

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards

This past month I had the opportunity to present my annual State of the City Address. As part of my remarks I attempted to provide an over view of our amazing City, including where we have been and what the future holds. This included information about projects we have accomplished this past year, new noteworthy events and department updates, and some exciting statistics on our local economy.

Overall, each year my goal

with the State of the City Address is to give our residents some insight into what we, as a City, will be focused on this year.

Often times at the start of a new year individuals pick a word or phrase they will use to describe their goals for the year. This year I chose “PROACTIVE FOCUS” because I believe that often times in government we are reactive to the dynamics around us instead of having a clear focus on the future. While at times I recognize that a reactive approach is necessary, however, I believe that we are in such a great place as a community and have addressed the issues that needed a reactive approach that we can shift gears and plan for the future. To this end, the City is revising our Strategic Plan, Master Plan (sometimes referred to as the General Plan) and working to engage our residents to create a clear vision for the next 10, 20, 30 and 40 years.

In the upcoming newsletters I will provide a summary from different aspects of my Address and updates to help provide more transparency. In addition, I did a video podcast summary of the State of the City Address through the generosity of Color Country Politics. You can find a copy of this podcast for your viewing pleasure either on Facebook or by visiting their website at colorcountrypolitics.com.

The Runway Reconstruction Project for the Airport will begin March 16th, 2020 and is scheduled to be completed July 19th, 2020. The project is being done in phases which will allow general aviation, the flight school, Fed-Ex, and emergency medical aircraft to land at and takeoff from the Airport during this project. Our last SkyWest flight until the next completion of the project will be on March 15th, 2020. Commercial service with SkyWest is scheduled to resume July 19, 2020.

The first phase will begin March 16th, 2020 at the South end of the runway and will take 60 days. The second phase will begin May 15th, 2020 at the North end of the runway and will take 65 days. During these 2 construction periods, Phase 3, the safety areas next to the runway, will be done. At the end of the work on Runway 2/20, work will begin on our crosswind runway, 8/26. This will also be done in 2 phases (Phases 4 & 5), both scheduled for 20 days each and will begin July 19th, 2020.

Phase 6 will begin on September 9, 2020 which is the grooving of Runway 2/20 and will be done at night to avoid service interruptions. Phase 7 is the final phase which is applying the paint markings per FAA standards. This will also not interrupt service. The entirety of work should be finished by September 25th, 2020. The asphalt that is being replaced is anywhere from 26 to 50 years old. The projects are being funded through federal and state grants and have been awarded to a local contractor which provides jobs and puts money back into the local community. This work will provide the Airport with a runway that meets FAA standards and allows Cedar City to meet the demands of the future.

The Frontier Homestead State Park Museum will be hosting Sheep to Shawl again this year! There will be live sheep shearing and live demonstrations from our local talented “Sagebrush Fiber Artists”, and fun hands-on kids activities that will give everyone the opportunity to glimpse into the past and learn about the lives of pioneers. The event takes place Saturday, March 14th from 10-2pm. \$2 for individuals and \$5 for families. For more information contact the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum.

