

# Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Mayor Maile Wilson- Edwards*

It seems like everywhere you go lately someone is sick ('tis the season). Please be considerate of others and, if possible, stay home while you have the pesky bug that is going around. On a more positive note, can you believe it is already February, 2019? I don't know about the rest of you, but the start of 2019 has seemed more hectic than previous years and it

appears like there is way more going on. I wonder if all this activity will continue throughout 2019? Only time will tell!

The Utah State Capitol is buzzing with the start of the 2019 legislative session. Each year during the 45-day session our State nickname "the Beehive State" gains new meaning with the legislators buzzing around the Capitol fulfilling their various committee roles, working hard, and being industrious, all while trying to serve the people of our great state of Utah.

As always, the various legislators continually mention the necessity of local leadership being involved in the legislative process and making an effort to travel to the Capitol. Due to these comments, I believe there is a direct correlation between fostering relationships with the legislative bodies and their support for our community. So, just as I have the past few years, I will continue to advocate on behalf of Cedar City during this, and the future legislative sessions. I will also provide updates throughout the session.

I wanted to share a fun story of how a group of young girls made an impact here in Cedar City. Back on June 13th, Girl Scout Troop 120 came to City Council to present their idea for three new trash receptacles to be placed along the Coal Creek walking trail in the areas where the troop had picked up trash as a public service. As they were helping beautify our community, they noticed there were not enough trash cans in some areas. However, these girls didn't just come to City Council to complain about a problem they saw, they came to help be part of the solution! From detailing where they thought the best locations would be for the trash receptacles, to even donating \$300 of their troop fund money towards the purchase of the cans, they were part of the process from start to finish.

It was suggested by Council that they work with the Parks Department to find a solution to the problem, and look into the purchasing of the receptacles.

At the time, the girls did not realize that the cost of these cans would be fairly expensive, due to the fact that they must be mounted to the ground, etc., so the girls found a way to acquire additional funding. They were able to present their proposal to the RAP Tax Committee in July, and received positive support and \$1,200 in funding in August. The check was received in September and with the two sources they raised a total of \$1,500 for the project.

After all their hard work and dedication, Troop 120 donated the funding they had acquired. The three receptacles with lids, plus mounting kits, came to around \$2,200, with the Cedar City Parks Department making up the difference. The receptacles were installed in November along the trail where the troop suggested from their research.

Overall, this was a great project and it was even more rewarding to see these young girls engaging in

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## Jeff Lennert honored

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Senior Operator, Jeff Lennert, has been chosen as the Employee of the Month of February by the Employee Advisory Committee. Jeff was nominated by WWTP Superintendent Eric Bonzo, who wrote: "Jeff Lennert has been with the Cedar City Wastewater Treatment Facility for 13 years. In 2016, Jeff was moved



into the Plant Senior Operator position. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations and maintenance at the treatment facility and for ensuring that plant processes and maintenance run smoothly on a daily basis. Jeff's ability to identify, research, and fix issues in a timely manner at the facility are commendable. Jeff has, and keeps, a very positive working relationship with the operators and facility staff and keeps safety at the forefront daily. Jeff has been very instrumental with the safety program and protocol of the facility and has updated and created many Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for safety and compliance. Jeff accepts any task or request given to him by the Superintendent and follows through to make sure they are completed. Jeff responds to any after-hour/weekend emergencies if needed to assist the other operators or to ensure the

facility is kept running smoothly. Jeff recently studied for, and passed, the Utah Wastewater Operator Certification Grade III exam with the State of Utah and moved into a Direct Responsible Charge (DRC) at the facility. We are very fortunate to have him as part of our team at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Congratulations Jeff!

## Public Works

**AIRPORT:** The Public Works Department would like to express their thanks and appreciation to Jeremy Valgardson, who served as the Cedar City Regional Airport Manager from 2015 – 2018. Jeremy has left the area and is continuing his career in aviation management in Texas. During his tenure as Airport Manager, passenger enplanements steadily increased and in 2018 there were over 15,600 passenger enplanements in Cedar City. There were many major projects completed and new equipment purchased to keep the Airport running at peak efficiency. We wish Jeremy the best as he moves forward in his career in aviation.

