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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE CITY

Dear Citizens,

A couple of months ago, the City received the audit results of financial activities for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006. Looking at a detailed financial report will make anyone want to nod off quickly, so here's the bottom line:

*General Fund (unreserved) balance was 11.7 of estimated general fund as of 6/30/06. (The State requires between 5% -18%) --- Last year it was 2.5%.*

*The total net assets of the City increased by 9.6% to \$15,116,400 (these assets are made up of \$12.9 million in capital net assets and \$2.2 million in other assets).*

*The General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$914,222, which does not include revenues from other sources. (The General Fund is made up of revenues from all other sources except those from Business type accounts, described next).*

*Business type activities (Water, Sewer and Library Enterprise Funds) total net assets increased by \$438,822.*

*Total long-term liabilities of the City were reduced by \$322,566.*

**All the numbers are up, and it's good news for the citizens. The City is in sound financial condition! And --- it's looking good for this year, as well.**

As verified by an Independent Audit, the City has shown excellent performance in meeting its financial goals. The year end Fund balance of 11.7% exceeded the 10% that was projected. This is noteworthy. Each department was diligent in monitoring spending within their budgets. The audit reported that only one account, valued at \$480,000, exceeded budget, and it was by just \$148.00.

The Staff did a great job in preparing for the audit, and the auditor commented that the information needed was well organized and readily available. This resulted in the smoothest audit the City has experienced in years.

The City Council is committed to ensuring that what goes into the budget is only that which is absolutely necessary. Requested revisions to the budget are scrutinized and challenged. They are also committed to raising the Reserve Balance (**call it a surplus**) each year toward the 18% statutory limit. By doing so, money can then be set aside from this surplus, and accumulated over time, in order to build a capital improvement fund for the replacement of depreciated and worn out equipment and to purchase additional equipment, as needed. A five year Capital Improvement Plan is being created now which will be funded from these accumulated surpluses.

Last June, when the budget for this fiscal year (06/07) was presented to the City Council for approval, it was discovered that the projected numbers for revenue were lower than expected. The Council took steps to reduce the budget by \$40,000 to ensure that the target projection for the surplus of 10% could be met. This wasn't an easy decision.

**The reports received through December, half way through this fiscal year, show that the budget is on target.**

The Budget Committee is made up of the Mayor, Councilmembers' Trent Wentz and Scott Galbraith, Citizens Brent Nyman, Mark Hansen and Curtis Roberts, Budget Officer Jeff Jorgensen and Staff. The First Budget Committee meeting will be held this month. The budget will be prepared over the next several months, with each department head presenting their prioritized budget to the committee. Meetings will be held twice each month until the budget is ready for presentation to the public and the City Council. We anticipate having one or more workshops with public input before the budget is adopted in June.

*I want to emphasize that community input is encouraged, and that all of our budget meetings are open to the public. The schedule of meetings will be posted in the Newsletter, office, and on the City website.*

If you have any questions about the budget or any matter of concern you might have, please feel free to call me on my direct line, 760-4615.

Sincerely,  
Cary Watkins

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## What's Happening In The City Council

The City Council meetings for the month of January will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>. There are only a few items currently on the agendas for January. On the first meeting of the year the council will, by resolution, establish their regular meeting time for the new year. The regular time for City Council meetings is currently 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. On January 18<sup>th</sup> the council will consider a concept plan for a proposed commercial subdivision (Heritage Park) located at approximately 200 to 400 West and 2850 - 3100 North. In January the council will also be considering adopting the first part of a revised general plan by considering the newly revised land-use element.

Look for the official council agendas as they are posted at the city offices and the library. The Herald Journal is given a copy of the official agenda as well and they normally print it in the newspaper a day or two before the meeting.

### From the Chief's Desk What is happening in North Logan?



This is a quick look at the numbers that were generated in November  
Arrests: *North Logan 22 Hyde Park 1* Citations: *North Logan 99 Hyde Park 30*

North Logan Incidents												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>2006</b>	232	235	242	245	294	323	342	341	298	322	295	
<b>2005</b>	253	241	246	325	256	255	260	298	275	285	252	250

Hyde Park Incidents												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>2006</b>	97	79	85	96	107	123	107	117	107	85	94	
<b>2005</b>	70	64	85	81	83	94	114	108	100	94	108	105

As we enter into the cold winter months I would like to highlight two things:

#1 As you are out recreating with snowmobiles and OHV please make sure you are operating on open public lands or that you have permission to use private property. The foothills to the east of us are private up to the forest service line and then it is designated wilderness and is restricted to **no use of snowmobiles or OHV.**

#2 As you travel make sure you are carrying emergency supplies with you in case you are stranded. Let someone know where you will be traveling and your anticipated arrival times. Consult the road condition numbers, local 716-9440 and statewide 1-800-492-2400. As you travel around the valley please slow down and give yourself plenty of time. Also remember that front wheel and all-wheel vehicles give you greater traction but do not stop any faster on slick roads.

