



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE: PUMPKIN WALK

Each year during the last week in October, thousands from Cache Valley and beyond come to North Logan and enjoy the Halloween magic of Pumpkin Walk. People of all ages come – families with wide-eyed children in hand who get joy watching little faces as they see the scenes; older people who walk through the displays and flash back to an earlier time when simple joys were had by carving a pumpkin, placing a candle inside and putting it out to greet trick or treaters. They come in groups, and buses loaded with kids. When they leave, everyone has been touched by the experience. Over the years hundreds of thousands have come to the Pumpkin Walk; but few know how it all started.

It all began in 1984 when Ida Beutler, a retired school teacher and farmer's wife, set up a group of scarecrow figures in their pasture next to the road at the corner of 1600 East and 1900 North. Neighbors out walking in the neighborhood paused to enjoy the small display; an occasional car traveling on the road stopped. The word spread, and more people came with their children to the Beutler's place; they took pictures of their kids standing and sitting next to the scarecrows

The Beutler farm is nestled on the east bench beneath a towering mountain backdrop surrounded by historic old farm buildings; it was the perfect spot. Ida and Wally Beutler and their six daughters and families, plus a crew of recruits, gathered up bunches of cornstalks, hay bales, and all the pumpkins they could muster. The farm began to look like a picture in a child's fairytale storybook. An entrance took shape and a trail was created that meandered through the cow pasture; scenes came to life along the canal bank, orchard and pasture. In one memorable scene inside one of the sheds, signers of the Declaration of Independence were seen standing in full costume, ruffled shirts and white wigs adorning their pumpkin heads.

Under Ida's loving guidance, the creativity of those who helped, transformed the farm into something very special, and each year the people kept coming in greater numbers. Nancy Israelsen was among the "charter members" of this group and became instrumental in creating scenes, first made of cardboard. As time passed, the painted scenery became more permanent, made of plywood. Scene-makers figured out better ways to paint pumpkin, squash, and gourds, and made the scenes more elaborate.

In the third year, the simple entrance was changed, and in place of the barbed wire gate, the visitors walked through the mouth of a giant smiling pumpkin.

In 1990 Pumpkin Walk took a leave of absence for a year. It had grown so much that the farm couldn't hold it any longer; parking became a big problem, and so did the logistics to put on the event. Thousands of people were coming, and the area was just too limiting to continue there. North Logan City leaders wanted to see the Pumpkin Walk tradition continue. It needed a permanent place and Elk Ridge Park was selected as the site. The city offered to help out by providing some financial assistance and help from the parks people and city work crews. In 1991 Pumpkin Walk was in its new "digs". The hundreds of lighted pumpkins grew and a growing volunteer base joined in putting up the scenes, carving pumpkins, and keeping candles burning. The growth of this event has increased so much that parking has been expanded and CVTA has provided busing from Greenville School in recent years.

Space does not permit the listing of all who volunteer in putting this event together. Here is the core group that makes up the Pumpkin Walk Committee. They are hard at work to make it all happen.

Brett & GayLynn Daniels--City Representatives/Coordinator

Dedee Dalebout--Secretary

Nancy Israelsen--Creative Director who has been an integral part of Pumpkin Walk from the beginning

Michelle Weaver--Event Coordinator

Marlyn McKinley, Sandy Ballard, Janet Jepsen, Sallie Petersen, Kris Thurgood--Scenes

Kristy Marshall, and Irene Hola--Scenery

Gina Worthen & Heather Foltz--Publicity

Diana Maughan and Sandra Anderson--Hospitality

Nolan Mackay--Electrical

Katherine Stevens--Witch Recruiter

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PUMPKIN WALK

There are many more volunteers and city staff here who are now coming together and more are needed. If you wish to help out in any way give Michelle Weaver a call at 752-1473 or 770-5950 or Brett or GayLynn Daniels at 435-755-7147. There is plenty to do.