**SOLID WASTE:** As a reminder, please have your trash cans out on the street at 7 a.m. on your designated trash pickup day. If your can is not out, we will not be able to come back and get it, and you will have to wait until the next week for trash pickup. Please make sure your cans are at least 3-feet away from vehicles or other cans to allow for the safe operation of the equipment in emptying your cans. Residents living in cul-de-sacs need to bring their garbage cans to the beginning of the cul-de-sac. We are required to keep backing maneuvers to a minimum to keep everyone safe and also for insurance purposes. Putting your cans on the straight-a-way before the cul-de-sac allows for safer operation of the equipment. During the winter when the streets are icy, our trucks can deviate from the typical way the routes are run by picking up trash before they start up a hill to give them some weight for traction, so cans may not be picked up at the time they normally are, or in the order the route is usually run, so, again, please have your cans out by 7 a.m. on your designed pickup day to avoid any missed cans.

**STREETS:** We remind all residents not to push your snow into the street or sidewalks. Our crews are working hard to keep the traffic lanes clear and residents that push the snow into the roadways cause safety problems for traffic. If we are out plowing and find that snow has been pushed out into the street, we will push it back and it could block your driveway.



## Donation to new Cedar City Animal Adoption Center



“Our hearts all beat the same,” according to North Elementary student Ty Burton, who won the City’s logo contest for the new Animal Adoption Center last spring with his drawing and that quote. In the spirit of Ty, the Cedar City Animal Adoption Center Fundraising Committee and its partners are working on a \$1.2 million dollar campaign to build a state-of-the-art animal adoption facility designed to answer the community’s call to provide better behavioral and medical care for our City’s animals for many years to come.

Recently, Friends of Iron County K-9’s made a contribution to this fundraising effort by presenting a contribution check at a City Council meeting. Members of the K-9 Friends Board, public safety officers, and staff stepped up to demonstrate their support of this exciting new facility. We thank them and others who have so generously supported this cause. However, we are not done. There are still funds that need to be raised before this new shelter can open.

Why a new Animal Adoption Center some may ask? The current 60-year-old facility is a converted coal storage building, completely inadequate for its present use. The animals are currently housed in very small rooms with no quarantine areas for sick animals, increasing the risk of disease and infection. Our staff works in poorly lighted, cramped spaces with ineffective ventilation. Other areas of concern include a lack of indoor and outdoor runs to exercise the animals, lack of staff showers and laundry, and no dedicated space for community education and training—all of which hinder the general welfare and successful adoption of our animals.

Over the past few years, Cedar City’s elected officials and staff have studied animal shelters throughout our region. These facilities have ventilation, heating, cooling, and plumbing systems specifically designed with the proper care of animals in mind. Unlike our current animal shelter, properly designed shelters are in one single building, with animal welfare, education, and adoption as their foremost objectives. They provide space for the public to socialize with animals before they are taken home, in an effort to make sure there is a proper fit for both owner and animal.

Over the last three years Cedar City’s current animal shelter has seen a 30 percent increase in surrendered animals. In 2018 alone, over 1,400 animals were brought to the shelter—cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies alike. With these significant increases, a new and larger facility is needed to continue to support our expanding needs and lifesaving mission. Our ultimate goal is to provide a safe haven and forever home for each animal that enters our new no-kill and home-like shelter, designed to help promote animal welfare and adoption. We want to engage with the community by providing education and training so that Cedar City’s citizens will understand what resources are available for their animals.

To that end, Cedar City, in partnership with a local architectural firm, has designed a new 5,200 square foot facility currently under construction at 13205 West Kitty Hawk Drive. This safe and innovative new shelter will feature:

- A state-of-the-art facility designed under the guidance of Shelter Planners of America.
- Expanded programs and services to meet community needs.
- A more accessible location with adequate parking and ADA compatibility.
- Enhanced animal care and staff facilities including areas for veterinarian services and grooming.
- A designated cat/kitten area allowing for more interaction with shelter patrons.
- Expanded area for individuals to spend time and get to know the animals before adoption.
- More kennels and quarantine space for sick animals, and separate HVAC systems to reduce the spread of disease.

