



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Some say that the flood of '83 was greater than what is known as a "one hundred year" flood. It may well have been. Even though there was heavy flooding, relatively little damage was done to homes or other property. The population of North Logan in 1983 was around 3,000; it's now about 8,000 and can be expected to double in 15 years. Storm water management poses a greater challenge today than it has in the past simply because there are more people, less open space and higher density.

In the past, most of the storm water was absorbed into the land. There was relatively low housing density and homes were spread out; and commercial development was sparse so relatively low amounts of storm water flowed into the canals. Now, with higher densities and less open space area, a cloud burst that puts down an inch or more of water in a couple of hours can fill a canal. The potential for flooding and damage to property is greater today than it was in years past and as the remaining open land is developed, the need to manage storm water run-off poses an even greater challenge as the population and densities increase in the future.

The canal system that threads through our city was built for one purpose and that was to provide irrigation water to the farms during the summer. It was built by early settlers who had to create a way to channel the abundant water from the Logan River. The building of the canal system, starting with the upper canal was done almost entirely with picks and shovels. There are many stories of blood, sweat, and backbreaking work in the most adverse conditions imaginable. The need for building the canal was virtually a matter of survival.

Each time I walk along portions of the upper canal and take in the beauty of it all, I can't help but realize how fortunate we are to have such a remarkable water system. Just think what this semi-arid valley would be if the canal system didn't exist. Cache Valley is rich in agriculture all because of it. The water quietly flows from the river northward across the bench to Smithfield, then eventually into the Bear River. Along the way, a myriad of headgates owned by several sprinkler companies tap the water through pipes and ditches to the fields. Today the irrigation ditches still carry water to farms but these are being replaced with pipes making up pressurized systems that provide secondary water for the growing number of homeowners - owners who often take for granted this precious and inexpensive resource that now is used to water lawns.

Canals were built to carry irrigation water - not storm water. The canals are wider upstream and narrower at the end, while a channeled storm water system should be narrow at the beginning and wider at the end. With this in mind, storm water that can't be absorbed or retained on the land ends up in the canal system and canals that are already carrying irrigation water are limited on carrying much more. Though not intended as such, the canals for the most part have been effective in moving storm water. But the canals can easily run over capacity during storm events and it doesn't take a huge storm to breach a canal bank. Canal companies monitor the flow within a canal and if a high intensity thunderstorm occurs, actions are taken to shut down the normal flow of water from the Logan River. The timing of action taken is critical simply because when the head gate is shut off at the river point, it takes about four hours for volume of flow to be noticeably reduced.

Discharging storm water is now regulated by the Federal EPA and State Division of Water Quality and storm water may not flow unabated into a canal. The city must have a permit to discharge storm water and must follow a specific plan. Among other things the plan requires regular street sweeping, public education program, control of illicit discharges, and control of erosion during construction.

There are significant liability issues for damages that might occur from canal over-topping and/or leaking. The city is working with canal companies' leadership in an effort to participate in maintenance, share liability and use issues, including how to continue use of the canals for storm water conveyance in a way that doesn't threaten the integrity of the canal. This hasn't been a simple process because of the complexity of the issues, but I am encouraged that the dialogue between the city and canal leaders will result in a joint agreement in the near future.

Next month I will talk about city requirements for new construction/subdivisions to control storm water "on site":

- * Historical flow and what it means
- * Reason for retention pond areas
- * Swales and roads without curb and gutter
- * Buried structures to retain/detain water
- * The use of parkland and open space in storm water management
- * Future plans to manage storm water within the city and on a regional basis.

If you have any question about an issue, please call me on my direct line at 760-4615 or email <d.carywatkins@gmail.com>

Sincerely,

Cary Watkins

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CITY COUNCIL?

The City Council meetings for the month of July will be held on the 2nd and the 16th. During the July meetings the council will consider a proposed new ordinance that will require new roads that are constructed as part of development to have extra funds set aside to accomplish the initial chip sealing of the roads. If adopted, this ordinance would require that this initial chip seal be at the expense of the developer rather than the city. The council will also be considering an updated version of the proposed Land-Use Element for the General Plan. They will also consider approval of the complete development plan plus the final plat for the first phase of the Canyon Gates subdivision. This is a subdivision of about 146 acres into 262 lots south of the cemetery and near the mouth of Green Canyon. Clean up of that area is nearly complete. In addition to the 262 lots, the plans for the subdivision include a large stormwater retention area to be built to capture excess runoff out of Green Canyon.

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.

NORTH LOGAN'S 24th OF JULY CELEBRATION

Bring your family and friends and help North Logan City celebrate Pioneer Day! There will be fun, food, games and entertainment for everyone!

Sunrise Program at Elk Ridge Park – 2500 N. 1070 E.

