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North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Control of stormwater is a major consideration each time a subdivision is created or new home or commercial structure is built in North Logan. Impervious surfaces such as driveways and parking lots, and water shedding from roof surfaces must be considered in managing stormwater. Our city code requires that all water, with the exception of "historical flow", must be retained on site and not flow to adjacent properties.

Historical flow is the amount of water that was not absorbed into the ground prior to development. The amount of stormwater above historical flow must be retained within the development by a retention pond, or detention pond, or some other method to get rid of the water. A *retention* pond holds the water for percolation into the ground over time while a *detention* pond holds water temporarily, releasing it in a measured rate into some kind of stormwater structure like a leach field, sump or stream.

Where does the water end up that flows off the road in gutters? This water is either directed into a stormwater structure such as retention/detention pond, a sump or a drainage swale next to the road, but in some places it drains into our irrigation canals.

The canals' primary function is to deliver irrigation water but they historically have carried stormwater too. They are not designed to accept large amounts of run-off and this increases the potential for damage to homes and property located on or near the canal. Using canal and irrigation ditches for more stormwater is not viable without changing the way canals are built and maintained and providing liability protection of canal companies. There are discussions underway with the various canal companies that could limit their liability and have our city take on some of the maintenance of the canals. I'm hopeful we can come together to the benefit of both the city and canal companies.

More planning is needed to manage stormwater as the city grows. Parks and open spaces will play a more important role in stormwater management. Additional parks and open space can be created with density bonus subdivisions where lands are left open in exchange for minor increases in density. The parks thus created are owned and maintained by the city and can also serve as stormwater retention areas. Eventually, parks and public open spaces become elements of a system to ensure adequate stormwater management throughout the city.

Water that doesn't evaporate or percolate into the ground doesn't stop at the city limit but flows north-westward, eventually into the Bear River. Down stream the accumulated effects can have an impact upon other municipalities. Recently the mayors and representatives of North Logan, Hyde Park, Logan, and Smithfield met and discussed stormwater management in the future. It was concluded that we can't ignore the fact that unless there is a regional solution to this, it will have a dramatic impact upon the future growth of our cities. We discussed the potential of jointly acquiring land west of North Main to be used for stormwater control. These could also serve as recreational areas. The result of our discussion underscored the importance of a regional approach to storm water management. An engineering study is now underway to determine what we can do to solve these problems in the future. Sometimes when it rains — it really pours and handling large amounts of water over a short period of time can be a challenge. Constant attention and planning are essential so that storm water is properly controlled and managed as the city continues to grow. But growth has its limits, and we need to be mindful of it.

If you have any questions about this or want to talk about any issue, please give me a call on my direct line at 760-4615 or email d.carywatkins@gmail.com

Sincerely, Cary Watkins

The North Logan City Council hereby announces a public hearing.

A public hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m., August 20, 2008 in the Meeting Room at the North Logan City Library at 475 East 2500 N., North Logan, UT.

The public hearing is being held to receive public input on the new proposed Land Use Element to the city's General Plan presented to the City Council by the Planning Department and Planning Commission. This is a completely rewritten Land Use Element of the General Plan. Information from the public input during the envisioning process was used to help guide the writing of this element, along with a new format of objectives and policies put together by Staff and the Planning Commission.

This newly written draft uses smart growth principles that will help the City in its planning and sustainability for the future. The Planning Commission has spent many hours reviewing and revising the final document and has carefully considered and incorporated additional public comments from recently held public hearings and many Planning Commission workshops.

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide the opportunity for interested citizens to give final comment on the plan element before action is taken by the City Council to adopt this new element. The public may view a copy of the new Land Use Element on the city's internet site at www.ci.north-logan.ut.us or at the City Office. A copy may also be purchased for the cost of printing.

The Planning Commission and City Council invite your attendance at the public hearing in order to offer your comments or suggestions. If you are interested, but unable to attend the hearing, you are welcome to send your comments to the Planning Commission at 2076 North 1200 East, North Logan, Utah 84341 Attention: Planning Commission – Land Use Element. Comments received prior to the meeting will be copied and distributed to the decision-makers.

If you have questions or need additional information, please come to the office and ask Staff. You may also call for answers to any questions about the plan element.

Thank you for your interest in planning matters. Cordell Batt, North Logan Planning Director

City Council Happenings: The council meetings for the month of August will be held on the 6th and the 20th. During the August 20th meeting the council will conduct two public hearings. The first public hearing at 6:30 pm will be to receive public input on 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 second at hearing 6:45 pm will be to receive public input on an updated version of proposed Land-Use Element for the General Plan.

The council will also consider during the August meetings 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. 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. Part of the proposal will be the developer's plan for removing a considerable amount of soil and gravel from the area in order to build the stormwater retention areas.

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.

Election Corner

With the November election just around the corner there are some things our citizens should know to help avoid long lines and other problems on election day. Each month the North Logan newsletter will feature information that should help you make sure your vote is counted. Here is the voters' tip of the month:

Make sure you are **registered** to vote in the district where you live.

