

## North Logan City

# NEWS

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#### **MARCH 2010**

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#### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE:**

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On February 17, 2010, the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute in conjunction with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control released the County Health Rankings report for the State of Utah. This report concludes that **where we live matters to our health**. This is based on several different factors such as quality of health care, individual behavior, education and jobs, and the environment we live in. The report utilizes mortality and morbidity data gathered through the Centers for Disease Control and individual County vital records information.

We have always known that Utah is always near the top when it comes to quality of life and longevity of life. Now we know that *Cache County ranks #1* in mortality data for longevity of life or *life expectancy* when compared to all the counties in the State of Utah. *Cache Valley also ranks 3<sup>rd</sup>* highest only behind Morgan and Beaver counties for Morbidity or *quality of life*. Not all of the news is great as we fall short in the physical environment area, mainly because of episodic air quality challenges. However, our overall ranking in Health Outcomes was 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the state with Morgan County ranking #1.

This kind of research reaffirms what we have known for a long time and that is, when compared to the rest of the country and even the rest of the state, we have much to celebrate and be grateful for. North Logan is a key component of Cache County and a wonderful place to live and call home.

Even though this is great news, there are still many opportunities to improve and even protect what we currently enjoy. One of the things that I would like to try is to get a greater understanding of unique issues and concerns that are important to different areas of the city. In order to accomplish this, I want to leave an open invitation to neighborhoods or subdivisions which might like to talk about specific issues that pertain to their area. If there is a neighbor who would host or take the lead I would be glad to attend that I might better understand any unique areas of concern.

In order to arrange this, if there is a neighborhood group that wants to organize such a meeting, please contact the receptionist (435-752-1310 ext 10) at the city offices who will coordinate times to facilitate such a meeting. This would be a great opportunity to discuss issues and solutions to problems that do not always make it to a city council agenda. I look forward to this opportunity.

For the full report referred to above please go to www.countyhealthrankings.org/utah

Sincerely, Mayor Lloyd Berentzen

#### What's Happening in City Council?

The City Council meetings for the month of March will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm. As of the date of preparing this newsletter there is only one item on the agenda for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A public hearing is planned for that meeting. The public hearing will be to receive public input on a proposed ordinance adopting a change to the Subdivision Ordinance. The proposed change is needed in order to effect the requirement to use new storm water design standards being proposed to be added by resolution to the city's Design Standards Technical Manual. Following the public hearing the council may choose to vote on this ordinance and the associated resolution.

The agendas for the meetings in March will include preliminary work on the city's budget for fiscal year 2011 which will begin in July of 2010. The economic situation of the city is probably better than most other cities in the state but the economy will undoubtedly require us to tighten our belts next year even more than we did this year.

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.

#### The City Council Wants You

The City Council is encouraging scout troops, families, or any other groups to provide the opening ceremonies for city council meetings. Typically the members of the council lead those present in a Pledge of Allegiance and someone offers a prayer, but the council would like to see more community involvement. Contact the city offices if you would like to have your group provide an opening ceremony for a council meeting. The guidelines for participation, as set forth in North Logan Resolution 04-04, are simple:

The opening ceremony should be short (short is intended to mean no more than three minutes) and should not be specifically related to any item on the agenda or a specific city/political issue. It is intended that the tone of the opening ceremony be positive, encouraging, and uplifting. The opening ceremony is not the appropriate place to hear public input on a particular city issue, such input shall be scheduled as a regular agenda item.

The ceremony may include any comments (even religious proselytizing or political comments) that are appropriate for public gatherings. The opening ceremony may be patriotic and include such things as the Pledge of Allegiance; it may be religious in nature (such as including a prayer, invocation, or reverence); or it may be non-religious including such things as a thought, a poem, or a reading.



### It's that time again to . . . . SPRING forward your clocks. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 14th, 2010!

#### SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!

North Park Police are accepting applications for substitute crossing guards. If you are interested, please contact the North Park Police at 435-753-7600.



#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR**

North Logan City is sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Fair for all North Logan citizens on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The LDS Church building on the corner of 1800 North and 400 East has been made available for this event and everyone is invited. Plan to attend and get information about preparedness as well as response to and survival through emergency situations. Learn how and when to (and when not to) shut off utilities to your house including water, electricity and natural gas. Learn about food storage and power generators, how to put together 72-hour kits for your family, gardening, sanitation, and even the financial aspects of emergency planning and response. There will be training from the Bear River Health Department, North Logan Fire and Rescue, North Logan Public Works, and the North Park Police Department. You can learn how to operate a fire extinguisher, build a solar oven, or an emergency handcart, and even learn the right way to hook up an electric power generator to service some of your home's electrical circuits. It is recommended that those attending be twelve and older so you can really concentrate on the information being presented, but don't stay away if you need to bring littler ones. Direct questions to Jeff Jorgensen, City Administrator and Director of Emergency Services, 752-1310 ext.14

#### **Surviving Against All Odds** - presented by Jim Phillips from Orem, Utah.

Mr. Phillips is very knowledgeable on the subject of emergency preparedness and will speak on the emotions of dealing with a natural disaster and determining within ourselves to make it, no matter what.

