



**Bicycle Master Plan for Ogden**

Ogden City is studying how to improve biking in our community.



A planning process is underway to develop a city-wide master plan for the city, and to create a successful plan we need your help. Attend the February open house and give us your ideas.

**February 5th, 5 to 8pm**

**Gallery 51 at Union Station  
2501 Wall Ave**

Watch for additional info on the Ogden City website as well as Ogden City's Facebook and Twitter pages.

**Utah Jazz Player to visit Ogden kids, Public Welcome**

Ogden City Recreation is excited to host its annual Utah Jazz player appearance!

The public is invited to join us January 27 at 7pm at the Dee Events Center as one of the Utah Jazz players thrills the audience with his amazing skills. Participate in a live Q & A session, and then watch as he leads Ogden's Jr. Jazz players in drills and dribbles.

Entertainment is guaranteed and admission is free!



**Traffic Signals and Road Maintenance**

Ogden City strives to continually keep city roadways well-maintained and safe. Road maintenance includes snow plowing, repairs, chip seal, and paving. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) also plays a role in road and traffic signal maintenance on various state roads running through the city.

The roads owned and operated by UDOT include:

- Washington Blvd
- State Route Highway 89 (Harrisville Road) from 2nd St to city limits
- Wall Avenue
- Harrison Blvd from 12th St south to city limits
- 12th Street
- 20th and 21st Streets west of Wall Avenue
- 24th and 31st Streets west of Washington Blvd
- Riverdale Road
- 30th Street west of Harrison Blvd



All other roads within city limits are city-owned and maintained. The City welcomes public feedback on any issues that may arise. Maintenance needed on City roads, traffic signals, and streetlights can be reported by calling 801-629-8271. For maintenance needs on State roads or traffic signals please contact the UDOT Region 1 office at 801-620-1600.

**e-Waste Recycling Event**

Back by popular demand, Ogden City is hosting another e-waste recycling event where residents can safely and effectively get rid of old electronics to make way for the fancy new stuff Santa brought. If your house has exceeded its toy capacity, don't throw out the old toys. Give them a second chance by cleaning and donating them to charities or thrift stores, or recycle them properly to prevent dangerous pollution and to recapture their valuable resources.

Ogden City does not accept batteries or electronics in your blue recycle bin, but at the e-waste recycling event the following items will be accepted for recycling free of charge:

- A/V Gizmos •Audio equipment
- Batteries •Cameras •Cell phones
- Computers •Communication equipment •Copiers •CRT monitors
- DVD players •Fax machines
- Handheld games •Ink cartridges
- Keyboards •Laptops •LCD monitors
- Mice •Office machines •Monitors (LCD/CRT)
- Networking devices •PDAs •Printers •Routers/Hubs
- Scanners •Servers •Stereo components
- Telephones •Televisions •VCRs •Washers/Dryers
- Ovens/Stoves



**Saturday, January 31 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Ogden City Public Works building  
133 West 29th Street, northeast parking lot

**Enjoy Ogden's Public Art**

Did you know one percent of our eligible city capital improvement project funds are set aside to develop public art for citizens to enjoy? In fact Ogden was the first Utah city to enact a percent-for-art program.

Take advantage of the public art Ogden has on display: hung high above passengers' heads in Ogden's Intermodal Transit Center is a colorful, circular stabile created by native Ogdenite, Frank Nackos. Make a local trip to 2393 Wall Avenue and see what's up.



## Text Messaging Now Helping Kids Stay Safer at School

The Ogden City Police department has instituted a new program called "FRIENDS" that leverages existing technology that has been used for managing crime tips for years across the U.S. and Canada.

Originally developed to provide anonymity for Crime Stoppers tipsters, Ogden Police department has modified the system to allow students to send anonymous tips to police regarding potential suicides, bullying, abuse, drugs, and more.

Students can send tips by simply sending a text from their mobile device to 274637 (CRIMES) followed by the word FRIENDS, their school name, and the tip information. The program was released and promoted to students beginning in November throughout Ogden City and Weber County School districts. Police are already seeing positive results.

Each school conducted training for teachers and students explaining its purpose, its importance, and how to use it. Posters have also been placed throughout schools reminding students how to use the program.

