



The Garbage Gazette

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Garbage Woes

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Picking up garbage is nothing new for many employees at Logan City's Environmental Department. However, since October of 2005, many of our employees, along with some volunteers, have had the opportunity to pick up a different kind of garbage, what is referred to as illegally dumped garbage. As you may already know, the Environmental Department obtained a grant through the USDA to help fund clean up of illegal dumpsites in rural areas of Cache County. With the help of this grant, our department was able to clean up nine illegal dumpsites and develop educational materials about illegal dumping including a brochure that will be delivered to each household in Cache County and an exhibit that will be on display at the Cache County Fair for the next four years.

All of the nine sites were located in unincorporated areas of Cache County with the majority in the Northern half of the County near Clarkston, Newton, Trenton, Smithfield, and Mendon. Carl Francis, who coordinated the grant efforts, estimates that our department collected over 200 tons of garbage through this project. The most common materials removed included: wood, metals, furniture, construction and demolition debris, plastics, animal bones, green waste, and a few electronics. The clean up of illegal dumpsites carries a large price tag; even with the use of volunteers, Francis estimates the total cost of clean up for these nine sites to be around \$12,000. Interestingly, had the individuals responsible for these illegal dumpsites taken responsibility for their own garbage, disposal costs would have been cut in half.

According to Francis there were many unexpected challenges that arose in cleaning up illegal dumpsites largely because the majority of sites were located on private property, in deep ravines, or along a roadside. For example, some property owners denied access to their property for clean up efforts and, in these situa-

tions, a new site had to be found.

This posed a unique challenge, according to Francis, because

very few people know where illegal dumpsites are located; they are usually well hidden and very difficult to find. The most expensive site to clean was near Clarkston. The garbage had been thrown in a deep ravine in many layers; those cleaning the site had to make multiple trips from the Clarkston area to the landfill, which greatly increased the cost of clean up. The most time-consuming site to clean was East of Smithfield. The illegal dumping was spread over a large area of land and most of the garbage had to be picked up by hand rather than by the Bulk Truck. The scariest incident happened at a site near Trenton. One of our trucks started to fall into a deep ravine while one of our employees was still inside; a tow truck had to be called to pull the truck from the ravine, but on the bright side, our employee made it out just fine.

This grant has made it possible to clean up many sites throughout Cache County, although Francis estimates that there are still many more illegal dumpsites in the valley. Jim Wyatt, Equipment Operator who worked on the sites, noted that the sites he cleaned seemed like they had been there for a long time; they may have started out small, with one or two items in a ravine, but, over time, they grow into a huge heap of trash as more people discover these locations. Finding these

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Above: Volunteers cleanup an illegal dumpsite near Clarkston.



The Bulk Waste Truck cleans up an illegal dumpsite near Trenton.

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The Garbage Gazette is a seasonal newsletter issued:

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Please be aware that the Curbside Green Waste collection has ended & all Green Waste bins have been removed for the Winter months. Green Bins will be delivered again in the Spring to each designated location in your area for the Spring and Summer months. Green Waste materials may be recycled at the Logan Landfill's Green Waste Facility any time of the year. For more information about Green Waste programs, please call 435-716-9755.

Newly Hired:

His name is Tung but we call him Doom.



The Environmental Department is please to introduce Tung Troung, who was hired in September as a Secretary II. Tung was hired over the summer as a temporary employee to help our department with the recycle can delivery project and has now

accepted a part time position helping with both the Compliance and Administration divisions with various projects. Tung will be assisting with the Department's billing, record keeping for Pretreatment, and occasionally assisting the receptionists. Tung was born in Vietnam and has lived the majority of his life in Utah. Tung is currently attending USU working on a degree in Public Health. In his spare time Tung enjoys skateboarding and snowboarding. Welcome to the Department Doom!

The Environmental Department would also



like to introduce John Newbold who was hired as our new building custodian in October 2006. John is responsible for the building maintenance, the electronic doors and our security cards as well as keeping our building shiny and clean. John

grew up in North Logan, graduated from Sky View High School and then attended Utah State University graduating with a Bachelors degree in Journalism. John is an "on air" sports announcer/network producer. You can tune in to KVNU at 6:00 each night and hear him on Sports Talk. Jon and his wife Deanna have two little girls, Megan age 4, and Abbey age 2. Welcome to the Environmental Building John.

