

At Your Service

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Shop Downtown

Ogden has a legendary history of independently-owned unique retail shops downtown, and Ogden City has made substantial progress in revitalizing the area. Shop the downtown district and discover the many retail establishments.

Antiques

- 25th Street Emporium.....107 25th
- Artists & Heirlooms Gallery.....115 25th
- Timeless Attic.....167 25th

Apparel

- 25th Street Boutique127 25th
- A & E Clothing2220 Washington
- Clifton's Ladies Apparel...2254 Washington
- Dancer's Closet.....2216 Washington
- Dawn's Bridal2342 Washington
- Janet's Fashion.....210 24th
- Fantasy Creations.....206 24th, upstairs
- Little Cherry Blossoms.....184 25th
- Ofellas Fashion.....548 26th
- Slavy Ageless Fashion Boutique...163 25th
- Tookiloo.....2242 Washington
- Ume' Design.....186 25th

Art & Office Supplies

- Ogden Blue.....175 25th

Books and Music

- Deseret Book.....339 E 2250 S, Ste 100
- Solid Rock Café.....2208 Washington
- The Music Shop.....158 25th

Comics

- Hee Bee Gee Beez.....2574 Washington

Craft

- Color Me Mine188 25th

Cyclery

- Bingham's Cyclery Inc....3259 Washington
- Ye Olde Bike Shoppe.....105 25th

Discount Stores

- Shaver Mart206 24th

Fine Arts

- Fine Arts Gallery290 25th, Ste 101
- Gallery 25 Fine Art.....286 25th

Furniture

- Indigo Sage Furniture195 25th
- Timberlodge Collection .2214 Washington

Gifts

- Austin Accents139 25th
- Olive and Dahlia.....215 25th
- Trends and Traditions.....201 25th

Jewelry

- Farris Jewelry.....2466 Washington
- R. Goldworks.....103 25th

Kitchen Cabinetry

- InStile & Rail110 25th

Kitchenwares/Health Foods

- G3.....2340 Washington
- Dragonfly Health Foods.....260 25th

Needlepoint/Cross Stitch

- Needlepoint Joint241 25th
- Shepherd's Bush220 24th

Office Supplies

- Ogden Stamp.....214 24th

Ogden's Economic Development Formula is Working



Ogden is better off financially than many other Utah cities.

According to recent sales tax revenue statistics published by the State of Utah, Ogden's sales tax revenue comparison from fiscal year 2009 to 2010 is down 11.87%.

Though this is a decline, City officials are optimistic considering that during the same period, many Utah cities saw declines in their own sales tax revenue hovering around 20% and some as high as nearly 50%.

In fact, Ogden fared better than the state's average which shows sales tax revenue down by more than 14% throughout Utah.

This was not the case after 9-11 when Ogden's numbers plummeted more than the state average and we were slower to recover than the rest of the state. Statistics from fiscal year 2002 shows Ogden's sales tax revenue down (3.5%) by more than double the state's average (1.67%). It took until fiscal year 2005 for Ogden, at an increase of 8.14%, to climb above the state average again of a 7.57% increase.

What this means for Ogden is our formula for economic development is working. The 7,000 added jobs, the hundreds of millions of dollars in new buildings, and scores of new companies

within the Junction, along 25th Street, and throughout the downtown area, are all making a difference. Though economic fear may be present in today's consumers throughout the state, and even across the nation, Ogden area businesses are surviving and doing better than most.

As its fiscal year 2010 begins to wrap up soon, Ogden City looks forward to further economic growth and development in the next fiscal year as a proven formula for profitable success.

Work Begins on the Restoration of Ogden River

With a groundbreaking ceremony held January 7, Ogden City officially began its Ogden River Restoration project. The effort is a collaboration to remove the debris, development, and invasive plant species that have encroached upon the river over time between Washington Blvd and Wall Ave.

The goal is to return the Ogden River to its natural state and improve the stream to its historic condition. This will ultimately improve the watershed for not only recreation, fishery, and beauty, but will also facilitate better drinking water, storm water drainage, and the natural flow of the river as it meets up with the Weber River and eventually flows into the Great Salt Lake.

City officials recognize the value of having a bit of nature in the heart of downtown and are working to repair and restore the river before it gets to a point of needing extreme rebuilding typical of urban river restoration projects in other cities.

The City is proud of their role in a grassroots effort that has grown from local entities and property owners to include State and Federal agencies. At a time when financial resources are stretched at all levels, Ogden City remains impressed by the many organizations that are



rallying behind this project.

The Utah Dept of Water Quality authorized \$1 million in stimulus funds and the City has received \$300,000 from the Central Weber Sewer Improvement District along with an additional \$800,000 from storm water improvement bonds.

Other vested organizations include Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Utah Geological Survey, US Army Corps of Engineers, and US Natural Resources Conservancy Service, and others.

For a full list of contributors as well as a detailed list of individual steps planned in this three-year project, visit www.ogdencity.com; the site will also host continued updates and progress throughout the duration of the project.

It's All Here...REDISCOVER Historic 25th Street, its new shops, boutiques, dining, professional services, and events. For more information and up-to-date details on events, shopping, dining, and merchant discounts, please visit the new website at www.historic25.com.



