

Festival City USA This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2013

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Joe Burgess

I don't know about each of you, but I'm ready for spring! At this time of year I get antsy to start cleaning up the winter dirt and think about planting things. (At least my wife does).

You will find the schedule for spring cleanup in the center section of this newsletter.

Let's all take advantage of this service, and get our yards and neighborhoods looking their best.

One of the things I enjoy most about being the Mayor is the opportunity it gives me to interact with our youth. In the past few weeks, I have visited with 5th graders from East Elementary and 2nd graders from Fiddlers. I talked to them about how the City protects the safety of its citizens, not only by maintaining a Police and a Fire Department, but also by insuring there is clean water and an efficient sewer system to keep our residents free from disease. I told them how the City keeps our roads in good repair and picks up our trash, so that our community is a pleasant place to live. Then when the budget allows, the City provides recreation for its citizens to make their lives more enjoyable, and to help them to get the exercise that they need. Answering the students' questions and hearing their comments is a real eye-opener. Young people are so impressionable, and helping them learn more about how Cedar City runs is very rewarding.

Our community has had several unfortunate events recently that have affected our school children. The Police Chief and others have made decisions to lock down schools when they have felt our children might be in danger. Maybe we have been too cautious, but I believe it's best to err on being too careful than not. I want to thank the Police Department for all it does to keep us safe. We all need to express our thanks to those who are willing to put their lives on the line for each of us. We also need to reassure our children that they are safe and they don't need to worry.

As usual, the coming of spring weather brings some construction projects, which will make life a bit inconvenient for some of us. We will be putting a storm drain down 300 West to Coal Creek. There are many utilities under this street, which makes the project much more complicated, so please be patient. This has been needed for some time and will solve some of the flooding problems we have during summer thunderstorms. Also this spring we begin construction on some upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant that will bring it into compliance with state laws. These improvements will cost the City some money but won't inconvenience our lives while it is being constructed.

I often mention how our City would not be the wonderful community it is today without those of you who are willing to volunteer. Cedar City has several volunteer-staffed city committees that are vital to the

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Troy Maxwell honored

Engineer Tech/GIS Coordinator Troy Maxwell, an eleven year employee of Cedar City, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for March. City Recorder Renon Savage submitted the nomination which reads:

"Troy is the jack of all trades in his job. Not only does he do what he was hired to do with the GIS, but

he also takes care of the heating/cooling system and any other little thing that comes up. Troy often gets calls to adjust the heating/cooling system, and it is a

chore to keep everyone happy...I appreciate his willingness to help when called on. He always does this with a smile on his face. He is a great coworker."

City Engineer Kit Wareham, Troy's supervisor, adds, "Troy goes above and beyond his job description. He is very technically savvy and he often acts as an IT person for the City, insuring that the recording and video streaming devices for public meetings are up-to-date and working properly. We can always count on Troy to fill in wherever he is needed."

Troy attended SUU and worked for private engineering firms prior to being hired by Cedar City. He is married and has two children, and his hobbies include fishing, hiking, and camping.

Troy says that working for the City gives him the opportunity to work on a wide variety of projects and to go out in the field, which he enjoys. Congratulations Troy!



CEDAR CITY SPRING CLEAN-UP 2013

* Spring Clean-up map has changed *

(Please note new dates, area number rotation and what are acceptable materials that will be picked-up.)

WHO: This service is provided to Cedar City Residents, except those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD). **This is not for Commercial or Industrial Properties.**

WHEN: Cedar Collection crews will begin in each area on a Monday. Crews will NOT come on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, or return to streets that have been completed. Have your debris out on the curb by 7:00 A.M. the day your area is scheduled for clean-up (See Map). **Do not put debris out more than one week before your clean-up dates.**

