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# North Logan City NEWS

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## **M**AYOR'S MESSAGE: IF A DISASTER HAPPENS HERE, WHAT MUST BE DONE NOW?

A primary responsibility of North Logan City is to maintain the health and safety of its citizens. Police and fire protection is an essential element, and we are fortunate to have highly trained and dedicated men and women who serve 24/7. But what happens if, in an instant, a major disaster occurs? It's unthinkable; after all, it is a remote possibility and the human tendency is to ignore what might happen. When a major disaster strikes, we read about it, empathize with victims, but in a sense it's somewhat abstract because "*it can't happen here*".

But -- it could happen here; and if it does, there are things we must do right now to help protect individuals, and families. The lack of timely response at the local, state and national level was a hard lesson learned during and after "Katrina". If something very bad happens, we may find ourselves immediately in a survival situation; and if it happens we'll be in it together. Maintaining the health and safety of our citizens is the prime responsibility of a city, and the time is now to ensure that we have a plan that can be immediately activated if a major disaster hits.

North Logan City has a comprehensive emergency response and preparedness plan but it needs updating, and the response activities within it need to be exercised and practiced by public safety employees in the city as well as other organizations, individuals and families throughout the community. INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY responsibilities include having food and clean water on hand, being prepared for medical needs and being able to get along without external electrical and gas supplies. We need to be able to preserve the safety of our own homes and be able to assist others as well. COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS includes providing a clean water supply and ensuring utility services remain intact. The city may need to be augmented with help to the police and/or fire fighters. We need good communication and coordination of available resources and we need to be able to identify when and where assistance is needed. For response to major disasters we need to be able to request emergency assistance from state/federal agencies if that is needed and we need to be able to coordinate other response efforts with our neighboring communities.

The city must have citizen involvement in preparing for potential disasters. This involvement starts with individuals and families, extending to the neighborhood. There are three specific objectives of our plan that involve our citizens - you and your family:

**Effective communication.** This is the most critical aspect of making the plan work, and probably the best way to do it is by putting together a "*Calling Tree*" to disseminate information and provide orderly action in an emergency.

**Assistance and participation in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.** These are citizens who volunteer to become CERT team members who assist the city in meeting the emergency preparedness objectives, and help in organizing neighborhood and block workshops.

**Become self sufficient.** Put together 72 hour survival kits, and learn how to safely store food/water and other supplies needed for an extended period.

*How can we best ensure that the North Logan City Emergency Preparedness Plan will be an effective way to respond to a disaster occurring within the city, or one that is caused by events that are regional, state, or national?*

The organizational structure of the LDS church and other local churches have the capacity to provide effective and expeditious communications within their organizations, and can be connected to the city "command center" ie; the mayor, and his delegated emergency preparedness officer and others.

During the month of September the city will have two emergency response exercises. The first, on **September 5<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday) will be a "table top" exercise for city emergency response officials. The LDS 9<sup>th</sup> Ward has agreed to participate in this simulation with a communications (calling tree) exercise. Although the religious community will be engaged, it is non-denominational and will reach out to the entire community, encouraging all (continued on page 2)

(from page 1) citizens to be involved. On **September 19<sup>th</sup>** there will be an all day disaster response exercise involving more of the city's resources and in the evening we will be involving the entire community in various ways.

I'm asking citizens to get involved in achieving the goal of providing information via traditional telephone and through establishing an electronic calling and resource tree through a new CERT internet site for the city. The name of the site is [northlogancert.org](http://northlogancert.org). This site is under development but even now there is important information you can read there. A password login is required in order to access personal information on the calling trees that will be developed on this web site. User information will be made available as more of the site is completed.

If you want more information about being involved as a volunteer, or any of the activities planned for North Logan City, please contact Jeff Jorgensen (753-1310 ext 14), or CERT Coordinator, Kelly Strong (753-7479)

Please call me on any issue. My direct line is 760-4615 or email [d.carywatkins@gmail.com](mailto:d.carywatkins@gmail.com)

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

The City Council will meet twice during September – on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. The majority of these two meetings will be taken up with work on several subdivisions being proposed within the city. On September 6<sup>th</sup> there will be the consideration of a proposed concept plan for a minor subdivision, using the Flag Lot Ordinance, located at approximately 1250 East and 2700 North.

The development plans for three major subdivisions will also be considered by the council during the two meetings in September. The Wilderness Crest Subdivision is a 63-lot subdivision of 80 acres bordering the US Forest Service lands on the east bench and between 2300 and 2700 North. The plans for the Canyon Gates Subdivision, a subdivision of 143 acres into about 220 lots, are also to be considered. This subdivision is located between 1900 and 2300 North and stretches from 1600 to 2200 East. The third major subdivision for plan approval is an industrial park development to be named Heritage Park. The 80 acres between Main and 400 West and from 2850 to 3100 North are in the subdivision but only the forty acres from 200 to 400 West are to be subdivided into 32 lots at this time. The 40 acres on Main Street are being held as one piece for future development. As a part of this commercial subdivision, 200 West Street will be constructed from 2500 to 3100 North. The development in this area should provide some excellent opportunities for commercial and light manufacturing businesses in North Logan City between 200 West and the airport.

