

# Festival City USA This Month

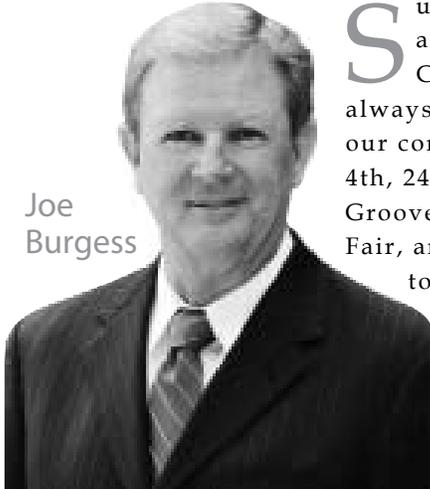
CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2013

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Joe Burgess



Summer is too short and so busy here in Cedar City! July is always especially busy in our community, with the 4th, 24th, July Jamboree, Groovefest, the Renaissance Fair, and the various ball tournaments in town.

Now that August has arrived, there is still plenty of activity with the Tour of Utah, SUU students returning, kids going

back to school, the Cedar Express Relay Race, and the Cedar City Family Festival. With all of this going on, I also want to remind you that if you haven't seen a play or two yet this summer, I hope that you make time in your schedule to do it this month. We are very fortunate to have the choice of so many Broadway-quality performances right here in our own community.

Now that the monsoon season has arrived, I am pleased to announce that the storm drain on 300 West did just what it was designed to do: it redirected the heavy rainfall, so that instead of the water running west toward the freeway and the Brookhaven area, it flowed straight down 300 West and into Coal Creek. With the record rainfall, unfortunately, a few places had some problems and we will be working on alleviating those. It appears that most of the damage was in the Equestrian Point area where 30 plus homes were flooded. The National Weather Service reported that 2.25 inches of rain fell during one storm, breaking the record of 2.16 in 1967. A special thanks to everyone who helped clean up the mess.

I mentioned in the July newsletter that I would update you on the numbers for building permits, unemployment, and sales tax and here they

are: Sales tax is up 4.9% for the first five months of the year, and increased by 12% in 2012. This is great news. We all need to remember that each time we purchase goods here in Cedar City, it not only helps keep our local businesses viable, it also increases the City's sales tax revenues. I realize that it's not always possible to buy everything locally, but next time you think about traveling to St. George or Las Vegas for items you can buy here, make the choice to support your local businesses instead. It is so important to our community's economy.

The unemployment rate for the state of Utah is 4.7%, and the unemployment rate for Iron County is 6.1%. Although I don't have any statistics to support this observation, it appears to me that there are more young people in the work place than there have been the last few years. I hope this is true. I have also seen a few help wanted signs around town, which were pretty scarce several months ago.

Building permits for new housing starts for the first six months of this year are 80 versus 29 in the first six months of 2012, with a total building valuation this year of \$16,256,004 compared to \$11,348,750 for the first six months of 2012. As you can see we are still moving forward, maybe not as fast as we would like, but we're headed in the right direction.

I want to welcome all the SUU students back to Cedar City. You are a great addition to our community, and I wish you the best with your schooling. Cedar City benefits greatly from your energy and vitality. I hope you will use your time here in Cedar City to learn to be good citizens and to participate in your local government. Your community is only as good as you make it.

Finally, along that same line, I urge you to vote in the municipal elections! The primary election will be held on August 13th, and you can vote at your regular polling place. If you don't know your polling place, you can locate it by going to [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov). Early

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## Nate Williams selected as EOM

The Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee has selected Patrol Corporal Nate Williams as August's Employee of the Month.

Nate was nominated by Lieutenant Darin Adams who said, " Corporal Williams is an outstanding employee and supervisor. He recently transitioned back to Patrol from a three year assignment with Investigations. Since his return, Nate has demonstrated superb leadership



and a genuine care and concern for the officers in his charge....

Corporal Williams' wife is currently serving in the Utah

National Guard in Qatar where she is deployed for nearly one year.

Corporal Williams is caring for his two small children, while working and supervising. It is noteworthy that the men Williams leads have mentioned to me what a terrific job he is doing. It speaks volumes when officers praise their leader.

Corporal Williams is detail oriented and can always be counted on to get the job done. He is most worthy of this recognition."

Nate is a thirteen-year veteran of the CCPD. He was born in St. George and graduated from SUU with degrees in Criminal Justice and Spanish. Although he taught scuba diving while he was in college, he said, "He doesn't have time for hobbies right now," which is understandable! Nate says he enjoys the position of patrol corporal because he likes to help new police recruits realize their goals and create a positive atmosphere for them. Congrats!

## Public Works

**FLOODING:** The Streets crews continue to clean up areas that were affected by flooding. The 2.25 inches of rain in under one hour stretched our storm drain system to capacity and caused some localized area damage. City crews did a remarkable job in addressing the issues that were brought to our attention and fixing them. We will continue to clean up affected areas as we are called about them and as we observe them.