6:45 a.m. Flag Ceremony

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

\$4.00 per person or \$16.00 immediate family).

Come enjoy French toast, buttermilk pancakes, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, sausage, eggs, grits, juice, coffee & milk!

Chairman: Joe Hawkes 753-5864

North Logan City Pioneer Day Parade 1600 E and 2100 N (see map)
Begins at 10:00 a.m.

Parade Chairman: Gay Lynn Daniels 755-7147

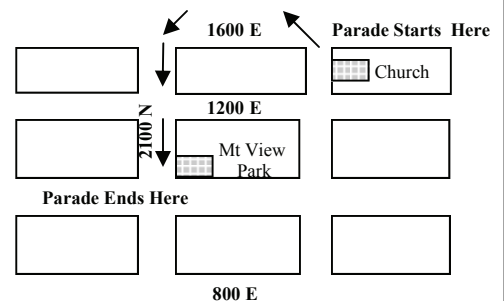
Activities at Mt. View Park 1100 E. 2100 N.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Games, Entertainment, Food & lots of Fun)

11:30 a.m. Grand Marshall Presentation

Fireworks at dark at Elk Ridge Park - Enjoy the show!

Anyone wanting to open a booth call 755-7147.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY



GROWTH CORNER

- 2 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.**
- 3 - Planning Commission - 7:00 pm **
- 4 - Independence Day - city office is closed
- 14 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 15 - Library Board meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 16 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.**
- 17 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.**
- 24 - Pioneer Day activities - city office is closed

To see the complete calendar of events visit our web site at: <http://www.ci.north-logan.ut.us/calendar>

**** - Day and Time Changes**

JUST A REMINDER - THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON JULY 10TH & 25TH.

Commercial Building Permits

Home Businesses

Sleep Dr., LLC

Commercial Businesses

Comparison to previous year:

Permit Type	2008 to date	2007 to date
Single Family Residence	11	28
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	0	5
Office	0	7
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	0	2

THE NORTH LOGAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE announces that the city will start selling plots for the North Logan Memorial Park this fall. The committee has been working on this since March 1998 and is very pleased to let the residents of North Logan know about the progress that has been made. The land is paid for, the bridge is done, the water line is hooked up, the sprinkler system is in and the trees are planted. The city is waiting to level the ground and then plant grass in the first two acres that will be developed.

On **July 1st starting at 10:00 a.m.**, North Logan residents can call or sign up in person in the East Conference Room at the city office. Citizens will be put on a list to request the number of cemetery plots they would like to purchase, up to **eight** plots per person. Someone from the city office will then contact those on the list to let them know what time they can come to purchase the cemetery plots on Monday, September 15th. This is done in an effort to organize and control the process for those interested. North Logan resident's plots will be \$250.00 each for the first year of sale, then the price will increase. Non-residents will pay \$400.00 for the first year of sale, then the price will increase.

The dedication of the new cemetery will be Saturday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m.

The Committee thanks the North Logan City staff for all of their help in moving this project forward and also former and current Mayors Jack Draxler, Val Potter and Cary Watkins and the city council members for their support.

SUPER CITIZENS! July is Pioneer Heritage Month

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

- Attend any one of the activities for the Pioneer Day Celebration – pancake breakfast, parade, games, or watch the fireworks.
- Interview a neighbor about why they like North Logan.
- Write down what places in North Logan should be included on a “North Logan Historical Trail” and submit your ideas to the City Offices.

Get your SUPER CITIZEN PASSPORT Stamped for July at the North Logan City Offices or the North Logan City Library. Turn in your signed-off Honor Citizen sheet and pick up your tee shirt, pins, and NL history book. You can do this at the booth at the Pioneer Day Celebration or at the City Offices after July 24th.

*ATTENTION – All Super Citizens that will earn their Super Citizen Award need to call the City Offices **BEFORE JULY 11th** (752-1310 ext 10) and order the size of tee-shirt(s).*

We will only order enough tee-shirts for those who call!



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **July 14th** 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, July 11th.**

LIBRARY NEWS

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

We held our kick-off party on June 14th, so the Summer Reading Program is now in full swing! If you missed the kick-off, you can stop in at the library any time to sign up. Everyone aged 0-18 is invited to participate! You just need to read (or be read to) for 10 hours to earn a trip to the Prize Room. You can even keep reading for *another* 10 hours to earn a second Prize Room visit. This year we have some really special prizes from local businesses and we can't wait to start handing them out!

Holidays observed

The library will be closed on July 4th to observe the 4th of July Holiday and on July 24th to observe Pioneer Day.

Library Book Club

Stephanie Harrell will be hosting our discussion about ***A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel**. The library's book group will discuss this book on Thursday, July 10th at 9:00 am in the library. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk and all are welcome!

