



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—April 2015

Thoughts From Our Mayor

Dear Citizens,

I need to cover a couple of things that you should all be aware of this month:

1) Wastewater progress: We presented a fair proposal for an agreement that said we were willing to pay our fair share and take on the risk of co-ownership of the wastewater plant. We did this along with the other six communities that have been trying to negotiate with Logan on the wastewater plant. This is the best way to protect ourselves against unfair and oppressive charges from Logan, and Logan's ability to tell all of us how and what kind of development happens in Cache Valley. Logan came back and said no way—the contract they want us to sign is the same type of contract that has allowed them to almost double our rates without doing anything to improve the existing plant, and with no corresponding increase in expenses. They proposed a plan that allows them to bill us based on one set of numbers that jacks up our rates, while we all vote on things based on another set of numbers that makes sure Logan will always get their way. Logan's proposal also allows them to change our bill once a year to whatever they deem appropriate and to essentially charge a 6% profit in addition to any overhead. The only concession they have made is to form a "rate" committee but the only power that committee would have is to make recommendations, and even then, guess who controls 75% of the votes on that committee?

When we (Nibley, Providence, River Heights, North Logan, Smithfield, and Hyde Park) have asked for fairness, we've been told that it's good enough and it's not going to change. Your Council, City Staff, and I have been working overtime to try to bring Logan to the table with no success. We have asked for assurances on rates, costs, billing, and governance, and we get nothing. At this point, the best numbers we have show between a \$20 and \$40 increase to our sewer bills per month, but Logan and the State have yet to give us anything that resembles a straightforward accounting of projected costs.

I could live with the increase if I had to; what else are we going to do? What I refuse to live with is being bullied and buffaloed and told that I'm ungrateful AND paying that much for the privilege. We are currently negotiating with Hyrum and Providence. If we can find any way to match the cost that Logan will put on us and get off this hamster wheel, I am going to ask for your support to do so. I wish Logan's elected representatives would treat us the way they would like to be treated but that doesn't look like its going to happen in spite of our best efforts and it's time to move on.

2) Water District. You are going to be hearing more and more about a Water Conservancy District. Here it is in a nutshell: The Wasatch front politicians want our water. They will take it if they can. If we don't have a strong unified voice, they will succeed. If we do have a voice, they might pull it off, but I guarantee it will happen if we don't organize. The proposal that's on the table might not be perfect, but it's pretty darn good. In a year and a half, there will be an election to set up the district. Please support the effort. It will increase your taxes. I know that hurts. But if Salt Lake politicians take your water and dry up

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Nibley City Easter Egg Hunt & Funny Bunny Run

Nibley City's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday April 4 at 9:00 a.m.** at Heritage Park. The egg hunt is for kids up to ten years old. Come early because the eggs go fast. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures and treats and there will be an egg raffle and bunny sack races for fun prizes.

Nibley is also hosting the Funny Bunny Run that same day. This one-mile or 5K race will begin at **7:30 a.m.** from Heritage Park. There will be raffles and drawings for prizes after the race. All proceeds from the race will help support our Nibley-Millville First Responders EMT Squad 140.

Earlybird registration continues until April 2 and race day registration will also be available the morning of the race and is \$10 per person. You can register for the event at Nibley City Hall or online at www.nibleycity.com.



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If you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter, please contact Cheryl Bodily at cherylbodily@hotmail.com.

Tree Board & Wildlife Association News

The Tree Board and Cache Valley Wildlife Association (CVWA) combined meetings in March in order to collaborate on park plans and obtaining trees for Nibley City. As a result, 505 tree seedlings will be funded by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and a private donor from the CVWA, at no cost to Nibley. They will be planted in various parks and will be given to citizens who sign up with NWF to certify their property to help accommodate songbirds and pollinators. Nibley only needs 5 more residents to certify their property to make us the first community in Utah to be awarded as a community that values its properties as habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. You can do this by following these easy steps; go to nwf.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Garden for Wildlife", then click on "Certify" and follow the simple instructions.

Nibley has earned the Tree City USA status for the 4th consecutive year and will be presented with the award on April 15 by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands. We are proud of this status and continue to make every effort to maintain it.

Be watching for information about the next Wildlife Photography Contest in next month's newsletter.

For Tree Board meetings, call Ron Hellstern at 512-6938. The Wildlife Association meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall.

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your lawns and put you on watering restrictions while the Blacksmith Fork flows full down to a pipe to West Valley, it's going to cost a heck of a lot more than the District will.

There are couple of good things going on too. UDOT is engaging with us to help fund reworking the 3200 South intersection, which is going to be a good thing for Nibley. In fact, the City Council will discuss and make a decision regarding the realignment of 3200 South at their April 16 meeting. Come listen to their debate.

The City also negotiated some additional improvements for the new City Park by the High School that will give us land for a trail along the east side of the Blacksmith Fork and tie into the existing City property on the east side of the river. You may have already seen the cleanup and grading of the City property on the West side of the river at 2600 South. It's going to be beautiful when it's done—think Logan River trail behind Elements. Nibley is great, and we'll get all this other stuff taken care of and make life better.

