

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

It seems like over the past month we have had almost every type of weather here in Cedar City. From beautiful and sunny days to snow and cold, windy days, as usual, you can never predict what the weather will do around this time of the year.

Beyond our crazy weather, things around town are keeping us busy and not slowing down.

This past month we started the annual budget process, which will lead to the final City Budget being adopted in June. As we move through this process, I will provide status updates and information about the budget public hearings.

If you've cleared snow from your own driveway measuring about 25-feet wide and 50-feet long down to bare concrete or asphalt, you know what a tough job it is. Now consider what Cedar City Regional Airport manager, Jeremy Valgardson and his staff Brad Beadles, Chris Reid, and Ron Wadsworth, have to do anytime a quarter inch of snow or more falls on the runway (8,653-foot long and 150-foot wide) at Cedar City Regional Airport. Not only do they have to clear it down to the asphalt, but it must be clear and ready for plane landing within 60 minutes!

Until this winter, the men relied on one 20-foot City snowplow for the large areas and a tractor with a small plow for the more restrictive areas. This snow season, the airport has a new truck designed specifically for airports.

The new MB3 front-mount broom truck is in a class all by itself, with a versatile custom cab-forward airport chassis designed for sharp steering and cramp angles to provide a smaller turning radius and maximum maneuverability. The MB3 broom truck can clear the Cedar City runways in about 40 minutes compared with the 60 it took for the traditional snowplows.

This equipment keeps Cedar City Regional Airport in the forefront of the region's airports and keeps individual and business flights on time!

Each year we have an inspection throughout our City from our insurance carrier, Utah Risk Management Mutual Association (URMMA). We have just completed this year's inspection, and there are several areas highlighted each year that we can focus on throughout our City to make it a safe and pleasant community for our residents to live in.

There are two areas that the Public Works Department has identified that we will be focusing on – our regulatory signs and sidewalk maintenance. These are two very large undertakings and will take a considerable amount of time and expense, but we will be putting a program in place to evaluate areas of the City that need to have signs replaced and sidewalks repaired. This will be an on-going process that will span several years to get us caught up, and then we will continue in maintenance mode on these projects.

Many of the standards for regulatory signs have been changed since the signs were installed, as far as retro-reflectivity of the sign, size, and placement. Over the upcoming summer months, one of the City interns will be out and about measuring the reflectiveness and position of these signs. The City will be purchasing a retro-reflectivity meter to measure this standard and help us develop a priority list of signs that need to be replaced.

Our main focus right now will be on the regulatory

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Brennon Peterson honored

Patrol Officer Brennon Peterson has been selected as the March Employee of the Month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee. Brennon was nominated by Chief Darin Adams who wrote, "Officer Brennon Peterson has been an Animal Control Officer for 16 months. During



that time he has worked hard to sustain a very positive relationship between Animal Control and Patrol. Brennon possesses a very happy and bright disposition. His work ethic is remarkable, and he is extremely dependable. Brennon

is great at communicating with his colleagues and does it in such a way that fosters respect. Brennon embodies the characteristics of a police officer, namely, support and assistance in times of need. He is eager to respond to calls with officers because he possesses a genuine concern for their safety and wants to help where he can. Brennon spent the last month of 2016 training two new Animal Control officers, along with addressing all of his regular duties. Brennon's work ethic, dedication, professionalism, and commitment are just a few reasons why he was selected to be hired as one of the Department's newest patrol officers. He left for the Police Academy on February 7th to train for his new role. He is a stalwart and dedicated employee and a true asset to Cedar City.

Brennon was born at Hill Air Force Base and his family moved to Cedar City when he was two-years-old. He graduated from Canyon View High School and has been married to his wife, Tiarrah, for 2 1/2 years. They don't currently have children but are proud parents of two dogs!

As far as hobbies go, Brennon says he is a competitive power-lifter and also enjoys playing guitar.

Brennon says "The thing I enjoy most about my job is that I get the opportunity to help people. It's something I've always wanted to do, and I'm glad I have a career that lets me do that."

Congratulations Brennon!

