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North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

The traffic along Main Street is now pushing 40,000 cars a day. Most North Logan residents avoid driving any distance on Main; for that matter so do those who are driving south from Hyde Park, Smithfield and beyond simply because the congestion is so heavy. Just last week, I was driving on North Main at mid-day; the traffic was bumper to bumper from 1000 North to Center Street. The population of Cache Valley will continue to grow and so will the traffic on Main. Gridlock on Main is a real possibility in the next decade unless something is done now.

The Cache Metropolitan Planning Agency (CMPO) made up of the all cities in Cache Valley and the County has designated the 200 East corridor project as the number one priority of any in Cache Valley.

Some years ago, a transportation study was conducted with representatives from each city in the Valley. It recommended that 200 East be configured as a minor arterial/limited access road with a right of way width of 99 feet. There are some physical and environmental issues with respect to widening 200 East in Logan where it passes through a residential neighborhood into Logan's commercial district. The same is true for the segment from 1400 North to 1800 North. These segments were built to a 66 foot right of way collector road standard.

The plan is to build 200 East from 1800 North to Smithfield as a minor arterial/ limited access road. The design calls for two lanes in each direction where possible, with a center divider/turn lane. For the most part it is a "blank pallet" with virtually no physical or environmental restrictions; it can be built with significantly less money, and be open for business in the next couple of years.

On March 4th I appeared before the Cache County Council and asked for \$200,000 so we could do the engineering design of 200 East from 1800 North to 2500 North this year. I suggested that the money would be an "advance" on the Interlocal Agreement for the county's commitment to contribute 50% of the new taxes that will be generated within our Community Development Area (CDA). This commitment by the county for a period of 12 years could generate a maximum of 1.6 million for the development of 200 East. The county stated that it didn't have funds available and denied the request.

Last year the voters approved 1/4 of one cent increase to the general sales tax. The money is to be used to fund new road projects and it's estimated that \$4,000,000 dollars each year will be generated from the additional tax. State law requires that a Council of Governments (GOG) be formed to allocate this money. The COG is made up of the area mayors and the county and is in the process of being formed now. It will recommend to the County Council specific road projects for funding. North Logan is requesting that phase one (1800 North to 2200 North) be approved this year. The estimated cost is \$1,500,000. If the funds are approved, engineering will be completed this year and construction of 200 East could start next year.

The development of 200 East will create "Main off Main". It will relieve congestion on Hwy 91 and help businesses along the corridor who are having difficulty in attracting customers because of the traffic concerns. In addition, it will help expand the core area of North Logan and allow commercial infill that backs up to Main. Finally, it will enhance the development of our Community Development Area, and help in building our commercial district with good transportation access and circulation.

If you have any questions, or want to talk about any issue please call me at **760-4615** or email [<d.carywatkins@gmail.com>](mailto:d.carywatkins@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Cary Watkins

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CITY COUNCIL

During the May 7th and May 21st meetings the council will continue to discuss the FY2009 budget. The budget should be fairly well established by the last meeting in May in order to pass it in June.

The council will continue to work on a proposed ordinance requiring that new roads constructed as part of development by having funds set aside to accomplish the initial chip sealing of the roads at the expense of the developer.

During one or both of the May meetings there will also be consideration of the development plan for the Canyon Gates subdivision, a subdivision of 146 acres into 262 lots between 1600 and 2100 East and from 2100 to 2400 North.

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 CHIEF'S DESK

I wanted to put in a note concerning three items. First, **the legislature passed a new child restraint law**. It goes into effect on the **5th of May 2008**. The new law "requires that the operator of a motor vehicle shall provide for the protection of a person *younger than eight years of age* by using an appropriate child restraint device." There is an exemption if the child is over 57 inches or 4' 9" in which case a standard seat belt can be used.

Second, I wanted to remind **pet owners** that if your pets gets away or is lost please call the North Park Police Department, 753-7600. Our Animal Control Officer, Rocky Taylor, works very hard to try and locate owners of found pets. Please attach collars with licenses to each pet as is required by ordinance. Many pet owners are having micro chips implanted so they can be scanned and the owner information obtained. Officer Taylor has a scanner and does scan each animal that is picked up. We can only hold animals for so long so please call when you have lost a pet.

And, third, I wanted to remind everyone about Bike training for adults and older teens on Thursday, May 15th at the North Logan Library Meeting Room from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. There will also be a classroom-skill class on Saturday, May 10th and 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. This will be held at the North Park Police Department Building at 2005 N 1200 E in North Logan.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

It is time to start preparing for the watering season. Here are a few items to think about for your irrigation system. Check for broken heads make sure they are all in good working order. Next check to see if they are properly adjusted. Keep water on your landscaping not your driveways, sidewalks, or city roadways. Check for puddles. This could mean you may have a broken pipe or that you are watering too long in that particular area. Purchase a soil probe. That will help you to determine the depth of water penetration. Over 1 inch of moisture in your soil has been determined to be overwatering. Now comes your timer. Set your timer to turn on in the cool part of the day 6:00 pm to 10:00 am. Use a soil probe to determine the proper amount of time for each station on your system. And remember we are still in a drought situation so when planting your ornamental gardens or lawns use low water plants and **Water Wisely**.