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PUBLIC WORKS

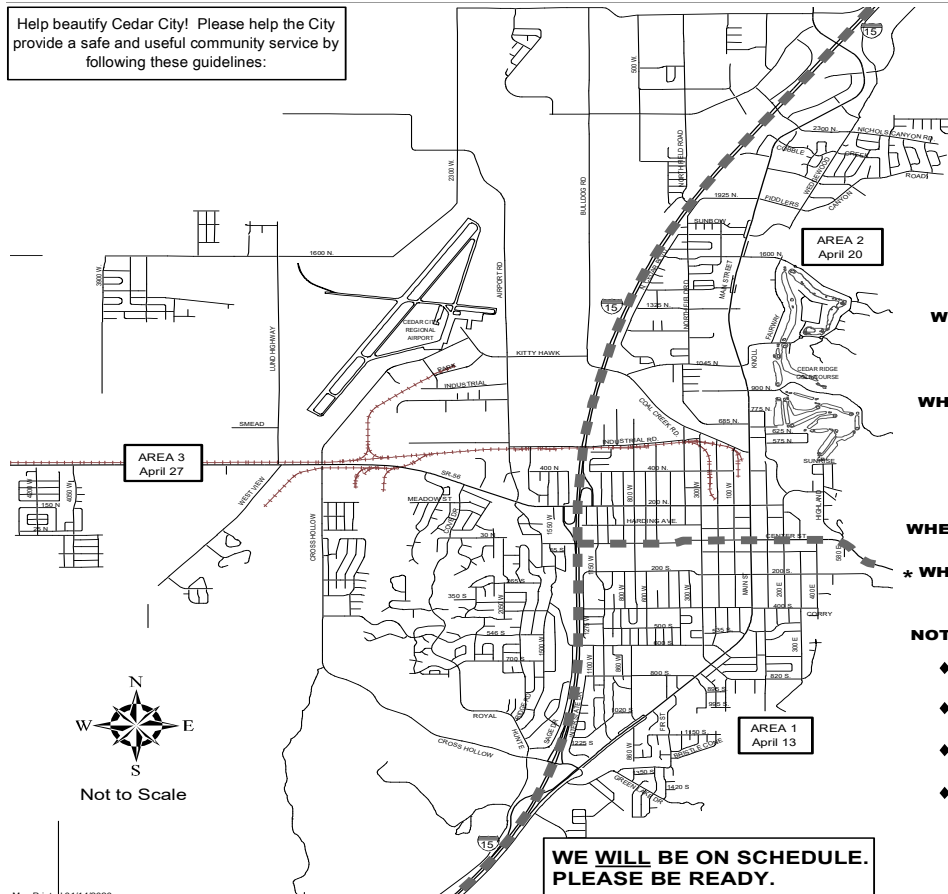
STREETS:

The Street Division will begin Spring Clean-Up in April 2020. This year crews will begin collection as follows:

- Area 1: South of Center Street and east of I-15 on April 13, 2020
 - Area 2: North of Center Street and east of I-15 on April 20, 2020
 - Area 3: West of I-15 on April 27, 2020
- Crews will begin collection in each area on a Monday. Crews will **NOT** come on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday and **WILL NOT** return to streets that have already been completed.
 - Please have your debris out on the curb by **7:00 AM** on the Monday your area is scheduled for the clean-up to begin. Please do not put debris out more than one week before your scheduled clean-up date.
 - A maximum of one (1) 10-wheeler dump truck load will be picked up at any one residence.
 - Debris must be in front of the curb in the street. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property. City crews will pick up brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood including pallets and crates, asphalt, dirt, rocks and concrete. Tires — 4 or less per pile (NO RIMS.)
 - We will **NOT** pick up furniture, carpeting, appliances or electronics. All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street by those who placed them there.
 - This service is provided to Cedar City residents, except those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and is not for commercial or industrial properties.
 - Please keep vehicles off the street during your scheduled week and the following week so that City crews can sweep the street.

Please check the attached map to find your pickup dates, or if you have questions or need additional information, call the Public Works Department at 435-586-2912.

Help beautify Cedar City! Please help the City provide a safe and useful community service by following these guidelines:



CEDAR CITY SPRING CLEAN-UP 2020

*** Spring Clean-up map has changed ***

(Please note new dates, area number rotation and what are acceptable materials that will be picked-up.)

WHO: This service is provided to Cedar City Residents, except those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD). **This is not for Commercial or Industrial Properties.**

WHEN: Cedar Collection crews will begin in each area on a Monday. Crews will **NOT** come on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, or return to streets that have been completed. Have your debris out on the curb by 7:00 A.M. the day your area is scheduled for clean-up (See Map). **Do not put debris out more than one week before your clean-up dates.**

WHERE: Debris must be in front of the curb in the street. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property.

*** WHAT:** Brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood, including pallets and crates. Asphalt, dirt, rocks & concrete. Tires, 4 or less per pile (No Rim's). No Furniture or Appliances

NOTES:

- ◆ Please keep vehicles off street during your scheduled week and the following week so that city crews can sweep the street.
- ◆ A maximum of one 10 wheeler dump truck load will be picked up at any one residence.
- ◆ Cedar City citizens are encouraged to report illegal or improper dumping of materials.
- ◆ **All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street.**

For additional information contact Public Works Dept. at 586-2912.

