

# Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2017

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Mayor Maile Wilson*

As usual, as the weather begins to warm up the pace here in Cedar City picks up. It's been a busy few weeks, but hopefully I can fit most of what's been going on in the newsletter this month.

Here at the City we are working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The tentative budget will be presented to City Council on May 24th and the public hearing will

be June 7th, with the final adoption of the budget taking place during our City Council meeting on June 14th. The public is always invited to attend City Council meetings which take place every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (except the 5th Wednesday of the month) here at the City Offices at 10 North Main.

State lawmakers and their spouses took a two-day tour through several counties in rural Utah at the end of April, and their travels included dinner and a night's stay in Cedar City. State Senator Evan Vickers said the tour gives legislators a better understanding of the differences between the more largely-represented urban centers along the Wasatch Front and their smaller counterparts in the south.

The group visited sites in Millard and Beaver Counties before stopping at the Utah Red Hills Renewable Energy Park west of Parowan. They learned of Iron County's impressive utility-scale solar projects, as well as other local issues including prairie dogs, water resources,

and wild horses before stopping at Southern Utah University's Great Hall for dinner and comments from SUU President Scott Wyatt.

The following day the legislators traveled to locations in Garfield County, Piute County, and Sanpete County. We're happy the legislators chose to visit our City and we hope the information they gained from this trip will help them in their decision making in the future.

Smead Manufacturing celebrated its 20th anniversary in Cedar City on April 19th. I was able to attend and meet with the company's CEO Sharon Hoffman Avent, President Casey Avent, and Smead's Senior Director of Operations Gary Smith.

Smead Manufacturing makes and distributes paper filing supplies in Cedar City to supply customers mainly in the western United States. The company is headquartered in Minnesota and has locations in Ohio and South Carolina in addition to the Cedar City plant. This company has been an important part of Cedar City and Southern Utah's economy for twenty years and we are so happy that Smead is part of our community. This company has provided excellent jobs, has been a tremendous community partner, and we look forward to celebrating the next 20 years along with them.

To all of Smead's Cedar City team, thank you so much for all you do for our City – we love having you here!

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officially opened its new Deseret Industries (DI) store in Cedar City with a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 20th. Church dignitaries, including Presiding Bishop Gérald Causse, met with hundreds of LDS church leaders and community members on the evening of the 19th to officially dedicate the new building.

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## *Danny Stewart selected*

Economic Development Director Danny Stewart has been selected as May Employee of the Month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Council. Danny was nominated by former Economic Development Coordinator Cameron Christensen who wrote, “Danny has been in the Economic



Development Department for almost six years. During his tenure, Danny has successfully negotiated contracts with several solar companies and helped with the expansion of several other businesses, including, but not limited to: Mueller Industries, Charlotte

Pipe, and Decorworx. Danny’s attitude towards his companies, City staff, and the public is very gracious and pleasing. Danny’s hard work and go-getting attitude allows for an easy bridge to be built between the City and other organizations around the City and County (i.e. Department of Workforce Services, Chamber of Commerce, Business Resource Center, and many others.) Danny understands the role of economic development and works very hard to make Cedar City a great place to work, play, and live for tourists and citizens alike.”

Danny began his employment at the City as the Economic Development Coordinator and was promoted to the Director of the Department in 2014.

Danny graduated from SUU, earning his degree in Communications and Marketing. Prior to his employment with Cedar City Corporation, Danny spent 20 years in the publishing and marketing field.

Danny and his wife, Suzanne, have three children and two grandchildren. When asked about his hobbies he said that he “doesn’t have time for any,” but that he enjoys hiking and fishing occasionally.

He says he enjoys everything about his job, but specifically he loves promoting Cedar City and Iron County. Congratulations Danny!

## Public Works

**STREETS:** The Street Division will be finishing road maintenance in Area 1, which includes the majority of the roadways north of 300 South and West of I-15, excluding Planned Unit Developments (PUDs). In July we will begin road maintenance in Area 2. The majority of the work will be west of I-15. A copy of the Area 2 map will be available on the City’s website the first of July.

We have finished the Spring Clean-Up for this year. Using 2 loaders and 4 dump trucks, the 3-man crew spent 110 hours and hauled over 358 loads of yard waste to the Bulloch Pit.

**WATER:** Watering restrictions for irrigating with culinary water went into effect April 1st and will continue through October 31st. No watering is allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. First time violators receive a warning, whereas second, third and so on, have their water shut off and must pay a fine before their water will be turned back on. Information about water conservation can be found at [www.conservewater.utah.gov](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov).

Work is almost completed on the Water Division’s south tank. The contractor has finished installing the new floor and sandblasting and recoating the inside of the tank. It is scheduled to be back in operation this month.

## At the Library...

Summer is around the corner and all the librarians are hard at work to get our summer reading program ready. As a result, there will be no story time during the month of May. We will begin our story time on June 8th and they will be held every Thursday at 10 and 10:30 a.m. during June and July. This year’s theme for the summer reading program is “Build a Better World.” The summer reading program kick-off party will be Saturday, June 3rd from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. at the Library. This is sure to be a fun event filled with games, some crafts, and an opportunity to sign up for the summer reading program. The summer reading program is for all ages, so everyone can get involved – including adults! What could be more fun than earning prizes for reading?

Don’t forget to check our next gallery exhibition during the month of May! This exhibition consists of quilts, bound quilt blocks, afghans, and crochet/knit that were submitted by community members. We’ve had some really cool submissions from the community, so please come take a look at our gallery display.



