

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2016

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

I hope each of you had a nice, and more importantly safe, Labor Day and were able to attend some of the events at the Iron County Fair. Each year I look forward to the Fair and this year was no exception with the fun theme of "There's Magic in the Air at the Iron County Fair."

With the excitement in the air surrounding the Friday night lights

of another football season beginning, school being back in session, and our numerous rain storms lately, it is apparent that fall is just around the corner. Fall is one of my favorite seasons, but where on earth did the summer go?

Speaking of football season, September 22nd – 24th is homecoming at Southern Utah University, with the homecoming football game being held on Saturday, September 24th at 6 p.m. at the Eccles Coliseum.

Homecoming is the perfect opportunity to renew our friendships and our alliances with Southern Utah University, and to be strengthened by the ties that bind us all together. Whether you were under the colors of the Navy and Blue of BAC, and CSU, the Turquoise and Coral of S USC, or the Red and White of SUU, these colors, and these ties run through our blood. Many of us have special memories related to either our time attending Southern Utah University or participating in the many University activities that have taken place over the years.

This year SUU Homecoming is filled with different activities and events that the whole community can attend and enjoy. A few of these activities include:

- The Homecoming Banquet and Awards on Thursday, September 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gilbert Great Hall. Call 586-7777 to RSVP.
- The annual "Forever Red" event on Friday, September 23rd, beginning at 8 p.m. on the SUU Upper Quad. This event is free and open to all ages, and will include live music, food, fireworks, and, of course, an opportunity to reconnect with old friends.

Finally, there are a number of events that will take place throughout the day on Saturday, September 24th, and they include:

- SUUper Sorrel 5K Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m. on the Coal Creek Trail (Register at www.suu.edu/business/rotc).
- The Homecoming Parade at 10 a.m., with the parade route going west on University Boulevard.
- Volleyball vs. Northern Arizona at 1 p.m. at the Centrum Arena.
- And the 24th concludes with the big SUU Football game, with SUU taking on Portland State at 6 p.m., at the Eccles Coliseum.

For more information about the Homecoming activities visit suu.edu/alumni or call SUU Alumni & Community Relations at (435) 586-7777. For tickets to the football game go online at www.tbirdtickets.com or call (435) 586-7872.

Cedar City has the best athletic events! This month is the sixth annual Cedar City Half Marathon which will take place on September 10th. We have more and more participants in this popular event each year, and with one of the nation's fastest courses, this year's Half is sure to be exciting for both

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Megan Curtis selected

Police Executive Assistant, Megan Curtis, has been selected as Employee of the Month for September. Megan was nominated by Chief Darin Adams who wrote, "Megan is a very valuable employee and a valued member of the



Police Department and the City. Megan is the executive secretary for the Police Department, and as such, takes on many roles. She is the assistant to the Chief, performs

all facets of uniform measurement, ordering, and implementation. She is the department contact for the back-end server for the in-car video system and she works tirelessly to ensure it is always functioning. She takes care of requests for the investigators and prepares reports and other secretarial projects at their request. She keeps all financial records and receipts and ensures accountability of each officer in their purchase receipts. Megan works very hard at her job and is not one to complain. She addresses the Chief's requests in a timely manner and is intuitive with her approach to new ideas and more efficient practices. She provides so much benefit and value behind the scenes that many do not fully understand her immense value and contribution to the Police Department or the City. She is a remarkable employee and deserves this recognition and award."

Megan has worked for the Police Department for 13 and a half years. She started out as a part-time records clerk and was promoted to executive secretary. Megan is the mother of three teen-agers and stays busy attending all their activities. Congratulations Megan!

SBA helps small businesses succeed

What is the SBA? The SBA, as it is commonly referred to, is the Small Business Administration. It is an independent federal agency created in 1953, and its mission is to aid and assist the small businesses in Utah to start, grow, and be successful. Oddly enough, President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed William D. Mitchell, a native of Parowan, Utah, as the first administrator of SBA. Many Americans would say part of the American Dream is to own and operate your own small business. This is an extremely difficult task when you realize that the majority of businesses that start up don't last more than 1-3 years. Therefore, SBA has a number of programs to assist small businesses to get started and grow. Perhaps an easy way to remember what SBA does is to remember the three C's: Capital, Counseling, and Contracting. Many of SBA's programs relate to these 3 C's.