Public Works

WASTEWATER: With the new process that we have implemented for nitrate removal at the wastewater treatment plant facility, it has increased the amount of biosolids produced. With this increased mass, we are finding it difficult to keep up with the required testing and refinement to be able to have a Class A biosolids product that can be made available to the public. Therefore, we will not be offering biosolids to the community this year.

SPRING CLEAN UP: The Street Division will begin Spring Clean-Up in April, 2017. This year crews will begin collection as follows:

- Area 1: west of I-15, April 10th.
- Area 2: south of Center Street and east of I-15, April 17th.
- Area 3: north of Center Street and east of I-15, April 24th.
- Please see 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 Monday your area is scheduled for clean-up to begin, and do not put debris out more than one week before your scheduled 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.

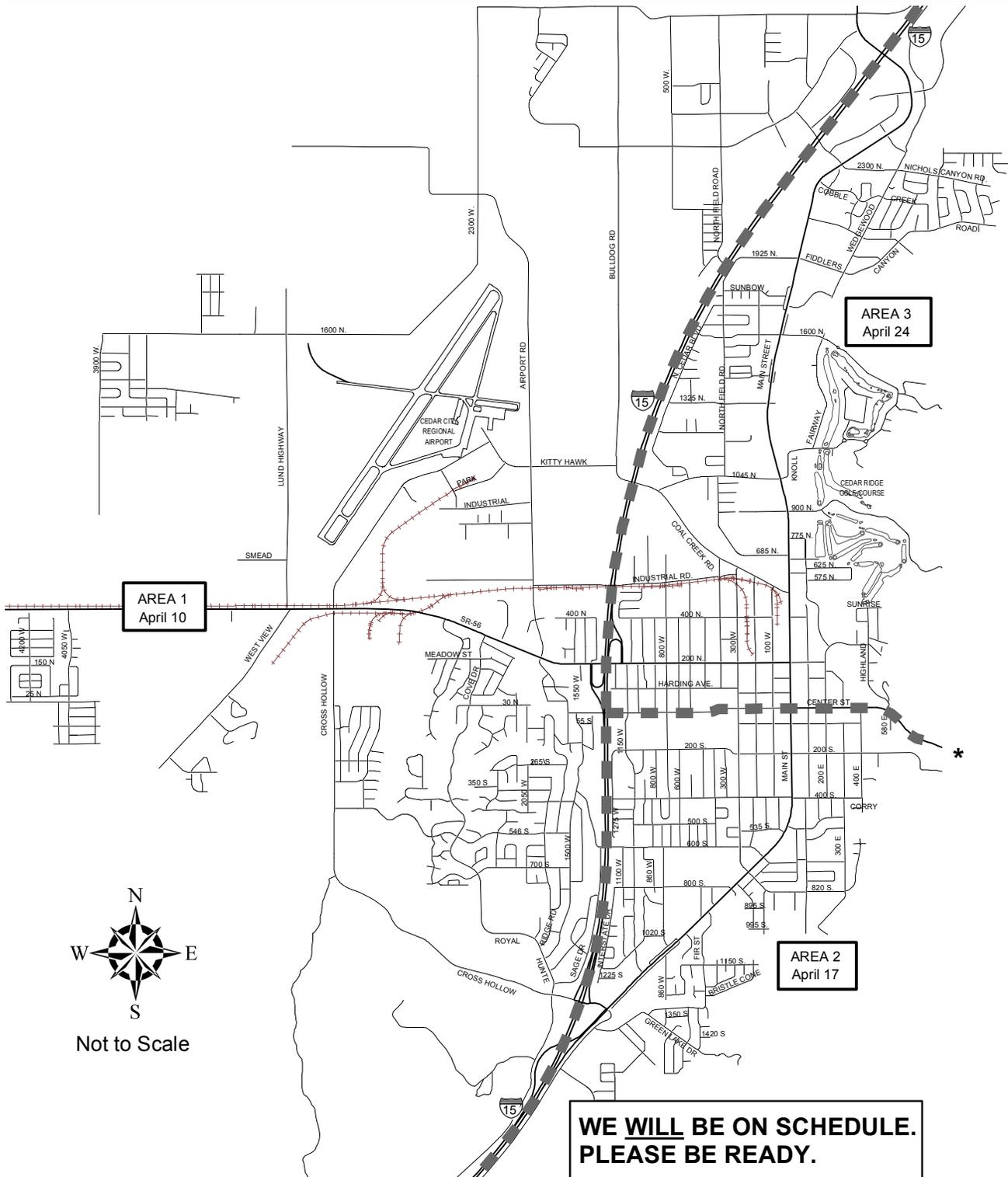
Debris must be in front of the curb in the street. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property. City crews will pick up brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood (including pallets and crates), asphalt, dirt, rocks, and concrete. Tires – 4 or less per pile (No rims).

