



North Logan City

NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Message brought to you by John Bailey, City Council Member

North Logan City Council Meetings appropriately begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. At our last Council Meeting, when asked to lead the audience in the Pledge, I was struck with the significance of this important ceremonial ritual. I had just returned from visiting four countries in South America. While viewing spectacular scenery and experiencing fascinating cultural differences, I also witnessed social conditions which made me grateful to be a North Logan citizen.

In Santiago, Chile the public school system was paralyzed, completely shut down by striking students refusing to go to school until their demands were met. The railroad tracks, running from one end of this narrow country to the other, were empty-not a train running. Primitive housing in earthquake prone areas stood ready to collapse like a house of cards, thus explaining the carnage when a quake actually occurs. At the international airport in Lima, Peru, there were no public drinking fountains; the only potable water available was in bottles for purchase. In downtown Montevideo, Uruguay, public buildings not defaced with graffiti seemed to be the exception. People in Buenos Aires stood in long lines hoping to get scarce low cost tickets for the subway, the main means of transportation in that crowded city where private cars are a luxury. Regardless of where one turned, confronting gaudy protest banners was unavoidable. The ubiquitous statues of revolutionary heroes were a testament to South America's tumultuous history.

Compared to these situations, we are abundantly blessed to live here in this beautiful valley. Nevertheless, the past few years of a stagnant economy and tight city budgets have stretched thin our own available resources. The result is that there have been more citizen complaints and concerns than compliments at City Council meetings. Do not get me wrong. I applaud well intended efforts to be vigilant watchdogs of the public purse and continually look for ways to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of city government. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the City Council and help in that regard. But isn't it equally profitable to invest a like amount of energy and effort in appreciating the myriad city services we enjoy? Think for example about our around the clock police and fire protection, snow removal and weekly garbage pickup, pure drinking water at the turn of a tap, beautiful parks and recreational opportunities, public library programs that go way beyond just books- all this and more.

One of my neighbors' is bold enough to claim that the taxes he pays for such services are one of life's great bargains, and I agree. I hope his sentiment is not a lone voice but a chorus of like-minded citizens openly grateful for the lifestyle we enjoy in our community.

Respectfully, John Bailey of the North Logan City Council

New Police Department Facility?

The North Logan City Council is looking for public input on a proposed police department building. Over the next several weeks the City Council will be hosting informal workshops, formal public hearings during City Council meetings, conducting surveys on the City's website, and finding other ways to provide information and solicit feedback on at least three options being considered for a new police facility. Workshops have been set up for Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 pm in the North Park Elementary School gym and Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm in the Greenville Elementary School Media Center. A public hearing has been planned for Wednesday, 6:35 pm on March 7th during the regular City Council meeting.

The North Park Police Department has been housed in the basement of the fire station for over ten years, and has always been expected to be utilized only temporarily by the police department. As the needs of both the police department and fire department have increased, there is now a critical need to house the police department in a facility which better meets the needs of both North Logan and Hyde Park. There are specific problems with the police department remaining in their current location within the fire station, and these include: inadequate places to store evidence, inadequate work areas for patrol officers, co-use of restroom facilities with City employees and police investigative testing (i.e. urine tests, drug related investigations, etc.), and poor public access – which include inadequate places to host complainants, witnesses, and persons being held for violations of the law.

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(cont. from page 1) The City Council is currently considering three options. The first option would be to build a new facility on land the City already owns within the future "City Center" at about 320 E 2200 N. A second option would be to build on City land east of the library and west of the canal. This location was part of an original plan to form a "City Campus" of buildings which could include the library, a police facility, and eventually a City administrative office building. A third option would be to purchase an existing building within the City and remodel it to provide adequate facilities for a police department. All three options are still being considered and the City Council would like citizens' input before they proceed further. The current plan is to pay for the new police building with some money already set aside for that purpose, and couple it with some money borrowed temporarily from the Water Fund. The council wants to avoid debt by using funds which the City already has.

The original intent for the basement of the fire station was to house fire fighters and EMT specialists overnight. Doing so can significantly reduce the Fire Department's response time when minutes count. Reducing response time not only improves service to our residents and can save lives, but it may also result in savings to our residents on their home owners insurance when fire protection capabilities are improved. Many of the fire department's volunteers are willing and able to stay "in station" in order to improve response times and bring the fire department to a new level of capability. With the police department now utilizing that space, it is impossible for the fire department to move to this new increased level of service.

Watch for more information on this issue on the City's website at www.northlogancity.org and in the Herald Journal. The City Council wants public input on this important decision.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

My message this month is more of an invitation. For the last year and a half we have been talking about building a new police department building. We are at a point where we would like to provide you with some information and get some feedback from you as citizens in relation to building a new police department building. I have arranged for some evenings for public forums so that you can come and receive information and give your feedback.

