

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

With excitement in the air surrounding school being back in session, it is apparent that fall is just around the corner. As summer comes to an end, I hope each of you had a nice Labor Day and were able to attend some of the events at the Iron County Fair. This year the theme for the Fair was “Proud to be American” which was represented wonderfully

throughout the various events and activities.

When I started to think about what to write this month I couldn't believe that 1) it is already September and 2) so many things have happened over the past month! Below are just a few highlights.

August 28th marked the groundbreaking for the new \$19.3 million Southwest Applied Technology College (SWATC) Allied Health and Technology building. This building will be located across the street from the current SWATC location and Cedar High School. With the construction of the new Allied Health and Technology building, the SWATC will be able to increase the programs they offer including certificate programs in manufacturing, welding, fabrication, and health care in addition to partnering with SUU to offer a culinary arts program. The building project is supposed to be completed in the fall of 2015.

In addition to the building groundbreaking, SWATC has had other big news in the past few weeks. On August 8th the Utah College of Applied Technology announced that Brennan Wood will be the new campus president of SWATC. For the past five years Brennan has worked

for our City as the Director of Economic Development. We want to wish Brennan congratulations on his new position!

As many of you might have noticed, the fencing has gone up around the construction site for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts. Don't be alarmed if you have seen numerous police officers and vehicles, or multiple firefighters and fire trucks. Our departments have been able to utilize this site prior to demolition for training purposes.

On August 27th there was a ribbon cutting for the second natural gas vehicle (NGV) refueling station in Cedar, which is the 42nd refueling station in Utah. As natural gas vehicles are becoming more popular, so too are natural gas vehicle refueling stations. If you are interested in learning more about our latest natural gas vehicle refueling station visit JR's Truck Stop (2635 N Freeway Drive).

For those of you who missed the Cedar City Children's Musical Theatre production of *Seussical Jr.* during August, it was quite amazing. The production had over 170 children who sang and danced while telling a beloved Dr. Seuss story. Great job to all of the *Seussical* participants! The hard work and dedication was evident. This was a major effort by many volunteers throughout the community, so thank you to everyone who made this opportunity available for the youth!

Although construction on Exit 57 continues, many of you have likely noticed the South I-15 interchange recently opened the diverging diamond interchange configuration. A diverging diamond interchange briefly channels traffic to the opposite side of the road to provide easier and safer access on and off the freeway. This configuration reduces the number of traffic signal phases, which allows traffic to proceed through the interchange more efficiently, without increasing the number of lanes. UDOT suggests three tips to help with driver safety in the new configuration: 1) Slow down and be alert, 2) Follow the

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Jimmy Duffey recognized

Mechanic Jimmy Duffey has been selected as Cedar City's Employee of the Month for September by the Employee Advisory Committee. Jimmy was nominated by Cedar City Fleet Maintenance Manager Corey Childs, who wrote, "Jimmy moved here from the Wasatch



front. He has spent his life working on school busses, but has been with Cedar City Corporation for the last two years and has learned a lot about working on dump trucks,

garbage trucks, police cars, and off-road equipment. He has really jumped in and learned quickly. He works hard and gets things done. He works well with others and is pleasant to be around. I feel that he is a great asset to the Fleet Maintenance Division because he helps us accomplish our goals, and keep all the other divisions going."

Originally from Klamath Falls, Oregon, Jimmy graduated from Granite High School in Salt Lake City. Prior to being hired by Cedar City, he was employed by the Davis and Morgan County School Districts for a total of eleven years.

Jimmy is married to Janine (and has been for a whole month!). His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and anything in the outdoors. He enjoys barbecuing and is interested in "barbecue challenges."

Jimmy says that his favorite thing about working for Cedar City is "the people he works with."

Congratulations, Jimmy!

Justice Center hosts fundraiser

The Iron County Children's Justice Center Friends Board will be hosting its first annual "Dancing with your Community Stars" fundraiser on September 20th in Cedar City. Based on the television show "Dancing with the Stars," this event will feature local community celebrities paired with a SUU ballroom dancer, competing with one another in a friendly, family-oriented, fun, and spirited dance competition. The Center is excited to have in its lineup of community celebrities the following public-spirited, and adventurous, contestants: Mayor Maile Wilson, Attorney Justin Wayment, Iron County Assessor Cindy Bulloch, Cedar City Police Department Sergeant David Evans, Farmer's Insurance Agent Jesse Robinson, and Cedar City Rotary Club President Dolly-Trujillo-Wearn.

