

Cedar City This Month

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A Message from the Mayor



MAYOR GARTH O. GREEN

UPDATE ON OUR WATER MANAGEMENT

An airport runway is a strange road. It does not come from anywhere, and it does not go anywhere. A mere 1.5 miles long and fully fenced to keep people away from it, but what amazing potential a runway holds.

With the right piece of equipment, just think of all the places you can go, and the wonderful adventures you can have if you choose to use it. Best of all, it can bring us home.

This example reminds me of our hopeful efforts and all the potential we have in securing more water for our region. To get to our desired destination with water in our basin, it will take an extensive effort of pumps, pipes, tanks, recharge plants, creativity, cooperation, and insight into the land.

The journey is just beginning. With the endpoint being enough water to sustain our people and businesses for another 170 years and beyond.

As part of my promised campaign mission, we began this journey with five main objectives:

1. Bring water from every corner of our basin to “balance our aquifer.”

To do this, we need to drill new wells and idle our wells at Quichipa and Enoch. A study was completed last year by an electric well-sitting company called Willowstick.

They determined 11 sites around our basin where we can expect to find water. Next, we applied for a “point of diver-

sion” from the state to move from existing sources to prospective sources. This leads us to the phase we are in now, drilling test wells. We have contracts for test wells at Martins Flat A and Green Hallow A and drilling should begin immediately, weather permitting.

2. Developers need to bring old water to the city to build new residential and commercial properties.

As development explodes in our region, the need for developers to provide water became more eminent. The Cedar City Council wisely raised the purchase rates and fees because it is now much more financially reasonable to bring the old water with them instead of paying a fee for us to bring the water. This is a good thing and for now, this has helped the situation.

3. Using the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) effluent water to maximum beneficial potential.

We are planning and designing in earnest to move the water from the north WWTP location to points in the south where it can be safely injected into the aquifer to recharge our depleted valley floor aquifer.

4. Utilize Coal Creek more efficiently.

Efforts have been made since we settled this basin 170 years ago to use Coal Creek better. There may be an option to mix it with the WWTP effluent to change its mixed classification into agricultural water. This water can be used to grow crops or recharge into the aquifer.

5. Explore the Pine Valley & Wawa Valley Plan.

This has been discussed and is being led by the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD), we wish them every success and support their endeavors.

We are definitely on the runway, ready to go. We know where we need to arrive and have many tools to use to accomplish it.

I look forward to a fascinating journey ahead of flying high. Buckle up!

Join us in welcoming our 2023 Cedar City Youth Council!

After a few dormant years, the Cedar City Youth Council has been revitalized to encourage civic engagement for high-school-aged youth in the community. The opportunity opened up in the past few months to gauge interest in the program. Interested students were then interviewed and invited to participate.

"As their elected officials, it is our goal to connect with these future leaders and learn how we can better serve them in our community," explained Councilmember Phillips. "We want them to be familiar with local and state government and promote the importance of civic involvement today and in the future."

The ten students all have a GPA of at least 3.8 or higher and come from a variety of backgrounds and other extracurricular programs. Four students are from Cedar High School, four are from Canyon View High School, and two are a part of the homeschool community.

They stood proudly in professional attire at the January 4th City Council meeting, raising their right hand to commit their oath to the U.S. Constitution followed by a name badge pinning from a loved one, a signed agreement, and an official handshake from city staff and elected officials.

The program will require them to attend at least one City Council meeting every month, shadow City Council members in their various committees and initiatives, and participate in community service projects.



On January 17th, the Youth Council traveled to Salt Lake City and participated in Local Officials Day. They were given the opportunity to meet state representatives, participate in discussions, and familiarize themselves with the State Capitol.

The Cedar City Council looks forward to working with these engaged students and hopes their participation in the program will have a positive impact on them and our community.

To follow along their journey, please follow Cedar City – City Government on Facebook, @officialcedarcity on Instagram, and @cedarcityutah on Twitter.

Youth Councilmembers: Andrew Barrick, Kathryn Garza, William Garza, Craelynn Haley, Brenna Haley, Sadie Hinck, Hadley Persons, Lydia Smith, Lara Sorensen, Mary Jane Ward.

Centennial of Cedar City's Railroad

CELEBRATION IN THE WORKS: JUNE 19-24, 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission is planning a week-long celebration for the 100th anniversary of the first train arriving in Cedar City, which played an important role in our tourism, commerce, and agriculture.

We are 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.

