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Support independent businesses and keep tax dollars in Ogden and working for you. Local independent businesses give our community jobs, financial stability, and unique charm.

Locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenues back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.

And buying local isn't just good for the community and economy; it's good for the planet, too. By buying local goods, you maximize your money's impact and minimize fuel use and carbon dioxide emissions.

Support your local grocers and farmers, and if your favorite market doesn't list which foods are locally produced, just ask! And encourage them to broaden their offering of locally grown foods.

Local independents are easy to find in Ogden, just look for the Buy Local First logo proudly displayed. A business directory and more info can be found at www.localfirst.org.

OGDEN'S GEORGE S. ECCLES
DINOSAUR PARK
We've got events
down to a science

New date for Carnivorous Carnival is July 10; also Mad Science classes held thru the summer. More events and info at www.dinosaurpark.org.



Add Recreation to Your Life that is Leagues above the Rest

Ogden City Recreation offers citizens a myriad of competitive sports programs and leisure activities. Public participation in the City's recreation programs has increased greatly with the addition of new activities such as high adventure programs for youth and adults as well as offering opportunities year-round through all seasons. It's a great way for the community to build confidence in an activity while enjoying the natural surroundings of the Ogden area.

High Adventure Kid's Club

Introduced just this year, participation in the High Adventure Kid's Club has far exceeded expectations. More than 75 kids age 10 to 12 are attending three-day summer camps learning to kayak at Lorin Farr pool, indoor skydive at iFLY, indoor surf at FlowRider, and hike and mountain bike outdoors on Ogden's remarkable trail system. With favorable feedback and demand, more camps are planned.

High Adventure Programs for Adults

Offering a friendly, safe environment for adults to learn new activities, this program includes instruction for kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, and other high adventure sports enjoyed in Ogden's great outdoors throughout the year.

Youth Seasonal Recreation

Swim lessons, competitive and non-competitive baseball leagues, Jr. Jazz basketball, and flag football are a few of the options. A summer parks program offers activities, arts, and crafts for elementary age children at eight city parks while school is out.



Adult Seasonal Recreation

Friendly competition for adults interested in tennis (team and individual), volleyball, basketball, and flag football.

Special Events and Competitions

Successful programs offered by Ogden City Recreation continue to grow and are creating interest and popularity for the state as well as the region. Some of Utah's top competitors play on Ogden City leagues; in fact, one youth softball team is currently working toward qualifying for regional competitions. The 66th Annual High School All-Star Games were hosted recently by Ogden City Recreation and held at Lindquist Field bringing the best of the best high school senior baseball players together in a playoffs-style event. This is an opportunity no other recreation department in Utah offers. Also attracting participation statewide are events such as the Hershey Track and Field Meet and the Utah Outdoor Volleyball Tournament.

Whether learning a new sport, building confidence in abilities, or competing at top levels, Ogden City Recreation offers something for everyone—get more info on the full lineup of summertime and year-round events, leagues, and leisure sports offered. Located at 1875 Monroe Boulevard, the Recreation office is open Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm. Stop by, call 801-629-8253, or visit www.ogdencity.com to sign up for the next sport or activity that will add recreation to your life.

There's so much to do in Ogden!

Event season is upon us and there are far too many activities scheduled downtown to list. The Ogden Amphitheater has an amazing lineup of concerts, arts, movies, feature performances, and special events. It all happens on the most exciting street in Utah—Historic 25th Street in Ogden.

Monday Night at the Movies: Movie starts at dusk. Free to the public.

Wednesday Tunes@Noon: at Municipal Gardens. Free to the public.

Talent in the Park: Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Free to the public.

Concerts: 7:30pm, scheduled throughout the summer.

Farmers and Art Market: Saturdays, 8am to 1pm. Free to the public.

First Friday Art Strolls: 6pm, opening receptions, art, and live music.

Find a full schedule with details about individual events at www.ocae.org.



Become a fan of the Ogden Police Facebook page



Ogden City's Police Department has launched their official Facebook page to provide another avenue to more effectively connect and communicate with Ogden citizens.

Updates will be posted in a combined effort from all divisions within the police department to include such info as video surveillance urging citizens to identify persons in the footage, Ogden's

Most Wanted, Amber Alerts, seeking information on stolen property, announcements of police events, safety tips, gang awareness, messages from the police chief, VIP program notifications, and crime rates.

The Facebook page is the first step of many to make Ogden Police a better resource for citizens. A YouTube channel is in the works and later this year police will launch their all new website which will be a microsite to www.ogdencity.com.

Ogden City Recreation Adult Softball

Whether you plan to play or cheer for your favorite team, come join the fun for Ogden Pioneer Days Classic Men's Softball Tournament, July 23 and 24 at 4th Street Softball Park. All teams are guaranteed four games; registration fee is \$200 and limited to the first 18 teams to register before July 20. Also, fall softball leagues begin August 27. Register by August 23; fee is \$225. Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed leagues are offered on various nights of the week. Call 801-629-8253 or register online at www.ogdencity.com.

