

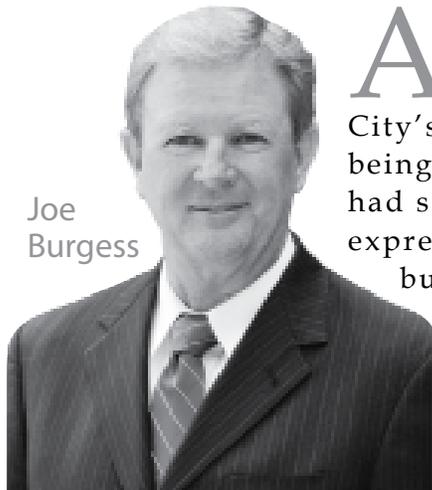
# Festival City USA This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2012

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

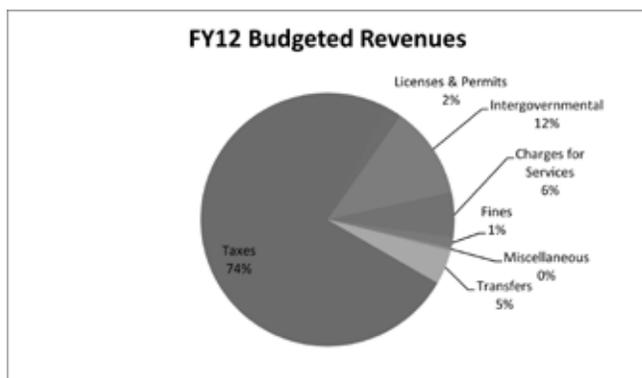


Joe Burgess

At a recent City Council meeting where Cedar City's budget was being discussed, we had several people express interest in our budget revenues and expenditures and how the process works. Cedar City's complete budget can be found on

the City's website ([www.cedarcity.org](http://www.cedarcity.org)), but it is quite long and may be a little hard to understand. Consequently, I have asked our Finance Director, Jace Bunting, to provide a concise and understandable explanation of Cedar City's budget for the newsletter this month, which follows below:

Cedar City's budget year runs from July 1st to June 30th of the subsequent year. The fiscal year 2012 general fund budget totals \$16,062,053. The following chart identifies the sources of revenue for the fiscal year 2012 general fund budget.



Taxes comprise the largest source of general fund budgeted revenues. Property taxes account for 41 percent of budgeted tax revenues with sales taxes making up 37 percent. The remaining 22 percent of budgeted tax revenue will be generated from franchise and energy taxes.

Intergovernmental revenues include federal, state and local payments and grants: the second largest category of general fund revenues. Approximately 55 percent of intergovernmental revenues come from State of Utah road funds. Payments received from Iron County and other cities within Iron County for services provided to them by Cedar City account for 28 percent of intergovernmental revenues. Federal and state grants make up the remaining 17 percent.

The third largest category, charges for services, is comprised of fees the public pays for a myriad of services the City offers and operating reimbursements paid to the general fund from the City's enterprise funds, which account for 74 percent of these revenues.

Transfers from the City's capital improvement fund, licenses and permits, fines and forfeitures, and other miscellaneous revenues make up the remaining 8 percent of budgeted general fund revenues.

The chart on page 4 identifies how the fiscal year 2012 general fund budget is allocated to general fund expenditures.

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## Jerry Womack honored

Patrol Sergeant Jerry Womack has been selected as February's employee of the month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee.

Jerry's nomination reads, "Jerry has worked extremely hard over the last year to ensure our police coverage is adequate...He has sacrificed countless hours to fill in and ensure proper and



adequate coverage to the City...He is a valuable asset to the younger officers and has the patience and understanding to help mentor and

teach those within his charge. Sergeant Womack handles a large volume of calls and does more than his fair share of calls for service while balancing his supervisory duties and ensuring that his shifts run smoothly. Sergeant Womack is a valuable asset to this department, the City and the residents we serve."

Jerry has worked at the Police Department for almost 21 years, after a stint as a corrections deputy at the Iron County Jail. He worked in the detective division of the Police Department for 12 years prior to being promoted to patrol sergeant in 2008.

Jerry graduated from Green River High School, and attended SUU. He and his wife, Tracy, have six children and one new grandchild. His hobbies include running, all outdoor activities, and spending time with family. Jerry says he likes the people he works with, and enjoys the variety of his job. Congratulations, Jerry!

## Ordinance protects neighborhoods

The Cedar City Nuisance ordinance is in place to protect the health and safety of the public; preserve the appearance, character and beauty of neighborhoods; to encourage community pride; preserve the value of property; and to protect the general welfare of the city and its residents.