Date: March 20, 2010 Time: 6:00 p.m.

BATC East Room 840

1301 North 600 West, Logan, UT

Everyone is invited. Cost is \$5 per person.



#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH



Home Businesses

GROWTH CORNER

- 3 City Council 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
- 9 Friends of the Library 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins spring forward
- 16 Library Board 3:30 p.m.
- 17 City Council 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Parks & Recreation 3:30 p.m. City Office Conference Room

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

Commercial Businesses	
United Athletic Club Inc	

Solicitor - Insulation Specialists

Blue recycling cans will be picked up on March 4th, 18th & April 1st.

Permit Type	2010 to date	2009 to date	
Single Family Residence	1	0	
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0	
New Commercial (Retail)	1	0	
Office	2	0	
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0	
Industrial	1	1	

#### FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

One of the current crises we are dealing with in Cache Valley as well as across the country is the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Many of the drugs that are finding their way onto the streets come from the medicine cabinets of our homes. In an effort to combat this problem we are asking for your help.

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, a secure drop-off box will be located at the North Logan City Offices foyer. This box is for the collection of expired, excess prescription or over-the-counter medications that you have in your medicine cabinets. Attached to the side of the collection box will be a sharps container for the secure deposit of used needles and syringes. We would like you to do an inventory of your medications. If there are any that are expired or that you no longer have need of, bring them to the city office and drop them in the collection box. This box will be emptied regularly and the contents weighed, sealed in an evidence bag and stored in our evidence storage. These drugs will then be incinerated which is a much safer and more environmentally friendly way to dispose of them. Evaluate the location in your home where you store your medications. Is it a secure place? Monitor your medications closely. Help us reduce the amount of medications that might fall into the hands of those who could abuse them.

### Spice on Ice: Chef Cook-Off and Live Auction

The George S. Eccles Ice Center will be hosting its 7th annual Spice on Ice fundraiser on Thursday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m. The event will feature a chef cook-off and live auction. Chefs from local restaurants will compete in the event by preparing and serving one of their signature entrees. Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased at the Eccles Ice Center, which is located at 2825 N 200 E, or by calling (435) 787-2288. Tickets are \$50 per person, with all proceeds going to benefit the operations of the Ice Center and its programs. The ticket price includes appetizers from various restaurants, an entrée from each competing chef, and dessert. The live auction will be filled with great prizes and is open to anyone, with or without a ticket. Please help support our local, non-profit, Ice Center by attending this year's event.

**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 streets department 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 8TH** 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 5TH.** 

#### LIBRARY NEWS

#### **Story Times**

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 March 23, 2010.



#### **Library Book Club**

Join us at the Library on March 11, 2010 at 9 am to discuss the book "#1 Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith. Next month's book is "Eve's Daughters" by Lynn Austin.

#### Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

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

#### **Youth Advisory Group**

Call the library for activity dates and time 755-7169.

#### Kindergarten Registration for North Park Elementary 2010/2011

It is time for Kindergarten registration at North Park, Greenville, Summit, Sunrise Elementary and the new Elementary in Smithfield. Registration will be in your child's School Office on March  $24^{th}$  from 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. and March  $25^{th}$  from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Registration for the new school in Smithfield will be at Sunrise Elementary. To register this year, your child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2010.

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

You will need to bring a certified birth certificate and if possible we would like you to bring a copy for us. You will also need to bring 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 in our records 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 expenses. Please make checks out to your specific school. For boundary information on which school your child will attend, go to: <a href="https://www.ccsdut.org">www.ccsdut.org</a> and click on District News.

If you have questions, please call the secretary at the school your student will be attending.

North Park Elementary 752-5121 Greenville Elementary 750-7888
Summit Elementary 563-6269 Sunrise Elementary 563-3866

For questions about the new Smithfield School Contact any of the above schools.



#### Friends of North Logan Library

The **Friends of the North Logan Library** held its annual meeting in January. New Board members were installed. Linda Keith is the President with Jill Morgan as Vice-President. Many others also serve. If you have questions about the Friends organization call Linda at 435-787-4108.

The **Friends of North Logan Library** supports the Library with volunteers, contributions and activities. Some of the activities of the **Friends** include raising money for books, providing volunteers, assisting with the Summer Reading Program, the 24<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast and Used Book Sales. The **Friends** were instrumental in obtaining the beautiful *Flights of Learning* statue which now sits on the grounds of the library.

The annual membership drive will be conducted during the next few months. Membership is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. Please welcome the volunteer who knocks on your door or drop your payment off at the front desk of the Library. Join your neighbors to support our Library as generously as you can. If you have questions about membership, contact Cliff or Pat Cahoon, our membership coordinators at 435-753-1187.