



# North Logan City NEWS

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## **M**AYOR'S MESSAGE - VISION FOR CREATING THE FUTURE DOWNTOWN

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, there was an announcement by North Logan City and Gateway Hospitality Group of Ohio, that a Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and Cache Valley Conference Center is planned for development in North Logan. This public/private partnership project is being considered as the centerpiece and catalyst for additional master planned commercial and mixed development in the area bordered by 2200 North and between 200 East and 400 East designated as the City Center Area.

Planning is now underway to create a Community Development Area Plan. This plan will have the hotel within the City Center area. In addition to a hotel and conference center, the land use will include mixed use and walkable area around a village green with a North Logan identity, where residents and non-residents will come to work, shop, and dine. It's envisioned to be a downtown gathering place.

It won't happen overnight but it has started with a vision --- It will be a reality.

### **What will a hotel and conference center mean to North Logan?**

The Hilton Garden Inn and Cache Valley Conference Center is expected to result in over 25 million dollars in direct capital investment and generate ongoing economic and fiscal benefits in the tens of millions of dollars each year over time.

North Logan is in the immediate path of growth, with plenty of land ready for development. Most of the commercial growth is happening on land in Logan and North Logan on both the west and east sides of Main Street and north of 1400 North. This will continue indefinitely. The Innovation Campus master plan calls for the creation of several thousand new jobs over the coming years. The airport is strategically located, and soon, aircraft will be authorized to take off and land under instrument weather conditions. This opens the door for commercial air service. It's not "if" this will happen, but "when".

Yes, more growth causes increasing challenges as the area becomes urbanized.

But—there are great opportunities. The potential of a Hilton Hotel and Cache Valley Conference center located here will benefit all the cities to the north and south. The additional revenues generated from this and other entities locating here are expected to be very significant.

### **One more word on the need to put dollars aside and build a healthy reserve.**

In the last newsletter I pointed out that the city hasn't been funding the depreciation of capital replacements. The reality is this; without an immediate increase in revenues the funds are not available to start putting enough dollars in reserve this year to address these needs.

A proposed 55% increase in the North Logan portion of our property taxes will generate an approximate \$218,000 extra revenue next fiscal year. This increase would raise the North Logan portion of the general purpose property tax on a typical \$200,000 home from \$93.39 (tax year 2006) to about \$144.65 for tax year 2007, an increase of about \$51.26. Since this tax rate has not been increased since 1990, this increase of 55% over those seventeen years equates to an increase of about 3.2% per year. As mentioned in last month's article, if this is done, the additional money will be used to replace some worn out equipment and roads this year as well as to set aside some funds for future replacement of facilities and infrastructure. Without additional revenue, the depreciation deficit will continue to grow. It can be put off, but something must give.

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### **What's the answer?**

I believe that the best way to bring in more revenues is a proactive approach to encourage quality economic growth and job creation rather than higher taxes. This will go a long way in helping to keep up with capital and replacement needs. Even with this, it won't happen quickly, and there is still a need to start funding replacements costs now.

The budget for next fiscal year is being worked on now. Please go to the North Logan City web site at ([www.ci.north-logan.ut.us](http://www.ci.north-logan.ut.us)) and you will see the schedule for the City Council's budget workshops. All meetings are open to the public. On the website you can also view last year's budget and drafts of this coming year's proposed budget as it is developed. A formal public hearing on the budget is planned for June 7<sup>th</sup>. I encourage your input and participation in this process. If you have specific questions on the budget please call or email me.

Sincerely,

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### **What's Happening in City Council?**

The City Council meetings for the month of May will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. During both meetings the primary focus of the City Council will be the city's budget. Prior to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (beginning at 5:00 pm) the council will be having a workshop on the budget. During this time, and during the regular City Council meeting time on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the council will be trying to make some of the final decisions on what the budget will be when it is presented to the public.

A Public Hearing on the budget is currently planned for June 7<sup>th</sup> so the budget must be fairly close to being completed by the end of May. The city will be posting copies of the proposed budget on the city's website at [www.ci.north-logan.ut.us](http://www.ci.north-logan.ut.us) as different versions of the draft budget are developed. A copy of last year's budget is also available for comparison. The budget is probably the most impacting thing that the city council does on a regular basis as it effects all aspects of how our city is run. In the past the council has been very receptive to input from citizens on how the city's funds should be spent, especially when it comes to doing specific projects such as road projects within the city. Citizens' input is welcome and oft times influential when it comes to the budget.

During the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the council will most likely elect a replacement for Mark Williams as a member of the City Council. Also during the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the council will be considering a proposed ordinance making changes to the city's nuisance ordinance and the administrative remedies ordinance. This ordinance has been in the works for several months and has been through some major modifications during that time. The ordinance should be ready for final consideration by that May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

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.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON**



The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on **Monday, May 14th** at the Golden Corral at 2044 North Main in North Logan.

The cost is \$3.50 per person and all senior citizens are invited to attend.

Please **RSVP** to Savannah Baker at (753-0287), Lila Eddington (753-0203), Eva Fay Anderson (753-0340), Eileen Stocking (752-1217) or Alva Johnson (753-3070) by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11th.**

### **A reminder from the Fire Department**

If you are interested in burning yard waste Monday through Friday, you must call our office at **752-1310** after 9:00 a.m. on the day you want to burn. We will issue you a *Burn Permit* good for that day only.

For weekend burning you must call the Cache County Fire Department at **755-1670** for a permit. The air quality must be checked before issuing permits. You may burn branches, leaves etc. No construction materials may be burned. You must be at least 18 years old, the fire must be at least 50 feet from any structure, you must have water nearby, the fire must be out before dark, and you cannot burn tires, oil, fuel, gases, plastic, or other hazardous materials.

