

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2015

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

I cannot believe that it was a whole year ago that I sat down to write my first edition of this newsletter. Considering that this was my first “official” duty as Mayor, it has been extremely humbling this month to reflect on the past year and all that has occurred in our wonderful community. Thank you, to each one of you, for the support you have shown me and our community over the past

year! I hope that everyone has a wonderful New Year and that 2015 brings happiness to all!

This month I would like to highlight a few of our accomplishments from the past year and also inform you of some of my goals this upcoming year. Although a number of these items have been discussed in previous newsletters, I thought it would be fun to reflect on some of the things that make Cedar so great. Coming into office I felt that in addition to all of the other responsibilities, two key aspects of a Mayor are having a strategic vision and plan for the community and advocating on behalf of Cedar City at the State Legislature. This past year has been very successful on both of those fronts and on many others.

- In November and December we held community input meetings on the Cedar City Strategic Plan which we are currently in the process of revising, thanks to the helpful comments shared at those meetings.
- This past year the State Legislature appropriated \$19.3 million to build the new SWATC building, \$50,000

for the Utah Summer Games, \$50,000 for the Utah Shakespeare Festival and money for the prairie dog fences at the Cemetery and Cedar Ridge Golf Course.

- Speaking of prairie dogs, this past year (through cooperative work with the Fish and Wildlife) we were able to trap, relocate or remove the prairie dogs from both the Cemetery and Golf Course. Both locations are now--and will remain--prairie dog free!
- There were many ground-breakings this past year in Cedar City. A few included the new building for the Southwest Applied Technology College, the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Center for the Performing Arts, the I-15 South Interchange project and the SyberJet aircraft completion and delivery center, which included special guest Morgan Freeman.
- This past year we hired two new department heads at the City: Danny Stewart is our Economic Development Director and Mike Phillips is our new Fire Chief. Congrats again to both of you!
- Cedar City was featured on the Good 4 Utah Road Tour on KTVX Channel 4, out of Salt Lake City.
- A not so exciting event, yet one that we can't forget, from the past year was the Mother's Day snow storm. Although this disaster caused significant hardship to many residents, it also united our community as friends and neighbors assisted one another in the clean-up. Thank you again to everyone that assisted with the efforts to get our community restored!
- We hosted the start and finish for Stage One of the 2014 Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah.

With all the great things that occurred in this past year, 2015 has some big shoes to fill! However, we have all started making plans on how to make next year just as successful as the past 163 years. Over the course of the next twelve months I am going to do more to support and learn about the challenges facing our local business industry. As part of this commitment, Danny Stewart, our

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Addison Adams selected

The Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee has selected Officer Addison Adams as the Employee of the Month for January. Addison was nominated by Sergeant JR Robinson, and his nomination reads: "Recently, Addison



Adams suffered a knee injury while apprehending a parolee who had led officers on a high-speed chase through town.

After undergoing knee surgery, Officer Adams was placed on light-duty status, but actively worked to find ways to augment his fellow officers' efforts from the office. This included processing vehicles involved in crimes, following up on leads with phone calls, processing and releasing recovered stolen property and handling citizen complaints in the Police Department lobby. Addison Adams' efforts lead to a more speedy resolution of many crimes, and to the arrests of suspects in incidents that were being investigated by other officers."

Addison was born and raised in Cedar City and attended Cedar High School. He has been employed by the Police Department for almost five years, starting out as an Animal Control Officer and later promoting to Patrol Officer.

Addison has been married to his wife, Dana, for fourteen years and they have three children. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and spending time with his family, especially at their cabin.

Like many others who have been selected as the Employee of the Month, Addison says that his favorite thing about the job is "the people I work with."

Congratulations, Addison!

