



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

FUNDING APPROVED FOR 200 EAST—CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY SOON

On August 28th The County Council approved \$2,900,251 for the construction of a portion of 200 East, from 1800 North to 2200 North. These funds are coming from the additional County-wide ¼ cent sales tax passed by the voters last year. The increase in sales tax was designated strictly for new road construction in Cache Valley.

The original submission considered by the county was based upon the cost of construction of a 99 foot 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 of 200 E and 1800 N. **The funding reflects a scaled down version of the road with a corresponding reduction in cost.** This “Phase 1” will be constructed with just one travel lane in each direction, with a center median, and a walkway/bike path on the east side. A roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of 200 E and 1800 N. As future development happens along the corridor, the road will be expanded with an additional lane on either side. **Completion date is set for July of next year.**

Future plans for construction of the 200 E corridor are: Phase two (2200-2500 N), Phase three (2500-2850 N), Phase four (2850-3100 N), with a final phase to Hyde Park Lane (3700 North). There is still a question as to when and or how much of the road beyond 2200 N will be done by local, federal, or a combination of funding.

The Federal Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was started *seven years* ago and is still underway. Before federal funds can be used for funding any portion of the 200 E corridor from 1400 N to Hyde Park Lane, a Federal Record of Decision (ROD) based on the EIS must be issued. It should be noted that only \$4.3 million in federal funding is designated for the construction of the entire corridor. Unless additional federal funds become available, the \$4.3 million will only fund a small segment of the road.

The EIS considers several alternative routes for 200 E, each of which will extend that road from 2200 N to 2850 N, just north of the Eccles Ice Center. The latest version of the EIS favors a route for 200 E (Alternative Route 6B) which would deviate from the existing planned route along 200 E (Alternative Route 5) as is identified in North Logan's General Plan. This has become a complicated issue and I'll not try to give much detail or explain it all here, but suffice it to say that this very long and drawn-out environmental assessment process for the extension of 200 E beyond 2200 N is now stalled.

Since the EIS process was started, approximately \$850,000 has been spent on it. The Federal Highway Administration and UDOT (project manager of the EIS), is now requesting an additional \$468,500 from the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) to re-do a lot of the study in order to look at additional factors that may impact upon a final route selection. As it stands now, the CMPO is unable to provide the additional money to continue the EIS review. That said, if the additional money can be found, the added time for revising the EIS may delay a Record of Decision at least another year, and probably longer.

If we continue to wait for the EIS to be completed, 200 E will be delayed far into the future. Although the scope of the road is reduced, the approval of County road funds is the only way that at least part of 200 E (1800 to 2200 N) can be built now. We have been careful to coordinate this locally funded project with the Feds and UDOT. The engineering has been reviewed each step of the way, and it is in complete compliance with the EIS. The reason we have done this is so that if and when a Record of Decision is issued, we will qualify for federal funds; not only on the widening of Phase 1, but also for the construction of any future phases.

Getting 200 E underway has been a challenging process. The excellent work done by all has paid off. “Main off Main” will soon be a reality.

If you want more information on this please give me a call at 760-4615.

Sincerely, Cary Watkins

What's Happening in City Council?

The City Council meetings for the month of September will be on the 2nd and the 16th. There are currently two public hearings planned during the Sept. 2nd meeting. The first public hearing will be to receive input from the public on a proposed city ordinance changing the regulations that guarantee improvements in subdivisions. The proposed ordinance will primarily affect developers of new subdivisions in the city. The city's ordinances require developers to provide bonds to guarantee all improvements that are to be made in new subdivisions are completed and then warrantee that those improvements are free of defects for one year. The proposed new ordinance will modify the current city code to make it compliant with new state laws and to make it a bit easier to administer.

The second public hearing is to receive input from the public on a proposed resolution modifying the municipal budget for FY2010. Being proposed are mostly changes that authorize the pass-through funding for the construction of 200 East using County ¼ cent sales taxes designated for roads. Following that hearing and the corresponding budget change resolution, the council will consider the award of bids for the construction of 200 East from 1800 to 2200 North.