The Iron County Children's Justice Center is a safe, home-like facility where children who are victims of sexual, physical, or emotional abuse, or are witnesses to domestic violence or drug endangerment can receive a forensic interview from Law Enforcement and Child Protective Services. The Center coordinates services for victims and their families by referring and assisting them in receiving mental health treatment, medical treatment, and victim advocacy. In Iron County alone, the Center served 191 child victims and 245 secondary victims in 2013. Through a multi-disciplinary team, investigative agencies collaborate with one another on each child's case with the goal to minimize additional trauma to the child, and to assist the victim and their families towards the road to healing.

All funds from the "Dancing with your Community Stars" event will assist the Center in implementing a medical exam room on site at the Center for child victims. Call the Center at (435) 867-4275 for tickets, or you may also purchase them from one of the "Community Stars."

Please join us in assisting your local Iron County Children's Justice Center in being a place "where small voices are heard."

Art in the Park!

The Iron Mission Museum Foundation is proud to present its annual Art in the Park festival, Friday and Saturday September 20th and 21st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Located at Cedar City Main Street Park at the corner of Main and 200 North, the event will include over 30 booths featuring offerings from fine art to fine crafts in multiple categories, such as ceramics, glass, fiber, jewelry, and painting. It's an exceptional opportunity for families and art enthusiasts to experience a variety of distinguished artists, and to view their work in a friendly and easily accessible setting. There will also be arts and craft activities for children.

The Art in the Park festival is produced by the Iron Mission Museum Foundation and is free to the public. This event takes great pride in the artists and their work. Come and show support for the arts and find one-of-a-kind gifts for friends and family in preparation for the holiday season! For more information, visit the Foundation's website at www.frontierhomestead.org.



Events add to Cedar's economic growth

Cedar City Events had a busy and successful summer of cycling events on both the dirt and on the asphalt as the City was host to the fourth annual Fire Road Cycling Mountain Bike Race, and also to the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah for the second year in a row. Fire Road Cedar City was held on Saturday, July 5 with riders on the 25K, 60K, and 100K courses. This year's race roster saw competitors from 22 states and five counties, and boasted a 30 per cent increase in registrations. The quality of competition was the highest this event has seen, and the overall winner, Leroy Popowski, finished in just three hours and 53 minutes. For the second year in a row, Fire Road was a Leadville race qualifier for the top 25 finishers of the grueling 100K course, which features over 7,500 feet of climbing in 62 miles. Fire Road also grew in the number of local and national sponsors, the size of its expo at Main Street Park, and in its Fire Kids Race, which saw nearly 90 children, ages 5-12 years old.

For the second year in a row, Cedar City was the venue for Stage One of the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah, with 16 world-class teams starting and finishing on Main Street. Southern Utah University partnered with the City and other sponsors to bring the international cycling race back to Cedar City. More than 20,000 spectators lined Main Street and the streets around SUU to watch the cyclists finish their last three circuits of the race. Competition in this year's Tour of Utah included three Grand Tour Champions, and more than 120 cyclists from 26 countries. "Once again, Cedar City set the tone for the rest of the Tour of Utah with a huge, enthusiastic crowd," said Tour of Utah President Steve Miller.

Tour of Utah events in Cedar City included team introductions on Saturday, August 2nd, the start and finish of the Tour on Monday, August 4th, and the first ever Cedar City Grand Prix women's criterium race. The weather cooperated for the event, and crowds filled the Festival Hall parking area where the Tour's Lifestyle Expo was held. Local band Juniper City entertained and expo spectators, as well as dozens of local and national vendors, enjoyed a successful event.

This year's Tour of Utah set new attendance records. Project Manager Jenn Andrs said attendance for the seven-stage event was estimated to be at least 275,000, up approximately 15,000 from 2013. Last year, the Tour conducted an economic impact survey showing the event generated a \$17.5 million economic increase, and \$8 million in media value. It is estimated that Cedar City saw approximately \$2.2 million in impact from this event. Mark Barrufi, owner of Centro Woodfired Pizzeria, said "overall, the Tour of Utah has been the most profitable event of the entire year for us."

In just a few days, Cedar City will host the fifth annual Cedar City Half Marathon, along with 10K and 5K races that all begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday, September the 13th. Popularity of this race has exploded since its beginning, and this year's race is being capped at 1,200 participants. In 2012, 473 people ran the Cedar City Half, and last year there were 747. Twelve hundred racers will gather at Main Street Park at 6 a.m. on the thirteenth to run the canyon.

"Runners love the Cedar City Half Marathon," said Events Coordinator Byron Linford. We have a full road closure on one of the most beautiful highways in the state. It's mostly downhill, so a lot of runners have their personal best time on this course. Plus, we have incredible support from the community and great volunteers, and runners from all over the country say this is one of the best organized half marathons they've ever run."

