

## At Your Service

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## Fireworks Safety

The upcoming holidays in July provide great opportunities to create lasting memories with friends and family while enjoying the warm weather and fun celebrations. But before you celebrate with fireworks this year, make sure everyone in your group knows about fireworks safety.

- **Read and follow label directions**
- **Keep a bucket of water nearby**
- **Buy from reliable sellers**
- **Always have adult supervision**
- **Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass**
- **Never re-light a "dud" firework**
- **Never give fireworks to children**

Fireworks may only be discharged three days prior to, the day of, and three days after the 4th and 24th of July.

It is a Class B Misdemeanor to transport fireworks across State lines unless a person is a licensed distributor.

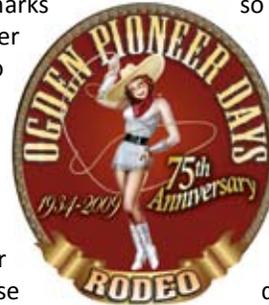


## 75th Anniversary of Ogden Pioneer Days

The Ogden Pioneer Days celebration has become one of Utah's premier events, unmatched for variety and excitement. This year marks the 75th anniversary of Ogden Pioneer Days, and the celebration is going to be huge for the Top of Utah with a much larger party planned than ever before.

Some highlights include a special concert with the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir, a pioneer exhibit at the Children's Treehouse Museum, and so much more. This is expected to be the largest bash the city has seen in many years.

Ogden Pioneer Days rodeo was nominated (again!) for "Best Rodeo in America" by the members of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) - an honor that comes from those who really know rodeo! With nearly 30,000



fans, the rodeo exceeds attendance records every night and, in fact, it sold out last year on the 24th, so be sure to get your tickets early.

The "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" events raise tens of thousands of dollars each year for breast cancer research, the 24th of July parade draws an estimated 50,000 spectators, and the Miss Rodeo Utah competition brings nationwide recognition to our celebration, while dozens of life-size fiberglass horses, each uniquely decorated by some of the state's most prestigious artists, turn our city streets into a lively and beautiful feast for the eyes.

And that's just the start of it! Rodeo tickets go on sale June 20. Find a full schedule of events and more celebration details at [www.ogdenpioneerdays.com](http://www.ogdenpioneerdays.com).

*Ogden Pioneer Days. It's a tradition...make it yours!*

## July 10 is Ogden City Night with the Ogden Raptors

Don't miss your chance to see eleven-time Hall of Famer **Tommy Lasorda's** number retired in Ogden at Lindquist Stadium on July 10 at Ogden City Night with the Ogden Raptors! Regarded by many as baseball's most beloved ambassador, Tommy Lasorda lived in Ogden from 1966 to 1968 while managing the Dodgers' minor league system.

*It's a once in a lifetime opportunity—let's fill the stadium!* Come out to the ballgame and witness a piece of history. Visit [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com) for FREE tickets to the game.



## Four Council Seats Open in 2009 Municipal Election

Although the November 3 General Election may seem like a long time away, preparations are already underway as Ogden City prepares for a 2009 Municipal Election that will see four of the seven City Council seats open.

### Open Positions for Candidacy (all are four-year terms):

- Council At-Large Seat A
- Council At-Large Seat B
- Municipal Ward 1
- Municipal Ward 3

Candidates must file at Ogden City's Recorder's Office (2549 Washington Boulevard, #210) any

business day, 8am to 5pm, from July 1 through July 15—City offices closed July 3 for Independence Day. A \$25 filing fee is required.

A primary election will be held if necessary on September 15, 2009. Early voting, an increasingly popular voter option, will take place at the City Recorder's Office September 1 – 11. The general election will be held November 3, with early voting offered October 20 – 30.

New this year, there will be no voting on the Monday before Election Day. Also, all voters will be required to show identification

at the polling place.

For more information about this year's Ogden Municipal Elections, contact the Recorder's Office at 801-629-8150. As information becomes available, updates will be posted at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).



# Second Annual Ogden Retail Challenge!

Retail entrepreneurs will get an opportunity to compete in the second annual Ogden Retail Challenge for cash prizes and incentives to help launch new retail businesses in downtown Ogden.

Ogden City has made substantial progress in revitalizing the downtown area and is committed to continuing the trend. The retail challenge provides a way for people with great ideas to be part of the ongoing revitalization who might not otherwise be able to start their own businesses.

The competition asks retail entrepreneurs to come forward with unique concepts that will set Ogden apart. It is designed to assist entrepreneurs in developing their retail business plans which are then submitted to the Retail Advisory Board.

