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Ensuring Safety along the Ogden River

With record snowfalls and spring runoff above capacity this year, Ogden City is pleased with the positive results of recent restoration efforts of the Ogden River.

The timing was just right to have been able to complete this much of the Ogden River Restoration project before the water came rushing through the downtown area. State funding and help from private donors and various local organizations helped complete the majority of this project right as it was needed.

Weber Basin Water has been instrumental in controlling the flow of the water throughout the Ogden River system and this has helped us manage the surge of water through town.

Though the Ogden River seems to be handling the abundant amount of water this spring, it doesn't mean the river is calm. The Ogden River is cold, deep, and running swiftly, which creates a significant safety hazard.

Everyone near rivers should be aware of existing dangers and take precautions to prevent children and animals from falling into the currents. Ogden City is actively making efforts to get the word out about flood dangers to help prevent any unnecessary fatalities from occurring in our area.

Ogden Pioneer Days Celebration, week of July 24



The summer's biggest and best statehood celebration can be found during the week of July 24th at the annual Ogden Pioneer Days rodeo and community extravaganza.

Only Ogden Pioneer Days can deliver the type of blood-pumping, hand-slapping, adrenaline-soaked good times that appeal to both the iPod and Johnny Cash generations. Even with pyrotechnic fireworks, a rock-and-roll soundtrack, and a jumbo-tron, Ogden Pioneer Days takes us back to where we came from, to the roots of our free country, to the untamed wilds, to the hearty stock of men and women who trekked westward into the rocky, golden horizon of the wild, wild west.

Plan to join the fun at these featured events and more. Purchase event tickets and get the full Ogden Pioneer Days agenda at ogdenpioneerdays.com or the Ogden Pioneer Days office at 1810 Washington Blvd, 801-621-1696.

- Special Kids Rodeo, July 12 5pm
- Aggie Car Show on Historic 25th Street, July 15
- Children's Parade, July 16 9:30am
- Pops Concert and Fireworks at WSU pond, July 17
- Horse and Hitch Parade, July 18 7:30pm
- Downtown Hoedown, July 19 7pm
- Pioneer Days Parade, July 25 at 9am on Washington Blvd beginning at 35th Street and continuing to 20th Street
- Fireworks following the Rodeo at Ogden Pioneer Stadium, July 25
- Miss Rodeo Utah pageant, held exclusively at Ogden Pioneer Days
- PRCA Rodeo Events & Entertainment
- Pioneer Skills and Crafts Fair

World's Best Archers Compete in Ogden for 2011 World Cup

For the second consecutive year, Ogden will host the only Archery World Cup stage in the Western Hemisphere. The third stage will be contested at Weber State University August 2 – 4 from 9am continuing until early evening. Finalists will advance to picturesque Lindquist Field to the medal matches on August 5 – 6. Event begins at 5:30pm with first arrow shot at 6:30pm.

The World Cup brings archers from more than 30 countries. The best of the best from France, Australia, Chile, Germany, India, Italy, Malaysia, Russia, Turkey, Venezuela, Netherlands, and Great Britain are anticipated to attend.

Ogden was awarded the honor of hosting their second consecutive World Cup stage following a successful competition in 2010; Ogden will also host the Archery World Cup in 2012. For additional information visit www.ogdenwc.com.

Ogden's Night Out Against Crime – August 2

Proudly sponsored by the Ogden City Police Department and supported by Citizen Corps, Ogden's Night Out Against Crime festivities kick off at 5pm Tuesday, August 2nd at Lester Park (24th St & Jefferson Ave) and continue until 7pm. Join others throughout the city for America's 28th anniversary of National Night Out Against Crime.

The purpose of Night Out Against Crime is to:

- 1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- 2) generate support for, and participation in, local

anti-crime efforts; 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4) send a message that criminals are not welcomed here and that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Meet public safety experts and learn from educational displays and activities showcasing community and regional resources promoting safe neighborhoods. Also, enjoy a special visit from the original Big Foot Monster Truck!



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New State Fireworks Rules call for Greater Safety Measures

Two major changes in Utah fireworks law has Ogden City Fire Department concerned for citizens' safety. The state law now allows discharging of fireworks from June 26 through July 26, and also allows aerial devices, a type of firework that is designed to travel up to 150 feet into the air and then explode.

The Fire Department recommends citizens practice extreme caution when celebrating with fireworks this year, keeping at least 30 feet of distance from any residence, dwelling, structure, tree, line, or overhead obstruction. Use fireworks as far away as possible from any combustible sources and stay out of the streets. Discharging fireworks in the street is not allowed.

