



# North Logan City NEWS

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## **M**AYOR'S MESSAGE: **THE STATE TAKES 2500 NORTH -WE GET 800 EAST**

Earlier this year the State Department of Transportation (UDOT) and Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) started to discuss the possibility of State ownership of 1000 West through Logan City, and 2500 North west of Main. In exchange, North Logan, Logan, and Hyde Park would take local jurisdiction of 800 East. Typically, when road trades are made with UDOT they are conditioned upon a mile for mile transfer. In other words, if the State takes control of a local road, it requires the transfer of a State road to a local jurisdiction of about the same length and configuration.

Prior to the UDOT/CMPO road discussions, North Logan, and Logan got together last year and agreed to a boundary change that created joint ownership to the center of 2500 North out to 200 West. Along with this change, we both agreed to and set aside money (\$177,000 each) to share in the cost of improving 2500 North from Main to 200 West. This was approved in our budgets, and scheduled to begin construction early this summer. This was phase one of a three phase road improvement program for North Logan along 2500 North. The second phase was planned to improve the road from 200 to 400 West, and phase three would take it to 600 West. The total cost the over the 3-5 year plan was estimated at \$800,000. This was just North Logan's cost; Logan would be spending about that same amount to fix the road out to 1000 West. Funding phase two and three, given all the other pressing under-funded road needs in our city, was problematic; moreover, 2500 North is a road that provides very little direct benefit to the citizens within our city. Ninety percent of all the traffic that passes via 2500 North comes from Logan and south Cache Valley. This highly used road puts a drain on our ability to maintain it, and with few resources to expand its capacity for traffic.

This is changed on June 20th with the recent decision of UDOT to officially take ownership of 1000 West and 2500 North and in exchange, give up 800 East. There were many months of talks with UDOT, and CMPO and especially among the jurisdictions of North Logan, Hyde Park, Logan, and Cache County. Our City Council was in favor of the transfer and unanimously supported the change. A joint letter was then presented to the UDOT Commission with a recommendation for the transfer. The approval by the Commission has made the transfers effective immediately and includes the allocation of 40 million dollars for the road improvements on 1000 West and 2500 North west of Main. These improvements are expected to begin within the next twelve months.

In addition to the transfer of 800 East, UDOT agreed to give North Logan \$50,000 to be used to construct a left turn lane on 800 East where Grand Avenue within the USU Innovation Campus will connect to 800 East. This won't happen right now, but the money will be reserved until such time as Grand Boulevard connects.

North Logan has benefited considerably by this trade:

\* The money the city had budgeted in last year's budget has been transferred to this fiscal year budget and is being used for other needed road work.

\*The city will no longer have to be concerned about re-building 2500 North west of Main, saving the city over \$800,000 in future improvements.

\*We have been given 800 East in excellent condition; it has been chip sealed with new handicap accessible curbs.

\* Local ownership of 800 East gives us the authority to regulate all matters pertaining to this road; that's a good thing.

The road transfer just completed and amount of funding UDOT is committing here is unprecedented, and will go a long way to solving regional transportation needs in Cache Valley. There was a high degree of regional cooperation to make this happen. Especially noteworthy was the role of the County. It was instrumental in making the deal work by agreeing to take county control of SR 238 (the state road that runs through Providence, River Heights, Millville, and Nibley). The State required this road to be part of the overall transfer, and willingness by the County to take this road, made the whole thing happen.

If you have questions on this, or any issue, please give me a call me at 760-4615 or email [d.carywatkins@gmail.com](mailto:d.carywatkins@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Cary Watkins

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council will meet twice during August – on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. During the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting the City Council will hold a Public Hearing. The hearing will be a truth in taxation hearing to receive public input on the proposed property tax increase. Being proposed is to increase only the general purpose portion of the property tax slightly above the certified rate. The rate being proposed is such that the composite tax rate for North Logan City (the sum of the general purpose portion plus the dedicated library tax and the sewer bond tax) is that same as it was during the past two year (tax years 2005 and 2006). Copies of the budget to be discussed in the hearing are available at the city office and on the city's website. Following the public hearing the council may adopt a resolution setting the tax rate and making any applicable revisions to the city's FY2008 budget.

