

# Cedar City This Month

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## A Message from the Mayor

### CEAR CITY'S RAILROAD CENTENNIAL

This June will mark 100 years since the railroad came to Cedar City and our Historic Preservation Commission is planning a week-long celebration to commemorate the impact the train has made on our tourism, commerce, and agriculture industries. To this day, the railroad continues to be an important asset and economic driver for us and the businesses that are seeking a centralized location in the southwestern United States. See page 4 of this newsletter to learn more about how the railroad first started and how it's grown.

Our upcoming celebration will take place June 19-24th, 2023, and will feature something special every day for everyone, whether you are a history buff or just looking for something fun to do as a family. As we prepare for the celebration, we want to highlight a special guest speaker coming to SUU, Alfred Runte, who is an internationally recognized expert presenting his research entitled, "Trains of Discovery: Union Pacific and the National Parks". We encourage anyone interested in learning more about the history of our region to attend this free talk to be held on Thursday, April 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gilbert Great Hall at SUU.

We are also still seeking old photographs or artifacts from the 1920's when the Union Pacific Railroad was brought to Cedar City as part of the National Park Service to be featured during the celebration. Please email photos to the Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Aleese Cardon: Aleese.Cardon4@gmail.com.

- MAYOR GARTH O. GREEN

#### POEM: NINETEEN TWENTY THREE

BY MARIAN ASHDOWN

What excitement filled the air  
A smile on every face.  
To think that anything so grand  
Could come to this small place.

Not one soul of any age  
Missed feeling the suspense  
Of the drama to unfold  
As they crowded near the fence.

Eagerly awaiting  
The sound they knew would come.  
Quiet anticipation  
Entirely new for some.

Ah, yes, it's very faint, but sure,  
Did you hear it too?  
It will be much more intense  
Before it comes to view.

Oh listen, that is no mistake  
Hear the lonesome wail.  
Now a thunderous applause  
Greets steel wheels on rail.

The first of many trains to come  
How they did celebrate.  
The fifteenth day of June  
Remember now, that date.

No more trailing herds of sheep  
Or cattle thru the dust  
Thirty miles to Lund, then back  
In the past, a must.

But now it isn't just a dream  
It has come to be.  
The Railroad came to Cedar  
In Nineteen Twenty Three.

Of course the Railroad's my first love  
I've always held it dear.  
My Father came to Cedar  
When the first train came that year.

And so you see, if pioneers  
Hadn't worked so hard  
Cedar, as the home I love  
Would not be my reward.

So I am grateful for each one  
And what they've given me  
Those visionary, working men  
Of Nineteen Twenty Three.





## VENDORS NEEDED: SPRING FIESTA

Food and retail vendors are needed for the Cedar City's Spring Fiesta taking place on Friday, May 5th at 5 p.m. in Historic Downtown Cedar City!

Applications can be found at [www.cedarcity.org/springfiesta](http://www.cedarcity.org/springfiesta) and are due in person with vendor payment at City Hall (10 N. Main St.) by Wednesday, April 26th at 5 p.m. Applications will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. Follow Cedar City Events on Facebook and Instagram for more event information or visit the website. Enjoy a cultural celebration filled with a slow roll bike ride, food, mariachi music, folklorico dancing and \*new this year\* loteria!



## we're hiring

Cedar City, Utah

- Senior Engineer
- Project Engineer
- Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker
- Lifeguards (part-time)
- Swim Lesson Instructors (part-time)
- CATS bus driver (part-time)

... and more!

APPLY TODAY:

[www.CedarCity.org/jobs](http://www.CedarCity.org/jobs)



## Aquatic Center Hours & Events

**Easter Egg Dive-In Event:** Saturday, April 8th at 11:30 a.m.  
Come dive into the Cedar City Aquatic Center leisure pool and collect Easter eggs for a prize!

Cost: \$4/ youth ages 4 to 17, \$4.50/ adults ages 18+, FREE for kids under 3 years old with paying adult, FREE for current Aquatic Center members.

