

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards

What a magical time of year, especially here in Cedar City. This past month we held the first ever Holiday Happenings, Official Christmas Lighting Celebration as a way to bring the community together for a little holiday cheer and the lighting of our new Main Street Christmas lights.

Even though the day of the event was the

first snowstorm of the year, we had a great turnout for the exciting tree decorating fundraising event for the Iron County Care and Share and to celebrate together as we turned on the beautiful lights on Main Street.

I know as I drive down Main Street and see the bright Christmas lights, I can't help but smile at the stunning community we are all fortunate enough to call home, and I hope they bring similar joy to each of you. We purchased these new lights as our old ones were beginning to fail. Therefore, as a gift back to the community and to make our City somewhere that we are all honored to call home at this time of year we replaced the lights, so they truly reflect the spirit of the holiday for our residents and visitors alike. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that made this fun

event and the beautiful new lights possible. From our amazing Parks and Public Works crews that put up the lights and decorations on Main Street to the fabulous Administration, Economic Development and Events teams, none of this would have occurred without the dedication and hard work of these incredible individuals. THANK YOU!

I love this time of year, from Thanksgiving and the opportunity it gives each of us to reflect on the bountiful blessings we enjoy by living in the beautiful community, to the Storybook Cavalcade Children's Parade and the continual excitement on children's faces as they realize that Christmas is approaching. Finally, it wouldn't be the holiday season here in Cedar City without the numerous spectacular holiday events and all of the volunteers that dedicate so many hours making this season magical for our community. However, as we continue with the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I challenge all of us to remember that this time of year is truly about people not packages with pretty bows.

Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank all of the City employees for their hard work and dedication. Our City staff often goes about their day to day activities (many of the activities are not glamorous) without any public recognition unless there is a problem. Yet, I can proudly tell you that we are very fortunate here in Cedar City to have such high quality and caliber of City staff. These individuals take great pride in their work and trying to provide the best service possible to our residents. Thank you Cedar City staff for your commitment to our community!!

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December 2019 Employee of the Month -



RHEAN CARLSON

The EAC has voted to elect Rhean Carlson as December 2019's Employee of the Month. Jason Norris, Finance Department Head, had this to say about her:

"Rhean has been an outstanding employee within the finance group for several years. She works efficiently and accurately in all of her job duties. She is positive and professional in her interactions with staff and especially the public. She has recommended several process changes to better accommodate vendors. Rhean works early and late in order to meet deadlines. She effectively resolves difficult situations for vendors and is diligent in working with staff to have a quick turnaround time in invoice processing. Rhean is a strong team member on our staff and is a great co-worker. Cedar City is fortunate to have employees like Rhean Carlson. She is outstanding in every way, and I feel that she is more than deserving of the Outstanding Employee Award."

Great Job, Rhean!

The Orchestra of Southern Utah & Chorale present the 79th Cedar City performance of

Handel's Messiah

The Origin of Divinity

Sunday, December 8th and Monday, December 9th

7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

You are invited to join the Orchestra of Southern Utah and the Chorale for a wonderful evening of a seasonal masterpiece. Handel's "Messiah" is a favorite throughout the world. Admission is FREE, but tickets are required. They are now available at the Heritage Center/Festival Hall Office on the southwest corner of the building, 105 N. 100 East.

Children age six and above are welcome with adult supervision.

No babies please as the concert is recorded.

Please be seated at 7:15 p.m.; any vacant seats will be released at that time.

For more information contact OSU Manager Rebekah Hughes at beckyosucedarcity@gmail.com.

The Heritage Theater is proud to present:

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - 7:30 pm



Don't miss your chance to ring in the holidays with this critically acclaimed Christmas tradition. Tchaikovsky's timeless classic of a simpler time filled with wonderful dreams and plenty of Christmas magic returns this holiday season. Make someone's holiday special by giving the gift of the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker. This magnificent event portrays stunning scenes, world-class artists, over 200 spectacular costumes, larger than life puppets and soaring birds that are sure to bring joy to all ages! This event will be held Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. *No children under 6 yrs. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our website www.cedarcity.org/Festival-Hall-Heritage-Theater.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS - DECEMBER 2019

The 2020 holiday trash pick-up schedule is shown below. Please keep it as a handy reminder. Landlords – please give a copy of this schedule to your renters. The schedule is also available on the City’s website at www.cedarcity.org. Please have your cans out by 7:00 AM on your assigned day, and make sure they are not blocked by vehicles or other obstacles. If you have any questions about your pick-up day, or what items can’t be placed in your residential trash bin, or where to place your bin, please call the Public Works Department at 435-586-2912.

