

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards

This past month there have been a number of activities that have allowed us to reflect on our City's heritage. From pioneers, to shepherders, to iron miners, to brave soldiers, Cedar City has a varied and inspiring history.

With Thanksgiving taking place this month, I want to express my appreciation for our ancestors, and how their contributions and sacrifices have helped make Cedar City the unique and wonderful place we all enjoy. November also provides an opportunity to honor our veterans on Veterans Day, and to celebrate the 168th anniversary of the pioneers arriving in Cedar City.

Although our Cedar City birthday is technically November 11th, we decided that instead of competition with Veterans Day, this year we would combine our Cedar City Birthday Celebration with the Frontier Homestead State Park, Iron Mission Days as both events are designed to celebrate the history and heritage of our wonderful City.

The Cedar City Birthday Celebration and Iron Mission Days is a time to come together as a community to celebrate our heritage and the bright

future of our City while enjoying numerous family friendly activities. In addition to serving birthday cake, the event will include pioneer activities, crafts for kids, and living history demonstrations will be available. Staff will be showcasing tomahawk throwing, dipping candles, baking in the wood-fired bread oven, and the Museum Blacksmith and a local flint knapper will be on hand. Make history your story and connect with the traditions from the past. This special event will take place Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Frontier Homestead State Park.

Many of our national parks have connections to the American military, including dozens of battlefields, military parks and historic sites that commemorate the service of American veterans. So, to encourage Americans to explore America's natural beauty and to honor and remember our veterans, the National Park Service invites all visitors to remember our veterans by visiting any National Park Service site for free on Veteran's Day!! What a great opportunity to remember our veterans and getting out into the peaceful solitude of nature.

The Piano Guys return to Southern Utah University and the America First Event Center on Wednesday, December 4th, with their Christmas Together Tour. This one-night performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature The Piano Guys' greatest hits plus beautiful Christmas favorites. Ticket prices range from \$32.00 to \$57.00. Purchase your tickets today at the Thunderbird Ticket Office or online: <https://tkt.xosn.com/tickets>.

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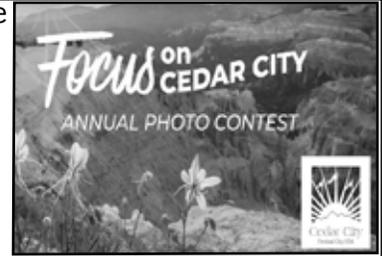
November 2019 Employee of the Month - BRAD ABRAMS



Brad Abrams from the Economic Development Department is the EAC's Employee of the Month for November 2019. He was nominated by his supervisor, Danny Stewart, and this is what Danny had to say about him:

"Brad Abrams has been with the office of Economic Development since 2016 and he is an excellent candidate for employee of the month. Brad does an outstanding job for Economic Development. He genuinely cares about Cedar City and he is creative and thoughtful in the many ways he communicates the City's message to numerous audiences. Brad oversees the City's website, and he is meticulous in his work to keep the site fresh and user-friendly, even within the limits of our CivicPlus platform. He also deals with lesser-seen and lesser-understood aspects of the website, keeping it compliant with security and accessibility standards that most users aren't aware of. Brad is an excellent representative of the Economic Development department. He is in charge of responses to frequent requests for information, helping companies that are considering Cedar City and Iron County by providing crucial data and organizing it in simple and attractive documents. He also works closely with the Historic Downtown Economic Committee and the Cedar City Historic Preservation Commission, serving as recorder for both organizations. He has also helped design web pages for various community interests, including the Animal Adoption Shelter, the Library, and many others. He also helps with the organization of Cedar City events, including the Cedar City half marathon and the Slow Roll program. Brad is a great person to have on our team. He is well-liked and well-respected. I am very grateful to have Brad in my department and I believe he is very deserving of this recognition."

We are excited to announce the inaugural "Focus" on Cedar City, Annual Photo Contest!



We are looking for awesome photos of our area, and we're launching this contest to find those special photos from members of our talented community. Six contest categories are drawn from subjects of special interest to Cedar City:

- ◊ Festivals and Events
- ◊ Landscape
- ◊ People
- ◊ The Cedar City Experience
- ◊ Altered Images
- ◊ Mobile

The contest submission period is from October 1st, 2019 to January 2nd, 2020. To be eligible for any category, a photograph must have been shot by the entrant since January 1, 2019 in Iron County. Enter for prizes, exposure, and your chance to have your work on display in Cedar City publications and in the Cedar City Council Chamber. For more information go to: cedar-city.org/photo-contest.

THANK YOU



To the many Cedar City volunteers who came out and helped get decorations put up for the Harvest Holiday.



We are so lucky to have such an amazing group of caring community members to help get us prepared for some of the events that make us Festival City, USA.

- Heritage and Livestock Festival
- The Pumpkin Festival
- Hocus Focus, and many more!

We could not have done it without all of your hard work!





Enjoy a Festival Christmas at the Frontier Homestead State Park

The Utah Shakespeare Festival and the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum are once again partnering to provide Christmas at the Homestead and Holiday Market. Offering just the right mix of Christmas magic and old-style “frontier” celebration, this fun, family friendly, and affordable kick-off to the Christmas season has become an increasingly popular annual event for southern Utah residents and visitors.

Christmas at the Homestead will be Monday through Friday, December 2 to 6 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Frontier Homestead State Park. Admission is \$5 per family. The Holiday Market is Friday, December 6th from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the market on Friday is included in the Christmas at the Homestead admission price. On Saturday, the cost is only \$1 per person to the Holiday Market.

Christmas at the Homestead will feature lighting design by Festival Properties Director Benjamin Hohman—as well as Santa; free hot chocolate, popcorn, and other treats; and different entertainment, Christmas stories, activities, and crafts each evening. The Park will feature a number of different specialty trees: from Legos to wool, from Victorian, to iron. There will definitely be something for everyone.

