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MAYOR'S MESSAGE - STATE OF THE CITY

In light of the economy, North Logan residents may be asking about the economic situation of the city. How are the city's finances doing? Are the city officials making smart decisions and being good stewards of the city's coffers? I'm pleased to report that the financial health of the City is excellent going into 2009.

Revenue: Most of the city's revenue comes from the various taxes we all pay. Property taxes are based on property values and the rate set each year by the City Council. For tax year 2009, the property tax rate was set such that the taxes paid would be about the same as last year so the revenue received by the city should be about the same as well. On the other hand Energy Sales and Use Taxes were reduced 40% from 5% to 3% by the City Council, effective in January 2009. All households and businesses in NLC should see a reduction in what they pay for this tax beginning with the January billings from Questar and Rocky Mountain Power. This tax reduction is a two edged sword - it reduces what the citizens pay out of their own pockets but it also reduces what the city gets for use on city projects. The majority of the city's tax revenue comes from sales taxes. In a down turning economy, reliance upon sales tax revenue can prove a problem. In North Logan we are fortunate that the majority of our sales taxes come from sales at Wal-Mart. As Wal-Mart continues to do well in spite of the rest of the economy, North Logan continues to do well. We projected a significant decrease in sales taxes for fiscal year 2009 and based our budget on that projected lower revenue. Actual revenue from sales taxes so far this year, almost half way through the fiscal year, is still about 8% above our lowered target. In other words, we're doing pretty well in sales taxes. Money from gas taxes that come to the city to help maintain our roads, are lower than expected - they should come in about \$100,000 below our projected target. Revenue from sources relating to development, especially new construction, is about 25% what it has been in previous years but our budget was put together assuming that would be the case. In June when the budget was put together we saw the writing on the wall and projected a decrease in overall revenue of about \$310,000 when compared to the revenue in the previous year.

Expenditures: Our fiscal year 2009 budget was put together with considerable expenditure cuts when one compares it to previous years. Our projected expenditures for FY2009 are about \$680,000 less than what we spent in 2008. In addition to that, a number of projects planned for this year are being held back from starting until we can be sure the revenue is going to be there. Also, we have some of the projected expenditures that are transfers to a holding account for future use. If it becomes necessary we can reduce these planned transfers to provide even more cushion in case of bad times.

During our second City Council meeting on January 21st we will have a quarterly financial report that will include all of the information that we have through the end of December, half way through the fiscal year. If you are interested in how the city is doing, come to that meeting. We will also be posting that quarterly report on our city's website at www.ci.north-logan.ut.us.

Our budget process for next fiscal year will start in February. We will be looking very closely at our revenue/expenditure projections. There isn't any doubt that the economic situation will further deteriorate in 2009 and perhaps into 2010. Our budget will be leaner and we will be looking at priorities and greater efficiencies in projects/programs. A question I've gotten from citizens is what will be the impact with another Super Wal-Mart going in Logan? It won't have any negative impact on budget revenues until the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2009. I have had discussions with the Wal-Mart regional manager about this, and he is forecasting about a 30% revenue loss in the first year with a full recovery of the present revenue base in
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(cont. from pg. 1) three years. If this plays out it will equate to about \$150,000 first year loss in sales tax to the city. We will be factoring this into next year's budget.

There is much uncertainty in the economy and we are watching our expenditures very carefully. We have taken special care to maintain the general fund's unrestricted fund balance target at about 10% of revenues. The unrestricted fund balance is in a sense our "rainy day" fund. We have exceeded that target each year for the past three years. The excess each year has been put into a Capital Improvement Fund for future projects and has been built up to about \$640,000.

When we start the budget process, there will be several public workshops. As the budget is created there is plenty of opportunity for input. I look forward to the participation by our citizens. Please feel free to contact me or our City Administrator, Jeff Jorgensen, if you have any questions about the financial wellness of North Logan. You can call me on my direct line at 760-4615 or email me at d.carywatkins@gmail.com.
Sincerely, Cary Watkins

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meetings for the month of January will be on the 7th and the 21st. As of the date of preparing this newsletter the only items on the agenda for January 7th are those related to starting up the New Year. The council will re-establish the day and time for its regular meetings and will take a look at various fees the city charges and adjust them if needed. The main issue to be on the agenda for January 21st will be the quarterly financial status report for the city and a budget revision. As the council looks at the actual revenue received and match it to the city's budget plan, they can make what adjustments are needed as we go into the second half of the fiscal year.

As mentioned last month, other issues being considered by the City Council in January and/or in the first few months of 2009 are: 1) an update of the city's regulations on group homes for the elderly, handicapped persons, and minors; 2) minor adjustments to the city's budget; 3) minor updates to the regulations on business licenses for child care services; 4) possible inter-local agreements between the city and canal companies for the use and maintenance of the canals; and 5) the annexation of all properties currently unincorporated between North Logan and Hyde Park. The council will also be considering a new ordinance setting criminal penalties for graffiti vandalism. More details will follow on these various issues being looked at by the council.

