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North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE: IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER!!

A good snow year is when you have a hard time finding places to pile it. This has been such a season. The good news is that this will be a great water year. You know the bad. And yet--- based upon snowfall averages over the past twenty years, this qualifies as falling in what is the normal range. Still, there isn't any consolation when you are shoveling out copious amounts of snow from your driveway then having to drive on a road that hasn't been plowed within the last few hours. My driveway is hundreds of feet long and during snow times like this, I find myself longing for one that is just 25 feet in length.

We have had many days of good weather, and then get hammered with lots of snow in a short period of time. We're not alone; all cities in Cache Valley are struggling to keep roads clear, and pushing existing resources hard to meet the snow removal demand.

There are times when the road on which you travel won't be cleared when you want to drive on it. But when the snow comes, the Streets Department under the supervision of Scott Gilgen, and his crew Brett Butterfield, Bruce Richards, and Colt Giles aided by others from both the Utilities and Facilities Departments, including Brian Koch, Brent Redd, Kim Arnell, and John Beyer are operating the plows 24/7 clearing the 43 miles of city roads. They are all working very hard to keep the roads cleared.

I've received just a few complaints about a road not being plowed-- but the ones I've gotten are all valid. I've discussed each with Scott Gilgen; in every case where there was a problem road, he has responded and taken action. I see what the roads department and crew does every day. From my perspective, North Logan does as good if not a better job of keeping the snow off our roads than any other city in Cache Valley. The city will keep working hard until snow time is over.

Many citizens are inconvenienced and in some cases overwhelmed by the all the snow. It is especially hazardous now and we are seeing a large increase in accidents. Stopping distances are dramatically increased when these conditions exist and the posted speed limit is often too fast. More than ever, defensive driving is a must.

Each time we are hit with storm it is so reassuring to see neighbors pitching in-- helping each other plow out driveways and assist those who are older, incapacitated or alone. This is just one more thing that makes North Logan such a unique and great place to live. We are truly blessed to have such a strong sense of community. As for when the snow will stop falling--- As the great baseball sage Yogi Berra once said:

"It ain't over till it's over"

Please call me on any issue at 760-4616 or email d.carywatkins@gmail.com

Sincerely, Cary Watkins

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CITY COUNCIL

Just a reminder - the day for City Council meetings for 2008 has been changed to the first and third Wednesdays rather than Thursdays. This change will put the council meetings for March on the 5th and the 19th. During the meeting on March 5th the council will hold budget discussions on employee compensation, benefits and proposed changes to the city's organizational structure. There will also be a public hearing to receive public input on proposed revisions to the fiscal year 2008 municipal budget.

Also on either March 5th or the 19th the council will consider the development plan for the Canyon Gates subdivision. They will also consider approval of the final version of their stormwater control plan and the first phase of the subdivision. The council also plans to discuss on March 5th an alternative version of a proposed ordinance requiring new roads constructed as part of development to have funds set aside to accomplish the initial chip sealing of the roads at the expense of the developer.

On March 19th the council will hold a budget workshop to receive a presentation from all public works departments [Facilities, Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, Utilities (water and sewer), Streets, and Stormwater.] There will also be a discussion on the city's Capital Improvement Fund.

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 FIRE DEPARTMENT



We need your help!

Every second counts and much time is lost if we have to dig out a hydrant before we fight a fire.

Please clean a 3-foot clearance around hydrants in front of your home and on the street corners. This will help you as much as helping the Fire Department.

Thanks to the many scout groups and citizens that have already helped with this much needed project.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....

SPRING AHEAD!!!

March 9, Sunday at 2 a.m., turn your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH



**GROWTH
CORNER**

- 5 - City Council 6:00 p.m.**
- 6 - Planning Commission 7:00 pm**
- 9 - Daylight Savings Begins
- 10 - Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
- 18 - Library Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.**
- 19 - City Council 6:00 p.m.**
- 20- Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.**

** - Day and Time Changes

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

THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON MARCH 6TH AND 20TH.