Public Works

STREETS: Our Street Department has geared up for the winter weather ahead, and is working hard to make sure the streets in our great city are safe for you to travel on. When the snow plows are out, it's easier and more effective for us to plow when the vehicles are not parked on the streets. Also, please keep the sidewalks in front of your homes and businesses clear. Don't force folks to walk in the streets.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL: There are four locations for you to dispose of your live tree:

- 100 East & College Avenue
- 100 West & Coal Creek
- North of Cedar Middle School
- 638 East Canyon Center Drive (Fiddlers)

All bins are marked for trees only. Please do not put anything but live trees in these bins. These bins will be available until January 12th.

SOLID WASTE: For any resident who may have missed the 2015 garbage pick-up holiday schedule, it is shown on the opposite page. Please keep it as a handy reminder. Landlords – please give a copy of this 2015 holiday schedule to your renters. Cans should be out by 7 a.m. on your assigned day. Please make sure your cans are not blocked by vehicles or other obstacles, and that the cans are out on the street, not on the sidewalk. As always, if you have any questions about your pick-up day, or what items can't be placed in your residential trash can, please call the Public Works Department at (435) 586-2912.

Lions Club sponsors reading activity

The Cedar City & Parowan Lions Clubs are sponsoring the 11th annual LIONS KITE FLIGHT FOR READING AND SIGHT to be held on April 25, 2015. Pre-school and elementary age students from throughout Iron County will receive their reading charts in time for them to begin recording their reading on January 25, 2015. Local businesses are partnering with the Lions to reward those who read. Children can bring their reading charts to the kite festival, where they will exchange their chart for a kite, book or movie pass from the Historic Downtown Movie Theater.

The Lions distributed checks for over \$6,500 to the local PTA/PTO's in 2014 and the goal for 2015 is to increase those checks to \$8,000.

Parents look for your kids' charts and assist them in reading each day, and then recording their reading time on the charts. Additional charts can be down-loaded from the "Cedar City Lions Club Kite Flight for Reading and Sight" Facebook page.

Let's all prepare to "Go Fly a Kite" at the LIONS KITE FLIGHT FOR READING AND SIGHT.



**2015 HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP
CEDAR CITY PUBLIC WORKS**

HOLIDAY	DATE GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP
New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1st	Friday, January 2nd
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 19th	Wednesday, January 21st
Presidents' Day, Monday, February 16th	Wednesday, February 18th
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th	Wednesday, May 27th
Independence Day Holiday, Friday, July 3rd	Monday, July 6th
Pioneer Day, Friday, July 24th	Monday, July 27th
Labor Day, Monday, September 7th	Wednesday, September 9th
Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th	Thursday, November 12th
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th	Wednesday, November 25th
Day After Thanksgiving Day, Friday, November 27th	Monday, November 30th
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th	Monday, December 28th

MLK Day event planned

On Monday, January 19th, St. Jude's Episcopal Church will host a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This celebratory event will feature speaker, playwright and sacred activist, Janice Brooks, and will explore the concept of Sankofa (looking back with wisdom and compassion to inform our future). This presentation will provide a cultural experience surrounding the importance of honoring our collective American past for a kinder tomorrow, with support from local artists, music performances, and poetry readings. The event is free and everyone is welcome! St. Jude's is located at 70 North 200 West.

City Manager's Corner

Many of you have noticed the construction happening across the street to the east of the Frontier Homestead State Park. (This is just south of Southwest Plumbing on the east side of Main Street.) Years ago this property included a State building and housed the local Department of Transportation and the Division of Wildlife Resources. Recently, Wildlife Resources was using the property for the storage of equipment. Additionally, on the north side of 600 North, the City's Water Division operated for many years until they moved to the City Public Works complex on Airport Road.

Well, now the Utah Division of Natural Resources (DNR) is building a new office complex which will eventually house: State Parks and Recreation; Oil, Gas and Mining; Wildlife Resources; Water Rights; Water Resources; Forestry, Fire and State Lands; and Geological Survey. Similar facilities have been completed in Price and Vernal. The DNR's goal is to provide services to the public from one location.

The building will be two stories with approximately 9,000 square feet per floor. The main level will be entered from 675 North. The walk-out basement will be entered from 600 North. The main level will be finished and occupied upon completion. The basement level will be improved at a later date. Parking will be available on the north and south sides of the building.

