

# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — December 2022

# Mayor Jacobsen's Message



How important is it to you to feel safe and secure? Do you feel safe living in Nibley? In a 7 November status report (see the *Mayor's Journal* at *www.nibleycity.com*), I mentioned a recent USU Wellbeing Survey that asked those questions, along with others related to wellbeing. While the status report focused on the importance of our natural spaces, the survey also asked Nibley residents about their feeling of safety and

security. An overwhelming majority, 97% of the 457 respondents, rated safety and security as important or very important to their wellbeing. That establishes the need for safety, and 89 percent of the respondents also said that safety and security in Nibley are good or excellent. Safety was rated as the most important factor contributing to feelings of wellness, and it was also rated as Nibley's best-achieved wellness factor. How does that happen?

First, we are blessed to live in a small town in northern Utah. Cache Valley's low population density, our focus on family relationships, and our commitment to community all help keep us safe. Those things put us in a good place, and we must work to stay there. Towards that goal, Nibley City's annual budget commits \$481k to public safety. That's about \$64 per resident per year. The three main parts of public safety are emergency medical services, fire protection, and law enforcement. Our emergency medical services involve a county-wide ambulance and first-responders network. For fire protection, we are part of the Hyrum Fire District. We achieve law enforcement through a contract with the Cache County Sheriff's Department, along with animal control. Law enforcement also includes prosecution and participation at the Hyrum Justice Court.

Continuing to feel safe requires commitment. It is ironic that after this month's newsletter topic–Public Safety–had already been selected, we were reminded how easily safety can be threatened with the burglary of the Nibley City office in November. The incident could have been much worse; we had some property damage, lost a small amount of cash, and had to ask some residents to cancel and reissue checks that were stolen. I am truly sorry if you were one of those residents. Despite having safeguards in place–including security cameras and a locked safe–we will use this incident as an opportunity to reevaluate our security measures at City Hall. I encourage you to do the same at your homes. As we work with the Sheriff's Department to catch the suspect, we will also work to ensure that we are protecting your public property and ensuring your safety in Nibley.

I believe that a key to maintaining Nibley's safety and security is doing the small things right rather than waiting for catastrophic events. Small things mean writing citations for traffic offenses, as well as enforcing our ordinance on land uses and animal control. Unfortunately, it seems that local and national trends make it increasingly difficult to write citations

# Monday, January 2, 2023 to celebrate New Years Day.

Nibley City staff wishes you and your loved ones a healthy and happy holiday.

**Nibley City Hall Closed** 

Nibley City Hall will be closed Monday, December, 26 for Christmas and



#### A Special City Council Meeting

The Nibley City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, December 14 to interview applicants to fill the City Council seat being vacated by Kathryn Beus with her election to the Cache County Council.

If you are interested in applying for the vacated seat, go to Nibley City's homepage and click on *Notice of City Council Vacancy* for instructions. Applications are due December 7.

During this meeting we will also express our appreciation of Councilmember Beus and thank her for her service. The public is encouraged participate and attend.



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

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# **Niblettes in the News**



Neal Loveland is the leader of Squad 140, our Nibley-Millville Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and is the right guy to have around in an emergency. He may look like a guy that you wouldn't want to run in to (and really who wants to have to call for an emergency), but is kind and service

oriented and a great asset to the safety and wellbeing of Nibley City.

Neal is married and has 4 children. His life revolves around attending his children's activities such as marching band and basketball. When Neal is not with his kids at an activity or dashing off to the next emergency, he enjoys spending time camping and traveling with his family.

Neal has been an EMT since 2012 and started his EMT career at Nucor Steel. At his "day job" he works at Thomas Edison Charter school as the Head Custodian.

Neal said, "I work with some of the best EMT's in the valley! We are a small group but we love supporting the community. We have gone through some changes but we are still growing and enjoy serving Nibley. We are always looking for more help and people that are interested in joining us."

Nibley-Millville First Responders provide volunteer, pre-hospital, emergency medical care. Applicants must hold a current EMT 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 Neal Loveland, Nibley-Millville's EMT Squad leader, at *squad140@ gmail.com*.

# Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Winter Feeding Tips to Attract & Protect Our Wild Birds

Backyard birding can bring much joy during all seasons but especially in the winter. When your landscape is fast

asleep under snow cover, birds bring lively songs and are fun to observe in their natural setting. Learning the types of birds that visit also makes a great hobby during cold winter days. Here are a few tips to keep the birds healthy during the winter season:

- After each storm, clean off feeders, platforms, and perches so seed is easily accessible.
- Leave fruit and berries on trees and bushes to provide a natural source of food throughout the winter.
- Wait until spring to remove spent vegetation such as flowering plants to provide seed, perches, and protective cover.
- Consider adding a heated birdbath to your backyard or place a safe heating element in a regular birdbath to provide birds with open water.
- Scrape snow from around feeders to provide easier access to spilled seed for ground-feeding birds.
- Leave nesting boxes and birdhouses up all year round to provide winter roosting sites.
- Seek out bird foods that are high in fat or oil content which will provide greater energy for birds, such as black oil sunflower seed, nijer seed, suet, peanut butter, and white millet seed.