CEDAR CITY PUBLIC WORKS 2020 HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP

If your regular garbage day falls on any of these holidays:

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1st
 Civil Rights Day - Monday January 20th
 Presidents' Day - Monday, February 17th
 Memorial Day - Monday, May 25th
 Independence Day - Celebrated on Friday, July 3rd
 Pioneer Day - Friday, July 24th
 Labor Day - Monday, September 7th
 Veterans' Day - Wednesday, November 11th
 Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26th
 Day after Thanksgiving Day - Friday, November 27th
 Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th

Garbage will be picked up on:

Thursday, January 2nd
 Wednesday, January 22nd
 Wednesday, February 19th
 Wednesday, May 27th
 Monday, July 6th
 Monday, July 27th
 Wednesday, September 9th
 Thursday, November 12th
 Wednesday, November 25th
 Monday, November 30th
 Monday, December 28th

WATER:

As Winter approaches, you may be faced with problems of frozen or broken water pipes due to the cold weather. The Water Division would like to remind homeowners that on extremely cold nights, you may want to leave an inside faucet dripping to avoid frozen pipes.

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.

CEDAR CITY RECYCLING NEWS

Due to the increased cost of recycling and the lack of available resources, the Cedar City Council has made the decision to discontinue our recycling bin programs **as of January 1, 2020.**

If a cost-effective solution presents itself, the City will relook at some kind of recycling in the future.

There may be local options, if you wish to continue recycling. One option is a private curbside recycling by Recyclops ((801)709-1509) or you can check the internet or Yellow Pages for possible recycling centers in the area.



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If you enjoy the Historic Downtown lights as much as I do, be sure and walk through the new “Festival of Lights” display on the grounds of the Utah Shakespeare Festival and the Southern Utah Museum of Art on Center Street.

The brainchild of Festival founder, Fred C. Adams and Councilman R. Scott Phillips, they, along with the help of the Cedar City – Brian Head Tourism Bureau, volunteers of the Festival Guild and Horizon House have spent more than 300 man hours stringing in excess of 60,000 led lights throughout the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts.

Take your family and friends anytime between 5 p.m. and midnight, through January 5th, to enjoy the lights and sounds of the Christmas season as you walk through the magical display. Don't forget your camera as there are many picture spots to capture a special moment.

With election season coming to an end, I would like to publically congratulate the three individuals that were successful in the election, Terri Hartley, Craig Isom and Tyler Melling. I am truly looking forward to working with them and our other councilmembers to serve our incredible residents and continue to provide for the best place to live, work and play as possible. I would also be remised if I didn't take this opportunity to thank Paul Cozzens for his 8 years of work and dedication to Cedar City. Thank you Paul!

As a reminder, don't be alarmed if you hear sirens bright and early on Saturday, December 7th as it is the annual Cedar City Police Department “Shop with a Cop” event. “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 and Dispatchers provide the children with breakfast that morning and then personally take these children on a memorable shopping spree at Wal-Mart.

To help raise funds for “Shop with a Cop” you can still attend the last Cedar City Police Department “Tip a Cop” fundraiser for this year which will take place at Lupita's Mexican restaurant on Friday, December 6th from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Please come and support this worthy cause.

I also wanted to thank all of the local businesses and community members that generously donated their time and money to the “Holiday Tree Jubilee” at the Barn at Cedar Meadows.

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 the address below:

CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
10 North Main
Cedar City, UT 84720

We appreciate your support for this worthy cause!

Frontier Homestead State Park will be hosting some festive events within the coming weeks. During the first week of December, starting Dec. 2nd and running through Dec. 6th, join them for their family-friendly tradition of Christmas at the Homestead, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. each night. Enjoy crafts, treats, music, photos, a visit with Santa and more! Admission is \$5 per person. Also, beginning December 12th, enjoy Light at the Frontier Homestead, held every Thursday, Friday and Saturday until Christmas, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Admission to this event is free, but donations are always welcome. For info on both events, call (435)586-9290.

On a very personal note, and as a glowing new parent, I would like to make you all aware of the wonderful news in my family. November 5th (Election Day) had special meaning this year for my husband Jayson and I as we welcomed and celebrated the birth of our beautiful daughter, McKinley LaVeve Edwards. I appreciate all of the love and support from our community as we enjoy and embark on this new journey as parents to this amazing little girl.