

# Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards*

I hope each of you had a wonderful and more importantly safe Independence Day on July 4th and Pioneer Day on July 24th! As I am writing this month's newsletter, I can't believe it is already August and that the summer is quickly coming to an end. It seems like just yesterday we were congratulating the many graduates on all of their accomplishments and now it is time for another

school year. The beginning of a new school year is such an exciting and rejuvenating time in our community. For your information, according to the Southern Utah University website, fall semester at SUU begins on August 26th. Similarly, the Iron County School District website states that the elementary and secondary schools start on August 13th.

As summer draws to an end that doesn't mean we still don't have many events and activities happening in our community. I want to tell you about some of the upcoming activities and also provide a brief update on the progress of a few City projects.

Also, don't forget to vote in the City Council Primary Election which is on Tuesday, August 13th. Returned ballots must have postage and be clearly postmarked by the day before the election. You may also drop off your ballot in the locked ballot box at the Cedar City Office (10 N Main, Cedar) or at the County Clerk's (68 South 100 East, Parowan).

You may drop off your ballot on election day into the provided locked ballot box or vote on the voting machines at the Cedar City Council Chambers (10 N Main, Cedar).

You don't want to miss out on the Cedar City Half Marathon, which will take place on Saturday, September 7th with the race beginning at 8:30a.m. and is in partnership with the Iron Games Fitness Festival. The 10th annual running of the Cedar City Half Marathon down Cedar Canyon will feature plenty of pleasant surprises and one of the most spectacular downhill closed-canyon runs ever.

Whether it's the sound of Coal Creek, a pair of bagpipers standing on Leap Rock in the narrow part of the canyon, enthusiastic aid station volunteers, or an energy-pumping rock band urging you to finish strong—the focus of the “Cedar Half” has always been on a quality runner experience over quantity.

It's rare to run a half marathon or a canyon without worrying about traffic. You'll have the roads and trails all to yourself in the Cedar Half. On race day, Cedar Canyon is closed to all vehicles and at the mouth of Cedar Canyon all runners will transition onto Cedar's magnificent trail system all the way to the finish line.

The course goes from Woods Ranch, at the base of Cedar Breaks National Monument, where runners descend from 8,408 feet in elevation to 5,600 feet with a grand finish line at the Bicentennial Soccer Complex.

For links to registration page and additional information Like our Facebook page at “Cedar City Half Marathon” or visit our race website at <https://raceroster.com/events/2019/20162/cedar-city-half-marathon-2019>. Note: For the 10th Annual run in 2019, there will be no Trail Run (4.7k).

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### \*CONSTRUCTION UPDATE\*

(as of July 18, 2019)

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is performing a multi-faceted rehabilitation project through Cedar City.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Nighttime paving operation began Tuesday, July 16 at 7 p.m.
- Crews will remove old asphalt during nighttime hours (7 p.m.-5 a.m.). New pavement will be placed during daytime hours. Motorists will be driving on the rough surface created from the asphalt removal process.
- Paving operations start at the west end of 200 North (SR-56)
- Nearby residents and businesses should expect construction related noise and vibration during this work.
- Shifting work zones with traffic control devices and narrowed lanes as needed

#### TRAFFIC CONTROL AND CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY

- No on-street parking along is allowed during construction as asphalt removal and paving will take place through parking areas
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- Vehicles parked along 200 North in the way of construction activities will be towed at the owner's expense
- Mail delivery and trash collection services will continue as usual
- One lane in each direction will be maintained with a center turn lane
- Up to 10 minute travel delays

#### PROJECT AT A GLANCE

- Upgrading over 200 pedestrian ramps to bring them in compliance with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Removal and replacement of degraded curb, gutter and sidewalk in various locations along 200 N (SR 56), Main St (SR 130), and Center St (SR 14) roadways
- Asphalt rehabilitation (various locations) and microsurfacing along Main Street, Center Street, and 200 North
- New striping

#### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

For additional information, visit [www.udot.utah.gov/go/cedarstreets](http://www.udot.utah.gov/go/cedarstreets) or contact the project's public information team at 801-971-0302.



## UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

**DID YOU KNOW** you can get a discount at the Utah Shakespeare Festival just for being a Local? Here's how:

**Local Discounts:** Residents of Iron, Beaver, Washington, Kane, Garfield, Paiute, and Lincoln counties may purchase tickets to Utah Shakespeare Festival plays Monday-Thursday for 50% off. Tickets must be purchased the day of the performance via telephone (800-PLAYTIX) or at the USF ticket office.

