

# Cedar City This Month



CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2014

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Mayor Maile Wilson*

As I sit here performing one of my first “official” duties as Mayor - writing this edition of the 2014 newsletter - I continue to reflect back on the past few months thinking about how fortunate I have been to meet

so many great citizens of this community. The people who live in Cedar City make this place unlike anywhere else on earth. We are all so lucky to call Cedar City home.

Moving forward in this new year I (like many of you) have set a number of both personal and City-based goals that I hope to accomplish during the next 12 months. There are three areas that I believe encompass the five-point plan from my campaign. Through these we can further incorporate technology in order to best serve our community.

My term as Mayor will be dedicated to the following:

- Ensure that Cedar City is a safe place for our residents to live and work.
- Continue to actively recruit new, good paying jobs while supporting our current businesses, allowing Cedar City to be as business friendly as possible.
- Provide a transparent, accountable, accessible, and respectful government for both the community at large and for our elected officials.

I am really excited for the opportunity to serve you as Mayor of Cedar City. I feel so honored that you have placed your trust in me, and I promise that I will continue to work extremely hard in furthering our City’s goals to have a future with increased prosperity and growth. I am looking forward to working with each one of you and welcome your input. Thank you Cedar City!

Also, I would like to express my deepest respect and appreciation to Mayor Joe Burgess, and his wife Beverly, for everything they have done for our community over the past four years. Mayor Burgess continues to make the transition smoother than I ever could have expected and remains an asset to Cedar City. He will be honored with the well-deserved “Man of the Year” award on January 16th at the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. Thank you Mayor Burgess for your service to our community – you will be missed as our Mayor.

City Committees, and their makeup, were continually mentioned during the campaign season. Cedar has long been known as a volunteer city. Our community would not be the amazing place it is today if it were not for all of those willing to generously volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of our City. Cedar City has several volunteer-staffed committees that are critical to the health and operation of our community. These committees provide input as well as an additional way to hold each elected official more accountable as they make recommendations to the City Council.

One of my responsibilities as Mayor is to appoint people to serve on these various committees which include: the Airport Board, the Board of Adjustments, Cedar Area Transit Service

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# City website now more user-friendly

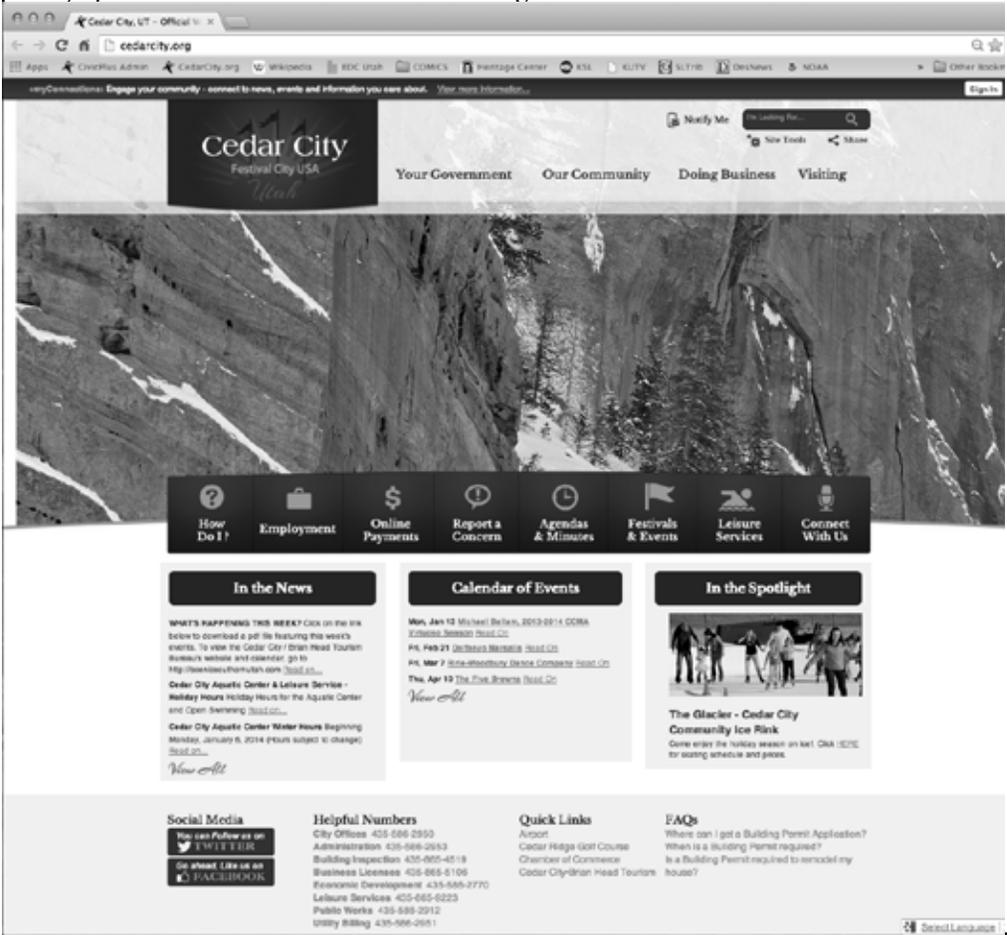
Last year, Cedar City’s official website, cedarcity.org, underwent a major design overhaul. The website now boasts a new look, new navigation tools, and a host of new features that will continue to roll out in the coming months. Our goal is to grow this shiny new website into a useful tool for the residents of Cedar City and those who want to know more about our community. This short article introduces some of what you see on cedarcity.org’s home page and, hopefully, will help you find things that will be most helpful to our site’s visitors.

