

# Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2015

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Mayor Maile Wilson*

With how beautiful the weather has been over the past few months, it's hard to believe that we're starting March. However, to clear up any seasonal confusion, the snow storms lately reminded us that it is, in fact, still winter.

As usual, there have been many activities that have taken place since the last newsletter. A few of these items include beginning the budgeting process which will continue until the final

budget is adopted in June. As we move through this process I will provide status updates and information about the budget public hearings. Beyond the budget, over the last few weeks I have attended the Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDC Utah) Board of Trustees meeting, met with various legislators on behalf of the Utah Summer Games, participated in the Cedar City Women in Business-Women's Expo and attended numerous meetings related to the Iron County Ambulance. I also lost a basketball shooting contest (by one point) to Councilmember Paul Cozzens at the grand opening of the Southern Utah Sports Academy, in addition to attending many other meetings and events. There is always something happening in Cedar City!

For those of you that have expressed concern about the Iron County Ambulance, the County Commissioners are holding a public hearing regarding the sale of the Ambulance on Monday, March 9th at 10 a.m. at the Iron County Courthouse in Parowan. This meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information about the Iron County Ambulance or the public hearing please contact the County Commissioners.

### CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT/SCAMS

Last month we talked about a variety of scams that have been perpetrated on local residents and on the unwary. For March, let's go over ways to avoid being victimized by scam artists.

There are new creative and innovative scams being tried daily. The perpetrators can be convincing and intimidating. Each person should be suspicious of ANY plan, idea, scheme, business deal or any proposition that requires you to provide money on short notice. The following tips are intended to improve your chances on not being a scammers next victim:

- **REALIZE** scam artists are professionals - everyone is a potential victim.
- **SUSPECT** all "Get Rich Fast" schemes.
- **IGNORE** wire transfer requests. It's a scammers preferred way of payment because it's hard to trace and almost impossible to get back.
- **TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**, it's usually not true.
- **NEVER** pay money to get money. Legitimate institutions like the government, utilities and institutions will never ask you to pay money to get money that is yours.
- **WHEN IN DOUBT**, check it out.
- **KEEP** personal details private. Do not give this information over the phone or by email.
- **ALWAYS** lock your doors when doing yard work, getting the mail, or anytime you go outside - both the front and back doors.
- **NEVER** allow strangers inside your home.
- **ASK** "officials" to produce identification, and confirm their alleged employment.
- **DISPLAY** "No Solicitation" and "Beware of Dog" signs near your residence door.
- **SUSPECT** all "Door to Door" sales solicitations.
- **BEWARE** of unsolicited home repairmen. If you need the services of a home repairman, check first with the County or City building officials, the Better Business Bureau, or the Office of the Utah Attorney General to confirm they are legitimate. Be suspicious of anyone knocking at your door asking to make repairs to your home and/or asking to pave or seal your driveway.

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## Michal Adams selected

Executive Assistant, Michal Adams, has been selected as March's Employee of the Month by the Employee Advisory Committee. Michal was nominated by her supervisor, City Engineer Kit

Wareham, who wrote:

"Michal's work attitude is one of the first things that someone notices... She is always positive, helpful and cheerful. Since Michal is the first person in the



Engineering Department that citizens and other customers have to deal with, it gives a good first impression of the Department...Michal's reliability is one of her best attributes. When she is given an assignment you can be sure it is going to get done, be done right and usually completed sooner than expected. Michal always takes the initiative to not only do her required duties of completing scheduled reports, arranging scheduled meetings and fulfilling her other regularly scheduled duties, but she ensures that the other personnel in the department know what to do and when they have to complete a regularly scheduled task. Most importantly, Michal is always finding and willing to do things that continually improve the department's efficiency and effectiveness. The competency that Michal shows far exceeds the minimum requirements of her position. Michal's knowledge and experience with the roles and duties of the other positions within the department allow her to actually fulfill department duties that one would think are being done by others."

Congratulations, Michal!

## Public Works

**LINE FLUSHING:** The Wastewater Collection Division will be starting its annual sewer line flushing in March, 2015. This is performed to remove debris such as rocks, roots, silt, sand and grease that has accumulated in the sewer pipes. If debris is allowed to build up, it can reduce the capacity of the pipes and can eventually result in a sewage overflow.

Each year our wastewater crews clean ¼ of the sewer lines in the City. This year the lines scheduled for cleaning are east of the freeway from Center Street north to the City limits. The City does not clean sewer lines in Planned Unit Developments (PUDs). Please check the City website, [www.cedarcity.org](http://www.cedarcity.org), for the map of the scheduled cleaning area.