Also during the September 2nd meeting the council will hear a presentation from the Planning and Parks Departments regarding some ideas and plans on how to take care of open space throughout the city in the future.

The only item set for the September 16th meeting is a monthly financial report. It is planned that these reports will be made to the council during their second meeting each month. With increased concern about the economy, the council wants to make sure they are constantly aware of the budget and how revenue to the city is being influenced by the recession. 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.

NOW SIGNING UP FOR SEPTEMBER 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 take 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. The recent mud slide tragedy gave CERT members an opportunity to serve and show the local rescue workers how valuable they are in helping manage a major incident.

Starting September 16th plan to attend 2 1/2 to 3 hour sessions, one evening a week (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.) over an 8 week period followed by a Final Disaster Scenario. Classes will be held at the North Park Elementary School (SPACES ARE FILLING UP FAST). For more information and to sign up call CERT Coordinator DAVID BENSON at 435-363-0566 or e-mail cert@ci.north-logan.ut.us

NEWS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

School has started. I thought it would be good to remind us of some driving rules that will help us be prepared for more pedestrians and bicyclists on the roadway and sidewalks. We have crossing guards at the location of 2500 N and 800 E, two at 2500 N 400 E, two at 2600 N 400 E and one at 2900 N 800 E. We encourage all children and adults escorting children to school to use the cross walks manned by our crossing guards. Drivers be aware that when a crossing guard is positioned in the middle of a cross walk the entire crosswalk is activated and vehicles cannot pass through either side of it. Crossing guards are trained and required to stand in the middle of the cross walk and wait till the children are up on the curb on the opposite side before they can turn and walk back to their starting position. Please be patient and slow down when approaching school crosswalks.



Starting this month we are going to have a home/vehicle safety tip of the month that will help make our homes and vehicles safer. Tip #1 Make sure our vehicles are locked, keys removed and valuables (purses, firearms, iPods, MP3 players, portable GPS Systems and DVD players...) are removed from the vehicle. Most of our auto burglars are opportunists. They search for vehicles that are left unlocked, even in our garages. They look for valuable items that have been left in vehicles. Let's take away the opportunity and save you from becoming a victim.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 3 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 - LABOR DAY—OFFICE IS CLOSED**
- 8 - Friends of the Library-6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 15 - PRIMARY ELECTIONS**
7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 16 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 17 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

City Council & Planning Commission meet at the North Logan Library at 475 East 2500 North.
To see the complete calendar of events visit our website at: <http://www.ci.north-logan.ut.us/calendar>

**JUST A REMINDER - THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS
WILL BE PICKED UP ON SEPT. 3, 17 & OCT 1.**



Home Businesses

Thermal Management Technologies, LLC;
K6 Enterprises

Commercial Businesses

Ash's Auto Repair & Detailing
Automotive Unlimited
Extreme Auto Detail, LLC

**GROWTH
CORNER**

Comparison to previous year:

WATER DEPARTMENT Do we have your current telephone number?

The water department is happy to report that half of our customers now have a new radio receiver on their water meter. We will eventually have the entire city on radio read meters. This allows us to read year-round and not just during the summer. It also helps to alert us on leaks, which the manual reads cannot.

We have found that several customers who have radios on their water meter have covered their meter lids over. They thought that we do not need access to the meter. This is not correct. We still need access to the meter at all times. We need the ability to turn off the water in an emergency situation, i.e., your home is being flooded; and we do occasional maintenance to the radios. **Please do not cover the water meter lid with anything.** If your lawn or plants are beginning to grow over the meter lid, trim them back to expose the lid. If landscape bark is covering the lid, please remove it so that the lid is visible.

Thanks for all you do, we appreciate your help.

