

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards

If you are receiving this newsletter, congratulations, you survived 2020. This year has been unlike anything I have ever experienced (or wanted to experience), and I am sure many of you probably feel the same way. Although this year has been unprecedented in so many ways, it also provided for reflection, a new outlook, and an opportunity to serve our fellow residents. As I have reflected on this past year there are many things, I believe we did correctly in handling this pandemic and all coming together to support our business communi-

ty and residents that were, and are, struggling. From the numerous tournaments and events that safely occurred over the summer and into the fall to the small business grants and having the city sales tax increases month over month vs last year, we have weathered these challenging times together.

I would be remised if I didn't also take this opportunity to thank you, as residents of our community, for your tenacity, strength and grit during these challenging times. Cedar City is unlike anywhere else on earth and it is because of you, our residents! Having the opportunity to serve as your mayor for these past seven years have truly been some of the best years of my life. As such, I want to thank each one of you, for the support you have shown me and our community. This has been an amazing experience so far and one that I would not change for the world, largely because I have the privilege of serving in the most amazing City! We have had some unforgettable (mostly good) experiences together and I know that I am a better person today because of the residents of this community.

As we enter this new year, I thought in my quest to be transparent I would let you all know of a few of the items that will become, or continue to be, a major focus for me during 2021. These priorities includes the following: preparing for the future needs of water here in Cedar City through exploring new conservation and recharge efforts, working with the State Water Engineer on the Groundwater Management Plan implementation for the valley and looking for other alternatives to secure water going forward including resuse efforts; working to update the various City planning documents including the General Plan (you will read more about this later in the newsletter), the Transportation Plan, the Impact Fees

and Engineering Standards; continuing to advocate on behalf of our City with our state and national elected officials, businesses, site selectors, etc.; working with our youth; and continue meeting with our current and future business community to provide support and address any concerns. While this list is just a few items, hopefully it will provide some insight into what I do as mayor and our upcoming priorities.

There has been much debate and discussion, both positive and negative, related to the proposed expansion for the multi-use activity center (MAC) at the Aquatic Center. On November 18th, 2020, the Cedar City Council passed Resolution No. 20-1118, which authorized Cedar City to incur public debt to finance the cost of constructing a public recreation center. On November 19th, 2020, a group of citizens opposed to the recreation center filed a referendum application with the City.

The decision of the City to proceed with the expansion of the gymnasium was not made without much deliberation and informative discussion. Prior to 2008, Cedar City began the process of designing and building a new recreational facility for it's citizens. A citizen committee was selected and proposed a multi-purpose recreational facility. This proposal included the Aquatic Center, a childcare area and the MAC center. When the costs were reported, the City decided to only build the Aquatic Center and postpone the construction of the MAC center and child-care area.

For years the City has provided low cost recreational opportunities for our citizens. The resources for indoor recreation are extremely limited and with our growing population and demand for recreational opportunities, they are insufficient to meet the City's needs. As part of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master plan update in 2017, a survey was sent out to the public, asking what facilities they would like to use if they were more available. The top answers were: (1) Dock at the Lake at the Hills (kayaking, fishing, paddleboat); (2) Gymnasiums for multi-use (basketball, volleyball, fitness classes, events); (3) Mountain bike trails near the City; and (4) Field house (spectator seating, soccer, football, basketball, conventions, large events, etc.). As a result of previous plans to construct the MAC center and results from the updated Parks & Rec Trails Master plan, the City Council is proposing to finish the originally planned multi-purpose center.

Our City Attorney has prepared a Proposition Information Pamphlet that includes documentation on the opposition to the expansion. To learn more and obtain more information about both sides of this issue, go to www.cedarcity.org or <https://cedarcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/14945/Proposition-Information-Pamphlet>.

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PUBLIC WORKS NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FOR JANUARY, 2021

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL:

There are 4 locations for you to dispose of your live trees:

- 100 East & College Avenue
- 100 West & Coal Creek
- North of Cedar Middle School
- 638 East Canyon Center Drive (Fiddlers)

ALL BINS ARE MARKED FOR *TREES ONLY*. Please do not put anything but live trees in these bins, and please do not put your live Christmas tree in your regular trash bins. ***The tree bins will be out until January, 11, 2021.***

SOLID WASTE: For any residents that may have missed the 2021 garbage pick-up holiday schedule, a copy is shown below. Please keep it as a handy reminder. It is also posted on the City website at www.cedarcity.org. Landlords, please give a copy of this holiday schedule to your renters. Cans should be out by 7:00 AM on your assigned day. Please make sure your cans are not blocked by vehicles or other obstacles, and that the cans are out on the street, not on the sidewalk. If you have any questions about your pick-up day, or what items can't be placed in your residential trash can, please call the Public Works Department at 435-586-2912.

