



A holiday tradition that keeps on giving

Each year Weber School Foundation hosts the Christmas Tree Jubilee at Eccles Conference Center in downtown Ogden to celebrate Christmas and the children of Weber County, particularly children with special needs.

Since 1980, the Christmas Tree Jubilee has raised millions of dollars to help thousands of children by providing educational supplies, special wheel chairs, and other devices to make education more accessible to the children in our community.

The Christmas Tree Jubilee has become a tradition in Ogden and is a great way to kick-off the holiday season.

There are so many ways to get involved: purchase a table at the gala, donate to the silent auction, or bring the family to the free tree room Wednesday and Friday to enjoy live entertainment and purchase a tree or wreath. Get more info at www.wsdjubilee.com.



Tree Room is free and open to the public
November 26 & 28
10:30am to 8pm

Eccles Conference Center
2415 Washington Blvd, Ogden

Kickoff the holiday season November 29 in downtown Ogden

Join the festivities November 29 when Santa arrives in Ogden to flip the magic switch that turns on the lights of Christmas Village kicking off a season-long celebration at Municipal Gardens.

4:30pm Santa Run: Hundreds of runners dressed in Santa suits will make their way up and down Washington Blvd. Registration includes Santa suit and beard. 801-335-4940 or www.runsanta.com.

5:30pm Holiday Electric Light Parade: Spectators line both sides of the street and watch as fifty lit parade floats travel south on Washington Blvd from 22nd Street to 26th Street.

6:30pm Gala and Fireworks: When the parade is finished at approximately 6:30, enjoy the official Christmas Village opening gala at the amphitheater featuring live entertainment, parade awards, and a fireworks show.

Enjoy Christmas Village all season long

Christmas Village illuminates Ogden's downtown area with magnificent displays and holiday lights every year from the Saturday after Thanksgiving through Jan 1.

Spectators find themselves in a dazzling winter wonderland set aglow with Christmas lights and a unique setting of cottages modeled after Santa's village at the North Pole.

Since its beginning in 1962, Christmas Village has grown to a mammoth and extraordinary seasonal attraction. Each year thousands of tourists and citizens come to view the Christmas lights and cottages, drawing visitors from all over as well as local families who have made visiting Christmas Village part of their Christmas tradition.

- Children can visit **Santa in his castle** Monday through Friday 6 to 9pm and Saturdays 5 to 9pm through Dec. 23. Pictures with Santa are just \$5.
- Mrs. Claus gives **tours for preschool** age children Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. Schedule tours at 801-629-8720.



- Purchase **Christmas Village memorabilia and souvenir hoodies**—\$18 youth, \$20 adult, \$25 for 2X and 3X—at Mrs. Claus's store open Monday through Friday 6 to 9pm and Saturdays 5 to 9pm.
- Take a ride on **The Polar Express**. This train travels through a tunnel painted with glow-in-the-dark paint.

Local talent performs on the **amphitheater stage** Tuesday through Friday beginning at 6:30pm. If you would like to perform call 801-920-3486.

- Meet two of **Santa's reindeer** who will visit on December 19 and 20 from 6 to 8pm.
- Hot cocoa and coffee is sold at the **Hot Chocolate Booth**; all proceeds benefit the Shoes for Tots program.
- Interactive **Penny Drop machine** is located next to Santa's Castle. Drop in spare coins to see the lights turn on; proceeds purchase new displays and make repairs to the cottages. Get more info at 801-629-8214 or www.facebook.com/ogdenschristmasvillage.

Enjoy Ogden's Public Art

Take advantage of the art Ogden has on display. Did you know one percent of 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.

Here's a new public art installation to enjoy right now: take a walk on 23rd Street between Wall and Grant Ave and you'll be greeted with Haikus. Plaques have been permanently installed on this short stretch of street displaying winning Haikus from a contest held earlier this summer under the theme *This is My Ogden*.



Sign Up Now for Boy's Jr. Jazz

The award winning Ogden City Recreation Boy's Jr Jazz league is now open for registration! Registration closes Dec 15 so don't delay. Grades 3-4 \$30, grades 5-12 \$35. Games held Saturdays between 8am and 5pm. Programs are volunteer driven and we are always looking for coaches. Apply at the Community Service Building, 1875 Monroe Blvd or 801-629-8253.

Volunteers Needed for Tax Preparation

Each year, United Way 211 and Ogden Weber Community Action Partnership (OWCAP) sponsor Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) which provides free federal and state tax preparation for households with incomes below \$53,000, www.utahtaxhelp.org.

