

## At Your Service

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### Is there a Problem Rental in your Neighborhood?

Ogden City enforces strict codes and licensing policies for rental properties as part of the Good Landlord program. These efforts help keep neighborhoods safe, clean, and friendly.

If a rental property is causing problems in your neighborhood, alert Ogden City of the problem by calling the help line, 801-399-HELP (4357), to report the property address and your concerns. The City will address the concern from a policing, licensing, or code violation perspective.

Your involvement is the first step to a resolution. Enforcement officers promptly investigate all reports to the help line, and they follow-up with citizens to keep them informed of the action the City is taking to resolve the problem.

The Good Landlord program has been a success in Ogden since its inception in 2005. Landlords who have diligently followed the guidelines of the program saw a reduction in crime at their properties—in fact, 11.6% reduction in crime, according to first year reports. The program seeks to not only decrease crime but also improve poorly maintained and improperly operated rental properties.

Happier tenants and safer neighborhoods make the whole community more enjoyable for everyone.



## Summer Recreation Program



**Sunshine & fun!** The Ogden City Summer Recreation Program encourages children to keep physically fit and active during the summer. Five parks throughout the City are staffed with trained recreation leaders who supervise activities, games, sports, field trips, arts & crafts, water games, and swimming. Children who participate in the program will also be involved with the Pioneer Day Children's Parade and the Hershey Track Meet.

The program is for children in first grade through fifth grade, and is held Monday thru Friday, 10am to 3pm, beginning June 8. Fee for Ogden residents is \$10 and \$20 for

non-residents. Some special events and swimming may require a nominal fee.

Participating Ogden City Parks are: **Bonneville** at 2nd Street and Monroe, **Romrell** at 4th Street and Childs Ave, **Grandview** at 3815 Jackson Ave, **Jaycee** at 25th Street and Fillmore, and **Rolling Hills** at 1500 East and 12th Street. For more information, contact Ogden City's Recreation Office: 1875 Monroe Blvd, 801-629-8253, or [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

## Runners Bring Economic Boost to Community

The Ogden Marathon and the Fun and Fitness Expo is scheduled for May 15th and 16th, and even if you're not a runner, as a citizen of this community you will benefit from this nationally recognized race being held in our town. Be sure to make your way downtown to Union Station on May 15th for the Fun & Fitness Expo for fun, food, and fitness related products and services. This year Radio Disney is bringing their troops to the Expo to broadcast live and will perform and give away great prizes!

Thousands of runners from all over the country will make their way to Ogden for the Zion's Bank Ogden Marathon. They bring their friends, family, and support crew who all spend money here—meals, lodging, entertainment—and often times they make a return trip later just

to visit, especially those who live within 50 miles.

It is estimated that the marathon brings an economic impact to the Ogden area of over \$1 million. That money is spent in Ogden and stays in Ogden. Additionally, of all the events the GOAL Foundation hosts and organizes for Ogdenites, the marathon is the only event that generates revenue for the foundation. So money collected from the marathon can be spent on the Mountain 2 Metro Games/Harvest Moon Celebration and other events throughout the year providing opportunities for our community to "Get Out And Live!"

As race day approaches, greet visitors to our town with a smile. And in the meantime, if you haven't signed up for something yet, think of the GOAL Foundation's mantra: volunteer,

donate, participate, spectate. Then visit [www.goalfoundation.com](http://www.goalfoundation.com) to look for ways you can get involved.

**GET OUT AND LIVE**



**ZIONS BANK**  
**OGDEN**  
**MARATHON 2009**

# 2009 Make a Difference Day

Building on an already established event started three years ago by Ogden City's Public Services department, employees of the City and other organizations pitch in each spring to help clean up public areas of Ogden. This year the Make a Difference Day has been extended to the entire community including area businesses and individual citizens who want to catch the vision and restore pride in Ogden.

Scheduled for Thursday, May 7, one week prior to the Ogden Marathon, the intent of Make a Difference Day is to spruce up the community in preparation for welcoming and hosting visitors from around the world. The marathon has more participants than ever and last year had registrations from all over the United States and 17 other countries! The world wants to play in Ogden, so let's make our town shine for their visit.