**WE WILL BE ON SCHEDULE.
PLEASE BE READY.**



Please Clean Your Irrigation Ditch

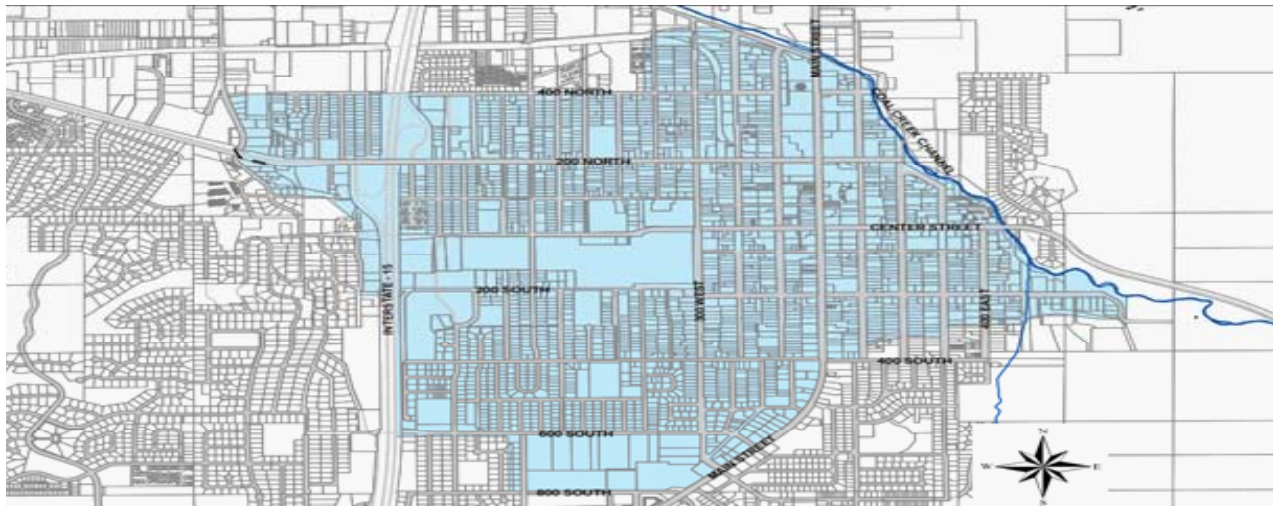
In December 1943, a group of neighbors formed the South and West Field Irrigation Company. This company has served generations of Cedar City residents by providing irrigation water during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. A map that generally depicts the South and West Field Irrigation Company service area is included below.

The company delivers water through open ditches that were constructed long ago between neighboring properties. Folks owning shares in the company can use the ditch water for a designated time, or turn, depending on their shares and the company's delivery schedule. Generally, you will have a ditch in front of your house, and a ditch in back. The uphill ditch will deliver water, and the downhill ditch allows you to discharge unused water. Keeping your section of each ditch clean is vital to keep water flowing to your neighbors, and to prevent flooding in your yard. Over the years as Cedar City has developed, some of these open ditches have been piped. One thing that has remained consistent is the cooperative neighborhood spirit involved in the system's operation. Each property owner has cleaned their section of ditch or pipe so water can flow to their downstream neighbors. This year irrigation water service is anticipated to begin between March 15th and April 1st.

Neighbors cleaning their ditches and helping neighbors access water is not unique to the South and West Field Irrigation Company. There are several other irrigation services in Cedar City. Prior to water coming down the system, please take a moment to clean out the ditch or pipe and help your neighbors.

More info at our developing website, <https://www.swfield.org>.

Thank you from the South and West Field Irrigation Company board of directors.



March 2020 Employee of the Month - JR Robinson - Police Dept.



Sergeant Robinson currently serves the police department as the administrative sergeant. This assignment includes quality assurance for all the written reports generated in the department. This job is taxing and of the utmost importance. Sgt. Robinson does an excellent job keeping himself and officers trained on the ever-changing requires from the State of Utah. Sgt Robinson has been instrumental in the transitions from the "Uniform Crime Reporting" system to the "National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)" required by the FBI. This required him learning the changes in our reporting software and how our software communicates the data to the state. He then had to develop a training and present it to all the officers to ensure that we are compliant with the NIBRS reporting system. Sgt. Robinson also supervises the evidence and property room. He has worked diligently alongside CSI Grimm to ensure that department goals for property and evidence destruction are met. Sgt. Robinson has a superior work ethic and his knowledge surrounding our records management software is irreplaceable. He is truly a credit to the Cedar City Police Department.