Some common violations of the ordinance are:

**SIGNS:** Posting garage sale, lost pet, or any other sign on street or utility poles is illegal in Cedar City. Most people who put these signs up are not responsible enough to take them down when the advertised event is over. They become faded and unattractive over time, or they are blown off by our famous Cedar winds and become litter in the streets or in someone's yard.

Other signs that are not allowed according to the city's nuisance ordinance are business signs or other advertising placed on the city's sidewalks or streets, inflatable signs or signs that whirl under the influence of the wind, or signs that advertise a business not located at the site of the sign.

**CARS FOR SALE:** It is contrary to the ordinance to park vehicles for sale on private lots, even if the owner of the lot gives permission. If you park your car on a private lot for sale, you will likely receive a fluorescent green sticker on the window. This ordinance does not apply to those who have obtained a permit to sell cars at that location. Any vehicle with a "for sale" sign left longer than twelve hours on city streets will receive a tow sticker. This ordinance is intended to maintain the appearance, as well as the safety of our community. Cars parked unattended for any length of time become targets for vandalism and theft. Also, vehicles parked for any length of time on the city streets diminish the natural beauty of Cedar City.

The Code Enforcement Officers and Volunteers in Police Service of the Cedar City Police Department are continually busy dealing with violations of this ordinance. These are violations that detract from the beauty of our neighborhoods and can be problematic if not properly addressed.

If you have any questions on the ordinance or any other police matter, contact Sergeant David Bulloch at [bdavid@cedarcity.org](mailto:bdavid@cedarcity.org).

## February is Heart Health Month

Because heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States, it is vital to pump up your heart health. Take time this February to celebrate National Heart Month.

Nearly 650,000 Americans die each year from heart disease. The most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease. As plaque builds up in the coronary arteries, our heart receives less blood and oxygen. This can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

While there are a few risk factors that you can't change, such as age and family history, there are lifestyle choices you can make to promote a healthy heart and prevent heart disease.

• **Maintain a healthy weight:** Get on the right track by making a simple change to your daily eating habits. Eat breakfast, cut out soda, and

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## Public Works

**WASTEWATER:** The City Council has selected a consultant who will assist in a project at the Regional Treatment Plant which will reduce the nitrate levels of the effluent water. The State of Utah Division of Water Quality will be presented a Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) to make modifications to the treatment process which will bring the treated water into compliance with current standards. Once the CFP is accepted by the State, design and construction will begin, with anticipated completion being late 2013.

**SNOW REMOVAL:** When the snow plows are out, more effective plowing occurs when vehicles are parked off the street. Please keep all pedestrian walkways clear of snow. Don't force folks to walk in the street.

**GARBAGE PICK-UP:** Please place your garbage can(s) on the asphalt in front of the curb, not in the gutter and away from cars for pick-up. If the snow plows have been through, place the can on the street-side of the windrow for easier pick up. **Reminder - The City will celebrate President's Day on Monday, Feb. 20. Garbage for that day will be picked up on Wednesday, Feb. 22.**

**STREETLIGHTS:** Notify our office of streetlight outages by emailing the street light address and your contact information to [streetlights@cedarcity.org](mailto:streetlights@cedarcity.org). You may also call our office at 865-4510.

**THANKS FOR RECYCLING:** For the 2011 calendar year you have kept over 542,000 pounds of material out of the landfill. Glass and cardboard are accepted at SURE Recycling at 1342 W. Industrial Rd. Please compact all items before disposing. Bins are emptied every Tues.

**AIRPORT:** Thanks for flying out of Cedar City! For more info on flight times, please visit the [www.skywest.com](http://www.skywest.com) website.

Remember, any work done within the road right-of-way requires an encroachment permit, which can be acquired at our office at 716 N. Airport Rd. We appreciate any comments or observations on any Public Works operations. Please call us at 586-2912.

## In the Library

Classes in conversational English for non-native English speakers is again a reality at the Cedar City Library!

Thanks to Joan Leigh who approached the Library and offered to volunteer her time, weekly sessions have been established on Saturdays, beginning February 4, at 10 a.m. in the West Room. Classes will tutored in conversational English, pronunciation, reading and listening skills.

Joan Leigh has a Master's Degree in Linguistics and English as a Second Language from the University of Arizona. She has a great deal of experience teaching English to non-native English speakers, especially those whose native language is Spanish, Japanese, or Arabic. For more info, contact Joan at 623-210-0406.

