



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE - THE NIGHT SKY

One of the greatest sights we have in the west and especially here is seeing the stars and their brilliance against the night sky. Those who grew up here can remember as children being outside at night and observing the stars. Young eyes would slowly adjust to the darkness. First, the prominent stars known to all became immediately brighter, then, thinly scattered faint points of light started to show against a pallet of black as if a rheostat was being slowly increased by an unseen hand. Milky light would start to show and sparkling dots rapidly multiplied in shimmering contrast-- until the heavens unfurled an array of brilliance. Remember as a kid -- looking upward and feeling like you were at the bottom of the universe inside a giant dome of a great celestial cathedral? The wonder of it all—

Over the past many years, very slowly, almost imperceptibly, the light of the stars we used to see has diminished. It's because man has provided artificial points of light without considering the consequences of losing the visibility and beauty contained in the night sky. It has happened simply because we illuminate streets, walks, signs, and identify places and things. Over the years, in a short span of time it has had a compounding effect; the night sky that was once so brilliantly filled with stars has been washed out by light projecting into the sky.

The problem associated with night lighting was recognized some years ago. In most parts of the country, steps have been taken to lessen and mitigate the negative impact upon the night sky of starlight. Five years ago, North Logan adopted a "Dark Sky" ordinance that provides guidance and restrictions as to the type, intensity and placement of exterior lighting. The ordinance requires that all exterior lighting must be placed in a manner so as not to project upward to the sky. The intent of the ordinance is not only to ensure that new development complies with protecting the night sky from excess ambient light, but also that exterior lighting which is replaced is both shaded and doesn't project intense illumination. This is something we all need to consider; after all, it is part of the special quality of life we enjoy. So when you replace an exterior light, please keep in mind how all the lighting around combines to diminish the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the night sky and starlight.

Over time, the dark sky will reveal the starlight we remember long ago when the landscape wasn't dotted with homes, and bright flashing signs didn't exist along Main and other corridors.

If you have any questions or issues you wish to discuss, please call me at 760-4615 or email d.carywatkins@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Cary Watkins

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meetings for the month of March will be on the 4th and the 18th. As of the date of preparing this newsletter the only item that is known to be on the agenda for either meeting is to begin discussions about the municipal budget for fiscal year 2010. Next year's budget will need to be considered very carefully in order to keep the city financially healthy. We are anticipating lower revenues next year, due in part to the economy, but more so because of the additional Wal Mart store being completed in the south end of Logan. About half of our sales tax revenue comes to us from sales generated state wide and distributed to us based on our population. We are expecting an approximate \$80,000 reduction in sales tax due to the general economic slowdown state wide. About 22% of North Logan's sales taxes come from the taxes generated by the North Logan Wal Mart. We are anticipating the new south-end Wal Mart will draw down the sales at the North Logan Wal Mart about 30%. If that happens, the net loss to our revenue for this change alone will mean a drop of about \$120,000. The slowdown in construction, especially new home starts, will also reduce the revenue we typically get from building permit fees and impact fees. Watch for more information on next year's budget as we put it together over the next four months.

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.



It's that time again to . . . SPRING forward your clocks.

Mark your calendar for March 8th, 2009!

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK:

This last fall many of you witnessed a dramatic increase in the amount of graffiti that began appearing in our city. During the previous year we had reports of only 4 graffiti taggings. During this last year there were documented, 31 different incidents of graffiti tagging in North Logan. This has prompted us to draft and pass a Graffiti Ordinance in North Logan. Hyde Park is doing a similar ordinance in their city. Keeping our city clean of graffiti will help deter others from adding to the problem. The ordinance addresses three areas: It makes the act of doing graffiti a crime. It also makes, for those under 18 years of age, the possession of graffiti instruments, such as broad tip markers and spray paint, a crime.

The ordinance also declares graffiti to be a nuisance and requires that it be removed within five days of notification to the owner or manager of the property. The ordinance creates a graffiti removal restitution fund that can assist property owners in recovering some of their cost in removing graffiti. The fund will be funded by fines assessed to those arrested for doing graffiti, general fund contributions and private donations. This new ordinance will help us hold those who do graffiti accountable as well as keep our city clean of graffiti. If you have further questions regarding this ordinance please call 753-7600 and I will try to answer your questions.

