



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

From: Allen Kartchner

Mayor Berentzen asked me to write a few thoughts as I complete my term on the City Council. The topic that comes to mind is TAXES. Oliver Wendell Holmes was quoted as saying, "I like paying taxes, with them, I buy civilization". I think that it is a worthy thing to consider the local taxes we pay and the benefits provided.

During November, all of us have paid our property tax. Did you take time to look at the breakdown of entities that assess taxes? Of the nine entities, North Logan City receives 15.8% of what you paid. For most homes in North Logan that works out to be less than \$1.00 per day! Using these property taxes and the portion of the sales taxes collected from businesses that is remitted to us by the state, North Logan City provides the following services:

Police	Library
Fire & Emergency	Cemetery
Roads	Parks & Recreation

Our police department is a joint effort with Hyde Park (and they recently reaffirmed their participation in the partnership because they recognized the great value of the service). Our volunteer fire department has an amazingly low response time and is working diligently to lower it even further. How grateful I am that the roads are plowed quickly after a snowstorm. Often this occurs during the night so they are ready for morning traffic. We have one of the finest libraries in the state that was started less than 20 years ago by the approval of a bond (with a 60% approval rating) and a dedicated library tax. I have lived in this community for over 40 years and raised my family here. This is my home and I am glad that when the time comes, I will be buried here in our own cemetery. In how many community activities does your family participate? 5, 10, 20? I think it will surprise you if you count them. Many more examples could be given to illustrate what great value we receive for our tax dollars that go to North Logan City. I believe the \$1 per day property tax that I pay is a bargain.

In addition to property taxes, you receive a bill from the city for utilities (water, sewer, garbage, dispatch fund, and storm water) based on usage. These are all accounted separately in the city budget and are not considered taxes. At Thanksgiving one of my grandchildren said they were thankful for clean water as their response to "What am I grateful for this year?" As I have watched the garbage can, often full to the brim, go into the garbage truck and disappear again for another week, I have thought how grateful I am that I don't have to find a place for it. Last summer, the city was able to respond quickly to create holding ponds for the water flowing out of Green Canyon because we had storm water funds available. We all pay a different amount depending on our usage, but for our house these fees amount to about \$2.50 per day. Again, I would have to say that we receive a great value for a minimal cost.

I would like to wish the new council members well as they begin their service.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the City Council - Allen Kartchner

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH LOGAN

From: Al Moser

My term on the City Council has come to an end, and Mayor Berentzen has asked that I write a note: During the 1885 to 1887 time frame, my "Moser" great-grandparents, their three sons with their wives and children emigrated from Switzerland to the United States. They travelled by ship to New York and then by train across the country to Utah. I had uncles and aunts that were teenagers when they immigrated. My father was born in Providence, Utah, shortly after arriving in the U.S. His parents moved to Star Valley, Wyoming, when he was a small boy. They loved Switzerland, but they loved America more. They cherished the freedoms they found in their newly adopted country. All my life, my parents impressed upon me how blessed we were to live in a land of freedoms. It seems today that those freedoms are taken too much for granted. While many countries around the world struggle to gain the freedoms we enjoy, we often forget the sacrifices that were made so that we might have so much. We do live in the greatest country in the world and I think we live in the greatest little city in that country. (cont Pg 2)

(cont from pg 2) We are told that where much is given, much is expected. By our willingness to serve our city and others, we are giving back just a little. I have been honored to have been elected by the citizens of North Logan to serve. I served on the North Logan City Council for eight years, as mayor for eight, out of city government for 10 years, and then on the Council for another four years. It has been a rewarding experience and I have learned so much. Most of all, I have learned to love North Logan and her residents – when you serve you learn to love those you serve. When you choose to serve, you gain so much more than you give.

My wife, Kay, who many of you know better than you know me, more than just supported me. She truly served along with me – by my side but usually in the background. I could not have contributed as much time as I did without her help.

Thanks to all of you for your support through the years. I hope that I have helped to make our city a good and better place to live. If I could give advice to any of you, I would say, “Please don’t be afraid to get involved. Throw your hat in the ring and find out what a great experience it is to serve your fellow citizens. I don’t think you will ever regret your decision to serve.” John F. Kennedy said, “... ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” This statement can be applied to our city. Best Wishes to All, Al Moser

PS: The above is kind of boring so develop and keep a keen sense of humor, and read the following few lines only if you have a keen sense of humor.

Stupid people are not really stupid, it is just that you and I are so smart.
And don’t worry, eventually the uninformed may become informed, but it will be on your time.

