



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE - MAIN OFF MAIN

In July the Council of Governments (COG) recommended to the Cache County Council to take out a bond of \$20-25 million this year for road projects throughout the county including our project for 200 East. I was asked to make this proposal to the county on behalf of the COG. In August the County Council considered the recommendation made by all the mayors and approved a bond of up to \$15 million.

The county has since modified the original approval and is looking at other funding options. Thus far only the dollars to conduct the engineering of 200 East have been approved. We are underway with the detailed engineering and final cost estimates of the road and are waiting for the county to make a final determination as to the method, timing and amount of the funding for the construction of the first phase of 200 East (1800 to 2200 North).

The original submission that was considered and tentatively approved by the county was based upon the cost of constructing a 99' wide minor arterial road with two lanes in both directions, a center median divider, with bike lanes and pedestrian walks on both sides and a roundabout at the intersection at 200 East and 1800 North. I was asked to resubmit a scaled down version of the road and show a reduction in cost. The most recent submission shows one travel lane in each direction with a bike lane and sidewalk on one side only. The roundabout and center median will remain. Additional improvements will be required along the corridor with future development; eventually 200 East will be completed according to the original design width and configuration. The reduction in cost with the modified proposal versus completing the road in its entirety is about 40 percent.

Assuming that final funding approval is forthcoming, the first phase of 200 East will begin construction sometime this year. As funds are made available the full length of the road will be built as follows: Phase two (2200 N to 2500 N), Phase three (2500 N-2850 N), Phase four (2850 N-3100 N), with a final phase continuing the road to Hyde Park Lane. There is still a question as to when and or how much of the road beyond 2200 North will be done by local, federal, or a combination of funding.

So far the county has signed off to *fully fund* 100 East in Logan, and 3200 South in Nibley. The County Council is expressing concerns about the economy and how much debt can be supported from the ¼ cent sales tax revenue set aside for roads. Until recently, road construction costs were inflating at over 10% annually. They are now dropping significantly. I continue to make the point that now is the best time to take advantage of a reduction in labor and material costs and get funding in place.

Final cost estimates are being worked out now and we should be completed later this month. I'm optimistic that when the county receives the final engineering and revised cost estimates, funding will be approved to start the project this year.

If you have any questions on this or any issue, please call me at 760-4615 or email d.carywatkins@gmail.com
Sincerely, Cary Watkins

YOUR CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVISION CACHE VALLEY



The Envision Cache Valley process is a once in-a-generation opportunity to explore growth-related issues and think together about what we want Cache Valley to be like in the future. This process reflects the values of the public, the voice of the public, and the vision of the public. Broad public participation and ownership is the key to a successful process. Citizens are encouraged to take part in the Envision Cache Valley process. For more info click on the Envision Cache Valley logo on the North Logan City website at ci.north-logan.ut.us.

Envision Cache Valley Growth Summit

- What:** The public kick off of Envision Cache Valley. A fun and informative look at the past with an eye toward the future. An opportunity to learn about the process, get involved, and ask questions.
- When:** 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 25
- Where:** Logan Tabernacle, 50 N. Main, Logan, Utah

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CITY COUNCIL?

The City Council meetings for the month of February will be on the 4th and the 18th. As of the date of preparing this newsletter the only item on the agenda for February 4th is to consider a resolution adopting the proposed municipal budget revisions discussed during the public hearing held on January 21st.

Some other issues were listed in last months' newsletter that may be considered by the city council early in 2009. In addition to those items mentioned last month, the council may also be considering an ordinance requiring trees to be planted as part of new subdivisions and also a change to the policies for the new cemetery.

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.

NEED HELP FILING YOUR INCOME TAXES?

There are many people in the community who need assistance in preparing tax returns. There is a program called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) which helps lower income people complete their tax returns for free, as well as provides the VITA clients with Financial Education and resources in the community. For more information contact Bridgerland Literacy, 255 N. Main, Logan at 716-9141 or call the 211 info line. The VITA program relies heavily on the commitment of volunteers for its continued success. Interested volunteers can find more information or register to volunteer online at www.utahtaxvolunteer.org

Now signing up for March CERT Class:

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

The CERT course will benefit any citizen who takes it. This individual will be better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster. Additionally, North Logan City wants to supplement its response capability after a disaster, with civilians trained through CERT to function as volunteer auxiliary responders. CERT neighborhood groups can provide immediate assistance to victims in their area, organize spontaneous volunteers who have not had the training, and collect disaster intelligence that will assist professional responders with prioritization and allocation of resources following a disaster.

