



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—April 2022

Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

Which one sounds more exciting? Reading the latest installment of the Mayor's Journal or diving into this month's theme: the Nibley Budget. You can find either with a quick search (*Journal* or *Budget*, respectively) on the Nibley City website. If you haven't looked at either, then why not try both? I won't claim that the Mayor's Journal will keep you up at night, but it will try to keep you up to date. In addition, the budget is a lot more interesting than you might guess. Gone are the days of rows and columns of numbers pertaining to meaningless accounts. On the contrary, the budget gives a great narrative of where the money comes and to where the money goes. In recent years, Nibley has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award honors government transparency and clear financial communication. Amy Johnson, our treasurer, is focused on receiving that award again this year. You go, Amy! If you want to know what is important to Nibley, then follow the money. Nibley City has a conservative financial approach, little debt, and a balanced budget. I wish that all levels of government would approach the taking and spending people's money with as much responsibility.

The Nibley City budget is several budgets within a budget. The utilities (for example, water, sewer, and storm water) are services provided for a fee rather than being funded by taxes. Each of these pseudo companies have their own stand-alone budget with their own revenues and expenses.

The General Fund is more interesting because most of its revenue comes from taxes, predominantly property tax and sales tax. Can you guess which tax brought in more money last year? You might think that Nibley's modest retail base wouldn't produce much sales tax. In fact, last year sales tax outproduced property tax. This is because one half of the penny-per-dollar local sales tax is allocated to the municipality where the sale is made, and we benefit from the other half that is distributed throughout the state based on population. In addition, online retail sales have helped Nibley. The point of sale—and the associated tax—when I order something from Amazon, is my doorstep in Nibley, not the warehouse from where it was shipped. Although sales tax revenues are encouraging, our missing retail base "leaks" sales tax paid by our residents to surrounding municipalities. We are working to remedy that.

I learned a fun fact from the History Channel. Many of the great walls and gates around medieval cities were not built for military purposes. Instead, they controlled

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The Nibley Youth Council is accepting applications for next year. The NYC a unique opportunity to learn more about the legislative process, serve our community, and spend time with other youth and adult leaders. To apply, you must be a Nibley City resident, enrolled in 10, 11 or 12 grade. Download an application at www.nibleycity.com or come into City Hall and pick one up. Contact Shauna Young at 770-7409 (Adult Leader) with questions.

Nibley Children's Theater

The NCT is excited to announce their 40th year. Sign your child up to participate in their 2022 performance of *The Sister Wishes*, an original play.

Sign your child up at www.nibleychildrenstheatre.weebly.com, through April 23. The NCT website includes details about auditions and how to sign up to be a volunteer. Performances are on June 16 & 17, during Nibley's Heritage Days.



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

Planning Our City



Levi Roberts
Nibley City
Planner

It is no secret that Nibley City continues to grow with the demand for new housing at an all-time high, despite historically high housing costs. This growth has been projected for decades, with Nibley expected to nearly double between 2020 and 2030. It should be noted that the vast majority of this growth is 'natural increase' or home grown. In other words, most of the growth simply comes from children being born and wanting to stay in the community as they grow. Some of it, of course, comes from newcomers to the community, who have discovered the great quality of life that comes with living in our amazing community.

The following subdivisions are currently under review. City Staff, the Planning Commission and City Council review these applications for conformance to Nibley City's adopted ordinances and standards. Ensuring conformance is an ongoing process that the City takes very seriously. At this stage, if the applicants meet the adopted requirements, the City is legally obligated to approve them.

- Nibley Meadows Phases 1-3 (1000 W 3200 S)– This is the first of an approved R-PUD directly south of Heritage Elementary that includes a mix of 24 single-family and 51 townhome units with the dedication of a 4.6 acre public park.
- Firefly Park Phase 2 (2260 S 1000 W)–This phase of the approved R-PUD includes a mix of 15 single-family lots and 32 townhomes and the improvement of Meadow Lane, a road which will eventually connect 1000 W in Logan to 1200 W through Nibley
- Ridgeline Park Phase 4 (3150 S 250 W)–This phase of the approved R-PUD includes 34 townhomes and the addition of a clubhouse and pool.
- Heritage Parkway (3100 S 1200 W)–A standard 17 lot subdivision near the new roundabout on 3200 S.
- Hawk Hollow (1150 W 3200 S)–This is a 23 lot open space subdivision adjacent to Nibley Meadows and includes 3 acres of dedicated open space.