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 Public Works at (435) 586-2912 for more information.



CEDAR CITY SPRING CLEAN-UP 2017



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



signs such as stop, yield, speed limit, etc., and eventually our hope would be to move on to street address signs.

Also this summer we will have a City intern walking our sidewalks and inspecting them for any cracks, raised or sunken panels, or any other hazards. We have a limited budget for sidewalk safety, and we will prioritize the worst hazards in the sidewalks we identify and have our contractor repair those. As was mentioned, this is a very time-intensive and expensive project, and so we will bite off a little at a time and get through as much of the City as possible.

For the past several months, our local Lin's store has been undergoing a tremendous transformation in the heart of our downtown. An extra 10,000 square-feet was added onto the building's south end and the entire store received a complete makeover. Lin's hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 13th. If you haven't had a chance to visit the newly-christened supermarket, you need to stop by. The interior design was done by a local company, Décorworx, and it is truly wonderful. We are excited to have Lin's in our downtown. Besides looking even better than before, the store now offers new products and services that you need to check out.

Three days after the ribbon-cutting at Lin's we were happy to have a similar ceremony at Cedar City's newest store, Sportsman's Warehouse. The new store is packed with everything you need for hunting, fishing, camping, and enjoying southern Utah's amazing outdoors. We are thrilled to welcome this company to Cedar City, and we expect that they will be very successful at their new location at 889 South Main Street.

Two local businesses came to City Council meeting in February to introduce their companies and to explain how they serve our community.

Affordable Funeral Services, located at 2002 North Main Street, is a new business here in Cedar. As the name implies, this company focuses on affordability without sacrificing quality. In addition to standard funeral services, they can video-conference family and friends of the deceased for inclusion in local memorial services, if they are unable to attend in person. Bryan Randall is the funeral director and pre-need counselor for the company. He has been in the industry for more than 25 years.

Mike McNett, president of Doubletap Ammunition also presented to the Council and explained how their

company is growing. This company produces ammunition here and recently entered into a large contract with Colt. This will allow Doubletap to hire about a dozen new employees.

In February, City Manager Paul Bittmenn and I, along with our Economic Development Department, toured two local companies. Charlotte Pipe Plant Manager Jeff Kelchner gave us a tour of his factory and explained the new expansion of his company in Cedar City. Charlotte Pipe has been a member of our community since 2007, and is in the process of building a second facility adjacent to their 130,000 square-foot building. The new plant will be 150,000 square-feet and will allow this company to create 30 new jobs in Cedar City. Charlotte Pipe manufactures plastic pipe used in residential and commercial plumbing. The company serves the entire western United States from its Cedar City location.

We also visited GAF, which came to Cedar City in 2014. GAF is North America's largest roofing supply manufacturer, and the Cedar City location reaches the company's customers in the western United States. Currently, GAF manufactures ISO and TPO roofing products, and will be adding PVC products to their inventory.

Both Charlotte Pipe and GAF are great community partners and they are finding tremendous success in Cedar City, thanks to our outstanding workforce and our rail spur. We are grateful to have these outstanding companies in our community.

Finally, does your organization need help recruiting and retaining high quality volunteers? Do you want ideas on helping your staff work with volunteers? Want to develop skills-based volunteer opportunities that address critical social needs in your community? UServeUtah's Volunteer Management Training is a 2-day workshop offering key tools and techniques for managing volunteers in non-profits, government, and beyond.

The training will be held March 13th and 14th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in St. George, UT. The cost is \$65 and lunch and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, visit the UServeUtah website or contact Mary Buehler at mbuehler@utah.gov. Register today at vmt17stgeorge.eventbrite.com.