

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards

It seems like over the past month we have had almost every type of weather here in Cedar City. From beautiful and sunny days to snow and cold windy days, as usual you can never predict what the weather will do around this time of the year.

Beyond our crazy weather, things around town are keeping us busy by not slowing down. This past month I was able to present the annual

“State of the City Address” at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast and we started the annual budget process which will lead to the final City Budget being adopted in June. As we move through this process, I will provide status updates and information about the budget public hearings.

As not everyone was able to attend the State of the City address, I wanted to share a few of the highlights I spoke about. First and foremost, our city is in a good position and weathered the craziness of 2020 well.

Although we all know someone or many individuals and businesses that were not as fortunate to have come up of this past year on top, Cedar City Corporation, and the City, as a whole, are doing great. For example, between September 2019 and 2020, we managed to have a new job growth rate of 4% and our average county wage jumped by 6%. 2020’s gross taxable sales were up 18.3% over 2019 and we continue to see year of year increases each month when we receive the sales tax numbers from the state.

As we saw, golf statewide increased about 15% throughout the state of Utah, but here in Cedar City, Cedar Ridge Golf Course’s 2020 business was up 40% which equated to more than \$240,000 over 2019. We had an all time high in the number of building permits that were issued for a 39% increase in 2020 over 2019. We saw many new businesses open in our city or reinvent themselves to bet-

ter serve their customers. In addition to the above, we also had the grand re-opening of the Cedar City Airport after the construction closure that led to a corporative project that was state and federally funded with a local in kind match providing for over \$17 million in improvements including a new and stronger runway to replace the 50 year old existing asphalt, a crosswind runway, new connectors to the runway, and new runway signage and lights.

This year marks the final payment of our sales tax revenue bond for many City buildings, such as the Main City Office building, Festival Hall, Heritage Theatre and the parking structure. This frees up over \$900,00 of General Fund obligations for the City. We are very hopeful for the future and look forward to many new projects to come.

Although this is just a brief snapshot of what was accomplished over the past year, I hope it put some confidence in each of you that we live in a beautiful community that is continuing to prosper.

We have been working for years with UDOT on some pretty substantial and much needed road rehabilitation projects. We are very excited to have these projects finally getting underway so our City will be a safer, more aesthetically pleasing place to travel. Here are a few of the major road work projects coming this year:

- New overpass with pedestrian walkway at Coal Creek Road over I-15.
- New roundabout at Kittyawk Drive and Bulldog Road
- I-15 underpass reconstruction at Nichols Canyon Road
- New stop light at Nichols Canyon Road and Main Street
- UDOT Study on I-15 South Interchange.

Construction on these projects should start in spring/early summer. We know that these projects will be difficult for many neighborhoods throughout the City during the year, but we ask that you please be patient and courteous so crews can finish the work in a timely manner without delays. This is for your information and we will have more details on these projects in next month’s news letter.

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The Cedar City Street Division will begin Spring Clean-Up in April 2021. This year crews will begin collection as follows:

- Area 1: North of Center Street and east of I-15 on April 12, 2021
- Area 2: West of I-15 on April 19, 2021
- Area 3: South of Center Street and east of I-15 on April 26, 2021

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 dates. 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.)