**CHIP SEAL:** We are continuing to chip seal and skin patch throughout the month and will be going in and striping the roads that have been completed. Thanks to everyone who cooperated in keeping the roads clean and keeping their vehicles off the streets. That makes this process go much faster, and we can cover more area with your cooperation. We will continue to make an effort to get notifications out to residents where streets are being worked on.

**WATER:** Please keep in mind the water restrictions are still in place. Let's all try to conserve by adjusting irrigation timers with all the rain that we have had.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** Just a friendly reminder, make sure your garbage cans are out in front of the curb on your assigned day by 7 a.m. Also just a reminder, everyone should have received an adjusted pickup day schedule for holidays when there will be no garbage pickup. If you didn't clip it out of the newsletter, it can be viewed on the City website (use the link [www.cedarcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/7341](http://www.cedarcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/7341)).

Please refer to that schedule when your regular pickup day falls on a scheduled holiday. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (435) 586-2912.

**STREET LIGHTS:** We appreciate everyone's cooperation in letting us know when a street light is out. You can call in and report a street light out at our office at (435) 865-4510.

Summer time is the time when we "TV" our sewer lines. When you see the trucks out at some of the manholes, this is to inspect and clean the lines. This is to insure that the lines are working properly and have not been compromised. We appreciate your patience with this. With the 300 West storm drain project and all of the State UDOT road construction around the college, we understand the challenges that everyone is facing with navigating around downtown and those areas. These projects are to rehabilitate the roads and control the flow of storm water. We appreciate everyone's patience; and both of those projects should be wrapping up shortly, with these areas being opened up to regular traffic flow.

The Public Works office would like to remind you that any work done within the road right-of-way requires an encroachment permit. These 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 (435) 586-2912 x-300.



## Ordinances help keep City attractive

Community residents can help ensure that Cedar City remains clean and beautiful by complying with city ordinances instituted to maintain and improve the quality of life we enjoy here. Because some residents may become a little lax occasionally, the City has instituted ordinances over the years to help keep our City neat and attractive for all of us. Some laws that you may not be aware of include:

### POSTING SIGNS ON POLES

Posting garage sale, lost pet, business opportunity, or any other sign on street or utility poles is illegal in Cedar City. When signs are tacked all over each street pole the City looks cluttered, and most people forget to take the sign down when their event is over. Ultimately these signs are blown off the poles and become litter in the street or in a neighboring yard. Please be considerate when advertising your event or opportunity, and use radio, newspapers, or on-line resources. These means are more efficient in this day and age, anyway, and will reach a far wider audience than signs.

### JUNK AND DEBRIS IN YARDS

It is illegal to store junk, discarded or unused furniture, old appliances, plant debris, wrecked cars, and/or other unsightly items in your yard if they are not behind a fence that totally obscures them from public view.

### ABANDONED, UNATTENDED, OR UNREGISTERED VEHICLES

It is illegal, according to city ordinance, to leave a vehicle on the street in the same place for more than 72 hours whether it is registered or not. This includes trailers and boats. If the vehicle is not moved after a tow sticker is placed on it, officers will tow it and the owner will be responsible for the impound fees. It is also contrary to the Nuisance Ordinance to store unregistered vehicles on private property if they are visible to the public. It is up to the owner to remove them from the property or to conceal them completely with a tarp, in a shed, or behind a site-obscuring fence. Failure to do so can result in an administrative citation and/or fines.

### WEEDS

Although we've had a little respite with all of our recent rain, please remember that when weeds become a fire hazard, or are noxious and liable to spread into neighboring yards (such as Russian thistle), they become a problem and need to be taken care of. This is the property-owner's responsibility.

Most of these "quality of life" ordinances are just common sense, being a good neighbor, and adhering to the Golden Rule. It might be helpful to stand back and take an objective look at your home or business, and try to see how it looks from the neighbors' point of view. That "classic car" that you have been planning to restore for years may, in reality, look like a junker to passers-by. Put it behind a fence or in your garage, so your neighbors don't have to look at it everyday. Take a walk around your residence or business, and observe from another viewpoint how your property appears to others. You may be surprised! Let's all do our best to keep Cedar City clean and attractive.

