



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

On the ballot this November there will be a non-binding opinion question, designed to give the County an idea of how our citizens feel about a County Wide Library System. In other words, how we vote will send a message of the way we feel about this issue.

Here is the language that will appear on the ballot:

Shall the Cache County Council establish a countywide library system?

A countywide library system would provide library service to all Cache County citizens from multiple branch library locations. Citizens could select library materials online, and then pick up and return the materials at any of these branch locations.

A dedicated property tax would be levied to support the operation of the countywide library.

*Citizens who live in municipalities that already have a library funded by a property tax (Logan and North Logan) would continue to pay about the same for a countywide library system as they are now paying for library service.

*Citizens living in other municipalities, and those living in the unincorporated area would pay a library property tax at the same rate as those in Logan and North Logan which would be about \$82 per year on a home with a market value of \$193,000, which is the average home value in Cache County.

FOR [] AGAINST []

Because of North Logan's commitment to its own library, I thought it would be important that we know exactly what is being asked on the ballot. There are a few considerations that will need to be addressed should the countywide system come to fruition.

1. As citizens and as a city we have ownership over our Library facility (brick and mortar). How this will be reconciled with a countywide system needs to be addressed.

2. The Thorne Endowment – this generous donation will continue forward and how it is credited to North Logan in a countywide system will need to be addressed.

3. The books, media and other materials have become significant and have great value and represent a substantial investment over time. This also needs to be recognized in any future system.

Jeff Jorgensen has gone into some detail in clarifying these issues in a related article in this newsletter, see page 2. I hope we can be as informed as possible as we consider the future of our library system.

Sincerely, Mayor Lloyd Berentzen

What's Happening in City Council?

City Council will meet on its regular 1st and 3rd Wednesday during the month of October at the North Logan Library Meeting room. Please visit our website at www.northlogancity.org for upcoming meeting topics.

COUNTY-WIDE LIBRARY

A recent article in the Herald Journal provided some information regarding the proposed county-wide library system. Some of our residents, without reading the details in the article, may have been given the impression that a county-wide system would cost North Logan residents more than it would cost residents of other places in the valley. In an effort to try to explain what we know about the county-wide system I wanted to provide some information here in the newsletter. Hopefully this will help you understand more about what will be voted on in the upcoming election regarding the library system and how it may impact our library.

We should understand that a county-wide tax, if implemented, would have the same rate for all properties within the county. If your property's assessed value is higher, your taxes will be higher, if lower, your taxes will be lower – like any other property tax. Because the homes in North Logan have an average value that is higher than that in other communities, the article in the Herald Journal was correct in stating that we typically would pay more in property taxes for a library. Our rate would be no different, it's just that our property values are higher on average.

We also need to understand that the results of the election at not binding on any community. The results of the election on the library issue will be used by the various governmental agencies in the valley to make decisions knowing the will of the people. Our City Council and Library Board will use the information we get from the election to help us move forward in continuing to provide library service for our citizens. Since we already have a dedicated property tax for our library, the county cannot impose a tax in addition to our library tax nor can they replace our existing library tax without the consent of our City Council. Rest assured that if we join a county-wide system in lieu of having our own library, it will only be done if we feel that the new system would be better than the one we now have.

We have some unique issues that would need to be resolved before we would join a county-wide system and give up our autonomous library. We enjoy the benefits of operating our own library and making decisions that are in the best interest of our own citizens. We use the library building for many things other than just housing the library and we should ensure we keep the ability to do that in the future. We benefit from considerable revenue from a generous donation into an endowment which normally provides in excess of \$70,000 per year to help run our library. That will continue in perpetuity and can be used to benefit our citizens by reducing the amount of funds we need to operate the library. Through June of 2011 those funds have been provided in order to give Hyde Park residents the use of the library. After that date the funds from that endowment will continue and can more directly benefit the citizens of North Logan.

About 81% of the money needed to run the library comes from the dedicated property tax. About 14% comes from money generated from the Thorne Endowment. The other 5% comes from miscellaneous grants, contributions, fines for late books, etc.. To operate the North Logan Library it costs roughly \$400,000 per year. About 35% of those costs are wages and benefits for the employees and about 29% is to pay back the funds we borrowed to build the library. Purchasing new books and other things for our collection uses about 11% and the rest of the funds are used for taking care of the building and maintaining and replacing equipment plus there are some overhead costs. If we were to join a county-wide system we would have to figure out how all these things would be paid. There is also the possibility that we would enter in an agreement with the county whereby we would continue to keep, fund and operate our own library, but open it up for others to use with an agreement that North Logan residents could, in turn, use other libraries in a county-wide system. There are still many things to be worked out if a county-wide library system ever becomes a reality. North Logan has a great library now and will continue to have a great library, maybe even a better one, as we join with other communities in providing library services to all of the residents in the county. We are in the driver's seat in providing our citizens with continued, outstanding library service.

Jeff Jorgensen, City Administrator

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
OCTOBER



6 - City Council - 6:30 p.m.
 7 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
 11 - COLUMBUS DAY - CITY OFFICE IS CLOSED
 11 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
 12 - Friends of the Library - 6:30 p.m.
 19 - Library Board - 3:30 p.m.
 20 - City Council - 6:30 p.m.
 21 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
 25 - Parks & Recreation - 3:30 p.m. City Office Conf Rm
 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>

Next Daughters of Utah Pioneers-Ralph Smith Camp meeting is Thursday, October 14th, 1:30 pm at 1550 E. 1900 N., N. Logan.