### Spring Break Hours: April 10th - 15th

Lap Swim / Water Walk:  
Monday - Friday 5 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Open Swim / Lap Swim: Monday - Saturday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**More info: [www.cedarcity.org/aquatic-center](http://www.cedarcity.org/aquatic-center)**

## Notice of Election: Three (3) City Council seats opening in 2023

Notice is hereby given that Cedar City will hold a 2023 municipal election to elect four-year terms for the following: three (3) Council Members.

Given a sufficient number of candidates, a primary election will be held August 15, 2023, with the municipal general election being held on November 7, 2023.

### QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE (Utah Code §10-3-301, Utah Code §20A-9-203)

- Registered voter in the municipality in which the individual is elected\*
- Must have resided within the municipality for which the candidate is seeking office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.
- Maintain a principal place of residence within the municipality.
- If the individual resides in a territory which was annexed into the municipality: must have resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.
- Pay filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance
- Not convicted of a felony, treason, or crime relating to

- elections\*\*
- Cannot have been declared mentally incompetent

\* Utah Code §20A-2-101 states: A registered voter (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) is a resident of Utah; (3) will, on the date of that election, be at least 18 years old, (4) has been a resident of Utah for 30 days immediately before that election; (5) and is registered to vote.

\*\* Utah Code §20A-2-101.5 states: A person convicted of a felony loses the right to hold office until (1) all felony convictions have been expunged, OR (2) ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction AND the person has paid all court-ordered restitution and fines AND the person has completed probation, been granted parole, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the felony.

### The filing period is during regular office hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) June 1 through June 7, 2023.

All candidates for election are subject to campaign financial statement disclosure regulations. A qualified candidate may file a Declaration of Candidacy with the City Recorder, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City.

# PUBLIC SAFETY CALL VOLUME QUARTERLY RECAP



JANUARY - MARCH 2023



**7,474**  
CALLS FOR SERVICE

LARCENY THEFT .....	154	DISORDERLY CONDUCT..	19
CAR CRASHES .....	122	BURGLARY .....	14
DOMESTIC DISPUTE ....	54	DUI .....	12
DRUG OFFENSE .....	54	DRUNKENNESS .....	10
VEHICLE BURGLARY .....	53	WEAPON OFFENSE .....	3
SIMPLE ASSAULT .....	51	RAPE .....	3
ASSAULT AGGRAVATED..	45		

**309** MAJOR INCIDENTS  
AND INSPECTIONS

INSPECTIONS .....	103	SERVICE CALL .....	17
GOOD INTENT CALL .....	62	STATION TOURS .....	16
FALSE ALARM .....	47	HYDRANT FLOW.....	13
HAZARDOUS CONDITION ..	35	FIRE PREVENTION EVENTS..	14
RESCUE AND EMS .....	26	FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASS...	1
FIRES .....	19		



**\* REMINDER: LOCK YOUR VEHICLES! \***

**Theft from vehicles is on the rise. Do not leave valuables in your car.**

## ANNUAL IRRIGATION RESTRICTIONS BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2023

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, 2023 and will continue through October 31st, 2023.

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](http://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.

As a reminder, last year a tiered water rate structure was approved through 2025 and on July 1st, 2023, a new rate will be introduced based on water usage.



Learn more at [www.cedarcity.org/water](http://www.cedarcity.org/water).

## Inspiring revitalization in Historic Downtown

Members of our Historic Downtown Economic Committee and city staff attended the Main Street Now Conference in Boston, MA. The conference focused on gathering community leaders, economic development professionals, and preservationists from across the country to share innovative ideas and strategies for revitalizing and improving local downtowns.

