

At Your Service

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Back to School Shopping?

BUY IN OGDEN

It's time for back to school shopping, and the best places to shop are in Ogden!

Whether it's school supplies or the latest fashion trends, shopping in Ogden keeps our hard-earned dollars at work within the community. The sales tax citizens pay on items makes a direct and positive impact on the services Ogden City is able to offer.

Funds from local sales tax are used to build reliable and skillful police and fire departments, maintain parks, trails, and natural areas, develop youth and adult sports and recreation opportunities, provide animal services and the animal shelter, and ensure street maintenance and snow removal.

There are many services Ogden City provides for its citizens, and they are largely influenced by the amount of sales tax revenue generated from those who shop here.

So get out and BUY IN OGDEN! Be sure to frequent the shops found at the Newgate Mall, 5-Points shopping area, 12th Street area businesses, the Downtown District, and all around town.

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Be Aware of School Zones

As children go back to school in August, please be aware of school zones and cross walks as you drive on the streets around town. Because the kids will be playing with their friends on the way to and from school and distracted from the idea of safety, drivers must be extra cautious to watch for them. Please obey these simple rules to help ensure all of our children arrive safely.

1. Vehicles are required to slow at the flashing speed reduction sign.

2. If a crosswalk is occupied, vehicles are required to stop. They must also stop prior to the crosswalk if another vehicle has stopped prior to the crosswalk; it is against the law to pass any vehicle stopped at a school crosswalk.

3. The speed limit returns to the normal posted speed at the "end of school zone sign." If there is no such sign, the speed returns to the normal posted limit at the speed reduction sign posted for the opposite direction you're traveling.



Foster Grandparents are Sharing Today to help Shape Tomorrow



A division of Weber Human Services, called Foster Grandparents, is helping children succeed in Ogden City Schools. Retired citizens, age 55 and older, volunteer to help elementary age children with basic math and reading skills. Foster Grandparents are dedicated to education and volunteerism and believe the most important thing you can give children is time for growth and learning. Receiving an hourly stipend and mileage reimbursement, volunteers go through a background screening and training program in order to serve as a second hand for teachers in local public schools. Foster Grandparents is a national organization with tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the country. For more information on volunteering to make a difference in a child's life, contact Foster Grandparents at 801-625-3865 or 1-800-209-2503.

Public hearing to discuss Open Space Plan

On September 8, at 6pm, Ogden City's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Open Space Plan as part of the Involve Ogden General Plan in the City Council Chambers at 2549 Washington Boulevard. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Open Space Plan is an overview of existing conditions; it identifies the needs of the community and outlines objectives and strategies while assigning responsibilities for their implementation. The purpose of this meeting is to review and receive public comment on the proposed document. The Planning Commission will then forward recommendations to Ogden City Council for final consideration of the plan.

The In-30 Zone: within 30 minutes or 30 miles, you can do it all - no other place puts so much, so close

Ogden City Recreation

Jr Jazz Basketball

Recreational basketball, focusing on the fundamentals of the game, sportsmanship, and fun for kids of all ages.

- Girls Jr Jazz Basketball: For girls in 3rd – 12th grade, register through Oct 4, 2010. Season is October through mid-December.
- Itty-Bitty Jr Jazz Basketball: For boys and girls in 1st and 2nd grade, register through Oct 4, 2010. Season is October through mid-December.
- Jr Jazz Basketball: For boys in 3rd – 12th grade, register through Dec 31, 2010. Season is January 15 through March 12, 2011.

Registration fee for 1st through 4th graders is \$30 for Ogden residents, \$39 for non-residents; fee for 5th through 12th graders is \$35 for Ogden residents, \$45.50 for non-residents.

Start Smart Basketball

Ogden City Recreation Smart Start classes teach children ages 3 to 5 and their parents the basic skills and drills for basketball, baseball, and golf. Each class is limited to eighteen children and their

parents/guardian. Each child and parent receives a sport skill booklet and equipment for the class. The program teaches parents the proper fundamentals to teach their children in a fun atmosphere without the pressure of competition.

- Registration: now through January 17, 2011, or until filled.
- Cost: six week program is \$40.
- Class size: limited to 18 children and their parent/guardian.

Ogden Fall Classic Adult Softball Tournament

Registration is open through September 21 for the Fall Classic Softball Tournament. The tournament will take place Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25, at the 4th Street Ball Complex. Divisions are Men's Upper (D) and Lower (E). Registration fee is \$200 per team. The tournament is limited to 18 teams and each team is guaranteed 4 games.

For information on these and other exciting opportunities available through Ogden City Recreation, please contact the Recreation Office at 1875 Monroe Blvd, 801-629-8254, or online at www.ogdencity.com.

Report Graffiti for a \$100 Reward!

Ogden City's Police Department is tightening the grip on graffiti and offering a \$100 reward to anyone providing information that leads to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals.

Graffiti, whether gang related or otherwise, has a negative effect on residents' feelings of safety in their neighborhood. It creates a perception, factual or not, that crime is on the rise and gangs are moving into the area. When graffiti appears and is left, it sends a signal that people just don't care, which in turn attracts other forms of crime and delinquency to the neighborhood.



How the reward program works: Call the Graffiti Task Force Investigation Unit at 801-629-8204 to report incidents of graffiti vandalism or to relay any information about suspects. Investigators will gather information related to the vandalism as well as contact information for you. All information is kept confidential, and should the investigation lead to the successful prosecution of the

vandals responsible, you will be contacted and considered for the \$100 reward. To report graffiti crimes in progress, call 911 immediately.

The \$100 reward is just one aspect of the total Residents against Graffiti program. If you are interested in volunteering to help remove graffiti or can donate materials, please call Ogden City's Police Department at 801-629-8752. Add the Graffiti Hotline number 801-629-8204 to the contact list in your cell phone.

Read the Ogden City newsletter online

Did you know this newsletter that you are reading right now is available at the Ogden City website? The At Your Service newsletter is posted to www.ogdencity.com each month and can be found by clicking "Read the City Newsletter" in the lower right corner of the homepage. Both English and

Spanish versions can be found here along with an archive of back issues of the newsletter.

So if you just can't wait for your newsletter to arrive in the mail, log on to www.ogdencity.com where you can read, print, and save this and older issues of At Your Service.

Historic 25th Street Association Wins Best of Utah Award



Utah's Best of State Awards recognize outstanding individuals, organizations, and businesses in Utah that excel in their endeavors, use innovative approaches or methods, and contribute to a better quality of life in Utah. Ogden's Historic 25th Street Association was recently the recipient of this prestigious award.



Sustainable Ogden Committee's Green Tip

Go green in the laundry room:

- **Get the lint out.** Clean the lint filter in your dryer before each use.
- **Wait for a full load** and reduce energy use by up to 30 percent.
- **Wash in cold.** By washing clothes in cold water rather than warm or hot you can eliminate 500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions a year and your clothes will last longer too. If cold water isn't going to cut it with your kids' dirty duds, opting for warm water over hot still saves energy and gets clothes clean.
- **Decide if it really needs to be washed.** Kids go through lots of outfits that wind up on the floor, and then you toss them in the laundry basket. Ask yourself, "Is this really dirty?" If not, think of all the energy you'll spare - for the planet and yourself - by not washing them.

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