



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—September 2022



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

Mayor Jacobsen's Message

Nibley City's first responsibility to its citizens is to protect their health and safety. Emergencies—avoiding them and preparing for them—are top priorities for the city staff and elected officials. Chris Searle, Emergency Manager for Nibley, does a great service for our residents, and I look forward to reading his article in this newsletter. Coincidentally, a Nibley resident suggested several weeks ago that we include brief emergency preparedness notes in newsletters throughout the year, and I look forward to reading those.

How communities react to emergencies play a large roll in defining the true fabric of those communities. In times of need, the true character of a community comes through. I am proud of how Nibley residents have come together to respond to threats of flooding, culinary water issues, and severe weather events. While there are lots of happy examples that build our community—Heritage Days, the Children's Theater, and recreation programs—difficult challenges also build the character of our community.

I remember shortly after we moved to Nibley 26 years ago, the Blacksmith Fork River was approaching flood stage. I kinda' miss those days now, but surely, they will come back. When they do, I will likely miss the years when we didn't worry about flooding. Back to the story, one evening in the first spring after moving in, I drove past a group of people filling sandbags to prepare for the rising river. I recognized a few of our neighbors, but because we were relatively new to Nibley and because we worshipped at a different church than most of our neighborhood, I didn't recognize many of the people in the group. I stopped and asked if I could help. Of course, I was welcomed to the group. When we finished that evening, I asked how Becky and I could be put on the list of people to notify for work parties and especially how we could be included on emergency response teams. I didn't realize it at the time, but that was an ask to become part of the community. The opportunity to work side-by-side with our neighbors in response to an emergency has played a huge role in our acceptance into an incredible community.

I greatly appreciate the work of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to organize the local preparation for, and response to, emergencies. The true pioneering spirit is demonstrated in that service to our community. Based on personal experience, I ask for two things. First, I ask that the Church leaders make an active effort to include all residents in their wards—despite the residents' religious backgrounds—with the opportunity to be part of the response to an emergency. Second, I ask that all residents—despite their religious background—seek out the opportunity to be included in the Church's organized emergency response. We have a rich and diverse community, and our response in times of need, especially in an emergency, reveals the incredible strength of our community. In the words of one of my favorite PBS characters, Red Green, "Keep your [hockey] stick on the ice and remember, we're all in this together."

Larry



We All Live Downstream

Cleaning Your Car and Driveway—Dirty water containing soaps, detergents, gasoline, heavy metals from rust, metals and other elements from automobile parts and fluids can wash off cars and flow directly to storm drains and into the nearest creek or stream where it can harm water quality and wild life.

What Can You Do to Help?—Minimize the environmental effects of washing your car by using a commercial carwash. Carwash facilities are required to treat their wash water discharge before releasing it to the sanitary sewer system where the water is treated prior to release back into our water sources.

Also, be sure to sweep driveways, patios, and sidewalks rather than hosing them down into the storm drains. Put lawn clippings in a compost pile or garbage can.



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If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact cheryl@nibleycity.com.

Cache Valley Wildlife Association



Nibley City was recently awarded 300 native plants as part of the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program (www.ag.utah.gov/farmers/conservation-division/pollinator-program) to create a natural habitat for bees, butterflies, birds, bats, and other pollinating organisms. The program is directly funded by Utah legislative action (House Bill 224) and guided by multi-agency efforts to boost pollinator populations throughout the state.

The plants will be put in the ground on **Saturday, September 24**, and we need your help! If you like to get your hands dirty, participate in a community effort, and meet other residents who like to get involved, come out and help create this native pollinator habitat.



When: Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Where: Nibley City Firefly Park–849 Nibley Park Ave, Nibley, UT 84321 (Parking off 1000 W)

Who: Volunteers needed to put 4” plants in the ground!

Bring: Shovel, gloves, a water bottle, and a love for nature and our beautiful pollinators

For more information contact Wildlife Ecologist, Becky Yeager, (757-6283, byeager@comcast.net), or Andrea Mabey, LAEP Class of 1999 (830-538-3028, andreamabey@gmail.com).