Enjoy fireworks at these public displays:

- July 4 Hot Rockin 4th at Pioneer Stadium
- July 4 Raptors Game at Lindquist Field
- July 17 Pops Concert & Fireworks Show at WSU
- July 25 Pioneer Days Rodeo at Pioneer Stadium
- July 23 Raptors Game at Lindquist Field
- July 24 Raptors Game at Lindquist Field
- Sept 2 Raptors Game at Lindquist Field

Within Ogden, fireworks may be ignited *only* between 11am and 11pm. Keep in mind that though aerals can now be sold and ignited here in Utah, there are still many fireworks that are not allowed in Utah including firecrackers, M-80s, cherry bombs, bottle rockets, roman candles, single- or reloadable mortars, and ground salutes.

10-Year Financial Plan will Help Smooth City's Long-Term Budget

A 10-year financial plan has been outlined to help smooth the City's budget during volatile economic times. The plan sets aside money into a fund that can be drawn from in leaner years rather than cutting valuable citizen services or key personnel.

A continuing problem for the City, it is difficult to create solutions to economic challenges and find places to cut the budget in tough times. As recessions hit, losses are significant.

Virtually all economic forecasts predict a slow recovery over the next several years. Which means there is no 'good economic time' in sight from which to set aside money and get out of the 'feast

or famine' cycle we experience. Nevertheless, the City's executive team has met and developed a plan to begin setting money aside immediately.

Over \$1 million will be cut from the General Fund budget over the next seven years; six City departments will cut \$180,000 each over that time span. This 'rainy day' fund will put the City in a position of financial stability that it has not seen before. With the plan in place, Ogden City can offer its citizens stability and consistency moving forward. A fund like this has never existed in the history of Ogden City. The sacrifices and cuts up front will pay long range benefits and great dividends for Ogden's government, employees, and citizens.

How to Properly Dispose of Unused Medications

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), most expired drugs and medications from your medicine cabinet can be thrown in the household trash, while a few types should be flushed down the toilet. Either way, consumers should take certain precautions before tossing them out.

The FDA worked with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop the first consumer guidance for proper disposal of prescription drugs; updated in 2009, the guidelines urge people to follow specific disposal instructions on the drug label or patient information that accompanies the medication. Prescription drugs should not be flushed down the toilet unless this information specifically instructs consumers to do so. If no instructions are given on the drug label, throw the drugs in the household trash, but first take them out of their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter. This will make the meds less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through your trash. Before throwing out a medicine container, scratch out identifying information on the prescription label. This will help protect your identity and the privacy of your personal health information.

Ogden City Codes to be Aware of the Summertime

City codes are created and enforced in order to keep residence safe and minimize risks to the public.

Trim grass and weeds to reduce fire hazards: It is the responsibility of property owners to keep weeds and grass cut in the front, rear, and side yards, as well as alleys, park strips, and the street and gutter adjacent to the property. Vacant lots should be cut to 12 inches high or shorter, while properties with a structure should be cut to 6 inches or shorter (12-4-3). Vacant lots also require a 15-foot firebreak cut around the perimeter of the lot. Property owners must also remove the grass cuttings and clippings.

Adequate water for a healthy yard: Property owners are responsible to water and maintain landscaping. All plant materials shall be adequately watered to maintain a healthy condition as by the

typical color of the plant (15-13-16).

Keep sidewalks and roadways free of obstruction: Trees, shrubs, and hedges that encroach, abut, or overhang the sidewalk or must be kept trimmed by the property owner to a minimum of 14 feet above the roadway or 7 feet above the sidewalk (6-2-10-A.5). It is unlawful to place debris, or rake leaves and grass, into the gutter or the street (7-2-1); 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.

All Ogden City codes can be viewed at www.ogdencity.com or contact the Code Enforcement Office at 801-629-8961.

Ogden City Recreation

Find out about, and register for, the many city recreation options at www.ogdencity.com or by contacting the Rec office at 801-629-8253 or 1875 Monroe Blvd.

- **Youth Flag Football** coed leagues for 1st through 9th graders. \$25 per player; season runs late Aug through Sep.
- **Adult Flag Football** \$325 per team; season runs late August.
- **Adult Fall Softball Leagues** an eight-game season starting the end of August. \$280 per team.
- **Adult Softball Tournaments** hurry, registration is limited for six major tournaments through the summer and fall. Men's, women's, and coed divisions.

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.

Your Vote is Your Voice

Stay current on Ogden City's municipal election as details become available at www.elections.ogdencity.com or contact the Recorder's Office at 801-629-8150.



Four positions will be voted on in the 2011 election: Mayor, and council members Ward 2, Ward 4, and At-Large "C". The Primary Election date is September 13 and the General Election date is November 8. Candidate filing period: July 1 to 15. Early voting begins 14 days before the election and is offered during office hours. All voters will be required to show identification; specific polling locations will be listed on the City website and delivered via postcard to the home of every registered voter.

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