Hopefully, these tips will help you attract a wide variety of bird species to your yard while keeping them healthy. Happy birding!

Becky Yeager





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and prosecute offenses. To remedy that in Nibley, we are actively reevaluating our ordinance for ease of enforcement, working with our law enforcement partners to write more citations, and ensuring that our city prosecutor is following through in court. While it's easy to relax on these issues, our diligence will help keep Nibley's residents safe.

We live in a truly wonderful place. I hope that as we finish the year, you will have a chance to enjoy your family and our community and to recognize the beauty of the amazing place that we live. It is an honor to work for you, and I wish you the peace that comes with feeling safe and secure. Please call, text, or write anytime.



# Now is the Time - Register Your Dog



It's time to renew your 2023 dog license. Renew between now and December 31, 2022 to qualify for early-bird pricing (which is a \$10 discount).

	Early-bird Fee	Regular Fee
Spayed/neutered	\$15	\$25
Unaltered	\$25	\$35

This year when you register your dog during the discount period you'll be entered into a prize drawing, which includes the following prizes:

- \$100 off any package with Duck n Dodge
- 1 free exam & 1 free vaccine (\$72 Value) at Heritage Animal *Hospital*
- \$50 gift certificate to Pet Wants
- 1 free mixed flower arrangement (\$40 Value) from Flowers by Laura Studio
- 2024 dog license(s) registration (Up to \$50 Value)
- 1 free 2023 park pavilion rental (Up to \$50 Value) •
- 32 oz Custom-Slim Cruiser with straw (\$35 Value) from • Ginny's Pit Stop
- 1 free 2023 HOPstacle Egg Run 5k registration (\$35 Value)
- 1 free nail grinding and bandana (\$25 Value, for 2 Winners) . at Pawsitively Divine Grooming
- \$25 Gift Card to Maverick
- Custom, dog print tissue cover and box (\$20 Value) made by Gift Bazaar
- 1 free Nibley Fit monthly pass (\$20 Value)
- Custom Nibley City Founded 1935 Graphic Mug by Cache Valley Embroidery



If needed, please provide proof of your current rabies vaccination during registration. Rabies is a preventable viral disease that infects the central nervous system and causes disease in the brain and death. Nibley City requires dog registration to ensure our canine population is rabies vaccinated, to aid in reuniting animals with their owners, and to pay our annual contract with Cache County Animal Control. Even with the registrations that are collected, Nibley City has to subsidize a portion of this annual contract price from the general fund. We encourage all residents who have a dog to ensure their "best friend" is registered with Nibley City to do their part in providing animal control services.



#### **GOAL FOR DECEMBER**

Be prepared to give first aid while waiting for an ambulance or EMTs.



An emergency can happen at any time and any place. Many public places have a first aid kit, oxygen, or an AED (automated external defibrillator) to treat people. These items can only save lives if someone knows how to use them. Actions you take in the first few minutes after an injury or other medical incident may save someone's life.

#### TASKS

- Know what to do while waiting for an ambulance • to arrive
- Make or buy first aid kits for your home and car
- Take training in first aid, CPR, AED, or pet first aid

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.

# **Reminders from Nibley City Staff**

#### Snow Plows, Mailboxes, and Hydrants...Oh my!

The USPS requires that you clear the front of your mailbox of snow. If too much snow accumulates in front of your mailbox, your mail service may be interrupted.

While you are clearing your mailbox, you should also clear your neighborhood fire hydrant. Please clear enough perimeter to walk around the hydrant and clear a path from the hydrant to the street. Your efforts could make a big difference in a fire.



#### Keep snow and ice **3** feet away from fire hydrants.

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

Finally, we all know that snowplows and mailboxes don't mix. Nibley City's Public Works staff do everything they can to avoid mishaps. Unfortunately these adversaries occasionally have an unfortunate encounter. Please let us know when this happens. However, most mailboxes are hit because they are not built to the national specifications adopted by the USPS (www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm) and protrude into the public right-of-way.

#### Do not push snow into the street

Help Nibley City's Public Works department keep our roads clear and safe. Please do not push or shovel snow from your driveway or sidewalks into the street. -Nibley City Staff

# **Recreation Roundup**

# Live Nativity At Nibley's Morgan Farm Dec. 9th, 10th & 12th

- 6:00 рм 8:00 рм
- \* Live Animals: Camel, Donkey, Sheep and more
- \* Live Nativity in a stable
- \* Hot Chocolate

# \* Only \$3/person



\* Canned food donations also appreciated (support The Cache Community Food Pantry)

Event presented by: Nibley's Morgan Farm Caretakers, and community volunteers.





