

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 between Washington Boulevard and Wall Avenue from 20th Street to 26th Street at 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 Bridal.....2342 Washington
Janet's Fashion.....210 24th
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 Mine.....188 25th

Cyclery

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

Fine Arts

Fine Arts Gallery.....290 25th, Ste 101
Gallery 25 Fine Art.....286 25th

Furniture

Indigo Sage Furniture.....195 25th
Timberlodge Collection .2214 Washington

Gifts

Austin Accents.....139 25th
Olive and Dahlia.....215 25th
Trends and Traditions.....201 25th

Jewelry

Farrs Jewelry.....2466 Washington
R. Goldworks.....103 25th

Kitchen Cabinetry

InStile & Rail.....110 25th

Kitchenwares/Health Foods

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

Needlepoint/Cross Stitch

Needlepoint Joint.....241 25th
Shepherd's Bush.....220 24th

Office Supplies

Ogden Stamp.....214 24th



Ogden City to Host 2010 Winter Festival

Ogden City will host Utah's first Winterfest February 12 and 13. The downtown celebration "Where Cold is Cool," will boast traditional and unconventional snow activities **free** for all ages.

Downtown streets will be closed and snow will be transported in to create the ultimate in outdoor recreation with winter sports demos, snowmobile street drag races, a range of competitions, various downhill ski races, concerts and a Snowball Dance.

Events begin Friday afternoon, February 12, and conclude Saturday evening with a fireworks display. Concerts, contests, ski races, and snowboard rail jams will be scattered throughout downtown Ogden.

Entertainment for the two-day extravaganza includes a toboggan parade, a polar bear swim, Warren Miller film festival, cross country and downhill ski races, igloo building as well as snowshoe, ski and snowboard demos. Commencement of the annual event will take place in conjunction with the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics opening ceremony.

**OGDEN
WINTERFEST**
where cold is cool

This winter festival will be unique offering one-of-a-kind snow activities in a metro setting. Mountain sports are being brought to the city and made accessible to everyone in the community.

The public is encouraged to sign up early and recruit friends, families, and co-workers to participate in the many free activities.

Competitions include a 5K race, human dog sled races, a softball tournament, ski racing, a chili cook-off, dog costume contest, downhill ski racing and skijoring (skiing behind a horse). Participants can sign up prior to or the day of the event or competition.

All events are free and open to the public, funded and supported by local businesses and organizations, though a small fee applies to the softball tournament, Snowball Dance, and snowmobile street drag races. Proceeds from the snowmobile races will be donated to the Christmas Box House.

For more information and a detailed schedule of events, visit winterfest.ogdencity.com or call 801-629-8284.

Sustainable Ogden Committee helps make a Difference

It is the vision of the Mayor to have a community commitment toward clean air, pure water, and preserved open space to position Ogden for international recognition as a high adventure recreation capital. The Sustainable Ogden Committee was established to advise the Mayor and City Administration on policies and practices to maintain our high adventure recreation quality of life for future generations. Ogden City has taken many important steps to improve environmental quality throughout our community. Some of the committee's best successes are: ♦Blue Sky Program – Ogden City participation and challenges to local businesses. ♦Fresh Air Friday – Mayor Godfrey encourages everyone to take a day off from driving each week. ♦Idle-Free Campaign – Turn the car off when waiting longer than 10 seconds. ♦Bike Initiative – Ride a bike to help air quality and improve health. ♦Arbor Day Activities – Free trees to citizens! Replacement planting of 25 trees along 25th Street to honor the 25th anniversary of Ogden being a Tree City USA. Ogden partnered with the WSU Environmental Club to mentor children from Youth Impact. Grants were received to plant trees at Ogden City Schools. ♦Recycling Rangers – Partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to educate elementary school children. ♦Make a Difference Day – Mayor Godfrey advocates volunteering within the community.

The Sustainable Ogden Committee continues to seek out programs and projects to improve the quality of life in Ogden. Immediate goals include developing an environmental website link from Ogden City's homepage for green topics, increasing its partnership with Weber State University's environmental programs, and promoting sustainable practices and events within the community. Also each month in this newsletter, readers will find a green tip of the month provided by the Sustainable Ogden Committee.