*Chief Kim Hawkes*

If your child was fingerprinted on September 16 at **Kids Day America**, and those Child Safety ID cards were not picked up, they are at the Chiropractic Clinic located at 3935 North 75 West in Hyde Park. Please call 563-9165 to schedule a time to pick them up.

A message from your Utility Billing Department



We hope the holidays were a wonderful time for you. We send our wishes to you and your family for a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year ahead.

We want to extend an invitation for you to sign up for Direct Payment. This is for all those who are wanting to save time in paying your city utility bill. This will take the stress and cost of writing a check or needing to drop by the office from your to do list. If you are interested, please call our office at 752-1310 ext. 11 or drop by and complete the application.

The progress of installing the new Radio meter reading equipment is going better than expected. For those receiving the new Radio, we will be reading your meter each month through out the year and not just during the summer time. Over time, everyone's system will be read year-round. Exchanging every meter to Radio read will take approximately two years. We would also like to remind everyone not to get into the water meter barrel. If you need to get into the barrel, please contact our office at 752-1310 ext. 11 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. except in a real emergency. We appreciate your help. Please let us know if you have any questions.

### Growth Corner

#### Home Businesses

Professional Cleaners—Cleaning Services

Fit 2B Fit—Personal Training & Dance Lessons

#### Business Licenses

None

#### Commercial Projects

None



Comparison to Previous Year :

<u>PERMIT TYPE</u>	<u>2006 TO DATE</u>	<u>2005</u>
Single Family Residence	99	75
Multi-Family (Apt.)	5	1
New Commercial (Retail)	11	9
Office	6	7
Remodel (Exist. Comm.)	6	5

### **Notice: Annual Shareholders Meeting of the North Park Irrigation Company**

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the North Park Irrigation Company will be held Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 7:00 p.m., at 2460 North 800 East in North Logan. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect directors and to conduct such other business as may come before the meeting. Dated 12/4/06



### **SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON**

The monthly luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Golden Corral. Please **RSVP** to Savannah Baker (753-0287), Lila Eddington (753-0203), Eileen Stocking (752-1217), Eva Fay Anderson (753-0340), Alva Johnson (753-3070) or Regene Israelsen (752-7223) by **5:00 p.m. on Friday the 5th.**

# News For Families

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

Best wishes to all our Library patrons and supporters for a great year in 2007!

The Library welcomes a new member to the staff, Ms. Stephanie Harrell. Ms. Harrell became a Librarian with the goal of contributing to the role that libraries play in education, particularly public libraries. She graduated Brigham Young University in 2001 with a BA in English and most recently completed her MLS at Loughborough University in England. Talented with musical abilities, well-read, and delightfully energetic, Ms. Harrell will most definitely become an integral part of library operations! Stephanie will begin her new position as Assistant Library Director on January 2nd. Please join us in helping to make Stephanie feel welcome to Cache Valley and especially to the North Logan City Library!

**Book Discussion Group** members will have to *hang on to their seats* for the next anticipated read: ***The Clearwater Union War*** written by Ron Carter! *This book is sure to have readers rolling with laughter as they follow a fascinating and often hilarious tale about unionization and the dilemmas it caused in rural western America. Ron Carter's delightful cast of characters includes twenty-three Chicago mobsters, who work for Big Ed and his mammoth union, and a handful of bright but sometimes backward Idaho locals who take union bosses out of Chicago and win.*

*"The folks in Clearwater, Idaho, had rarely come face to face with any city folks, so a group of Chicago gangsters driving through town in an old hearse drew a crowd right away. Later, when the gangsters' hearse pulled up to Abe and Beth's meatpacking company, the locals just assumed the circus was in town. And although they misjudged the purpose of their guests' visit, these small-town Idaho natives weren't far off. "*

Ruth Israelsen will lead the discussion on this fun book for the next meeting set for **Thursday, January 11th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Young Adult section of the North Logan City Library. Multiple copies have been purchased and Book Discussion Group members may simply request a copy at the Library's Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome to join this entertaining monthly program!

**Quacker Time** and **Toddler Time** story/puppet programs will not be held during January so Library Director, Sue Randleman can best acquaint her new Assistant, Ms. Harrell, to her post at the Library. Ms. Randleman and her side-kick, Quackers, entertained **hundreds** of children during the December holiday season! Fourteen specially designed puppet/story shows were conducted at the Library in December, not only for local patrons but for numerous visiting school groups. Ms. Randleman hopes to schedule many outreach programs with area schools come the next few months and will utilize the assistance of Library Staff member, Judi Poorte and Library Volunteer/Friends President, Joseph Hawkes. Of course, Quackers the talking duck, plans to join the group as he loves to tell stories and sing songs to children!

The Library is always in need of volunteers to help process new books and materials, shelf-read, shelve materials, dust, etc. If you are interested, please see Library Director, Sue Randleman or call 755-7169. Thank you!

Boys & Girls! Quackers' joke of the month:  
Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A. Snowflakes!

# News For Families

The **North Logan City Youth Council** has been active in the community this fall. In October we helped with the Pumpkin Walk. In November we visited the North Logan Fire Station and spent some time learning about them and what they do. In December we collected cans of food and did a "Sub for Santa" for local families who were in need of obtaining Christmas presents. It was a lot of fun and helped us all feel the Spirit of Christmas. Being a part of the North Logan City Youth Council is a great way to work with other youth, serve the community and to have lots of fun!

