

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2014

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

As usual, May quickly approached bringing the end to another school year, and leaving students ready for their long anticipated summer vacation. Congratulations to the many students who will be graduating over the next few weeks. We are excited for you and the many adventures that are in your future.

This is an exciting time of year in our community.

With the cold weather on the way out, we are able to really get “Festival City” in full swing. The actors and staff from the Shakespeare Festival will be arriving in the next few weeks, and I have the opportunity of welcoming them here at their annual barbecue on Mother’s Day. This year’s USF season will be even more exciting with construction beginning on the new Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Performing Arts and the Festival’s new Shakespeare Theatre, which is expected to be open for the Festival’s 2016 season. (The Festival will continue its current programming of eight shows and a free nightly Greenshow, as well as seminars, orientations, and backstage tours during the construction.)

Over the next few months there will be a number of fun activities and events throughout our City. One of these is the Cedar City Soap Box Challenge which will be held Saturday, May 10th on Main Street beginning at 4 p.m. The race is open to anyone, male or female, over the age of eight. Inspection of each vehicle will be held prior to the race from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the City Office located at 10 N. Main Street. Participants must register by 11 a.m. For more information call 586-2770.

There are also a number of different activities that

individuals can become involved in through our recreation programs. For other event information and recreational programs be sure to check our website at www.cedarcity.org.

There has been quite a buzz surrounding Cedar City over the past few weeks, ranging from the “Good 4 Utah Road Tour” where KTVX Channel 4, out of Salt Lake City, spent the day filming their broadcasts in Cedar, to the groundbreaking ceremony for the SyberJet aircraft completion and delivery center with special guest, actor Morgan Freeman. Our City was also extremely fortunate to welcome Ann Romney as she gave an address and received an honorary doctorate during this year’s commencement ceremonies at Southern Utah University. All of these events showcased our community and provided wonderful publicity about all we have to offer.

Our City is more than just the big flashy events (although we all like those). A few other things that have occurred recently involve our various City departments, which continue to be extremely busy.

- The Public Works Department just completed its annual “Spring Cleanup.” This is a service that is very beneficial to the residents of our community. We appreciate the efforts of the Street Department. (Please note that if you still have items left in the street, it is your responsibility to remove them as crews are now beginning other projects.)
- The work on the prairie dog fencing around our Cemetery should be finished by the end of the week.
- The Fire Department took all of the second graders in Iron County through their Life Safety House, as they do every year, exhibiting great patience and providing valuable safety information to all of these children. For those not familiar with the Life Safety House, it is an asset to our community as it provides not only fire safety information, but also many general safety tips as well. For more information

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Tim Bonzo honored

This month the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee has selected Detective Tim Bonzo as the Employee of the Month.

Tim was nominated by Police Secretary Lori Fillerup, who wrote, "Tim Bonzo has been employed by the



Police Department for 18 1/2 years. He started his career as a Patrol Officer and is currently serving as a Detective in Investigations. He is one of the

Department's medical examiners and serves the Department in many other capacities. Tim is involved with the Children's Justice Center, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and is also one of the firearms instructors for the Department. He was a K-9 Officer while on patrol and is a former EMT with 10 years of service to the Iron County Ambulance.

He is often called out from home to respond on tragedies that occur in our community. He is always willing to respond and does so with a positive attitude. Tim has many interests outside his work including hunting, biking, and running. He can often be found participating in local running and biking events and will be competing in his third Iron Man Triathlon. He is married to Chandel and together they have four children." Congratulations, Tim!

Public Works

WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN PLACE!

Due to the lack of precipitation our area has received over the last several years, including this last year, it is more important than ever for the City to enact ordinances that will protect our water supply and help reduce how fast our aquifers deplete.

The City Council and Staff have reviewed our current water restriction ordinance and have made a few changes. We ask for everyone's help in conserving our water supply for future generations by reducing your water usage to the parameters of the ordinance.

Our new water restriction ordinance will start every year on April 1st and go through October 31st of each calendar year. The ordinance restricts the use of outside culinary water between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. every day, with the following exceptions:

- New lawn that requires frequent irrigation for 30 days after planting;
- Licensed commercial gardens and nurseries;
- Inspection and testing of the water system if someone is physically present during testing and repair of the system;
- Any other special permit issued by the Water Superintendent of Cedar City.