An emergency can happen at any time and taking small steps towards preparedness helps you and your community prepare for the unexpected. Each month, you will find *one thing* you can do to prepare and help reduce the stress of having to prepare all at one time.

This month, if you can do *one thing*, Make a Plan.

- Learn what disasters can happen in your area and decide what you will do in a disaster.
- Take steps now to prevent damage to your home in a disaster.
- Plan what to do if you have to evacuate.

You can find more information on this month's *1 thing* by going to www.do1thing.com. You can also sign up to receive an e-mail outlining the things you can do each month to be prepared for an emergency. Every month has a low or no-cost option.

Nibley City Employees in the Spotlight



Chris Searle
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Chris Searle is Nibley City's Emergency Manager and former Nibley-Millville's EMT Squad 140 leader. Chris was born in a small town in Idaho where he grew up farming potatoes and sugar beets with his family. He came to Cache Valley to go to Utah State University, which is where he met his beautiful wife, Rebecca. They have 3 kids, ages 19, 17, and 13. Chris enjoys spending time with his family and loves the outdoors. His family has lived in Nibley for 14 years and have watched the community change and grow over time. Chris enjoys sharing his knowledge of emergency preparedness with others while helping them put into practice individual, family, and community preparedness. At a recent first-aid training, he shared that he and his family have races to see who can apply a tourniquet to themselves the fastest. Chris is a great resource to Nibley City staff and our community.

Advice From Chris

Disasters disrupt thousands of lives every year, leaving behind lasting effects on people and property. After a disaster, many others in your community need help as well. For this reason, local first responders and other assistance may not be able to reach you right away. You and your family can take simple steps now to prepare for emergencies.

There are many benefits to planning ahead for disasters. The most important benefits are staying safe and helping yourself and your community recover.

Those who take simple steps to plan and prepare for disasters will:

- Help keep people safe
- Limit property damage
- Know what to do during and after a disaster
- Better manage their savings
- Support community preparedness
- Help their community get back up and running after a disaster.

To prepare yourself and your family for a disaster, you should:

1. **Know Your Risks**—Understand the risks you and your family may face. Most communities face many types of hazards. It is important to learn the risks specific to your home and the ways to assess your risks if you are away from home. Know how and when to take action before, during, and after different hazard.
2. **Make a Plan**—Make a communications plan and prepare for both evacuating and sheltering. Prepare for your family's unique needs with customized plans

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Planning Our City

Nibley City Transfer of Development Rights Project Update

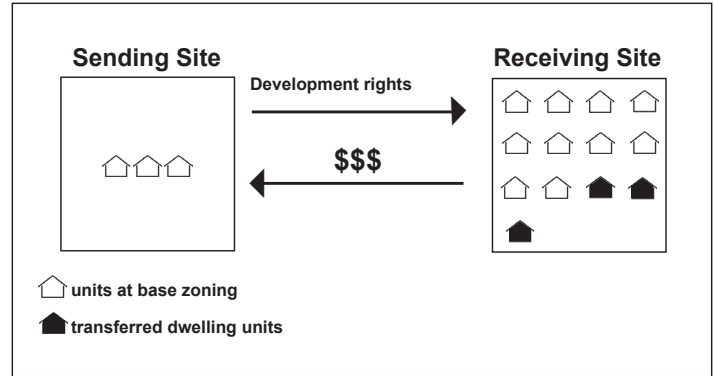


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For the past 6 months, Nibley has been engaged in a process to determine if the City should set up a Transfer of Development Rights system. We are all too familiar with growth absorbing the farmer’s field near our home and we are concerned that these open spaces, that represent our rural heritage, will soon be gone.

The City is trying to answer the question, “How do we hold onto the features, the open spaces, and the farms that create our sense of community?”

Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) is a zoning tool that helps to preserve the character of a community by assigning theoretical developments rights to properties intended for preservation that can be transferred to an area where more development is acceptable. TDR provides a new property right, one that landowners do not have now. In a TDR system, the theoretical development rights attached to a property that the community wants to preserve can be purchased by a developer in a private, market-based negotiation for use in another part of the community. The land that the development rights are purchased from is permanently preserved for farming or some other open space purpose. TDR is a totally voluntary process where the City simply sets up the framework for a private transaction (e.g., developer/farmer negotiation) through an ordinance.



Examples of Sending Areas:

Productive agricultural land.

Examples of Receiving Areas:

Areas contiguous to major development clusters or planned centers.

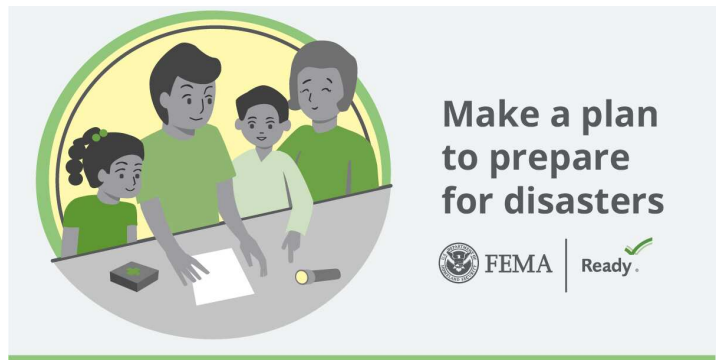
A survey has been accomplished that showed an interest by the residents of Nibley to try to retain the rural heritage and character of our community. During the Heritage Days Festival, residents placed colored dots on a map reflecting where they thought more growth could occur and where they thought preservation was important. Community sentiment favors the concept of TDR and the general idea that saving fields and open spaces is worth pursuing.

A draft ordinance has been created that will enable the TDR program to begin, if adopted. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **October 20, 2022**, then, if recommended, the draft moves on to the City Council for consideration to approve.

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and supplies. In addition, use your social networks to help friends and family members prepare and participate in community-wide disaster preparedness activities. Moreover, you should gather emergency supplies and secure the information and important documents you will need to start your recovery.

- 3. **Take Action**—Put your plan into action. Be ready and able to face disasters, no matter where you are



and when they occur. It is important to get the insurance you need and understand your coverage options. Moreover, you should make a list of your personal property and its condition and protect your property by considering how to minimize damage. Practice your disaster plans, take advantage of existing alert and warning systems, and explore ways to serve your community.

Recreation Roundup



The movie *Encanto* and Nibley City are all about community and family. Come for fun, movie-themed, pre-show activities, delicious Colombian arepas and other tasty food, and a movie that reminds us we all have gifts to contribute. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. at Heritage Park on September 16. Special thanks to Imagine this and other great event partners for helping to make this a memorable experience.



Scarecrow Fun Run—Join the fun at the annual Scarecrow Fun Run on **Saturday, October 9th** at Heritage Park. This year Bear River Health has partnered with Nibley City and is offering valuable information on how to live drug free along with FREE shirts for our FREE runs. With FREE kids runs and a FREE mile the whole family can enjoy this exciting Red Ribbon Week fitness event without breaking the bank. The race also has value-packed, professionally timed 5K, 10K, and 10K Relay races where you experience fun and friendly Scarecrows along the way. Sign up on or before September 21 and save with the early bird discount. Online registration is available through Thursday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Spooktacular Tour & Halloween Decorating Contest

Find the Decorating Contest rules and register to participate, online at www.nibleycity.com. Several prize categories are available and winners will be presented prize baskets. Decorated homes are asked keep their houses decorated through Halloween for a Spooktacular tour of Nibley, and the frightful delight of the community. Tour details will be posted once judging is completed.

Coming Up—Watch www.nibleycity.com, Nibley City's Facebook page and the newsletter for more details on these upcoming events:

- Ultimate Frisbee Showcase Game**—October 21
- BOONanza**—October 28 at Heritage Elementary school.