All of these subdivisions will be reviewed at upcoming Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Stay informed by subscribing to these bodies at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>. You can sign up to get an email in your inbox with the agenda every time one is posted.

If you are constructing a new fence in the City, please obtain a fence permit. The permit is free and requires limited information to ensure that you are in compliance with the City's fence regulations.

Niblettes in the News



Georgiana Banellis was born and raised in Cache Valley and attended Logan High School class of 1965. Her parents had a wonderful agricultural business and established a poultry egg business, Banellis Finer Eggs of Utah. Georgiana loved begin a farmer's daughter but had ambitions to become a military officer, liker her father. After graduating from the University of Utah in 1969, Georgiana received her naval commission as Ensign and trained as a registered dietician at the University of Oklahoma. She had wonderful tours of duty as a dietitian on shore assignments and instructed patients and medical staff on wise food choices. After her retirement in 1990 as a lieutenant commander, Georgiana returned to Utah and purchased her home in Nibley, which she says "brought fond memories of my private English education resembling English tudor homes and gardens.

Georgiana still loves her home after 32 years and has a large lot where she plants roses and has a beautiful colleciton of peonies. She also owns the home she was raised in, located in Logan, and the 3 beautiful acres in Providence where her family's poultry farms were located. Georgiana likes the friendly Nibley area. Although it was much smaller and everyone knew each other more closely at the time she settled here, she plans to stay for a long time because of her happy home and close proximity to her two other properties.

Georgiana visists us often at Nibley City Hall and always brings her cheerful smile. We have even been the lucky recipients of some of her gorgeous peonies, that have brightened the office. We have loved getting to know Georgiana and hope you have enjoyed getting to know her better too.



If you are remodeling your home, making an addition or building an accessory building over 200 sq. ft., please remember that a building permit is required.

Permits are available on Nibley City's website at www.nibleycity.com. Nibley City's online review system makes the application process very simple and streamlined.

If you have any questions or comments about upcoming developments in Nibley City, fence permits, or building permits, please contact Levi Roberts, City Planner at 752-0431 or levi@nibleycity.com.

Recreation Roundup



Wellbeing Survey—USU's Utah Wellbeing Project has partnered with many cities and towns throughout Utah to conduct a public wellbeing survey. Nibley City encourages you to take 10 minutes to provide your feedback. You must be age 18+ (*disponible en Español*). Please share with others in your household and the Nibley City community. Nibley's link is <https://tinyurl.com/Nibley2022> or simply scan the QR code.



Referees/Umpires Needed—Why would you want to be a referee/umpire? Get to know the community, get some exercise, learn life lessons, and make a little cash. Applications are available at Nibley City Hall or at www.nibleycity.com on the *Employment Opportunities (Now Hiring)* page.



Hopstacale Run—Nibley City's annual Easter event is **April 16**. This year our 5K will include optional *HOP*stacales along the route where you will earn an additional entry to the 5K *SUPER* Raffle for every obstacle you complete. We are also *EGG*cited to once again have obstacle courses for toddlers to 12 years olds, divided in 5 different age categories with a progressively longer and more challenging course to run through. Your children can look forward to *EGG*tivities and chasing the Easter Bunny with candy filled eggs given to each finisher. 5K registration and all other event details can be found at www.nibleycity.com.



Upcoming Youth Sport: Ultimate Frisbee—Register **April 6–May 17** with an early bird discount through **May 10**. The season is anticipated to run **July 6–Aug 13**, with weeknight games and lots of fun going into the late summer evenings at our local Nibley parks.

Heritage Days—City staff is already gearing up for a host of exciting events for our Heritage Days celebration. We recommend sticking around the week of **June 11-18** to celebrate with our community.



Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events & activities at www.nibleycity.com and www.facebook.com/nibley



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entry to the city to collect taxes on goods as they were brought in to sell and taxes on goods after they were purchased and carried back out. Those great walls were a way to tax goods as they were sold in the city. Sounds familiar, right?

The second main contributor to the General Fund is property tax. Nibley City has traditionally maintained an annual tax rate of 1/600 of property's taxable value. If property values go up, maintaining this 1/600 rate means going through a Truth in Taxation process because collecting more dollars is labeled a tax increase, despite a constant tax rate. That makes sense.