Through a variety of keynote speakers, educational sessions, and networking opportunities, Cedar City was able to learn from industry leaders, and connect with other communities to get ideas from other rural downtowns. The Historic Downtown Economic Development Committee, along with City leaders and staff, are passionate about supporting and improving Cedar City's downtown. Our local Main Street organization, in conjunction with the Historic Downtown Economic Development Com-

mittee, has the goal of improving our downtown by creating a more walkable area, more gathering spaces and developing Cedar City's downtown as its own unique destination. The Committee meets every first Thursday at 5:30pm, in the Council Chambers. **PHOTO:** Cedar City Events Director Brooke Twitchell, Historic Downtown Economic Committee Chair Jennifer Hendricks, Councilmember R. Scott Phillips, Economic Development Executive Assistant Megan Lamb, Main Street Director Talisa Myers.





# Iron Springs Inland Port to Bring New Investment & Employment

As Cedar City celebrates a century since the arrival of the Union Pacific Railroad in our community, we reflect on the tremendous impact this valuable asset has had on our community and our economy for a hundred years. The coming of the railroad forever changed Cedar City's economy and its character, and it continues to be a major factor to our economy. The creation this month of Utah's first rural inland port once again puts the economic spotlight on Cedar City's railroad connection.

The arrival of the Union Pacific initially boosted the local iron ore and livestock industries, and it greatly contributed to the expansion of the tourism industry in southern Utah. In addition to constructing the depot, the Union Pacific Railroad became fully involved in the tourist industry by purchasing hotels, buses, and building lodges at Zion, Bryce Canyon and Grand Canyon National Parks.

While the railroad's tie to tourism was replaced mainly by automobile travel, our local economy continues to rely heavily on the railroad. Today, a dozen manufacturing companies are directly connected to the railroad and trains supply raw materials that are processed into numerous products then shipped by truck throughout the western U.S.

Our connection to the rail and our location within one day's trucking to seaports and the west's largest markets, have been key to successful mining and manufacturing development in Cedar City. GOEX and American Packaging are the newest members of our manufacturing community. Both of these

companies chose Cedar City largely due to these factors. The newly announced Utah Inland Port project area includes nearly 1,000 acres of industrial property just west of Cedar City. New development in the new Inland Port project area will include BZI Steel's 820-acre Commerce Crossroads Logistics Park, including a new trans loading facility that will be operated by RailSync, a subsidiary of BZI.

Additionally, Savage Services, which operates 50 trans loading facilities throughout North America will build Savage Railport – Southern Utah on 74 acres.

These two facilities will allow companies that are not connected to the rail to load materials and products onto and off of rail cars, which will greatly increase the value of our railroad asset throughout the entire region. Instead of limiting rail service only to those companies connected to the rail, many businesses from throughout southwestern Utah will now benefit from this service.

The creation of the Iron Springs Inland Port as part of the statewide Utah Inland Port system will help fund and support these new developments and will help attract new industry to the community.

The industrial and manufacturing sector currently employs one in ten of Iron County workers and is one of the highest paying sectors in our economy. A major purpose of this Inland Port project area is to provide solid employment opportunities for our own children and our rapidly growing population.

## Summer Reading & Events at the Library!



Visit [www.cedarcitylibrary.org](http://www.cedarcitylibrary.org) to learn about all the summer programming and spring activities coming to Cedar City Public Library including the Banana Split Book Club, annual summer reading program, Library story times (Wednesdays 10 and 10:30 a.m.), SUU book discussions, painting, guest speakers, and so much more!

Information coming next month on the Banana Split Book Club!

### 2023 SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE:

- **Area 1: South of Center and East of I-15**  
April 17 - 20, 2023
- **Area 2: North of Center and east of I-15**  
April 24 - 27, 2023
- **Area 3: West of I-15**  
May 1 - 4, 2023

More info: [www.bit.ly/3ZGGSt8](http://www.bit.ly/3ZGGSt8)



**SELF-SERVE SANDBAGS**  
Public Works building  
716 N Airport Road  
Iron County Animal Shelter  
3109 N Iron Springs Road

**MAINTAIN PROPERTY** Clear excessive brush, overgrowth and debris around your property.

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