Enjoy some of the best food trucks from around the valley while eating in Nibley's new North pavilion at Heritage Park. Gaga will be set up to play, as well as a 'touch-a-truck' experience, which is simply a chance to check out some of our city equipment that keeps this town running. See our Mayor's classic tractor and help us name Nibley City's newest snowplow. If you or someone you know likes big tools on wheels with lots of power you don't want to miss this event.



Nibley City Recreation's Youth Dance is going to be groovy! This dance is recommended for youth 14 and older and includes the option to play Gaga (the game), to music. Bring your friends and your best dance moves for a fun evening at the park!

Happenin' in Hyrum

The Senior Center

675 East Main, Hyrum • 245-3570

Please note that times and dates may change for activities.

The Hyrum Senior Center is open to ALL seniors Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. They serve lunch at noon on Wednesday and Fridays for a cost of \$3.00. Please call them before 9:00 a.m. to join them for a meal.

Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **Sept 5** Closed for Labor Day
- **Sept 12** Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Sept 19** Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$2.00. Please call to join them.
- **Sept 26** Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$2.00. Please call to join them.

Tuesdays– Pool at 9:00 a.m.; Yoga at 9:30 a.m.

- **Sept 6** Bunco and lunch for \$2.00; 11:00 a.m.
- **Sept 13** Tip class at 11:00 a.m. Sign up early.
- **Sept 20** Bunco and lunch for \$2.00; 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–Lunches at 12:00 p.m. Programs are after lunch.

- **Sept 7** Program on Monarch Butterflies with Becky Yeager
- **Sept 14** Travel to India
- **Sept 21** FACE DOWN game
- **Sept 28** Program with Bob Wilmore

Thursdays–No lunch is served

- **Sept 22** Mystery Trip

Fridays– Bingo at 10:30; lunches at 12:00 p.m.

- **Sept 2** Yellow Bingo. Wear yellow for a treat.
- **Sept 9** Bingo
- **Sept 16** Bring a nice, wrapped white elephant gift for Bingo
- **Sept 23** Bingo
- **Sept 30** Bingo

The Hyrum Museum

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The Hyrum Museum is thrilled to kick-off the museum's educational and fun Back in Time program for children this month. This program runs throughout the school year for one week each month from 1:00–1:30 p.m. All children are welcome to attend from preschool to older kids who attend school at home. They'll start with "Sadako's Story" on **September 20–22**. September 21 is the International Day of Peace and children will learn about one little

girl who found a way to promote peace in a big way and how they can encourage peace in our community. Be sure to follow the museum on Instagram, Facebook, or check their website for more information on all of their programs.

The museum's Second Saturday event will be on **Saturday, September 10** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will be reminiscing about Main Street's Memories with a special exhibit including fascinating images and interesting artifacts from Hyrum's old Main Street businesses. We will also have information on the Elite Hall restoration and a display of neat treasures that have been recovered.



The Hyrum Library

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*Library hours and activities are subject to change without notice.

Library Hours: Monday-Friday
10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

The library's regular programs start again this month:

- **Library Board Meeting:** September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the library board room.
 - **Story time with the Sheriff:** Wednesday, September 7 at 11:00 a.m. at the city square. Enjoy stories read by Sheriff Chad Jensen and a K-9 demonstration along with exploring police vehicles.
- Regular story time begins the week of September 12.
- **Toddler Story time (ages 0-3):** Monday's at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 - **Preschool Story time (ages 3-5):** Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Join them for fun books, songs, and even fun activities.
 - **Magic Tree House Adventure Club:** (Sign up is required): Sept. 9 or the 16 at 3:30 p.m. The book that will be discussed is Magic Tree House #17 "Tonight on the Titanic".
 - **Lego's @ the library:** Wednesday the 7th and 21st from 4-5 p.m. in the storytime room. ages 5+. Lego club is now, Legos @ the library. We supply the legos, you supply the imagination!
 - **Art with Oliva:** (Sign up is required) Tuesday, September 27 from 4-5 p.m. for grades 4-6. Join them to learn about Salvador Dali and the exciting world of surrealist art, and create a masterpiece of your own.

Please visit www.hyrumcity.org/library for their full calendar including Teen, Adult, & Family Programs.