



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—April 2023

Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Why a picture of a tree for an article on Nibley's budget? Read to the end to find out. Budgeting is an important year-round activity in Nibley City, and we turn up the intensity during the next few months. Justin Maughan (City Manager), Amy Johnson (Treasurer), and Nibley department heads are working to prepare a budget proposal that we will present to the City Council in May. The City Council will adopt a version of that budget in June. The fiscal year in Nibley, like all municipalities in Utah, runs from July 1 to June 30 of the next calendar year. The extra activity associated with writing and adopting the budget is

accompanied by the year-round work to track actual revenues and expenses against the anticipated budgeted amounts. While considering what to write about the budget-preparation process, it occurred to me that the best explanation of that process is the budget itself. Our current-year budget is on our website homepage under Departments/Finance/Budgets. I get it, spending time reading the Nibley budget may not sound terribly exciting. However, you might be surprised. Over the years, we have worked to present the budget in an easily understood narrative that helps our residents see where the money comes from and where the money goes. Those efforts have not gone unnoticed and Nibley City, once again, received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for our current budget. Whew! Lots of words. This award is presented to agencies that achieve transparency in their budgeting process that "excel[s] as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications tool." As much as any other document, our annual budget shows what we value in Nibley.

There will be lots of discussion about the details of the upcoming budget, and here are a few general ideas about it. First, it is a balanced budget, not only because that is sound fiscal policy, but because it is required by Utah Code. My second point is about fiscal responsibility. For as long as I have been a part of Nibley City governance, we have always had a fiscally conservative approach to budgeting. The budget is a crystal-ball view of what will happen during the next year, especially on the revenue side. Most of our general fund revenue comes from sales tax and property tax, and we don't control the economy or real-estate values. Given that uncertainty, we could make optimistic or pessimistic revenue projections. While I favor a slightly pessimistic view, I am most interested in being as accurate as we can. If we are too optimistic and revenues fall short, we will run into trouble paying our expenses. On the other hand, if we are too pessimistic and revenues greatly exceed our

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HOPSTACLE



Nibley's HOPstacale Event

Nibley City's annual HOPstacale Egg Run will be Saturday, April 22 and we will run, rain or shine. This FREE fun fitness event is for the whole family. The HOPstacale Run starts with obstacle course runs for toddlers to 12 year olds. They can chase the Easter Bunny through progressively longer and more challenging courses. Kids EGGtivities follow along with a FREE Rabbit Run Mile for all ages. Finally, the affordable 5K wraps up the event with optional HOPstacales along the route that earn participants additional entries to the 5K SUPER Raffle. 5K registration and all other event details can be found at www.nibleycity.com.

The pre-registered price for the HOPstacale 5K is available until April, 20. Day-of registration is available online at 1 a.m. on Saturday, April 22 and at 8:30 a.m. at the Heritage pavilion.



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

Recreation Roundup

Join Us Today

Nibley Parks & Rec Committee —



Do you love trails and recreation? Do you love being an active part of the community? Would you like to help Nibley grow in a positive direction?

Apply now to help shape our amazing city! Reach out to Chad (chad@nibleycity.com) and learn more about being a part of the Nibley Parks & Rec committee.

Thanks to all the amazing Nibley residents that makes this such a great place to live and raise our families.



Refs & Umps Needed—Would you or someone you know like to get a little exercise, get to know the community, and make a little money? Nibley City recreation leagues need referees and umpires to help participants focus on learning the game and have

fun. Applications are available at Nibley City Hall or at www.nibleycity.com on the Employment Opportunities (Now Hiring) page.



Ultimate Frisbee EXPANDING PROGRAM

—This is a great sport to try even for someone that has never played team sports since it is so easy to learn. The Ridgeline team will offer a FREE skills clinic for all registered players and the program is expanding to include all youth going into high school in the fall of 2023. Registration opens April 5–May 16 with an early bird discount through May 9. 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.



Unified Bocce Ball

—Special Olympics Utah and Nibley City are excited to offer unified bocce this season. Special Olympics Unified Sports pairs persons with and without intellectual disabilities to train and compete together. Bocce is an Italian game and is the fastest-growing Special Olympics Sport and 3rd most played sport in the world. All ages and abilities are welcomed! Sign ups will be in April. Please watch social media and www.nibleycity.com for more details.

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 10-17 to celebrate with our community.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

2022-23 Winter Storms – FYI

The Nibley City Streets department and Public Works team cleared our streets after 26 storms. They used approximately 550 tons of salt and put in approximately 770 work hours.

Please join us in giving our plow team a hand for a job well done. They had kept as all moving and safe during a very productive snow season.

Thank you Nibley City Public Works.

—Nibley City Staff

COMMUNITY Cleanup



Mark your calendars. Nibley City's annual Community Cleanup will be on **Saturday, May 13**. Large dumpsters offered to Nibley residents, give you the opportunity to dispose of your household debris and dejunk your yards and garage. Watch for more information in next month's Nibley City News and on Nibley's Facebook page.