New Council Members and Leadership Inducted



left to right: Neil Garner, Susie Van Hooser, Doug Stephens and Bart Blair

Ogden's newly elected officials took their place on the City Council on January 4, and the new Council elected its leadership for 2010.

The new Council members include:

- Susie Van Hooser representing At-Large Seat A
- Bart Blair representing At-Large Seat B
- Neil Garner representing Municipal Ward 1
- Doug Stephens representing Municipal Ward 3, reelected to his second term

Council member Caitlin Gochnour, who served as Council Vice Chair in 2009, was elected as Chair; and newly elected Council member Susie Van Hooser, who previously served on the Council, was elected as Vice Chair.

Spring Thaw Softball Tournament

Ogden City Recreation will begin taking registrations on March 1 for the Ogden Spring Thaw, Men's Softball Tournament. Games will be played at 4th Street Softball Park on April 9 & 10. The tournament will consist of pool play on Friday night with upper and lower double elimination brackets on Saturday. All teams will be guaranteed four games. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams as well as 1st place individual, and MVP for the 1st place teams. Registration fee for the tournament is \$200 for USSSA Teams, and will be taken until Tuesday, April 6, for the first 18 teams that register. For more information call the Recreation Office at 801-629-8254; to register online visit www.ogdencity.com.

Golden Hours Senior Center

Golden Hours Senior Center is located at 650 25th St and open 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday (closed holidays).

Call 801-399-5230 for information on these and other upcoming events and classes:

- **March 3:** Seminar at 11am - "Don't let Osteoarthritis of the Knee become a Pain"
- **March 10:** Keyboard Music at 11am - by loyal friend LaVerd John
- **March 16:** St. Patty's Party at 11:15am - wear green and enjoy bag pipes music played by students from Ben Lomond High School



POWDER MOUNTAIN RESORT • EDEN, UTAH • MARCH 11TH -14TH, 2010

SuperFly Open 2010: March 11 - 14

The 3rd Annual SuperFly Open will be held March 11 - 14 at Powder Mountain Resort.

Fast becoming the primo destination for snowkite enthusiasts, three years ago, Powder

Mountain was the first resort in the US to designate an exclusive snowkiting area and to offer a snowkite only pass. This year, the Best Snowkite Center was established at Powder Mountain, and lessons and demos are offered at the resort.

Last year's SuperFly event attracted over 50 of the best snowkiters in the world with competitors travelling from as far away as Norway. This year's event is expected to grow substantially. Competitions during the festival include freestyle, big mountain race, kitecross, and big air. Introductory kite clinics will be offered each day for those who want to try their hand at this colorful adventure.

All the action takes place just south of the top of the Sunrise Poma lift, at about 9,000 feet. The viewing area is wide and open, and a groomed trail is provided for non-skiers from the Hidden Lake Lodge parking lot.

If you've ever watched the colorful beauty of hot air balloons launching, imagine the balloon's basket on a pair of skis or a snowboard ripping across the horizon, and you'll have some inkling of the intrigue of this sport. It's colorful, it's dynamic, and it's cool!

Visit www.superflyopen.com for registration and event details, then charge up your camera and head to Powder Mountain for the SuperFly Open!

Upcoming Special Events in Ogden:

- ◆ Feb 5: First Friday Art Stroll
- ◆ Feb 6: Chariot Racing
- ◆ Feb 12 - 13: Winterfest
- ◆ Feb 12: Ogden City Night at WSU Men's Basketball Game
- ◆ Feb 20 - 21: Banff Mountain Film Festival
- ◆ Feb 22 - 23: Storytelling Festival
- ◆ Mar 11 - 14: SuperFly
- ◆ Mar 13: Celtic Celebration
- ◆ Mar 16 - 18: Shen Yun Classical Chinese Dance

Find details and more events at the Ogden Area Community Events Calendar, www.ogdencity.com

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

Buy a Home in Ogden

Down payment assistance is available for those with low and moderate income levels through the Own in Ogden program. Learn more by calling 801-629-8940.

Sea Propietario: Sea Propietario en Ogden ofrece ayuda para los costos de enganche para familias de moderados y bajos ingresos. Para recibir más información llame al 801-629-8940.



Sustainable Ogden Committee provides our Green Tip of the Month:

Use dishwasher smarts: Some people think that washing dishes by hand is more environmentally friendly than running a dishwasher, but it's not necessarily so. Up to 20 gallons of water a day can be saved just by waiting until the dishwasher is full to turn it on. Save even more energy by letting dishes air dry on the racks instead of using the heat dry cycle. Plus, most new dishwashers do not require pre-rinsing. Simply scrape off food and load; that will conserve another 20 gallons! When buying a new dishwasher (or any appliance), look for the Energy Star label. It will save you more than \$40 a year in utility bills, and often times the power company offers a rebate as well.



Keep Fire Hydrants Cleared of Snow

Ogden City's Fire Department reminds us: please locate the fire hydrants in your neighborhood and keep them clear of snow and accessible at all times. When you go out to clear your driveways and sidewalks, be sure to clear the snow around the fire hydrant too—even if it is located across the street or a couple of houses down. It is a neighborly thing to do, and it's the law. 2006 International Fire Code section 508.5.5

states *it is the responsibility of homeowners to clear the sidewalks and fire hydrants located in front of their property.* If you are unable to clear the snow around your fire hydrant, request assistance at 801-629-8074.

