



North Logan City NEWS

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A Message from your City Council Representative:

In considering what to write about for the July city newsletter, my thoughts go to the importance of the July 4th Independence Day holiday and the freedoms that we have as Americans. I love to read about the men who created and signed the Declaration of Independence; such great men as John Hancock, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and 52 other men. They have given to us the Freedoms and Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.



This month also brings to my mind the importance of the July 24th Pioneer Day celebration. I am thankful for our religious freedoms we enjoy in this country and for the pioneers who settled in Cache Valley so many years ago. I have ancestors that came across the plains for their religious freedom and to establish a new home in this beautiful valley. I am a member of the Utah Daughters of the Pioneers organization, and am grateful for the sacrifice my ancestors, and others, made for me and those of us who live in this area.

I grew up in North Logan and have always enjoyed the activities on the July 24th Pioneer Day celebration. My friends and I would all decorate our bikes to be in the parade and were involved in all of the activities at the park. This year we still have some of the same great July 24th traditions such as the pancake breakfast, the NL parade, the Fun Run, games and entertainment at Mt. View Park and the musical "Widow's Lazy Daughter" which sold out last year at the Church across the street. Later at Elk Ridge Park we will have dinner, entertainment, movie and fireworks. We will have 32 Grand Marshalls this year. They are residents who were in North Logan when it became a city in 1934, we are celebrating our 80th year as a city.

I enjoy summer in Cache Valley and especially the community activities we enjoy surrounding our celebrations in July. I hope that you will enjoy the July 4th holiday as well as attend the many activities in North Logan on the 24th of July and have a great month with your family.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your city council representative. I hope to see you at the North Logan City July 24th Pioneer Day Celebration.

Nancy Potter
North Logan City Council

What's Happening in City Council?

The City Council meetings for the month of July, and from then forward, will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays. The July meetings will be on July 9th and 23rd. The City Council meetings start at 6:30 pm.

During the July 9th meeting the council will review with the engineer that produced it, a report prepared relative to constructing a sewer treatment facility separate from Logan City. Sunrise Engineering's Scott Archibald did a study for North Logan, Smithfield, and Hyde Park to determine the feasibility of constructing a sewage treatment plant instead of participating in Logan City's new plant. He will go over his findings with the council.

The council, during either that July 9th meeting or the meeting on the 23rd, will also be discussing a variety of possible changes to city ordinances including changes to some of our city regulations which may help control the urban deer herd, clarify the parameters on how open space and other property is donated to the city, and review some density issues in the city's zoning ordinance.

The council will also be discussing ways to promote economic development in the city including ways to get some new businesses into some of the vacant buildings we have in the city.

Look for the official council agendas as they are posted at the city office and on the State of Utah Public Notice Website at <http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>. 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF:

As we move into summer, weeds will be getting a real head start. Property owners have a responsibility to remove weeds more than 6 inches in height and noxious weeds need to be sprayed or removed. Take the time to keep your lots and yards clean and looking good. Please use the green waste bins provided within the city, west of Elk Ridge Park. It is illegal to dump your grass clippings in the canal or on others' property without permission. If you have a lot in your neighborhood that begins to be overgrown, give us a call, 435-753-7600. We will work to see that it gets cleaned up.



A note from utility billing . . .

Paperless billing is coming soon. Our printer thinks he will be able to have this available in the next two months. If you would like to receive your utility bill via e-mail instead of through the post office, please email your request to peggy@northlogancity.org. In the subject line, indicate you want paperless billing. In the body of the email I need your email address, utility account number, your name and address. If you have any questions, please call us at 752-1310 ext 11.

Just a reminder, **please don't open your water meter lid** to check your reading or turn off your water. There are radios, touch pads and wires that can easily be broken. Only the city is authorized to pull the lid to the meter as per our city ordinance. If you need your water service turned off, please contact us at 752-1310 extension 11 or 10 and we will get someone from the city to meet you. The only time the city would allow you to open the lid and turn off your own water is if there is an emergency and your house is flooding.



Fire Hydrants are in your neighborhoods to protect your home or property in the event of a fire. Every year we have commercial trucks pull up to our hydrants and steal water. Some even break the hydrant, making it unavailable in an emergency. It is with the help of our citizens that we can get a handle on this. The city does issue special permits to companies that are authorized to use some hydrants. If you see someone using the water at a hydrant in North Logan, please call Peggy at 752-1310 extension 11, and she will be able to verify if they have a permit or catch those who do not.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention & Lawn Care

Here are some things we ought to think about in caring for our lawns to help reduce the impact on storm water pollution:

Yard Trimmings Management. Improper disposal of yard trimmings can lead to increased nutrient levels in runoff. Yard trimmings deposited on streets may be washed down storm sewers and result in elevated nutrient loadings to surface waters. Proper management of yard trimmings and home composting can reduce the level of nutrients in runoff and decrease overall runoff volumes through the addition of humus to the soil. Increased levels of humus enhance soil permeability, decrease erosion, and provide nutrients in a less soluble form than commercial fertilizers.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT LAWN TRIMMINGS IN THE CANALS!

