protocol in hopes of the animal going to a good home.

Though many animal services now take place at the new facility located at Weber County Fairgrounds (1373 North 750 West), Ogden City continues to administer our own pet licensing and annual pet license renewals and provides animal control with officers available around the clock.

To search for a lost pet, adopt a new pet, drop off a lost pet, or for assistance in an owner relinquish situation, contact Weber County Animal Services at 801-399-8244. They also have traps available for feral cats, raccoons, and skunks.

To renew or obtain a pet license for your dog, cat, or ferret, go to the Ogden City Cashier located on the second floor of the Municipal Building (2549 Washington Blvd) or the Ogden City Recreation Building (1875 Monroe Blvd).

Pet licenses are renewable every year contingent upon a current rabies vaccination. An updated rabies tag does not take the place of an updated pet license; a pet owner may opt for a three-year rabies vaccine for their pet, but must also renew their pet's license each year. Ogden City encourages all pets to be micro-chipped.

Ogden City Pet License Fees			
	Unaltered	Altered	Lifetime
Dogs:	\$30 (\$26*)	\$10 (\$8*)	\$75 (\$60*)
Cats and Ferrets:	\$20	\$5	\$35 (\$28*)
*Senior citizen discount price for pet owners age 60 and older			
\$15 fee to microchip any pet • \$20 fee for any late license renewal			

Ogden City animal control officers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays,

### Downtown Ogden Development may bring a Field House and Water Park

A field house and indoor water park are planned for a five-acre development in downtown Ogden. The facility would include six indoor tennis courts, a 240-meter indoor velodrome track, an Olympic-size swimming pool, and a 60,000 square foot indoor water park that would feature 12 waterslides, a splash pad, and a lazy river. The infield of the velodrome would be available for multiple uses including indoor soccer, indoor football, lacrosse, futsal, and gymnastics, while the outer bank of the velodrome

to enforce city codes and ordinances relating to domestic pets. Animal control officers handle complaints and concerns about neighborhood dogs and cats such as animal bites or attacks. To reach Ogden City animal control, call 801-629-8244 Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. After business hours and on holidays, call 801-395-8224 (Weber County Dispatch).

Utah Department of Wildlife Service handles issues with wild animals such as deer (injured or dead) and rattlesnakes. Commercial pest control services can be contacted for assistance with a nuisance skunk or raccoon in your area.

#### Do I have to license my pets?

Yes. There are many citizen benefits to Ogden City's requirement for licensing all domestic pets:

1. To ensure pets in neighborhoods are properly vaccinated. Keeping pets current on rabies shots makes animals safer for all residents of the community.
2. To keep the number of pets at each residence to a manageable number. Each household may have up to six animals, and only two of those six are allowed to be dogs.
3. To locate lost pets. Animals that have their license tags are more likely to be reunited with their owners if they are ever lost or stolen. Ogden City also encourages micro-chipping all pets to more quickly and efficiently return pets to their owners.

Ogden City enforces the leash laws defined in Ordinance 13-2-6:A which mandates humane restraint for pets in all public areas. Dogs shall be leashed at all times they are off of their own property. In all public areas including parks, walkways, playgrounds, streets, and common areas all dogs must be leashed. The only exception is at Ogden's new Dog Park (2450 A Avenue) where designated areas are completely fenced and confined to offer an off-leash experience for dogs both large and small.

Rabies vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery can be done at a local veterinary clinic. Also, the Big Fix Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic tours the Ogden area several times per year and offers discounted sterilization surgery for pets. Ogden citizens that qualify can receive a voucher for free spay or neutering of all their household pets. Go to [www.utahpets.org](http://www.utahpets.org) to see if you qualify, and visit the community calendar at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com) for upcoming dates and locations of The Big Fix mobile tour.

could offer a recreational walking, running, and jogging track that would also be used as a seating area for major events.

Partnerships with Weber State University, Weber County, Ogden School District, and various public and private donors including RAMP funds can bring this proposed high adventure facility in downtown Ogden to fruition. Learn more about this incredible endeavor by visiting [www.ogdenfieldhouse.com](http://www.ogdenfieldhouse.com) or calling 801-629-8111.

**Make Tax Deductible Donations to Ogden's Animal Service Programs**  
Citizens may donate funds to further enhance the program offerings of animal services within Ogden City. Call 801-629-8765 for more information.



### Citizen Corps Corner: Build an Emergency Food and Water Supply

Citizen Corps reminds everyone how important it is to have emergency water and food supplies available at all times.

An adequate supply of water is a minimum of one gallon per person per day. Food and other necessary provisions to care for the regular daily needs of each person living at your home is essential.

As you prepare an emergency food and water supply, anticipate the possibility that the outside resources you typically rely on may not be available or might be in limited supply for an extended period of time.

Begin with an inventory of what you already have, and then set practical, reasonable, and achievable goals for adding the kinds of things which make sense for you, in the amounts you feel you would need in the time of emergency. This is not a one-size-fits-all plan. Build your emergency food supply around foods that are desirable to you, have a long shelf life, and require minimal preparation. Begin writing the date on every food item you add to your pantry, put it into regular use at once, and always regularly replace what you use.

For additional information on establishing and maintaining your own emergency water and food supplies, contact Ogden's Citizen Corps at 801-629-8948 or [citizencorps@ogdencity.com](mailto:citizencorps@ogdencity.com).

### 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.

