

# Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Mayor Maile Wilson- Edwards*

I am so excited that it's finally spring, but winter just keeps coming back for short visits, doesn't it? We certainly need the moisture, but I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say...come on warm weather, stay awhile! I hope everyone had a great Easter, and I also want to take the opportunity to wish all the mothers out there a happy Mother's Day,

especially my Mom.

May also brings us the end of another school year and the long-anticipated summer vacation. Congratulations to the many students who have, or will be, graduating over the next few weeks!

I hope everyone took advantage of the City's annual Spring Clean-Up. As I mentioned last month, it takes a lot of effort on the part of our Public Works crews to provide this service, and we appreciate their hard work! I also want to remind everyone that if you missed your pick up week or you put items in the street that are not included in the things that the City can pick up, it becomes your responsibility to remove them from the street when your area has been completed.

This is a busy time of year for the City Administrative Offices as we have been finalizing the City budget for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020. It's always a challenge to balance the needs and wants of all the City Departments

with the funds available! Staff will present the budget to City Council on May 1st. Then on May 22nd, Council will adopt the tentative budget, and on June 5th the public hearing on the adoption of the final budget will take place. Finally, on June 12th, the City Council vote will take place to formally adopt the budget. All of these meetings are open to the public and will be held at the City Offices at 10 North Main Street. Council meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. Agendas and minutes of these meetings are available on the City's website at [www.cedarcity.org](http://www.cedarcity.org).

Did you know that May is National Bike Month? Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling, and to encourage more people to give biking a try. Whether you bike to work or school; ride to save money or time; or to preserve your health or the environment, National Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons we ride!

As part of the celebration, May 13th through 19th has been designated as National Bike to Work Week; Friday, May 17th is Bike to Work Day; and Wednesday, May 8th is Bike to School Day.

Cedar City is a natural to participate in this healthy activity, with our clean air, spectacular scenery, and well-maintained trail system. Consequently, in conjunction with Bike Month, and in an effort to promote healthy lifestyles, the Cedar City Active Transportation Committee will be sponsoring an event on Friday, May 17th, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Main Street Park. This event will feature a free bike tune-up station with professional advice offered by Cedar Cycle's staff, free bike safety items, and free food! I encourage everyone to get out there and enjoy our beautiful (hopefully) May weather and ride your bike to work, to school, or just for the fun

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## Drew Jackson honored

Chief Building Official, Drew Jackson, has been selected as May's Employee of the Month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee. Drew was nominated by City Engineer, Kit Wareham, who wrote: "As the City's



Building and Zoning Official, Drew probably has more direct contact with the citizens of Cedar City than any other City employee. In

Drew's position he oversees the designs and construction of every building structure that is constructed in the City, ensuring that all such structures are constructed in compliance with the City's adopted International Building Codes. While dealing with the designers, contractors, and owners of the various buildings, Drew is right in the middle of resolving the many issues that may arise with each project. Drew has the perfect demeanor to resolve most of the issues to everyone's satisfaction. Drew's knowledge of the building codes and his many positive attributes in dealing with the public are a valuable asset to the City.

In the time Drew has been the City's Building and Zoning Official he has made many improvements to the Building Division including keeping the Division properly staffed with well-qualified employees and implementing an electronic plan-checking system.

Drew is an employee that the City can be proud of, and I am always confident that our citizens are being well-served."

Congratulations Drew!

## Public Works

**WASTEWATER:** Congratulations to the employees of the Cedar City Wastewater Treatment Facility. The plant was awarded "The Outstanding Treatment Plant Under 5 Million Gallons (MGD)" in the State of Utah for 2019. Also, Jeff Lennert, the Senior Plant Operator, was awarded "The Outstanding Operator of a Treatment Facility under 5 Million Gallons (MGD)" in the State of Utah for 2019. We are very proud of our Wastewater Treatment Facility, our Wastewater Collection Division and its employees. The plant treats an average of 2.8 million gallons of wastewater every day, which is delivered to the plant through over 170 miles of gravity sewer line and nearly 10 miles of pressurized sewer line. All lines are videoed and cleaned over a 4-year cycle. As you travel throughout the City, you have probably seen the cleaning truck working in the streets. The plant provides tours of the facility to schools and other groups, and the laboratory at the treatment plant is certified for all wastewater testing through the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP).

**AIRPORT:** With the closure of the St. George Airport for major runway replacement from May 29th, 2019 through September 26th, 2019, our Cedar City Regional Airport will be busier than ever. SkyWest will have an additional flight leaving Cedar City for Salt Lake City, and the flight schedule will also be changed. The airline customers and general aviation pilots from St. George will be flying in and out of Cedar City, so make sure you check flight schedules, and if you are planning to travel this summer, make sure to book your flights in and out of Cedar City as soon as possible. You can check the Airport information at <https://cedarcity.org/76/Airport>.

**WATER:** Just a reminder – watering restrictions went into effect on April 1st and will continue through October 31st. No watering with culinary water is allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Water Division employees are monitoring residential and commercial systems throughout the City. Even though we have had a great snow-year, each of us needs to do our part to conserve this vital natural resource. Information about water conservation can be found at [www.conservewater.utah.gov](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov).



## Archaeology Day at Frontier Homestead State Park

Frontier Homestead State Park invites archaeologists young and old to participate in its annual Archaeology Day event on Saturday, May 4th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visitors will participate in activities that highlight traditional Native American and pioneer crafts and skills, such as throwing an atlatl, making rope and cordage, flint knapping, and much more. There will also be ongoing demonstrations and native fry bread. Archaeology Month Art Contest winners will be recognized at 10:30 a.m. Paiute storytelling will be featured from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Paiute dancers will perform from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

Archeology Day is the kick-off event for a series of activities sponsored by Frontier Homestead State Park, Southern Utah University-College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah Project Archaeology, the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau, The Park Place, The Pizza Cart, Farmers Insurance-Jesse Robinson, Intersearch, Transcon Environmental, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Cedar City Public Library.

