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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

North Logan City is truly unique, and can't be duplicated any where else. We have a small town feel and sense of community, and at the same time, our commercial base is growing, and jobs are being created. Our city has experienced significant growth and there is much more on the horizon. Careful planning, sensitivity to our environment, and resource management is critical. Growth and development must be channeled and not be at the expense of our quality of life. Every one in the community has a stake in this and citizen input and involvement is needed.

The General Plan provides framework for translating broad community values and expectations into specific strategies for channeling and managing growth and enhancing the quality of life. The plan contains five Elements:

Community -- Contains the vision statement of the city, introduction of the plan, and demographics/methodology. The Vision Statement: *"The citizens of North Logan are dedicated to providing a safe, clean environment, conserving resources, preserving the beauty of our scenic vistas, maintaining open space, and keeping a small town rural feel. We are committed to balance growth consistent with the ability to support a growing population while encouraging commerce, and employment opportunities. This will result in achieving and maintaining a high quality way of life for all who live here and for generations yet to come.*

Land Use -- Contains soils/geology considerations, zoning, housing & urban designs. The Land Use element recognizes that development affects not only a specific parcel of land, but the surrounding area, and city as a whole. Growth and economic development must serve the community needs and enhance quality of life; community participation is a necessary element of the process. In order to achieve these principles, there are seventeen specific stated objectives. The Zoning Ordinance and adopted Zoning Map implement this element and its policies; it identifies permitted uses on each parcel within the city, and sets forth regulations and standards for development.

Transportation -- Contains street standards and functions as well as stating how our commercial district will be serviced by roads and multimodal transportation. Planning for pedestrian and non-motorized as well as transit transportation is also included along with goals, policies and implementation strategies.

Infrastructure -- Contains goals and plans for interface with education, public safety, commercial and economic development, all utility systems including stormwater management.

Concluding -- Tables, figures, maps, references, etc.

The General Plan also includes several "sub-plans" such as the Parks/Trails & Recreational Plan, the Stormwater Master Plan, and the Moderate Income Housing Plan.

The General Plan is a living document and is subject to change. In this regard, it is periodically reviewed and updated. Revision of the Land Use and Transportation Elements has been underway for more than four years; the Land Use Element is nearly completed. The Planning Commission's final draft of the Land Use element was submitted to the Council on August 2nd. The Council accepted the Land Use Element as the basic framework for the guiding principles of this element, and referred it back to the Planning Commission to continue to expand the document and make it more inclusive. A sub-committee including council members Steve Soulier and Elaine Nelson are meeting with the commission to assist in finalizing the language contained in the element. It is scheduled to come back to the council for final approval soon. Much of the work on revising the Transportation Element has been done, and it should be completed before year's end. The remaining elements will be completed in 2008. (continued on next page)

(continued from first page) The members of the Planning Commission have labored long and hard on revising the General Plan. This work has been before regular scheduled meetings and workshops. I want to applaud the members of the planning commission and citizens who have helped in this task and for their commitment to doing it right.

Once the General Plan is revised will we go through the same thing years hence?

I suggest not. The General Plan must be followed, but as I said earlier, it is a living document and can change. When an application for property development is made, there is now a determination of “consistency” with respect to the land use permitted in the General Plan. If a use is not consistent, then the applicant can request an amendment to the plan. This doesn’t mean that the General Plan can easily be changed; what it does mean is that the General Plan will now have a built-in revision process. It will be done gradually over time when specific changes are made. In other words, a change in land use will not occur without a revision of the General Plan. Adherence to the General Plan ensures that it will be relevant and current. It also automatically involves the citizens, because any revision must be done with public input.

Again, let me emphasize that citizen input and involvement is critical to the growth and development of our city. It is also important in defining community needs. There are many opportunities to provide input and participate. Please consider getting involved. We all have a stake in our community.

The current General Plan is on the North Logan web site home page, as are proposed revisions as they are drafted.

Please call or email me on this or any other issue;
760-4615 direct line or d.carywatkins@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Cary Watkins

What’s Happening in City Council?

The City Council will meet twice during October – on the 2nd and the 18th. NOTE that the meeting on the 2nd is on Tuesday rather than the normal day of Thursday for City Council meetings. During that meeting on Oct. 2nd the City Council will be receiving the annual report from the independent audit done to close out the fiscal year 2007 municipal budget, considering the development plan for an industrial park development in the northwest quadrant of the city, and discussing some potential land acquisitions in a closed session. The time for the **October 2nd** meeting will be at **7:30 p.m.**

During the October 18th meeting the council will consider a resolution amending the city’s General Plan. Specifically being proposed for change is the transportation element and the associated map. The change will more precisely define where certain road segments, especially collectors, will be built in the future or which new roads should be designated as collectors. Being proposed for change in alignment are 2500 N. from about 1400 to 1600 E. and 3100 N. east of 1800 E. Being proposed to be added as collectors are 2100 N. from 600 to 800 E., 2900 N. from 200 to 800 E. (mostly in Hyde Park), 100 E. from 1800 to 2200 N., and 3550 N. from 1600 to 1800 E. Being proposed to be withdrawn as a master planned collector is 2500 N. (Beck’s Lane) east of 1600 E.