Starting March 5th - 2 1/2 hour sessions, one evening a week (Thursdays at 6:30) over a 7 week period (we'll skip Spring Break) followed by a Final Disaster Scenario. For more info and to sign up call CERT Coordinator Michele Alder @ 435-752-8149 or email Michele@4siteoutdoors.com

Whether You Are New in Town, or a Long-Term Resident, Pet Licenses Are Due in January Each Year

We hope everyone is aware that all dogs and cats (except field cats) are required to be vaccinated for rabies and licensed at the city office. The fees are as follows:

Neutered/Spayed Dog	\$10	Dogs	\$20
Neutered/Spayed Cat	\$5	Cats	\$10



Beginning March 1st, the license fees will increase by fifty percent (50%)

Proof must be provided that the rabies vaccination is effective for at least 6 months past the 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 zones, may apply for a *Conditional Use Permit* to have more than two dogs/four cats. Application for a *Conditional Use Permit* is \$100 (one-time fee only). If authorized by the Planning & Zoning Committee, a \$50 kennel license fee is required yearly.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY



- 4 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 5 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 - Soccer sign up - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 9 - Senior Citizen's Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 16 - President's Day - OFFICE IS CLOSED.
- 17 - Library Board Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- 18 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 19 - 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>

REMINDER - THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON FEB 5TH & 19TH

Home Businesses

Freedom's Call
Franbi.com

Commercial Business

Holiday Inn Express; Hansen, Salon, Inc

GROWTH CORNER

Permit Type	2009 to date	2008 to date
Single Family Residence	0	0
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	0	0
Office	0	0
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	1	0

February 2009 Senior Medicare Patrol Tip - Check your Credit Status - It is a good idea to check your credit yearly. The three major credit reporting agencies have been authorized by law and the US Government to provide one free credit report each year. By visiting the website www.annualcreditreport.com you can look up your credit report and print it out instantaneously. If you believe you have been a victim of identity theft contact the three nationwide consumer credit companies: Equifax: 1-877-576-5734; Experian: 1-888-397-3742 and Transunion: 1-800-680-7289. Information provided by Senior Medicare Patrol at the Bear River Agency on Aging 1-877-772-7242 or 435-752-7242.

Earthquake in North Logan!

Yes, we are having an earthquake in North Logan - **at least a pretend one**. It is scheduled for Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m.. You should plan on it being a severe quake that will cause significant damage. This earthquake is being provided for you as an emergency response exercise to test the city's communication between its citizens and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC will be set up in the North Logan Fire Station that evening. All households should already be part of a calling tree or some other neighborhood communication network. If you are not, check with your neighbors and find out who is supposed to call you in the event of a disaster and if you are supposed to call someone else.

At 6:30 when the earthquake happens, the City asks that each household think through what they should do. Who should you let know you are OK? Calling trees should be run through. The City will be asking about a dozen households throughout the city to provide exercise inputs into the scenario. As they call in their simulated problems, the EOC will dispatch emergency responders to these homes. This will be a good time for us all to think about our preparedness for the Big One.

Direct any questions to Jeff Jorgensen, City Administrator at 752-1310

Did you know that City Ordinances prohibit the pushing, shoveling, throwing, etc., of any snow onto or across the street? We have had some accidents as a result of vehicles either hitting or trying to avoid snow hills created by residents pushing their excess snow into the streets. Violators will be cited.



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **February 9th** 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, February 6th**.



LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library Closure

The library will be closed on February 16th to celebrate President's Day.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day or Singles Awareness Day hmm... whichever it is for you, enjoy the materials from our collection to make it a wonderful day!

Library Inventory

The library needs to complete an inventory of our collection to find lost books and get a true picture of what we really have in the library. As this will take the staff's full attention we are closing the library on the following days to accomplish this task.

The library will be closed Monday, February 2nd through Wednesday, February 4th, 2009 to allow us to complete the inventory and do some rearranging of the shelves. We will reopen on Thursday, February 5th at 10 am. If you have books that need to be returned to the library this would be a great time to return them for others to use.

Story Times

Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:10 for Toddler Time (2 years and under) and at 11:00 for Story Time (3-5 year olds). **No storytimes on February 3, 2008.**

Library Book Club

Join us at the Library on February 12, 2009 at 9 am to discuss the book "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis.

March's book will be "Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery" by Eric Metaxas.

THOMAS EDISON CHARTER SCHOOL—OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Thomas Edison Charter Schools will be accepting applications for open enrollment from January 15 to February 15, 2009. If applications exceed available class space in any grade, a random drawing will be held to fill those positions on February 20, 2009. For information please call Edison North at 787-2820, Edison South at 752-0123, or visit our website at ThomasEd.org.

Kindergarten Registration for North Park Elementary

It is time for Kindergarten registration at North Park Elementary. Registration will be March 11th from 9:30 to 3:30 and March 12th from 9:30 to 6:00 in the North Park Office. To register, your child must turn 5 by September 1, 2009.

We need to find out our numbers for kindergarten as soon as possible. This will help determine the number of classes we will need. Please spread the word. Tell your neighbors and friends. Registration is the only way we know who will be attending.

You are required by law to bring a certified birth certificate and if possible we would like you to bring a copy for us. It is also required that we have all of your child's immunization records. We will ask you to fill out a form with day, month and year of each immunization. It would help if all immunizations are complete by registration time. We are required by law to have complete immunizations before a student can attend school.

Please bring your kindergarten student. We will be doing a short assessment. If at all possible, please leave siblings at home. This will make it easier to fill out forms.

We are asking for a donation of \$30.00 for food experiences. Please make checks out to North Park Elementary. If you have questions please call Linda @ 752-5121.