**Fall Food Drive Discount:** Beginning September 10th, residents of Iron, Beaver, Washington, Kane, Garfield, and Lincoln counties may bring six canned food items and purchase a half-priced ticket, Tuesday-Thursday. Good the day of performance only. *(Based on availability. Non-refundable. Cannot be combined with other discounts.)*

**Iron County Pass:** Residents of Iron County have an incredible opportunity to purchase a pass redeemable for eight tickets throughout the season. The \$200 Iron County Pass can be redeemed for eight tickets to any shows at any time, with exclusions listed below. To purchase the pass, you must visit the USF ticket office and present a current Iron County ID; then you will be able to purchase the tickets online or at the USF ticket office. *(Limit of two passes per Iron County resident. Excludes tickets in center orchestra and premier seating sections in the Engelstad and Randall Theatres. Based on availability. Non-refundable. Cannot be combined with other discounts. Valid for 2019 main stage productions only.)*

#### Here are some of the plays happening this year:

- **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

*Randall L. Jones Theater, June 27-October 12*

This classic musical sets the tone for a frolicking Biblical satire filled with vaudeville tunes, western swings, calypso and old-fashioned rock and roll.

- **Twelfth Night**

*Engelstad Shakespeare Theater, June 29-Sept. 7*

Orsinio loves Olivia (who won't give him the time of day) Olivia loves Viola (whom she thinks is a boy). Viola loves Orsinio (who doesn't know she's a girl). It's rollicking confusion, but they all find love where they least expect it.

- **Every Brilliant Thing**

*Eileen & Allen Anes Studio Theater, July 11-Oct. 12*

Mom's in the hospital. She's "done something stupid." You start a list of everything worth living for and hope. This moving play enlists the audience to tell this heartfelt story.

*Tickets available at the USF Box Office, by phone at 800-PLAYTIX or online at [bard.org](http://bard.org).*



## Kathy Dahl - August 2019 Employee of the Month



Kathy is the administrative assistant for the Public Works departments and has been with Cedar City for 6 years. In that time, she has kept Public Works running like a well-oiled cog in a very large machine. She generates and tracks reports for each division, including the County and City sewer connections, road break permits, work orders, garbage can tracking, hydrant meter tracking, water restriction tracking, street sign repair and replacement, street light repair and blanket contracts just to name a few. She also takes minutes in meetings for various boards, including the Airport board, CATS, Regional Waste Water and the Parking Authority board meeting. In her spare time, she fields all the calls from the public.

Kathy always has a positive attitude and is willing to jump in and help whenever she is asked. She multi-tasks very well, jumping between all Public Works divisions while simultaneously addressing residents' concerns. She is very good at getting answers for the residents and responds to them quickly, many times defusing angry citizens by just listening and communicating with them. She has recently revised our blanket contracts and has been the driving force to get these in place for the start of the new fiscal year. She has improved our tracking of the street signs and lights. She has researched and helped develop our Force Account proposal for the Airport resulting in over \$1M in approved force account work. When Kathy is given a task to do, we know it will be well researched, accurate and done in a timely manner. For all these reasons and many more, we in Public Works are nominating Kathy as the Employee of the Month.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

#### **STREETS: DID YOU KNOW?**

- The first Utah roads to be hard-surfaced were in downtown Salt Lake City in 1891. They were paved with a combination of granite blocks, asphalt and brick.
- The longest straight stretch of road in Utah is I-90 on the Salt Flats between Wendover and Knolls with an approximately 50-mile straightaway.
- The longest tunnel in Utah is the Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel (U-9) which is 5,613 feet long. It is the nation's fifth longest land tunnel. It opened in 1930 in Zion National Park.

Though we don't have the longest tunnel, or longest stretch of straight road in Cedar City, and we don't pave our streets with granite blocks or brick, we do have a 7-year road maintenance plan that helps keep the integrity of our road system. Our Street Division is starting road maintenance in Area 4 which includes much of the area on the east side of I-15. To see a map of the road maintenance area, please check the City's website at [www.cedarcity.org](http://www.cedarcity.org) and go to Public Works and the Streets Division.

#### **SOLID WASTE:**

There are many items that the City garbage trucks are not able to pick up, such as furniture, televisions, appliances, construction materials like brick, lumber, fencing, etc., tires, toilets, lawn mowers, trampolines, etc. If you fill your can with dirt and rocks, it may be too heavy for the truck to pick it up. We are equipped to pick up residential household trash. You can dispose of the other items at the Iron County Landfill. The landfill is located at 3127 North Iron Springs Road. If you have any questions about hours of operation, fees or anything else related to the landfill, please call them at 435-865-7015.