CEMETERY LOTS WILL BE INCREASING IN PRICE STARTING SEPTEMBER 15, 2009. THE COST FOR A NORTH LOGAN RESIDENT UNTIL THEN IS \$250 PER LOT AND \$500 FOR A NON-RESIDENT. PLEASE VISIT THE CITY OFFICE TO SEE THE MAP OF ALL AVAILABLE LOTS. GET THEM WHILE THEY ARE AT THIS GREAT PRICE! PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.ci.north-logan.ut.us TO SEE OUR ORDINANCES REGARDING THE CEMETERY AND ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS.

DOGS AND CATS are required to be vaccinated for rabies and to be licensed with the city of North Logan. The license is good for the duration of the rabies vaccination. Is your pet protected and licensed? If not licensed, please stop by the city office with a copy of your veterinarian's certificate showing the expiration date of the rabies vaccination and whether or not your pet is neutered/spayed. Our goal is to keep our city's pets current!



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

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



LIBRARY NEWS

Library Closures:

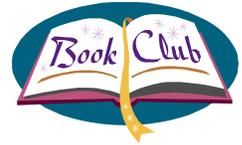
The Library will be closed September 7th for Labor Day and will close at 5 pm on September 9th for a staff event.



Story Times: Marcia will be doing Storytimes in September. Toddler Time (2 years and under) are Tuesdays at 10:10 and Story Time (3-5 year olds) are at 11:00. **There will be no Storytimes on September 15th due to Primary Elections.**

Library Book Club

Join us at the Library on September 10th at 9 am to discuss the book "Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.



Next month's book is "Cold Sassy Tree" by Olive Ann Burns.

We've had a great summer at the library with our numbers of circulation and visitations increasing monthly. In June we circulated 38,585 items compared to last June's 28,153 !

If you don't have a library card, September is **Library Card Sign-up Month** so come in today to get a card or use the one you already have!

FALL BOOK SALE: Don't miss the Friends of the North Logan Library's **Fall Book Sale!** On Friday, Sept. 18th, from noon until dusk and on Saturday, Sept. 19th, from 9 am until 3 pm, we will be selling used books on the grassy area in front of Wal-Mart parking lot. Paperback books sell for 50 cents and most hardbound copies go for a dollar (\$1). These sales are made possible by your generous book donations.

You may drop off donations at the front desk of the library. If you are having a garage sale and have books that remain unsold, call Joe Hawkes (753-5864) about donating them to the Friends. All book sale proceeds go towards buying new materials at the North Logan Library.

NORTH LOGAN PUMPKIN WALK

This year our theme is: "**And Now a Word From Our Sponsor...**". This will be fun to remember our old favorite commercials. The dates are October 22nd thru the 27th (except for Sunday). If you would like to participate this year we can use **your help!**

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| You can create a scene | ** | You can carve pumpkins |
| You can pass out cookies | ** | You can be a handyman and help those who put up scenes |

Contact Michelle Weaver at 752-1473 or 770-5950.

We also have several opportunities for Eagle Scout Service Projects during the month of October such as: Cornstalk cutting and transporting, Cornstalk Fencing, Electrical, Log Fencing, Clean Up, Fires, and Pumpkin Stands. If you are interested, please contact Brett Daniels at 755-7147.



Economic boost for the whole valleyPlease read what Bret Swalberg of Orem Utah says about our Pumpkin Walk: "I tell all of my friends about the event, and have gotten quite a number to make the trek up. We talk about it all year long. Just the other day I realized it was only 2 months away and started getting excited! Pumpkin Walk, hotel room, swimming, movie, Bluebird Cafe, USU ice cream, Willow Park zoo, and squeaky cheese! It's the same routine for us every year, but we never get tired of it. There is something magical about the Pumpkin Walk: the night air, the smells, the people, the scenes, the jack-o-lantern fire barrels, and the witch at the end that has scared my now 4-year old daughter every year, hahaha. Last year was the first that we rode the shuttle in, and even that was so much fun! Thanks for putting on such a great community event. I will try to say hello when we're up there (it's always Friday night for us). " *so come on out and join the magic.....*