Be aware, be prepared, and stay safe

With 210 miles of maintained trails and a variety of recreational outdoor activities, it's no wonder Ogden was named the city with the "best access to the outdoors" (*Sunset Magazine*, March 2002).

Ogden City's Police Department, dedicated to maintaining a safe community, has provided the following safety tips for citizens enjoying the abundant recreational resources in this beautiful area:

- Schedule activities for the daylight hours.
- Avoid going alone; find safety in numbers.
- Lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of sight.
- Stay hydrated, and be prepared for the activity you are about to undertake.
- Be aware of your surroundings

at all times.

- Don't wear headphones as it may distract you from what is happening around you.
- Take a cell phone or some form of communication to call for help if needed.
- Report suspicious persons to the police.

Outdoor activities are typically a safe way to spend your free time, but in the event that you need police or medical assistance, don't hesitate to call. The non-emergency number for Dispatch is 801-395-8221—save it in your cell phone for immediate access. If there is an emergency, call 911. Informative safety brochures are available at Ogden City's Public Safety Building, 2186 Lincoln Avenue.

Ogden School District's Child Nutrition Program

Free summer lunch for children 18 years and younger (\$2.50 for adults) served weekdays through August 6, 11:30am to 12:15pm, at the following parks:

- Bonneville Elementary
- Heritage Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Madison Elementary
- Odyssey Elementary
- Mound Fort Jr High
- Jaycee Park
- Liberty Park
- Lorin Farr Park
- Marshall White Center
- Monroe Park
- West Ogden Park

Sidewalk Repair Program

Ogden City is pleased to announce the return of the 50/50 Concrete Replacement Program which offers residents an immediate and economical way to repair or replace broken sidewalks and/or curb and gutter on their property. In a joint effort where the City pays for half of the concrete replacement and the property owner pays for the other half, work is performed by a City approved contractor and billed at the City's negotiated rate.

The property must be within city boundaries, and the concrete must show any of these types of deterioration:

1. **Sidewalk break down:** three or more cracks per slab, 25% spalling or breaking into chips, vertical or horizontal displacement of 1/2 inch or more, or holes that have become a safety hazard.
2. **Curb and gutter failure:** heaves, displacement, spalls or depressions which cause water to pond and in winter forms ice pockets.

Concrete deterioration that does not meet these requirements is the sole responsibility of the property owner. Driveway aprons are not eligible for the 50/50 program; however, Ogden City Engineering is eager to assist residents with cost estimates and coordination of driveway apron replacement if residents choose to use the City's approved contractor.

To request concrete replacement, contact Ogden City Engineering at 50-50program@ogdencity.com or 801-629-8330.

The site will be inspected to meet program guidelines; the resident will then receive a detailed contract by mail and has 60 days to confirm participation by returning the signed contract and payment amounting to 50 percent of the project cost. Concrete replacement occurs on a first-come-first-served basis. Funding is available until exhausted.



Benefits of 50/50 Program:

- Property owner has more control, working directly with the City contractor and City engineering personnel to determine overall costs and scope of the project.
- All construction is billed at the City's negotiated rate.
- A detailed contract lists all costs up front and work commences only upon approval by the property owner.
- No fee is required for the permit.

Graffiti Removal:

801-629-8752

Don't let graffiti detract from the beauty of our city. If property in your neighborhood has become the victim of graffiti, get help from Ogden City's Graffiti Task Force.

This is an independent organization that uses resources from the Weber County Juvenile Court to remove graffiti from private residences.

Citizens may call 801-629-8752 to report graffiti, and the task force will work promptly to remove it, in most cases within 24 hours. Citizens are encouraged to add this number to their cell phone's contact list so they can report graffiti immediately when they see it.

To report graffiti on City property, call Ogden City Public Services at 801-629-8284.

Increased Regulations on Fireworks

Reminder: Fireworks may only be discharged three days prior to, the day of, and three days after the 4th and 24th of July. A new ordinance put into effect last year includes a time of day restriction now as well—fireworks may only be ignited between 11am and 11pm on the designated days.



Sustainable Ogden Committee's Green Tip

Follow these simple tips to cut down on waste in the kitchen:

- Reuse glass jars.** Glass jars are great for transporting soups, smoothies, and other liquids to work. No more exploding plastic containers!

- Take the no paper towel challenge!** Use one cloth towel for counters and another for clean dishes. Once either is soiled by perishables, just toss it in the laundry and grab a clean one. Your wallet and our nation's forests will thank you.

- Try a multitasking soap,** such as Dr. Bronner's all-one soap. Its gallon jug, made of 100% post-consumer recycled materials, are actually less expensive than the smaller bottles, and can be used on everything from your dishes to your body to your laundry.

- Reuse old bottles.** Keep old squeeze bottles from your kitchen to use as bottles for your hair-care and cosmetic needs. Plastic salad dressing and cooking-oil bottles can be cleaned and refilled with soap, lotion, or shampoo.

Buy a Home in Ogden

Down payment assistance is available for those with low and moderate income.

Call 801-629-8940 to ask about the Own in Ogden program.



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