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

When the weather gets colder the chance of a structure fire increases.

Here are a few hints to reduce a potential fire:

1. Never leave candles or fireplace unattended.
2. Don't put hot ashes in the garbage can.
3. Don't overload extension cords or electrical outlets.
4. Don't leave the house when cooking.
5. Always use UL listed products.
6. Always have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the house.

The fire department has smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for low income, disabled and elderly, if needed, free of charge. Call 755-5739 for detectors or any questions.



HOLIDAY TREECYCLING is available until Friday January 9th, 2009. Please remove all lights, tinsel, ornaments & metal stands from the trees. There are 27 drop-sites all over the county and the North Logan site is at Elk Ridge Park at 1150 East 2500 North. Please watch the newspaper or call Logan City at 716-9755 or the North Logan city offices at 752-1310 or for more information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY



**GROWTH
CORNER**

- 7 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 8 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 12 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 13 -Friends of the Library Annual Mtg.7:00 pm
- 19 - Civil Rights Day - **City Office Closed**
- 20 - Library Board Mtg. 3:30
- 21 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 22 - 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>

Commercial Building Permits
 Brent Allen Automotive
Home Businesses
 Freedom's Call
 Kerensky Development
Commercial Businesses
 Jill T, Morgan, LCSW
 S. K. Training, Inc

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Permit Type	2008 FINAL	2007 FINAL
Single Family Residence	28	69
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	4	15
Office	4	11
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	1	4

**JUST A REMINDER - THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS
WILL BE PICKED UP ON JAN 2nd, 8th & 22nd.**

TIME TO LICENSE THOSE DOGS AND CATS!!!

ALL DOGS AND CATS (except field cats) are required to be vaccinated for rabies, and licensed with the city every year. Please bring the vet certificate to verify proof of rabies. The fees for licensing are:



<i>Dogs</i>	<i>\$ 20.00</i>	<i>Spayed or neutered dogs</i>	<i>\$ 10.00</i>
<i>Cats</i>	<i>\$ 10.00</i>	<i>Spayed or neutered cats</i>	<i>\$ 5.00</i>

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

Notice: Only two dogs/four cats are allowed on residential property zoned less than one acre. Properties of more than one acre and appropriately zoned, may apply for a *Conditional Use Permit* to have more than two dogs and/or four cats. Application for a conditional use permit is \$100. If authorized for *Conditional Use*, the kennel license is \$50 per year due January 1st.



Late fees and citations may be issued for those animals that are not licensed. Call 752-1310 for details.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING
NORTH PARK IRRIGATION COMPANY**

The annual meeting of the shareholders of North Park Irrigation Company will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the City Office, 2076 North 1200 East, North Logan, UT. Please enter the conference room by the east door. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect directors and to conduct other such business as may come before the committee.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON



The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **January 12th** at the Golden Corral at 2044 North Main in North Logan. The cost is **\$4.00** per person and all senior citizens are invited to attend. Please **RSVP** to Savannah Baker - 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, January 9th.**

LIBRARY INFORMATION

New Year's Resolutions

With the New Year comes changes and wanting to do better. Whatever your resolutions are we can help. We have books on self-improvement areas and if we don't have it, recommend a title so we can add it to our collection.

Library Closure:

The library will be closed January 1, 2009 to celebrate New Year's Day and Monday, January 19, 2009 to celebrate Civil Right's Day.

Library Book Club

Join us on January 8, 2009 at 9 am to discuss the book "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch. *"When Randy Pausch was asked to give a last lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living."*

February's book is "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis.

Storytime

Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:10 for Toddler Time (2 years and under) and at 11:00 for Story Time (3-5 year olds). Come join us for music, books and flannel board stories.

Youth Advisory Board

If you are age 12-18 come join the newly reestablished Youth Advisory Board. Meetings are every first Thursday at 5 pm. Attend the activities every second Thursday of the month whether you're on the board or not! January's activity is going to be a Snowman Building Contest (*weather permitting or something else if not*) January 15th @ 5 PM.

Author Visit

Michael Ramsdell, the author of "A Train to Potevka" will be speaking in the Library Meeting room on January 29, 2009 at 7 pm. Bring the family or bring a friend to listen to this talented author. He will have books for sale and will be autographing.

Audiobooks

Do you like to listen to audiobooks, but may not find what you want in our collection? Did you know that you can access hundreds of titles from our website? Go to <http://www.northloganlibrary.org/> click on "Internet Resources" scroll down to "Pioneer: Utah's Online Library" and click on Pioneer's website you will see two links under the title "Digital Media Collections." Either one of these databases (OverDrive or NetLibrary) allows you to download audiobooks for free onto an MP3 player and listen wherever you go! You'll be asked to log in using the Access Code for the North Logan City Library, which is C1P84341.

Food for Fines

We've had several people ask us about doing Food for Fines again. So January is the month!! We'll do it for 2 weeks, January 20-31, 2009. One food item is equal to \$1.00 in fines. So bring in non-perishable items that we can take to the food bank, and wipe away your fines! We want you to come back and enjoy the library!