Small business owners generally have great ideas, but lack the capital to start and grow their businesses. SBA's first C is for access to capital. SBA has a variety of loan guarantee products where the federal government will provide a guarantee of repayment to the lender, usually between 50-90% of the loan amount (depending on the program) to a private lender on your small business loan. This helps you get access to money with reasonable rates and terms and the lender is more willing to make the loan, since the SBA is providing the majority of the backing. In Utah this year SBA will guarantee thousands of loans for an amount over half a billion dollars, some deals as low as \$5,000 and some as high as \$5 million. One great aspect of these loans is that they do not require any taxpayer subsidies and are funded by those businesses that use the program.

SBA's second C is for counseling. SBA knows all small business owners have questions and have to deal with many regulations. To assist in the process SBA has 3 main resource partners. They are the Utah Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), SCORE-counselors to American Businesses, and the Women's Business Center located in Salt Lake City with the Salt Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. We are lucky here in Cedar City to have a regional office of the SBDC at SUU headed up by Craig Isom. It is located at 510 West 800 South in Cedar City, and can be reached at (435) 865-7707.

SBA's third C is for contracting. The federal government spends hundreds of millions of dollars each year on goods and services and has a goal to try and have small businesses provide 23% of that business. SBA has assistance in utilizing the HUBzone procurement program, the 8(a) procurement program, the service-disabled Veteran program, and the women-owned small business procurement program. More information about these programs and all SBA programs can be found at www.sba.gov.

Joni Anderson at the Cedar City/SUU SBDC is a procurement specialist and can also help you understand and access these program, and she can also be reached at (435) 865-7707.



A message from Chief Adams

It is a great time to be a resident of Cedar City, Utah. I appreciate the feedback we have received, and continue to receive about our efforts in the community. As a Police Department, we earnestly desire to have a cooperative relationship with our residents. We are excited about the future of Cedar City and commit to you our best efforts to ensure the highest level of public safety exists.

We have begun to engage in some community outreach efforts and will continue this trend as we partner more effectively with you. Each Thursday morning for the next few months we will have an officer on the radio to talk a little about themselves, provide helpful information, and take any inquiries or feedback you may have. This occurs on Thursday mornings at either 7:20 or 8:20 a.m. on KSUB 590, the “Big Picture Morning Show with Tim and Chris.” Please tune in and engage with us. In the near future we will begin to reach out and invite residents to participate in small town-hall meetings. Such events will allow face-to-face interaction and a forum where we can become more acquainted, listen to concerns, provide feedback, and foster important relationships.

We have an active Facebook page where we engage in routine conversation and education with our community. Please like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Cedar-City-Police-Department-229071457169803/>. Also, I have created a Twitter account in an effort to stay more closely connected with you, our residents. It will provide a way for me to notify the community on timely events and occurrences, within reason. Please follow me at @ChiefDAdams on Twitter and feel free to communicate with me about issues, concerns, and community ideas.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a diverse and talented group of officers and staff to serve you. They are experts in their field and motivated to do their very best to protect you and your family, address quality-of-life issues, and prevent crime where possible. Thank you for your support and, as always, feel free to contact us with questions, concerns, or other feedback.

DARIN ADAMS
CHIEF OF POLICE

Public Works

CATS – Cedar Area Transportation Service (CATS) has installed new bus stop signs at all our fixed route stops. These signs are larger and will help with easier identification of the CATS bus stops. There are also signs at the stops letting you know the times when the bus will be at that particular stop during the day. You can also find information about the times for the bus to be at a particular stop using Google Maps on your smart phone.

SOLID WASTE – There have been quite a few instances recently where people are placing bags, boxes, etc., around their trash can. Please be aware that due to the health risks to our drivers, we do not pick up any trash that is not inside the can. There have also been several times when the driver was unable to lift a can due to it being filled with dirt and rocks. Please remember that the cans are for residential household trash. We can't pick up cans containing large tree limbs, lumber, concrete, bricks, blocks, furniture, metal poles, rocks, trampolines, etc. Please take these items to the Iron County Landfill located at 3127 North Iron Springs Road.