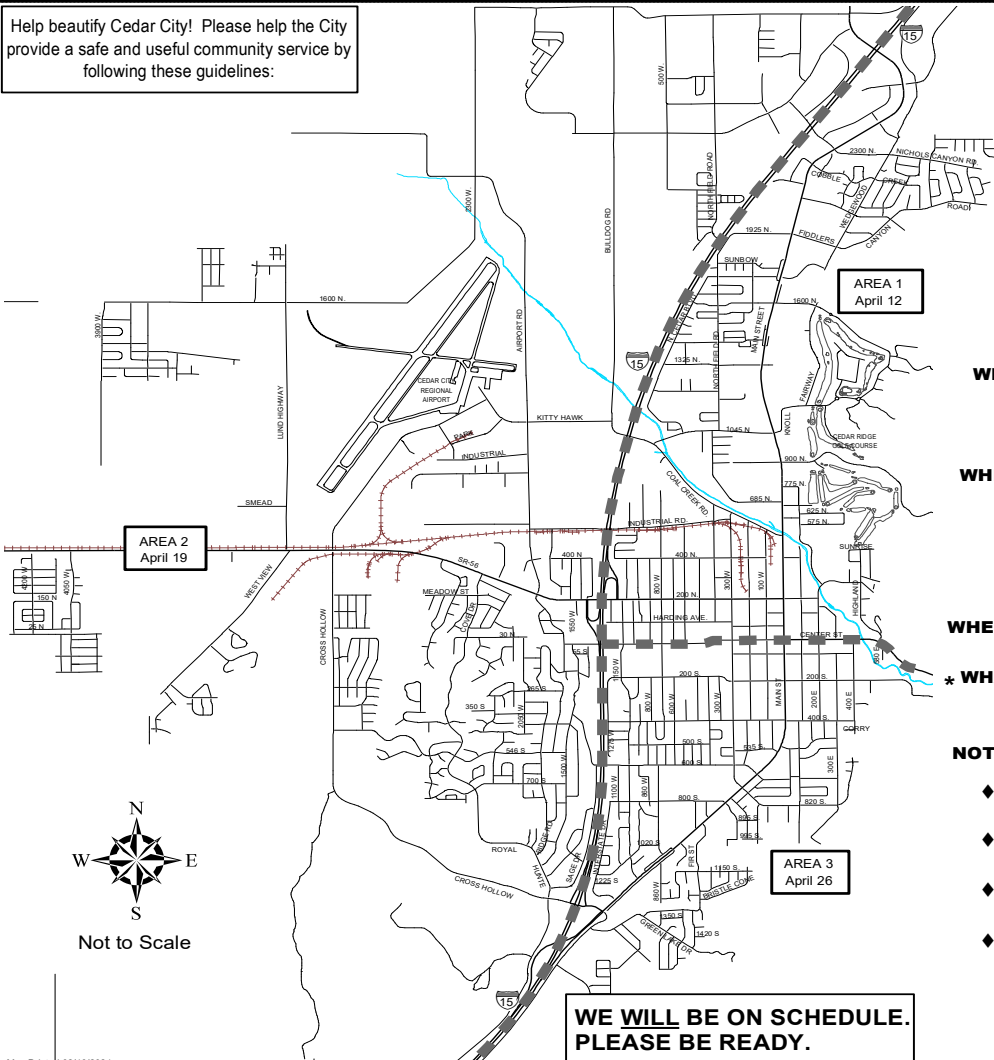
We will NOT pick up furniture or appliances, carpet or electronics. All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street by those who placed it there.

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 check the map below to find your pickup dates. We ask that you please keep vehicles off the street during your scheduled week and the following week so that City crews can sweep the street.

Please call the Public Works Department at 435-586-2912 for additional information.

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



CEDAR CITY SPRING CLEAN-UP 2021

* 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.**

WE WILL BE ON SCHEDULE. PLEASE BE READY.

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



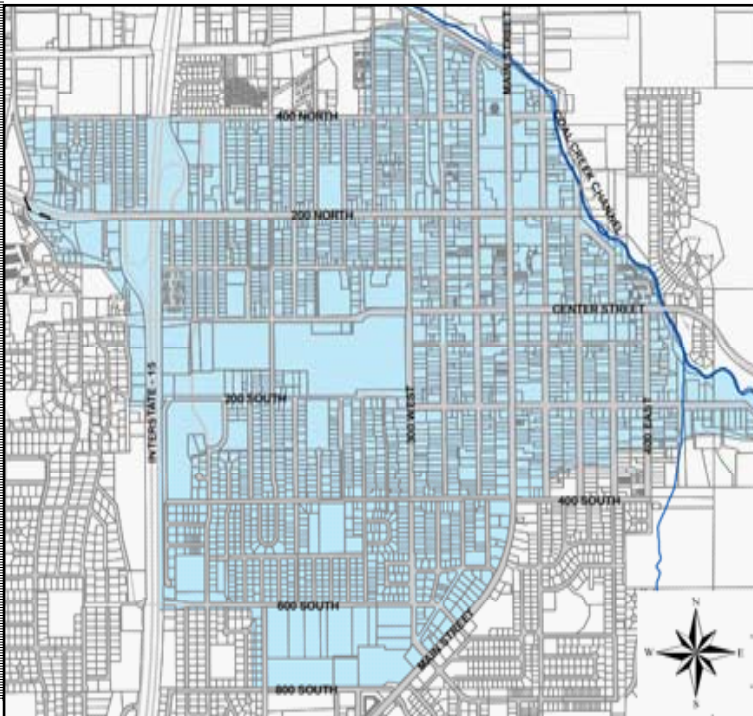
Please Clean Your Irrigation Ditch

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 27th and April 18th.

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.



TRANSPORTATION AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANS

CEDAR CITY OPEN HOUSE

Join the project team in Cedar City on Tuesday, March 30 from 5-7 p.m. at Festival Hall (105 N 100 E, Cedar City) for a public open house to review the draft project map, talk with project representatives, and give us your input.

The meeting will follow all Utah COVID-19 protocols, including requiring masks and socially distancing attendees.

Can't make the meeting? Visit www.cedarenochplan.com to review the draft projects and leave us your comments.