To make this service possible, VITA needs volunteers from the community who are willing to commit a minimum of three hours a week from Jan 28 to Apr 15, 2015. Free online and classroom training will be provided by the Weber County Regional Coordinator. There are three types of positions to choose from. Bi-lingual Spanish and sign language volunteers are needed also.

1. **SCREENERS:** help taxpayers fill out paperwork and ensure they have all documentation. Because screeners do not answer tax law questions, no tests are required for volunteers.
2. **TAX PREPARERS:** prepare tax returns, research law questions, and perform quality review on each return. Requires passing two tax law tests at 80%, open book.
3. **SITE COORDINATORS:** oversee and manage the site and volunteers.

No prior tax preparation is needed to become a volunteer, but data entry skills as required. Sign-up at www.utahtaxhelp.org, call 801-399-9281 ext. 309, or email ssmith@owcap.org.

'Tis the Season for Carbon Monoxide Awareness

As cooler weather is upon us our homes are closed up to keep the warmth in. Furnaces, fireplaces, and water heaters burn fuel to create warmth and in turn give off carbon monoxide. If the carbon monoxide leaks into the living areas of your home it can cause illness or even death.

CO detectors are required by ordinance in every Ogden home and the Fire Department is committed to ensuring every resident has one. Get a CO detector for \$10 at the cashier's office of the Ogden City Municipal Building at 2549 Washington Blvd. Bring a water bill or a gas bill to prove residency.

Small Business Seminars

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Weber State University and its banking partners have come together to offer a 13-week seminar series on critical topics for successfully managing a small business. Each weekly one-hour seminar explores essential topics for small business owners. Classes are offered at a select number of financial institutions on different days and times to accommodate many schedules. Attend them all or pick and choose the most relevant for you. Register at <http://weber.edu/sbdc/currentschedule.html>.

Whether a part-time entrepreneur or small business employing hundreds, the SBDC helps businesses reach their goals. Free, confidential one-on-one business consultations and training available for business owners and their employees. Learn more or schedule an appointment, at 801-626-7232 or smallbusiness@weber.edu.

Emergency Preparedness Message

Learn to Survive Severe Wind Storms

While tornadoes are certainly less common in the intermountain region, they do occur as demonstrated by the Salt Lake City tornado of Aug 11, 1999 and the Manti tornado in 2002. It's important to note that straight-line winds like we experienced in this area Dec 1, 2011, can be in excess of 100 mph producing more damage than that of a weak tornado.

Prepare your home by removing weak branches and trees in your yard that could fall onto your home during a storm. Replace loose rock and landscaping gravel with shredded bark so it won't cause as much damage if blown around by strong winds. Secure or store outdoor furniture and décor; ensure outdoor displays are securely fastened down.

During a storm, move to the interior and lowest level of your home or building staying away from windows. Interior bathrooms offer an excellent shelter. Stay out of rooms with large, free-span ceilings. If in your vehicle, never try to outrun a

tornado. Quickly leave your vehicle and take shelter in the nearest safe structure, or if necessary crouch in a ditch or ravine covering your head.

Winterize Vehicles Before the First Storm

Heavy snowfall and extreme cold can immobilize an entire region. Take protective measures now to get your vehicle ready for whatever weather is in store for us this winter.

Check headlights, taillights, blinkers, and reverse lights. Clean battery terminals. Check antifreeze levels. Replace windshield wipers and keep wiper fluid full with a product rated for freezing temperatures. Insert a quarter between tire treads to ensure tires are ready for snow. If you can see all of George Washington's head, it's time to replace the tires. Consider getting snow tires. Create a car survival kit that includes a shovel, blanket, and rope.

Remember if you get trapped in your car during a storm, stay put. You're safest in your car. Turn on the hazard lights, remain calm, and call 911 if needed.

Win Free Stuff!!!

Ogden City is giving away free prizes on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram Accounts. Follow us for more details. Join the conversation by using #OgdenCityUtah.



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Twitter - @OgdenCityUtah
Instagram- @OgdenCityUtah

Ogden's NEW Instagram

We are proud to announce Ogden City is officially on Instagram. Follow us at @OgdenCityUtah.

Tag your Ogden Instagram images with #OgdenCityUtah and we will regram our favorites.



Trash Collection

- Nov. 11, Veterans Day: No delay.
- Nov. 27, Thanksgiving: Delayed.
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day: Delayed.
- Jan. 1, New Year's Day: Delayed.

Service is not delayed for the entire week, only for the day of the holiday and each day thereafter within the week. Questions? Call 801-629-8271.

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, also save a bundle by booking air and hotel at 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 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