# Cedar City This Month

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## A Message from the Mayor



**MAYOR GARTH O. GREEN** 

#### A RECAP OF MY FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE

As I reflect on the first year of my administration, I am humbled and honored to serve as Cedar City's Mayor. I would like to give a report on my stewardship.

At first, it was like drinking from a firehose. Even though I have personally known every Mayor of Cedar since Gronway Perry, I had never once been in the mayor's office until December 28th, 2021, when Mayor Wilson Edwards and I had a de-briefing to assist me in my future endeavors. A week later, it was my office.

Getting acquainted has been a challenge. I've been "ignoring" our local government for decades. If I didn't need to come into a City office, I didn't.

If the water came on when I turned on the faucet, the sewer left, garbage was picked up, no assaults, no fires, no problems, I was fine and I minded my own business. I had 10 times more theater visits than swimming pool visits.

Oh, how the tables have turned to become fully involved in all the operations and decisions that are made for our city.

First things first, the budget. Wow! So much to remember and understand, but thankfully numbers are my thing.

I want to thank all the department heads for everything they do, with a special thank you to Natasha Hirschi in Human Resources, Finance Director Jason Norris, and especially City Manager Paul Bittmenn for their patience with me. This is a well-run city with conservative values and solid bank accounts. Thank goodness.

I needed to refresh my knowledge on a variety of topics, so I attended the AWWA show (American Water Works Association) with our Water Department Superintendent Robbie Mitchell, the Irrigation Show with Shane Johnson and our Parks & Outdoor Facilities Division Head Anthony Pearson, the Airline and Airport Show with our Airport Manager Nick Holt and Economic Development Director Danny Stewart, as well as a Retail show with Danny Stewart.

I have probably walked 100 shows in my career, but I was much younger then.

And I can't go without mentioning all the fun we've had this year. What a party town!

Our Events Director Brooke Twitchell and I have become good friends and I appreciate all her efforts. I'm glad all I have to do is give a little speech. The events were first class, and everyone loved them. Thanks to all who help.

This year also marked the inaugural Banana Split Book Club (BSBC) and it was so much fun. 1,500 kids participated and over 5,000 banana splits were served.

Although I ignored local government for years, I wanted to run for office to help with water in our region. Everything moves slower for me than I want, but we are focused on parks, water, infrastructure, and the BSBC.

I am looking forward to a new year with so much to do. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Happy New Year!



### Martin Zuther King Jr. Day

Cedar City offices will be closed on Monday, January 16th, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

If your garbage is regularly picked up on a Monday, it will be collected on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023.

# New Sections of the Trail System are Complete!

**Southview Trail** is 0.8 miles long and connects to the East Bench Trail. Trailhead begins at S. Shurtz Canyon Drive (restrooms available).

**Old Sorrel/Cross Hollow** phase of trail is also complete and is 0.8 miles long. Access is at the southwest corner of the Cross Hollow Event Center or from the detension basin.





### WINTER REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

With more consistent cold and snowy days upon us, we'd like to reminder the community to work together to keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow for the safety of everyone.

Per City Ordinance 27-17, this also includes weeds and rubbish. We want to continue keeping our beautiful community just that... BEAUTIFUL!

For those with elderly or disabled neighbors, we also encourage you to check in on them during these colder months. Helping them to shovel their driveways and sidewalks, or assisting them with other light duties such as taking out their garbage bin or bringing in their newspaper can make a big impact.

Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous 2023!

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#### Shop with a Cop Recap

On Saturday, December 10th, Cedar City Police officers and over a dozen other public agencies spent the morning in Cedar City with nearly 100 local children as part of the Shop with a Cop program.

The children and their families arrived bright and early Saturday morning to enjoy breakfast with Santa at Canyon View High School, donated by the Cedar City Elks Lodge who also donates a pair of shoes to every child.

Upon arrival, every child is greeted by a police officer, firefighter, volunteer, etc. who becomes their designated shopping pal.

After breakfast, the kids hop in a public safety vehicle and drive down Main Street to Wal-Mart with lights and sirens, where they get to spend \$200 each on toys, home goods, clothing, and more.

Although many residents were alarmed at the commotion, multiple messages of gratitude were received to learn it was all for a great cause.

"We hope this event can continue to grow and help more and more children in the coming years," stated Cedar City Police Chief Darrin Adams. "It is truly our favorite time of the year."

Children of all ages raced around Wal-Mart with enthusiasm, loading their basket with items like bicycles, rollerblades, dolls, jackets, and more. After picking out gifts for themselves and their families, they were guided to a special gift-wrapping station where all their purchases were hand-wrapped by volunteers.

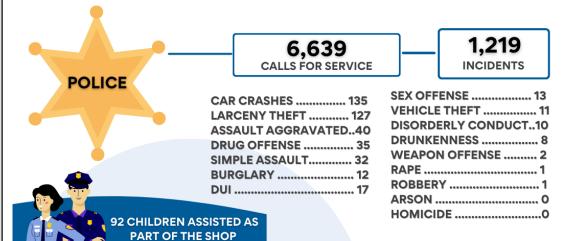
The Cedar City Police Department would like to thank the entire community for their generosity surrounding this event, as well as surrounding agencies who donated their time to make this event so memorable.

# PUBLIC SAFETY CALL VOLUME QUARTERLY RECAP





OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022



WITH A COP PROGRAM

**MAJOR INCIDENTS** 

AND INSPECTIONS

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!

WATCH CCFD'S NEW VIDEO ABOUT SMOKE ALARM SAFETY: VIMEO.COM/785150973



FIRE PREVENTION & COMMUNITY EVENTS

FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASSES

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STATION TOURS

CEDAR CITY PUBLIC WORKS	
2023 HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP	
IF YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE DAY FALLS ON ANY	YOUR GARBAGE WILL BE
OF THESE HOLIDAYS -	PICKED UP ON -
New Year's Day - Celebrated on Monday, January 2nd	Wednesday, January 4th
Civil Rights Day - Monday, January 16th	Wednesday, January 18th
Presidents' Day - Monday, February 20th	Wednesday, February 22nd
Memorial Day - Monday, May 29th	Wednesday, May 31st
Juneteenth - Monday, June 19th	Wednesday, June 21st
Independence Day - Tuesday, July 4th	Wednesday July 5th
Pioneer Day - Monday, July 24th	Wednesday, July 26th
Labor Day - Monday, September 4th	Wednesday, September 6th
Veterans' Day - Celebrated on Friday, November 10th	Monday, November 13th
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23rd	Wednesday, November 22nd
Day after Thanksgiving Day - Friday, November 24th	Monday, November 27th
Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th	Wednesday, December 27th

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