WATER: There have already been several broken waterlines due to the cold weather. The Water Division would like to remind everyone that on extremely cold nights, you may want to leave an inside faucet dripping to avoid frozen pipes and a potentially expensive repair bill.

CEDAR CITY PUBLIC WORKS	
2021 HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP	
IF YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE DAY FALLS ON ANY OF THESE HOLIDAYS -	YOUR GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP ON -
New Year's Day - Friday, January 1st	Monday, January 4th
Civil Rights Day - Monday January 18th	Wednesday, January 20th
Presidents' Day - Monday, February 15th	Wednesday, February 17th
Memorial Day - Monday, May 31st	Wednesday, June 2nd
Independence Day - Celebrated on July 5th	Wednesday July 7th
Pioneer Day - Celebrated on July 23rd	Monday, July 26th
Labor Day - Monday, September 6th	Wednesday, September 8th
Veterans' Day - Thursday November 11th	Friday, November 12th
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25th	Wednesday, November 24th
Day after Thanksgiving Day - Friday, November 26th	Monday, November 29th
Christmas Day - Celebrated on December 24th	Monday, December 27th



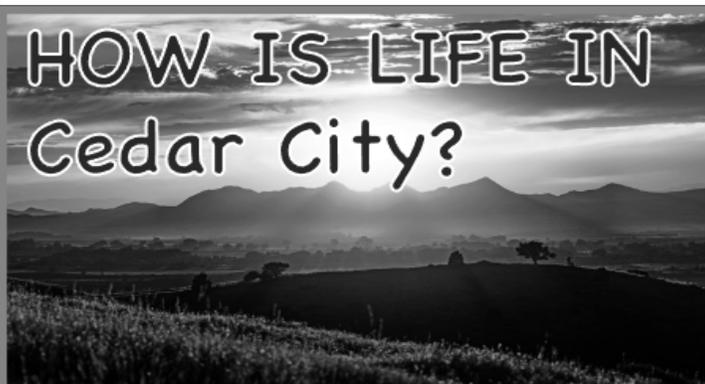
5th annual UTAH Farm & Food CONFERENCE



2021 JAN 14-16 Cedar City, Utah

The 5th Annual Utah Farm and Food Conference is scheduled to be back in town on January 14-16, 2021. This 2-day event is a very unique opportunity for smaller commercial farmers, homesteaders and artisans to engage in conversations, workshops, activities and farm tours. The event is FREE and open to the public and will feature farmers and artisans from all areas of Southern Utah. The conference is being sponsored by Downtown Farmers' Market St. George, MoFACo, Baker Creek Lavender Farm, Red Acre Center and Christie's Asian Kitchen.

For more information, call (435)704-1222 or contact the Downtown Farmer's Market St. George/MoFACo at (435)632-3721 or any of the sponsors listed above.



— Let us know! —

**Please take
the Wellbeing
Survey**



<https://tinyurl.com/ybpzmra7>



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The survey is for adults age 18 or over.
Disponible en Español. Cedar City is partnering
with USU's Wellbeing Project. For more info,
contact courtney.flint@usu.edu.



This year marks the fourth year of Character Sketches at the Library in the Park. This year's theme is "Award Winners." Character Sketches is a weekly non-instructed, non-mentored event during which live models are dressed as award winners. Participants then sketch or paint the models. A typical Character Sketches session includes three 5-minute gestural poses, and one 45-minute pose. This is a free event aimed towards adults. The library does not provide art supplies. Preregistration is not necessary and all skill levels are welcome to attend. Character Sketches are every Wednesday (not including holidays) at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you would like more information on any of the upcoming events, please contact Steve Decker at the Cedar City Library at (435)586-6661 or visit their website at www.cedarcitylibrary.org.



