

City of Logan

# THE GARBAGE GAZETTE

## Special points of interest:

- There's a New Recycle Drop-Site location near the Fairgrounds area in Logan
- Logan is now offering Curbside Green Waste pickup for residents of Smithfield, Hyde Park, North Logan, Logan, Providence, and River Heights
- Get your compost today at the Logan Green Waste facility



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## Letter from the Environmental Director

Dear Cache County-

This year it was our goal to improve our products and services for the Cache County citizens. With over 91,000 residents in Cache County, we felt it was important to provide better services and more customer satisfaction. In order to do this, we recently completed the construction of a new Scale house for the Landfill to help reduce the waiting time and provide for more accurate accounts. We also purchased a new software package to help improve the collection routes. This will make for more efficient and much quicker routes for our drivers. We are still seeking ways to help improve our

billing system to make it easier for the customer to decide what size container they need. We have also held many safety training meetings to help reduce the number of accidents for our drivers. We were able to add another 1/2 acre to the Green Waste facility to produce more compost and to have more room for Green Waste materials. We have completed a curbside recycling pilot program with over 200 homes participating, to learn more about residential garbage characteristics. There have been two new recycle drop-sites added in Mendon and at the Logan Fairgrounds, making 19 drop-sites throughout the valley. With the addition of these sites, it will hopefully be

more convenient for residents in this area to recycle. Along with these drop-sites, we adopted a drop-site monitoring program where city employees clean and monitor the drop-sites on a regular basis to help keep contamination down and help to save time and better reporting of the sites.

We hope to continue bringing residents of Cache Valley more programs and better ways to serve you. Our goal is to serve each person in Cache County by working together and practicing environmentally sound solid waste and environmental management to make Logan City and Cache County a place everyone would want to call home.

—Issa Hamud

## New Scalehouse for Landfill

The Logan Landfill Scalehouse was ceremonially opened on the bright cool morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. This building, scale, drive, and surrounding landscape symbolize what Mayor Doug Thompson spoke of as the city, its employees, and its hired contractors professionalism and desire to make Logan a place that people would want to call home. Doug Thompson said, "Look at this place. This is not a dump". Indeed, the landfill's entrance and building is more reminiscent of a private gated neighborhood than your local dump. Building and Landscape contractors worked around the clock to put the final touches on the project, which came in \$40,000 dollars under budget. Richard Albiston the Landfill Manager summed up the feelings of those who put so much of their time into the project by saying, "I am glad this is finally done." It was well worth the time and effort however as we watched the blue ribbon stretched out across the scale's entrance ceremoniously cut by Mayor Doug Thompson, and then the crossing of the first garbage truck driven by Clain Byington.

The ribbon cutting ceremony and addresses were witnessed by members of Sargent Engineering, MW Construction, D&G Scale, UT's DEQ, Logan City Council member Tom Kerr, the Herald Journal news staff, the Bear River Health Department and of course employees of the Environmental Division.

Issa Hamud the Environmental Division's Director explained that Logan needed a new Landfill scalehouse for a variety of reasons. The existing

scalehouse sits within the landfill foot print. In fact, the area just south of the existing scale will be the first area of the landfill to be closed. The new scalehouse construction will also improve the quality and efficiency of service provided by being equipped with two scales and updated computers and software. Issa and Richard thanked all those who participated in the project, noting that its success was due to teamwork.

Kevin Hansen the Public Works Director admitted he was even able to participate in the construction by briefly operating a scraper. "I thought I had ruined it. I guess I didn't. Somebody recovered for me", said Hansen. "This Scalehouse represents a vision of what we are, what we can be, and what we are going to be in the future". Hansen also said that when the Logan Landfill closes the scalehouse will continue operating as a transfer station to the new landfill wherever it may be sited.

Landfill operations continue to go forward smoothly and professionally as the new scalehouse is integrated into the whole operation. As a matter of fact Carl Wadsworth of Utah State's Department of Environmental Quality said that the Logan Landfill has always been an example of innovation, planning, and professional operation to the rest of the landfills throughout the state.



Logan city Mayor Doug Thompson, Carl Wadsworth (State inspector for Environmental Quality), & Issa Hamud (director of Environmental division) at the ribbon cutting ceremony

## New Employee's

The Environmental Division would like to introduce our new employees:



Shalayne Merrill- Recycling Programs Specialist- Dec. 2001. Shalayne's responsibilities include teaching the education program to elementary schools and other special groups, advertising for the environmental division, organizing events such as Earth Day, setting up booths at fairs, material distribution, and public relations for recycling and the Environmental Division.

