



# FESTIVAL CITY USA

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



**STATISTICS:** Sales tax revenues to Cedar City in 2008 totaled \$5,120,234 compared to \$5,363,565 in 2007, or a drop of five percent. December's sales tax revenues were \$478,841 compared to \$552,637 in December of 2007, or down by 13 percent...RAP (recreation, arts, and parks) sales tax revenues totaled \$436,636 for the year 2008 compared to \$572,143 in 2007, or a drop of 18 percent...Cedar City was among the 20 fastest growing "micro areas" in the United States between July 2007 and July 2008, according to the U. S. Census Bureau.

**DID YOU KNOW?:** That the traditional Easter Egg Hunt, largest in southern Utah, will again be held at Main Street Park at 9 a.m. on the Saturday prior to Easter (April 11) and will this year be presented by the alumni of the SUU Sigma Nu Fraternity chapter. An appearance by the Easter Bunny, riding a City fire engine, is promised...That parents and caregivers are often the ones who end up infecting their infants with whooping cough, babies being especially vulnerable. So if you are between the ages of 19 and 64, you can get vaccinated for the disease at a clinic to be held at State Bank of Southern Utah on Thursday, April 30, from 2 to 6 p.m... That the entrance area to the Sunbow on Main Street, which has long been an eyesore, is now to sport curb and gutter in addition to the placement of an underground pipe that permitted the covering of the weed-filled ditch...That Cedar City's Brent Foley family is featured in the April 17 issue of *Family Circle* magazine (circulation 3.8

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An architectural depiction of the Aquatic Center by Mark Wilson Architects shows the building from the southeast, featuring the tube slide and lazy river

## Aquatic Center construction set to begin

Work on Cedar City's \$9.5 million Aquatic Center will begin this summer north of Cedar Middle School, with an expected completion date of July 2010.

The 68,000-square foot facility will be constructed under the management of Carter Enterprises of Cedar City and will not only provide a continuation of swimming instruction and recreation for the City and its people, but will help stimulate the economy with construction work.

"We're thrilled that a local company has secured the construction management contract," said City Manager Ron Chandler. "Not only were we able to accept the low bid from a great, quality firm but the fact that it will bring local jobs is doubly satisfying."

The center includes a competition/lap pool of 25 yards and eight lanes, an indoor/outdoor leisure pool and a kids pool as well as a spa/hot tub, an indoor/

outdoor tube slide and lazy river, an outdoor diving pool and various indoor and outdoor observation decks. Also included are locker/family change rooms and other interior spaces for multi-use.

In November, voters approved, by a 16 point margin, the issuance of \$7 million in general obligation bonds for the construction of the Aquatic Center. Iron County will contribute \$1.25 million and the Iron County School District will add \$1 million for construction.

Also due to begin construction at the same time as the Aquatic Center is the adjacent baseball and softball complex with four multi-use fields and bleachers. The Leigh Hill reservoir, which will be available for recreational use, is filled and will soon be stocked with fish. Public use of the Reservoir may be as early as this fall, while City officials are mindful of inherent dangers of its use so near a construction area, which may delay its implementation for recreation.



## Dianne McDonald is honored by EAC

Dianne McDonald has been named the Cedar City Employee of the Month for April by the Employee Advisory Council.

She has served as the City's grants coordinator since July, 2006, and, says City Manager Ron Chandler, has shown exceptional patience in working with the state and federal bureaucracies in administering complex grants. Co-workers also laud her ability to get the job done even under great stress and on short deadlines.

She says her most satisfying accomplishment is in her work to secure funding for the Coal Creek Parkway project. She is a



native of Salt Lake City and a graduate of Olympus High School and the University of Utah, where she earned

a bachelor's degree in physical geography and performed postgraduate work in urban planning. Prior to moving here, she lived in Springdale where she was community development director for 10 years.

She and her husband Greg are the parents of two daughters and a son and are grandparents to one. She says she enjoys reading and warm-weather hiking. Among her favorite experiences is walking on a California beach whenever she gets the opportunity.

Dianne says she loves Cedar City because "it's self-contained. I can get whatever I need here." She also is grateful for her many friends here, she says.