Congratulations to John Christensen who was promoted to the position of Landfill Manager in September.



John was recently working as the Landfill Foreman and has worked for the Logan City since 1989, when he was hired as an Equipment Operator for the Street Department.

Since that time he has filled the positions of a Heavy Equipment Operator, Landfill Crew Chief, Collections Crew Chief, and Landfill Foreman for the Environmental Department. As Landfill Manager, John's new responsibilities will include overseeing and managing the operations and personnel at the Logan Landfill, stay within state and federal regulations,

and manage several pieces of heavy equipment to maximize their potential benefits to the operation at the Landfill. John is a native of Logan, and he enjoys hiking and being with his family. His favorite places to hike are the in Bear River Range and the Wind River Mountains. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dan Barnes was recently promoted to a full time position as a Landfill Inspector in September 2006. Dan has been working for Logan City in various positions since May of 2005. He started as a seasonal Mosquito Treatment Technician and then was hired as



a Landfill Scalehouse Attendant after the mosquito season ended last fall. He returned to the mosquito position again this season and completed his duties there along with accepting this promotion. Dan's new responsibilities as an Inspector will be to perform waste inspections, assist with the landfill storm water program, and work with the household hazardous waste program. Dan enjoys fishing, hunting and when the Minnesota Vikings are winning. Congratulations Dan!

Congratulations to Tony Douglass who was recently promoted to a full time position as a Landfill Inspector in September 2006. Tony has been working as a part time Landfill Inspector for Logan City Environmental Department for the last two years. Tony will continue to perform waste



inspections and work with the household hazardous waste program at the landfill as he has in past however, we will now benefit from all his hard work and efforts as a full time employee. Tony is a great employee who has always given more than expected of his job. Tony enjoys being with his family, hiking in the hills and is a fan of the Utah State Basketball and Football Teams. Congratulations Tony!

Congratulations to Brian Call who was promoted as the Commercial & Industrial Crew Chief in November 2006. Brian has worked for the Environmental Department since November of 1994. He started as a temporary Equipment Operator and was hired full time in January



of 1995 to operate one of the residential collection trucks. In March of 1995 he transferred to the early morning commercial crew to operate one of the commercial roll-off

trucks, and in October 2006 he applied for the Commercial Crew Chief position and was selected as the best qualified. He is responsible for the commercial frontload and roll-off collection crews and is here every morning at 3:30 AM. He makes sure the dumpsters are placed correctly and that the customer needs are met in a prompt and efficient manner. As an Equipment Operator he was a dedicated employee and we expect that he will bring this same dedication to his new responsibilities. Congratulations Brian!

Congratulations to Warren Hullinger for his promotion as the new Landfill Crew Chief. Warren started working for the City part time in 1997 in the Green Waste Facility and in 1998, he became a full time Heavy Equipment Operator working in both the Green Waste and regular



Landfill areas. With this new position, Warren will oversee the daily physical operation of the landfill, including supervising the seven Heavy Equipment Operators, tracking maintenance and repair of the landfill's heavy equipment, as well as many other responsibilities. Warren has been a very valuable person to the city with his great work ethic and brings knowledge and character to the table, with an ability to address sensitivity in customer relations. On his days off, Warren has been seen shopping for quilts and needle point artifacts. He is an avid sportsman and loves taking his family on hunting trips and fishing outings. Congratulations Warren! ♻️

State Landfill Inspection Report

This last Fall, State Inspector, Matt Sullivan from the State Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste inspected the Logan City Class I and Class IVb Landfills. The Landfill received a great review and Sullivan stated "The operation of both landfills was very good. Areas outside of the landfill such as recycling, household hazardous waste, composting, and gatehouse monitoring were sufficiently staffed and well-managed. The working face at each landfill was properly confined to a small and manageable area and well-controlled by the operator." Both Landfill's have continued to stay within compliance for the state and federal regulations. Congratulations and thanks to all the good work the Landfill staff does to maintain this status. ♻️

Employees Honored:

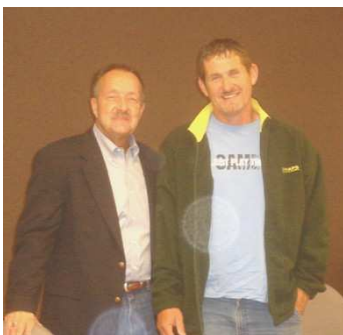
Congratulations to Jeff Spatig who received his 10 year Service Award in October for his work and service to Logan City and Cache County residents.