Use of secondary irrigation water (non-drinkable water) is also exempt from the restriction. An example of this is the water from the Lake at the Hills. This water is non-drinkable and does not go into the City's culinary water system, but is piped directly for irrigation and used by Southern Utah University and the Iron County School District.

The following penalties for violation of the ordinance are:

- For the 1st violation – a notice will be placed on your door reminding you of the water restrictions and the hours when outside watering is permitted.
- A 2nd violation within the calendar year will result in the property owner's water being turned off. You will then have to contact the City Office and pay a \$25 reconnect fee before your water is turned back on.
- A 3rd violation in the same calendar year will result in the property owner's water being turned off with a \$25 reconnect fee and \$100 penalty being assessed. The City Office will have to be contacted and all fees paid before the water is turned back on.

Citizens may appeal staff decisions to the City Manager. By all of us working together to abide by these restrictions, we will be able to recharge our culinary water tanks every day and slow down the drop in the aquifers, thus preserving our water resources for future generations.

Cemetery clean up

The City will be performing spring cleaning in the Cemetery in the next few weeks. Any flowers or decorations still left on graves from the winter will be discarded when crews begin cleaning on May 12.

For those who want to put remembrances on graves for Memorial Day, please make sure that items are not placed on graves prior to May 22nd. Cemetery staff will begin cleaning the cemetery on June 2nd, so please have your items removed before then if you would like to keep them.

City Staff appreciates your help in ensuring that the Cemetery remains clean and orderly. Thank you.



May is National Foster Parent Month

On May 9th at 5 p.m. at the Canyon West Park, Utah Foster Care is sponsoring a “March for Kids.” This is a statewide event designed to raise awareness for children in foster care. The public is invited to come out for a small walk and to be present when the Mayor of Cedar City, Maile Wilson, signs a proclamation declaring it National Foster Parent Month. The Mayor will also be awarding the “Foster Mom of the Year” for Cedar City. The Paiute Tribe will also be in attendance.

Another activity celebrating National Foster Care Month will take place on May 13th, when Utah Foster Care will sponsor a dinner and a panel discussion for people who are interested in learning more about becoming foster parents. This will be held at Festival Hall located at 105 North, 100 East. There is no charge for the dinner, but please RSVP to (877) 505-5437 if you would like to attend, and get your questions answered about becoming involved with the foster care program by those in the “trenches.”

For more information contact Amy Bates at Utah Foster Care (435) 463-7404, or go to www.utahfostercare.org.

Cedar City Unplugged

New this summer to scenic Southern Utah is “Play Unplugged.” We are not talking about guitars or rock bands. We’re talking about PLAY – real live, join society, actual outside kind of play. The Play Unplugged program offers 101 things to do this summer in and around Cedar City.

The program was developed to offer kids things they CAN do, rather than tell them all the things they can’t do. The list also serves as a “Bucket List” of attractions and events to participate in all summer long. Even though the program is designed to go Memorial Day through Labor Day, there will be activities that are available year round.

Here’s how you can “Play Unplugged.” First you need a lanyard. Students in Iron County will have the opportunity to receive them at an assembly before school lets out, but visitors (and everyone else) can pick up a Play Unplugged lanyard at the Iron County Visitor Center (581 North Main Street, Cedar City). Next, log on to www.CedarCityunplugged.com or pick up a Cedar City Unplugged Magazine. You will discover “101 Things to Do” to earn brag badges (little plastic tags) to collect on your lanyard. To earn a Brag Badge, follow the instructions to complete the specified activity, then go to the sponsoring business to pick up your Brag Badge.

Wait! There’s more...each Brag Badge has a point value and you can win cool prizes and even cold hard CASH. Monthly drawings will be held at the Cedar City Aquatic Center (2090 Royal Hunte Dr, Cedar City). You can follow the unplugged program on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cedarcityunplugged.

Visit these locations and complete the designated activity to earn a Brag Badge!