@@@NO PARKING ON STREETS FROM 1:00 AM TO 5:00 AM, SNOWING OR NOT!@@@

What’s Happening in City Council? The City Council meetings for the month of January will be on Wednesday, January 4th and **Thursday, January 19th**. For the months of January & February 2012, three of the four council meetings will be held on **Thursdays** rather than Wednesdays because of some scheduling conflicts with members of the council. Meetings will return to Wednesdays beginning in March.

As of the date of preparing this newsletter most of the items on the agenda for January 4th are those related to starting up the New Year. The council will re-establish the day and time for its regular meetings and will take a look at various fees the city charges and adjust them if needed. The first item on the agenda for January 4th will be a public hearing to receive public input regarding a proposed ordinance to effect a boundary adjustment with Hyde Park. Being proposed is that a portion of the recreation land, owned by Cache County, between North Logan City and Hyde Park become part of Hyde Park City. An ordinance making that boundary change effective will be considered during the following meeting on **Thursday, January 19th**.

Also on the agenda for the council meetings in January will be to consider a proposed policy for subsidizing employees for mobile phone costs when such are required for city business. 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.

Deicing Materials – Use Only What You Need

Every winter the North Logan City Street Department, businesses, and homeowners in this area, pour salt and other deicing materials on sidewalks and roads. Rock salt is the most commonly used deicing agent but there are others as well. Deicing chemicals work by dissolving into precipitation on sidewalks and roadways and lowering the freezing point, thereby melting ice and snow. Eliminating the ice has enormous safety benefits, but depending on the amount of chemicals used, the dissolved salt can have negative effects on the surrounding environment. The melting snow and ice carries deicing chemicals onto vegetation and into soils along the roadside where they eventually enter the storm water system and the canals running through the city. Elevated salt levels in soils can inhibit the ability of vegetation to absorb both water and nutrients, which can slow plant growth and ultimately affect animal habitats. This degradation also affects the ability of these areas to act as buffers to slow the runoff of other contaminants into the watershed. Salt deposits along roadways also attract deer and other animals which increases the chance of animal-vehicle accidents. While eliminating ice is of great benefit to driving safety, the environmental drawbacks must be taken into consideration by all those who use deicing materials. Our streets crews must balance the positive safety benefits of using deicing materials with the negative impacts of these chemicals on the environment and encourages others to do the same.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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2 - OFFICE IS CLOSED-New Years

- 4 - City Council - 6:30 p.m.
- 5 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 9 - History Committee - 2:00 p.m. at the City Office
- 10 - Friends of the Library - 6:30 p.m.
- 16 - OFFICE IS CLOSED - CIVIL RIGHTS DAY**
- 17 - Library Board - 3:30 p.m.
- 18 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 - City Council - 6:30 p.m.



City Council & Planning Commission meet at the North Logan Library at 475 East 2500 North.
<http://www.northlogancity.org>

Daughters of Utah Pioneers-Ralph Smith Camp meeting is
 Thursday, January 20th, 1:30 pm at **1550 E 1900 N-LDS Church Bldg**

Home Businesses
 Gown Town
 Extreme Walls
 SRD Indo Green
 Terry Thurston Transport

Commercial Businesses
 Black Pearl-new owner
 Hertz Rent A Car

Garbage-Green Canyon Wed
=East of 1600 E & South of
1900 N; All others-Thurs.
Cans out by 7 am

Blue recycle - Green Canyon area is 4th & 18th; all other areas are 5th & 19th.

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Single Family Residence (B/U)	23/23	24/30
Multi-Family (Bldg/units)	5/120	0
New Commercial Retail	1	0
New Office/Professional	2	0
New Industrial/Manufacturing	1	1
Remodel-Existing Commercial	13	14

DO YOU NEED A RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR 2012?

Go to **loganutah.org**. On the right side of the screen you will see "2012 recycle collection calendar". Click on it and select to print a color version or black and white version of the calendar. Tape the calendar inside a cupboard door so you will always know when to put the blue can out by the curb by 7:00 am for collection.

NORTH LOGAN CITY'S THIRD ANNUAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR will be held March 17, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Greenville Elementary School, 2450 N. 400 E., NL. How would you and your family cope if the electricity or natural gas supply were unavailable for several days? **WE ARE NOT EXEMPT** from a natural disaster. Mark your calendar so you will be able to come and learn much more about the many different facets of Emergency Preparedness. If you have a suggestion to include in the Fair or if you would like to help with the Fair, please call Louis Griffin at 435-752-9514.

