



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

An item of immediate importance to bring to your attention is our sewer system and the sewer rates that will have a significant increase in the near future. How significant is yet to be determined based on new standards for levels of phosphorus allowed by the State of Utah and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sewer rates charged in North Logan have been held constant since 2004 while costs of the sewer system have gone up. The majority of our cost increases have come from the increased rates Logan City has had to charge us for treating our sewage. For the past two years we have been spending more than we have been bringing in from sewer fees. We are in deficit spending in this fund and we cannot continue to do this. Our Sewer Fund is separate from the General Fund, the Water Fund, and the Library fund and it must stand on its own. Only our sewer fees can be used to pay for the sewer system - no other funds can be diverted into this fund to cover its costs.

Most of the rate increase passed on to us from Logan City comes from additional environmental regulations from the State of Utah and the EPA. Logan City operates the sewer lagoons that treat the sewage from seven cities, one of which is North Logan. The discharge out of the sewer lagoons empties into the Cutler Reservoir. To meet new environmental regulations, the sewer lagoon system will need to be upgraded. We will not meet the new standards for levels of phosphorus unless some changes are made to the treatment system. The City of Logan is considering new technologies proposed by USU Department of Biological Engineering to reduce effluent phosphorous. This technology has the potential of reducing phosphorous by encouraging more algae growth. A Dissolve Air Flotation (DAF) system would be added to remove the algae from the effluent of the lagoons. The estimated capital cost for these improvements is about \$10 million. If the algae and DAF system do not meet the effluent requirements the solution may be to add secondary clarifiers, an activated sludge system, and improvements at the lagoon headworks. These improvements could cost an additional \$25 million or more.

Logan City has had to increase their sewer rates and the fee they charge each of these cities to treat their sewage in order to raise the funds needed for system improvements. In 2004 we only had to pay \$1.05 per thousand gallons (KG) of sewage sent to the lagoons. North Logan now pays Logan City \$1.34 per KG collected and treated, but beginning July 1, 2010 they will charge us \$1.87 per KG in order to collect the funds needed for these capital improvements. All of the cities in the system will contribute their share of the improvement costs. These higher rates will yield the \$10 million for the initial improvements. If additional improvements are needed, the community will be looking for federal grant money that may or may not come our way. What complicates this issue even further is that Logan City has been working with Senator Bob Bennett to get federal assistance funds and Logan City officials have suggested that these funds may now be in jeopardy as a result of recent political events. We'll have to wait and see.

We typically send about 360,000 gallons of sewage to Logan City each year. If we pay Logan City \$1.87 per KG to have it treated and collect only \$1.15 per KG, you can see it is costing us the difference of \$0.72 per KG. For 360,000 gallons, that shorts us about \$259,000 per year. The sewer fund cannot absorb this kind of a shortfall.

As part of this year's budget discussions the Council will be considering an increase to the sewer rates. It is anticipated that customers with a typical home using about six thousand gallons of water per month will see the sewer part of their utility bill go up about \$13.00. As we work on the new budget we are committed to avoiding any other tax or fee increases knowing that this increase in the sewer fee could be a strain, especially for those on very limited budgets.

Please feel free to contact me or the city staff if you have any questions and especially suggestions on this important issue.
Lloyd Berentzen, Mayor

What's Happening in City Council?

The City Council meetings for the month of June will be on the 2nd and the 16th starting at 6:30 pm. During the June 2nd meeting the council will consider a proposed ordinance amending the city's zoning regulations such that a helipad would be allowed in the Hospital Zone. A public hearing was held on this issue May 19th.

Both of the meetings in June will be mostly used to consider the municipal budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning in July. The meeting on the 2nd will include a public hearing to receive input on the proposed budget as well as minor changes to close out the current year's budget. The council will also be considering a resolution increasing the sewer rates throughout the city.

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.

BE A LEAK SEEKER! A slow drip can add up to 15 or 20 gallons a day. Check all your faucets once or twice a year. If any of them drip after you have turned them off firmly, try replacing the washer. Most leaks, aside from toilets, are in faucets and are most commonly caused by worn washers. If the leak continues after replacing the washer, something else may be wrong and you may want to get in touch with a plumber.

PETS - did you know that each family can only have 2 dogs or 4 cats in the City of North Logan without a kennel license issued by the City?

- did you know that each pet, whether inside or outside, dog or cat, **MUST** be vaccinated for Rabies and licensed with the City of North Logan?

