

At Your Service

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Grocery Shop in Ogden

A portion of the sales tax on items purchased within Ogden comes back to the City in the form of revenue to be used on projects and services for its citizens—you!

Did you realize the sales tax from grocery stores alone makes up a big piece of the pie? More than \$70,000 was collected last month in sales tax from grocery stores. In fact, of the largest grossing businesses in Ogden, two of the top ten are grocery stores.

To keep your dollars working for you within your home town, be sure to do all of your grocery shopping in Ogden.

- Anaya's Market... 150 N Washington Blvd
- Asian Food Market.....1400 Wall Ave
- El Rodeo Market.....803 25th St
- Fresh Markets.....2044 Harrison Blvd
- Harmon's.....37 Harrisville Rd
- Kim's Market730 E 28th St
- La Ranchera Market.....3111 Wall Ave
- La Poblana2634 Grant Ave
- Smith's.....1485 Harrison Blvd
- Smith's.....4275 Harrison Blvd
- Stop & Shop.....1130 Washington Blvd
- Super Groceries.....675 N Monroe
- Super Saver Store.....1710 Wall Ave
- Tiger Mart2717 Washington Blvd
- Wangsgard's.....120 Washington Blvd
- Winco Foods.....205 W 12th St
- Walmart *coming soon!*.....1959 Wall Ave

Forbes ranks Ogden, Utah, 11th Best Place in US for Business and Careers



In its annual report of America's 200 *Best Places for Business and Careers*, Forbes magazine ranked Ogden 11th overall. In fact, three of the top 20 metro areas were Utah cities with Salt Lake City at number 20 and Provo at number 2.

The ranking of Best Places looks at the 200 largest metropolitan statistical areas in the US and ranks them on several metrics including cost of living, cost of doing business, job growth, income growth, educational attainment, and projected economic growth. Quality-of-life issues were factored in like crime and cultural and recreational opportunities, while the number of highly ranked four-year colleges in the area was examined along with the percentage of subprime mortgages handed out over a three-year period.

Noted for a relatively low unemployment rate of 5.9 percent, Forbes said Ogden is poised for job growth of about 1.4 percent in the next three years. With a median household income just under \$65K and the median home price hovering around \$140,000, Ogden ascended to the top of the country's list with better than average cost of living numbers, low crime rates, and great access to educational attainment, culture, recreation, and leisure activities. See the full report at www.forbes.com.

"We are grateful for this recognition," said Mayor Godfrey, "and to our many partners who have helped us make Ogden the incredible place it is. We are determined to do better yet. Ogden is still early in its redevelopment and we know the climate for successful businesses will only improve with time. We have several exciting companies looking to make Ogden their new home."

National Trails Day Event: "The Meeting of the Trails"

Join Ogden Trails Network and Weber Pathways Saturday, June 5, to dedicate the last portion of the trail system in Ogden and to honor the completion of the trail connections.

The newest link in the trail is the construction of two railroad underpasses which advance the network of Ogden and Weber County trails and completes the connection to trails in neighboring cities. Pedestrians, wheelchairs, strollers, and bikes are now able to use the trail system uninterrupted on paved paths from the mouth of Riverdale to the south end of Riverdale. The event will celebrate the cooperation and commitment of the many volunteers and city and county entities who have made possible the connection of trails between West Haven, Riverdale, and Ogden.



Events begin at 7:30am and continue through 11am; trail dedication ceremony will be held at 9:30am. Meet on the trail at the west side of the Weber River across from Fort Buenaventura. Parking is available at a lot located at the southernmost end

of A Avenue, or pick up the trail anywhere and walk or bike to the event. Enjoy food, live music, and lots of activities sponsored by enthusiastic local entities; free to the public and everyone is welcome.

Carnivorous Carnival at Dinosaur Park

Enjoy a fun-filled day for the whole family at Ogden's George S Eccles Dinosaur Park, Saturday, June 12, from 10am to 5pm.

The Carnivorous Carnival is a fundraiser open to the public with standard admission prices and tickets for sale to participate in exciting events such

as a dunk tank, inflatable gyms, reptile rescue, train rides, and much more. Proceeds will be used for new exhibits and park improvements.

Come join the fun and contribute to the future of the park. Get more info at www.dinosaurpark.org or 801-629-8877.

High Adventure Kids Club



With a passion for high-adventure recreation, Ogden City is offering a new supercharged program this summer to kids looking for an adrenaline rush. The new High Adventure Kids Club begins Wednesday, June 9, and offers a safe environment to learn something new and build confidence in a new sport.