These are the dates:

Thursday, March 1 st	7:00 PM	North Park Elementary School Gym
Tuesday, March 6 th	7:00 PM	Greenville Elementary School Media Center
Wednesday, March 7 th	6:30 PM	Public Hearing At the North Logan City Council Meeting

You can also visit the North Logan City Website for a virtual tour of the North Logan Fire Department building. You will be able to see the facility and where the North Park Police Department is currently housed. We will also have an online survey to solicit your feedback. Come and join us at any one of these forums and let us talk about this exciting opportunity that we have before us. Chief Kim Hawkes

FREE....FREE....PREPAREDNESS FAIR.....FREE....FREE....PREPAREDNESS FAIR

The North Logan Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held Saturday, March 17th, at Greenville Elementary School, 2450 N 400 E.. It will begin at 10:00 am with a special class taught by Mark Anderson of Anderson Seed & Garden. The class will cover what to plant and how to store produce from your garden in your basement or cellar during winter months. At 11:00 am there will be 24 exhibitors set up to demonstrate survival skills and alternative methods of surviving without electricity, gas, sewer, etc.. Examples are: Shelter-in-Place, Winter Survival, Women's Self-Defense (class at 1:00 pm), Utah Shake-Out (earthquake), Ham Radio, How to Alleviate Pain Without Medical Help, Alternate Energy Sources, and Emergency Food Supplies. There will be free food samples. New and different concepts will be presented. Jim Phillips, from Safe Harbor Alliance, will be teaching four different classes covering necessary skills and basic equipment needed for survival. This is a chance to better educate yourself in order to prepare your family for emergencies.



Storm Water Pollution Prevention-Take Care of Your Trash, Trash Bins, and Dumpsters

Post "No Littering" signs and enforce anti-litter laws. Provide a sufficient number of litter receptacles for your home or business. Clean out and cover litter receptacles frequently to prevent spillage.

Keep dumpster areas clean. Recycle materials whenever possible. Use all of a product before disposing of the container. Ensure that only appropriate solid wastes are added to the solid waste container. Certain wastes such as hazardous wastes, appliances, fluorescent lamps, pesticides, etc., may not be disposed of in solid waste containers. Take special care when loading or unloading wastes to minimize losses.

Inspect dumpsters and trash bins weekly for leaks and to ensure that lids are on tightly. Replace any that are leaking, corroded, or otherwise deteriorating. Sweep and clean the storage area regularly and clean up spills immediately. If the dumpster area is paved, do not hose it down to a storm drain. Instead, use dry methods when possible (e.g., sweeping, use of absorbents). Prevent storm water run-on from entering the dumpster area by enclosing it or building a berm around the area. Prevent waste materials from directly contacting rain. Cover dumpsters to prevent rain from washing waste out of holes or cracks in the bottom of trash bins or dumpsters.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
MARCH



- 7 - City Council - 6:30 p.m.
- 8 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - **DAY LIGHT SAVINGS—SPRING AHEAD**
- 12 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 12 - History Committee - 2:00 p.m. at the City Office
- 13 - Friends of the Library - 6:30 p.m.
- 19 - Library Board - 3:30 p.m.
- 21 - City Council - 6:30 p.m.
- 22 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

City Council & Planning Commission meet at the North Logan Library at 475 East 2500 North.
To see our complete web site go to:
<http://www.northlogancity.org>

Daughters of Utah Pioneers-Ralph Smith Camp meeting is Thursday, March 15th, 1:30 pm at **1550 E 1900 N-LDS Church Bldg**

Home Businesses
Joyride Bikes & Sports Dist.



BASEBALL SIGN-UPS REGISTER ON LINE AT www.northlogancity.org Beginning April 1st.

Garbage-Green Canyon - Wed-East of 1600 E & South of 1900 N; All others -Thurs. Cans out by 7 a.m.
Blue recycle - Green Canyon area is 14th & 28th; all other areas are 1st, 15th & 29th.

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>2012 to date</u>	<u>2011 to date</u>
Single Family Residence (B/U)	1/1	0
Multi-Family (Bldg/units)	27/130	0
New Commercial Retail	0	0
New Office/Professional	0	0
New Industrial/Manufacturing	0	1
Remodel-Existing Commercial	1	2

What's Happening in City Council?

The City Council meetings for the month of March will be on Wednesday, March 7th and Wednesday, March 21st. Note that for the meetings in March the council will return to its regular Wednesday evenings.

During the months of March through June the council will be working on the FY2013 municipal budget. The process is intended to enable a budget to be ready for a public hearing in June – probably on June 6th, followed by adoption of the budget on June 20th. On the agenda for March are budget presentations from the various departments within the city. During the March 7th meeting there will be budget presentations by the Facilities Department; the Protective Inspection & Engineering Department; and the Community Development Department. During the March 21st meeting the Storm Water Department; Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Department; and the Fire Department will present their budgets.

The council will also be setting up some public hearings and workshops to receive public input on the construction of a police department building for the city. Look for details on the city's website at www.northlogancity.org.

Look for the official council agendas as they are posted at the city office, the city's website, and Utah's Public Notice Website (www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html). The Herald Journal is given a copy of the official agenda, they normally print it in the newspaper a day or two before the meeting.

NEWS FROM "THE FRIENDS" At its annual membership meeting in January, Friends of the North Logan Library elected new officers and were treated to a sneak peek into the ideas and energy of the library's new director Donna Marie Wagner. She has an ambitious agenda that The Friends look forward to supporting.