SUSTAINABLE OGDEN COMMITTEE TIP OF THE MONTH:

Make your fridge efficient. The single biggest electricity user in your house is the refrigerator. Clean the coils every six months, keep the fridge set between 38 and 40 degrees and the freezer between 0 and 5 degrees to conserve electricity.

Mayor's Holiday Season Awards Winners 2009

Each year Ogden City holds a friendly competition to recognize residents who use lights and decorations to contribute to the holiday atmosphere and beauty of the town during the holidays.

Thank you to all who participated in decorating their homes this year to help make Ogden even more beautiful this holiday season.

Winners of this year's Mayor's Holiday Season Awards are:

- **People's Choice Award:** 2842 Fowler – Randy and Amy Rackham
- **Northern Area Mayor's Award:** 1260 Cook St. – Rex and Sheryl Butters
- **Central Area Mayor's Award:** 581 15th St. – Danny and Marian Mann
- **Southern Area Mayor's Award:** 635 35th St. – Eric and Clara Roberts

Congratulations! Each winner received a \$75 cash award and two Christmas Village sweatshirts. Mayor Godfrey personally presented the awards to winning homeowners and placed a Holiday Awards Winner sign in their yards.

With increased involvement from citizens this contest continues to gain momentum every year. Visit www.ogdencity.com to see photos of the nominations. This marks the first year photos were added to the City's website for public viewing and voting for a People's Choice Award.

Plan to participate in 2010's Mayor's Holiday Season Awards when this contest kicks off again in November.

WSU offers Ogden City Night at Men's Basketball Game

Weber State University's Athletic Department has reached out to the community to offer Ogden City residents half-price tickets to the Men's Basketball game on Friday, February 12, at 7pm, when the Wildcats take on Northern Arizona University's Lumberjacks.

This is a key game in the Big Sky Conference and the halftime entertainment is a special appearance by Quick Change, the amazing magic act that first gained popularity on America's Got Talent and is now one of the most popular halftime groups in the nation.

Cut out and use this voucher, or print one at www.ogdencity.com, to receive half-price tickets to the game for up to six people. The first 2,000 fans in attendance at the game on Friday, February 12, will receive a FREE Weber State hat!

2009-10 Weber State Men's Basketball

OGDEN CITY NIGHT AT WEBER STATE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010
VS. NORTHERN ARIZONA • 7:00 P.M.

VOUCHER GOOD FOR HALF OFF ANY TICKET PRICE FOR UP TO SIX PEOPLE TO THE FEBRUARY 12, 2010 GAME

Redeem at the WSU Ticket Office at the Dee Events Center. Valid for February 12, 2010 game only.
weberstatesports.com

Weber State won the 2009 Big Sky Championship, and was picked to win this season in the conference preseason polls.

Make plans to come to the game and be a part of the action as the Wildcats look to repeat as Big Sky Conference Champions. Follow the team at KLO 1430 AM or www.weberstatesports.com.

Youth Baseball, Softball, T-Ball

Batter Up! Registration for boys ages 5 to 15 and girls ages 5 to 16 continues through March 6. Fees range from \$15 to \$40 depending on age; fee reductions available for Ogden City residents who qualify (proof of current income required at time of registration). All teams are coached by volunteers who have completed background checks and applications. Register to play or learn more at Ogden City Recreation Office, 1875 Monroe Blvd or 801-629-8253.

Adult Volleyball Program

Registration begins February 1 for Ogden City's Adult Volleyball Program. Levels of play range from highly skilled to average abilities. Women teams play on Tuesday nights; co-ed teams play on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. All leagues play at Mt Ogden Jr High School and games begin the week of March 8. Team fee is \$200; registration deadline is March 1 or when leagues are full. Register at Ogden City Recreation Office, 1875 Monroe Blvd, 801-629-8254, or online at www.ogdencity.com.