All ages are welcome and all classes are free of charge.

## Reading Activity

For the third year, the Lions Club, in association with the PTA, will be promoting reading at home for all Iron County elementary students. All elementary age students have received a chart to track their reading. Last year, area sponsors donated over \$5,500, ALL of which was returned to the schools in direct proportion to student involvement in the reading program. The reading activity culminates on April 28, when reading charts will be redeemed for a Free Kite to fly at the Cedar Middle School Fields. These festivities will run from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. with food and other fun activities. For more activity info, contact your school PTA. For donations/sponsorships, contact Mark at (435) 463-5501.

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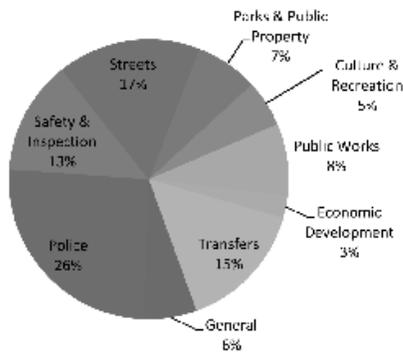
watch portion sizes.

- **Control your cholesterol and blood pressure:** Maintain a healthy level by limiting salt intake, choosing lean meats such as poultry and fish, switching to low-fat dairy products, and increasing your intake of fruits and vegetables.
- **Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke:** Tobacco smoke can cause heart disease, as well as cancer and other serious illness.
- **Exercise:** By exercising for only 30 minutes a day, you can reduce your risk of heart disease.
- **Manage stress:** Take time everyday to relax. All it takes is 15 minutes of deep breathing, a brisk walk, talking to a friend, or laughing.
- **Talk to your doctor:** Your doctor can provide information on areas where you can make changes to improve your overall health. Let us all take time this February to show a little love to our heart by making a change that will affect us for a lifetime.



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### FY12 Budgeted Expenditures



The two largest categories of general fund expenditures are police and street functions, respectively.

Transfers are payments from the general fund to other City funds. Approximately 66 percent of transfers go to service debt obligations while the remaining transfers are used to balance special revenue fund functions accounted for out of the general fund.

Safety and inspection services include fire protection, building and zoning, animal control and justice court functions.

This month, Steven Heath offers this fascinating information on where to visit Indian glyphs in Iron County.

Even though Iron County residents celebrate the founding of its communities as 1851, it is very apparent that our Mormon pioneer settlers were not the first residents of the county or of Cedar City. In fact there was a sizable tribe of Paiutes living in Cedar City in 1851. Indian glyphs in the county provide evidence that Indians have been in our area for hundreds of years, and probably over a thousand years. The oldest glyphs (Archaic in age) are located at Lion's Mouth, a short distance from the Pinto Road. About one mile from U-56, look for a well-worn parking area on the right side (northwest side). From the parking area, walk on the trail to the cave at Lion's Mouth. The rocks

north of the road look like a lion when viewed from the Pinto Road as you drive from Page's Ranch. The petroglyphs are colorful and very interesting. The view to the southwest is impressive.

Another set of petroglyphs is located in Braffitt's Canyon, just south of Summit. From Summit take the east frontage road a mile and a half south to the state cinder pit road. Drive east toward the pit then right onto the road up Braffitt's Canyon. There is parking near the small stream, which comes down the canyon. Walk up stream on the left or its east side. About a half mile east of the parking area you will see the volcanic boulders lining the northeast side of the canyon. Take some time to locate the many Fremont Indian glyphs. There are some excellently drawn mountain sheep. In your search you will probably locate some recent pioneer inscriptions dating back to 1853 too. At the base of the rock slide there is one rock, which was inscribed by Spanish Trail travelers in 1831. It is a fun place to visit, but be careful as you scramble across the rocks.

The most prominent set of glyphs that you should visit are those in the Parowan Gap. These inscriptions are some of the most visited glyphs in Utah. There are some historical signs near the parking lot. Visitors can reach this site from Highway 130 (The Minersville Road) or from Parowan.

One does not have to leave Cedar City to find glyphs, though. There are some north of Wal-Mart on Ridge Road.

Other glyphs can be found in the Hamilton Fort area. An incredible circular Indian glyph is located in the little canyon east of Rush Lake. On the south end of Paragonah, one can find an interesting rock that Indians played games on. There are also glyphs south of Highway 20 about two miles east of I-15. Take your camera and leave only footprints. Please do not destroy or mar these wonderful places.

In the March newsletter we will talk about springtime waterfalls.