If you have moved you should change your voter registration now and be registered where you actually live. If you go to vote in a district where you do not now live, even if you are still registered there, you will be told to go to the district voting location where you actually live and fill out a "Provisional Ballot". This takes time on election day and could cause your vote to not count. If you want to vote in the November election, the last day you can register at the office of the county clerk is October 20th, or by mail if the application is post marked before October 6th and received by the county clerk before October 15th.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
AUGUST



**GROWTH
CORNER**

- 6 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 7 - Planning Commission - 7:00 pm
- 11 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 12 - Friends of the Library - 6:30 p.m.
- 19 - Library Board Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- 20 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 21 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Office is closed for Labor Day
- 3 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 4 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

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

**RECYCLE CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON
AUGUST 7th and 21st**

Commercial Building Permits

Home Businesses

Mountain Air Duct Cleaning, LLC

BAJU - garment painting

Commercial Businesses

Comparison to previous year:

Permit Type	2008 to date	2007 to date
Single Family Residence	13	35
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	0	10
Office	0	7
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	0	2

From the Chief's Desk

I would like to address a continuing problem that is particularly evident during our fair weather months, and that is storage of vehicles and property on city streets. Our roads are for movement of vehicular traffic and for short term parking along the right side of the roadway. It is not a place to store inoperable vehicles, trailers, or equipment for over 48 hours. We are seeing more and more vehicles that for one reason or another are being parked along the road and left for extended periods of time. Utility or travel/camping trailers that are parked on the street in front of residences throughout the summer months and are being used only periodically, **MUST** be stored on private property, **not the street**. We would appreciate your assistance in finding appropriate parking for your vehicles on your property and not the city streets.

Thank you, Chief Kim Hawkes

From the Utility Department: DIRECT PAYMENTS

Sign-up for Direct Pay and you will have no more late payments or fees when you pay your utility bill with ease!

With Direct Pay, your payment is taken directly from your bank account without the hassle and cost of writing a check, paying postage or using gas in the car. Just come into our office to fill out the paperwork and provide us with a blank, voided check. It is that easy!

Also, July brings a possible yearly change to your sewer billing. The sewer charge is figured by your past winter water average plus a base fee.

Please be aware of a **change** in our (shut-off for non payment) service disconnect policy. If your account is in arrears and subject to shut-off, the reconnect fee amount is based on the amount of times your water has been disconnected in the past 365 days. If you have any questions, please give Peggy a call at 752-1310, extension 11.

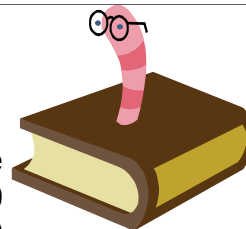


SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon, on Monday, August 11th 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, August 8th**.

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Programs: **Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library and Metamorphosis @ Your Library**



If you haven't signed up yet you can still do so at the Circulation Desk. 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 so make sure you get in on the fun. The last day to pick up prizes is August 15th.

Storytime Changes

Storytime days have changed. Tuesdays are now storytime days. Starting the week of August 4th please join us on Tuesdays at 10:10 am for Toddler Time (2 years and under) and at 11:00 am for Story Time (3-5 year olds).

Library Book Club

Bonnie Shumway will be hosting our discussion about ***One of Ours* by Willa Cather**. The library's book group will discuss this book on Thursday, August 14th at 9:00 am in the library. Copies are available at the circulation desk and all are welcome!

Friends of the Library

Become a "Friend of the Library". The fee is \$5.00. Monthly meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Library meeting room at 6:30 pm. Get involved with fundraising for the library and volunteering at events such as the book sale. Forms for joining can be obtained at the circulation desk.

COMPILING A LIST OF CERT TRAINED RESIDENTS

The North Logan CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program is compiling a list of all North Logan residents that are CERT trained and certified within the city boundaries. Our list is **not current** because some have moved out or changed phone numbers, or there may be some that are new to our city or were trained elsewhere, such as in a different state or at USU. We would like all to contact us so we can add you to our list. We would like to be able to contact you for future practice & training events. Also, we are looking at organizing the CERT members into area groups that will work together in the event of a major disaster. A disaster may happen at night or on the weekend, and those who are trained for the University CERT may be needed in our community when they're not at work.

North Logan City and Cache County will be conducting another CERT training session this fall. If you are interested please contact Michelle Alder with your name, address and email at 435-752-8149 or email her at Michele@4siteoutdoors.com.

NORTH PARK ELEMENTARY - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT ON AUGUST 20TH AT 6:30 P.M.

All students and parents are invited.....

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Detective Bennett met with the Youth Council to talk about safety in using cell phones, computers, stolen identity and other areas that teens need to be cautious about. Members of the Youth Council have also been riding with some of our North Logan Police Officers. This experience has helped them understand how the law works, about law enforcement, and how our police department provides services to keep us safe.

We hope that everyone who attended the 24th of July celebration had a good time! The Youth Council had several booths for games and refreshments as well as participated in the parade.