The Board will review the plans and award one

\$10,000 first-place winner and two \$5,000 second-place winners.

Business counseling, training, computer resources, and hard copy materials will be available to the winners as well as access to additional capital. The Retail Advisory Board will meet with the new businesses once a month to help mentor them through the first year of business, and will provide support and strategies to help maximize the new retail business's potential.

Contest applications and details are available at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com) or at the Business Information Center at 2036 Lincoln, Suite 105.

Applications are due by July 31, 2009, and winners will be selected on September 11, 2009.

## Mayor's Beautification Awards

It's time once again for the Mayor's Beautification Awards where residents and local businesses are recognized for their efforts to improve the appearance of our city. This year's contest will offer awards in two categories:

- **Most Improved Appearance** – for property owners who have significantly improved their location's appearance over a short period of time, consistently maintained the property after the improvement, and have changed the overall impression of their neighborhood.
- **Best Maintained** – for properties that are consistently, meticulously, well-cared for and make a positive contribution to the neighborhood's image.

Entries will be requested in August, but now is the time to work on continued maintenance or start an improvement project. The contest will evaluate unique ideas or innovations along with the use of regional water-wise plants. Properties will be judged by how they look from the street. Before and after photos will be requested, so if you're planning an improvement project be sure to take a before photo now. Watch for more contest details in the next newsletter and at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

## Control Water Leaks for Conservation and Cost Savings

A plumbing leak, whether large or small, not only wastes water at alarming rates, it also wastes money. Something as simple as a dripping faucet can consume as much as 15 gallons of water per day—that's 450 gallons a year, and an increase of \$1 in your monthly water bill. The increase might not seem significant, but little leaks can really add up.

Ogden City's Water department has provided the following information to help visualize the impact of water leaks around the home. An average home without secondary water, using 10,000 gallons of culinary water each month

and having no leaks, would have an estimated water bill of \$27.11.

Look at the impact of the increased water bill and water wasted for various leak sizes:

Leak Size	Water wasted each day	Water wasted in a month	Average water bill with a leak
a dripping leak	15 gallons	450 gallons	\$28.00
1/32 inch leak	264 gallons	7,920 gallons	\$42.67
1/16 inch leak	943 gallons	28,300 gallons	\$83.53
1/8 inch leak	3,806 gallons	114,200 gallons	\$302.19
1/4 inch leak	15,226 gallons	456,800 gallons	\$1,189.52
1/2 inch leak	60,900 gallons	1,827,000 gallons	\$4,738.34

## Water Shortage Management Plan

Ogden is now *officially* better prepared for any potential drought conditions in the future with the adoption of a Water Shortage Management Plan.

The plan specifies water conservation measures for varying water conditions as measured by the Utah State Division of Natural Resources. Based upon snowpack,

stream flow, precipitation, and reservoir storage, very detailed recommendations will be made to the public during drought conditions including some mandatory water use restrictions during sever and extreme water shortages.

Even though recurring drought is a normal part of living in a high

desert area like northern Utah, it is critical for Ogden to plan in advance for any water shortages whether caused by drought cycles, service interruptions, or other emergencies. The Water Shortage Management Plan will help the City be better prepared to address changes of all kinds in our water supply.

## Noise Ordinance

As a friendly reminder this time of year as we all begin to gather outside to enjoy the nice weather, please follow the City's noise ordinance to continue good neighborly relations and keep our city peaceful and enjoyable for everyone.

According to Ogden City's noise ordinance, nighttime hours are specified as 10pm to 7am during which time all noises should be reduced by at least 10 decibels. In residential areas, sound levels are not to exceed 50 decibels, public areas are limited to 70 decibels, and commercial and industrial areas must not exceed 60 and 75 decibels, respectively, during nighttime hours.

The intent of the City's noise ordinance is to establish standards that will eliminate unnecessary and excessive community noise. Please do your part to help keep our town peaceful.

## Reminder: Keep Fire Hydrants Accessible

In order to provide fire protection for you and your neighbors the fire department relies on being able to locate and hook on to a fire hydrant as quickly as possible. Keeping hydrants clear of shrubbery, vegetation, debris, and parked vehicles plays a critical role in these abilities. Please keep plants, flowers, trees, and shrubs at least ten feet from hydrants in your area. If you are unable to clear debris from a hydrant, or a hydrant appears to be in need of repair, please call Ogden City Water at 801-629-8321.

## Trash Collection

There are **no delays** in trash and recycle collection during the months of **June** and **July**. Stick to your regular pick-up schedule.