Mayor Dustin

The Nibley Children's Theatre

The Nibley Children's Theatre is excited to announce this year's Heritage Days 2015 production: *Baba Yaga and the Enchanted Ring*—A traditional Russian folk tale full of adventure and fun. Join them as the witch Baby Yaga guides Prince Ivan and his animal friends on his quest for a lost magical ring, which will free his queen mother the Tsarisa Yelena, and save his kingdom from the evil Vladimir. Sign ups will be online **April 1–May 23**. Please note the earlier sign up dates and auditions this year and look for more information at the Children's Theatre website; www.nibleychildrenstheatre.weebly.com.

All Nibley City children ages 5-17 are encouraged to sign up. Children ages 8 and older may audition for a speaking role. Speaking role auditions will be **Friday, May 8 from 6:00–9:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon** in the Nibley City Hall great room. If you are auditioning for a speaking role, please prepare 30 seconds of your favorite song to sing and please note that Broadway songs are preferred. If you have questions, please e-mail Brie Corrington at bncorrington@gmail.com.

A Word from Our Council

Spring has sprung! The temperature is warming up and our kids are starting to take to our parks and fields in droves. Having been raised in Nibley, I have a unique perspective of just how much our city has changed. When my siblings and I played community sports, we always had to combine with teams from Millville and Providence. We had to travel to practices and games. This year is a parenting first for me. We signed up our oldest daughter for soccer. Imagine my surprise and delight when I found out that we would not only complete our team here in Nibley but that our games would all be played here. This is a welcome change in comparison to when I was little. I am also pleased to see the great facilities and fields that Nibley offers. Our parks staff has done a stellar job preparing our fields for our recreational programs. Soccer isn't the only sport that is taking off this spring. We have about 200 kids registered for baseball. Our teams will enjoy the use of our fields and are anxious to see the development of more fields for their future use. We appreciate those who coordinate and coach in these programs. I look forward to helping shape the parks we will be building in the future for even more and varied uses.

Enjoy the upcoming season,
Councilmember Kathryn Beus



Need a place to grow fresh produce at a low cost? Consider the Cache Valley Community

Garden. A 200 sq. ft. gardening plot costs just \$45 for the entire growing season, and only \$35 for Nibley residents (\$15 is refundable at the end of the season). This shared garden is located at 770 West 2680 South in Nibley and just South of Elkhorn park. Irrigation and gardening tools are provided and all plots are tilled at the beginning of the growing season. Print an application at www.Extension.usu.edu/cache/htm/horticulture. For more information or to register, call 752-6263 or email questions to helen.muntz@usu.edu.



Nibley City Youth Council

Congratulate our Nibley City Youth Council. They recently attended a youth council leadership conference at Utah State University and were awarded first place in the council challenge. They competed against 23 other youth councils.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Pedestrian and Bicyclists Safety Tips

Spring is here and the weather is getting warmer. We encourage all residents to be safe as they use our sidewalks, trails, and streets. Please follow all traffic laws while walking or riding your bike, including traveling on the proper side of the road. Try to be visible and wear bright or reflective colors so that drivers can easily see you. Pay attention to the traffic around you and stay alert. We also encourage all bicyclists to wear proper equipment such as helmets. For additional safety tips and a map of our recreational routes, please go to www.nibleycity.com ->Departments->Parks and Recreation->Biking Nibley. There is also a map of our recreational routes posted at Heritage Park by the pavilion. Please be safe while enjoying the great weather.

We would also like to remind you that you can reserve Nibley's four park pavilions online. Park pavilions cost \$25 per pavilion for each reservation made. The four pavilions available in Nibley City can be reserved at <http://nibley.sportsites.com> or at www.nibleycity.com by clicking on the blue button on the right hand side labeled "Facility Rental". If you have any questions, please call Stephen at the city office at 752-0431, or send an email to stephen@nibleycity.com.

—Nibley City Staff

Hyrum Senior Center

Seniors, the Hyrum Senior Center has a lot of fun activities planned for the spring and summer. They are planning on an overnight excursion to Pickleville Playhouse and in late Summer they are going to Tuachan. Plus, the much-anticipated annual Spring Boutique is this month on **April 24–25**. Please come in or call to sign up or for more information. The Center is open **Monday–Friday from 9:00–2:00**, except on field trip days. Their address is **675 E. Main, Hyrum**. Lunch is at noon. Please call **245-3570** before 10:00 a.m. if you plan to join them.

The center will host the following events in April:

Mondays–Quilting, pool, puzzles, and visits at 10:30.

- **Apr 13** Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Tuesdays–Games at 12:30 p.m.

- **Apr 14** Tip Class; a fun and informative class with lots of take home ideas at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–All programs start at 12:30 p.m.