In addition, the Holiday Market on Friday and Saturday will offer visitors an opportunity to shop in an old-fashioned pioneer atmosphere and purchase unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your shopping list. More than thirty artisans from all over the region will be there with their hand-crafted wares.

The Frontier Homestead State Park Museum is located at 635 North Main Street in Cedar City; the telephone number is 435-586-9290. For the latest information and details, follow the museum on Facebook or visit its website: www.frontier-homestead.org.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

WATER:

As colder weather comes upon us and the irrigation season draws to a close, please remember that it is a violation of City Ordinance 37-5-3 for anyone other than a Cedar City Water Division employee to get into your water meter box. If you need to shut off your water meter before you shut off your stop and waste valve, please call the City Office at 435-586-2951 to have them arrange for a water employee to come to your home and shut off your water meter. We will be glad to take care of this. Remember, shutting off your stop and waste valve is your responsibility. Water employees are not allowed to shut it off for you.

Water restrictions for irrigating with culinary water ended on October 31st. This year there were 118 water violations compared to 191 in 2018. Thank you for following the City ordinance and helping to conserve this precious resource.

STREET DIVISION:

The crisp, cool Autumn weather is not only harvest time, but the time when the trees are shedding their leaves. As you clean up leaves in and around your yard, our Street Division would like to remind you to NOT blow or rake them out into the street. These leaves end up in the gutters and block the storm water grates causing flooding in the streets and in your neighbor’s driveways. Your leaves can also end up in your neighbor’s yard which can cause neighborhood problems that we don’t deal with. You can bag your leaves and place them in your trash can, but any bagged leaves that are left on the outside of your can will not be picked up and you will be responsible to dispose of any bagged leaves that are not in your can. The Street Division carries out a Spring Cleanup of yard debris each April, but in the fall you are responsible for your leaves and yard waste.

The Public Works Department can help you with maintenance of streets, water lines, water meters, water leaks, sewer lines, missed trash pickups, replacement trash cans, streetlights, etc., **but we can’t help you set up new service, or pay bills.** We’re happy to forward these calls to the City Utilities Department, but to help save you frustration from being transferred from department to department, please call 435-586-2951 to ask questions about your utility bills, pay your bill or set up new services with the City.



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The Cedar City Police Department has set the dates and times for their annual “Tip a COP” Fundraising efforts. If you are not familiar with the “Tip a COP” events, these are the fundraisers for the annual “Shop with a COP” event which will be held this year on Saturday, December 7th.

Shop with COP is a day when Public Safety Officials, First Responders, and many other volunteers take 100 children from the Iron County area shopping for Christmas. They receive the names of eligible children from the Iron County School District. With help from many volunteers, our local Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Dispatchers provide the children with breakfast that morning and then personally take these children on a memorable shopping spree at Wal-Mart.

The Cedar City Police Department will be at the following locations in the next few weeks. Please come and support this worthy cause. Note the dates and times.

Wingers - Friday, Nov. 8th 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Chili's - Friday, Nov. 15th 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Lupita's - Friday, Dec. 6th 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

If you have any questions call (435) 586-2956. If you feel like you would like to make a monetary donation, it can be dropped off at the Cedar City Police Department or mailed to:

Cedar City Police Department
10 N. Main Street
Cedar City, UT 84720

The Iron County Children's Justice Center (CJC) is excited to host the “Dancing with Your Community Stars” fundraising event Thursday, November 21st, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Based on the popular reality television dance competition “Dancing with the Stars,” Thursday's event will feature the “Community Stars” of Iron County and they will be paired with an experienced partner, from the SUU Ballroom Dance Team. Come SHINE with us to see who will win the dancing trophy and raise the most funds for the Iron County Children's Justice Center!

Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased from any of the “Community Stars” or contact the Children's Justice Center at 435-867-4275.

Over the past several months, the Vision 2050 team has conducted a number of focus groups of stakeholders regarding future growth in Cedar City. While these groups have provided a first step in determining long-term priorities, the team is now seeking input from the greater community for a 30-year strategic vision. The Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce is collaborating with the Cedar City – Iron County Office of Economic Development, Iron County Planning, Cedar City Planning, Cedar City – Brian Head Tourism Bureau, and several other agencies, businesses, and members of the community in an effort to learn from our citizens what they want to see take place in our area over the next 30 years. Our aim is to involve all interested community members in an effort to put together a vision that is truly representative of our citizens. We invite everyone in the community to log on and complete a brief survey (10-15 minutes) at: <https://tinyurl.com/CedarCity2050>.

Visit Cedar City - Brian Head is looking for submissions for their 2019 Holiday Map. This map is distributed by Visit Cedar City - Brian Head, the Iron County Tourism Bureau, in an effort to show off the incredible light displays throughout our community. With the holiday season quickly approaching the Cedar City Holiday Map is beginning to form and we need your help to make sure it shows off all the best light displays in town.

Send submissions to tourism.group@ironcounty.net by November 6th for consideration. Please include the name of your Holiday Light Display, the address, a small description, and photos. For more information call the Visitor Center at (435) 586-5124. To see an example of last year's holiday map visit www.visitcedarcity.com

The Cedar City Library is seeking input to develop a long range plan for the library. We are requesting input from library users as well as non-users. Below is the web address to the short survey. For those who prefer, the survey can also be assessed through the “Needs Assessment” tab along the top of our website: www.cedarcitylibrary.org. **Web address to survey:**

- <https://forms.gle/tsYaKSP27ZgutWX57>

Don't miss the Master Singers 2019 Veterans Day Concert on Sunday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Theater. Admission is free and it is a great way to support our local organizations.