Equal Housing Opportunities for All

Fair housing is a right protected by Federal and State laws ensuring each resident is entitled equal access to housing opportunities regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, or source of income. Unfortunately, housing discrimination does still occur and can happen in a variety of ways. Some signs of discrimination include: ♦ Rent or deposit amount quoted higher than originally advertised. ♦ A property manager tells you a unit is rented even though the ad or sign is still posted. ♦ A manager says things like, "You probably won't like it here," or "we've rented out all of the family units," or "there's no place for your children to play." ♦ A real estate agent continues to steer you toward looking for houses in neighborhoods different from the ones you desire and believe you can afford. ♦ Your property manager denies your request to make minor modifications to a unit to accommodate your disability. (Source: San Diego Regional Fair Housing Resource Board, www.sandiegofairhousing.org)

Fair Housing Survey: Ogden City's Community Development Department wants to hear from residents about their experience with fair housing issues. As part of an analysis of impediments to fair housing choices in Ogden, please participate in this simple citizen survey either *online* at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ogdenfairhousing or answer the following questions and return to Ogden City by *email* at fairhousing@ogdencity.com or by *mail* to **Ogden City Community Development, 2549 Washington Blvd, Ste 120, Ogden UT 84401**. Questions regarding the survey may be directed to the community development department at 801-629-8906.

1. What is the zipcode of your residence? _____ or flexibility in rules, policies, or practices to accommodate a disability? If yes, what was your request? _____

2. Have you ever experienced discrimination in housing? Yes No
 If no, skip to Question 10. A no-answer is just as important to the results of the survey as a yes-answer, so please respond.

3. Who do you believe discriminated against you? (circle all that apply)
 a) landlord or property manager, b) mortgage lender, c) city staff person, d) real estate agent, or e) mortgage insurer.

4. Where did the act of discrimination occur? (circle all that apply)
 a) apartment complex, b) neighborhood of mostly single-family homes, c) trailer or mobile home park, d) condo development, e) public or subsidized housing project, or f) while applying for City programs.

5. On what basis do you believe you were discriminated against? (circle all that apply) race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, familial status (single-parent, family with children, or expecting a child), source of income (welfare or unemployment insurance), disability (you or someone close to you), or other _____

6. Have you ever been denied "reasonable accommodation" _____

Upcoming Special Events in Ogden:

♦ Jan 14 – 17: Winter Dew Tour ♦ Jan 22 – 30: Sundance Film Festival in Ogden ♦ Feb 5: First Friday Art Stroll ♦ Feb 12: Ogden City Night at WSU Men's Basketball Game ♦ Feb 12 – 13: Winterfest ♦ Feb 20 – 21: Banff Mountain Film Festival. Find more details and more events at the Ogden Area Events Calendar, www.ogdencity.com.

Spending Federal Dollars

Ogden City invites residents to a **Public Input Meeting**, Wednesday, February 10, at 5:30pm to determine how the City should spend Federal dollars. Please attend the meeting in the First Floor Lobby of the Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Blvd, to share your ideas and opinions.

Topics to be discussed: Five-Year HUD Consolidated Plan, identifies and prioritizes housing, community and economic development needs and strategies as part of the funding process for various grants. 2010 Annual Action Plan Amendment #1, (budget changes). 2011 Annual Action Plan, identifies programs and activities for the next fiscal year. Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Plan, brings together residents, business owners, property owners, and community stakeholders to forge partnerships that commit to revitalizing the neighborhood.

How Do I Get Involved? 1) Take our survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/OgdenPriorityNeeds. 2) Add your name to our mailing list to receive notice of public meetings, call 801-629-8940. 3) Attend city meetings, join the discussions, and offer suggestions. 4) Meet with City personnel to share your opinions: 801-629-8940. 5) Read the 2010 Annual Action Plan at www.ogdencity.com and offer comments.

Transportation Corridor Study

Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration are initiating an Environmental Impact Statement to study and make a decision on a potential transportation corridor in western Davis and Weber Counties. This is the next step following the North Legacy Corridor Study completed in 2001. Public participation is key to the success of the study. UDOT invites the public to attend an open house from 4:30 to 8pm, Thursday, Feb 25, at West Weber Elementary School, 4178 West 900 South, Ogden. For more info call 877-298-1991, email westdavis@utah.gov, or visit www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis.

Keep 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.

Trash and Recycle Collection

Trash and recyclables curbside collection will be delayed only at Thanksgiving; all other holidays during 2010 will **not** see a delay in curbside pickup of household refuse. Call 801-629-8271 with any curbside collection questions.

Useful Ogden City Contacts

- 801-629-8000 Ogden City Corp main line
- 801-399-HELP Ogden City answers hotline
- 801-629-8752 Graffiti Task Force
- 801-629-8159 City Council agenda information line

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