Rick Holman, Cedar City Manager



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Economic Development Director, Rick Holman, our City Manager, and I want to get out and visit local businesses. If you are interested in having us come to your business contact Cameron Christensen, the Economic Development Coordinator, at cameronc@cedarcity.org or 586-2770.

Along with all these plans for 2015, I was asked to let everyone know that the Neil Simon Festival (NSF) is looking for charities to support and to sell tickets to their Charity Night which will be on July 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Theater. Although that date may seem far away right now, we all know the months will fly by, and it will be here before you know it. All non-profits are invited to contact Neal Smith (nls400@msn.com) or Richard Bugg (RichardBugg@SimonFest.org) if they are interested in this community fundraiser.

I hope you have found the newsletters from the past year both informative and enjoyable. Each month when I sat down to write the newsletter I tried to include information that would provide a better insight into our City. With the objectives of being more transparent and providing additional information to our community, the 2015 newsletter will continue to have a monthly column dedicated to our Police Department. I have enjoyed learning more about the Police Department and overall public safety through their section each month, and I hope you have as well. In addition to their column, the 2015 newsletter will also feature a section by our City Manager, Rick Holman. Each month he will highlight either a department or something new that is taking place in Cedar City.

CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT/Animal Control Ordinances

The officers of the Animal Control Division would like to remind citizens of the ordinances regarding animals in the City. Animal Control may be reached at (435) 586-2960.

DOG AT LARGE: No dog is allowed to leave its property unattended for any reason, at any time. If you do not have a fence, you must chain or kennel the dog. If you have no fence and you have an indoor dog, the dog must be with you on a leash when you let it out to go to the bathroom, and if this is done off your property, you must clean it up. Remember, you as the animal owner are responsible for any costs or property damage that the animal incurs while it is running loose. Every year in Utah someone loses their life when an accident is caused by a vehicle swerving

to avoid a pet in traffic. The fine for Dog at Large ranges between \$50 to \$400.

BARKING DOGS: No one likes noisy dogs. Please be considerate of your neighbors when you are leaving a dog outside and unattended. Consider boarding the dog or getting a dog collar when you must leave the dog for long periods of time (like going out of town). If you work nights, consider a bark collar if you begin to get complaints. Barking dogs are one of the biggest causes of neighborhood disputes. The fine ranges from \$100 to \$600.

ANIMAL BITES: Most bites occur in the home and the victims are often visiting friends or neighbors. Always keep an eye on your pet when you have company. If necessary, lock the pet in a bathroom or bedroom until the company leaves. You are responsible for any medical costs associated with an animal bite on your property, and most people must file a claim with their homeowner's insurance to cover expenses. Often rates go up or coverage is dropped after an animal bite claim is made. All animal bites must be reported to Animal Control. Hospitals and medical clinics will notify the Police Department or Animal Control before beginning treatment of an animal bite victim.

LICENSING OF ANIMALS: Animal licenses must be renewed annually. This can be done at the City Office at 10 North Main Street. You must have proof of a rabies vaccination for your dog or cat in order to purchase a license.

IF YOU HAVE A LOST PET, CALL ANIMAL CONTROL IMMEDIATELY: The facility cannot hold animals for extended periods of time. Therefore, if you wait a week to call about your missing pet and it was in custody, there is a good chance it was adopted or destroyed. We have a Facebook Page and we post pictures of animals we have located. Many pets are reunited with their owners through this social media. Our Animal Control Staff works hard to reunite owners and their pets. The shelter number is (435) 586-2960.

IF YOU HAVE FOUND AN ANIMAL, CALL ANIMAL CONTROL IMMEDIATELY: It is illegal to keep a stray animal, and you need to give the owners a chance to find it. If you wish to adopt the animal, Animal Control will give you first priority, if no owner claims it. If you are looking to add a new pet to your family, consider a shelter animal.

We also remind owners that cold weather and freezing conditions require extra attention from pet owners, including ensuring that non-frozen water is available.

SERGEANT JERRY WOMACK