There has been a book published about the life of **Victor & Eva Israelsen**. The book is 600 pages and illustrated. If you'd like to obtain a copy or have any questions, please contact Earl Israelsen at 753-1648.

CONGRATULATIONS 2008 WINNERS

NORTH LOGAN CITY LIGHTING CONTEST

And THANK YOU TO THESE SPONSORS



***First Place: \$100 from Lewiston State Bank**

John Larsen, 1335 E 2300 N

Second Place: \$75 from Bennett's Paint

Tighe Corbridge, 2528 N 200 E

Third Place: \$50 from Peterson Allred Jackson, PC

Bob Balling, 1415 E 2250 N

Honorable Mention: Free Pie from Village Inn

Salradon Toscano, 2572 N 370 E

Richard Murillo, 2500 N 300 E, #5

Karl & Lannis Sorensen, 1580 N 1630 E

Mike Rhinehart, 565 E 2645 N

Chris Ransom, 1160 E 1900 N

Dave & Kaylyne Ferrin, 2537 N 300 E

***2007 Winner/
Outstanding 2008
DON'T MISS IT:
Bruce Howe,
2712 N 1400 E

Thank you to the North Logan
Youth Council for judging!!!

Thank you to everyone for making
the holiday even more festive by
decorating your homes ~

Friends of the North Logan Library

Annual Meeting will be held ~ TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 7:00 P.M.

The annual meeting will be held in the North Logan Library's meeting room. The public is invited to attend. Trustees for the coming year will be elected. If you have an interest in serving with the Friends Organization or have questions, please call the library or Holly Gunther at 787-4544.

Our featured speaker this year will be: **Matthew Buckley—author of *Chickens in the Headlights* and *Bullies in the Headlight*.** Matthew Buckley grew up in Riverside, Utah and now lives in Cache Valley. He is the second oldest of 10 boys and one girl. He now has four boys of his own. Matthew graduated from USU with degrees in political science and instructional technology.

SOCCER SIGN-UPS

WHEN: Wednesday, January 28, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 31, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 7, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



WHERE: At the North Logan City Library meeting room.

COST: \$30 each for the first two children in a family, \$25 each additional family member.

Age Groups:

U5 & U6 August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2004

U7 & U8 August 1, 2000 through July 31, 2002

U9 & U10 August 1, 1998 through July 31, 2000

U11 & U12 August 1, 1996 through July 31, 1998

U14 August 1, 1996 through July 31, 1994 Will play in a 4 vs. 4 program.

Please bring proof of age with you.

The soccer season should begin the first week of April and run through the 3rd week of May.

Shin guards are required for play.

Volunteer Coaches are needed and can sign up at registration. A Coaching Clinic will be Provided. Youth ages 14 and up can referee in the rec program by attending a mandatory class that will be offered in February or March. Please let us know. If you have any questions or would like to Volunteer, please call Mary Ann Essig at 753-0803.

NEWEST SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR.....

Mock U.S. Postal Service Postcards have been received by several U.S. citizens. The senders want you to call a toll-free telephone number in order to claim a "parcel that is being held in your name". This may occur even more frequently around the holidays. The front of this card may be stamped with the words "Unclaimed article—reply required within 7 days." The message below the toll-free number advises you to "Have credit card information ready when you telephone". Postcards actually left by the U.S. Postal Service will NEVER tell you to have your credit card information ready.

This marketing gimmick is simply meant to get you to call the number so they can try to convince you to buy a low quality item of jewelry. Don't fall for this trick!

FLU PREVENTION: KEEP YOUR HANDS CLEAN

Contagious bugs abound during the winter season, making it a good time to take hand hygiene seriously. According to the American Medical Association (AMA), hand washing is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of colds, flu and other infectious diseases.

AMA advice: Lather up with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the bathroom, before preparing food or eating, and after visiting public places. To help control germs scrub under your fingernails and keep them trimmed short. Best all-purpose cleaners: Hands down, it is plain soap. Alcohol-based towelettes are a quick and easy alternatives; no water is needed —just apply and rub until dry.

More ways to avoid infection: Avoid using shared items, like phones, tools, keyboards or other work equipment. Avoid close contact with others when they or you are sick.

Winter Parking Restrictions

This is **your** reminder that the winter parking ordinance went into effect on November 15th. This means vehicles **cannot** be parked on city streets, curbs and shoulders between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 am. Citations will be issued.



Snow Plows

During other hours, if it is **snowing**, or beginning to snow, we'd appreciate you not parking on the streets and also not pushing snow and ice onto the road. That will help our snow plows keep your roads clean and safe for you and your family. Also, please do not put out your **garbage** cans until after the snow plows have passed your home.



Wal-Mart Parking

We have had an increasing number of people parking in front of Wal-Mart or loading in front of Wal-Mart rather than parking in the parking areas designated for parking in the Wal-Mart lot. This has resulted in an increased number of citations being issued.

PLEASE NOTE that the front curbside area (marked with red) is a fire lane and NO PARKING IS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME.

