

# AT YOUR SERVICE

A bulletin of community news



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## Join Our Team! Now Hiring

Ogden City has a wide range of full-time and part-time jobs available. Apply today!

[ogdencity.com/jobs](http://ogdencity.com/jobs)

## Join The Sustainability Committee

The Natural Resources and Sustainability Stewardship Committee is looking for members who live in District 2. Find out more about the committee and apply using the interest form at [www.ogdencity.com/1607](http://www.ogdencity.com/1607)

## Mayor's Awards Nominations

Ogden City is accepting nominations for the annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts until August 11. The number of awards given is dependent on nominations received. Nominees will be evaluated on significant contributions made for art-related achievements in Ogden City. Nomination forms, submission requirements, and categories can be found online. [ogdencity.com/MayorsAwards](http://ogdencity.com/MayorsAwards)

## Fair Housing

Everyone is protected under the fair housing Act of 1968! [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing)

## Own in Ogden

Own in Ogden down-payment assistance loans are available for qualifying individuals and properties.

801-629-8940

[ogdencity.com/OwninOgden](http://ogdencity.com/OwninOgden)

## HELP (Home Exterior Loan Program)

HELP provides low-interest home improvement loans (3 or 4% depending on term) for eligible projects to all qualifying citizens city-wide.

801-629-8940 -- [ogdencity.com/HELP](http://ogdencity.com/HELP)

## Connect:

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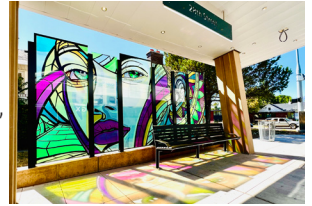
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## Ogden Express (OGX) Open to the Public Starting August 20

Over the past 20 years, Utah Transit Authority and Ogden City have worked towards offering a higher form of transportation for residents, businesses, and students. OGX, Ogden's brand new Bus Rapid Transit Line (BRT), combines the capacity and speed of light rail with the flexibility and lower cost of bus transportation. Plus, with dedicated lanes and traffic signal priority, BRT gets riders to their destinations quicker.



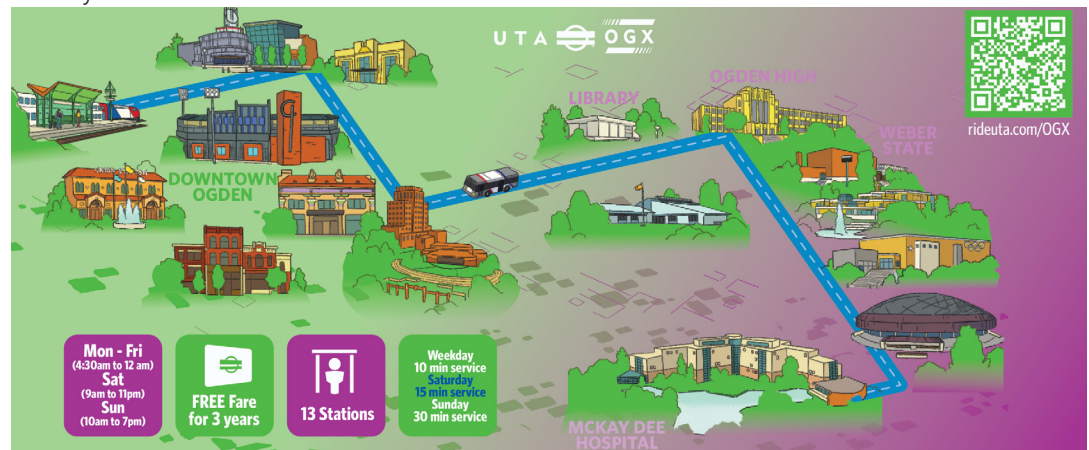
Thanks to generous seed money from UTA, Ogden City, Weber County, Weber State University, Intermountain Health, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), and the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 35% of the \$130 million needed to build OGX was raised. The Federal Transit Administration funded the remaining \$84.5 million with a Small Starts Grant.

OGX is set to open to the public on August 20. Patrons will be able to ride for free for the first three years! Come celebrate during the Grand Opening Event at Farmers Market Ogden on August 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the corner of 25th Street and Washington Blvd. We will have a Willey Wonka bus with chocolate for the kids, fanny packs to win 100 Golden Tickets for prizes, and fun activities for the whole family. Plus, UTA will be offering Zero Fare on FrontRunner, bus, TRAX, and Paratransit for the entire day.

**The Route:** Buses will arrive at stations every 10 minutes Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., every 15 minutes on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and every 30 minutes on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Stops include Ogden Central Station, The Junction, Downtown Ogden, 25th Street, Weber County Library, Monroe Park, Mt. Ogden Jr. High School, Mt. Ogden High School, Harrison Boulevard, Weber State University, Dee Events Center, and McKay-Dee Hospital.

**A Message from Weber State:** Weber State University has had three Wildcat Shuttle stops operating on campus since August 2022. The shuttle has been very helpful for WSU students, serving approximately 2,000 passengers daily during the fall and spring semesters. With the completed line, OGX provides more opportunities for students and the community to connect.

**A Message from McKay Dee Hospital:** For more than 110 years, Intermountain McKay-Dee Hospital has been proud to be part of the Ogden community. We've grown alongside the community and look forward to being part of this next step in growth. We are proud to be a primary stop along the new UTA OGX. Patients who may have delayed care due to transportation issues can now access safe and reliable transportation from around Weber County and the Wasatch Front.