## Coming up...

- **August 8, 9, 10, & 12 - Cedar City Children's Musical Theatre presents Disney's *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*** at the Cedar High School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m. - Tickets are available at the door for \$5 or on-line for \$5.50 at [www.cccmt.org](http://www.cccmt.org).
- **August 9 - Moth Madness 2013** at Cedar Canyon Nature Park (Southwest Wildlife Foundation at Coal Creek Walking Trail) - Participants will learn about moth biology and how they are collected. Bring sturdy shoes, flashlight, and a camera. Children are welcome, but be aware that moths won't start coming into the traps until the sun sets. Call (435) 865-8549 for more information and times.
- **August 24 - Cedar Express 31 Mile Relay** begins at the "C" overlook and ends at Discovery Park - 7 a.m. - Call Shawna Smith (435) 531-9631 or go to [www.cedarexpress31milerelay.com](http://www.cedarexpress31milerelay.com) to sign up or for more information.
- **August 23 - 24 - Cedar City Children's Festival** - Main Street Park - Free! - Events include games, train rides, face painting, talent show, red wagon parade, bouncy houses, and much more. Go to [www.cedarcityfamilyfestival.info](http://www.cedarcityfamilyfestival.info) or call (435) 862-1909 for complete schedule of events.
- **August 30 - September 2nd and September 6th - September 8th - 2013 Festival of Homes** - Tickets are \$10 at State Bank of Southern Utah (any branch) or call the Home Builders Association at (435) 865-1113 or go to [www.cedarcityfestivalofhomes.com](http://www.cedarcityfestivalofhomes.com).



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voting will be held in the Cedar City Council Chambers at 10 North Main until August 9th (Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 7; and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on August 8 and 9th). Historically, the voter turnout for local elections is much lower than for state-wide or national elections. That should not be the case! The decisions of those who are elected to manage your city government can have a much more significant effect on each citizen's daily life than those of the elected officials in Salt Lake City or Washington D.C. The right to vote is precious. If you don't use it you might as well not have the privilege.

This month, the City Department spotlight is on the Economic Development Department. Brennan Wood has been the Economic Development Director for Cedar City/Iron County for the last four and a half years. Brennan is a graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and was vice president and branch manager of Barnes Banking Company prior to being hired by Cedar City.

The Economic Development Department is responsible for the creation, growth, and recruitment of companies to Cedar City and to Iron County. The Department accomplishes this important mission with two employees, Brennan and Economic Development Coordinator Danny Stewart.

The Office of Economic Development has focused its efforts on four key industry clusters: Light Industrial/Manufacturing; Renewable Energy; Small Business Development; and Tourism.

Economic Development has recently announced two major projects that will have a significant economic impact on Cedar City. GAF, North America's largest roofing manufacturer, purchased a 530,000 square foot facility and will hire 50 new employees, while MSC Aerospace will hire an additional 1,200 employees and will locate both its headquarters and assembly plant in Cedar City.

The Department has also recently been given the responsibility of updating Cedar City's official website and refining the Cedar City logo and brand. The new and improved website will be up and running in October of this year. The website is being designed to be more modern and user friendly and will allow those who visit to more easily give feedback, apply for open job listings, and to view Cedar City's many festivals and events. A style guide with a refined City logo and branding guidelines is expected to be completed around that same time period. These guidelines will insure that all documents, signage, and logos that pertain to Cedar City will have a uniform and professional look.

The Cedar City Economic Development Department welcomes citizens' comments, suggestions, and

observations. Contact Brennan Wood at [wbrennan@cedarcity.org](mailto:wbrennan@cedarcity.org) or call the Department at (435) 586-2770.

Many of us are aware of the Iron County Care and Share's homeless shelter. But the ICCS offers many services to our community in addition to its shelter. A description of its programs is included below.

For almost three decades, Iron Country Care and Share has been working to feed and care for the citizens of Cedar City and Iron County, providing humanitarian assistance to individuals and families in need. More than just a food bank and homeless shelter, Iron County Care and Share offers services that help low income and homeless families get back on their feet and on with their lives; including rehabilitation assistance and instruction on how to keep and manage a budget.

One of the regular services that the Care and Share offers is a food pantry, which is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Clients receive a box containing around 90 pounds of food once a month and can return weekly for fresh fruits and vegetables. ICCS also provides a homeless shelter, offering clean lodgings to individuals between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Clients receive a hot dinner and a hot breakfast and are given work leads and a sack lunch for the day. Additionally, ICCS operates a Grocery Rescue program on weekdays to pick up edible but not saleable foodstuffs from area grocery stores and some restaurants. The food bank and pantry are run mostly by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to help sort food items in the warehouse or to assist in other ways, please call (435) 586-4962 to arrange a time to volunteer.

As part of its mission to feed and care for the low income and homeless residents of Iron County, ICCS also works to provide tools for clients to find more permanent solutions including medical/rental assistance, bus and gas vouchers, clothing vouchers, transitional housing, and case management. ICCS aims not just to ease the problem of homelessness, but for willing and able individuals, to help provide a path out of poverty. If you need assistance with any of the above, please call the Iron County Care and Share at (435) 586-4962 to make an appointment with a case manager, or visit us at 222 North 900 West.

ICCS relies on government grants and generous donations from the community. If you are in a position to help care for those who have fallen on hard times please visit <http://www.careandshare-utah.com/> or call (435) 586-4962. Your donation of money, time, and/or food will have a direct impact on the lives of those who are less fortunate in our community.