

OGDEN CITY DIVERSITY COMMISSION

NEWSLETTER



Back row from left to right: Tom Szalay, Juliana Woodbury, Vernon Jackson, and Fernando Morales
Front row from left to right: Shardae Jones, Christine Ipsen, Haille VanPatten, and Monica Gil

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“Real diversity and inclusion doesn’t mean that we will always agree. It means that even when we disagree we can still respect each other.”

- Justin Jones-Fosu

Upcoming Events:

RMPRA Winter Series Rodeo This event is held on Jan. 11th at 6:30pm. For more information visit www.goldenspikeeventcenter.com

Winter Farmers Market This event is held every Saturday in February from 10am - 2pm at the Union Station

Ogden Contemporary Arts is hosting A Student & Teacher Exhibition called Artist Factory: Transference. This exhibit will run February 2nd - 18th

For a full list of events happening across Ogden City, visit www.ogdencity.com/2385/Full-Calendar-of-Ogden-Community-Events

Diversity Commissioner Christine Ipsen

Christine has served on the Diversity Commission since August 2020. She has spent most of her career working with vulnerable, at-risk, diverse populations in both Weber and Davis Counties. She serves as director of the Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership, Inc. (OWCAP). Throughout her career, she has worked to elevate community members out of poverty. Her specialized training in a variety of areas including

strategic planning, risk assessment, training and development, organizational behaviors, and diversity and inclusion show her passion for leading in a diverse community. Christine earned her Bachelor’s in Social Work from Weber State University and a Master’s degree in Human Resources Development from Webster University.

Diversity Commissioner Tom Szalay

Tom is a former newspaper photojournalist and fine art photography teacher. He worked for the San Diego Union-Tribune, LA Times, and the Standard-Examiner. He currently exhibits his art in museums, libraries, and galleries throughout Utah. His teaching career spanned over two decades as an adjunct faculty at Weber State University and a full-time art teacher at West High School in Salt Lake City. Tom supports the local LGBTQ community and the NAACP and has volunteered for many years. In 2020, he joined the Ogden Diversity Commission and enjoys contributing his skills to make Ogden a city where all are respected and welcomed.





Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership (OWCAP)

Community Action was created under President Johnson's War on Poverty and continues to be dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s (OWCAP) mission is to elevate individuals, families, and communities of Weber County through services and collaboration. OWCAP opened its doors in 1965 serving Ogden City and greater Weber County. Our current programming includes Head Start and Early Head Start programs, Circles of Weber County, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Roy Communities that Care (CTC), landlord/tenant mediation and housing education, and education/employment assistance services.

TODAY IN 1946

On January 8, 1946, Weber College celebrated its 57th Anniversary. Former President of the college, David O. McKay remarked that the future of the college was bright. During 1946, there were plans to expand the campus to include a new administration building and a library. The school also employed more faculty and promised to make education practical for its students by offering additional vocational classes.



Meet Your Neighbor
Caril Jennings

Caril was born in Oklahoma and raised in Roy after her parents left to find work out west. She attended Weber State College where she met her husband LeRoy, a visual artist, in 1967. After stints in Los Angeles and British Columbia, they moved back to Ogden to raise their children, Cristine and Benjamin. She served as the Secretary of the department of Performing Arts at Weber State University (WSU) for seven years before becoming their Marketing Director in 1997.

Caril started WSU Jazz in the Skyroom with Joe McQueen in January 1998. She helped create the WSU Gospel Music Festival in 2021. Marketing Music,

Theater, and Dance, she used the talents and interests honed through volunteer work in the community. Caril retired from WSU in 2013 and from Jazz at the Station in 2022. She credits Joe McQueen for the success of Jazz at the Station over the years. Also, WSU and Ogden community for continuing the Gospel Music Festival.

Caril's energy enhanced Ogden Art Stroll and Ogden's Performing Art scene, for which she received the Ogden Mayor's award three times! Those who know Caril know her passion for the Ogden community and the Arts, her laugh, and her wit.

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