Carl Francis- Recycling Programs Coordinator- Jan. 2002. Carl's responsibilities include Creating and Enhancing the Recycling Program, Marketing recycling materials, establish and Manage the Recycling Drop-sites, Encouraging Waste Reduction, Develop Curbside and Green Waste Recycling Programs, Maintain the Cache Valley Clean Team Website and CVCT budget.



Janet Taylor- Secretary II- Jan. 2002. Janet is responsible for assisting the Administrative Secretary and other office staff, she assists in radio dispatch as well as other general office duties.



Antonio Escareno- Heavy Equipment Operator- April 2002. Hired from the Street Dept., Antonio runs all equipment at the Landfill including the Green Waste area. His primary equipment is the 826G trash compactor, however other duties include using the 973-track loader to push garbage, the 621B scraper to cover our daily work, as well as the water truck to keep the dust down. Antonio is a very friendly and likeable person who works very hard.



Julie Nisson- Scale House Attendant- April 2002. Julie helps out and is responsible for diverting waste to the proper location at the Landfill, the weighing in and out of vehicles, daily inspections of Hazardous waste, and helping to answer any customer questions.



Eric Dodson- Environmental Engineer- May 2002. Eric Designs Public Works and Environmental Division projects with the approval of the Environmental Director. He Coordinates compliance with Environmental Permits including Storm Water, Wastewater, and Landfill Per-

mits, supervises the Recycling and wetland Programs, develops a variety of engineering projects and works with outside public and private agencies to obtain public improvements desired by the Logan City.



Kathy Bell- Compliance Manager- May 2002. Kathy is responsible for coordinating pretreatment functions to ensure compliance with local limits. She Supervises any out-source operations and staff in manners of compliance.



Tami Jeppson- Scale House Attendant- May 2002. Tami helps out and is responsible for diverting waste to the proper location at the Landfill, the weighing in and out of vehicles, daily inspections of Hazardous waste, and helping to answer any customer questions.



Julie Hatch started as Utility Billing Editor for the Environmental Division in August 2002. Julie has over 17 years of experience in accounts payable, production statistics monitoring, and job order editing. She said she enjoys working for the City of Logan and with the friendly and enthusiastic people in the Environmental Division. Previously, she worked at Moore BCS.



Jade Bischoff- Scale House Attendant- August 2002. Jade helps out and is responsible for diverting waste to the proper location at the Landfill, the weighing in and out of vehicles, daily inspections of Hazardous waste, and helping to answer any customer questions.

## Service Awards

The Environmental division would also like to congratulate Todd Blanchard- Heavy Equipment operator for Logan Landfill. Todd recently received his five year service award for his dedicated service to Logan City and it's residents. Congratulations Todd!



*A Father asks his son what do you want to be when you grow up? "I want to be a Sanitation driver" the boy replies. The father confused by such an unusual response asks his son why. The Boy responds "Because they only work on Wednesdays!"*

## New Drop-Site!

The Cache Valley Clean Team would like to announce the location of a new recycle drop-site at the south end of Logan. The new drop-site is located at 500 W. 600 S. between the National Guard Armory building and the south fence of the Fairgrounds. This new drop-site will have bins available to recycle:

- Cardboard
- Mixed Paper
- Tin/ Steel
- Aluminum
- #1 plastics (Pop bottles)
- Milk Jugs

Join the Cache Valley Clean Team by recycling and helping to keep this drop-site clean of contamination and garbage.



## Curbside Green Waste Pickup

In an effort to increase the life of Logan City landfill, Logan City Environmental division is offering residents curbside Green Waste pickup for the cities of Smithfield, Hyde Park, North Logan, Logan, River Heights, and Providence.