- Visit Cedar Breaks National Monument
- Frontier Homestead State Park Museum – complete two “Hands On” Activities
- Utah Shakespeare Festival - Take a picture at the Greenshow
- Hike Kanarrville Falls
- Run the Parowan Yankee Doodle Dash - Parowan August 2 (\$10) Sign up at active.com
- Visit Frehner Natural History Museum at Southern Utah University
- Swim at the Lake at the Hills and the Aquatic Center
- Hike Brian Head Peak
- Visit Brian Head Resort – check out their summer programming
- Visit Cedar City Veterans Park
- Play at Park Discovery
- Hike the C- Trail
- Visit Parowan Gap

And many more activities! Visit www.cedarcityunplugged to get the details on collecting your Brag Badges.



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on the Life Safety House, contact the Fire Department at 586-2964.

- I had the opportunity to attend a training with our K-9 Police Officers, and was able to see first-hand the extensive time, work, and training that goes into these animals. From watching how the officers interact and provide instructions to the dogs, to being able to put on the “bite suit,” and personally experience how the dogs search, locate, and respond promptly to commands was a very illuminating experience!

Our City departments provide a wide variety of functions for the betterment of Cedar City. Our community would not be the wonderful place it is without City staff who perform their jobs so efficiently.

For the last couple of months I have mentioned in my column a fact that we should all know well, which is that our water reserves are very low this year, only at approximately fifty percent of normal. The City Council has recently changed the watering ordinance to ensure that residents are more compliant with the optimal hours for watering, which are before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. More information on this change is on page 2. We need to become very serious about conserving water in our valley. I hope that everyone will comply willingly, and do their part to make sure we have enough water for future generations.

CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT DRUG “TAKE BACK PROGRAM”

Need to get rid of unwanted or outdated drugs? There’s an app for that!

In 2011 the Police Department saw the need for a safe way to get rid of old or unwanted drugs or pharmaceuticals. People have all kinds of medicines lying around, and sometimes they just throw them in the toilet or into the trash. The City’s sewage treatment plant discharges treated water into the groundwater basin, and since we have a closed basin everything we put down the drains that doesn’t get taken out by the treatment plant stays in the basin. This includes all the drugs that are disposed of in such a manner. We need to do better to preserve our clean drinking water.

If people don’t throw their unneeded drugs away, they accumulate around the house where children can find them and possibly put themselves at risk. Our children don’t need that kind of opportunity. Further,

the effectiveness of seriously outdated drugs is open to question. So why not get rid of them properly?

The Police Department’s unwanted drug box is in the lobby of the P.D. business office located at 10 North Main, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can put your unwanted pharmaceuticals in the box, and they will be safely disposed of. The box is secure and easy to use. Just put your materials in a plastic bag and drop them in the box. Please do not put loose pills in the box. Be sure not to put in glass, metal, syringes, or anything that is sharp. Do not dispose of unwanted chemicals in this box; call the Fire Department if you have something hazardous to get rid of.

Once we get enough material, the drugs are boxed and taken to the Wasatch Waste Management District’s incinerator in Layton, Utah. Deliveries are done on an as-needed basis, and the materials are held in a secure location until the amount warrants a trip north. So far we’ve burned over 500 lbs. of drugs and packaging.

The pharmaceutical disposal box is yours to use. Protect yourselves, your families, and the environment; it’s as easy as a coming downtown.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES/CEDAR AREA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Cedar Area Transportation Advisory Board (CATS Advisory Board) advises and makes recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and Staff regarding the City’s transit system. The Board addresses the transportation needs of all users and advises on transportation coordination plans for the Cedar City service area. The Board pursues all avenues of available funding to reach its goal of encouraging public transportation for all who need it.

The CATS Advisory Board meets the 2nd Monday of every other month at 4 p.m. at the City Offices. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Cedar Area Transportation Advisory Board when a position becomes available, please email Barbara at barbarab@cedarcity.org with your name, contact information, and a short bio including how long you have been a resident of Cedar City and what you would bring to the position. Desirable qualifications for a CATS Board member include knowledge of public transportation and familiarity with the Cedar City area.