Also on the agenda for July 19th is to consider a development plan and preliminary plat subdividing about 111 acres, Bonneville Trail Estates Subdivision, located at approximately 2100 East and 3025 North, North Logan. The council will also consider final plat approval of Phase I of that subdivision including 21 acres divided into 21 lots.

Other issues that may be considered by the City Council during the month of August might include consideration of approvals for various subdivisions that are on the horizon. As of the time this newsletter was written, no other specific items have been scheduled for the August meeting.

Look for the official council agendas as they are posted at the city offices, at the library and on the city's website. These postings are normally done the Monday prior to the scheduled city council meeting. 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.

**ELECTION UPDATE:** There are five candidates who have filed for a seat on the City Council in the November election. They are: Kevin Dustin, Lloyd Berentzen, Al Moser, Chris Nelson and Patricia Northenor. Bryon Geddes has also filed as a write-in candidate. The three elected will fill the seats vacated by: Trent Wentz, Scott Galbraith and Lloyd Berentzen.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### AUGUST



- 2 - City Council 6:30 p.m.
- 9 - Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
- 14 - Concert at the Library 11:00 a.m./6:00 p.m.
- 16 - City Council 6:30 p.m.
- 23 - Cache County Schools Begin  
Planning Commission 7:00 pm

#### SEPT.

- 3 - Labor Day - office closed
- 6 - City Council 6:30 p.m.

Library storytime every Tues., Thurs. & Fri.  
Please find more information about these activities in the newsletter articles or call the city offices.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on **Monday, August 13th** at the Golden Corral, 2400 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 Ed-dington 753-0203, Eva Fay Anderson 753-0340, Eileen Stocking 752-1217 or Alva Johnson 753-3070 by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, August 10th.**

#### Commercial Building Permits

Kim Foster - Light Manufacturing  
La Tormenta - Restaurant  
Pier 49 Pizza - Take-Out Restaurant

#### Home Business Licenses

NutraPro International - Distributor of Nutritional Products

#### Commercial Business Licenses

Smoothie King - Retail Sales of Smoothies  
Tosh, Inc. - Financial Services

### **GROWTH CORNER**

Permit Type	2007 to date	2006 to date
Single Family Residence	33	42
Multi-Family (Apt.)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	9	9
Office	4	5
Remodel (Existing Comm.)	0	0
Industrial	3	3

**LOST & FOUND** - If you lost some construction tools & equipment on July 18th, or if you left a jacket at the City Council meeting on May 31st please call the city office to identify (752-1310 Ext. 10)

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

Look who's back for **TWO** one-of-a-kind family shows:  
It's the zany and hilariously talented **Eric Herman!**  
[www.EricHermanMusic.com](http://www.EricHermanMusic.com)

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, August 14th** and pick your concert time:  
**11:00 a.m. OR 6:00 p.m.**

**In the Meeting Room at the North Logan City Library!**

Performing his popular program entitled **Cool Tunes for Kids**, this children's entertainer and song writer will tickle your funny-bone and provide all-around silly fun for kids 1 to 101!

As John Wood from [www.Kidzmusic.com](http://www.Kidzmusic.com) wrote about his Eric Herman's CD entitled **Monkey Business: Inspired, clever and nicely-produced rock tunes that will at once have you dancing in the streets and bent over laughing with milk squirting out your nose.** Come enjoy a special end-of-the-summer program. As always, these programs are **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**



If you are one of the 1,200 children and teens who are enrolled in the **Get A Clue @ Your Summer Reading Club**, you have until August 23rd to turn in your reading log and claim your prize. Those who read or are read-to for 10 hours will also receive a special reading certificate.

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting this month on **Thursday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Young Adult area of the Library. **"90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death and Life"** by Don Piper is the popular book being discussed. Copies are available in the Library and all are welcome to attend this program.