## Water Savings at your fingertips

From a snow pack and water supply standpoint, Southern Utah had a great winter. These conditions, combined with the recent rain, means our lawn sprinklers can remain idle for a little while longer. Although this winter was great for our water supply the truth of the matter is that we still live in a desert and the need to use water wisely is always present. To assist you with this, over the next six months we will be providing water savings tips that are easy to implement in your landscape. With the start of the irrigation season upon us, I thought it would be fun to introduce you to tech products that simplify the dreaded task of programming the traditional user-unfriendly irrigation controller.

We recently installed a Wi-Fi Sprinkler Controller at the Main Street Water-Wise Demonstration Garden. While the biggest draw (for us) was convenience, there are built in features that will help to reduce your outdoor usage. These types of controllers allow homeowners to remotely monitor and manage their landscape. You can adjust your watering schedule from your smart phone while on vacation, at the office, or sitting on your couch. The features of the controllers are incredible. Some integrate with Nest, Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant on Google Home, and other home automation systems. Others go a bit further by pulling local weather information and letting you know if the next watering cycle should be skipped due to an upcoming rain event.

A recent study has shows that the majority of Cedar City residents are using twice as much water than what's required to maintain a healthy landscape. There are a lot of factors that attribute to this, like poor irrigation design, leaks, and overwatering. The Wi-Fi Sprinkler Controllers address overwatering, prompting you to hold off on watering before, during, or right after a rain event, and reminding you to adjust your sprinkler controller seasonally. As simple as it seems, these two practices will save quite a bit of water, save you a little cash, and result in a healthier landscape.

Next month we'll dive deeper into the water requirements of the plants in your landscape. Until then, you're always welcome to call the USU Extension Office at (435) 586-8132 for further assistance.

Happy Gardening!

**CANDACE SCHAIBLE**  
**USU Extension Educator**

## Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that Cedar City will hold municipal election this fall to elect four-year terms: Mayor; and (2) Council Members. Given a sufficient number of candidates, a primary election will be held August 15, 2017, with the municipal general election being held on November 7, 2017.

Qualifications to be a candidate are:

1. Be a United States citizen at time of filing;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Be a registered voter of the municipality; and
4. Be a resident of the municipality for 12 consecutive months before November.

A qualified candidate may file a Declaration of Candidacy with the City Recorder, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City. The filing period is during regular office hours from June 1 through June 7, 2017. All candidates for election are subject to campaign financial statement disclosure regulations.



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The new 48,000 square foot building is well-known as a thrift store, but what many people do not know is that the store portion of the business is just a small part of what happens at DI. Behind the scenes, the company assists the community by training hundreds of local residents and granting certificates that can help them find work elsewhere. Additionally, Deseret Industries stores are a resource for some of the LDS Church's welfare needs.

The new building will also be the location of LDS Family Services, which offers professional counseling and other family services in the Cedar City area. Worldwide, Deseret Industries and LDS Family Services has donated more than 7 million hours of welfare relief from 10,236 associates in 147 countries, 132 storehouses, 94 LDS Family Service facilities, and 48 farms. The new Deseret Industries/LDS Family Services building is located near Walmart in the Providence Center. Cedar City has benefitted from this organization for many years, and we are excited for the new building and increased benefits to our community.

Palette Creamery opened its doors in early April and visited City Council meeting on the 26th. This new company is located in the north end of the old railroad depot at 255 North Main Street. Palette Creamery offers 32 flavors of ice creams, sherbets, and sorbets, along with brownie sundaes, deep dish cookies, dessert crepes, and more. You can try delicious homemade creations including traditional vanilla and chocolate or be a little more adventurous with Orange Blossom Cranberry, Tim Tam Slam, or Lime Ginger Sorbet.

Christopher and Samantha Wilms are the owners of Palette Creamery and they also opened the Pop'nSweets Store on Main Street last summer. Pop'nSweets features more than 1,000 different types of candy from around the world, as well as dozens of varieties of bottled sodas, and ice cream too! There are now five Pop'nSweets locations in Utah.

Both Palette Creamery and Pop'nSweets are great businesses in our historic downtown and we are so happy they're in Cedar City.

Mark Axelson, owner of the new Well Prepared store in Cedar City, also attended City Council in April. Well Prepared offers personal and family preparedness products, as well as emergency

preparedness and survival training courses to the community. This company is located at 900 South Main Street, across from Sportsman's Warehouse.

Did you know on any given day, there are 93 children in foster care right here in Cedar City? These children are not brought here from some big city, or picked up from the freeway. They are children who live on your street, go to your neighborhood schools, attend your church. These 93 children are also part of our future. They will be the decision makers, the builders, the teachers that will develop, enhance, and create the world in which we and our children will one day live. In honor of these 93 young individuals, and the foster families who are caring for them, Utah Foster Care is joining national organizations in designating May as National Foster Care Month.

Some 30 Cedar City families have recently gone through the steps necessary to become foster families. They've taken training, gone through background checks, filled out paperwork, and followed through with other requirements.

Foster Care Month is a chance for all of us to come together and see what we can do to help these two amazing groups of people. Not everyone is in the position to become a foster parent, but everyone can do something to help a child in need. Here are some ideas:

- \* Offer to cook dinner or do yard work for a foster family
- \* Be an honorary grandparent or mentor to a child in foster care
- \* Offer to babysit
- \* Donate new or gentle used clothing to children coming into foster care
- \* Tutor a child or give free music lessons
- \* Pay their sports registration fee

Or, you can always find a foster parent and ask them what they need!

These 93 children are from our community and thus in a very real way "our" children. They need us, as a community, to come together and support them in whatever way we can. Throughout the month of May, and the entire year, take time to acknowledge and honor those who are impacted by foster care.

If you'd like to know more, Amy Bates in Utah Foster Care's Cedar City office is happy to answer your questions. Give her a call at (435) 463-7404.