Other issues that may be considered by the city council during the month of September might include an ordinance changing how the Mixed Use Zone is used as it relates to the city center initiative. There will also be further discussion on the future location of 2500 North between 1250 and 1600 East by considering an official change to the city's general plan. Other minor changes to the location of certain collector and arterial roads will also be part of the planned changes to the general streets plan.

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

## **North Logan City Faces a Major Disaster**

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, North Logan City will experience a disaster (kind of)! Maybe it will be a natural disaster like an earthquake or a flood; or maybe it will be a response to some man-made emergency like a hazardous waste spill or an attack. That day the city's emergency response will be tested in an emergency response exercise. The city's police and fire departments, its public works departments and other city staff will be responding to mock emergencies across the city. That evening the city will be exercising various communication systems, practicing how information flows from the community to the emergency responders as well as how city administration gets word out to the community in the event of an emergency. If you are interested in playing a part in the exercise contact Jeff Jorgensen, the City Administrator and Director of Emergency Services at 752-1310 ext 14.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### SEPTEMBER

- \* 3<sup>rd</sup> - Labor Day - offices closed
- \* 5<sup>th</sup> - "planned" emergency exercise
- \* 6<sup>th</sup> - City Council 6:30 p.m.
- \* 13<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
- \* 19<sup>th</sup> - Disaster response exercise
- \* 20<sup>th</sup> - City Council 6:30 p.m.
- \* 27<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER

- \* 4<sup>th</sup> - City Council 6:30 p.m.

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

### From the Chief's Desk



I thought it would be good to remind us of some driving rules that will help us be prepared for more pedestrians and bicyclists on the roadway and sidewalks. We have crossing guards at the location of 2500 N and 800 E, two at 2500 N 400 E, two at 2600 N 200 E and one at 2900 N 800 E. We encourage all children and adults escorting children to school to use the crosswalks manned by our crossing guards. Drivers be aware that when a crossing guard is positioned in the middle of the crosswalk the entire crosswalk is activated and vehicles cannot pass through the crosswalk.

Crossing guards are trained and required to stand in the middle of the crosswalk and wait until the children are up on the curb they are crossing to before they can turn and walk back to their starting position. One of the most common violations that we see from drivers is when they make a right hand turn through a crosswalk that still has the crossing guard in the middle of the crosswalk. Be patient and take your time when

*The Northern Utah Immunization Coalition encourages you to get protected by getting immunized against diseases you may be at risk for. For more information contact: The Bear River Health Department*

*655 East 1300 North, Logan, UT 84341*

*435-792-6500 or [www.brhd.org](http://www.brhd.org)*

**Get vaccinated, it's your best shot! \*Don't forget your flu shot this fall\***

## **GROWTH CORNER**

### Commercial Building Permits

American Family Insurance

### Home Businesses

Kinzer Inc. - Consulting

Direct Homes Inc. - Construction

### Commercial Businesses

None

Comparison to previous year:

Permit Type	2007 to date	2006 to date
Single Family Residence	39	46
Multi-Family (Apt.)	0	1
New Commercial (Retail)	9	9
Office	5	5
Remodel (Existing Comm.)	0	0
Industrial	2	3

### *SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON*

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **Sept. 10th** 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, Sept. 7th.**

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

### Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program ended on **August 23rd**. This has been our best year ever, with over 1,000 kids and teens participating and over 5,000 hours read!! Thanks for helping make this program such a great success!!!

### NOTICE! Story Times

**Quacker Time** and **Toddler Time** shows had to be cancelled for the month of August and into September. We will let you know when they start up again!

### New at the Library

We are putting out boxes and boxes of **new puppets** for your family to enjoy—come on down and check them out! We've also put new DVDs out on the shelves, including **popular TV shows** like *24*, *The Simpsons*, and *Alias*. DVDs for the most recent TV season are about to be released, so keep an eye out! Interested in **learning a new language**? We're adding materials to help you learn French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, and more!

### Banned Books Week

From September 29–October 6 We will be celebrating our freedom to read . Come in that week for displays, give-aways, and great reads!

### Book Discussion Group

This month's discussion will be held on **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** *at the Library. Stephanie Harrell will be hosting our discussion on **Ella Minnow Pea**. Copies are available at the library for check-out.*

Ella Minnow Pea is a girl living happily on the fictional island of Nollop off the coast of South Carolina. Nollop was named after Nevin Nollop, author of the immortal pangram, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." Now Ella finds herself acting to save her friends, family, and fellow citizens from the encroaching totalitarianism of the island's Council, which has banned the use of certain letters of the alphabet as they fall from a memorial statue of Nevin Nollop. As the letters progressively drop from the statue they also disappear from the novel. The result is both a hilarious and moving story of one girl's fight for freedom of expression, as well as a linguistic tour de force sure to delight word lovers everywhere.  
(from Book Description)

**~ ALL ARE WELCOME ~**

**The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** are hosting a community planning meeting for citizen input as to what services the library should provide. If you are interested in getting involved or attending the meeting please contact Janet Owens at 881-2883.

