



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah— August 2023

## Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

Back to school! That thought means different things to different people. For our kids, it might mean reuniting with friends and exciting new possibilities in the next grade (yip-pee!). It might also mean the end of summer fun (rats!). For parents, it could mean a return to a more predictable schedule but an increased level of frenzy. One of the things that back-to-school means for Nibley City is getting kids to-and-from school in a safe and healthy way. Nibley's street

department works with the School Community Councils at Nibley Elementary and Heritage Elementary to implement their identified Safe Routes to School. These routes are shown on the Cache County School District website for kids that are close enough to school to not receive bus service. Most of the students at these schools fall into this walk-to-school category. The Thomas Edison Charter School is unique because walking vs bussing boundaries do not apply. However, many of the TECS's students are also within walking distance of the school.

Taking a slight detour for a minute, I have mentioned several times in my status reports ([www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com), *Mayor's Journal*) training provided to Levi Roberts (Nibley Planner), Tom Dickenson (Nibley Engineer), and me by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to learn how to build walkable communities.. I am impressed with how many people in Nibley walk for exercise, and this Walkability Academy went beyond that. It focused on how Nibley could become a community where we could walk as a form of transportation. We don't have to give up our cars, but could we build a community where people walk to get places? One of the challenges for Nibley is we have a limited number of walkable destinations. Although we are on the cusp of growing beyond a bedroom community to Logan, we don't yet have the economic development in our own community that would let us walk to the store to shop.

But wait, we do have walkable destinations: our schools. The problem is many of the kids that are within walking distance of school are not walking to school. Instead, they get to school on lots of small buses (cars). This practice causes safety issues that the schools must contend with in the pick-up and drop-off areas, and we could improve our kids' health with the physical activity of walking to school. The CDC Walkability Academy showed us that Nibley isn't the only community trying to solve this issue. Discussions with other municipalities, health professionals, and planning experts from around the county led Levi and me to set a goal to increase the number of students who walk to school by twenty percent during the next year, and those discussions gave us insight on how to achieve that goal.

How are we going to increase the number of kids walking to school? First, we must recognize that parents are driving their children to school for valid reasons, and we must work with parents to understand what those reasons

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SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

### GOAL FOR AUGUST

**Make your community stronger by getting trained & getting involved**

It takes more than police, fire and EMS to respond to a disaster. It takes people who are committed to neighborhoods, churches, schools and volunteer organizations.

People who are involved are key to a stronger, disaster resilient community. They are willing and able to look out for themselves and others. A resilient community is one that can withstand a disaster and get back to normal quickly.

Remember, community preparedness starts at home. If you know that your family is prepared at home, you will be able to help others. Go to [www.do1thing.com](http://www.do1thing.com) for more information.

### TASKS—Do 1 of the following:

- Connect with an isolated individual in your neighborhood or start a neighborhood organization.
- Promote emergency preparedness in your community.
- Become a volunteer in your community. Contact Nibley City about becoming CERT certified.



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Nibley City is also on



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If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact [cheryl@nibleycity.com](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com).

### Pedestrian & Driver Safety



Councilmember  
Erin Mann

As strange as it feels to say it, the beginning of the school year is fast approaching. Cache County School District begins on August 24 and Thomas Edison begins on August 16. With the advent of school comes an increase of pedestrians using sidewalks and intersections and the need for extra awareness from our drivers. Here are a few tips for both pedestrians and drivers to help everyone stay safe this fall<sup>1</sup>:

#### Pedestrians

- Remind children to walk or bike on sidewalks rather than riding in the street
- When possible, use crosswalks with a designated crossing guard. Nibley schools have designated Safe Routes to School. Work with your kids to identify the safest route for them
- Make sure cars have come to a complete stop before entering the crosswalk
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways

#### Drivers

- Obey posted speed limit signs on all Nibley roads
- Watch for pedestrians everywhere, at all times
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Stop far enough back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians and stop too
- Be extra cautious when backing up, and look for pedestrians
- Use designated pick-up and drop-off zones at your child's school

Thank you for all you do to help keep our streets safe for Nibley residents.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety>



### Working to Improve Walkability . . . *Especially For Our Kids*



Levi Roberts  
Nibley City Planner  
levi@nibleycity.com

Recently Nibley staff, Mayor Jacobson, and regional partners participated in a Walkability Virtual Academy to learn about ways to improve walkability, and thus overall health, of our community. At the commencement of the academy we developed an action plan to help move the needle on improving overall 'moveability' in Nibley so people feel safe and comfortable getting from point A to point B, particularly when using transportation outside of a personal vehicle. As more than 40% of Nibley residents are under the age of

18, a big focus of the action plan was to improve options for elementary school children traveling to and from school. If more children travel safely to school, there are benefits to the children stemming from better health and independence, and to the greater community in the form of decreased traffic. Nibley City would like to increase the number of children that walk or bike to school by better understanding the barriers to active transport and then identifying specific programs and projects to mitigate barriers for active transport. A couple of the ideas discussed included safer crossings, walking school buses, and other ideas. However, first we would like to understand these barriers to help resolve potential issues. In the coming months, we hope to start communication with our elementary schools, including parents of children that attend the schools, to better understand these barriers. We would appreciate your help in understanding barriers to active transport. Please be watching for opportunities to engage with us on this topic.



