A Message from the Mayor

If you know me, you know I enjoy reading this little book published in 1951 to celebrate the centennial of Iron County, called The Iron County Centennial. My mother had saved it and it came to me after her passing. I was a year old in 1951 and can certainly reflect on a simple, happy life in the 50’s. Cedar City had a population of 6,172, and St. George 4,562. Go figure!

I’d like to share an excerpt from this book, describing a prediction of Cedar Valley’s future. Keep in mind that in 1847, the first settlers arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah. Brigham returned to Winter Quarters and came back with a large company in 1848. In 1849, Parley P. Pratt made an exploring expedition into Southern Utah. He most likely traveled through Utah County, Sanpete, Sevier, Paiute, Garfield, across Bear Valley on the Old Spanish Trail and into Iron County, Paragonah, Parowan, Cedar, and onto Santa Clara. As he entered Cedar Valley, he wrote:

"Traveled twelve miles, good feed. Below is a handsome expansive plain of very rich land consisting partly of overflowed wire grass meadows all of which it was judged might be drained and cultivated using the water on the higher levels. Other portions of this plain are dry and level delightful for the plow and clothed with rich meadow grass, rabbit weed, etc... on the southeastern borders of this valley are thousands of acres of Cedar, constituting an almost inexhaustible supply of fuel which makes excellent coal. In the center of these forests rises a hill of the richest iron ore. The water, soil, fuel, timber, and mineral wealth of this ... valley, it was judged, where capable of sustaining and employing from 50,000 to 100,000 inhabitants, all of which would have these resources more conveniently situated than any other settlements the company has seen west of the States." - Iron County Centennial, 1951.

With Cedar City approaching a population of 40,000 and Iron County nearly 60,000, the day that Parley P. Pratt spoke of is upon us.

Last month, I delivered the State of the City address at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast, where I presented staggering takeaways in increases including sales tax revenues, jobs, tourism, and companies choosing to move their business to Cedar City and employing more people.

Why? What is the magic of Cedar City? “PIXIE DUST” is what I like to call it. This is the magic that makes one sandwich shop stand out against another and why one city stands out in front of another. It is the quality of life, the people, the family feel, the climate, the entertainment, the outdoors, the beauty, the mountains, and the parks (local and regional). Businesses like the interstate system, the rail, the employee prospects, the airport, a business-friendly environment, and our can-do attitude. The secret is out.

With thousands of lots under plan and development, and a thousand new houses every year, the City and the community is growing like never before. With COVID restrictions waning, tourism is expected to explode. With employees needed in every industry and wages rising, optimism abounds. And the best part is that it is still our special place, our Cedar City. We will meet each challenge with optimism and determination and solve our most difficult problems, as we always have.

As we approach the spring season, it time to get out there and clean up, spruce up, paint up, repair, polish and prepare for a wonderful summer of activity. Lots of activities are already available, including the Smithsonian Water Presentation at Frontier Homestead State Park. I have previewed it myself and it is a wonderful presentation for the entire family. Wishing you all a fun-filled, and bright spring ahead.

MAYOR’S WINTER WATER TIP:

Grab a bag of lawn fertilizer and a spreader and have it ready to go for the next time we get one of our spring snowstorms of 4 feet or more. Spread the fertilizer and let it melt into the ground ... you will be surprised in April!
Do you have the urge to start spring cleaning around your property?

Our Public Works Department has scheduled the City’s Spring-Clean Up Days in April to assist residents in purging any excess yard waste.

On your neighborhood’s scheduled day, City crews will pick up brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood including pallets and crates, asphalt, dirt, rocks and concrete.

Due to restriction on the dump site, we will no longer be able to accept tires. We will not pick up furniture, carpeting, appliances, electronics, or regular garbage.

All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street by those who placed them there. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property.

Please have your debris out on the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled week. Crews will NOT come on Friday, Saturday or Sunday and WILL NOT return to streets that have already been completed.

Do not put debris out more than one week before your scheduled clean up date. A maximum of one (1) 10-wheeler dump truck load will be picked up per single residence.

Debris must be in front of the curb on the street. Keep vehicles off the street during your scheduled week, as well as the following week, so that city crews can sweep the street.