Quackers' Joke of the Month:

Q: Why do the elephants have short tails?

A: Because they can't remember long stories!

## Thanks from the North Logan Park & Recreation Board



As some of you may already know, we dedicated our newest park, King Nature Park, on Tuesday, July 24. The volunteer North Logan Park and Recreation Board would like to publicly thank the individuals and groups that assisted with the celebration and bringing this park to reality:

To these specialists for partnering with us in forming ideas and bringing their extensive experience in to our resource assessment of the park land: Craig Johnson, USU landscape architect and wildlife specialist; Mike Kuhns, USU Forestry Ext. Specialist; Sandra Thorne Brown, forestry specialist; Nate Belliston and Joel Merritt, Cache County Weed management program; Chris Call, USU range scientist; and all the walkers and hikers who so generously shared their thoughts on protecting this landscape.

Becky Yeager, volunteer Youth Service Coordinator, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, & Joan Mahoney, also of POP, and all the families that participate in North Logan's Adopt A Park program with King Nature Park as their responsibility for the year. They organized several weekend cleanups as part of their church's stewardship mission putting their faith into some backbreaking footwork. They continue to monitor the park on a regular basis, organizing cleanups and service projects for King Nature Park. We thank them.

Clint Harris, manager of North Logan's WalMart, for organizing and participating in a WalMart community service project bringing dozens of his employees out for trail cutting & rock hauling, while building the half mile loop trail. In addition, Clint presented Terrel Huppi, NLC facilities manager, with a check to help move along future development of the park amenities through matching corporate funds from WalMart for their service hours donated.

Michael Burns, Ultimate Stoneworks, rock carver, for creating the park cornerstone to identify and commemorate our park dedication.

Mayor Cary Watkins for facilitating, researching and negotiating the fine details to make this park a reality.

Also the North Logan City Council and P & Z Board for their help and support moving a process along that helped secure these parklands and water sources in a timely manner.

Cheryl and Rich Huchel, North Logan residents and heritage family of this landscape, for their interest in and follow-through on protecting this valuable property and its historical significance for all North Logan residents to enjoy as a nature park. Rick crafted the dedication brochure which will be added to the North Logan Parks website.

And thanks finally to two folks you did not hear speak at the dedication. They were there before any of us arrived and long after the last table was folded. Terrel Huppi and John Beyer, North Logan facilities and parks managers, respectively, worked along with their staffs and many groups of volunteers to bulldoze brush, build fence, grade roadways, swat a few flies and coordinate an infinite number of details and people over the past 6 months to make all these efforts come together. We thank them for their expertise and all their hours of labor that are essential in taking the ideas from the Park and Recreation Board, City Council, Planning and Zoning and the Mayor's along with citizen input and creating them on the ground.

You can see, that many hands that helped make this possibility a reality. We thank them all for their persistence and hard work which we know will continue with other park and trail projects. We encourage everyone to visit the park and enjoy the amenities all these individuals helped provide for our benefit.



## It's Almost time for the Pumpkin Walk !

This year's theme is "The Good Old Days"

The dates this year will be Thursday, October 18th through Tuesday, October 23rd, to get ahead of bad weather and for better weekend attendance. (not open on Sunday)

Volunteers are needed for: Pumpkin Carving    Lighting Pumpkins,    A Costumed Witch    Setup  
Passing out Cookies    Kitchen Management    Scene Recruiting    Publicity    Typing  
Greeting Busloads of Children    Handymen to help with Setup    Parking

There are some great opportunities for Eagle Scout Projects! If you, your family, club, church group, etc. would like to create a scene, call Marlyn McKinley at 753-2559.

If you, your family, club, church group, etc., would like to create a scene, call Marlyn McKinley at 753-2559, if you'd like to volunteer call GayLynn Daniels at 755-7147 or for general information call Gina Worthen at 753-4644.

## CALLING ALL SUPER CITIZENS!

September is Emergency Preparedness Month.

Complete your September Super Citizen Requirement by doing one of the following:

- Participate in some way in one of the city's emergency response exercises - either Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Put together a 72-hour kit or replenish one you already have.
- Have each person in your family learn how to turn off the electricity and gas in your house.
- Make a plan and exercise your plan for escape in case of a fire in your home.

Get your **SUPER CITIZEN PASSPORT** Stamped for September at the North Logan City Offices or the North Logan City Library.

Don't know what the NORTH LOGAN SUPER CITIZEN AWARD PROGRAM is?

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'll be 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. Stop by the North Logan City Offices or the North Logan Library for a SUPER CITIZEN SCORESHEET or your 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) or sign off your scoresheet on your own. If you miss one or several of the months' activities there will be alternative activities you can do to catch up.