- **Apr 1** April Fool's Day-wear your clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched. It's a party day.
- **Apr 8** Music by Becky and Dean.
- **Apr 15** Game Day with Delene.
- **Apr 22** The Forgotten Son presented by Kent Larsen.
- **Apr 29** Phil Harrison singing.

Thursdays–A sign-up sheet will be available at the center for road trips and the Lunch Bunch. They also have bread each Thursday by 11:00 a.m.

- **Apr 9** Sweet Peas Ladies Club at 10:30 a.m.
- **Mar 19** Lunch Bunch at Village Inn at 11:00 a.m. and a trip to Big Lots.

Fridays–Bingo at 12:30 p.m. Bring a while elephant gift on the second Friday of each month.

"Dreamers & Heroes" Family Concert

Utah State University's Center for Persons with Disabilities and the Caine College of the Arts are partnering to present a free concert on **Saturday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Kent Concert Hall on the USU campus. The one-hour event is intended to be fully inclusive for people of all abilities. The "Dreamers & Heroes" Family Pops Concert, presented by the American Festival Chorus and Orchestra and directed by Craig Jessop, will feature superhero-themed music that will be especially attractive to kids.

Hyrum Library

Bring the entire family for a celebration of children, families, and reading being held at the library on **Saturday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m.** “El Dia de Los Ninos” (The Day of the Children) will include a bilingual story time, crafts, treats, and entertainment. Bring the entire family for a bilingual story time, crafts, and entertainment. This program is partially funded by an LSTA Dia Grant from the State Library.

Please plan to attend these events being offered at the Hyrum library in April:

- **Preschool Story Time**—Every **Monday at 10:30 a.m.** This story time is for all toddlers. Everyone is welcome to come for the fun. No sign up is required.
- **Movie Monday**—**Monday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m.** The new movie, “Big Hero 6” will be shown and popcorn will be provided.
- **E-book classes**—Classes are each **Monday at 11:00 a.m.** **April 6** will be “How to Apple,” **April 13** is “How to Kindle,” and **April 20** is “How to Android.” Come learn how to download books onto your electronic device.
- **Chess Club**—will be held **Monday, April 20 at 4:00 p.m.** in the library café. All interested players, regardless of skill level, are invited to attend.
- **Story Time**—**April 21–24.** This month’s theme is “Rabbits, Wabbits, Rabbits.” To sign up, come visit the library or call at 245-6411 beginning **April 1.** Story time is for all children 3–5 years old.
- **Teen Movie Day**—**Friday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m.** The movie showing will be “Ninja Turtles”. Come enjoy the movie, popcorn, and fun.



Miss Nibley Pageant 2015

Once again it is time for the annual Miss Nibley Pageant. The Pageant Committee invites all girls from 5 years old to 11 grade who reside in Nibley to participate in this year’s pageant and scholarship program. The Princess Pageant will be held the night of **Friday, May 15** and the Miss Nibley Pageant will be held the night of **Saturday, May 16.** Anyone interested in participating can find packets online at www.nibleycity.com or at Nibley City Hall. Applications are due back no later than **Friday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m.** Please contact Trudy Knight at 232-6120 with any questions.

Nibley-Millville First Responders Recruitment Announcement

Nibley–Millville First Responders are Nibley’s first line of defense when an emergency occurs in the city and can sometime be the difference between tragedy or a happy outcome. Our first responders are currently recruiting new members who would be willing to serve their communities by providing volunteer pre-hospital emergency medical care. Applicants must hold a current Emergency Medical Technician certification from the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services OR be willing to attend and successfully complete an EMT course. Financial tuition assistance may be available for interested applicants. For more information, please contact **Chris Searle** at squad140@gmail.com. This is an exciting and rewarding way to serve your neighbors and the community.

The Child and Family Support Center

April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month brings awareness to the community that abuse happens here in Cache Valley and that through support and education, abuse can be prevented.

Events held in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month include:

- **Sam’s Club BBQ**—**Saturday, April 11 from 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.** Join us for our 6th annual Sam’s Club BBQ! Lunch will be served by the Sam’s Club crew and all proceeds will be donated to the Child & Family Support Center.
- **Family Fun Run**—**Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m.** The family fun run/walk features a 1 mile, 5K or 10K course, music, food, awards, and trophies. Register online at www.childandfamilysupportcenter.org.
- **Steppin’ Up for Children**—**Wednesday, April 29 at 12:00 p.m.** at the Historic County Courthouse. A community event to show a commitment to keep children safe which includes a short presentation. 327 pairs of shoes, representing each child in Cache Valley who was involved in a substantiated case of child abuse, are placed on the courthouse steps. The Child and Family Support Center will hold a playgroup for children ages 0–4 from 10:30–11:30 a.m. on Fridays starting April 3.
- Spanish parenting classes are starting on **Tuesday, April 21 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.** at their Hyrum Center (10 North 600 East) and will run for 4 weeks. Please call the CFSC at 752-8880 with questions.