First, the website banner, located on the top left corner of the site, is found on every page of our site. No matter where you are, or how deep you delve into cedarcity.org, you can always click on this image and return directly to the home page.

The other elements you see on the top of the home page are also found on every other page on CedarCity.org. They include a “Notify Me” button, a search window, a “site tools” button, a “share” button, and four global navigation links.

- “Notify Me” allows users to subscribe for notifications about meeting agendas and minutes, emergency alerts, job listings, and more.
- The search window allows users to search for specific words within the entire site.
- “Site Tools” opens a list of available options, from managing a personal account, to printing a page, and more.
- The “Share” button allows users to share something from our site with users via a variety of social media services.
- The global navigation links labeled “Your Government,” “Our Community,” “Doing Business,” and “Visiting,” are also located at the top of every page. Clicking on them opens up other menus with links to other parts of the site.

The most prominent element of the home page is the slideshow featuring photos of Cedar City and the surrounding area. These photos will change from time to time. Graphic “buttons” are located at the bottom of the slideshow. They allow users to navigate to very specific locations on the site with a single click. These buttons will take users to our employment page, our online payments page, and more.



and more. They are located on the left side of most of the City’s web pages for browsing convenience.

Three modules located just below the graphic “buttons” are labeled, “In The News,” “Calendar of Events,” and “In the Spotlight.” These modules will change regularly, providing users with up-to-date information about the City. The bottom of the every page on our site includes links to the City’s Facebook and Twitter sites, as well as helpful telephone numbers, quick links to City-related websites, and a FAQ (frequently asked questions) area.

The best way to become familiar with the site is to log on and look around. Explore and find the features that will benefit you the most. Remember, this website is ever-evolving, with some things changing almost every day, so check back often. Also, please give feedback on the site as you find things that need to be improved. We value your input. Danny Stewart, the City’s Economic Development Coordinator, heads up the website. You can reach him at [dans@cedarcity.org](mailto:dans@cedarcity.org).



# 2014 Holiday Garbage Pick Up Schedule

Holiday	Garbage pick up
Civil Rights Day - Mon. Jan. 20	Wed. Jan. 22
President's Day - Mon. Feb. 17	Wed. Feb. 19
Memorial Day - Mon. May 26	Wed. May 28
Independence Day - Fri. July 4	Mon. July 7
Pioneer Day - Thurs. July 24	Wed. July 23
Labor Day - Mon. Sept. 1	Wed. Sept. 3
Veterans Day - Tues. Nov. 11	Mon. Nov. 10
Thanksgiving Day - Thurs. Nov. 27	Wed. Nov. 26
Day after Thanksgiving Day - Fri. Nov. 28	Wed. Nov. 26
Christmas Day - Thurs. Dec. 25	Wed. Dec. 24

**Remember, garbage cans need to be out by 7 a.m.!**

*Please detach and save for future reference*

## Chamber honors 'Best of Cedar City'

The Cedar City Chamber of Commerce will hold its awards banquet on Thursday, January 16, at the Great Hall at SUU. A winners reception, sponsored by GAF, will be at 6 p.m. Dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. This year's award recipients are:

- Business of the Year - Lady Bug Nursery
- Customer Service Business of the Year - Centro Pizza
- Employer of the Year - Convergys of Cedar City
- Innovative Business of the Year - Staheli West
- Organization of the Year - Iron County Care & Share
- Woman of the Year - Betty Jones
- Man of the Year - Mayor Joe Burgess
- Young Citizen of the Year - Crystal Cardon
- Educator of the Year - Antinette Haggerty
- Citizen of the Year - Brennan Wood
- Legacy Award/Lifetime Achievement - Ree Zaphiropoulos

Tickets for dinner are \$45. For more information visit: <http://www.cedarcitychamber.org>. To purchase tickets contact Deniece or Scott at (435) 586-4484.