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APRIL 29TH 8AM

RACE STARTS AT Thomson Family Orthodontics in Providence

Cache Valley Wildlife Association Firefly Park



Good news! Nibley City is on track to receive reimbursement from Cache County for the original purchase of Firefly Park (the purchase dates back to 2016). The reimbursement is the result of funding available to Nibley to mitigate recreation easements that were impacted on land owned by Cache County. In addition to the purchase reimbursement, the RAPZ tax program has provided 50% matching funds to develop Firefly Park. Nibley City's thoughtful planning and fiscal responsibility made possible the original purchase and continued development of Firefly Park.

Firefly Park is one of the few nature parks in Cache Valley and supports a population of fireflies, breeding monarchs, and nesting (such as sandhill cranes) and migratory birds. It contains a pollinator garden with a variety of healthy, nectar-rich plants and an abundance of insects. A native plant habitat was created last fall along with the beginnings of a native bee demonstration garden. These areas, combined with the natural springs and wetlands in the park, provide a great place for young and old to explore the local flora and fauna and enjoy the outdoors. The wide pathway and viewing structures offer opportunities to wander around the perimeter of the park while still being able to observe the wildlife with minimal disturbance to the feathered occupants. In April, a new restroom facility will be completed at Firefly Park. We hope all Nibley residents find their way over to the park to enjoy this wonderful city resource!



The Blacksmith Fork and North Cache Conservation Districts offer bare root shrubs and trees to the public. The types offered are known to grow well in northern Utah climates and are often quick growing. Purchasing plants as "bare roots" provides an affordable option for a tree or shrub that, when planted in the spring, has a greater chance of becoming established. The bare roots are offered in bundles of 10. Check with neighbors and friends to see if you can make a cooperative purchase and split up the bundles.

Information on plant species and a printable order form can be located at <https://www.uacd.org/cash-valley-tress-sale>. Orders must be placed no later than April 5 and plants must be picked up at the Cache County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 22.

—Becky Yeager



GOAL FOR APRIL

Have an emergency food supply that will meet the needs of your household for three days without outside help.



An emergency food supply doesn't have to sit on a shelf, ready for disaster to strike (although it can). It can be part of the food you use every day. The key to a good food storage plan is to buy ahead of time. Replace items before they run out. Buy items when they are on sale. A large duffel bag or plastic tub with a lid makes a great storage place for an emergency food supply. Make sure your family, including pets, will have what they need when disaster strikes.

TASKS—Do at least 1 of the following:

- Buy a three-day emergency food supply for your household.
- Take steps to make sure food in your refrigerator and freezer will stay safe.
- Make sure you can meet any special dietary needs in your household.

JOIN

NIBLEY CITY YOUTH COUNCIL!

APPLICATION:
DUE ASAP!
Print out the form and bring it to the Nibley City Offices before April 30!



REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN NYC:
-Must be going into 10th, 11th, or 12th grade
-Must be a Nibley Resident

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE TEXT OUR ADVISOR
SHAUNA AT (435) 770-7409

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projections, I believe it is too easy to spend more on unexpected expenses because we have new-found money in the budget. As Becky (I'm Becky's husband) can tell you, I think spending money—especially unexpectedly—should be painful.

My final point on the budget is about expected revenue from impact fees. We charge impact fees from new homes and businesses with the intent of mitigating the impact of that new growth. Calculating a maximum allowed impact fee involves a detailed analysis of the current level of service for our current residents and charging that maximum amount will not decrease that level of service. The irony of impact fees is if a city already provides a high level of service, then the city can charge a large impact fee. Nibley City has put an emphasis on our parks, and because of that, we are allowed to charge new residents a large park impact fee. Based on the recently completed analysis, the City Council adopted a new park impact fee that nearly doubled, increasing it to \$9,000 for a single-family residence. While I admit that this fee will not help solve our housing shortage, it seems fair that new residential development should not dilute the service already established for our current residents. The other allowed impact fees for water and sewer didn't change as dramatically as the park impact fee.

If you are wondering why we put a picture of a tree in place of my mugshot for a budget discussion, it is not to suggest that money grows on trees. Perhaps it is to show that a sound budgeting process gives a healthy city where sturdy trees can put down roots and provide benefits to Nibley's residents? Nope, not that either. Instead, it is to remind me to tell you that like last year, Becky and I will be purchasing and donating 100 bare-root trees and shrubs to Nibley residents. In keeping with the spirit of a budget discussion, we will use the revenue that I earn from umpiring Little League baseball to purchase the trees. That decision to use umpiring income isn't as gracious as it might sound, as I would gladly do it for free.



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

Please check upcoming reports from the Mayor's Journal and look for future announcements on Nibley City's website for details on how to get a tree for your yard. The trees will be available the end of April.

—Larry

Nibley City Budget in the Spotlight



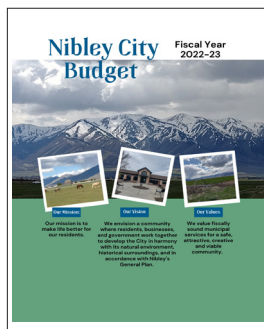
Amy Johnson
Nibley City Treasurer
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It's budget season around here, which means staff is working hard to plan next year's budget. Nibley's budget is more than a bunch of numbers; it details much of the operations that take place within our City.