From the General Fund we pay for roads, trails, recreation programs, salaries and wages that are not part of the utility funds, community development programs, and capital building expenditures, to name a few. The budget clearly shows and explains those expenses. The budget cycle in Nibley never ends. It is a year-round, transparent process that monitors expenses against the current budget while anticipating revenues and allocating expenses for the next budget. I welcome your call, text, or email to talk about the budget process – or anything else you are thinking about.

Thanks for reading,
Larry
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Nibley City's annual Community Cleanup will be on **Saturday, April 30**. Large dumpsters will be offered at Anhder Park (294 West 3200 South)

from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This services gives Nibley residents the opportunity to dispose of your household debris and dejunk your yards and garage.* Public Works staff will be on hand that day to help you determine if your item(s) can be properly disposed of.

The dumpsters are only available until they are filled and this service has been very popular in the past. Be sure to plan ahead and have your items ready to be hauled away.

*The following items will NOT be accepted: tires, antifreeze, computers/monitors, household cleaners, motor oil, propane cylinders, batteries, fertilizer, yard chemicals, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides, A/C units, paint/paint thinner, refrigeration units, bleach, televisions, gasoline, other fuels, pool chemicals, transmission fluid, or anything containing mercury.



Reminders from Nibley City Staff

2021 Nibley City Consumer Confidence Report

Nibley's water quality meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. Nibley city staff makes it a priority to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our residents help us protect our water sources, which are at the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. You can find the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report on the homepage at www.nibleycity.com.

Winter Parking

Nibley City's winter parking restrictions are lifted as of April 1, 2022. We assure you, this is not an "April Fools." However, Nibley City does ask that you limit parking vehicles in the public right-of-way because it is a public safety issue when you have cars parked in the street. With the warm weather, there are a lot more kids and animals outside. A child or dog could dart out into the road and it becomes more difficult to see them if cars are parked in the way. Vehicles in the roadways also make it more difficult for postal workers, garbage trucks, and emergency vehicles to get to where they need to be.

Door-to-Door Solicitors



Spring often brings an influx of door-to-door solicitors. Nibley City ordinances requires every person soliciting any service within the city to have a license and qualify to be a "Licensed

Solicitor." The solicitors are instructed to wear their license issued by Nibley in a visible location.

Please help keep Nibley City safe by turning away any unlicensed solicitors. If someone comes to your door without a license, please ask them about their license. If you don't want any solicitation at your home, please post a "No Solicitation" sign in a prominent place.

Greenwaste

Nibley's greenwaste facility is open and located at 3390 South 1200 West. The site is available until November 1, 2022. We ask that resident do not place items at drop sites if there is not a container present or if the containers are full.

Sewer Rates

Beginning in March, in accordance with Resolution 18-02, Nibley's monthly sewer rate charge went up by \$1.00 each month from \$53/month to \$54.00 each month. Logan City provides sewer treatment services for Nibley's wastewater. The monthly fee Nibley charges our residents covers our city's share of the cost of system maintenance, operations, debt service, and wastewater treatment. The commercial sewer rates will also be increasing at the same rate, depending upon the commercial water use. Please refer any questions to Amy Johnson at amy@nibleycity.com.

—Nibley City Staff

The Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Nibley's Firefly Park is an EXCELLENT Value



A little history about Firefly Park

—Nibley City purchased the land in 2015 with grant money and subsequently turned the land into a nature preserve in 2019. Cache County covered half the development costs with RAPZ tax.

The park was named "Firefly Park" due to the presence of a naturally occurring population of firefly . . . a species that is uncommon in Cache Valley and even Utah. Firefly Park costs less to maintain than other, more manicured parks in the city. Data shows that nature parks (also called "sustainable landscapes") use 9 times less water than manicured parks, produce nearly 1/3 less the amount of yard waste, and require 5 times less maintenance. That is a lot of savings.

Of course, there are many more benefits to having this nature park in our beautiful city. In addition to fireflies, monarchs, sandhill cranes, and a multitude of other birds, the park offers a different recreational opportunity for our residents with the walking path and viewing towers where you can climb up and safely watch the wildlife without disturbing them. For the protection of the wildlife, residents are asked to stay on the path and not bring dogs. Dogs are welcome at other parks in the city including the adjacent Heritage Park, while on a leash.

