

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards

I must admit, I have been dreading writing this last newsletter. How do I adequately put into words all the emotions, gratitude, thoughts, and feelings that have been running through my head the past few weeks? Between Thanksgiving and the natural gratitude that it brings into our lives to reflecting on all that has transpired in our community during the past 8 years, I have been overwhelmed with love and appreciation.

Eight years ago, this incredible community allowed me the opportunity of a lifetime, to serve as your Mayor. As I sit here writing this final edition, I couldn't help but revisit the first newsletter I wrote as a wide-eyed incoming mayor. Many of the emotions I had back then have remained during my time of service. I can't help but think how fortunate I have been to meet many great citizens of this community. The people who live in Cedar City make this place unlike anywhere else on earth. We are all so lucky to call Cedar City home. I have been extremely honored that you placed your trust in me for the two terms I served and hope you know that I worked day in and day out on behalf of each of you and our community as a whole.

Together over the years, we experienced some very memorable (for better or worse) events. From the epic 2014 "Mother's Day Snowstorm"; to the escaped bull that was loose on Main Street headed towards SUU and South Elementary as the school day was about to start; to numerous meetings surrounding the City Ordinances related to how many animals someone could have; to COVID; and this summer with our monsoon flood season, it's been quite a journey.

Our community has grown. New businesses have expanded and relocated here, and the health of our City hasn't been better. We have accomplished many great and important infrastructure projects, created efficiencies within the City, and always prepared a balanced city budget with the most important thing in mind: wise, prudent use of your hard-earned tax dollars. We have been able to work with the Utah Legislature, Utah Department of Transportation, and numerous other state and federal agencies to take the vision of a project and see it through to completion. Overall, together our City has achieved incredible and important milestones.

Now, if you would indulge me, I would first like to thank this amazing City for providing me the opportunity to serve you. I have always sought to be accessible, available, dependable, consistent, and reliable. While we may not have always seen eye to eye on an issue, I hope you know that I was always there to listen to your concerns and try to find solutions.

To the many individuals that believed in me and supported me over the years, thank you! From the encouraging calls, texts, emails, and cards, it has truly been a joy serving in this capacity.

To our youth, never let anyone tell you that you cannot achieve your goals and dreams. We have incredible youth in this City, and it has been an honor to meet and interact with so many of you. Whether it was a youth group coming to the city offices, reading at an elementary school, or participating in an event, I have cherished the opportunity to remind you that you are capable beyond your wildest imagination and to reach for the stars.

To the City Staff (what seems like my second family), thank you. Thank you for your dedication to the residents of our City, thank you for often times doing the job that no one else would want to do, and thank you for your efforts to make our city better today than it was yesterday. We have stood side by side through some incidents that I wouldn't wish upon anyone, and yet you were there, not complaining. We have laughed together, cried together, debated policy together, and everything in between. I hope you all know how proud I am to have worked alongside whom I consider some of the best and brightest city leaders and employees anywhere. I honestly believe that you seek to do what is best and right for Cedar City now and for the future.

Finally, to my family, how do I even put into words how much I appreciate and love you? Over the past eight years as a family, we have experienced some of the best times of our lives and the worst times of our lives. Yet, through the good times and bad, you have always been there for me, encouraging me to follow my dreams. You taught me from a very young age that it is one's duty to be engaged and involved in serving our community, and I am forever grateful for your influence in giving back. Jayson and McKinley, you two are my world and I can't imagine my life without you. So, for the final time, I want to thank my incredible family publicly!

So, as I sign off for the last time as your Mayor, thank you Cedar City!

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PUBLIC WORKS

IT'S ALL ABOUT TRASH!! (YOUR TRASH)

Here's some general information to help you assist us in picking up your residential trash:

- For the health and safety of our drivers, we do not pick up anything that is not inside the can, so make sure all your residential household trash is inside the can.
- Please keep cans at least 3 feet apart and 6 feet from vehicles and other objects so the gripper arms can access your can.
- Have your cans out by 7:00 AM on your designated pickup day. Don't rely on "the usual time" the truck comes by. They can be either earlier or later depending on weather, road construction, vehicle breakdowns, etc.
- If you live in a cul-de-sac please put your can out on to the straight-away and not in the "key." This allows us to keep backing maneuvers to a minimum and keep everyone safe.
- Boxes and vegetation like grass, weeds and leaves can become packed in the bottom of your can, and no amount of shaking will dislodge the materials. Please try to keep these materials from being tightly packed.
- There are many items that the city trash trucks are not able to pick up, such as furniture, televisions, appliances, carpet, construction materials such as brick, lumber, fencing, posts, etc., tires, rims, toilets, lawn mowers, car engines (yes, there have been several car engines sticking out of a residential trash can), metal posts, etc. These materials can be disposed of at the Iron County Landfill at 3127 North Iron Springs Road.

If you have any questions regarding trash collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 435-586-2912.