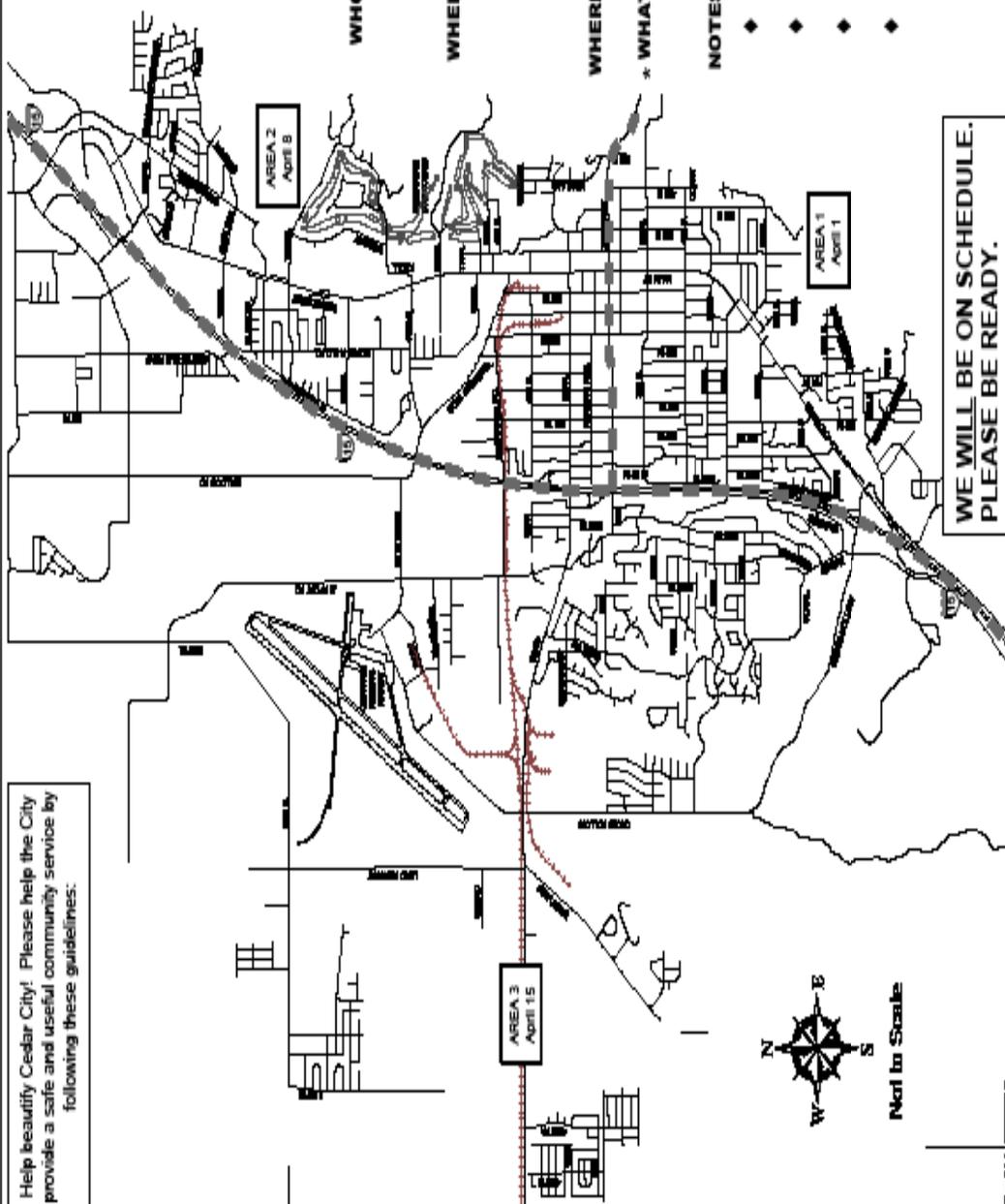
WHERE: Debris must be in front of the curb in the street. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property.

*** WHAT:** Brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood, including pallets and crates. Asphalt, dirt, rocks & concrete. Tires, 4 or less per pile (No Rim's). No Furniture or Appliances

NOTES:

- ◆ Please keep vehicles off street during your scheduled week and the following week so that city crews can sweep the street.
- ◆ A maximum of one 10 wheeler dump truck load will be picked up at any one residence.
- ◆ Cedar City citizens are encouraged to report illegal or improper dumping of materials.
- ◆ All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street.

**For additional information contact
Public Works Dept. at 586-2912.**



**WE WILL BE ON SCHEDULE.
PLEASE BE READY.**



Public Works Report

SPRING CLEAN-UP: The Street Division will begin spring clean-up on April 1. (See the map and schedule opposite, or you may view it on the City website at www.cedarcity.org). Please remember that we will only pick up yard waste, untreated wood, asphalt, dirt, rocks, concrete and tires (four or less per pile, no rims). We will not pick up any furniture or appliances, and regular trash bundles will not be eligible for spring clean-up collection. Any unacceptable items are the homeowner's responsibility and will need to be removed from the street.

WASTEWATER: Beginning March 1st the Cedar City Wastewater Treatment Facility is giving away Biosolids at no cost; however, there is a limited supply available. Due to the high nitrogen and phosphorus content, biosolids are great for lawns, gardens, and flowerbeds. This product meets ALL State and Federal requirements for Class A Biosolids. Biosolids may be hauled by pickup truck or trailer only (no dump trucks). Hours of pickup are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call: the Cedar City Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (435) 867-9426.

WATER: The Water Division would like to remind home owners that on extremely cold nights, they may want to leave an inside faucet dripping to avoid frozen pipes.

GARBAGE PICK-UP: Please place your garbage can(s) on the asphalt in front of the curb, not in the gutter and away from cars for pick-up, and make sure your cans are out on your pick-up day by 7 a.m. every week.

STREETLIGHTS: If you notice streetlight outages around the City, please notify our office by emailing the street light address (and pole number if possible) and your contact information to streetlights@cedarcity.org. You may also call our office at 865-4510. We will follow up on the request.

Remember, any work done within the road right-of-way requires an encroachment permit, which can be acquired at our office at 716 N. Airport Rd. We appreciate any comments or observations on any Public Works operations. Please call us at 586-2912 x-300.

Coming up...