# Cedar City Corp. employees carry I.D. cards

Cedarians should always expect officials who come to their door to produce identification from the agency the caller purports to represent.

Cedar City employees have been issued official Cedar City Corp. cards to identify himself or herself to the general public when necessary. All employees are required to carry their card on their person at all times when on duty.

Citizens should not hesitate to ask to see such I.D. and to call the City offices at 586-2950 if they have doubts as to the identity of the caller.

Each card has an easily recognizable photo of the employee on its face.

Also, citizens should note that the Cedar City Police Department and the Cedar City Fire Department have cards that differ from those of all other City entities.

## Pet breeding season requires diligence from owners

'Tis the season when all unsterilized females go into heat and all unsterilized males go crazy. Many citizens do not know it is illegal to allow outdoors an in-heat female dog or cat. She must be kept in such a manner as to not attract males to your property. It is also illegal to have puppies/kittens without first obtaining a breeder's

permit. The permit is \$35 whereas the fine is \$200, so Cedar City Animal Control officers urge pet owners to get their animals spayed and neutered.

"Let's keep our euthanasia numbers low by not flooding the shelter with unwanted little ones," said Officer Alisa Haller, who may be reached at 586-2960.

## Storyteller to perform at Library in the Park

The Cedar City Library in the Park Centennial guest for April is Glenda Bonin, who will ply her trade of storytelling and explain how anyone can tell vivid stories at 7 p.m. on April 21.

She has been a storyteller, story teacher, performer and workshop presenter for

more than 25 years. Her storytelling includes puppetry, magic, theater arts and creative writing activities.

To celebrate its centennial year, the Library in the Park is sponsoring free monthly events featuring authors and storytellers.

## Public Works Report

**STREET:** The Street Division will continue spring clean-up this month. You may view the clean-up map and schedule at [www.cedarcity.org](http://www.cedarcity.org). Please remember that only yard waste, untreated wood, asphalt, dirt, rocks, concrete and tires (four or less per pile, no rims) will be picked up. Crews will not pick up any furniture or appliances and regular trash bundles will not be eligible for spring clean-up collection. Any unacceptable items are the homeowner's responsibility and will need to be removed from the street.

As the snow melts, you may notice there are left over cinders present along the streets and sidewalks. Each property owner is responsible for clearing the sidewalk of the cinder debris. Please push debris from the sidewalk into the street so that it may be swept up by our City street sweeper. To find out more about the

street sweeper schedule, please call the Public Works office.

**WATER:** During these early spring months the ground is still saturated from the winter so there is no need to jump the gun on irrigation. Cold nights are still a threat. A backflow prevention class will be take place on April 20 at 3 p.m. in room six at the Heritage Center. This class will provide federal information regarding landscaping assemblies for self and professional plumbers, contractors, and landscapers. For more information call Shawn Glover at 233-0140.

**ENCROACHMENT PERMITS:** Anyone doing work within the road right-of-way must obtain an encroachment permit. The City will now monitor whether an excavation location requires a prairie dog clearance letter. Forms can be obtained at our office at 716 N. Airport Rd.

The Public Works Department appreciates any comments or observations. Please call 586-2912.



# Three Concerts in the Park set for May

Cedar City's Leisure Services Concerts in the Park will begin in May with a Friday night affair designed to coincide with Southern Utah University's Commencement weekend.

Concerts will return to Monday evenings on May 11 and 18. All family-friendly programs are free and begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs, if they so desire, as well as food and beverage and to make a picnic of it.

Kicking off the season at the Main Street Gazebo on May 1 will be the Salt Lake Letter Carriers Band. Composed of 26 musicians, the band is more than 50 years old and has played in venues throughout the state as well as across the country.

The group has a broad repertoire which includes concert arrangements of Zaragosa, 12th Street Rag and Capistrano Overture; pop tunes such as Rock Around the Clock and Tuxedo Junction; and marches such as The Stars and Stripes Forever, Americans We and March For A Rainy Day. The group has been known to play a jazz piece or two, as well.

Cedar City's Art Kaufman, a multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter, will perform May 18. He is most well known for starring in the acclaimed award-winning PBS cult documentary movie "Off The Charts-The song-poem story" featuring four of his compositions.

