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## Save the Date – Cache Summit

On Tuesday July 27th the Cache Summit committee lead by the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG), Cache County, Civil Solutions Group, local developers, cities and towns met to discuss the future of the Cache Summit. In a year where words like “unprecedented” and “Social Distancing” have taken hold of the lexicon there were questions as to if and how the Cache Summit, now in its 6th year was going to go on. As a member of the committee

I am happy to inform you that the 2020 Cache Summit will go on.

Taking advantage of BRAGs work on other summits, including the Economic Summit earlier this summer, we are planning to put on an amazing event. Tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Thursday in November (November 12th) DATE MAY CHANGE, the event will allow participants to attend in person, or electronically for a smaller fee.

For those that choose to attend in person social distancing will be in place, with 6’ being maintained between participants, and with all speakers taking place in the

main hall (no break out speakers) this will allow those who feel comfortable to participate in person. For those who can’t make it, or don’t feel comfortable mingling with a large crowd, all content will be online, and live, with moderators taking questions from the online audience and supplying them to the speakers so that they are also able to participate.

While more details will follow in later months, now’s a good time to save the date of November 12th in your calendars

# Welcome Carly Lansche

Cache County Welcomes Carly Lansche as our new trails coordinator

**T**rails, active transportation, and recreation has recently received a big boost in Cache County as Carly Lansche has joined as the new County Trails Coordinator. Replacing Dayton Crites who left over the winter to pursue new opportunities in Vermont.

Carly brings a wealth of experience, having joined from the Bureau of Land Management where she was working on the “Old Spanish Trail” a National Historic Trail, a historical trade route that connected Northern New Mexico with Los Angeles, running approximately 700 miles through high mountains, arid deserts and deep canyons.



Carly has hit the ground running here in Cache County, having already begun studying the feasibility of trails between Smithfield and Richmond, and Hyrum and Paradise. When not meeting with trails committees,



cycle advocates, or touring county infrastructure Carly manages the Trails Cache Social Media accounts, and looking for new grants and projects to help bring more trail infrastructure to Cache County.

Carly is eager to visit all communities that participate in the County Trails program, and to hear how the County can improve our trails network, Carly may be reached at

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# Tour of Cache

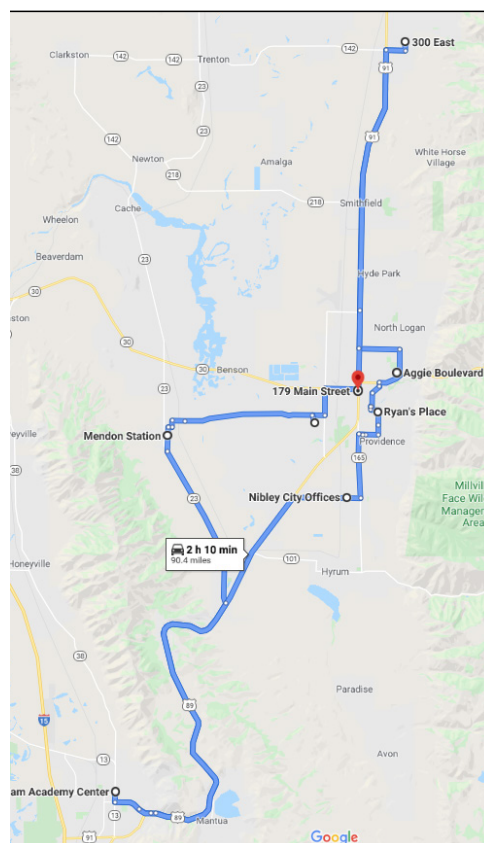
Mark your calendars, and RSVP today, and join us as we Tour Cache Valley on August 27th

**O**n behalf of Cache County, and the Countywide Planning and Development Office, I would like to invite you to join our first ever "Tour of Cache" not only is this a free event, but everyone who attends will be treated to a free lunch courtesy of the participants who have helped to make this event possible, all that we ask is you RSVP by emailing [Taylor.Jensen@CacheCounty.org](mailto:Taylor.Jensen@CacheCounty.org) as soon as possible so that we can get accurate counts of how many are planning on being in attendance.