We hope you will join us today in helping to make this dream become a reality. We thank the many who have already so generously supported us, and ask others who share our vision to provide a caring, warm, and stable short-term home for animals to donate today (all donations are tax deductible). Donation information can be found by visiting [www.cedarcityanimalshelter.org](http://www.cedarcityanimalshelter.org) or by calling (435) 586-2960.



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the process, helping find a solution (including securing the funding), and then seeing the project through to completion. Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 120 for identifying a problem and then helping to find a solution. With innovative and hard working young people like these girls, we can be sure our community will be in good hands in the future!

**B**ook early! SkyWest's schedule is changing this summer! Flying on SkyWest Airlines in and out of the Cedar City Regional Airport is so convenient. Parking is free, TSA security is friendly, fast, and easy, and prices from Cedar City (CDC) to Salt Lake City (SLC) are quite reasonable. Business and leisure travelers alike enjoy our twice-daily regional jet service to and from Salt Lake International Airport.

This summer, the St. George Airport will be closed due to a major runway replacement. During that time, SkyWest's schedule will change to accommodate a third flight in and out of Cedar City Sunday through Friday, and the flight schedule will change. There will still be two flights on Saturdays, but those flight times will change as well. This revised schedule includes dates between May 29 and September 26, and you can make reservations now at Delta.com or through SkyWest Airlines.

The new Sunday—Friday schedule from Cedar City (CDC) to Salt Lake (SLC) will include:

- Delta flight #7392 leaving CDC at 6:40 a.m. and arriving at SLC at 7:45 a.m.
- Delta flight #7379 leaving CDC at 11:40 a.m. and arriving at SLC at 12:45 p.m.
- Delta flight #7380 leaving CDC at 6:32 p.m. and arriving at SLC at 7:37 p.m.

The new Sunday—Friday schedule from Salt Lake (SLC) to Cedar City (CDC) will include:

- Delta flight #7379 leaving SLC at 9:45 a.m. and arriving at CDC at 10:45 a.m.
- Delta flight #7380 leaving SLC at 5:00 p.m. and arriving at CDC at 6:07 p.m.
- Delta flight #7397 leaving SLC at 10:15 p.m. and arriving at CDC at 11:15 p.m.

Saturday flights from Cedar City (CDC) to Salt Lake (SLC) include:

- Delta flight #7392 leaving CDC at 6:40 a.m. and arriving at SLC at 7:45 a.m.
- Delta flight #7379 leaving CDC at 11:40 a.m. and arriving at SLC at 12:45 p.m.

Saturday flights from Salt Lake (SLC) to Cedar City (CDC) include:

- Delta flight #7379 leaving SLC at 9:45 a.m. and arriving at CDC at 10:45 a.m.
- Delta flight #7380 leaving SLC at 8:40 p.m. and arriving at CDC at 9:42 p.m.

This schedule change gives Cedar City residents an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to SkyWest Airlines just how valuable an early morning flight from Cedar City to Salt Lake is to our residents and businesses. Also note that it may be more difficult for Cedar City residents to schedule that early flight, as regular St. George Airport customers will be encouraged to fly in and out of Cedar City while their runway is under construction.

If you're planning to travel this summer, make sure to book your flights in and out of Cedar City as soon as possible!

**C**anyon Creek Services (formerly known as the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center) invites the community to "share the love" at its Valentine's Dinner fundraiser on Thursday, February 14th at the Courtyard Marriott, located at 1294 S. Interstate Drive.

The third annual Canyon Creek Services Valentine's Dinner fundraiser will include a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, and a beautiful venue, all while supporting a good cause. Proceeds from the dinner will go towards helping fund Canyon Creek Services programs for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The community is invited to attend: singles, couples, and groups are all welcome to celebrate loving, healthy relationships of all kinds.

Tickets for the event are available in different pricing and packages:

- Single: \$40
- Couple: \$70
- Table: \$260 (8 seats)
- Sweetheart Package: \$155 (includes dinner for 2 and a queen room)
- Paramour Package: \$200 (includes dinner for 2 and a king room)

For more information, and to purchase tickets, contact ReAnne Reimschuessel at (435) 233-5732 or reanne@ccwcc.org or visit their website [www.canyoncreekservices.org/events](http://www.canyoncreekservices.org/events).