Public Works

STREETS: For major street maintenance, the City is divided into seven areas. The area being worked on this year is area six, which primarily includes areas east of Main Street from Staples to 600 North. This area won't have any major work done on it again for another seven years. The majority of the annual skin patch and chip seal for area six is almost completed. There will be several more streets in this area that will be chip sealed in the spring. Flyers will be distributed at that time to the affected streets to make sure all residents are aware of the roadwork. We appreciate the cooperation we have received this summer from everyone. It makes it a lot easier for us to keep the City's roadways in good condition.

WATER: The Water Division is constructing a new water storage tank located in the mouth of Cedar Canyon. It is a welded steel tank, and will have a storage capacity of 1.84 million gallons of water. The old tank has structural problems, and will be taken out of service once the new tank is completed, which is scheduled for the end of October, 2014. The contractor on the project is Ureico Construction.

We are also preparing to put new fencing around Quichapa Wells #5 and #6 and around the tank in Cedar Canyon. Please remember that our water conservation ordinance is still in force through October 31st. Please do not irrigate your lawn and yard with culinary water between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. We appreciate everyone taking an active role in conserving.



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arrows and signage, and 3) Watch for both sets of signals (one on each side of I-15).

The project is on schedule to be complete in early October. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding through the completion of this project.

Finally, we are excited to start a new year for the Cedar City Youth City Council. High school students, grades 10-12, are encouraged to apply and can obtain an application at both Cedar High School and Canyon View High School. The Youth City Council is a wonderful opportunity for the youth in our community to get more civically involved, learn leadership skills, and meet other youth from around the valley. Membership in the Youth City Council also looks great on college applications. Each year the group is invited to participate in the "Local Officials Day" which is held in January at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City. This event provides the youth with an opportunity to learn more about state politics, meet and interact with local and state elected officials, participate in mock committee meetings, and meet other youth from around the state who share similar interests. Meetings for the Youth City Council are held bimonthly at the Cedar City Library.

If you have any questions or have a youth who would like to apply, please contact Shannon Avance (702)207-9133.

CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT/ OPERATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, TASK FORCE

I hope these articles have been informative about your Police Department and the services we provide. This month we begin talking about our Operations Division and will highlight our Investigations Division and the Narcotics Task Force. In the coming months, once we complete describing the structure of our Department, we will present information on various crimes in specific neighborhoods and crime prevention tips.

The Operations Division is administered by the Operations Lieutenant. He has four sergeants under his command who supervise the Investigations Division, Narcotics Task Force, Neighborhood Preservation and Administration. The Operations Lieutenant is also responsible for the training and professional standards of the officers. Each officer is mandated to have a minimum of 40 hours training annually to maintain their certification. The Operations Lieutenant makes all arrangements and tracks this training. As the person responsible for the professional standards of the Department, he conducts all pre-employment background investigations to ensure that persons

joining the Department meet State and Federal standards as well as our own employment qualifications.

One of the most important tasks assigned to the Operations Lieutenant is to ensure that the highest level of professionalism and professional standards are carried out by members of the Cedar City Police Department. That endeavor is accomplished by continuous audits of personnel performances through internal processes and investigations into citizen complaints (internal affairs investigations) against employees of the Department.

The Investigations Division has three detectives assigned to it who are responsible to respond to all major or more serious crime scenes, and conduct the more time consuming and in-depth investigations that the Patrol Division is not designed to handle, due to their nature of needing to be available for in-progress calls. The detectives also have additional training and experience to make them better qualified to investigate in greater detail. They routinely carry an active case load of 25 to 35 cases, which include everything from a theft to a homicide. These cases constantly have to be juggled as new, more urgent cases come in, requiring some to remain active for months. This causes frustration for the detectives, but even more so for the victims of these crimes. We have witnessed an increase in the complexity of the crimes being reported as more elaborate scams and fraud cases are being committed. These require new skills and longer periods of time to investigate. The detectives are called to respond all hours of the day and night to these calls which results in many call-outs a year.

The Narcotics Task Force is comprised of our sergeant and agents assigned from the Iron County Sheriff's Office, Beaver County Sheriff's Office, and State of Utah Bureau of Criminal Investigations. These narcotics officers investigate illegal drug use, trafficking, and cultivation throughout Iron County, Garfield County, Beaver County, and all cities and towns within these Counties. Their mission is to significantly diminish the availability and use of illegal drugs and controlled substances and to apprehend the responsible offenders, thereby increasing public safety. Their primary funding source is a \$66,562 grant from the State of Utah to cover personnel/overtime costs (\$19,000), equipment/supplies and operating costs (\$17,562), travel and training (\$5,000), and confidential informant fees (\$25,000). The salaries and vehicles expenses are paid for by the contributing agencies who have agents assigned to the Task Force.