## Recreation Reminders:

Lorin Farr Pool is open until September 4th closing after Labor Day, come cool off this summer with friends and family at the pool!

Job opportunities are available in Recreation!

Apply at [ogdencity.com/jobs](http://ogdencity.com/jobs)  
[ogdencity.com/Recreation](http://ogdencity.com/Recreation)

### August

- 4 First Friday Art Stroll | Downtown 6 - 9 p.m.
- 9 Ogden Twilight (Feat. *Bon Iver*) | Amphitheater
- 14 Ogden Twilight (Feat. *Beck*) | Amphitheater
- 22 Ogden Twilight (Feat. *Sylvan Esso*) | Amphitheater
- 23 Ogden Twilight (Feat. *Cigarettes After Sex*) | Amp.
- 26 Ogden Twilight (Feat. *The Flaming Lips*) | Amp.  
Ogden BRT Grand Opening 25th Street 8 a.m. - 1p.m
- 30 Connect Art Event | Union Station 7 - 9 p.m.
- 31 Ogden Twilight (Feat. *Phantogram*) | Amphitheater

### September

- 1 First Friday Art Stroll | Downtown 6 - 9 p.m.
- 6 Ogden Twilight (Feat. *Noah Cyrus*) | Amphitheater
- 16 Harvest Moon Festival | Historic 25th Street
- 25 Ogden Twilight (Feat. *Royksopp*) | Amphitheater

See more at [ogdencity.com/events](http://ogdencity.com/events)

### Come To The Fire Prevention Open House

The Ogden City Fire Department is hosting a free Fire Prevention Open House on October 11th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the fire station on 2186 Lincoln Ave. There will be photo ops, truck tours, two extrication demos at 5:45 and 6:30, and more! Firefighters will be on hand to answer questions about fire and life safety and prevention. This is an excellent opportunity for the whole family to learn about fire and life safety and have some fun. For more info and to stay up-to-date, follow Ogden Fire Department on Facebook and Instagram.

Public Meetings - Details Available Online

#### City Council Meetings

Council Chambers | Tuesdays 6 p.m.

#### Ogden Trails Network

Public Works Building | Third Thursdays 4:30 p.m.

#### City Planning Commission

Municipal Building | First Wednesdays 5 p.m.

#### Ogden City Arts Advisory Committee Meetings

Virtual | Second Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.

#### Marshall White Advisory Committee Meetings

Virtual | Second Wednesdays 4:00 p.m.

#### Diversity Commission Meetings

Second Wednesdays 4:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Stewardship Committee Meetings

Fourth Thursdays 4:00 p.m. May, July, Sep., Nov.

## An Effort To Help Small Businesses In Ogden

Ogden City's Business Information Center (BIC) is having a successful year after providing nine loans to locally owned small businesses.

These businesses wanted to gain a more stable financial footing and expand their dreams. Julio Otay, Senior Project Coordinator with the Business Information Center, says, "Our main purpose is to help the entrepreneur start up or get the business to continue in a role of success. We have great resources that other cities don't provide." The BIC is the city's answer to entrepreneurs needing business resources like capital opportunities, technical assistance, and business development counseling while partnering with the Suazo Business Center and Weber State University Wildcat Microfund. "The benefit for Ogden is mainly the job creation. We know that when a business is successful, it will require more employees. We want those businesses to stay here in Ogden, the jobs and taxes to stay here. It's beneficial for the city and those who live in Ogden," explains Otay.

After this last round of successful loan applications, staff at the BIC are updating their process and expect to reopen for new loan applications later this year. To learn more about the BIC and other business resources, visit the website below or call 801-629-8613.

[ogdencity.com/1458](http://ogdencity.com/1458)

## Upcoming Events To Enjoy This Fall

**Harvest Moon Celebration:** The Annual Harvest Moon Celebration will take place on Saturday, September 16 from 12 - 8 p.m. Located on Historic 25th Street, Ogden Downtown Alliance will bring together community partners, vendors and local businesses for a celebration to welcome the fall season. This street festival will feature family-friendly activities, live music by local artists, food of all kinds and fun for everyone!

**Fall Market:** Farmers Market Ogden is excited to present another season of Fall Market, running every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Historic 25th Street between Grant Ave. and Washington Blvd. The market begins September 16 and runs through October 21. Enjoy the best of fall produce, specialty artisan goods, seasonal treats, yoga, community activities, live music by local artists, and more!

[ogdendowntown.com](http://ogdendowntown.com)

## Emergency Preparedness Message: Wildfires

August is when our wildfire season picks up, and wildfires spread quickly, igniting brush, trees, and homes. Learning about the dangers of wildfires can help save your home. Residents can reduce the risk of fire at their house by making a few modifications and by being prepared.

- **Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it.**
- **Choose heat and flame-resistant construction materials for homes, decks, porches, and fences when possible.**
- **Keep lawns trimmed, leaves raked, and the roof and rain gutters free from debris such as dead limbs and leaves.**
- **Store flammable materials, liquids, and solvents in metal containers outside your residence**
- **Create a defensible space by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet of your home.**
- **Keep your fire hydrants clear and unobstructed.**
- **Always have a fire extinguisher on hand and teach family members where it's kept and how to use it.**

If you must leave your home, ensure you have an evacuation plan, communications plan, and a meeting place. Also, be sure your 72-hour kit is updated and ready to go.

[www.ready.gov/wildfires](http://www.ready.gov/wildfires)