As our area grows, one of the most important things that cities are responsible for is the development of a shared vision of their future. The way cities do that is by developing a general plan. These plans serve as the rationale behind things like zoning regulations, local ordinances and major capital investments. They are challenging to create, because they require a community to understand and balance different opinions.

Cedar City's plan was last updated in 2012, and a number of things have changed since then. As Mayor, I am so excited to announce the public launch of the City's general plan update, and want to extend an invitation to you all to get involved. You can start by visiting the website we have created for this initiative - CedarCityPlan.Org. There, you will find more information regarding the process, future public meetings, and can participate in the surveys. Surveys will also be available at City Hall and the library as they become available.

Get involved in discussions on community issues, such as our local economy, land use, infrastructure, transportation and so much more!! Remember that Cedar City is OUR community. It's up to all of us to make sure that it remains the greatest place to live, work, and play!

After two months of nominations and voting by the community, the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce has selected and announced the winners for the 70th Annual "Best of Cedar City" Gala 2020. There are 14 different awards honoring citizens and businesses for encouraging and promoting a positive and vital economy and preserving those unique qualities that make the Cedar City area a very special place to live, work, and visit. Many times, people & businesses do things to better our community without getting recognized, and this is the opportunity to do just that.

This year's Best of Cedar City award winners are:

- **Business of the Year:** Triple S Polaris - sponsored by State Bank of Southern Utah
- **Employer of the Year:** Rusty's Ranch House - Sponsored by ERA Realty Center
- **Customer Service of the Year:** Syrus Safizadeh, Pastry Pub - Sponsored by **TBD**
- **Innovative Business of the Year:** Virtual School Assembly - Sponsored by Southwest Tech
- **Educator of the Year:** Lisa Allred - Sponsored by South Central Communications
- **Young Citizen of the Year:** Nouman Kante - Sponsored by South Central Communications
- **Restaurant of the Year:** Brody's Mexican Restaurant - Sponsored by **TBD**
- **Organization of the Year:** Family Support Center - Sponsored by **TBD**

- **Man of the Year:** Dave Staheli - Sponsored by **TBD**
- **Woman of the Year:** Stephanie Ward - Sponsored by **TBD**
- **Medical Professional of the Year:** Ryan Workman - Sponsored by **TBD**
- **Legacy Award - Lifetime Achievement:** Rich Wilson - Sponsored by **TBD**
- **Excellence in the Arts-In Memory of Fred Adams:** Scott Phillips - Sponsored by Ben Batty, ERA Realty Center
- **Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Award:** Will be announced at the Gala by Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Chris McCormick - Sponsored by **TBD**

Community members are invited to attend the gala and celebrate award winners. The gala is set to take place on Thursday, January 14, 2021, but may have to be postponed due to COVID-19. Contact Mari Eddy for further information. This year's gala festivities, presented by Cedar Band Corporation, will include a served meal. Due to COVID-19, they are taking reservations for tickets. Once they have the final occupancy numbers, those with reservations will be contacted. Tickets will be \$50.00 per person and can be reserved by calling Mari Eddy at (435)592-2172. The Chamber is also looking for sponsors. If that is something you or your company is interested in, please reach out to Mari Eddy for more information.

Past winners include: Dr. Steven Newman, Safari Hospital-ity, Cedar Ridge Family Medicine, Pizza Cart, ImagePro, Karriann Raddon, Ethan Anderson, Canyon Creek Services, Chad Reid, Amy Bates, Denise DeMille, Robert Behunin, and Desiree Anderson.

Winter time is upon us and we usually see snow. There are many people in our community that walk or run on the sidewalks, even in the winter time. There are also people that use our sidewalks with limited mobility or rely on a wheel chair. Just a reminder to clear the sidewalks in front of your property as soon as you can. It is up to each individual and business to keep the sidewalks in front of their property clear so we can all enjoy.

If you happen to see any of our City employees out snow plowing our streets, gathering up all the extra Christmas aftermath, or any of the other responsibilities they are tending to – don't forget to say thank you! In addition, I know as I drive up and down Main Street I smile because of the beautiful Christmas lights- thank you to the Parks and Public Works Staff for their work in making our City look like "Festival City, USA." A HUGE thank you to all of the City employees for all of the time you sacrifice away from your families to serve our community making Cedar City the best place on earth to live!!!! I hope that everyone has a wonderful New Year and that 2021 brings happiness to all!