Pumpkin Walk has grown beyond the imagination of those who remember what it was at the farm. Many thousands of visitors come each year from Utah and bordering states. Though not the same as then, the magic is still there; children still stand in wide-eyed amazement and people, young and old feel anticipation and excitement as they walk through the entrance.

It's just a couple weeks off and will run from Thursday, Oct. 22nd through Tuesday, Oct. 27th, closed on Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely, Cary Watkins

What's Happening in City Council?

The City Council meetings for the month of October will be on the 7th and the 21st. At the time this newsletter was written there were only three items on the agenda for these meetings. The monthly financial report for the end of September is planned to be presented during the meeting on the 21st.

During the October 7th meeting the council will be considering two ordinances, for which public hearings were held during the September 16th council meeting. The first ordinance being considered is a proposed change to the city's subdivision ordinance regarding the guarantee of improvements for subdivisions. When a developer divides property through the subdivision process he is required to put in certain improvements to the land such as roads, water lines, and sewer lines. Before lots are sold, the developer must guarantee through some kind of bond that the funds are available to ensure the improvements are made. The developer is also required to warrantee that the improvements are free of problems or defects for one year following the completion of the work. This ordinance makes some changes to the current city code that regulates this process and brings it in conformity with recent changes to state law.

The second ordinance that will be considered for adoption is an ordinance on group dwellings. Group dwellings include such things as residential facilities for the elderly or disabled, assisted living facilities, dormitories, and boarding houses. Some group dwellings have to be allowed in the city by state law but others can be prohibited or restricted. Recent changes in state law and recent court rulings have made some of our city ordinances regarding group dwellings outdated. This ordinance being considered by the council will correct our city code in this regard.

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.

NORTH LOGAN CITY GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Election Day Voting Locations:

Precincts 2, 3 & 4 at the North Logan City Library - 425 East 2500 North, North Logan, UT

Precincts 1, 5 & 6 at the Professional Development & Technical Center - 2035 North 1200 East, North Logan, UT

CANDIDATES for Mayor, 4-year term: Lloyd Berentzen

CANDIDATES for City Council, 4-year term:

John C. Bailey

L. Alan Collins

Nancy H. Potter

Lucy Peterson-Watkins

NEW UTAH STATE VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS:

To vote in elections Utah Law now requires that **ALL VOTERS PRESENT VALID IDENTIFICATION**. This is either a **VALID** form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter or **two VALID** forms of identification that bear the name of the voter and provides evidence of the voter's residence.

Vote Early: Oct. 20 to Oct. 30, 2009 - North Logan City Offices, during regular office hours

North Logan allows you to vote early through the Absentee Ballot process. You may vote when you turn in your application, or you may have a ballot mailed to you. For additional information please contact Scott Bennett, Election Official at 752-1310 ext 22 or go online at: <http://www.cachecounty.org/elections> or <http://www.leaveyourprint.com>

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT: Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

North Logan City Library - 425 East 2500 North, North Logan, UT

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



GROWTH CORNER

OCTOBER

7 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
 8 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
 12 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
 12 - Columbus Day - **City Office is CLOSED**
 13 - Friends of the Library - 6:30 p.m.
 14 - **MEET THE CANDIDATES** - 6:00 p.m.
 21- City Council - 6:00 p.m.
 22- Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 - **PUMPKIN WALK**
 City Council & Planning Commission meet at the North Logan Library at 475 East 2500 North.
 To see the complete calendar of events visit our web site at: <http://www.ci.north-logan.ut.us/calendar>

Home Businesses

Jester's Baubles
 Wordy Bird

THE PRICE OF CEMETERY LOTS HAVE CHANGED: \$350.00 FOR NORTH LOGAN RESIDENT; AND, \$600.00 FOR NON-NORTH LOGAN RESIDENT

Permit Type	2009 to date	2008 to date
Single Family Residence	13	20
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	2	3
Office	2	4
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	3	1

JUST A REMINDER - THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON OCT 1st, 15th & 29th.