If you had an emergency at your house, would emergency crews see your house numbers from the road to know they were at the correct house? Do you have house numbers and street numbers on your mail box?



*****SPENT BATTERIES CAN BE TAKEN TO LOWE'S AT THE SERVICE DESK*****

USA Today Award-winning Writer to Speak Tuesday, January 24, 2012, NL Library at 7 p.m.

Cache Valley writer RaeAnne Thayne will discuss her transition from journalist to *USA Today* best-selling fiction writer at the **annual meeting of Friends of the North Logan Library**, Tuesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. Also at the meeting, nominees for positions on the board of Friends will be introduced and elections held. People interested in becoming members of the Friends' board to support the library and the community service efforts are encouraged to call John or Linda Keith, 787-4108, or email lindak222@msn.com

Ms. Thayne graduated from Utah State University in journalism and joined the staff of the *Herald Journal*. While enjoying the challenge and diversity of newspaper writing, she kept writing stories in her head. Once she decided to write them down, she realized she had no idea how to put these stories on paper. Forty books and numerous prestigious awards from national reviews later, she will tell how she learned to write fiction and juggle family and other responsibilities to pursue her craft.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting and light refreshments will be served. All members of Friends should receive notification by mail about the annual meeting.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON



The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **JANUARY 9th** 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 Savanna 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, JANUARY 6th**.

LIBRARY NEWS *Happy New Year from the North Logan City Library Employees!*



Did You Know: With the New Year comes changes and wanting to do better. Whatever your resolutions are, we can help! We have books, audio books and DVDs on self-improvement topics. Come check them out today!

Library Closure: The library will be closed Monday, January 2, 2012, to celebrate New Year's Day and Monday, January 16, 2011 to celebrate Civil Rights Day.

Library Book Club: Join us on January 12, 2011 at 9 am to discuss the book "In an Instant" by Lee and Bob Woodruff. February's book is "1776" by David McCullough.

Storytime: Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:10 am for Toddler Time (2 years and under) and at 11:00 am for Story Time (3-5 year olds). Come join our Storytime volunteers for music, books, and fun!

Young Adult Activities: If you are between the ages of 13-18, come join the activities every month with other teens. Thursday, January 12th at 5 pm, the Young Adult book club will be meeting to discuss "Hattie Big Sky" by Kirby Larson.

Thursday, January 19th at 5pm, we will have our monthly activity.
Call the Library for details at 435-755-7169 extension 3.

Don't miss an EMERGENCY MESSAGE! REGISTER YOUR CELL PHONE NOW!!!

The Logan/Cache Emergency Reverse 9-1-1 notification system has the ability to send mass telephone notifications to the residents of Cache Count in the event of an emergency. Emergency notifications can be delivered to your home phone, work phone, or cell phone if an emergency occurs in your area. Notifications are currently delivered automatically to landline phone for Qwest customers, and to cell phone customers who have completed the registration process on our website.

If you do not have a Qwest phone line, register your cell phone(s) on line at 911-loganutah.org.
If you do have a Qwest phone line, to ensure you receive ALL emergency messages in your area, whether you are home or not, register you cell phone.

Groomed Trail at Green Canyon for Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

North Logan City has partnered with the non-profit organization, Nordic United, and with the U.S. Forest Service to groom the Green Canyon road for cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. This is an ideal way to get out and exercise during the long winter. For grooming schedule and for information about this effort, see www.nordicunited.org. Also, make note of the rules for taking your pets with you. **Do not allow your pets to chase the wild animals.** The deer must save their energy in order to survive the winter until food is available in Spring. **Please be respectful of nature.**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 WINNERS OF THE
NORTH LOGAN CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST
And THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:**

First Place: \$100 from Lewiston State Bank

John & Ann Bailey, 1330 E 2100 N

Second Place: \$75 from Bennett's Paint

Bruce & Christine Howe, 2712 N 1400 E

Third Place: \$50 from Allred-Jackson, PC

John & Marianna Larsen, 1335 E 2300 N



Honorable Mention: Free Pie from Village Inn or Bread from Kneaders

1. James Kidman, 1140 E 2180 N

2. Matthew & Carolyn Larson, 1333 E 1850 N

3. Mike Rhinehart, 565 White Pine Place

4. Robert Balling, 1415 E 2250 N

5. Mike & ZoeAnn Weston, 2246 N 1250 E

6. David Jenkins, 1336 E 3000 N

Thank you to the North Logan Youth Council for judging!!!

Thank you to everyone for making the holiday even more festive by decorating your homes ~