Smart Use of Fertilizers. Carefully consider the application of fertilizers to your lawn. Some studies have found that over 50 percent of the nitrogen in fertilizer leaches from lawns because they are improperly applied. Our canal system, which is also our main storm water conveyance system, can be overloaded with nitrogen and/or phosphorus. Smart use of fertilizers can effectively reduce nitrogen and phosphorus loadings on our waterways through the proper application of nutrients. Fertilizer costs may also be reduced. Follow instructions carefully on the products you buy and seek professional help.

Tips. There are some simple tips to follow in lawn care to help reduce pollution of our canals and ultimately the natural waterways in Cache Valley:

- Plant native plants to reduce the need for water, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. Use a low to no phosphorus fertilizer. Apply only the recommended amounts and avoid applying if rain or wind is forecasted.
- Use organic, biodegradable, non-toxic pesticides. Use fertilizers with less than 2 percent phosphorus. Mix and load fertilizers or pesticides on the grass, not on driveways or paved surfaces. Apply only ¼ inch of water to soak lawn chemicals into the ground.
- Only treat problem areas with pesticides and fertilizers and use only the recommended amount for the area being treated. Save leftover amounts for future use.
- Do not over-fertilize. Excess fertilizer and pesticides can promote the growth of plants and algae that clog our water ways and contaminate fish and wildlife in and around them. Do not apply fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides near driveways, sidewalks or close to the canals. Sweep up excess amounts of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. Never hose them into storm drains. Avoid over watering, it washes excess lawn and garden chemicals into storm drains that flow to waterways.
- Dispose of yard waste properly. Do not blow, rake, or wash leaves, grass clippings, or excess chemicals into streets, gutters, or storm drains. It is a crime and could result in fines.
- Store left over fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other hazardous chemicals in dry, covered areas to protect containers from deterioration resulting from exposure.



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Summer Reading: We are having so much fun “Sparking a Reaction!” You still have all month to read, enjoy our activities, and win prizes! The Summer Reading **Closing Social** is **Wednesday, July 31st at 4:00pm**. Come see if we draw YOUR name for the grand prizes!

Speaking of prizes, be sure to enter our “**Pin it to Win it**” **drawing** for Teens and Adults! Follow the Library on Pinterest to receive \$1 off your fines *and* for a chance to win a Kindle Fire HD! Fill out your drawing forms at the library and we will announce the winners (1 teen and 1 adult) at the Closing Social.

July Technology Classes (Thursdays from 10:00am-1:00pm)

We have great resources for everyone! Come join us this month for a learning “open house.” Learn how to use Lynda.com, a fabulous online program that uses video tutorials to teach almost every software program under the sun! We will also show you around our "Maker Space," where you can digitize your favorite vinyl records, VHS tapes, and family pictures. Plus so many other cool things, there's not enough room to list them here!

Summer Sketch Club Art Gallery

Come see the artwork of North Logan's talented young artists during the Pioneer Day festivities! The students of the Summer Sketch Club classes at North Logan Library have been using all kinds of exciting art media as they "take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!" This free exhibit will be in the LDS meeting house at 1100 East 2100 North on **Wednesday, July 23rd** from 5:00 p.m.--9:00 p.m. and **Thursday, July 24th** from 1:00 p.m.--9:00 p.m.

Other Library happenings include . . .

For Kids:

Toddler Story Time is at 10:10am on Tuesdays, followed by Preschool Story Time at 11:00 am.
On Tuesdays at 2pm we have our Movie Tuesdays!
Wednesday the 9th: Frozen Party
Wednesday the 16th: Water Party

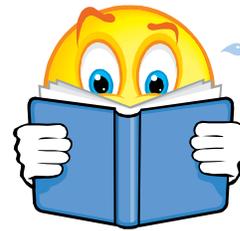
For Teens:

Thursday the 10th: Movie Makeup Magic
Saturday the 19th: Geocache Adventure

For Adults:

Our Tablet Training classes are held Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Come learn how to use the library's collection of iPads (or your own)!

On Thursday, July 12th at 9:00am the Adult Book Group will discuss *Mrs. Mike*.



Looking for kid friendly activities for this summer?

Check out www.cachevalleyunplugged.com

Don't forget about North Logan sponsored activities!.... Your kids need these Brag Badges:

North Logan Library – Little Free Library

“Take a book, Return a book” In its basic form, the Little Free Library is a box full of books (Elk Ridge Park or Meadow View Park) where you stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book (or two) to share.

North Logan Library – Storytelling

Did you miss out on getting this badge at the Storytelling Festival?

You still have options, because stories are everywhere! Write your own story (adventure, fiction or fact, or even family history) and exchange it for the Storytelling Badge at the North Logan City Library.

For those 8 years and under – you can earn this badge by writing a story or by attending either session of Story Time (Tuesdays at 10:10am or 11am).

North Logan City – Kids Fun Run

Join in a North Logan Fun Run (5K or 1 mi). July 23: “Get Wet in Deseret” Fun Run (7pm at Meadow View Park - 2750 North 300 East). Make sure to bring your lanyard with you to the Fun Run!