His Concerts in the Park appearance will consist of him performing some classic song-poems such as "Non Violent Taekwondo Troopers," "Aliens Stole My Dog" and "Tuna Tuna Tuna."

In one of his most popular events, he'll take poems from the audience and make up song-poems on the spot. Art will also encourage audience participation to help

write song-poems which he'll perform. If audience members want to bring a poem it should be no longer than 50 words. They may also email the song-poem ahead of time to [magickey@redrockrecords.com](mailto:magickey@redrockrecords.com) or bring it to the show.

Art has also toured doing song-poem shows as a performance artist in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco with his band "David Fox And The Song Sharks." He has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly* magazine, the *Austin Chronicle* and has been interviewed on NPR, CBC in Canada and WFMU in New York. He has also performed locally with various bands and as a solo artist as well as acting in the Neil Simon Festival. In his spare time he and his wife are hired to write tribute songs for hospice patients for



Marsha and Alan Garber of 'Two Much Fun.'

Zions Way hospice.

On May 24, local favorites Two Much Fun will grace the Gazebo.

Alan and Marsha Garber, with percussionist and keyboardist Carylee Zwang, play a wide variety of rock and pop music, rhythm 'n blues, golden oldies and have been heard playing country tunes to boot.

Two Much Fun, who'll take requests at their Concert in the Park, came into being 20 years ago in California and the group has called Iron County its home for

more than 10 years. Lead guitarist Alan was born in New York City and raised in the shadow of the Fender Guitar Factory. He formed his first band in his parents' and neighbor's garages in the mid '60s. He met his wife Marsha, from Lynwood, Calif., in Santa Barbara and the two spent four years together, including tours of 20 states before she picked up a bass and joined him in music making. They share vocal chores in their appearances.

Carylee, of Enterprise, is an SUU graduate and teaches music at Parowan High School.

## Coming Up...

### IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ **The Cedar City Master Singers Easter Concert** is Sunday, April 12 at 7 p.m. This is a free event and there are no age restrictions.

◆ **Cedar City Music Arts presents the Long Island Piano Duo** on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for SUU and Iron County School District students.

◆ **The Orchestra of Southern Utah Halversen Young Artists Concert** is Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

◆ **The SUU Spring Band Concert** is Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices TBA.

◆ **In Jubilo Choral Concert** is Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. This is a free event.

◆ **The Southern Utah University Commencement telecast** is Saturday, May 2 at 9 a.m. The 2009 Commencement Speaker is Thomas S. Monson. This is a free event and there are no age restrictions. Doors open at 8 a.m.

The Heritage Theater (phone 865-2882) is located at 105 North 100 East, immediately north of the City Parking Terrace, where there is no charge for parking. Unless otherwise noted, children under the age of six are not admitted. Box Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 2 to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and for one hour prior to ticketed performances.



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million) which also focuses on life in Festival City USA with mention of the Livestock & Heritage Festival, Bulloch Drug, the Pastry Pub, SUU, the annual Pioneer Day celebration, and the Old Rock Church, among others.

**MEMORIAL GROVE:** Trees in the planned Memorial Grove adjacent to the Coal Creek Parkway have been purchased in memory of Garth Nelson (donated by Connie Nelson), David Goddard (donated by Groovacious-friends and customers), Marcia L. Maxwell (donated by Bill Maxwell), Rosa Elene Perry (donated by Marie Davis), and Rex M. Perry (donated by Marie Davis). A total of 40 trees have now been purchased. Memorial Grove trees cost \$200 each and can be purchased by sending a check to Memorial Grove, 10 North Main, Cedar City, Utah 84720 (please include the date of birth and death of the person to be honored and the name and address of the person making the gift).