A good crowd came to hear valley author RaeAnn Thayne talk about the life forces that led her to leave newspaper writing and devote herself to writing novels. Her efforts have been rewarded with awards and recognition from USA Today, Romance Writers of America, Silhouette Books, and the Reviewers International Organization.

Election of officers brought John Keith into the Presidency, with Cheryl Fullmer as President-elect. Abby Moser was elected Volunteer Chair and Christie Hansen became the Public Relations Chair. Continuing to serve on the board are Ann Egeland, Treasurer; Jill Morgan, Past President; Pamela Hole, Secretary; Joseph Hawkes, Fundraising Coordinator; and Linda Keith, Membership Coordinator.

Several positions remain open on the board. If you know any of these officers, call them to talk about volunteering; or call John or Linda Keith, 435-787-4108, to learn more. The Board needs a Director of Fund Raising, and a Historian. We welcome calls from people who want to volunteer to help with our many fundraising events which include used book sales, 24th of July breakfast, and helping with Art on the Lawn.

Friends meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the large meeting of the library. The public is invited to attend.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON



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



Calling all 1 year old to 8 year old children...Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 7th, 2012, 11:00 a.m at Elk Ridge Park, 1060 E 2500 N, North Logan City. Brought to you by the NLC Youth Council and sponsored by Chick-fil-A, Sam's Club & Wal-Mart.

A Note from the NLCLibrary Director—Donna Marie Wagner

I would like to thank the community patrons who have shared their thoughts in our program survey last month. It is of tremendous assistance to hear your voice and let us know what you would like in the library. We have already begun increasing our programming services. Here is an introduction to what is going on at the library now and in the coming month.

We have expanded our Children's Programming to include two (2) educationally based storytimes which include a craft. These storytimes are Parent-child interactive and are based on educational initiatives described in the *Every Child Ready to Read* program presented by the Utah State Library. This initiative helps parents teach their children early literacy skills at home with the guidance of professional librarians and trained staff at the library. For this reason we are inviting parents to sign up for our programs early. **Reminder:** this is a one-on-one time with your child and you are expected to participate in the storytime and craft with your child directly. **These programs will begin the first Wednesday in March.** Please call or stop by to sign up for these programs. If you have younger children you may not bring them to the older group but you may bring your older child to the younger group.

We have other storytimes which do not include a craft and are much more informal. These are the programs held on Tuesday mornings. Additionally we have added the **Sleepytime Stories which is held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 7:00 pm.** Children may come in their pajamas and enjoy a storytime followed by cookies and milk.

The Teen programs are also expanding and coming up are the March activities which include **Teen Advisory Board on March 8th, A Teen Book Club Discussion on March 15th, and two teen activities, March 1st (activity TBD) and March 17th – Leprechaun Party** (admission is to come dressed in green or as a leprechaun and bring a plate of goodies (ie: a dozen brownies or cookies). Age is 14-18 and there will be at least 3-5 chaperones. Parents and teens must sign a code of behavior for this event. Pre-registration is required for this event.

Adult Programming for the month of March includes the continuance of the **Free Tax Assistance** –registration is required and these are held by appointment on Mondays and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. Please call for specific dates. **Marv Hansen** will be conducting a free **Digital Photography Class** the first 3 Saturdays in March from 1-3pm and the **Evening Adult Book Discussion** will be the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The daytime Adult Book Discussion will continue on the 2nd Thursday at 9:00 am.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY: KUED is participating in the PBS KIDS GO! Writer's Contest which is a national competition to promote the advancement of children's reading skills through hands on active learning. Children in grades K-6 in Utah may create and submit their stories and illustrations for judging. Winners will be announced at a celebration event. All participants will receive a certificate of achievement for entering the competition. For further information or questions please contact KUED-Outreach at outreach@kued.org or (801) 581-6163.

Cache Dairy Princess Scholarship Pageant will be held Saturday, May 5th. Application deadline is Saturday, March 31st. Applications can be picked up at the Gossner Cheese Store; online through Facebook at "Cache Dairy Princesses"; or by contacting the Cache Dairy Women's Board at cachedairyprincess@gmail.com. For more information contact Marie Drollette, Cache Dairy Women's Board Secretary @ 435-787-8892.



SPICE ON ICE: Chef Cook-Off and Live Auction - The George S. Eccles Ice Center will be hosting its 9th Annual Spice On Ice fundraiser on Thursday, March 29th 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 now on sale and can be purchased at the Eccles Ice Center, 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.

SPRINT 2 SPRING FUN RUN (5k RUN/1 MILE WALK)

Sign up on line at http://www.northlogancity.org/NLC_ParksRecreation.htm Cost is \$10 and the proceeds will go to the organization **Common Ground—Outdoor Adventures (www.cgadventures.org)**. The run is brought to you by North Logan City Recreation Department and from the Parks and Recreation program at USU. Meet at the south end of Elk Ridge Park (1060 E 2500 N) at the new pavilion. The race will start at 9:00 a.m.. Register by March 12th and be guaranteed a t-shirt.