Each day our Animal Control Officer picks up wandering dogs and cats. Without license tags on the pets, we have no way of returning the lost pet. This causes suffering for both the pet and their family.

IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO LICENSE YOUR PET. Bring your vaccination certificate from your veterinary for each pet to the City office at 2076 N 1200 E. Pet licenses expire when the rabies vaccination expire. For DOGS the cost is \$10 if spayed/neutered and \$20 if not; CATS the cost is \$5 if spayed/neutered and \$10 if not. If you have lived in the City and not licensed your pet or if you are late in re-licensing your pet, the cost is \$15/\$30 for dogs and \$7.50/\$15 for cats. Please be responsible and license your pets!



If you want to have fun digging in the dirt, we will be installing a small portion of the B.S.A. Centennial Trail at 2850 N and approximately 2100 E on Saturday, June 5th starting at 9:00 a.m..



STORM WATER MANAGEMENT - WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Sweep, instead of hosing off the driveway, street, or sidewalk. Water from run-off from driveways or sidewalks carries contaminants, such as dirt, motor oil, fertilizers, and animal waste, through storm drains and into waterways. Do not wash your car in the driveway. Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on the lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing through a storm drain and into waterways. Do not apply fertilizers or pesticides before a rain event.

Start weeding your "Great Pumpkin" patch. The pumpkins to be displayed for the LARGEST PUMPKINS scene at this year's Pumpkin Walk need the sun, water and pumpkin food more than the weeds!



SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE SUMMER! North

Logan City would like to thank the Crossing Guards for all their hard work and for keeping our kids safe this past school year.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR
JUNE



- 2 - City Council - 6:30 p.m.
- 3 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - Friends of the Library - 6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 15 - Library Board - 3:30 p.m.
- 16 - City Council - 6:30 p.m.
- 17 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 - ART ON THE LAWN
- 28 - 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.northlogancity.org>

Home Businesses

Revolution Diesel LLC

Commercial Businesses

GROWTH
CORNER

Remember to have your garbage can out by 7:00 a.m. Blue recycling cans will be picked up on June 10th & 24th.

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>2010 to date</u>	<u>2009 to date</u>
Single Family Residence	12	2
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	3	0
Office	4	0
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	1	2



1491 East 2300 North

Friday June 25 2 pm-7 pm Old Home and Silent Auction opens

Saturday June 26 10 am- 6pm *Chili Cook Out 4pm- 6pm*

Michael Bingham to host Community Paint In; **Lee Burningham** to host Potters' Field;

Plein Air artists welcome ; All day local entertainment; Hot Dogs served by *Friends of the North Logan Library*; Aggie Ice Cream severed by *the Cache Education Foundation*.

Free admission, free parking, leashed and behaved dogs welcome!

Sponsored by: Dean F. & Bessie C. Peterson Foundation for Cache Valley Arts, Friends of the North Logan Library and Robert Daniel Lynch Memorial Scholarship Fund. Some lawn space may be available for Cache Valley artists.

Lucy Watkins 752-4749 www.artonthelawn.net

Hazardous Waste Facility

Environmental.loganutah.org

435-713-6686 or 435-750-9981 Monday - Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 200 N 1400 W, Logan, UT 84321

The household hazardous waste facility located at the Logan City Landfill is open to collect residential waste considered unsafe to be buried. Hazardous waste is a problem in landfills and in garbage trucks because it can lead to fires, explosions and toxic contamination of the soil and groundwater. Please bring hazardous waste to our facility where they are taken for FREE with the exception of items containing Freon (refrigerators) and tires. A few examples of residential hazardous waste are: antifreeze, bleach, car batteries, computers and monitors, gasoline & unwanted fuels, household cleaners, insecticides/pesticides/fungicides, mercury items (fluorescent light bulbs), motor oil, paint, paint thinners, pool & spa chemicals, propane cylinders, televisions.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT HAZARDOUS WASTE PLEASE CALL 435-713-6686.

Water on the Streets

One of the things that is most destructive to asphalt streets is to be wet the majority of the time. The water penetrates through the asphalt and softens the road base. When traffic goes over these wet spots the base gives way and the asphalt begins to crack. As this cycle continues we develop "pot holes". Please set your sprinklers so the water stays on the area where plants are growing and not on the asphalt roads and gutters. We live in the second driest state in the nation, but have the highest per capita usage of water. Thank you, Street Department and Utility Department

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON



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

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Book Club

Join us at the Library on June 10th at 9 am to discuss the book "The Truth About Sparrows" by Marian Hale.