Thank you JR for all you do!



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Cedar City citizens will soon be contacted by mail, March 12-26, to complete the US Census form. The decennial census is the most inclusive civic activity in our country, covering every person in every household. The U.S. Constitution mandated a count of its people in 1790 (Article I, Section 2). The decennial census happens every 10 years, counting every person living in the United States to determine the population.

The 2010 US Census found that 25% of Utahns were not counted! Based on that statistic, for every person not counted in Utah, there was a loss of \$1,866 per person, per year for 10 years (between 2010-2020). That is \$18,660 per person! That equals tens of millions of dollars that Utah citizens did not receive for federal housing, Medicaid, school lunch programs, CHIP program, transportation, and many more federally funded programs.

Please respond to your Census 2020 questionnaire! And remember, the Census will never ask for your social security number, money or donations, any bank information or political party affiliation. If any of these items are requested, it could be a scam. DO NOT answer or give this information to ANYONE!

It's important that we "count everyone." Our community will be stronger and better prepared for the future. Remember... You Matter! Be Counted!

Look ahead for the Community Recreation Center expansion.

Prior to 2008 the community had a swimming pool located on the campus of Southern Utah University. This pool facility served the City for many years and the University had imminent plans to demolish the pool and build the University's recreation facilities. Seeing the end of the pool on the SUU campus Cedar City undertook a process to design and build a new recreational facility. A citizen committee was selected to look at recreational facilities in other areas of the State. This committee eventually proposed a recreational facility for Cedar City.

The proposal included what is now the Aquatic Center, a multi-purpose recreational center, and a child-care area. When the final cost estimates were produced the City made the decision to build the Aquatic Center and postpone construction of the multi-purpose recreational center and child-care area. In 2008 the citizens of Cedar City approved a ballot measure funding construction of the Aquatic Center. Construction proceeded and the building was built to accommodate the future expansion of the child-care area and multi-purpose recreation center so that one day the City would have its complete recreation center. In 2011 the Aquatic Center opened.

In 2013 a group of people approached Cedar City with a story about how they had created an ice rink on a local farm. This group was looking for a location that was not on the farm. They had recently acquired some ice making equipment and were looking for a new location. In 2013 Cedar City entered into the first of a series of temporary and seasonal operating leases with Y.E.T.I (Youth & Enthusiasts Together for Ice) and then Staheli Recreation Management for use of the recreation center footprint until the construction of the recreation center. Countless volunteer hours have been put forth by these groups pursuing the ice rink.

Cedar City partnered with these groups by spending over \$100,000 of RAP tax money in support of the ice rink. The City has also accommodated remodeling of a room in the aquatic center to facilitate dressing rooms, use of the Aquatic Center's restrooms, building, locker room areas, and parking lot. Over the last several years Cedar City has worked with these not for profit partners in finding a suitable site for a permanent ice rink. A location on the southwest corner of the Hills Recreation property was selected.

Cedar City and Staheli Recreation Management had an agreement to lease this property for a permanent ice rink facility, Cedar City also pledged \$2.85 million dollars to support the new home for the Ice Rink and promised to lease the property for \$1 per year for 20 years. Unfortunately, matching funds were not raised and in January of this year Staheli Recreation Management presented a letter to the City Council rejecting the City's offer. The City expresses its sincere appreciation to the volunteers and Staheli Recreation Management for all their efforts over the past seven years and wish them well in all their future ventures.

Looking forward Cedar City is happy to announce that the original recreational center that was promised to the community will be completed. Cedar City is contracting with the architect that originally designed the building to complete the child-care facility and the multi-purpose recreational center. Contracting with the architect is scheduled to be completed in March and the City intends to break ground on the expansion of the recreation center this summer. Stay tuned to a later edition of this news letter for some renderings of the expanded facility.

Thank you, YETI and Staheli Recreation Management, for the ice rink.