Green Waste material includes grass, leaves, garden waste, clean hay and

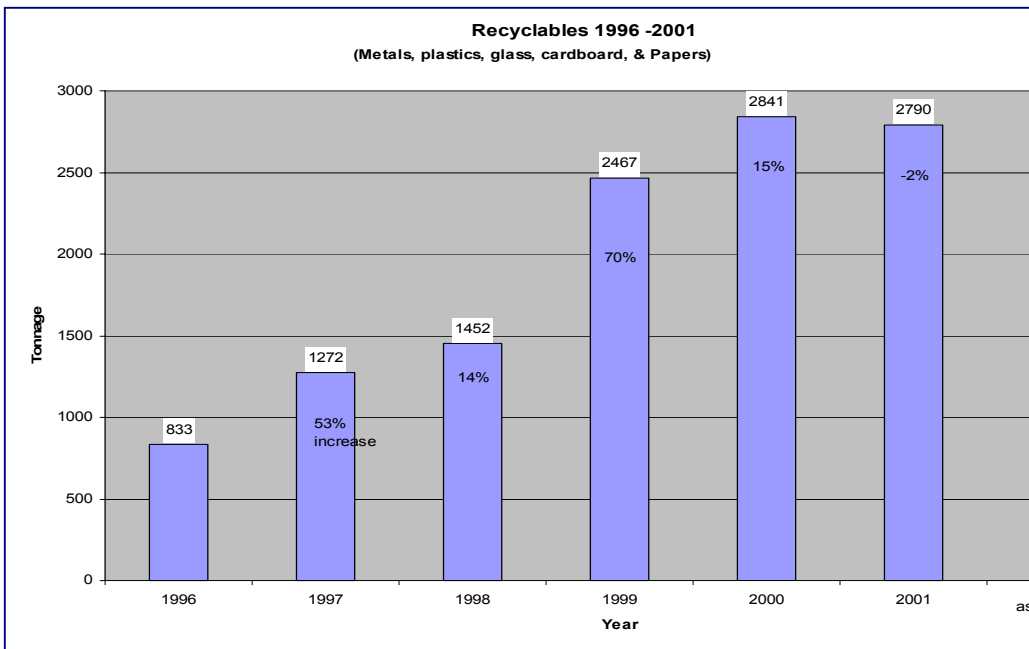
straw, shrubs, and branches. The fee for this program is \$4 per month with a one year commitment required. After the Green Waste container has been delivered, new participants will receive a certificate for 1 free yard of compost or wood chips from the City Green Waste facility. This service is scheduled to start April 1, 2002 and end in

November. Please note the dates for this service may differ depending on the area and on the weather.

Applications are available at local city offices or at Logan City Service Center, 950 W. 600 N. in Logan. For more information please contact the Cache Valley Clean Team at 716-9753.



The new Green Waste container along side the Black Beauty garbage container.



Through the Cache County's recycling efforts, so far we have diverted 1,728 tons of garbage away from the Logan Landfill. That's almost 100 tons more than last year. Great Job Cache Valley!

**Remember:  
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

## Logan hosts LANDFILL ROD-E-O!

This year Logan City Landfill hosted the annual Landfill Rodeo sponsored by SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America). This year there were 28 participants coming from all over the state of Utah.

Each of the contestants had to compete in four different events. Logan city's Todd Blanchard took 2nd place in the Vehicle inspection event. In this event, contestants were timed on how fast they could do a pre and post check of a Heavy Equipment ma-

chinery, picking up on various problems. There were three different types of courses where contestants had to operate a dozer, a compactor, and a scraper through an obstacle course and perform different tasks while operating the machinery. Logan's own Warren Hullinger took 4th place in the Compactor competition.

Each of the contestants needed to have had at least one year experience with a landfill environment, no chargeable accidents, no moving traffic violations in the past year, and a

satisfactory work attendance.

Utah SWANA president, Nathan Rich commended Logan City for hosting one of the best rodeo's for the State of Utah. Logan City's Todd Blanchard took fourth place overall in the competition.

Logan city would like congratulate both Todd and Warren for their participation and placement in the competition.



The Compactor obstacle course competition

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## GREEN WASTE FACILITY

Recycle you Green Waste! The Logan City Landfill will accept Green Waste materials for recycling such as Grass clippings, branches, shrubs, leaves, hay & straw, and yard clippings.

Products available for sale at the Logan Green Waste Facility:

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| Compost                       | \$15.00/ yard |
| Premium Mulch                 | \$10.00/ yard |
| Medium Mulch                  | \$7.00/ yard  |
| Fine Screen Mulch             | \$7.00/ yard  |
| Evergreen Mulch               | \$7.00/ yard  |
| Fine Screen Pallet Wood chips | \$5.00/ yard  |
| Pallet Wood chips             | \$3.00/ yard  |
| Coarse Mulch                  | \$3.00/ yard  |
| Dark Coarse Mulch             | \$3.00/ yard  |
| Firewood                      | \$5.00/ Cord  |

A full size pickup truck will hold 2 yards.

The Green Waste facility is located at the Logan Landfill 200 N. 1400 W. Logan.



Compost sold at the  
Green Waste facility