Firefly Park also offers an opportunity for our community to get involved. One of my favorite things to do in the summer is visit with my neighbors while weeding and tending to the pollinator garden. If you are interested in helping with the garden, the CVWA will be starting their weekly, friendly gatherings in May. We are excited to see the garden wake up after its winter sleep, especially since we put in an additional 120 plants last fall (another community effort).

The Cache Valley Wildlife Association's next meeting will be at Firefly Park on **Wednesday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m.** with the city's Parks Manager, Rod Elwood. We will discuss the upcoming summer's efforts and needs at the pollinator garden. Come join us!

Fireflies can be seen flashing their lights to attract mates between late June and early July. Please keep flashlights, cell phone lights, and headlights off while viewing during this time as it disrupts their breeding. Watch for more on this cool topic in the June newsletter.

For the month of April, the Nibley City Council will meet on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. and the Nibley City Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. You can find the Zoom link and full agendas and reports for each meeting of the Nibley City Council and Nibley City Planning Commission at www.nibleycity.com and www.pmn.utah.gov. Agendas and reports are typically posted the Tuesday before each meeting.

Happenin' in Hyrum



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 will be closed on **Monday, March 28** at **5:00 p.m.** for a staff meeting.

Please refer to the community calendar and social media @hyrumlibrary for more information on monthly programs.

April's Schedule

- Toddler Story Time (ages 0-3): Mondays at **10:30 and 11:00 a.m.**
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5): Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Enjoy books, songs, and fun stem activities.
- Chess Club (+Checkers): **Apr. 1** from **4:00-5 p.m.**
- Magic Tree House Adventure Club: #16 *Hour of the Olympics*. Sign up is required (1-3 Grade). **Apr. 15 and 22** at **3:30 p.m.** The library has extra copies available for check out at the front desk.
- Family Movie & Popcorn: **Apr. 4** Join them for *Sing 2*. Young children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.
- Teen Author Spot! Meet authors Brandon J. Greer and Elizabeth A. Drysdale for a reading of their books, raffles, giveaways, contests, and more! Come dressed as your best witch or wizard for a chance to win.–**Apr. 6** at **4:30 p.m.**
- Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)–**Apr. 14** at **3:30 p.m.** If you'd like to join the TAC, stop in the library and ask for Deonna.
- Virtual Lego Club: **Apr. 25**–Watch social media for the month's theme, then make your own creation and post a picture on the library's Facebook page.
- Book Club: **Apr. 26** at **11:30 a.m.**–This month

discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. The Library has copies of this book available Mar. 29.

- Napoleon Dynamite Party: **Friday, Apr. 29** from **4:30–6:30 p.m.**

- Don't forget to check out the Teen Zone for this month's craft.

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, Tuesday, Wednesday and 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 245-3570 to join them for a meal.

Please RSVP by April 30 for 'A Woman's Hands' Mother's Day program and lunch.

Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **Apr. 4** Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m.
- **Apr. 18** Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m.

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

- **Apr. 12** Awesome Tip class at 11:00 a.m. Learn new ideas. Please sign up.
- **Apr. 19** Bunco and lunch at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–Lunches at 12:00 p.m.

- **Apr. 6** My Favorite Things activity
- **Apr. 13** Around the World: Travel to Africa
- **Apr. 20** Music program at noon
- **Apr. 27** Face Down game

Thursdays–*No lunch is served*

- **Apr. 14** Mystery Trip at 10:00 a.m.

Fridays– Bingo at 10:45; lunches at 12:00 p.m.

- **Apr. 8** Bring a white elephant Bingo
- **Apr. 15** Purple Bingo-wear purple for a treat

The Hyrum Museum

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- Second Saturday–**Apr. 9** from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** The Museum is partnering with USU's Mountain West Center to present *Bringing War Home*. Experts will be at the museum to give basic tools to help better understand things brought home from war. They'll offer strategies to help you contextualize, preserve, and analyze these objects and the stories that surround them.
- Back in Time Children's Activity–**Apr. 19–21** from **1:00 to 1:30 p.m.** each day. Children will explore Earth Day Delights.
- The Hyrum museum's annual car show fundraiser, Hot Wheels in Hyrum, will be on **Saturday, June 11** at the Hyrum City Square. They are currently taking applications for food vendors and looking for sponsors. Visit the museum's website for more information.