TRAILS COMMITTEE SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH - NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Come help build trails in Green Canyon. This is an excellent service opportunity for scout troops and citizens who value recreation in Green Canyon. Contact Marta Deberard 787-1699 about volunteering for this and other trail projects.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The North Logan Youth Council met in April to choose new officers for this next year. Hans Gunther will serve as the new mayor, Mason Cardon is the secretary, Brittany Bushman is the historian. Council members are Ashley Lee, Kylie Caron, Kelsie Daniels, Jeff Jorgenson and Abraham Gunther. We are excited about the new committee members. The Youth Council does all kinds of service projects, programs, educational activities, as well as having lots of fun!! If you are between the ages of 14 and 18 and would like to join the youth council, please call ReNae Coleman (752-2881) or Marja Bagley (787-8512).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY



GROWTH CORNER

- 7 - City Council 6:00 p.m.**
- 8 - Planning Commission 7:00 pm **
- 10 - Bike training for older kids/teens 1:00 - 5:00
- 12 - Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
- 15 - Bike training for parents 7:00 p.m.
- 17 - Bike training for older kids/teens 1:00 - 5:00
- 20 - Library Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.**
- 14 - City Council 6:00 p.m.**
- 15 - Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.**
- 26 - Memorial Day - City offices closed

**** - Day and Time Changes**

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

JUST A REMINDER - THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON MAY 1ST, 15TH & 29TH

Commercial Building Permits

None

Home Businesses

Angie's Vinyl Expressions
Cache Valley Fire Hydrant Service & Repair
Impak Sales, Inc.
Mountain Edge Productions
Cloning & IVF, LLC.

Commercial Businesses

None

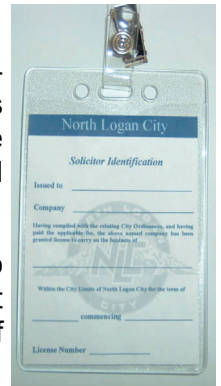
Comparison to previous year:

Permit Type	2008 to date	2007 to date
Single Family Residence	4	16
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	0	3
Office	0	4
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	0	2

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES IN NORTH LOGAN

Spring is here and the city's Business Licensing office is endeavoring to license all door-to-door sales people so that you can be sure that the person knocking at your door has been approved for sales in North Logan. We are issuing badges which will identify the product or service being offered and the time period for which they have been approved to sell.

We would like to ask that you help us out and support this effort by informing anyone who knocks at your door without North Logan's identification, that they should see Gloria at the City Offices at 2076 N. 1200 E. We will then be able to go through the process of giving them a temporary license to sell.



SUPER CITIZENS!

May is City Beautification Month

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

- Clean up your yard.
- Trim trees if protruding out over sidewalk.
- Pick up trash in a city park or along a city street.
- Plant a tree, bush or some flowers.
- Work on improving a trail in North Logan on National Trails Day

Get your SUPER CITIZEN PASSPORT Stamped for May at the North Logan City Library or the North Logan City Office.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON



The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **May 12th** 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 9th**

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Program: Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library and Metamorphosis @ Your Library

Yes, it's that time again! This year our summer reading program will be bigger than ever! The theme for children is *Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library*. For teens it's *Metamorphosis @ Your Library*.

You can begin signing up on Saturday, **May 31st** during our Summer Reading Kick-off Party on the North Logan City Library lawn. We'll have free refreshments, music, and amusement park rides from 12:00 – 3:00pm. This party (and the summer reading program) is open to ALL valley residents.

When you register you will receive a special bag filled with goodies, a reading log, and program instructions. As you complete your reading goals you can visit the library's Prize Room!

The State Library has funded much of the materials for this program through an annual Community Library Enhancement Funds grant, and generous community sponsors are donating fabulous prizes for the prize room!

Library Book Club: The Innocent Man by John Grisham

The library's book group will discuss this book on Thursday, May 9th at 9:00am in the library. Copies are available at the circulation desk and all are welcome!

“Impeccably researched, grippingly told, filled with eleventh-hour drama, John Grisham’s first work of nonfiction reads like a page-turning legal thriller. It is a book that will terrify anyone who believes in the presumption of innocence—a book no American can afford to miss.” (From book description.)

Open Burning in North Logan City Limits

North Logan City allows limited open burning within the city limits, mostly for irrigation companies and agriculture purposes. Burn permits will be permitted between March 15th and May 30th and again between September 15th and October 30th, when the Clearing Index is above 500 and Air Quality Control has declared a green burn day. Irrigation companies may request an open burn permit to burn the weeds and other vegetation along the canal banks. Agriculture burning is designed for fence lines and ditches and to dispose of tree limbs and brush.

The requirements for burning are:

- No leaves, grass clippings or rubbish will be burned.
- No wood that has been chemically treated (construction wood) will be burned.
- No paper products will be burned.
- All fires shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible materials.
- Buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available.
- All fires will be out before dark.
- An adult will be with the fire at all times.

Recreational Fires

The term Recreational Fire Pit is the burning of materials other than rubbish with the total fuel area 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes.

- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials.
- A fire pit shall be lined and is to be kept clean of coals and ashes.
- Buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at the fire pit.
- A person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment shall constantly attend recreational fires.
- An attendant that is alert at all times shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been completely extinguished.

The North Logan City Fire Department shall issue permits, if the property meets all of the above requirements. For either type of burn permits please call the “on call” Fire Duty Officer at **994-1530**.

