

# **Cedar City**

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## **Upcoming Renovations and Expansion to Cedar City Cemetery**

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**CEDAR CITY, UT –** Cedar City Cemetery is receiving a much-needed facelift and expansion over the next few months to better accommodate visitors and the future of the cemetery.

The expansion portion of the project has already begun to the west of the cemetery grounds and is anticipated to last approximately two months, making room for future plots by installing irrigation and sod. The renovation portion of the project will begin in mid-August, beginning in the oldest area of the cemetery located on the southeast corner of Iron Mission Parkway and North Main Street.

Over the next few years, every occupied area of the cemetery grounds from the south to the north will undergo renovations during the fall months to provide visitors with wider and more efficient roadways including curbs and gutters, additional on-site parking, better flow of traffic, and modern irrigation throughout.

In addition to these added amenities, a professional arborist has evaluated the cemetery trees and suggests replacing some with younger trees due to their declining health and regression. Six existing trees in the southeast project area will be removed in mid-August and will be replaced with sufficient trees that will provide shade and a serene environment for years to come.

"Currently, the interconnected irrigation system is outdated and failing, and damage is seen more and more due to inefficient roadways and lack of parking," explained Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson. "We are looking forward to providing the community with an elevated experience through this Cemetery Master Plan Project."

While the southeast corner is under construction this fall, any future funeral services will not be disrupted, and visitors will still be able to access the area around the construction zone. Two existing memorial benches will also be relocated in the same area after the roadway is remodeled.

For more information on the Cemetery Master Plan Project including a map, visit our website: <a href="http://www.cedarcity.org/2443/Cemetery-Master-Plan-Project">www.cedarcity.org/2443/Cemetery-Master-Plan-Project</a>.

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**About Cedar City, UT -** Cedar City encompasses nearly 35 square miles and is located 250 miles south of Salt Lake City and 52 miles north of St. George on Interstate 15, with a current population of nearly 40,000 residents. Information regarding the City and the many programs and services provided to the community can be found at <u>www.CedarCity.org</u>, as well as via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.