Kids ages 10 thru 12 are invited to enjoy six weeks of learning skydiving at the iFly, flow boarding at Flow Rider, rock climbing, hiking, kayaking, and mountain biking. Fee is \$60 for residents, \$78 for nonresidents. Only 25 spots available, register now at the Ogden City Recreation Office, 1875 Monroe Blvd, 801-629-8253, or www.ogdencity.com.

Ask about our adult classes too for more experienced adrenaline junkies.

Neighbors Work Together to Make a Difference



The "Ron Claire Community Fair" is one Ogden City neighborhood's attempt to resolve gang activity, drug houses, careless renters, homeownership issues, and aging infrastructure in their own area.

With neighbors empowering neighbors, this year's fair will host booths from Ogden City agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and businesses that will share resources with the community in a fun and entertaining environment.

"The community fair is a shining example of what is good about Ogden and the people who live here," says Brandon Stephenson, the area's City Councilman.

Admission is free, and festivities will be held at Ron Claire Park (925 East 950 North) Saturday, June 12, from 10am to 2pm.

Build Lifelong Connections through Foster Care

May is National Foster Care Month and the Utah Foster Care Foundation has a need for more foster families to care for teenagers. There are currently 667 children and teens in foster care in northern Utah, and families are needed who are willing to foster and adopt more than one child so siblings have the opportunity to grow up together. For more information and to get involved in foster parenting, contact the Utah Foster Care Foundation at www.utahfostercare.org or toll free at 877-932-1114.



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

Hershey's Track and Field Meet

Ogden City Recreation hosts the Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program Track Meet, and the local Hershey's Track and Field Meet will be held at the Ogden High School track on Saturday, June 5, at 9am.

Registration will be taken the day of the meet at 8am at the track. The program is designed for beginners, but all boys and girls age 9 to 14 are welcome regardless of ability.

The meet offers a variety of track and field events in each age group. Winners from the local meet advance to the district meet and then to the state meet. Five children are chosen from each state final to form a regional team, and they travel (all expenses paid) to the national finals in Hershey, Pennsylvania. For more information, call the Recreation Office at 801-629-8254.



Bike Safety

Rules of the Road for Cyclists

- Stop at all stop signs, and obey traffic lights just as cars do. Yield to pedestrians, stop at red lights, and be especially careful at intersections.
- Always ride in the same direction as cars; never ride against traffic.
- Never ride at dusk or in the dark.
- Always walk a bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk and follow traffic signals.
- When riding in a group, always ride single file on the street.
- Never share a seat with a friend or ride on the handlebars – only one person on a bike at a time.

Safe Clothing

- Pant legs shouldn't be too loose-fitting or flared as they may get caught up in the chain while riding.
- If wearing a backpack while riding, make sure the straps are tied up and can't get tangled in the spokes of the wheels.
- Choose shoes that grip the bike's pedals. Cleats, shoes with heels, or flip-flops can all create problems while riding. Never ride barefoot!

Helmet Basics

- Helmets should have a CPSC or Snell sticker inside. This indicates the helmet meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or the Snell Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit group that tests helmet safety.
- Helmets should be well ventilated and adjusted to fit correctly.
- Straps should be securely fastened and no hats or other headgear should be worn underneath.

Help Ogden City Animal Shelter Control our Growing Feral Cats Population

What is a feral cat? A feral cat is one that is un-owned and free roaming. Many feral cats are wary of humans as they have very little exposure to people.

Where do feral cats come from? Feral cats are the result of people abandoning their unsterilized pet cats. These cats then breed, producing kittens that receive very little human contact.

Can feral cats live without human help? Although feral cats act in many ways similar to wildlife, they are descendants of domestic cats. Some may seek out a meager existence without human assistance, but without man's help, they do not thrive. In order for feral cats to thrive, they need cat food, fresh water, and shelter from the elements.

Does Utah have a feral cat problem? Yes. Over 20,000 cats and kittens are killed in Utah shelters every year. Many surplus cats come from the offspring of homeless cats. You can help make a difference by having your pet cat spayed or neutered. Contact Ogden City's Animal Shelter to inquire about the next Mega Cat Fix, Rabies Clinics, and other services for your pet; 1490 Park Blvd or 801-629-8244.

Sustainable Ogden Committee provides our Green Tip of the Month

Protect your plants without using pesticides: Connect with local gardeners to determine common problems in your region; then look for organic fixes. Many pest control solutions can be concocted from household items. For example, try deterring pesky aphids with a mixture of garlic and cayenne pepper. Used coffee grounds make a great fertilizer for plants that thrive in acidic soil, like rhododendrons or azaleas. Sprinkle coffee grounds and eggshells around the base of plants to repel snails, slugs, and ants (who can exacerbate an aphid problem). Before you apply organic treatments, be sure to research their effect on beneficial insects like ladybugs.

Buy a Home in Ogden

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

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



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