The celebration of Utah Archaeology and Preservation Month continues on Tuesday, May 7th at the Cedar City Public Library at 7 p.m. with a special presentation by Diné (Navajo) cultural educator, Linda Bitsoie. Linda's presentation of "Woven Together through Time" will outline the history and process of creating traditional rugs, emphasizing how the important role of women is expressed through the art of weaving. Don't miss this culturally engaging experience. It's free and family friendly.

On Monday May 13th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., you can attend "Artifact Discovery Night" where you can engage with artifacts from 50 years of SUU Field School excavations. Director Barbara Frank invites the community to visit the SUU Archaeological Repository, where she will answer questions and discuss the importance of preservation. The event is located on the SUU Campus in Room 101-A of the Electronic Learning Center. Enter through the west basement door. The tour of the repository is free.

Finally, don't miss two wonderful art exhibits at the Cedar City Public Library. Children from Iron County schools were invited to participate in the Utah Archaeology Month Art Contest by coloring authentic Navajo rug patterns. All entries will be displayed in the Children's Section for the month of May, and contest winners will be awarded at Archaeology Day at 10:30 a.m.

## Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that Cedar City will hold municipal election this fall to elect three -(3) Council Members. Given a sufficient number of candidates, a primary election will be held August 13, 2019, with the municipal general election being held on November 5, 2019.

Qualifications to be a candidate are:

1. Be a United States citizen at time of filing;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Be a registered voter of the municipality; and
4. Be a resident of the municipality for 12 consecutive months before November.

A qualified candidate may file a Declaration of Candidacy with the City Recorder, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City. The filing period is during regular office hours from June 3 through June 7, 2019. All candidates for election are subject to campaign financial statement disclosure regulations.



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of it! For more information on the activities planned for National Bike Month, go to Cedar City's website at [www.cedarcity.org](http://www.cedarcity.org).

Cedar City in partnership with a local architectural firm has designed our new 5,200 square foot Animal Adoption Center, currently under construction at 1305 West Kitty Hawk Drive. This state-of-the-art facility was designed under the guidance of Shelter Planners of America. The Friends of the Cedar City Animal Adoption Shelter and I are hoping you will help realize this long awaited dream for our city.

We are fortunate to live in a community that is deeply involved in serving its own. A group of dedicated individuals and friends, along with our Shelter Staff, are working to ensure a successful fundraising campaign to complete and furnish the new shelter. Residents, local businesses, corporations, and foundations with an interest in animal welfare are being asked to help fund the campaign. The Friends of Cedar City Animal Adoption Shelter respectfully requests your support by giving in any of the following ways:

- You can name a dog or cat kennel in memory of loved one, or perhaps a favorite pet, for \$2,500. Your gift will allow you access to the shelter and a pre-grand opening tour.
- You can become a charter member of the Friends of the Cedar City Animal Adoption Center for \$1,000. Membership includes a pre-grand opening tour and a commemorative membership pin.
- You can help with the landscaping and animal green space by donating a tree for \$500. Your gift will be designated with a special plaque at the base of each tree donated.
- Larger gifts are also being accepted to name rooms and the lobby area. For specific details contact the City Administration.

The Friends Committee recently received a couple of very generous contributions to provide two large flagpoles, with appropriate base and lighting for an American and Utah flag to be flown over our beautiful, modern new shelter.

If you, your family, or business is interested in helping to realize the final stages of the new Animal Adoption Shelter, please go to: [cedarcityanimalshelter.org](http://cedarcityanimalshelter.org) or contact our Shelter Staff at (435) 586-2960.

Last month I briefly mentioned all of the infrastructure upgrades that are happening in our City this summer, but I think since this will be so impactful on our traffic patterns, the information bears repeating.

- Streetlight upgrade on Main Street from 200 South to approximately Monterey Drive. This project is currently under construction and should be completed in early May.
- Water line upgrade on Main Street from Center Street to approximately Monterey Drive. This project began around April 1st and is scheduled to be completed by June 1st.
- Sidewalk replacement in conjunction with the above projects along Main Street from approximately Center Street to 400 South.
- The Utah Department of Transportation has planned projects in Cedar City beginning in May and running through October. The UDOT projects will be on the following roads:
  - Main Street (SR-130) from the north interchange to the south interchange
  - Center Street (SR-14) from Main Street east approximately 2 miles up Cedar Canyon
  - 200 North (SR-56) from Main Street west to I-15

I realize it is very inconvenient to have these projects going on at the height of the tourist season, and during all of our summer activities, however, the construction season is very short in this area and next winter we'll be enjoying all of the infrastructure upgrades that are taking place during the warm weather. I encourage everyone to plan ahead, pay attention to traffic signs and routing, be patient, slow down in construction areas, and use alternative routes to avoid traffic congestion. We're all in this together, and "this too shall pass!"

Now, apart from all this mundane business, I want to tell everyone how excited I am for the warmer weather and the many activities that it brings to Cedar City! From the festivities surrounding the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games and the Utah Shakespeare Festival, to the Paiute PowWow and Restoration Gathering, the PRCA Rodeo, July Jamboree, and so on and so on, warmer weather brings so many varied activities to Cedar City. Life is short, so don't miss your chance to get out and enjoy everything our community has to offer!