The principles we follow while we prepare the budget are:

- Nibley City will . . . practice fiscal conservatism.
- focus on holistic budget issues and not dedicate unreasonable effort to a single project or item.
- take responsible steps to payoff the City's debts in a timely manner.
- make contributions to the City's long-term savings, so that the City will be adequately prepared in the event of a fiscal crisis.
- keep its residents, City Council, and staff apprised of budgetary decisions, so that those decisions can be made in a transparent manner.

Nibley City recognizes that, from time to time, it may be necessary to update these principles in order to reflect changes in financial planning practices. However, we strive to make decisions that are in keeping with these guiding principles. We meet with department heads to review accomplishments over the past year, as well as evaluate upcoming priorities. We have been compiling information about anticipated revenue and expenditures, salaries and benefits information, as well as Capital Project plans for City improvement. This process takes a lot of work, and you are invited to participate in that process. Please attend City Council meetings in May so that you can understand and weigh-in about changes that will be implemented, as well as projects that our resources may be directed toward during the coming fiscal year.



Nibley's budget has received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award for the past couple of years, and we plan to continue meeting those award requirements for years to come. Please familiarize yourself with our budget at <https://www.nibleycity.com/index.php/departments/finance/budgets>.

Nibley's City Council meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There will only be one City Council meeting in the month of April on April 27th. The Nibley City Planning Commission will only meet on April 13th at 6:30 p.m.

You can find 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 posted the Friday before each meeting.

The public is invited to all of these meetings and we love to have our residents participate.

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. Please call by 9:00 a.m. if you'd like to join them for lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays for a cost of \$3.00 per lunch. Come on in and have yummy lunch, some fun and to make new friends.

Join the Senior Center for their Mother's Day event on **May 10** at noon. Please RSVP.

Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **Apr 3** Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00 Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Apr 17** Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00

Tuesdays– Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **Apr 4** Bunco and Lunch; 11:00 a.m.
- **Apr 18** Tip class at 11:00 a.m.
- **Apr 25** Bunco and Lunch; 11:00 a.m.

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

- **Apr 5** Easter Facedown
- **Apr 12** Easter Fun–wear a hat or bonnet for a hat contest
- **Apr 19** Game Day
- **Apr 26** Pig Party

Thursdays–No lunch is served

- To Be Announced

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



The Hyrum Museum

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museum@hyrumcity.com



The Hyrum Museum is excited to host “Utah’s Chinese History” exhibit from **April 12 through Thursday, May 11**. Exhibit Director, Mary Yang will be in attendance for the museum’s SUPER SATURDAY event on **April 22 at 1:00 p.m.** The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will offer Chinese-themed activities.

All children are invited to join the Museum for “April Showers,” their *Back in Time Children’s Activity* on **April 25–27 from 1:00–1:30 p.m.** each day. Kids will learn all about the people and water who kept the steam-powered engines of the transcontinental railroad running, plus complete a fun activity and have a treat. Sign-up is preferred.

The museum is honored to partner with the Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation to recognize all local veterans of the Cold War at an event on **Tuesday, May 30 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Mountain Crest auditorium. Anyone who served

at any time between 2 September 1945 and 26 December 1991 is eligible. Please contact museum staff or come into the museum to sign up.

Hyrum Heritage Foundation—The Elite Hall is open for free public walking every Monday–Friday from **7:00–10:00 a.m.** All are welcome, but please supervise children and don’t bring any food or drinks other than water.



The Hyrum Library

50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-6411
hyrumlibrary@gmail.com

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

- **Toddler Story time (ages 0-3)*:** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; and **Preschool Story time (ages 3-5)*:** Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This month they will be reading books about Easter and dragons.
- On Apr. 3 the library will be closed at 5:00 p.m. for a staff meeting.
- **Lego’s @ the Library:** Apr. 5 and 19 from 4-5 p.m. in the Storytime room. Ages 5+. They supply the Legos, you supply the imagination!
- **Chess Club & Checkers Club:** Apr. 7 from 4–5:00 p.m. in the library board room.
- **Magic Tree House Adventure Club:** (Sign up is required): Apr. 14 or the 21 at 3:30 p.m. The book that will be discussed is Magic Tree House #25 “Stage Fright on a Summer Night.” If you need a copy, the library has extra to check out.
- **Family Movie & Popcorn:** Monday, Apr. 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Storytime Room. The library will be showing *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish*. Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent at all times.
- **Book Club for Adults:** Apr. 11 at 11:00 a.m. Discuss *The Things We Cannot Say*. You can pick up a copy of the book at the desk, all books checked out will be due back on the 11.
- **TAC Meeting:** Apr. 13 from 5-7:00 p.m. End of Year party! If you would like to join the TAC for the next school year, stop in the library and ask for Deonna!
- **Yard Games:** Apr. 28 at 4:00-6:00 p.m. Meet at the Elite Hall for yard games.