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

**** DISTRACTED DRIVERS ****



Currently there has been much in the news concerning distracted drivers. This is a topic that I am challenging all residents to make a point of discussing in their households. Please talk about what some of the distractions are that can occur while we are driving. Come up with personal plans to reduce distractions while you are driving. I would like to address two distractions:

#1 Texting while driving Studies have shown that texting while driving reduces your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle to the same level as a person driving at twice the legal limit of alcohol in their system. Make the commitment to not read or respond to texts while you are driving. Texting while driving is against the law.

#2 Talking on your cell phone while driving Not long ago I was substituting for one of our crossing guards on 800 E. Within a one half hour time frame I counted 30 drivers conversing on a cell phone while they were driving. Currently the law says that if you are talking on a cell phone that you are holding up to your ear and you commit a moving violation, other than speeding, then you can be charged with Careless Driving. Dr. David Stayers, of the University of Utah has done and published studies showing that simply talking on a cell phone can be distracting and impairs you as a driver. Make this a point of discussion in your homes and decide and commit to reduce the behaviors that make you a **DISTRACTED DRIVER**.

Safety Tip How to secure home windows. Most of our homes have windows that are the sliding style. As we are heading into the cooler weather we want to have our windows open more to take advantage of the temperatures. Screens are not a security device and we cannot depend on them to stop someone from entering our homes. Most windows have a sliding bracket in the top of the frame that can be moved along the track and positioned so the window can't be lifted out of the track. This takes care of the windows being lifted out of the track but you have to place something in the bottom track to restrict how far open the window can be pushed. A wooden dowel works well. It is important to not allow the window to be opened too wide, thus allowing someone from the outside to reach in and remove the dowel or climb in the window. When our windows are shut make sure they are latched.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON



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

LIBRARY NEWS:

Library Closures: The Library will be closed October 12th for Columbus Day.

Story Times: Judi will be doing Storytimes in October. 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 October 13th due to Staff Training.

Library Book Club: Join us at the Library on October 8th at 9 a.m. to discuss the book "Cold Sassy Tree" by Olive Ann Burns.

Next month's book is "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle.

FRIENDS OF THE NORTH LOGAN LIBRARY

Did you know that you can help S-T-R-E-T-C-H the library's budget by becoming a volunteer? The current economic climate has made even our library tighten its belt. There are certain jobs that only paid staff members can do, but there are also many smaller jobs that trained and dependable volunteers can help with. The library is currently looking for volunteers to become story-time presenters, help cover new books (and speed up the time it takes to get new books on the shelves), re-shelve books, water plants . . . and much more.

Do you have a little extra time you could spend at the library each week? Please call the library to schedule training (435-755-7169) or, better yet, show up in person!

No Nighttime Parking on Streets after

November 15th OR if it snows before.....

It is that time of year to remember that it snows in Cache Valley! We would like to remind everyone that starting **November 15th or before, if it SNOWS**, the winter parking ordinance (11-604) will go into effect. This means vehicles cannot be parked on city street curbs and shoulders between **1:00 am - 5:00 am** on any day. Please let your **family and friends** know as citations will be issued during these hours. During other hours, if it is snowing, or beginning to snow, we'd appreciate you not parking on the streets so that our snow plows can keep your roads clean and safe for you and your family.



Thank you, Streets Department

CERT TRAINING

The North Logan CERT organization began its fall certification training on September 16th and would like to recognize the support of the North Park Elementary School for supplying a location for classes to be held. CERT members will also be providing a first aid station at the Pumpkin Walk and providing other community service as needed at this annual event. Discussions are underway to identify other service areas where CERT can provide support.

Any CERT member who would like to participate in this or other community events should contact the NLC CERT Coordinator, David Benson, at cert@ci.north-logan.ut.us.

Work is underway to update the CERT web site. We will post our meeting dates as well as training opportunities, not only in North Logan but throughout the valley. Please drop by to see what we're doing, or to edit your CERT membership information. www.northlogancert.org.



Free Senior Health Fair - Sponsored by Alpine Home Health.

8 stations will be available.

Friday, October 23rd, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At Pioneer Valley Lodge Retirement, 2351 North 400 East, North Logan, UT