The Tour of Cache is a full day event, kicking off at 8:15 AM at the Cache County office building (179 N Main Street, Logan), we'll begin the day by boarding CVTD buses which will ferry us to projects throughout the valley. We'll be visiting affordable housing developments, public buildings, parks, economic development projects, corporate headquarters, transportation project, complete street and a RAPZ funded project. Countywide Planning will be providing detailed handouts on each of the projects we visit.

In the interest of remaining safe and healthy we will have will have hand sanitizer, and free face masks for anyone who wants them on each bus. We will also be providing maps and a detailed itinerary for those who wish to drive themselves to maintain social distancing, or who cannot join us for the entire day's event.

In addition to visiting these projects, and learning about them from those responsible for bringing them to fruition, attendees will have the opportunity to network with Mayors, City Council Members, Planning Commissioners, and Staff members from communities from all corners of Cache valley. We hope that this event will pave the way for future partnerships, and collaboration on planning issues throughout the valley, as all of our communities, and the planning decisions that we make are inter-related



I also ask that you feel free to share this event and invite anyone who you feel will benefit from the event and/or engaging with other community leaders. We look forward to touring with you.

## Imagine Cache at the Fair

We are happy to announce that Cache County Planning and Zoning will be hosting a booth at the Cache County Fair on August 6th - 8th. Staff will be present each day from 5:00 - 8:00 PM, to answer questions about the General Plan, and giving out prizes from our prize wheel. Come let your voice

be heard, and sign up to receive automatic updates on the general plan.

Be sure to invite all your friends and family members because we want and need to hear from as many people as possible to ensure the general plan promotes the future the residents of the valley desire. #ImageCache #PeopleLandLegacy



# Water Wise Landscaping

Grass free landscaping can save water, and be visually attractive

**W**ater in a desert such as Utah is an invaluable resource, droughts and shortages we have faced in the past are bound to increase in severity as the population of state continues to grow at an exponential rate, which means our future prosperity is going to depend on the smart use of our limited resources. To get the most out of our limited water supplies we're going to have to address our landscaping. According to the Utah State University Extension CWEL (Center for Water-Efficient Landscaping) approximately 65% of our annual culinary water consumption is applied to landscapes. Luckily, that doesn't have to be the case; it is very possible to have beautifully landscaped lots without over using water.

CWEL recommends selecting low water using plants, designing and scheduling irrigation systems efficiently, grouping plants according to water requirements, and using hardscape materials such as patios, stone paths, and decks to reduce the amount of area that needs to be watered. For those with Turf lawns the USU CWEL publishes a weekly "Lawn Watering Requirements" on their Facebook page [USU Center for Water Efficient Landscaping](#) which indicates how many times a week your lawn needs to be watered, by following this guide you can ensure that your lawn is healthy and green, while avoiding over watering.

Of course one thing that does stand in the way of conservation of water is the requirement that many communities have for turf lawns, preventing residents from implementing water wise landscaping even if they wanted to. Below are some suggestions that can be added to your ordinances to allow water wise landscaping, while also remaining visually attractive and beautiful.



- At least 50% of the landscaped area is live vegetation (Waterwise shrubs, grasses, and flowers)
- Live vegetation should be distributed throughout the landscaping not segregated in one area
- Prohibit loose bark, lawn clippings and other loose materials that wash away in the rain and can get into storm drain systems (if your

community has storm drains)

- Decorative rock material should be at least one inch aggregate, and spread at least three inches deep, placing it on top of a weed fabric barrier that allows water permeation will keep the landscaping looking nice and prevent the growth of weeds. Where rock is built against a sidewalk, curb, or other public infrastructure it shouldn't be any taller than what it is abutting.
- White quartz rock, lava rock, and road base/ gravel or any material that approximates the color of concrete can be restricted
- Use drip irrigation systems to get water to plants without wasting it watering rock
- Require that if waterwise landscaping is used in an area within a right-of-way that the owner shall be responsible for any damage it may cause if it migrates onto a sidewalk, trail, street, storm drain, or other public facility.

By implementing these easy to follow provisions into your zoning and development ordinance you can allow those who wish to conserve water to do so with their landscaping, while maintaining a attractive built environment, one that is vibrant and colorful, and not dull and blank like water-wise landscapes of the past that included only rocks and no plant life.



Communities interested in exploring the implementation of a waterwise landscaping ordinance should feel free to contact Countywide Planning.