24th of July Breakfast

Join the Friends of the Library for breakfast at Elk Ridge Park (1100 E. 2500 N.) from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. All-you-can-eat full breakfast of; buttermilk pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns, grits, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, coffee and milk for a cost of \$4.00 per plate or \$16 per family. (Additional donations are always welcome).

Buggy Olympics July 30th @ 2:30

Join the library staff for a Summer Reading activity. There will be lots of games to participate in and treats to enjoy. Ages 1st - 6th graders.

STEVENS-HENAGER COLLEGE is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Mayors Scholarship Initiative. \$5,000 and \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded. Students who want a specialized career in Medical Specialties, Computer Science, Business Administration, Accounting, Graphic Arts or Health Care Administration are encouraged to apply. If you are interested in this opportunity to attend Stevens-Henager, please contact Mayor Cary Watkins at 760-4615 or stop by the city offices. Students must meet certain qualifications and have a recommendation from the mayor before July 31, 2008.

EAGLE PROJECTS

Are you interested in doing an Eagle Project?

The North Logan Pumpkin Walk has several opportunities for you. Please call Dedee Dalebout at 753-2726 and she can tell you details about the projects.

Tennis Lessons



North Logan Recreation will be conducting tennis lessons for youth ages 8 – 14 at the new tennis court during the following times. There is a limit of 4 participants per session and each session is \$35.00. Registration begins July 1st at the City Office.

Session # 1: Beginner	Mon – Thurs 8:00 am – 9:00 am	July 14, 15, 16, 17
Session # 2: Intermediate	Mon – Thurs 9:00 am – 10:00 am	July 14, 15, 16, 17
Session # 3: Advanced	Mon – Friday 8:00 am – 9:00 am	July 21, 22, 23, 25 (no Thurs class)
Session # 4: Beginner	Mon – Friday 9:00 am – 10:00 am	July 21, 22, 23, 25 (no Thurs class)

TRAILS COMMITTEE - THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR NATIONAL TRAIL'S DAY

A big thanks to the city parks staff and many volunteers who helped construct two non-motorized trails in the Green Canyon area as part of National Trail's Day on June 7th. WalMart employees, some of our local citizens and equestrian riders helped surface a new trail to the north of the existing gravel road from King Nature Park to the parking lot at Green Canyon. The bike and horse-accessible trail is located east of King Park. Please note that King Nature Park itself is NOT open to bikes or horses.

The continuation of the single track non-motorized trail was also constructed with the help of the Utah Conservation Corp., USU students, additional community citizens and the National Forest Service. This single track is open to all non-motorized travel. Additional grade work is still needed and would make a great scout or group service project.

Thank you to all volunteers and especially to WalMart for not only their volunteer efforts and financial support but for the cook-out lunch they provided that day. We ask citizens to stay on marked, open trails and to obey trail rules so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of these trails for many years to come. Service projects for upgrading and improving the trail are available. Contact Marta Deberard at 787-1699.

PARKS COMMITTEE - KING NATURE PARK is our city's newest park.

Dedicated last year, it sits at the base of Green Canyon at the eastern end of 1900 North. This park offers an easy walking trail and picnic benches and is a great amenity for our city. There is also a more challenging hiking trail that leaves from the northern edge of the park and continues up the ridge. New rule signs are on order and will be in place soon. In the meantime we ask that you remember the following rules when visiting King Nature Park:

Fires (including recreational fires, campfires, cooking stoves, or any ignition source) are NOT permitted.

King Nature Park is a pedestrian only park. Horses and bikes are welcome to use the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (west of park) or 1900 North (south of the park).

Park hours are from dawn to dusk. Overnight parking and camping are NOT permitted.

Smoking and alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted on any park property.

Dogs are allowed on leashes only. Owners are required to clean up after their pets. Waste disposal bags for pets are located at the park entrance sign.

Glass beverage containers are NOT permitted.

Littering is prohibited. Please use park garbage bins or pack it out.

Use of fireworks, firearms and low impact weapons (such as paintball, BB, air soft guns, etc.) are prohibited.

Gas/electric recreational riding vehicles or toys are NOT permitted on park property. Motorized special needs devices are exempt (wheelchairs, etc.).

Cutting, picking or destruction of plants, animal life, historic or cultural artifacts, or other park property is prohibited.

Sales of concessions, merchandise or services in parks are permitted only by obtaining a special permit from the North Logan City Offices at 2076 N. 1200 E..

Disruptive, destructive, hazardous or illegal activity is prohibited. Violators will be subject to warning, fine, expulsion from the park and/or arrest.

Usage of this park is subject to all North Logan and Utah ordinances.

Please leave the park facilities clean and in good condition.

Report emergencies by calling 911. Report suspicious activities to the North Park Police at 753-7555.

Thank you!