Cedar City FINALE
New Year's Bash

NEW YEARS EVE
STARTS 8PM | 80'S NEON MIX & MINGLE
HERITAGE THEATER LOBBY | 80'S ATTIRE ENCOURAGED
THEMED FINGER FOODS

9PM | LOCAL BAND: **THE BEEZ**

10PM | *David Archuleta*
CONCERT

12AM | FIREWORKS & DESSERT BAR
COMPLIMENTRY CELEBRATION KIT

PURCHASE TICKETS @
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CEDAR CITY PUBLIC WORKS	
2022 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 - Celebrated on Friday, December 31st	Monday, January 3rd
Civil Rights Day - Monday, January 17th	Wednesday, January 19th
Presidents' Day - Monday, February 21st	Wednesday, February 23rd
Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th	Wednesday, June 1st
Independence Day - Monday, July 4th	Wednesday July 6th
Pioneer Day - Celebrated on Monday, July 25th	Wednesday, July 27th
Labor Day - Monday, September 5th	Wednesday, September 7th
Veterans' Day - Friday, November 11th	Monday, November 14th
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 24th	Wednesday, November 23rd
Day after Thanksgiving Day - Friday, November 25th	Monday, November 28th
Christmas Day - Celebrated on Monday, December 26th	Wednesday, December 28th



2021 HOLIDAY MAP

OUTSTANDING LIGHTS & DISPLAYS

Here are just a few of the places to see incredible holiday light displays in Cedar City, Enoch, Parowan, and Paragonah. Use #cedarcitylights and tag @visitcedarcity to share the magic of the season! Check visitcedarcity.com for additional locations and more information. Most light displays run the first weekend of December through New Year's.

- 1 Make-A-Wish House**
26 N 1150 W | Ben Hohman and Marielle Boneau share their love of decorating with the community by covering their house with lights and decorations. The public is encouraged to explore their entire yard, however they kindly ask for donations to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Bundle up to walk the property. Donations can be made on site or at benhpropp56.wix.com/holidaylights
- 2 Vintage Christmas at the Cowans**
686 W 200 N | Randy and Collette Cowan's vintage display of the nativity scenes and Santa with his reindeer is a Cedar City tradition!
- 3 Utah Shakespeare Festival & Southern Utah Museum of Art**
195 W Center St | Stroll the grounds of the Beverley Center for the Arts and walk among the decorated trees, along the paths, and amidst the sculpture gardens.
- 4 Downtown (Main and Center Streets)**
Center Street to 200 North | Downtown Cedar City is always a winter wonderland during the holiday season, even without snow! Bundle up and stroll downtown to view wondrous window displays. Start at Main Street Park (200 N Main St) and go south to Center Street and then turn west to see the lights at the Beverley Center for the Arts.
- 5 Jeremy Lee & Tennile Manwaring**
389 E 200 S | Gaze in wonder as light comes to life in this joyous display of dancing light; 7 pm - 10 pm nightly
- 6 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum**
635 N Main St | Frontier Homestead will open the gates to their amazing displays on the museum grounds. Bundle up to walk the property. No admission fee, however, donations are greatly appreciated. December 20th - 24th 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- 7 Christmas Lane**
400 E 1250 N (Cedar Ridge Golf Course) | All the homes on this loop participate in telling Clement Moore's classic poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" better known as "Twas The Night Before Christmas."
- 8 Nichols Canyon**
Nichols Canyon Rd (east of Wedgewood Ln) | Rows of homes in this canyon provide a delightful display of holiday cheer. Be sure to visit the side streets and cul de sacs for more holiday wonder!
- 9 Neil Mattson**
2149 N Hawthorne Ln | Nestled between Fiddlers and Nichols Canyons, this classic display of over 25,000 lights set to music is a joyful celebration of the season.
- 10 Nathan Miller**
3631 N 250 E, Enoch | The Millers go all out with the lights and synchronized Christmas music, and all for a good cause! Donations for **Toys for Tots** accepted November 26th through December 22nd
- 11 Frank & Mary Davis**
264 S 500 W, Parowan | Synchronized lights and music make this a holiday experience not to be missed!
- 12 Winter Wonderland**
16 S Main St, Parowan | Presented by Parowan Chamber of Commerce, the Winter Wonderland is a delightful display of the sights of the season. Fun places for photos found throughout with FREE hot chocolate on Saturdays.
- 13 Orton's Walk-Through Winter Wonderland**
300 E 551 N, Parowan | Walk through a wonderland of lights, inflatables, music and more milk jugs than you have ever seen!
- 14 Bess Residence**
193 E 335 N, Paragonah | Just like sledding and hot chocolate, the lights and music at the Bess's are a spectacular treat.