Sewer lines are flushed using high-pressure water that flushes out stones, sediment and other residue. This debris is flushed downstream, where it is vacuumed out. While flushing sewer lines, the pressure can create a vacuum and pressures that release air back through the toilet. During line-cleaning you may see bubbling in the toilet or hear strange noises coming from the bowl. The sewer lines in your homes are designed to vent these vacuums and pressures before they enter the home. The City takes care to use the least amount of pressure required to clean lines; however, some homes may not be properly vented causing toilets to gurgle. Residents should keep their toilet lids down while the lines in their area are being flushed to avoid any back spray or water splashing out of the toilet.

If you have an odor coming out of your drains, just run some water down the drain to refill the S-bend with water. Sewer line cleaning will continue through September, 2015 in this section of the City.

**SPRING CLEAN UP:** Spring Clean-Up begins in April, 2015.

Please check the map on the opposite page to find your pickup dates. Crews will begin collection in each area on a Monday. Crews will NOT come on Friday, Saturday or Sunday or return to streets that have been completed. Please have your debris out on the curb by 7 a.m. the day your area is scheduled for clean-up. Please do not put debris out more than one week before your clean-up dates. A maximum of one (1) 10-wheeler dump truck load will be picked up at any one residence. Please keep vehicles off the street during your scheduled week, and the following week, so that City crews can sweep the street.

This service is provided to Cedar City residents, except those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD), and is not for commercial or industrial properties.

Also, debris must be in front of the curb in the street. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property. City crews will pick up brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood (including pallets and crates), asphalt, dirt, rocks and concrete. Tires – 4 or less per pile (No rims). **We will NOT pick up furniture or appliances. All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street.** Please call the Public Works Department at (435) 586-2912 for additional information.



# CEDAR CITY SPRING CLEAN-UP 2015

Help beautify Cedar City! Please help the City provide a safe and useful community service by following these guidelines:

**\* Spring Clean-up map has changed \***  
(Please note new dates, area number rotation and what are acceptable materials that will be picked-up.)

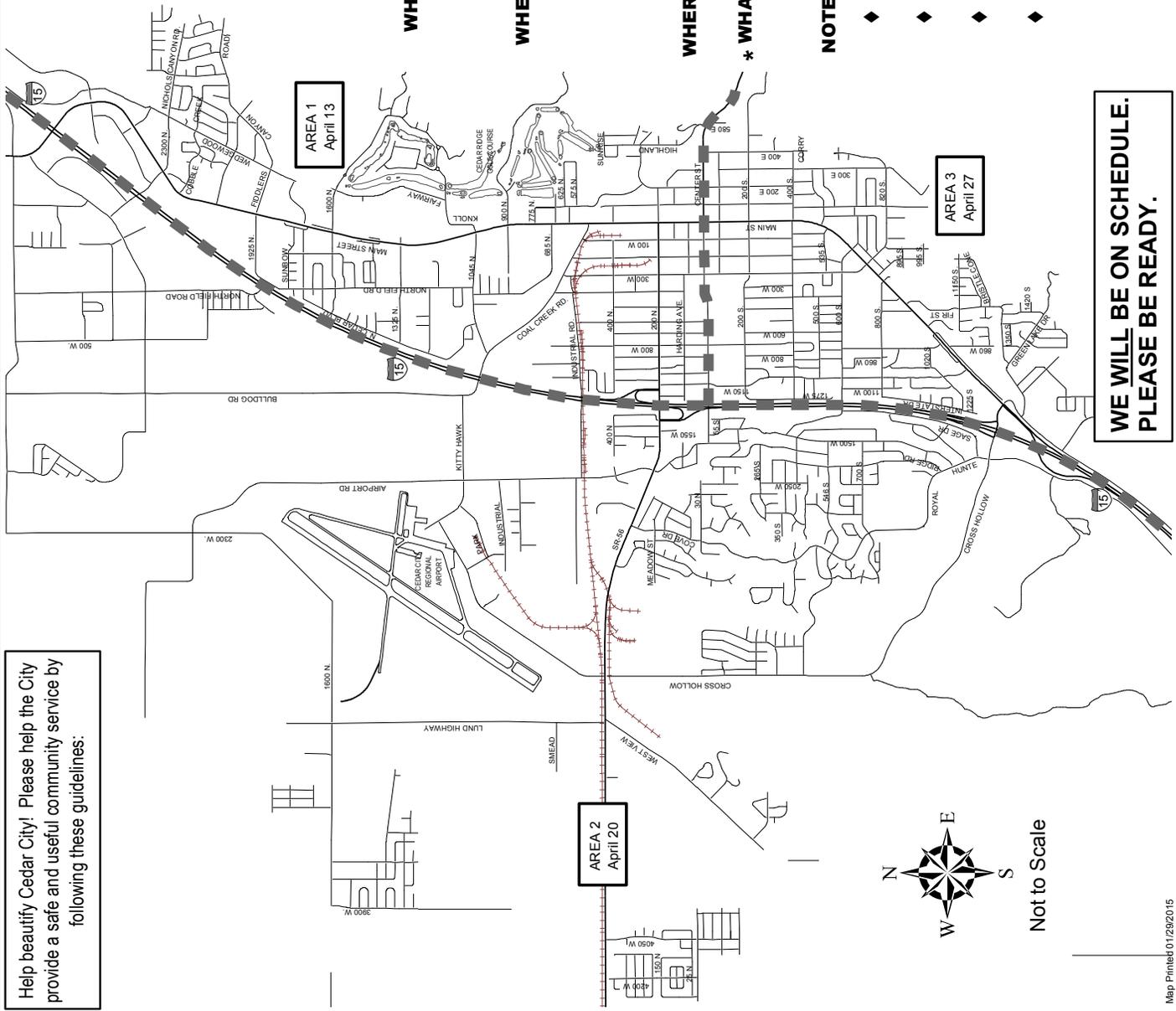
**WHO:** This service is provided to Cedar City Residents, except those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD).  
**This is not for Commercial or Industrial Properties.**