Another issue that may be considered by the city council during the month of October is an ordinance changing how the Mixed Use Zone is used as it relates to the City Center initiative. Rezoning of the area around the proposed City Center may also be considered.

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.



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on **Monday, Oct. 8th** 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, Oct. 5th.**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



OCTOBER

- * 2nd - City Council 7:30 p.m.
- * 8th - Senior Citizens lunch 12:00 p.m.
City offices *closed* for Columbus Day
- * 11th - Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
- * 18th - City Council 6:30 p.m.
- * 18th-20th, 22nd & 23rd - Pumpkin Walk 9:00 a.m.-
10:00 p.m.
- * 25th - Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- * 1st - City Council 6:30 p.m.

Remember that Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, Nov. 4th, and that means it's time to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

Commercial Building Permits

None

Home Businesses

Hawaiian SI, LLC
Timeless Mortgage, LLC

Commercial Businesses

Bfit Personal Training
La Tormenta Mexican Restaurant
Phone Directories Company L.P.

GROWTH CORNER

Permit Type	2007 to date	2006 to date
Single Family Residence	47	64
Multi-Family (Apt.)	0	1
New Commercial (Retail)	10	9
Office	5	7
Remodel (Existing Comm.)	0	0
Industrial	2	3

From the Chief's Desk

Our city parks are brimming with activity! New sand volleyball courts at Elk Ridge are busier than ever. Walkers are taking advantage of the nature trail at King Nature Park and horse back riders of all ages are practicing for fair shows and statewide events at the Equestrian Park near the Ice Arena. As our parks become busier, it's important to remember the rules and regulations that help keep our parks clean and safe. As you take advantage of these great recreational opportunities please report any incidents you observe relating to the misuse or destruction of park property. Keeping our parks in great shape is a community effort. The Parks and Recreation Board, with the assistance of city staff, has reviewed and updated our park rules to reflect changing uses, safety and recreation concerns.

The updated rules will be presented at an October City Council meeting. Please read them over. We welcome your comments and thoughts in writing to the Parks & Recreation Board or at the open City Council meeting in October. Watch the city's website for details.

THE PUMPKIN WALK

North Logan invites you to attend a Pumpkin Walk with the theme "Those Were the Days". It will be held at Elk Ridge Park, October 18th through the 23rd (closed on Sunday) from 9 a.m.- 10 p.m. Come and see dozens of scenes made from pumpkins, squash, and other fall produce. The admission is free and something the whole family will enjoy.

If your family or group would like to participate by creating a scene or volunteering some service hours (great ideas for eagle projects) contact Marlyn at 753-2559, Gaylynn at 755-7147, or DeDee at 753-2726. If a whole scene sounds intimidating, don't be spooked...there are a lot of other ways to get involved and share in the fun. See you at the Pumpkin Walk!



LIBRARY INFORMATION

The Library Director, Sue Randleman, will be leaving North Logan City and taking her puppet, *Quackers*, with her. *Quackers* says he will miss all he wants to go back home to Texas where Hyde Park for over 10 years to build a fine closer to friends and family. They send supportive throughout the years! Anyone e-mail to: quackonover@yahoo.com.



his wonderful friends and fans in North Logan but he was born. After serving North Logan and library, Ms. Randleman agrees it is time to move their best wishes to all who have been so kind and wishing to keep in touch may do so by writing an

The City wishes to thank Ms. Randleman for her hard work and wishes her and Quackers the very best in their new endeavors. The library staff is creating and scheduling new storytime programs and we will inform you about them as soon as everything is in place.

On Thursday, October 11th, the **Book Discussion Group** will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. to discuss *A Train to Potevka* by Mike Ramsdell. Based on and adapted from the author's own experiences, the novel follows his attempts to flee from the Soviet Union after an intelligence mission goes wrong and he is left on his own. While injured, hungry and hunted, Ramsdell travels across Russia. His faith and memories of his family sustain him during his journey. Copies of this book are available in the library for check-out.

We hope you'll join us!

LOL @ Your Library during Teen Read Week 2007

October 14 – 20

Boost your endorphins, lower your blood pressure, and improve your immune system by stopping in at the North Logan Library during Teen Read Week to laugh with a humorous book or graphic novel! Come and see what's funny at your library, and pick up a page turner that you can read or listen to just for the fun of it!

SUPER CITIZENS - October is Pumpkin Walk Month!

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

- Help with set-up for the Pumpkin Walk by doing a scene, carving pumpkins for the Walk, or otherwise helping with set-up.
- Volunteer to help during the Pumpkin Walk – parking, giving out cookies, being a host for handi-capped visitors, etc.
- Help with clean-up following the Pumpkin Walk.
- Attend the Pumpkin Walk.
- Make a pumpkin pie.

Get your *SUPER CITIZEN PASSPORT* stamped for October at the North Logan City Offices or the North Logan City Library -

Don't know what the NORTH LOGAN SUPER CITIZEN AWARD PROGRAM is? It is a program of the Youth City Council and they provide information at the library, the city offices and will be handing out information at the Pumpkin Walk. Each month from now until July of 2008 this newsletter and the city's website will have a list of things for an individual, family, or group to do each month. Do one of the several activities 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. Stop by the city offices or the library for a 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 the City Offices or the Library) or sign off your scoresheet on your own. If you miss one or several of the month's activities there will be alternative activities you can do to catch up.

