

# Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards

September is here, and that means summer is coming to an end and the fall season and cooler temperatures are upon us. I do, however, find myself reflecting on exactly what I would like to write in this month's newsletter and how to adequately express my feelings. This month marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City, which occurred on September 11th, 2001; an event that not only changed America, but the entire world forever. Nearly 3,000

lives were lost in the attacks, which made them the worst attacks on U.S. soil since Pearl Harbor back in 1941.

I can't believe it has been two decades since that fateful day. I remember that day quite vividly, as many of you can also. I was in high school and heading to a program at Fiddler's Elementary where my mom was the principal. When I got in the car, all radio stations were discussing the first plane that had hit the World Trade Center, and before I made it across town, it was announced that the second tower had been hit by a second plane. At that time, I, like many others, didn't fully grasp what exactly had just happened to our country.

I had the opportunity to visit New York a few months after the attacks. I can still remember the sights of smoke coming from the pile of rubble where both towers once stood, the seemingly endless wall of pictures of the loved ones that were missing, and the entire area covered with flags. As I sat there looking at the devastation around me, the magnitude of what had transpired days earlier hit hard. I felt so many emotions during that time, but after the sadness and anger had subsided, I couldn't help but feel the overwhelming sense of pride I had in watching our country become completely united in that singular moment. I had never been more proud to be an American.

SUU will present a program commemorating the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 on Friday, Sept. 10th, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the SUU Library Quad. For more information, call (435)586-7700. The Rotary Club will also have a program on Saturday, Sept. 11th at 8:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Park, located at 200 N. 200 E. We all promised that day we would never forget, and I encourage each and every one of our residents to make sure that Cedar City never will.

Our City crews are still hard at work trying to isolate problem areas that were damaged or affected by the flooding this past month. There is still a major concern for residents in Right Hand Canyon, as they have been without water for over a week. As a result of the flooding from our first major storm, a supply pipe had washed out in the Urie Creek area.

After speaking with the Water Department Superintendent, Robbie Mitchell, crews have found a solution to restore water to a handful of residents in Right Hand Canyon, including Milt's and Rusty's. However, for other areas of Right Hand, they are still without water. Currently city crews are working to locate and repair a significant leak, causing water to be expelled from the ground. They are using track hoes and other equipment to dig in various locations to try and locate the leak but are not sure if one small section or a larger 1/4 mile section needs to be repaired. We are currently waiting on a course of action plan from the State Water Engineer on what is needed to proceed.

Many property insurance policies do not cover flood damage. In an effort to make flood insurance available to the public Congress passed the National Flood Insurance Act in 1968. This act established the framework for the National Flood Insurance Program. Simply put, the National Flood Insurance Program works with private companies to provide flood insurance to property owners, renters, and businesses located in participating communities.

In 1984 the federal government adopted and published a flood study for the Cedar City area which included a flood insurance rate map. This laid the framework for Cedar City to join the National Flood Insurance Program, which Cedar City did by adopting appropriate local ordinances in 1989. The 1989 ordinances and subsequent refinement helped to establish current building regulations that are aimed at reducing flooding within the City. Property developed after adoption of these regulations have had to incorporate these mitigation measures. Also, by joining the National Flood Insurance Program Cedar City made the purchase of flood insurance available to all property owners, renters, and business interests in Cedar City.

In light of the recent flooding, City staff met with representatives from the National Flood Insurance Program, who track participation in the flood insurance program. They reported to Cedar City that there were approximately 30 flood insurance policies currently in effect for Cedar City residences. If you would like more information on flood insurance for your property, please visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

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## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

The Public Works Department is continuing to work with our city officials, Iron County and other entities to take care of water, sewer, storm drain and street issues caused by the recent flooding. We are continuing to assess damage and work as quickly and conscientiously as possible to make sure our city’s infrastructure is in good working condition. We appreciate everyone for their cooperation and patience as our crews work on these repairs.

**WATER** – Please remember to follow the City’s watering ordinance, Ordinance 37-7-1, which prohibits the use of culinary water for irrigation/sprinkling/watering between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM every day beginning April 1st and continuing through October 31st. Please follow the watering ordinance and do your part to conserve this precious resource. Find out more about water conservation from these websites: [conservewater.utah.gov](http://conservewater.utah.gov), [slowtheflow.org](http://slowtheflow.org) or [waterwiseutah.org](http://waterwiseutah.org).

**SOLID WASTE:** Our Solid Waste crew has noticed there has been a lot of trash left on the ground next to the trash cans. For the health and safety of our drivers, we do not pick up anything that is not inside the can. Remember to have your cans out by 7:00 AM, and don’t rely on “the usual time” the truck comes by. Please keep cans at least 3 feet apart and 6 feet from vehicles and other objects, so the truck can access your can.

Remember: Cedar City Public Works can help you with Road Excavation Permits, trash pickup, water leaks, sewer backups, street lights, information on transportation and road maintenance, but WE CANNOT help you pay your bills, set up new service or answer any questions related to your utility billing. For assistance with any of these issues, please contact Cedar City Utilities at 435-586-2951.