- March 11 - Family Night Swim Series - 6 to 9 p.m. - Aquatic Center - Every other Monday until April 23 - Families swim for \$10 (2 adults and up to 4 kids)
- March 14 - CCMA presents The Peking Acrobats - 7:30 p.m. - Heritage Center - \$30 adults; \$15 students
- March 15 - 16 - Lil' Britches Rodeo - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. - (Saturday 10 a.m.) - Diamond Z Arena - Events for ages 5 to 18 years - free!
- March 22 - Cedar City Jr. Ballet presents The Sleeping Beauty - 7:30 to 9 p.m. - Randall Jones Theatre, daily until March 24th - admission is \$10
- March 23 - Pink Tea & Fashion Show- 1:30 p.m. - Sharwan Smith Ballroom - \$35 donation
- March 26 - Easter Concert - 7:30 p.m. - Heritage Center - Featuring the SUU Symphony Orchestra and Choirs - \$8 adults; \$4 youth
- March 29 - Teenage Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (ages 13 to 17) - 8 p.m. - Park Discovery - free!
- March 30 - Easter Egg Hunt - Main Street Park - 9:30 a.m. - free!
- April 4 - CCMA presents Gary Wright's "Dream Weaver" - Heritage Center - 7:30 p.m. - \$30 adults; \$15 students

Helicopter now based in Cedar City

A new and exciting law enforcement tool has arrived in Cedar City. The Utah Department of Public Safety has based one of its two helicopters at the Cedar City Airport. This valuable tool will be used to support law enforcement and search and rescue agencies in the southern portion of our state. The quick access to this resource will benefit the citizens of Cedar City and surrounding areas immensely.

The purpose of the helicopter is to make the job of law enforcement more safe and efficient. There are many uses for a helicopter in law enforcement. It can assist with aerial searching, K9 team deployments, high risk traffic stops, and many more tasks that will keep us all safe.

We live in a beautiful area where residents and tourists enjoy venturing into the mountains to recreate. Having this resource gives peace of mind to travelers in the event they are lost or injured. The quick response that we now have will undoubtedly save lives. When you see the helicopter in the air, don't be alarmed. It is there to benefit you.



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smooth functioning of our community.

S My responsibility is to appoint people to serve on these committees, which include: the Airport Board, the Board of Adjustments, the Transit Committee, the Library Board, the Parks and Recreation Committee, the RAP Tax Committee, and the Planning Commission. I would like to maintain a list of citizens who are interested in filling these positions (you must be a resident of Cedar City). If you want to be on the list, please email Barbara at barbarab@cedarcity.org with your name, something about yourself, which committees would be interest you, and some references. For more information call (435) 586-2953. I would appreciate your help.

T his month's department spotlight is on the Cedar City Engineering Department. City Engineer Kit Wareham is the department head. Kit is well qualified for his position, with 19 years experience with Cedar City Corporation and 10 years previous experience working with Utah Power and Light. His education includes a Civil Engineering Degree from the University of Utah and a MBA from Utah State University. Kit is also a Licensed Structural Engineer. Cedar City has benefitted greatly from his expertise.

The Engineering Department's mission is to provide engineering services that:

- Protect the common good through proper planning and administration of city ordinances, engineering standards, and approved building codes;
- Result in high quality public improvements and protect future tax dollars;
- Are effective, efficient, economical, and timely;
- Fulfill the direction and intent of city elected and appointed officials; and
- Fulfill the needs of the community.

The Engineering Department is composed of two divisions: Engineering and Building and Zoning. Department employees include: Jonathan Stathis, Project Engineer; Chad Boshell, Project Engineer; Curt Neilson, City Surveyor; Troy Maxwell - GIS CAD Coordinator; Larry Palmer, Chief Building Official; Drew Jackson, Building Inspector;

Bruce Burt, Building Maintenance; and Michal Adams, Executive Assistant.

Engineering is charged with administering city ordinances pertaining to planning, zoning, flood prevention, and flood plain management. The Department also performs the engineering on most City projects, performs building plan reviews and inspections, and maintains as-built information on City utilities and buildings. The Department also issues all building permits and provides maps, city engineering standards, and development checklists.

If you have any questions about any City projects or improvements, please contact Engineering at (435) 586-2963.

T he Cedar City Housing Authority is a Public Housing Authority. Since its creation in 1990, the Housing Authority has provided a variety of services throughout Cedar City and Iron County. Our primary focus has been to provide and promote low and moderate income housing. This is accomplished by administering HUD's ongoing programs, as well as developing and managing Low Income Housing Projects. A majority of our housing projects maintain a six to nine month waiting list. The monthly rent for our Low Income Housing units is approximately 30% of the tenant's adjusted monthly income.

In addition to low income housing development, the Cedar City Housing Authority provides other services including: first time home buyer education training; down payment assistance; and foreclosure counseling services for families facing foreclosure.

Our mission is to assist low-income families with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Housing Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, ethical, and professional manner.

For more information about the Housing Authority, please call (435)586-8462 or visit our office at 364 South 100 East. We can also be contacted via email at ccha@cedarcity.org. Applications and pictures of our projects are available on our web site at www.cedarcityhousingauthority.com.