Let us know when you see amazing lights and we'll drop another flag on the map! Send us a message @visitcedarcity

HOT COCOA To go

31 BLYVEN COFFEE 430 S 200 W 28 N Main St	THE PASTRY RUB 1400 Hill 1400 10 W University Blvd
BRISTLECOCKE Co. (435) 326-0000 67 W Center St	PERKS! 6280 572-4011 700 S Main St
THE FRENCH SPOT 7477 Hill Street S N Main St	SLURP UP (435) 704-0003 710 W 200 N
THE GRIND (435) 620-3300 16 N Main St	THE GODA NERD 4430 275 Hill 68 S Main St
JAVA JUNK'S 4320 200-0200 340 N Main St	STARBUCKS COFFEE 3322 S Main St 150 N Main St (at Library)
LIZZIE & LOLA'S ESPRESSO & MORE 100 W Center St 1072 W 200 N	

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On December 18, 2021, Cedar City will join over 2,600 other cities across America in honoring and remembering our veterans through “Wreaths Across America.” We invite you to join us at 2:00 p.m. as families, friends, volunteers, and civic groups from throughout our city lay beautiful, fresh balsam wreaths at the graves of each of the over 1,200 veterans buried in the Cedar City Cemetery. The local WAA committee, who has been working on this ceremony for almost a year, promises a very touching and patriotic event. The brief program will consist of a color guard, a special ceremonial wreath presentation honoring each branch of our military, music, remarks from Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards, tributes, a fly-over, bagpipes, taps, and much more.

The “Wreaths Across America” event will attract a large turnout, and as such, the Cedar City Police Department and VIPS will be assisting with parking. All traffic for the event will be directed to enter the cemetery from Iron Mission Parkway and exit onto Main Street. All vehicles will be entering one-way only. Once you enter the cemetery grounds, volunteers will direct you in order to maximize parking. Please follow all instructions and proceed slowly. The ceremony will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m., and we ask those attending to arrive early. We will have golf carts available to assist for the elderly and those needing assistance getting to the ceremony site. Other locations observing “Wreaths Across America” in Iron County are Enoch at 12 noon, and Paragonah and Summit at 10 a.m.

The wreath ceremony is a couple of weeks away, but donations for wreaths are still being accepted. Each wreath costs \$15.00, but gifts in any amount are accepted. The fundraising committee is nearing its 2021 goal, but additional support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to participate, please make checks payable to Bald Eagle Chapter DAR. Leave contributions at City Hall in Councilman R. Scott Phillips box or mail donations to: Wreaths Across America, 126 S. 2050 W., Cedar City, Utah 84720. In addition to the fundraising, we are expecting over 200 volunteers to assist with the wreath laying. We remind everyone to dress warmly and be prepared for December temperatures.

Each year, the Cedar City Tourism Bureau puts out a Holiday Map and Events Calendar to help our residents and visitors alike, find the biggest and brightest Holiday light displays around our community. To see the map of the top 14 light displays they have listed, check out the inside of this newsletter, or for a complete list of events, visit their website at www.visitcedarcity.com and select their *Holiday Map*.

Economic Development End of Year Report:

Cedar City and Iron County have made a rapid recovery from the pandemic recession, according to Lecia Langston, the Senior Economist for Utah Department of Workforce Services. “Between June 2019 and June 2021, Iron County’s nonfarm jobs increased by a whopping 11%—that’s an average of 5.5% per year in the midst of the national pandemic recession,” Langston said. Almost all major industrial sectors experienced positive new job creation this year. Additionally, our local unemployment rate has plummeted, dropping to just 2.0% at the end of October. Our main economic struggle in Cedar City is finding sufficient workers to keep up with new job expansion.

The local building sector continued to ignore any slowdown in 2021. Both residential and nonresidential permit values are up dramatically from 2020, when Cedar City approved the highest number of permits ever. Retail sales are up by a staggering 31% in the second quarter of this year. In total, Cedar City and Iron County have fared much better economically in 2021 than Utah and the nation..

New job creation is an important indicator of the strength of our local economy. The 10.9% increase represents 2,132 new jobs in Iron County from June 2019 to June 2021. By comparison, Utah had 3.7% new job growth while the United States was -3.4% for the same time period.

“While Iron County’s economy suffered during the early days of public health restrictions, its contraction proved less severe than both the state and the nation,” Langston reported. “Iron County’s pandemic unemployment rate peaked at 8.9% in April 2020, below state and national averages.

Construction permitting in Cedar City has continued at a tremendous rate since 2019, when we finished the year with 591 total permits. In 2020 that number increased by 39% to 819 total permits. As of December 2, 883 permits have been issued in 2021.

Retail stores in Cedar City and Iron County have had a phenomenal 2021 overall. Between the second quarters of 2020 and 2021, gross taxable sales skyrocketed by nearly 31%. Retail trade sales had most of this gain, with building materials/garden stores, furniture stores, motor vehicle dealers and non-store retailers such as Amazon generating the largest increases. The greatest economic challenge we have as we wrap up this year is the rapid growth we are currently experiencing.