### Cache Valley Wildlife Association



#### Back-To-School Surprise—

This school year, students and teachers are in for a surprise that will bring our community years of unique learning experiences! Thanks to a grant awarded by the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation, Nibley's Firefly Park

is building an outdoor classroom. The classroom will offer opportunities for your children and other valued groups (senior centers, Common Ground, Utah 4-H Club, Hyrum Library, Audubon Society, scout groups, and church groups) in our community to meet, recreate, and learn from the resources at Firefly Park (insects, birds, plants, ecological systems, water quality, etc.) while in an outdoor setting.

The classroom, expected to be completed in early August, will have amphitheater-type seating (to seat about 40), a shade cloth covering, and a large central teaching table.\* The space has been designed to blend in with the natural setting of the park and will be situated just north of the pollinator garden, native plant habitat, and viewing tower.



\*If you or a group would be interested in helping to build a large teaching table as a service project, please contact Rod Elwood (Nibley Parks Division Manager, [rod@nibleycity.com](mailto:rod@nibleycity.com)) or Becky Yeager ([blyeager@comcast.net](mailto:blyeager@comcast.net), 435-757-6283)

Recreation Roundup



Moana Movie in the Park



Sept 8th | Pre-Show Activities | Food | Family Fun

**Back-to-School Movie in the Park**—Enjoy Nibley's famous pre-show activities and some amazing islander food, and stay and watch this fun, family-friendly movie on Friday, September 8.

Schools that serve our community can compete to earn points to exchange for use of the Nibley City Gaga court and/or an obstacle course set up. Talk with your school administration or PTA to learn about their strategy to score points by getting involved with this community event. Contest details will also be available on our Nibley City Facebook page and website.

**Food Truck Roundup**



•Aug 18th

•Sept 15th

@ Heritage Park

AMAZING FOOD & Fun Activities

**Food Truck RoundUps**—

Experience amazing food and an unforgettable experience right here in Nibley at Virgil Gibbons Heritage Park on August 18 and September 15. Save the date, and tell your friends and neighbors to meet you for this savory and delicious, family-friendly experience at the new North Pavilion

at Heritage Park from 5:00 to 8:00 each night.

**Nibley Fit**—The group fitness class schedule changes when school is back in session. Watch for the updated schedule on our website and or social media.



**Scarecrow Fun Run**—This annual tradition grows in popularity every year and signals the beginning of fall in Nibley City. Runners typically experience cooler temperatures and fantastic fall colors as we run through our beautiful town. You and your entire family will enjoy this fitness event scheduled for **Saturday, October 7**. Count on fun and friendly scarecrows that may startle you and may encourage you to run your best 5K, 10K or 10K relay. Professional, chip-timed runs also include fun, creative categories and age division prizes. Plus there is a drawing for more prizes. Consider the FREE 1-mile run and/or the FREE kids' races if you are not quite to a 5 or 10K level. Watch for updates in this newsletter and online about how this year's Scarecrow Fun Run will tie in with Nibley's Morgan Farm.



Chad Wright  
Nibley Recreation  
Director

Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events & activities at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and [www.facebook.com/nibley](https://www.facebook.com/nibley)



**Niblettes in the News**



Steve and Kelly Clark made their home in Nibley 20 years ago and have loved living in this community. Steve is a sales and marketing director for Pet Wants

(also in Nibley), Kelly is a Nurse Manager in the NICU at Logan Regional Hospital, Cooper and Payton are students at Ridgeline High School, and together as a family they have taken a plunge into the candy world selling "Unexpectedly Scrumptious Buttermints." Selling candy isn't the only thing this family loves to do . . . they also enjoy cruising, Disneyland, riding four-wheelers, floating lazy rivers, going to the movies, and taking nighttime drives in the Jeep with the top down.

The Clark family fell in love with Buttermints and have been working with the company since the beginning of the year. A lot of pride is taken in these candies, and they have been selling handcrafted, gluten free Buttermints at lots of different fairs and festivals and would love for you to stop by, say Hi!, and try a delicious sample.

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are. We must learn why it's better to drive than walk. Perhaps there is a safety concern crossing roads on the Safe Routes to School. Maybe it's the unthinkable; worry about abduction of a student walking to school. Maybe it's the weather (I can relate). Once the parents help us understand these concerns and reasons not to walk, then we can apply some of the things we learned in the Walkability Academy to mitigate those concerns. I hope we get to try one of my favorites, a "walking school bus" where the kids in a neighborhood gather, along with an identified parent, and walk to school as a group. Maybe it's letting the kids that are walking home out of class a little before the ones being picked up so the walkers can clear the pick-up area without contending with cars. Other possibilities include additional painted crosswalks. I admit that we might need more crossing guards. Some of these mitigation efforts are relatively inexpensive to implement, and some are more expensive. Certainly, all these mitigation efforts will be optional and hopefully attractive enough for parents to try them out. I am excited to get more kids walking to school, and I hope the parents, teachers, and school administrators share that enthusiasm and will help us work in that direction.