Next month's book is "A Lantern in Her Hand" by Bess Aldrich.

Summer Reading Programs: Make A Splash @ Your Library and Make Waves @ Your Library.

The **Summer Reading Kickoff is Wednesday, June 2nd** on the North Logan City Library lawn from 3 pm to 6 pm. Come sign-up and enjoy free refreshments, music, and amusement park rides.

Activities for Preschool Age:

Story Times: Toddler Time (2 years and under) are Tuesdays at 10:10 am and Story Time (3-5 year olds) are at 11:00 am. **No storytimes on June 22nd due to Elections.**

Activities for ages finished K-starting 6th:

June 23rd @ 2:30 pm Paint a Beach Bag in Library Meeting Room

July 7th @ 2:30 pm "Splish Splash Water Games" outside

Activities for the Teens (12-18):

June 9th @ 2:30 pm "Beach Bag Bling" in Library Meeting Room

June 30th @ 2:30 pm "Flip Flop Fun" bring a pair of flip flops to decorate with fabric. The State Library has funded much of the materials for this program through an annual Community Library Enhancement Funds grant, and generous community sponsors are donating fabulous prizes for the prize room!



Movie Tuesday's

Come watch a "G" rated movie every Tuesday @ 2 pm starting June 8th until August 17th (**Except on June 22nd**). All ages welcome, but children 8 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

State Park Pass

We now have one State Park Pass available on a one week check-out period. This allows you to go to any State Park in Utah and gives you discounts on camping. Come check it out today!

Pioneer Day Celebration Volunteers Needed! Preparations are underway for our Pioneer Day Celebration to be held Sat., July 24th. Our festivities will begin with a flag ceremony and pancake breakfast at Elk Ridge Park, followed by our annual Pioneer Day Parade and entertainment, food and games at Mt. View Park. The day will conclude with fireworks at dark at Elk Ridge Park. Mark your calendars now and plan on spending the day with family, friends and neighbors. **Are YOU interested in volunteering?** We can use you! Individuals, groups and organizations are encouraged to show their community spirit and put an entry in the parade. If you are willing to help or be part of the celebration contact GayLynn at 435-755-7147.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT.

Do you know about the new TOBACCO???

The most common new tobacco products are e-cigarettes, sticks, strips, orbs and snus. Let us begin by saying, "**THESE PRODUCTS ARE NOT SAFE!**" Although they do not produce the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, they are highly addictive and cause mouth and other cancers. They contain many of the same toxins, they just offer a different method of use. Some are currently available in Utah and others are flooding the market quickly.

E-cigarette: Is a battery powered device that looks and feels like a regular cigarette. Users puff on it as they would a real cigarette, but they do not light it and it produces no smoke. Rather, it produces a fine, heated vapor or mist which is absorbed into the lungs. Sadly, these e-cigarettes are being sold unregulated, and can be purchased in our own Cache Valley Mall!

Tobacco Strips: Are dissolvable films (like Listerine breath stripes) which are meant to be placed in the mouth and are often flavored. They have a high nicotine content. As such, they have a high addiction potential due the delivery of nicotine to the body.

Camel Dissolvable: Oregon Lawmakers are calling these "tobacco candy". Toothpick-like sticks, tic-tac size lozenges, and melt-away tobacco strips designed to dissolve in the mouth without the need for spitting. Camel Dissolvable delivers up to three times the nicotine in a single cigarette.

Orbs & Snus: Orbs resemble small breath mints and again, have high nicotine content. Camel Snus is a smokeless, spit less tobacco product. They look like tiny tea bags and are meant to be placed between the gum and cheek, just like chewing tobacco. However, instead of the required spitting, it is designed for accumulated saliva to be swallowed directly.

Energy Dip: "Revved Up Energy Dip". This is caffeine infused energy chew made for Marines and is sold by Southern Smokeless Tobacco. The claim is that it contains 150mg caffeine (compared to Red Bull which has 80 mg caffeine and Mt.Dew with 55mg of caffeine). *Remember, there is no safe tobacco product. Existing and emerging tobacco products cause cancer and kill. Tell your friends, neighbors, and especially your kids, that smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to cigarettes.*

For more information, contact **Bear River Health Department at 435-792-6510.**