QUICK & EASY BILL PAYMENT

View & pay your **Cedar City Corporation** utility bills electronically - anytime, anywhere!

- Access and manage your online account 24/7
- Save time with AutoPay and paperless billing
- View your current bills and payment history
- Receive email & text reminders when a bill is due

PAY ONLINE
 PAY BY TEXT
 PAY BY PHONE

1. Go to www.cedarcity.org. Then click **Pay Online**, then **Register Now**.
2. Search for your invoice(s) by entering your **Account Number** or your **Last Name**. Then click on **Search Invoices**.
3. Then select the invoices you'd like to make a payment towards and click the **Register Selected Invoices** link.
4. Enter all required information that is marked with a red asterisk (*) and click **Complete Registration**.
5. **Congrats!** You've created your online account.
6. Once registered, use the **Services** area on the **Your Accounts at a Glance** screen, or the menu under **My Profile**, to sign up for paperless billing, AutoPay, scheduled payments, Pay by Text, and more!

Need help navigating the system? Please contact the office and a member of the staff will walk you through the process.

(435) 586-2950



Help us shape the future of transportation in our city! Cedar City and Enoch City are working together to update and prepare city-wide Transportation Master Plans, including an integrated Active Transportation Plan, for each city. Our consultant team has developed a draft project map for future roadway and active transportation infrastructure using the feedback that our residents provided last fall.

The study components of this research include:

- Master Transportation Plans - plans for a safe and effective movement of people and goods for the 10-year, 20-year and 30-year planning periods.
- State Route 130 Access Management Plan - will provide implementation guidance on how to improve SR-130 through traffic, reduce crashes and decrease vehicle conflicts in Enoch City.
- Active Transportation Plans - will help identify opportunities and gaps in the existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in order to plan for a safe and connected active transportation week.

Both Cedar City and Enoch will be hosting an open house independently to review the draft project map, give you a chance to talk with project representatives and let them know what you would like to see happen in your community. The meeting will follow all COVID-19 guidelines and everyone will be required to wear masks and social distance.

Cedar City will hold its Open House on Tuesday, March 30th from 5-7 p.m. at Festival Hall located at 105 N. 100 E. in Cedar City. Enoch City will host their Open House on Wednesday, March 31st from 5-7 p.m. at the Enoch Elementary located at 4701 N. Wagon Wheel Dr. in Enoch. If you are not able to attend the meeting in person, you are welcome to leave your comments and review the draft projects by visiting the website: www.cedarenoh-plan.com.

In its first year ever, the Cedar City Star Search Competition will be taking place this month. This is an incredible opportunity for our community to showcase all types of talent, including singing, dancing, solo musicians and bands, comedians, magicians, variety acts and MORE! This event will take place on Friday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Theater. Tickets can be purchased online through our website or directly from the Heritage Theater Box Office. For more information, call Brad Abrams in our Events Department at (435)865-5108.

As we get closer and closer to spring, I just wanted to remind everyone that with the warmer weather will bring many events to our "Festival City." I encourage our residents to take advantage of our annual City-wide Spring Clean-Up. This is a great opportunity to have our City crews haul away the debris from a long winter as we all get ready for another beautiful Cedar City spring, summer, and fall. The clean-up map is included in this flyer. The map and dates have changed, so please check to verify when City crews will be in your area. There are certain things that they will not be able to haul away, but if you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (435)586-2912.

On April 1st, the Utility Department will be launching their new payment program. Come April 2nd, you will be able to log in and create your new account and get all set up on autopay and paperless. You can view and pay your Cedar City Corporation Utility Bill electronically - anytime, anywhere! We encourage our residents to go online and create an account beginning April 2nd.

Here are the steps to help you create a new account:

1. Go to www.cedarcity.org. Then click Pay Online, then Register Now.
2. Enter your Account Number or enter Last Name and click on Search Invoices.
3. Then select the invoices you'd like to make a payment towards and click the Register Selected Invoices link.
4. Enter all required information that is marked with a red asterisk (*) and click Complete Registration.
5. Congrats! You've created your online account.
6. Once registered, use the Services area on the Your Accounts at a Glance screen, or the menu under My Profile, to sign up for paperless billing, AutoPay, scheduled payments, Pay by Text, and more!

Remember.....you will not be able to set up your account until Tuesday, April 2nd. But, if you need help navigating the system or have questions, please contact the utility payment office at (435) 586-2950 and a member of the staff will walk you through the process.

Also, we would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to Kenworthy Cedar Memorials and Melling Granite. They thoughtfully donated their time and equipment to help replace the headstones that were knocked off their bases at the cemetery in late January. There are plans to epoxy the markers back in place and Melling Granite has volunteered to clean the marble headstones. Thank you for your willingness to help out!