If you have any questions about trash pickup for holidays or are new to the area and have questions about your trash pickup, please call us at 435-586-2912.

#### **WATER:**

We are seeing an increase in the number of water violations. Remember that it is against City Ordinance 37-7-1 to sprinkle or irrigate with culinary water between the hours of 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM beginning April 1st and continuing through October 31st. For tips on how to conserve water, please visit [www.slowtheflow.org](http://www.slowtheflow.org).

Remember: Cedar City Public Works can help you with Road Excavation Permits, trash pickup, water leaks, sewer backups, information on transportation and road maintenance, but WE CANNOT help you pay your bills, set up new service or answer any questions related to your utility billing. For assistance with any of these issues, please contact Cedar City Utilities at 435-586-2951.

Over the past few years I have written about the new Cedar City Animal Adoption Shelter, from the conception of the facility through funding and construction. I am pleased to announce that the grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting date has been set for Saturday, August 24th at 11 a.m. The entire community is invited to the event which will take place at the new building located at 1305 West Kitty Hawk Drive (just down the street, to the south east of the old shelter).

As we are all aware, Cedar City provides many services to its residents: everything from water and streets to public safety and recreation, but I want to provide you with a little more information on the City's Animal Control Division. The public may see an animal control officer responding to a call, but what they may not see is our officers and our shelter staff working very hard to adopt out as many stray and abandoned animals as possible. Our staff has been so diligent in their animal-adoption efforts that our shelter is now considered a no-kill shelter.

I have mentioned this before, however it deserves repeating. The current shelter building is more than 60 years old. It was originally designed as a coal storage facility. The City has retrofitted the building for its current purpose, but this retrofit has its limitations. The current facility's heating, cooling, ventilation, and plumbing systems were never intended to accommodate the current use. For example, the area where cats are housed is too small to handle the volume of cats that come through the shelter. The maintenance of the dog kennels is not efficient and increasingly poses a difficult task for staff. There are three separate buildings that make up the animal shelter. Staff's offices and the area where they meet the public are separate from the shelter. This poses problems during the cold and wet months of the year. The storage space is very limited, and it is also separate from the main shelter building. Not only is the current shelter difficult to maintain, it will not serve the City as we continue to grow.

Over the past few years, Cedar City's elected officials and staff have studied new animal facilities in our neighboring communities. These new facilities have ventilation, heating, cooling, and plumbing systems specifically designed with the challenges of an animal shelter in mind. They are designed in one single building, with animal welfare and adoption as their foremost

objectives. The public is provided space to give everyone an opportunity to socialize with animals before they are taken home in an effort to make sure there is a good fit. Our current facility falls woefully short of the capabilities proposed in a new facility. This led us to the construction of the new Cedar City Animal Adoption Shelter.

We are thrilled to see this project come to fruition and would again like to invite everyone to join us for the grand opening on Saturday, August 24th at 11 a.m. For more information on the shelter go to [www.cedarcityanimalshelter.org](http://www.cedarcityanimalshelter.org). This new shelter will serve our community efficiently for years to come.

Additionally, I wanted to inform you all of some progress that has been made to our Cedar City Trails System including the addition of 1.5 miles of new trails this year. The South View Trail asphalt addition is now completed. This completion makes the trail distance 0.75 miles. If you haven't been on the Southern View Trail lately now is the perfect opportunity. The trail begins at the end of S Shurtz Canyon Drive.

We are also planning on paving the Lake Trail this season which will be a beautiful addition to the Lake on the Hills complex. The Lake on the Hill trail will be 0.76 miles when completed. It will have a loop around the lake with a straight trail through to Cove Drive. The plans are completed and will be started anytime.

And to finish things off, the Iron County Fair will be back, starting Labor Day Weekend, August 29th and running through September 2nd. The theme for the fair this year is "The Wild, Wild West" and they will have plenty of events for everyone to enjoy.

It will be held at the Iron County Fairgrounds in Parowan. Admission to the fair is FREE, but events inside the grandstands, such as the rodeo, mud bog, and demolition derby, will require an entrance fee.

Events this year will include horse races, a PRCA ProRodeo, equestrian events, carnival, exhibits, a car show, live entertainment, the Miss Iron County pageant and the Labor Day parade. For more information and daily schedule of events, call the Iron County Fair at (435)477-8380 or visit [www.IronCountyFair.net](http://www.IronCountyFair.net). I hope to see you all there!