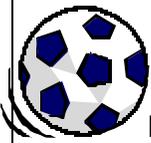


## THANKS FOR EARLY-MORNING HELP!

The street department workers always appreciate the efforts citizens make to keep cars and trashcans off of the roads until after the crew has had time to make at least the first passes with the snow plows. Your cooperation makes things safer and better for everyone!

If you contract with someone to plow your driveway (or if a helpful neighbor or family member gives you some assistance) would you please remind them that all shoveled, blown, or plowed snow *must remain on your property*. Even small snow piles on the road can create dangerous driving situations for passing cars, and pushing snow on to the roads is unlawful, so YOU might get a citation!

Speaking of citations, remember, no cars can legally park on the roads between 1:00 and 5:00 a.m.



## SOCCER SIGNUPS

Soccer signups will be held at the **North Logan City Offices** on Saturday, January 20th and also the 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is \$26 each for the first two family members and \$21 each additional family member.

Age groups are as follows:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Born between :</u>
U 5/6	8/1/00 and 7/31/02
U 7/8	8/1/98 and 7/31/00
U 9/10	8/1/96 and 7/31/98
U 11/12	8/1/94 and 7/31/96

Ages 13-14 contact Mary Ann Essig

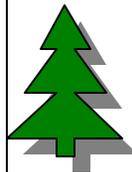
Volunteers are needed! Referee clinics are available for interested parties age 13 and over, and help is always welcome for putting teams together, coaching, or any number of other activities. If you have questions, call Mary Ann Essig at 753-0803.

## Meadow View Park Neighborhood Meeting Wed., January 17th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. North Logan Library Meeting Room

Members of the Park and Recreation Board are preparing to write a grant to fund new development at Meadow View Park. What would you like to see added to make this a great neighborhood park? Talk with your family and neighbors, then come and share your creative ideas! We need to hear from you to create the best design possible. See you then!



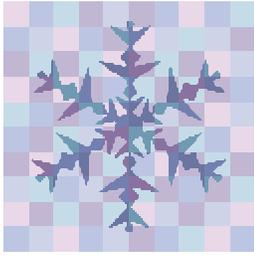
## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE!



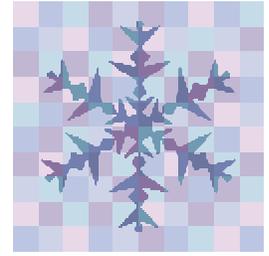
Logan City is offering 28 drop-sites for Christmas TREECYCLING.

The North Logan site is just west of Elk Ridge Park, at approximately 1100 East 2500 North. Turn at the road just west of the canal and follow it south to the recycling bin. The last day for pickup will be Friday, January 12, 2007.

Please remove all lights, tinsel, ornaments, and metal stands. For additional information, call 716-9792 or email [recycle@loganutah.org](mailto:recycle@loganutah.org).



**Congratulations 2006 Winners**  
**North Logan City Home Decorating Contest**  
**“Lights of Christmas”**



**A Big Thank You to these SPONSORS**

**\*First Place: \$100.00 from Lewiston State Bank**

Thayne & Lisa Binggeli 2582 North 200 East

**Second Place: \$100.00 from Hamilton’s Restaurant**

John & Marianna Larsen 1335 East 2300 North

**Third Place: \$50.00 Bennett’s Paint**

John & Ann Bailey 1330 East 2100 North

**Best Decorated Neighborhood**

Pheasant Hollow area—1980 North 1250 to 1400 East

**Six Honorable Mentions: Gift Certificate for a Village Inn Pie**

1. Roy & Sally Barker 2055 North 1250 East (\*1st Place 2005)
2. Carl & Lannis Sorensen 1580 East 1630 North
3. David Ferrin 2537 North 300 East
4. Mark Smith 1581 East 1980 North
5. Stephen Hibler 2079 North 950 East

(The same residence may not win first place in consecutive years)

**A special thanks to all who participated in the lighting contest.**

**TIME TO LICENSE THOSE DOGS AND CATS!!!**



All dogs AND CATS (except field cats) are required to be vaccinated for rabies, and licensed. The fees are:

<i>Spayed or neutered dog</i>	<i>\$ 10.00</i>	<i>Un-neutered or spayed dog</i>	<i>\$ 20.00</i>
<i>Spayed or neutered cat</i>	<i>\$ 5.00</i>	<i>Un-neutered or spayed cat</i>	<i>\$ 10.00</i>



*Proof must be provided that the rabies vaccination is effective for at least six (6) months past licensing date.*

**Notice:** Only two dogs or four cats are allowed on a residential property of less than one acre. Properties of more than one acre may have more than two dogs and four cats by *conditional use permit only*. Application for a conditional use permit is \$20, and the kennel license is \$50 per year.

Late fees and citations may be issued for those animals that are not licensed.  
 Call 752-1310 for details.