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residents. Jeff started working for the Environmental Department as a residential collection Equipment Operator in November of 1996. He has a strong mechanical background and it quickly showed in how he has always tried to take extra care of his vehicles. Jeff provides excellent customer service and will often go out of his way to make sure his customers are taken care of. In June 2004, Jeff applied for the Residential Crew Chief position and after a rigorous interview process he was awarded that position. He has worked hard to learn his many new responsibilities and is committed to doing the very best he can. Last summer, Jeff was instrumental in preparing the routing changes for the residential crew and worked long hours so that they would be ready on time. Jeff also worked hard to help make sure the delivery of the blue can project was a success and he always gives his all to his job. Jeff is a very dedicated employee and a great person to work with. Congratulations!

Congratulations go to Blaine Wright who received his 5 year service award in October for his work with the Logan City Environmental Department.



received his 5 year service award in October for his work with the Logan City Environmental Department. Blaine was first hired in the Collections Division

in October 2001. He was trained on the frontloads as well as the automated trucks and was very proficient at his job. Blaine was very good at learning the routes and helping out wherever needed. In 2004 Blaine transferred to the Landfill Division and began working with the Heavy Equipment at the working face. His background in Landfills helped him work into the system very quickly. Blaine has received some cross training for both the Green Waste area and Landfill working face. He operates most all the equipment and is very helpful to his fellow crew members. Blaine is a die hard Pepsi fan and any one wanting to get on his bad side just has to offer

him a Coke!!! Blaine has a great sense of humor and is well liked by his coworkers. On weekends and time off he is usually with his grand kids listening to good old rock and roll. Thanks Blaine and congratulations.

Congratulations to Tim Lindsay who was selected as the September 2006 Employee of the Month for the Environmental Department.



selected as the September 2006 Employee of the Month for the Environmental Department. Tim works as Wastewater Treatment Inspector for

the department and is responsible for all the wastewater discharged into the Lagoons and Wetlands areas. Tim was selected as employee of the month because of his motivation, skills, and great work ethic. Tim is a very enjoyable person to work with and is extremely motivated to get the job done right. Tim is constantly looking for new ways to improve himself. Along with being very knowledgeable with his job; Tim is still teachable and gives it his all. Tim works many extra hours to help out, not only with his job, but he continually helps out his coworkers with their projects. Tim was a key player with the blue can delivery project this summer and did a fantastic job helping out his team and making the delivery a fun project to be a part of. Tim comes to work early and stays late to make sure all aspects of his work is done. Tim is a great example of what a dedicated employee should be and keeps the city's best interest in mind. Thanks Tim for all you do. . . and all you think you do!

Congratulations to John Christensen who was selected as the City's October Employee of the Month.



John started employment with the City of Logan as an equipment operator for the Street Department. After five years there he transferred to the Environmental Department

working at the landfill as a heavy equipment operator. He became very proficient at operating the various pieces of equipment at the landfill and always took personal pride in his job. In March 2000, John was promoted to Landfill Crew Chief and was responsible for the daily operations of the landfill. His continuing efforts helped to secure one of the highest landfill ratings in the state of Utah. To broaden his understanding and experience in the Environmental Department, John was reassigned to the Collection Division in March 2004 with specific duties as the Special Services Crew Chief. In this position he

was responsible to oversee all of the container maintenance, residential recycling collection and supervise the alternate drivers. As Special Services Crew Chief he was also responsible to get the new Container Maintenance building up and operational where he again showed his dedication to doing the best job possible. In March 2006 John was promoted to Landfill Foreman and in October 2006 he was again promoted to Landfill Manager. John is a very dedicated employee who always does his best in whatever position he has held. The Environmental Department is very happy to have him as part of our team.