Email photos to the Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Aleese Cardon:

Aleese.Cardon4@gmail.com



Southern Utah University Career & Internship Fair + Public Lands Employment Day

 **Wednesday, Feb. 22**
Registration closes on Feb. 8

 **9:30am - 2pm**

 **Southern Utah University
Student Center Ballroom**

Any employer looking to hire SUU students for career-type jobs and internships, register for the event by scanning the QR code or at this link:
<https://bit.ly/3Jb5Try>



Auditions for Star Search 2023 are now open!

Lights, Camera, Action!

Star Search is back and we need your talents!

Applications to audition for Cedar City's 2023 Star Search Competition are now open through Friday, February 17, 2023, where contestants will have the chance to win \$250 in their age category.

This year's competition to be held at the Heritage Theater on Friday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. has four age divisions including ages 4 to 12, 13 to 18, 19 and older, and groups.

Auditions are welcome from the greater Iron County community and we invite everyone to save the event date and grab your tickets now on our website!

"Star Search is always a fun event for the community," said Mayor Garth Green. "It's a chance for everyone to come together and cheer on their friends, family, and neighbors which is always heartwarming."

Last year's contestants provided a variety of talents including singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, and even ventriloquists! Be encouraged in your talents and take the leap to apply... you just might win!

Applications and ticket information are available: www.cedarcity.org/starsearch.

SHINE LIKE A STAR

Community Talent Competition
Friday March 3, 2023
Heritage Theatre
7pm

Auditions open, tickets available:
www.cedarcity.org/starsearch

at
CEDAR CITY STAR SEARCH

Airport BINGO

Tuesday February 21, 2023
7pm

Cedar City Regional Airport
 2860 W Aviation Way
 Cedar City, UT

Proceeds Benefitting:
IRON COUNTY CARE & SHARE

Doors open at 6:30pm, Bingo starts at 7pm
 \$5 per person, at the door, includes 1 bingo card
 \$3 per additional bingo cards

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When clearing your driveway and sidewalks due to snow and ice, we encourage you to clear off your water meter too!

This helps us do our jobs quicker & give you the most accurate reading.

Thank you!

Help us read, keep it clean.

YOU'RE INVITED
AIRPORT MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING #2

Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Festival Hall, 105 North 100 East, Room 5

This meeting will present a summary of inventory findings and the analysis and determinations of the aviation forecast. An important component of this meeting will be the presentation of the critical aircraft determination.

More info: www.cdcmasterplan.com



Cedar City offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th, 2023 in observance of Presidents' Day.

If your garbage is regularly picked up on a Monday, it will be collected on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023.

LOVE WHERE YOU live



Mayor Garth B. Green

Cedar City is home to nearly 40,000 people and I'm sure thousands of our visitors can agree there is something special about this place. The community, events, festivals, university, and local businesses all reflect why our town is such a great place to be.

I have called Cedar City home for most of my life, having been raised here as a child, marrying my wife, building our home in 1989, starting a family, owning a business, enjoying my grandchildren... the list goes on!

You will rarely come across a community that is more close-knit, more hospitable, or more supportive than Cedar City, Utah. We come together when it's time to celebrate, when it's time to grieve, and when it's time to help. I love that I get to serve my community as Mayor and give back to the place that made me who I am today. I truly love Cedar City.

Mary Jane Ward

Cedar City is absolutely stunning. I'm currently a junior at Cedar High School and I moved here four years ago from St. George. While it is a smaller city, it has its perks. The snow in the winter makes it so peaceful here, and the flowers in the spring are perfect for photoshoots! Everyone here is so kind and loving, and it is so easy to get involved to help the community. Volunteering at various events, working with the Youth City Council, and the music programs I enroll in are the biggest things that inspire me right now. Cedar is such an endearing place to live, and I wouldn't be doing what I do without my city.



Yvonne Simonds



Since moving here in 2012, I have loved getting up early in the morning, watching the sunrise, and breathing in that fresh morning air. The mountain views are beautiful and there are so many places in Southern Utah that I like to visit. My neighbors are extremely nice and generous and sometimes leave squash, corn, and tomatoes on my doorstep! A very country feel!

Downtown Cedar City has small businesses, restaurants, and farmers' markets to enjoy. I can quickly make a purchase of something I need, or sometimes I will bump into a friend and sit for a few minutes and have my favorite beverage with them. I love the holiday parades, entertainment at the Heritage Theater, and local areas to visit with beautiful natural surroundings, including wildlife. I have enjoyed everything from hiking trails, taking floral arranging classes, and being involved in some theatre productions. I love Enoch, Cedar City, and all the National Parks from Zion to Bryce Canyon and everything in between. It is very easy to call this my home.

Share your Story!



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#CedarCityConnect

Visit our **LOVE** letter photo set-up located in Cedar City's Mayor's Square, on the corner of Center and Main Street, and be a part of spreading the love all month long! Don't forget to tag us! @cedarcityevents