### I-15 BRIDGES CEDAR CITY PROJECT NOTICE - EAST NICHOLS CANYON ROAD

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has begun the work to remove and rebuild the East Nichols Canyon Road bridges on I-15. This project is estimated to take about 13 months to complete.

Crews have closed East Nichols Canyon Road, and a detour is in place. Work has begun to relocate and upgrade utilities in the area and construct a new bridge between the current southbound and northbound I-15 bridges.

The project will be built in (4) phases:

- The first phase of the project will build a new center bridge
- The second phase will shift northbound traffic onto the new center bridge, and crews will demolish and rebuild a new northbound bridge.
- The third phase will shift northbound traffic onto the new northbound bridge and southbound traffic onto the center bridge. Crews will demolish the current southbound bridge and rebuild the supporting structure for a new bridge deck.
- The fourth phase will have crews disconnecting the center bridge deck, moving it into place as the new southbound bridge deck and reconnecting it for use. Crews will continue to move the project to completion by finishing all adjacent work.

At times, traffic on I-15 will be reduced to one lane at night to give crews the necessary space to complete the work. During daylight hours both lanes of northbound and southbound I-15 traffic will be open with new traffic patterns depending on the work performed.

The East Nichols Canyon Road detour will be in place according to the following schedule.\* The detour is necessary for the safety of drivers who would normally pass under the bridges.

Detour - 7/2021 to 1/2022	Open - 1/2022 to 4/2022	Detour - 4/2022 to 7/2022
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*\*Detour dates are approximate. The goal of the project is to open East Nichols Canyon Road as soon as it is safe.*

Throughout the project, updated information can be found at [www.udot.utah.gov/go/nicholsroad](http://www.udot.utah.gov/go/nicholsroad). To contact their Primary Public Information Team, call Lisa Beck at (435)531-1358 or by email at [nicholsroad@utah.gov](mailto:nicholsroad@utah.gov).



Get ready for a rip roaring time at the Annual Great American Stampede Rodeo on September 10th - 11th, 2021! This event includes two exciting nights of rodeo held at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Hollows Events Center – Iron Rangers Arena (11 N. Cross Hollows Rd., Cedar City). Admission is \$10 adults, \$6 children (4 yrs to 12 yrs), \$30 family pass (2 adults & 4 children), and \$8 students (valid ID, **Friday ONLY**). The Rodeo is sure to be a thrilling show for the whole family. The featured act is the Bobby Kerr Mustang Act, and concessions will be available. If you would like to purchase your tickets in advance, they are available at CAL Ranch, IFA, and Ranger’s Farm & Ranch Supply. For information call 435-586-2424.

#Run the Canyon! The 12th annual running of the Cedar City Half Marathon down Cedar Canyon will feature plenty of pleasant surprises on one of the most spectacular downhill closed-canyon runs ever. Whether it's the sound of Coal Creek, breathtaking views, enthusiastic aid station volunteers, or energy-pumping music with crowds urging you to finish strong—the focus of the "Cedar Half" has always been our awesome canyon. The race starts Saturday, September 11th at 7:00 a.m. Come cheer the runners on at Bicentennial Soccer Fields. For more info go to [cedarcity.org/half](http://cedarcity.org/half).



**THEY'RE BACK and they're ready to RIDE!!!**

Cedar City Events presents the Utah edition of the Belgian Waffle Ride. The Canyon Belgian Waffle Ride & Expo, will be held at Main Street Park on Saturday, September 25th, 2021. The engorging commences at 6:00 a.m. with a complimentary breakfast of, you guessed it, WAFFLES!! The race begins at 7:00 a.m. and runs through 7:00 p.m. This event promises unparalleled punishment for entrants, with a new course, more teeth-rattling gravel, and the vistas only southern Utah can provide. This 125-mile course has a variety of different surfaces, with 75% gravel, sand, rocks or dirt, single track, even some asphalt and bike paths. Riders will experience altitudes over 6,500 feet, with headwinds roughly from mile-42 to mile-97.



The Belgian Waffle Ride is one of the largest gravel cycling events in the United States. Held in Southern California in May, this event typically attracts over 2,000 riders! With so much interest in the event, they expanded last year in Cedar City, and this year in Asheville, North Carolina and Lawrence, Kansas. For more information on events or to register, visit [www.belgianwaffleride.bike](http://www.belgianwaffleride.bike)



If you are a small business owner, a woman and would like to be a part of a very empowering event, then you won't want to miss the Exploring Possibilities Women's Business Conference. The event will be held on September 14th, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott (1294 S. Interstate Dr., Cedar City). The event will include Kelli Charlton, owner of Core Solutions Center, as the keynote speaker, a panel discussion, and a unique networking activity. There will be drinks and snacks during the afternoon sessions and networking activities. Following dinner, there will be an opportunity drawing. The drawing will include gift cards, gift certificates, gift baskets, free services, and more from local businesses in southern and eastern Utah. One FREE drawing ticket will be given to each participant. Additional tickets for the drawing are available online when you register or in person on the day of the event. For information visit [www.wbcutah.org](http://www.wbcutah.org), or for more details and to register, visit [bit.ly/36JaAUL](http://bit.ly/36JaAUL).