**REMEMBERING 1919:** Having found it difficult to attract and retain physicians especially since the community did not have a hospital (previously private homes had been converted for use as makeshift hospitals), the residents of Cedar City proposed a countywide bond to build a new hospital building in Cedar City. It was determined that a bond of \$25,000, together with donated land, materials, and labor, plus \$15,000 in donations to equip the hospital, would be required. The proposed hospital bond divided the county, with Parowan, allied with Paragonah, arguing that the hospital should be built there and not in Cedar City. The bond election was held and received the backing of Cedar City, Modena, Lund, Newcastle, Summit, Enoch and Kanarraville. Parowan and Paragonah voted no. The bond having passed, it was three more years before the hospital was completed and dedicated in 1922. The facility served for 41 years, closing in 1963 with the opening of the Valley View Medical Center (also now closed) in southeast Cedar City. The remodeled building today

houses the headquarters of the Leavitt Enterprises.

**HUNTER HOUSE:** If you have been by the Hunter Home lately, you have probably noticed many improvements since it became part of the Iron Mission Homestead. The latest improvement: a new roof. To continue the renovation efforts, there will be a Dutch Oven Dinner and Auction on May 7 at the Iron Mission Park with all proceeds donated to the Hunter Home. Activities begin at 5 p.m. and dinner will follow the auction. For tickets, contact Tomi Green at 586-9373 or Janine Jolley at 586-4014.

**TRAIL EXERCISE STATIONS:** The Trails Subcommittee of Healthy Iron County has been working with the Cedar City Parks Department in developing exercise stations along the Coal Creek Trails System. The exercise stations are meant to provide additional stretching, strength, and cardiovascular exercise opportunities for those who use them. Currently the plan is to build three exercise clusters with three-to-five unique exercise stations in each cluster. The clusters will be placed in easily accessible locations along the trail with plans to begin their construction this spring. The Cedar City Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) tax fund allocated \$15,000 to help defray the cost of the stations but financial contributions and sponsorships are still needed. Officials are currently seeking Eagle Scout projects and other volunteers to assist in building the sites. For more information on Healthy Iron County go to [www.healthyrironcounty.org](http://www.healthyrironcounty.org)

**DID YOU KNOW? 2:** That the building at 755 South Main Street which previously housed a Chinese buffet (and before that a Golden Corral restaurant), is being remodeled and will now include a restaurant and office buildings...That the Cedar City Regional Airport will receive a \$4.5 million grant to resurface its runway, part of the national stimulus package... That the Redevelopment Agency has authorized a study of the electrical wiring systems of the downtown stores on the west side of Main Street, including some of Cedar City's oldest and most historic structures...That the recent high school Region 15 1-A basketball tournament

followed by the state 2-A boy's and girl's basketball tournaments were a boon to the local economy, filling the motels and restaurants and causing runs on some of our local retail establishments. Kudos to Steve Lunt who runs these tournaments in an exemplary way...That the Cedar City Lions Club is joining with the famed Hughes Brothers singing group of Branson, Mo., in expanding the activities of the annual 4th of July celebration in Utah. To be known as the American Family Fest, the celebration will be held July 2 through 4 and will include the traditional Independence Day Parade (one of Cedar City's largest) presented by the Lions Club, enhanced park activities, daily concerts in the Heritage Center by the popular Hughes Brothers, and the traditional fireworks display on the night of July 4 by the Cedar City Fire Department.

**REMEMBERING 1930:** The two-room school in Enoch closed and its students traveled by bus to Cedar City... The Branch Agricultural College (now Southern Utah University) had about 400 students, more than half being high school level...The population of Cedar City was 3,893, an increase of 52 percent in 10 years... An election was held on a proposition to move the Iron County Seat to Cedar City (which had surpassed Parowan in population 35 years earlier). To pass, Utah law required a two-thirds majority. The vote was 2,056 in favor to 1,199 opposed, so the proposition failed by 114 votes. The issue would come up again in 1938, when the margin of defeat was just 20 votes, and yet again in 1972...The City approved a lease of land belonging to the City to the Department of Commerce for use as an emergency airplane landing field (the beginnings of today's Cedar City Regional Airport)...A request from the Dixie Power Company, which provided electrical power to Cedar City, for a 25-year extension of their franchise, was refused...A request for a City contribution to fireworks for the 4th of July was turned down when the Mayor said the City "didn't have money to burn," but a request for \$100 support for the 24th of July celebration was approved and the City agreed to enter a float in the Pioneer Day parade.