When a student sends a FRIENDS tip, the information is routed through a clearinghouse where personal identifiers are removed. The tips are then immediately routed to Ogden Police department's Real Time Crime Center where the information can be investigated. Ogden Police work directly with the school principal, counselors, and resource officers until there is a resolution on the tip.

Reports are already showing success as Ogden Police have been able to alert school administrators and parents who were unaware of a potential problem with their student. Early treatment and assistance has helped many students already and may very well be saving lives.

## Emergency Preparedness Message: Extreme Weather

We are fortunate to live in the state that boasts "The Greatest Snow on Earth." But that also means we get to endure the extreme weather conditions that bring that *great* snow.

From the overabundance of snow that dumped all at once in the early 90s to the blissful winds of 2011, Mother Nature seems to send reminders often of how unpredictable the weather can be in Utah.

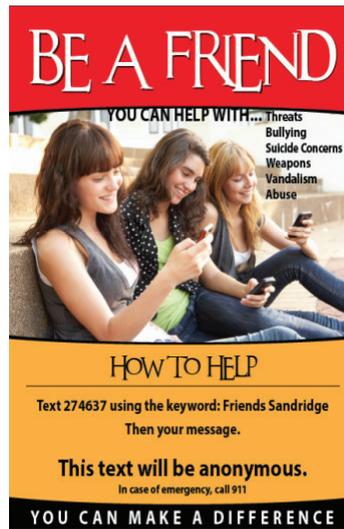
Preparing ahead of time is the best defense to protect our property, neighbors, animals, and most of all, our families should extreme weather come our way.

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance. How will you get to a safe place? How will you contact each other? Plan ahead for what

you will do in different situations. For assistance with your plan go to [www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34330](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34330)

Make sure you have some sort of emergency preparedness kit. Kits can be as varied as the weather we deal with, but make sure you at least have something with the basic needs and necessities. For help preparing an emergency kit go to [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit)

Winterize your house, barn, shed, or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock, and equipment. Insulate walls and attics, caulk and replace weather-stripping around doors and windows, and install storm windows or cover windows with plastic. Clear the rain gutters, repair roof leaks, and cut away tree



branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm. Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year. Insulate pipes and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing. Running water, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.

One thing to remember even when winter conditions are extreme, they will soon pass. We will repair any damage, and then we get to go play in "The Greatest Snow on Earth."



## Trash Collection Schedule

- **January 1, New Year's Day:** No collection on Thursday. Thursday's pickup will be on Friday and Friday's pickup will be on Saturday.
  - **January 19, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday:** No changes.
  - **February 16, Presidents' Day:** No changes.
- Questions? Call 801-629-8271.

## Volunteers Needed for Tax Preparation

Volunteers needed from the community to help provide free federal and state tax preparation for qualifying households.

No prior tax preparation is needed, but data entry skills are required. Volunteers must commit to a minimum of three hours a week from Jan 28 to Apr 15, 2015. Free online and classroom training provided.

Screeners, tax preparers, and site coordinators are needed along with bi-lingual Spanish and sign language volunteers.

Sign-up at [www.utahtaxhelp.org](http://www.utahtaxhelp.org), call 801-399-9281 ext. 309, or email [ssmith@owcap.org](mailto:ssmith@owcap.org).

## Vacations begin at Ogden Airport

Shorten your travel time to fun with direct flights from Ogden-Hinckley Airport to Phoenix/Mesa offering connections to most anywhere. For big airport service with free parking and no crowds, book flights at [www.flyogden.com](http://www.flyogden.com), also save a bundle by booking air and hotel at [www.allegiantair.com](http://www.allegiantair.com).



## Down Payment Assistance

The Own in Ogden program offers down payment assistance for qualifying home buyers in targeted areas. Call 801-629-8940.



## Home Sweet Ogden

Ogden City refurbishes homes and sells them at a great bargain. Visit [ogdencityhomes.com](http://ogdencityhomes.com) or call 801-629-8940.



### Useful Ogden City Contacts

- 801-629-8000 Ogden City Corp main line
- 801-629-8159 City Council agenda

- 801-629-8961 Code Enforcement
- 801-629-8752 Graffiti Task Force

- 801-395-8221 Non-Emergency Police & Fire
- 801-629-8701 Accessibility and Language Assistance

- 801-629-8253 City Recreation
- 801-629-8244 Animal Services