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October is breast cancer awareness month. According to the CDC, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, regardless of race or ethnicity. About 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 12.4%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime.

On Saturday, October 9th, join with other members from Cedar City and Iron County to support women dealing with breast cancer. The 9th annual Power in Pink-Iron County Walk and Run will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Cedar City West Canyon Park, 151 S. 400 E.

Started in 2013 by four young breast cancer survivors, this annual event helps meet the needs of local women rather than sending proceeds to big national organizations. "This event raises funds specifically for the ladies in our area that need help getting through the challenges of treatment," said Robyn Brown, one of the founders of Power in Pink.

"We are here to help. We want to help. We have been where they are - worrying about medication, co-payments, deductibles, utility bills, groceries, child care, etc. We can shoulder some of that burden so that they can direct their energy inward. To rest, heal, and fight this disease," said Deena Marchal, Power in Pink-Iron County board member.

Focused on honoring the warriors that have battled cancer and are continuing to fight cancer, Power in Pink is currently accepting Pink Warrior nominations for its Memorial Walk. In addition, they are looking for event volunteers and pink ambassadors to join their volunteer ranks. To find out more about volunteering or to send Pink Warrior nominations and photos to Power in Pink, email [powerinpinkcedarcity@gmail.com](mailto:powerinpinkcedarcity@gmail.com).

Early bird registration is \$25 until September 15th with registration after September 15th being \$35. Registration and information are available at [Active.com](http://Active.com) and [EventBrite](http://EventBrite) where you can also make tax deductible donations if you are unable to participate in the walk/run. Current Covid precautions will be followed during the event, and masks will be available. Registration on the day of the event begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sponsors for this year's event include our presenting sponsor Polarity Design Team along with Ernie's Stores, SHE-Salon and Formal Dress Boutique, SUU Alumni & Community Relations, Iron County School District, State Bank of Southern Utah, Smith's, Women's Health and Midwifery, Myriad Genetics, and Kolob Sign & Design. Power in Pink is also always accepting additional sponsors. For more information about partnering with Power in Pink to support local breast cancer warriors, email [powerinpinkironcounty@gmail.com](mailto:powerinpinkironcounty@gmail.com) or additionally at [powerinpinkcedarcity@gmail.com](mailto:powerinpinkcedarcity@gmail.com) or follow the event on the Power in Pink-Iron County Facebook and Instagram pages.

It is highly likely that you or someone you have known have been affected by Alzheimer's or other type of dementia. It is estimated that more than 6 million Americans are living with the disease, and 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or

dementia. In 2021, the disease will cost the United States over \$355 billion, and is projected to rise to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050. But there is hope. The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's will be full of Promise Garden flowers this year; each one carried by someone committed to ending this disease. The organization continues to raise funds and awareness for a breakthrough in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

This year, the Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held in Cedar City on Saturday, September 18th, 2021, at Cedar City Motor Company, located at 1010 North Main Street in Cedar City. You can join them at your local event or Walk From Home in your neighborhood. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Festivities area, and the Promise Garden Ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. They will continue to closely monitor CDC, state and local guidelines to ensure Walk events adhere to recommendations and are safe for attendees. If you prefer to Walk From Home, you can still engage in many Walk-day experiences through their mobile app. For more information on how you can donate, register to walk or to Walk From Home, visit the Alzheimer's Association website at [www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org).

Take a journey through future and imaginary worlds with technology, arts and sensory wonders as the Orchestra of Southern Utah (OSU) presents the Children's Jubilee - "Explore, Past, Present & Future". The Jubilee will be held at the Heritage Theatre located at 30 N. 100 E. on October 2nd, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Families can experience fascinating educational demonstrations of science and technology, including interactive virtual reality games. This exciting event will culminate with the Orchestra performing soundtrack cues from Back to the Future, August Rush, well-loved games like Luigi's Mansion, Super Smash Bros, and classical highlights from Edward Elgar's luminous Enigma Variations. You may just find your mind opening to possibilities of how you can create and inspire, to make for a better future. Tickets are \$5 per person with babies free. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact OSU by email at [beckyosucedarcity@gmail.com](mailto:beckyosucedarcity@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars for the Iron County Home Builders Association (ICHBA) Festival of Homes this month. This event is scheduled for Fridays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on September 3rd - 6th and September 10th - 12th. Every year, there are so many amazing homes that are featured, and it's a good chance for you to get some ideas on your future dream home. Tickets are available now. They are \$12 per person and can be purchased at all local State Bank of Southern Utah branches as well as Coldwell Banker Advantage (26 N Main St, Cedar City) beginning Labor Day Weekend. Buy tickets online at [www.ichba.org/festival-of-homes](http://www.ichba.org/festival-of-homes) or call (435) 865-1113.