The Cedar City Water Department reminds citizens that to avoid freezing pipes when the temperatures fall below 20 degrees, make sure to do the following:

- Leave a water tap running at a steady drip
- If a faucet is on an outside wall, be sure to open the cupboard door underneath to ensure pipes stay warm
- Make sure to dis-engage outside hoses from hose bibs
- If your water heater is located in the garage, make sure all doors and windows are closed to help avoid freezing



Join us for our first Chilly Dip to be held on  
**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.**

Get a "Chill for a Thrill" by

jumping into the freezing water of the Aquatic Center Outdoor Pool. Registration fee will include a goodie bag valued over \$50 and your choice of a hooded sweatshirt or long-sleeve t-shirt. Proceeds will support a scholarship fund to help more children participate in recreational activities.

Hooded Sweatshirt - \$30.00

Long-Sleeved T-shirt - \$25.00

**Register by Saturday, January 18th for a \$5.00 discount!!**

Costume Contest begins at 11:30 am  
Prizes will be given for the following categories:

Best Costume - Male & Female 17 & under  
Best Costume - Male & Female 18 & older

Largest, Organized Group in Costume (i.e., Youth Group, Office Group, Friends, Family jumping together).

**Jumpers will also receive a raffle ticket to be entered in a drawing for more great prizes!**

Cedar City Aquatic Center & Leisure Services

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(CATS), Cedar Disability Awareness/Action Team, Cedar City Downtown Parking Authority, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, RAP Tax Arts Committee, and RAP Tax Parks and Recreation Committee.

Beginning next month, a different city committee will be highlighted each month as a way for our citizens to learn more about the particular responsibilities, term limits, time commitments, and volunteer opportunities associated with each. I would like to form and maintain a list of citizens interested in filling committee vacancies when they arise. To serve on one of these committees, you must be a resident of Cedar City. If you would like to be considered, please email Barbara at [barbarab@cedarcity.org](mailto:barbarab@cedarcity.org) with your name, contact information, and a short bio including how long you have been a resident of Cedar City, which committee(s) interest you, and what you can bring to the position. For more information call (435) 586-2953. Thank you in advance for your interest and willingness to serve!

In line with my goal of our City's workings being more transparent and accountable, this year's newsletter will also include a monthly column dedicated to the Police Department. My hope is that by allowing for this additional forum, the Police Department will be able to better address concerns and provide our residents with relevant information on the Department and the methods by which they keep us safe. This month, Lieutenant Keith Millett fills us in on Shop with a Cop which took place on December 14. I was fortunate to be able to participate this year. There were approximately 85 children who were paired with police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel from Iron County, Beaver County, and Lincoln County, NV to shop at Wal-mart for Christmas gifts. While the emergency personnel were up early with the children, Santa's reindeer were able to take the day off, allowing Santa and me to arrive by helicopter to the Wal-mart parking lot to greet all of the children. What a special way to get into the giving season associated with this time of year.

The Cedar City Shop with a Cop program was adopted here in Cedar City over 20 years ago. As a police officer, it has become my most treasured police activity of the year. It could not happen if it wasn't for the continued support of our wonderful community and all those who are involved in volunteering their time, money, and resources to the cause.

This year's event started at 6 a.m. when the children were paired up with their public safety participants. Then it was an exciting drive with the children taking control of the emergency lights and sirens on the way to Canyon View High for breakfast. After breakfast it was back to Wal-Mart for the shopping experience and an up-close visit with Santa, including pictures.

Years ago I invited my wife to assist me, and once she experienced it, she was hooked. That year we were paired up with a shy little girl about the age of 7. We had a hard time breaking the ice with her because of her shyness. After breakfast she started to loosen up some, and when asked what she wanted, she mentioned a Barbie doll. When we arrived back at Wal-Mart she avoided the doll aisle and went straight to the toys for little boys. After some time looking at everything, and avoiding our questions about the Barbie doll, she picked out the biggest dump truck on the shelf. She had a huge smile on her face and figured she had spent all of her money on the truck, and she was ready to go checkout with her purchase. We learned she had a three year old brother at home, and she had picked out the truck for him because she knew he wouldn't be getting much for Christmas that year and she thought of him first. I looked at my wife and could see the tears welling up in her eyes, and mine were doing the same. When we told her she had money left she then picked out a small gift for her mom and then her dad. She made sure her family was taken care of first. Then she got her Barbie doll and just gleamed with excitement knowing her family would be so happy on Christmas morning. What a great experience, and one that keeps my wife and I coming back with enthusiasm from year to year. It is amazing what you can learn from those little ones.

Thanks to everyone who continues to show your love and support. Have a Happy New Year!