**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.**



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- **TALK** with a trusted friend or relative before making major money decisions.
- **BE SUSPICIOUS** of high pressure sales tactics.
- **NEVER** sign any contract or agreement without carefully checking it.
- **WRITE DOWN** the license plate number of any suspicious vehicle(s) the suspect(s) may be operating.
- **CALL** the Cedar City Police Department to report the incident!!!

**CHIEF ROBERT D. ALLINSON**

## *City Manager's Corner*

Most everyone seems to be aware of the “lack luster” precipitation this winter. When people are using their golf clubs at Cedar Ridge rather than their snow shovels in February, it doesn't bode well for the summer water use. This is something that the City Council and City Staff are thinking about. And while there were good storms the last two weekends of February, the snow pack situation in the mountains is something we're still cautiously watching.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has SNOTEL measuring sites around the State (and Nation as well). The equipment at these sites measure snowpack and water content. Locations that the Cedar Valley has an interest in are Midway Valley, Webster Flat, SUU Ranch, Yankee Reservoir and Brian Head. As of March 2nd, the current snow water equivalent at the sites providing data is still less than 70% of the median value for this date. The recent snow storms will provide some improvement for the snow pack and eventual water recharge in the valley. But looking at my favorite fishing hole (Panguitch Lake), there's a long way to go before we get to a comfortable water level. There's some much needed catching up, therefore proper water use is important for all of us. The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District will be educating the local 4th grade students on March 9th and 10th at the Cedar City Aquatic Center. Take some time to visit with the 4th graders in your family after this event and find out what you can do to be better stewards of this precious resource.

Recently, the City Council was informed of a new web page on the City website ([cedarcity.org](http://cedarcity.org)). SUU Intern Michelle Judd and Pretreatment Coordinator Pete Sury developed a page explaining the purpose of the City's Pretreatment Program. The City operates a multi-million dollar wastewater treatment plant about eight miles north of Cedar City. The plant treats wastewater for Cedar City, Enoch and some County residents and businesses. The nature of the treatment process is designed to treat domestic sewage. Some industrial and commercial customers, as part of the business operation, need to dispense potentially harmful contaminants into the sewer system which could have devastating impacts on the wastewater plant process. The City Pretreatment Program is intended to help businesses identify any potentially harmful contaminants and “pre-treat” them before they enter the sewer collection system and make their way to the plant. The web page is an attempt to help businesses identify what equipment and processes they need to incorporate into their operation to allow the wastewater plant to operate properly. The City wants to assist businesses in being successful and will help in educating business owners in this aspect of their operations. The site also provides information on household hazardous waste and possible locations for this hazardous material. Check out this new web page by going to the main City website ([www.cedarcity.org](http://www.cedarcity.org)), then select the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division and then finally the Pretreatment section.

Some may have heard about two UDOT projects scheduled for 2015 – truck lanes in the Beaver area. First, the Pine Creek Climbing Lanes project has been awarded and is scheduled to begin this Spring. The Pine Creek Summit area is a 13-mile portion of I-15 north of Manderfield and south of the I-70 interchange. There will northbound and southbound truck traffic lanes constructed.

The other project is the Beaver Ridge Climbing lanes, which is an approximate five-mile section on the Beaver Ridge (north of the U-20 interchange) and south of Beaver. This project will also add northbound and southbound truck climbing lanes. This project is advertised and anticipated to be awarded in the near future. UDOT's goal is to have two lanes open each direction during construction.

**Rick Holman, Cedar City Manager**