Please be especially safe as our kids head back to school this month, and please let me know what you think.

Larry

## Nibley Employees in the Spotlight



Heather Zollinger has been a Nibley City Crossing Guard since 2014. She loves seeing the kids each morning and afternoon and helping them get to and from school safely. She loves visiting with the

kids she crosses and tries to learn each of their names. Her smile and her wave don't go unnoticed by passersby. She also works at Heritage Elementary as a Paraprofessional Educator.

Heather was born and raised just over the hill in Brigham City. She graduated from Box Elder High School where she played the flute and was a member of the marching band. Afterwards she attended Weber State University.

23 years ago she met her partner in crime. They just celebrated their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and have four amazing children named Katelin (20), Dylan (17), Alexis (15) and Zander (10). She loves being a mom, and sometimes she wishes they were still little. They have lived in Brigham and Logan but have called Nibley home since 2011.

Heather enjoys camping and being in the great outdoors. She also enjoys crocheting, knitting, baking and reading. Some of her passions include gardening, her family and supporting her kids—spending many, many hours as three of her kids have been involved with the Ridgeline marching band.

Nibley City is confident Heather is helping your children cross to school safely and appreciates her efforts. As you drive by the corner of 3200 South and 800 West before and after school, Heather will be there, so make sure you smile and wave back!

### Reminders from Nibley City Staff

#### Nibley City's Park Pavilions

Nibley City's park pavilions can be reserved online. Click on, "Facility Rental" at the bottom of the Nibley City home page to make a reservation. If you have any questions, please call the Nibley City offices.

#### Trash & Recycling Services in Nibley

Waste Management (WM) of Utah has partnered with the Cache Waste Consortium (CWC), consisting of the Amalga, Clarkston, Hyde Park, Hyrum, Mendon, Millville, Newton, Nibley, North Logan, Paradise, River Heights, Trenton, Wellsville and unincorporated Cache County communities, to service all residential customers beginning on or before Oct. 1, 2023. Details about your residential services will be mailed directly to you by WM in early fall. —Nibley City Staff

<https://guidingourgrowth.utah.gov/beheard/>

## 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 offer friendship, classes, a pool group, quilting, games, parties and yummy meals. 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.

#### Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- Aug 7 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00
- Aug 21 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00  
Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

#### Tuesdays– Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- Aug 8 Bunco and Lunch at 11:00 a.m.
- Aug 15 Tip class at 11:00 a.m.
- Aug 22 Bunco and Lunch at 11:00 a.m.

#### Wednesdays–Lunch at 12:00 p.m. Programs after lunch.

- Aug 2 Facedown card game
- Aug 9 Royalty program
- Aug 16 Cow Party
- Aug 23 Luau. Bring a travel suitcase for prizes.
- Aug 30 Vacation Fun with Our Friends



#### Thursdays–No lunch is served

- Aug 17 Picnic at Al and Vicky's
- Aug 24 Annual Deer Cliff Inn trip

#### Fridays– Bingo at 10:45 a.m.; lunch at 12:00 p.m.

- Aug 11 Bring a nice white elephant gift for Bingo.



## HYRUM CITY MUSEUM

### The Hyrum Museum

50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-0208  
museum@hyrumcity.com

Dr. Matthew Godfrey will be joining the museum on **Saturday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m.** to give a presentation on the history of sugar beets in Cache Valley for the Mu-

seum's "How Sweet!" Super Saturday event. The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will also have a totally sweet art activity.

Then, don't miss the museum's beautiful art exhibit by Jump the Moon artist Kaya Eccles. Jump the Moon is a non-profit group that helps everyone, especially the differently-abled, express their creativity.



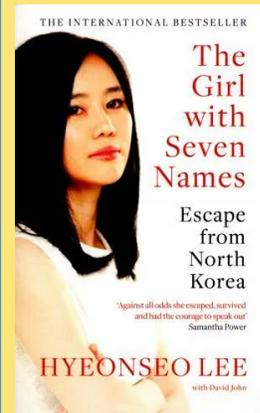
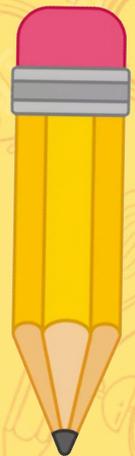
### The Hyrum Library

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.

The library will close early on **Monday, August 7** for a staff meeting.

The Hyrum Library thanks everyone for an amazing summer. They have loved putting on the Summer Reading Program for you and love seeing the countless number of hours you have read. The Library loves the Summer Reading program, and seeing how it brings the community together.



- **Adult Book Club:** (Ages 18+) Tuesday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m. Discuss *The Girl With Seven Names*. You can pick up a copy of the book at the front desk of the library. All books will be due back on August 8.