Commercial Building Permits

None

Home Businesses

Commercial Businesses

Comparison to previous year:

Permit Type	2008 to date	2007 to date
Single Family Residence	2	4
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	0	2
Office	0	3
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	0	1

SUPER CITIZENS!

March is City Services Month in North Logan.

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

- Learn where the city gets its water and learn where the sewage goes.
- Clean out storm drains near your home.
- Visit the city offices, the public works sheds, or the police/fire station and learn what goes on there.
- Visit a city park or the 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'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 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.



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

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

Gardening Series Begins March 18th!

The popular yearly gardening series, provided by experts from USU Extension, starts back up on Tuesday, March 18th. Join us at 2pm in the Library Meeting Room for the first class. More details and a class schedule will be available soon!

Library Book Club pick: *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

Ender's Game is the story of Ender Wiggin, a child genius who is sent to the famed Battle School with other hand-picked children. What he doesn't know is that the leaders of Earth hope he is the one who can save the planet from annihilation.

Card was just awarded the Margaret A. Edwards Award for Lifetime Contribution to Young Adult Literature for this book and its sequel, *Ender's Shadow*. This month's discussion will be held on

Thursday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the Library.

All are welcome! Copies are available at the library for check-out.

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Please notice that the Library Board Meetings are open to the public and are now held the third Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. at the library.

Friends of the North Logan City Library

This citizen's group provides valuable support to the library. The "Friends" are an established non-profit organization, so **all contributions are tax deductible**. All North Logan and Hyde Park citizens are invited to join as a FRIEND in one way or another.

1. Become a member for an annual individual fee of \$5 or \$10 for a family.
2. Volunteer at the library or at one of its activities, such as book sales or the summer reading program.
3. Donate your good used books. They are added to the catalog or to the Friends bookstore.
4. Help erect the "Flights of Learning" sculpture by donating to the project. (A small replica is located in the library.)
5. Honor an individual or family by establishing a Memorial Endowment for any amount. This amount can be added to at any time, and when the fund reaches \$1000 a plate is mounted on our recognition wall in the library. Endowment fund principles remain intact and will serve the library forever.

YES, I want to be a Friend of the Library.

Establish an endowment (\$ _____) in the name of: _____.

Member \$5 ____ ; \$10 ____ ; Volunteer ____ ; Flights of Learning contribution \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

This form, along with remittance, can be mailed to: Friends of the N. Logan Library, 475 E. 2500 N., North Logan UT 84341 or brought to the library (see included envelope).

Winter Parking Restrictions

Aren't we enjoying the snow this year!!! This is your reminder that the winter parking ordinance that went into effect in November expires on March 15th. **HOWEVER** - we could still have a snowy spring, so if it looks like snow, please help the snow plows do their job and don't park on the streets.

BEST OF CACHE VALLEY CHEF COOK-OFF & AUCTION

5TH ANNUAL SPICE ON ICE

When: **THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008**
5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Where: **GEORGE S. ECCLES ICE CENTER**
2825 NORTH 200 EAST
NORTH LOGAN, UT 84341

COST: \$50 PER TICKET
SPONSORSHIP TABLES: \$600, \$1,000 OR \$1,500

A night of fantastic entertainment and food. The best chefs in the valley compete for what has become one of the most prestigious, local culinary awards around, "Spice on Ice Chef of the Year", and as a guest for the evening, you get to enjoy each of their culinary masterpieces. The dinner is followed by an exciting live auction including items from some of the valley's most well-known businesses. All proceeds benefit the community's non-profit ice arena.

TIME TO LICENSE THOSE DOGS AND CATS!!!

All DOGS AND CATS (except field cats) are required to be vaccinated for rabies and Licensed every year. The fees are now:

<i>Spayed or neutered dog</i>	<i>\$ 15.00</i>	<i>Un-neutered or spayed dog</i>	<i>\$ 30.00</i>
<i>Spayed or neutered cat</i>	<i>\$ 7.50</i>	<i>Un-neutered or spayed cat</i>	<i>\$ 15.00</i>

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

Notice: Only two dogs and/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 (after March 1st) and citations will be issued for those animals that are not licensed. Call 752-1310 for details.