Ogden Elementary Schools have signed up to do clean-up projects around their school grounds, Ben Lomond High School has volunteered to clean

up the Ogden River Parkway, Ogden City employees are cleaning out sidewalk grates, planting flowers, and painting curbs, and various church groups are cleaning up parking lots and grounds surrounding their places of worship. Area businesses are involved including Autoliv, The Home Depot, Boeing, Lifetime Products, Rainbow Gardens, and others while various groups like Youth Impact, Inner-City Boy Scouts, Weber County, and Ogden High School are planning projects, too.

While the main focus of volunteer efforts are centered around the River Parkway which is the course for the marathon events, other opportunities exist elsewhere in the city such as trails and trailhead cleanup, painting street islands, and clearing parking lots.

If you and your group or organizations want to catch the vision and restore pride in Ogden, get involved in the Make a Difference Day by calling 801-629-8337. Projects may be planned anytime during the week of May 7 as schedules allow.

## New website for Historic 25th Street

Ogden's Historic 25th Street association has launched a new website that will serve as a virtual information hub for all of 25th Street's news, promotions, specials, and events.

Providing an essential point for people to gain information and access to what Historic 25th Street has to offer, visit [www.25thStreetOgden.com](http://www.25thStreetOgden.com) to take advantage of all the happenings on one of downtown's most unique and entertaining streets.



## Monitor Your Child's Cell Phone Usage

Today many children are provided with cell phones by parents as a way to maintain contact in emergency situations. Recently, teenagers have been snapping photos of themselves on their cell phones and sending them to boyfriends and girlfriends. Many of these pictures are falling into the wrong hands, or worse, everyone's hands via the Internet, and leading to detrimental consequences including criminal charges.

Cell phone technology can be a valuable tool for children if used correctly; however, parents should carefully consider the serious safety and criminal implications when this technology is used

inappropriately. Ogden City's Police Department urges parents to monitor their child's telephone usage and be wary of information and images that children receive and send on their cell phones.

Choose a mobile phone for your child that does not feature Internet access, or ask your cell phone carrier to block Internet access. All carriers are able to do this.

Talk to your telephone provider about blocking other services that are not required by your child's phone. This gives parents the opportunity to limit incoming and outgoing calls, text messages and picture messages.

If you are concerned, check the received and dialed call register of your child's mobile

phone and phone accounts for numbers other than known friends or family.

Consider limiting your child's access to the phone. For example, advise your child to use the mobile phone for emergencies and calls to home only.

Talk to your child about the appropriate use of camera phones. It is important that they seek another person's permission before taking a photograph, and that your child tells you if anyone else's use of a camera phone makes them feel uncomfortable.

Stress the importance of not responding to any messages from unknown people. If your child receives persistent calls or messages from an unknown person, you should report it to the police, making a note of the number and saving any messages or photos.

## Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons begin June 8 at Mt Ogden Tennis Courts. Adults and children ages 8 to 17 are welcome to fill Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate/Advanced, and Adult classes. Four 2-week sessions are held throughout the summer and each session includes eight 1-hour instructional days of training.

Youth lessons are \$30 per session; Adult lessons are \$35 per session. Registration begins April 20, and will last through the first day of each session. There is also a Match Play option available for the youth Intermediate/Advanced players for \$10 for two matches per week (per session), and \$20 for four matches per week (per session).

For more info, contact the Recreation Office: 1875 Monroe Blvd, 801-629-8253, or [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

## Activities for Seniors

The Golden Hours Senior Center promotes independence and support to the 50+ population through educational classes, entertainment and social activities.

- **Mother's Day Program:** Thursday, May 7, treat you mother to a luncheon at the Center with guest speaker and Mother of the Year 2009, Sharon Allred.
- **Writing Class:** a fun class for those who enjoy writing, or would like to improve their writing abilities. Held every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:30pm.
- **Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group:** held the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7pm to 8:30pm.
- **Veterans' Group:** meets every Wednesday at 9:30am for donuts, coffee, and the sharing of experiences. Occasionally the group invites a guest speaker.

For more information about these activities and other programs, contact the Golden Hours Senior Center at 650 25th Street, 801-339-5230, or [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

## Trash Collection

There are **no delays** scheduled for trash and recycle collection during the months of April and May. Stick to your regular pick-up schedule.