STREETS – Road maintenance is continuing in Area 1. The City is divided into 7 areas with road maintenance in each area completed once every 7 years, and our crews work hard to make sure the City's roads are in good condition. Road maintenance helps cut down on road reconstruction, which is costly and causes major impacts to traffic. We appreciate your patience with the necessary maintenance to our streets.



participants and spectators.

The start line is near Woods Ranch and the race course winds down Highway 14 with the finish near the Bicentennial Soccer Fields. The race begins at 7 a.m.

We are excited about a brand-new race that will take place on Saturday, October 8th. The very first "Cedar City Zombie Apocalypse 5K" is a 3.1 mile run on the south end of Cedar City. This 5K run is designed for both the runner and non-runner and is not a timed event, but will be a thrilling experience that friends and family can enjoy!

The Story: Cedar City has been overrun with zombies. However, there is hope. Two camps remain in separate safe zones. However, when you get to one, you find out it has been overrun with zombies. It is now up to you. To survive, you must run 3.1 miles from one camp to another without becoming zombie food.

The Objective: Run, climb, crawl, sprint, and use your wits to get from one camp to another 3.1 miles away without losing all 3 of your flags. If you succeed in reaching the camp with your flag(s), you survived the zombie apocalypse...for now. If you don't, you become a zombie yourself. But not to worry, both the survivor and the non-survivor will get a medal.

The Participants: There are two types of participants, the first is the runner. The second is the zombie. Zombies will provide their own clothing, however, torn and trashed they may be (must be modest) and we will provide the make-up. Professional and student make-up artists will "zombify" the zombie participants.

This will be a truly entertaining event and a fun way to kick off the Halloween season. For more information or to register as a runner (or a zombie!) go to <https://raceroster.com/events/2016/8923/cedar-city-zombie-apocalypse-5k>.

Our community is fortunate because we have some incredible individuals who work for the City. Each day our Staff comes to work, often going above and beyond their basic job requirements just to better serve our residents. I see this every day, and sometimes I wonder if the members of our community are aware of the extra responsibilities that our City workers often take on to make Cedar City the wonderful place we all call home. So this is where I get to brag, for on August 25th, Cedar City Police Department Sergeant David Evans received the "Drug

Task Force Commander of the Year Award" for the State of Utah at the Utah Narcotics Officers Association Conference. This is a major award and is well-deserved for the dedication and leadership Dave has provided to the Narcotic Task Force for over 4 years. Congratulations Sergeant Evans!

On Wednesday, August 24th the City Council unanimously approved Tyler Romeril to be the new Cedar City Attorney. I asked Tyler to write a little bit in the month's newsletter and introduce himself to each of you. Tyler's first official day as the City Attorney will be September 6th.

Over the past eight years I have had the great opportunity to work closely with the law enforcement officers in our great community. Starting my legal career as a prosecutor has afforded me the connection needed to appreciate all those who work behind the scenes to make our community such a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

Eight years ago my wife and I moved to Cedar City to work for the Iron County Attorney's office. Since moving here we started our family. We have three children, with one on the way. I was raised in a small farming community in Alberta, Canada, but I have lived in the United States for the past nineteen years.

I obtained my undergraduate degree in Law and Constitutional Studies from Utah State University. My wife and I then lived in East Lansing, Michigan for three years while I obtained my law degree. One of my most precious possessions is my education, and great satisfaction has come to me personally as I've used it to benefit the community I live in.

I look forward to the opportunity of continuing to lead the Cedar City Legal Department down the honorable path that Paul Bittmenn has it on. It will be a great privilege to work alongside the Legal Department staff through a wide range of both civil and criminal legal issues facing our City.

I look forward to working closely with Mayor Wilson, the City Council, the Department Heads, and the citizens of Cedar City. Please take the opportunity to get to know me. I look forward to helping out and serving to the best of my ability. I would like to thank Mayor Wilson and the members of the Cedar City Council for the opportunity to serve as the next City Attorney.

TYLER ROMERIL, CEDAR CITY ATTORNEY