*"On the way home from a conference, Don Piper's car was crushed by a semi-truck that crossed into his lane. Medical personnel said he died instantly. While his body lay lifeless inside the ruins of his car, Piper experienced the glories of heaven, awed by its beauty and music . . . 90 Minutes in Heaven offers a glimpse into a very real dimension of God's reality. This New York Times bestseller encourages those recovering from serious injuries and those dealing with the loss of a loved one. The experience dramatically changed Piper's life, and it will change yours too."* (Amazon.com book description)



**Quackers** is celebrating his 10-year anniversary and invites his friends to **Quacker Time on Thursday and Friday mornings from 11 to 11:30 a.m.** Toddlers are also invited to a special program designed just for them on **Tuesday mornings from 10:10 to 10:30 a.m.** Recently, a family who moved from North Logan to Las Vegas, Nevada returned for a visit saying, **"Our children had one ONE REQUEST as we drove into town . . . They just had to see Quackers one more time!"**

There has been some renovation in the story pit of the Children's Department of the Library. The popular ramp area attracted children who liked to slide down while sitting on picture books, often breaking the back of the books. Also, this steep incline created greater risks for falls and injuries. With some clever brain-storming and a good carpenter at hand, the ramp has been replaced with a delightful built-in puppet stage and play area!  
**Necessity is the mother of invention!**

**All the Best Sellers are in, with more on the way! Why not cool down and relax with a good read today?**

For more information, please call the Library at 755-7169 or log onto [www.northloganlibrary.org](http://www.northloganlibrary.org)

Boys & Girls, Quackers' joke of the month is:

Q. What happens when a frog's car breaks down?

A: It gets TOAD away!

## ARE YOU A SUPER CITIZEN?

The North Logan Youth City Council invites you to participate in the NORTH LOGAN SUPER CITIZEN AWARD PROGRAM. Each month from now until July of 2008, this newsletter and the city's website will have things for you to do to earn your SUPER CITIZEN AWARD. You can do this as a family, a couple, a youth group, an individual (old or young) - anybody that wants to. Do one of the several monthly activities for each month for ten out of the twelve months of the year and you're a Super Citizen. Each month will have a theme for the activities you can do. Turn in your signed-off SUPER CITIZEN SCORESHEET or your SUPER CITIZEN PASSPORT in July of 2008 and be awarded with a Super Citizen tee shirt, pin or patch, and a NL history book. If you miss one or several of the months' activities there will be alternative activities you can do to catch up.

### How Do I Get Started?

Cut out the SCORESHEET below, put it on your fridge, or bulletin board at home and sign off each month as you do one of the month's activities.

OR

Stop by the North Logan City Offices or the North Logan Library for your SUPER CITIZEN PASSPORT. When you have completed a particular month's activity, have your passport stamped at one of the places identified for that month (usually at the City Offices or the Library).

August is Super Citizen Kick-off Month. Complete your August Requirement by doing one of the following:

- Read this newsletter article about the program and commit to doing the program with your family or group or as an individual.
- Check out the city's website ([ci.north-logan.ut.us](http://ci.north-logan.ut.us)) and learn more about being a SUPER CITIZEN.
- Cut out the "scoresheet" from this newsletter and put it on your fridge, bulletin board, etc.
- Obtain a SUPER CITIZEN PASSPORT from the City Office or City Library.

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## SUPER CITIZEN SCORESHEET

Sign Below when the Month's Activity is Completed

<u>August</u> – Super Citizen Kick-Off Month	_____
<u>September</u> – Emergency Preparedness Month	_____
<u>October</u> – Pumpkin Walk Month	_____
<u>November</u> – Municipal Election Month	_____
<u>December</u> – Help a Neighbor Month	_____
<u>January</u> – North Logan City History Month	_____
<u>February</u> – Friendship Month	_____
<u>March</u> – City Services Month	_____
<u>April</u> – Child Awareness Month	_____
<u>May</u> – City Beautification Month	_____
<u>June</u> – Library Month	_____
<u>July</u> – Pioneer Heritage Month	_____