This service is provided to Cedar City residents, except for those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD), or with commercial or industrial properties.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE:**

- **Area 1: West of I-15**
  - April 11 - 14, 2022
- **Area 2: South of Center Street and east of I-15**
  - April 18 - 21, 2022
- **Area 3: North of Center Street and east of I-15**
  - April 25 - 28, 2022

*(SEE MAP BELOW)*

**CEDAR CITY SPRING CLEAN-UP 2022**

*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. No Furniture or Appliances and NO TIRES.

**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.

For additional information contact Public Works Dept. at 586-2912.
Don’t forget about clearing the irrigation ditch on your property

Help Cedar City’s irrigation system to keep flowing

For those who live in an older area of Cedar City, this is a friendly reminder to not forget about clearing the irrigation ditch on your property.

Older homes in the city often have a series of ditches running through the backyards. This ditch system has been a part of Cedar City for a very long time and is how we move irrigation water through this older part of town.

There are many of your friends and neighbors that rely on this irrigation system during the spring, summer and fall to water their lawns, trees, shrubs, and gardens.

Using this system cuts down on the need for residents to use the municipal water system in order to keep a nice property or grow a wonderful garden.

Reduced reliance on the culinary water system to keep beautiful landscape and grow food benefits all of our water users. Our annual irrigation restrictions will begin on April 1st, 2022 (see article in column for specific information).

If there are ditches within the system that are not cleaned, it can lead to the inability of your friends and neighbors to access their water or it may lead to flooding on their property or yours.

So this spring, please take some time and clean the ditch in your backyard... it helps conserve water and can prevent flooding!

ANNUAL IRRIGATION RESTRICTIONS BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2022

Per City Ordinance 37-7.1, water restrictions on irrigating with culinary water between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. go into effect on April 1st, 2022 and will continue through October 31st, 2022. This restriction is enforced every day of the week to conserve our water during the warmer months. Failure to comply will result in violations:

1. 1st violation - Warning.
2. 2nd violation - Water supply shut off and $25.00 reconnection fee.
3. 3rd violation - Water supply shut off, $25.00 reconnection fee, and $100.00 penalty.

All fines and penalties shall be paid in full prior to the restoration of water service. Please be mindful of conserving our water resources. For more information on water conservation, visit www.conservewater.utah.gov.

If you would like to have your water meter turned off before you turn on the Stop-and-Waste sprinkler system, please contact Public Works at (435) 568-2912. Please do not go into your meter barrel by yourself. The meter must be turned off and on by an authorized city water division employee.
Back by popular demand, Cedar City Star Search Competition has returned for another year!

After great success and inspiring acts from last year, a new group of judges are looking for more talented community members who will have the chance to win $250.00 in their age division.

Interested individuals and groups can apply to be considered for the show online at www.cedarcity.org/star-search by Sunday, March 6th, 2022.

All talents are encouraged to apply, such as singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, and more! If you have talent, we want to see it!

The contest design includes three age divisions (4 - 12, 13 - 18, and 19+) as well as a Groups and Bands category.

The participants will each compete for a $250.00 prize in their respective age division and category.

And if that isn't enough, the audience will also get their say with one act designated as “Audience Choice.”

The Star Search event will be held on Friday, March 25th, 2022, at the Heritage Center Theater. Tickets for the event are free and are available now at www.cedarcity.org/star-search.

An exciting group of judges have been recruited to contribute their professional expertise in searching for new local talent.

This year’s judges include Cedar City councilmember R. Scott Phillips, who has spent 40 years working and leading the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Chuck Triplett, a well-known leader in Cedar City’s music community, and Ashlyn Giles, Miss Color Country Outstanding Teen 2022.

If you are a Cedar City resident, be encouraged in your talent and passion and apply today for a chance to win big! This will be a local event you won’t want to miss!

Are you Cedar City’s next Star?

Due to the excessive criminal mischief and vandalism which has recently taken place in the parking garage located on Main Street near City Hall, additional surveillance cameras and signage will be installed to help mitigate further issues. Many of the vehicles parked in the garage recently had their tires slashed, resulting in additional costs. As a reminder, please report any suspicious behavior by calling the Cedar City Police 24-hour dispatch call center at (435) 586-2955 or 9-1-1 if it is an immediate emergency.