BEST OF CACHE VALLEY CHEF COOK-OFF & AUCTION 6TH ANNUAL SPICE ON ICE

When: **THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.**

Where: **GEORGE S. ECCLES ICE CENTER**

2825 NORTH 200 EAST, NORTH LOGAN, UT 84341

Cost: **\$50 PER TICKET** Sponsorship Tables: **\$600, \$1,000 OR \$1,500**



A night of fantastic entertainment and food. The best chefs in the valley compete for what has become one of the most prestigious, local culinary awards around, "Spice on Ice Chef of the Year", and as a guest for the evening, you get to enjoy each of their culinary masterpieces. The dinner is followed by an exciting live auction including items from some of the valley's most well-known businesses. All proceeds benefit the community's non-profit ice arena. Contact: Tommy Kite at 435-787-2288 or tommy@ecclesice.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH



- 4 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 5 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS**
- 9 - Senior Citizen's Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 17 - Library Board Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- 18 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 19 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

The City Council & Planning Commission meet at the North Logan Library, 475 E 2500 N, North Logan.

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

JUST A REMINDER - THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON MARCH 5th, 19th & APR 2nd

Commercial Building Permits

GROWTH CORNER

Home Businesses—Golf by Design; Ela Bella Floral; JDG, LLC; Criterion Homes & Const, Inc; HappeFrog Kidlets; Mountain West Industrial Solutions, LLC.

Commercial Business—Expedient Solutions; Surrealean LLC.

Permit Type	2009 to date	2008 to date
Single Family Residence	0	2
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	0	1
Office	0	2
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	1	1

New Scam: "Customer Satisfaction Survey". It will say that if you complete the survey, the store in question will send \$150 to your credit or debit card account. The survey will ask you for your account number and personal information. **DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS OR SIMILAR LETTERS OR E-MAILS.** By sending the form in, you will be giving away import financial and personal identification. Always check with the company/store that is mentioned in the survey. **ALWAYS** watch for unauthorized charges on your credit cards and debit cards. **REPORT THEM IMMEDIATELY!!!**

DOG AND CAT LICENSES ARE NOW OVERDUE!!!

All DOGS AND CATS (except field cats) are required to be vaccinated for rabies and licensed every year. The fees (including late fee) are:

Spayed or neutered dog \$ 15.00 *Dog* \$ 30.00
Spayed or neutered cat \$ 7.50 *Cat* \$ 15.00

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

Notice: Only two dogs and/or four cats are allowed on a 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/four cats. Application for a *Conditional Use Permits* is \$100 (one-time only fee). If authorized by the Planning & Zoning Committee, a \$50 kennel license fee is required yearly at the time of licensing the animals.

Winter Parking Restrictions

The winter parking ordinance that went into effect in November expired on February 28th. **HOWEVER** - we could still have a snowy spring, so if it looks like snow, please help the snow plows do their job and do not park on the streets. Thank you.



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

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

LIBRARY INFORMATION



Star Library

"Library Journal" conducted a national rating of over 7,000 public libraries giving them either a 5, 4, or 3 star rating. There were only 5 libraries in Utah to receive a star rating. North Logan City Library was one of these libraries receiving a 4 star rating!

Story Times

Judi will be doing Storytimes in March. Toddler Time (2 years and under) are Tuesdays at 10:10 and Story Time (3-5 year olds) are at 11:00.

Library Book Club

Join us at the Library on March 12, 2009 at 9 am to discuss the book "Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery" by Eric Metaxas. "Amazing Grace tells the story of the remarkable life of the British abolitionist William Wilberforce (1759-1833). This accessible biography chronicles Wilberforce's extraordinary role as a human rights activist, cultural reformer, and member of Parliament."

Next month's book is "Left to Tell" by Immaculee Ilibagiza.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Dr. Seuss' Birthday is March 2nd. Come in today to check out some of his wonderful books. You can find them in the Easy Fiction section and in Beginner Readers section.

Youth Advisory Group

Get involved in helping plan for youth activities (12-18 years old) monthly at the library. Call the library for meeting dates and activity dates.

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 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.