Congratulations to Jorge Gonzalez who was selected as the November 2006 Employee of the Month for the Environmental Department.



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works as an Equipment Operator for the Environmental Department assigned to the Residential Crew that collects waste for all residential residents of Cache County. Jorge was selected as employee of the month because of his positive attitude and his dedication to do his job well. Jorge quietly goes about doing his job and is always willing to give additional help where needed. Jorge never complains about his routes and does a superb job of satisfying his customer's needs. Jorge has especially been helpful with advice on communication and signage to help the Spanish speaking community understand the various programs. Thanks Jorge for all you do and Congratulations. ♻️

Woes continued:

sites when they are small, before they are out of control, would be like finding a needle in a haystack. Wyatt also notes that difficulties with illegal dumping are not limited to rural areas, problems with people throwing garbage, dead animals, and other inappropriate items into recycling dumpsters is rampant at some of our recycling drop-sites. Francis notes that the Environmental Department is committed to doing their part in continuing efforts to clean up illegal dumpsites.

Our thanks and appreciation to all those who were involved in helping with this grant and for your efforts to making Cache County a cleaner place to live. Special thanks to: Scout Troop 335, Scout Troop 36, the Psi Sigma Phi Fraternity, Common Ground, and Adams Park Ward. If you are aware of an illegal dumpsite, please contact the Environmental Department at 716-9755. ♻️

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Please be aware of the following dates:

- Dec. 15- Landfill closes early at 4 PM
- Dec. 23- Landfill closes early at 3 PM
- Dec. 25- Landfill Closed, no garbage or recycling pickup
- Jan. 1- Landfill Closed, no garbage or recycling pickup
- Jan. 12- Last day for Treecycling drop off centers
- Jan. 15- Landfill Closed, no garbage or recycling pickup
- Feb. 19- Landfill Closed, no garbage or recycling pickup

CHRISTMAS TREECYCLING!

Logan City is offering 28 drop-sites for Christmas TREECYCLING. The last day for collection of trees will be January 12, 2007. After that date please bring your trees to the Logan Landfill Green Waste facility to be recycled. Please keep trees free from lights, tinsel, ornaments, and metal stands. For additional questions please call 716-9792, or email recycle@loganutah.org. Look for the Treecycling sign in your area!

County drop-sites:

- * Lewiston City Park: 200 East Center Street
- * Clarkston Post Office: 100 N. 150 E.
- * Trenton: 17 East Main Street
- * Newton Fire Station: South side, 51 South Center street
- * Richmond City Shop: 55 South State Street
- * Hyde Park, Lee Park: 600 West Hyde Park Lane
- * North Logan, Elk Ridge Park: 1150 East 2500 North
- * Mendon City Park: 100 North Main Street
- * Wellsville Fire Station: 55 East Main Street
- * Providence Zollinger park: 50 North 200 West
- * Providence Von's park: 350 East Center Street
- * Millville City Hall: 490 East 300 South
- * Nibley: 300 West 3200 South
- * Hyrum City Park: in the Green Waste bins, 675 East 50 North
- * Paradise City park: 150 West 9000 South
- * Smithfield City Office: by the Tabernacle, 50 West 100 North
*run by Smithfield City

Logan drop-sites:

- * Adam's Elementary: North side, 450 East 600 North
- * Ellis Elementary: Northeast corner, 348 West 300 North
- * Woodruff Elementary: Southeast corner, 650 South 1000 West
- * Hillcrest Elementary: East side of school yard, 1500 East 900 North
- * Johansen Park: 850 East 100 North
- * Pioneer park: 150 East 100 South
- * Bridgerland Park: 900 North 100 West
- * Gibbons Mount Logan Park: 1400 East 150 South
- * Quadra Plex North parking lot: South of Willow park, 700 South 550 West
- * Recreation Center: South parking lot, 300 South 100 West
- * USU Spectrum: North side, 840 East 1000 North
- * Logan Regional Hospital: South end of East parking lot, 1300 North 500 East
- * **Logan Landfill: Green Waste Facility, 200 North 1400 West**

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