### **and the Streets Department**

In the next month or so we will be doing *chip seal* on 1200 East, 1600 East and 1900 North. Please be aware of ongoing work in keeping our roads in good condition, and please slow down in order to keep your vehicle in good condition!

### Commercial Building Permits

None

### Home Businesses

Equity Labs - Nutrition Retail Sales  
IVC Services - Engineering Consulting Services  
MW Tile & Construction - Construction Services  
MJ Auto Glass - Auto Sales/Parts/Repair Services

### Commercial Businesses

Trident Systems Inc. - Engineering Services  
Vision Health Eye Care - Optometrist

Comparison to previous year:

Permit Type	2007 to date	2006 to date
Single Family Residence	18	7
Multi-Family (Apt.)	0	1
New Commercial (Retail)	2	7
Office	4	3
Remodel (Existing Comm.)	0	0

**GROWTH  
CORNER**

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **MAY**

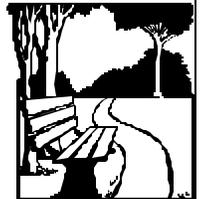
- 3 - Budget Workshop 5:00  
City Council 6:30
- 10 - Planning Commission 7:00
- 11 & 12 - Friends of the Library Book Sale
- 17 - City Council 6:30
- 24 - Planning Commission 7:00
- 28 - City Offices closed for Memorial Day



Please find more information about these activities in The newsletter articles or call the city offices.

### **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY IS SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007**

*THIS IS A DAY FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TRAILS AND WE ARE HOPING YOU WILL WANT TO BE INVOLVED. THIS IS A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING SCOUT GROUPS, CHURCH GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES. THE KICK OFF WILL BE AT 8:30 AM. MEET AT THE FIRST RESTROOM IN GREEN CANYON. COME IN YOUR WORK CLOTHES AND PLEASE BRING GLOVES, SHOVELS AND RAKES.*



### **From the Chief's Desk**

During the month of May we celebrate During the week of May the 12 through of the North Logan Library. You will the south side of the building. Each Utah's history. With the renovation of the state capital in Salt Lake City a new Law Enforcement Memorial is being created. I invite you to look at the website [www.utahsfallen.org](http://www.utahsfallen.org) where you will see renditions of the memorial and information if you have an interest in contributing to its construction. We live in a beautiful valley and enjoy a quality of life that is next to none. The North Park Police Department is committed to serving with Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Honor. Thank you for letting us serve you.



National Law Enforcement Week. the 19<sup>th</sup> a display will be on the lawn see 119 American flags placed on flag represents a fallen officer in

Chief Kim Hawkes

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

The **Book Discussion Group** will be meeting at **9 a.m. on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** in the Young Adult Area of the North Logan City Library. This month's featured "read" is entitled, ***My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.**

*"Anna was conceived after her older sister, Kate, developed a rare form of leukemia at the age of two, and has donated bone marrow and blood to her sister. Now she has been asked to donate a kidney, and she intends to refuse . . . despite the fact that she clearly loves her sister and longs for her family's happiness. As the gripping court case builds, the story takes a shocking turn. Told in alternating perspectives by the engaging, fascinating cast of characters, Picoult's novel grabs the reader from the first page and never lets go. This is a beautiful, heartbreaking, controversial, and honest book. (American Library Association)*

The Library has purchased multiple used copies of this book for those who are interested. Please ask at the Library's front desk or speak with Stephanie Harrell at the Reference Desk.

The Staff at the North Logan City Library is very proud of their web site: [www.northloganlibrary.org](http://www.northloganlibrary.org). But they would like everyone to know about another great online find: **Public Pioneer** located at <http://pioneer-library.org/>. Besides being Utah's Online Library of electronic resources, did you know that it provides statewide access to newspaper articles, magazines, professional journals, encyclopedias, video, photographs, maps, charts, and graphics? Pioneer delivers thousands of full-text resources to Utahns of all ages every day! It is a fast and easy way to find credible and up-to-date information for school, work, and personal use. If you should need documented, published information, chances are you will find it through Pioneer. It saves energy, time and money. Pioneer is a non-profit public service of Utah public libraries, public schools, and college and university libraries and can be accessed through them. Pioneer partners include Utah Education Network, Utah State Office of Education (USOE), Utah State Office of Higher Education (USHE), Utah Academic Library Consortium, and the Utah State Library Division.

Library Director, Sue Randleman, and Library Staff want to express their sincere appreciation to USU Professor, Barbara Middleton and to her students of Environmental Studies for conducting a series of wonderful Arbor Week programs in April. They also had overseen the planting of three beautiful trees on the grounds outside the Library as well as the installation of a sturdy and much needed park bench! Special mention also goes out to Terrell Huppi, Facilities Supt. for North Logan City, and his staff for their assistance.

Be sure to look out for another great **BOOK SALE** sponsored by the **FRIENDS OF THE NORTH LOGAN CITY LIBRARY** scheduled for Friday and Saturday, **May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**! It will be held at **Wal-Mart** from 12:00 pm until dark on Friday, and from 9:00 - 4:00 on Saturday. For further information, please call the Library at 755-7169 or go online at: [www.northloganlibrary.org](http://www.northloganlibrary.org).

For information on Quackers and story time, please check the library's website or call the main desk at 755-7169

Boys & Girls, Quackers' Joke of the Month:

Q. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?

A: Spring - time!