Home Businesses
 Andrea's Sewing Workshop; Mr. Fix It
 Grover Health Center; Mommy Day Care
 Jodi's Family Care Center
Commercial Businesses
 APX Alarm; Xeron Oil & Gas, LLC
Miscellaneous
 Click2PickProduce.com
 Gold & Silver Extravaganza

GROWTH
CORNER

Remember cans out by 7:00 a.m. Blue recycle cans will be picked up on the 14TH & 28TH.

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>2010 to date</u>	<u>2009 to date</u>
Single Family (Bldg/units)	19/22	14/17
Multi-Family (Bldg/units)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	4	2
Office	4	2
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	2	2

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT WATER POLLUTION

- ***Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Properly***
 Never dump household hazardous waste such as pesticides, fertilizers, paint or solvents into a storm drain, open waterway or ditch. Storm drains discharge directly to canals and then streams without the benefit of treatment, unlike the drains inside homes and businesses that connect to the sanitary sewer system. Beyond posing a threat to our health and environment, such dumping is illegal.
- ***If Your Home Has a Drainage Ditch or Swale, Do Not Fill It In.***
- ***Dispose of yard waste properly.***
 Leaves swept to the curb will not be collected and can clog storm drains. Dumping yard waste into storm drains or waterways is harmful to the rivers and is illegal.
- ***Please Don't Litter!***
 Trash left along our roadways, ditches and stream banks washes into our waterways through rain and melting snow. Not only is littering illegal, it is an eyesore which can endanger wildlife and allow stagnant water to breed mosquitoes. Debris can also block drain inlets, preventing efficient drainage.
- ***Maintaining Cars and Driveways***
 - Maintain vehicles to prevent leaking fluids from washing into stormwater.
 - Absorb leaks on the driveway with sand or cat litter, then sweep and place in the trash.
 - Wash cars at a commercial car wash, or over gravel, if possible to avoid the soapy runoff from entering the storm drains. Car wash businesses are required to dispose of the water through the sanitary sewer system, where it will be treated.
 - Sweep debris from sidewalks and driveways instead of washing it away with water.

REMEMBER.....WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM

Fire Prevention Week October 3-9, 2010

Join the North Logan Fire Department on Wednesday, October 6th, for an open house to recognize National Fire Prevention Week. We will have demonstrations, light refreshments and you will have a chance to see some of the equipment and meet the firefighters. Kids can have their picture taken with Smokey the Bear and learn how to use a fire extinguisher. The open house will be from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, at station 120: 2005 North 1200 East, North Logan City (435)755-5739.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON



The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **OCTOBER 11TH** 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 8th.**

LIBRARY NEWS~ Library Closures:

The Library will be closed October 11th for Columbus Day.

Story Times:

Volunteers 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. Thank you again to the wonderful volunteers who help with storytime.



Library Book Club

Join us at the Library on October 14th at 9 am to discuss the book "Epicenter" by Joel C. Rosenberg. Next month's book is "**Barefoot Heart**" by Elva Trevino Hart.

Did you know?

The library has a large selection of Audio books in audiotapes, cd's and playaway formats. Come check them out today.

We have a large selection on the Utah Library website that you can download to your own device. Go to <http://www.northloganlibrary.org/> click on **Internet**

Resources, scroll down and click: **Pioneer: Utah's Online Library**, click on **Digital Collection**.

You have two options either NetLibrary or Overdrive. They have different titles so check both of them out. You can do this from home or at the library, but you'll need an access code which is C1P84341.

ALL YOU PUMPKIN GROWERS OUT THERE....IF YOU THINK YOUR PUMPKIN IS BIG, HUGE, IMMENSE · CALL THE CITY OFFICE AT 435-752-1310 EXT 10 AND PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST. WE WILL HAVE JUDGES GO OUT AND LOOK OVER YOUR PRIZE PUMPKINS AND SELECT "ONLY" THE MOST STUNNING OF SPECIMENS TO SHOW AT THE PUMPKIN WALK IN A SPECIAL DISPLAY. IF YOUR PUMPKIN IS CHOSEN, IT WILL BE POSTED WITH YOUR NAME SO ALL WILL KNOW !!!

THE PUMPKIN WALK THIS YEAR ... "The Magic of Animation".

Times: 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M. At: ELK RIDGE PARK, 1100 E 2500 N, NL
OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 (CLOSED SUNDAY)

Cost: **FREE** PLEASE COME AND ENJOY "*The Magic*"



For those who need assistance walking, golf carts are available.

The North Logan Pumpkin Walk needs anyone who is good with tools and wants to make a difference in their community. You are needed to help set up and take down the backdrops for the scenes and put everything away after the Pumpkin Walk is over. We set up on the 19th and 20th of October and take down on the 27th. In between we repair things the wind blows down and try to keep the lights on. It really is rewarding when you see the joy in the eyes of all the thousands of people who attend. If you are willing to help, even part of the time, please call Michelle Weaver at 435-752-1473. We are also in need of people to do scenes! This would be a great time to complete an Eagle Scout Project!!!

OCTOBER 2ND~NORTH LOGAN CITY'S-1ST EVER~"PUMPKIN RUN"



This will be our first 5-K run and 1 mile walk.
Time: 8:00 am. Cost: \$10 (t-shirt included).
The run will start and end at Elk Ridge Park.
Register on line at www.northlogancity.org

CALLING ALL SOCCER PLAYERS - OCT. 9TH - "PUMPKIN SMASH SOCCER TOURNAMENT"

AT ELK RIDGE PARK, 1100 E. 2500 N.
\$55 PER TEAM (INCLUDES T-SHIRTS)

3 ON 3 MATCHES, AGES 5 TO ADULT
GAMES BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M.

REGISTER ON LINE AT WWW.NORTHLOGANCITY.ORG LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!