**Nibley Christmas Light Tour**—Thanks to some amazing residents with holiday, exterior illumination and yard decorating skills, you have a chance to enjoy the Nibley Light Tour throughout the Christmas holiday season. Find an interactive Google map of all the great entries and contest winners at **www.nibleycity.com**. One of the best things about the Nibley Light Tour is you can take your family,

friends, or a date on this self-guided tour whenever it fits your schedule. Thanks again to all the entries and sponsors that have made our holiday season deLIGHTfull!

**Nibley Fit Group Fitness Classes**—Instructors will offer a FREE sample of the classes they teach at the Super Sampler Class on **December 23** from **7:30-9:00 a.m.** at Mountain Peak Volleyball. The sampler will help you get a feel for the classes you will want to attend this coming New Year. Second, throughout December you can start and/or continue your fitness journey with tons of motivation by playing Nibley Fit Christmas BINGO, a holiday favorite. Nibley Fit Bingo Cards are available at any Nibley group fitness class and the BINGO drawing will be held on December 23, 2022.



**Give the Gift of Youth Sports**—Have your children ever told you they were bored? Are they staring at screens all day? Sign them up for a Nibley City Recreation youth sports program. Not only will you get the early bird special, we will give you a gift you can put under your tree for your child to open. This year Nibley Recreation is including spring, summer AND additionally FALL SPORTS! Pay for more than one registration and get additional youth sports related gifts to give away along with their Nibley Recreation experience.

This limited time registration offer is only available until **December 16.** You are likely to register them

anyway, so why not make it a gift? Nibley City Recreation gives your kids an opportunity to be more active, make friends, and have something to look forward to this spring and summer.



**Nibley Holiday Guide**—Are you wondering where to find out about all of the great holiday options in Nibley and throughout the valley? After some homework and updating a web page we have made it easy for you to plan your holiday season activities that include sleigh rides, Christmas lights, concerts, and other holiday events through the New Year's Holiday. Just look for the Nibley Holiday Guide on the home page of *www.nibleycity.com*.



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ey Recrea Director Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events & activities at *www.nibleycity.com* and





# **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 if you'd like to join us for lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays.



# "All Wrapped Up"

The Senior Center's annual craft fair December 2–3 with trees, baskets, quilts, gifts, food, and treats. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

### Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- Dec 5 Board & Advisory party at 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 19 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00
- Dec 26 CLOSED

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

- Dec 6 Bunco and lunch for \$2.00; 11:00 a.m.
- Dec 20 Tip class at 11:00 a.m.
- Dec 27 CLOSED

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

- Dec 7 Performance by the Hicken family
- Dec 14 Piano with McCoy Brady
- Dec 21 Christmas Facedown game
- Dec 28 New Years party

### Thursdays–No lunch is served

• Dec 22 Mystery Trip

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

- Dec 9 Christmas Bingo
- Dec 23 CLOSED
- Dec 30 CLOSED



The Hyrum Museum

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

The Museum will debut their Second Saturday event, "Printing Press Presents" on December 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hyrum printing legend, Steve Downs will demonstrate an early 1900s printing press. Visitors will get the chance to set type and print stationary. Children who attend the December Back in Time children's activity, "That's a Wrap" will get a sneak peak of the new Print Shop on December 6–8 from 1:00–1:30 p.m. each day.

The museum will be closed the entire week of **December 27-29** for the Christmas holiday.

# Elite Hall Restoration Committee

The USU Big Band Swing Club will be hosting a dance at Elite Hall on Friday, December 9 featuring live music from the Cache Community Big Band. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. Free dance instruction starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Dress to impress for the return of New York New Year's Eve at the Elite Hall. Welcome the new year in style on **Saturday, December 31** starting at 7:00 p.m. with dinner, dancing, music, door prizes, and a massive balloon drop at 10:00 p.m. (midnight in New York). All tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the museum, at *hyrumcitymuseum.org*, or at the door.

As the weather turns colder, don't forget that the Elite Hall is open Monday--Friday from 7:00--10:00 am for free public walking. 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 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.

- Toddler Story time (ages 0-3)\*: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- Preschool Story time (ages 3-5)\*: Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Join them for fun books, songs, and even fun activities.
- Family Movie & Popcorn: Monday, Dec. 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the Storytime Room. Watch "The Rise of Gru". Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent at all times.
- Magic Tree House Adventure Club: (Sign up is required): Dec. 9 or the 16 at 3:30 p.m. The book that will be discussed is Magic Tree House #1 "Christmas in Camelot".
- Lego's @ the Library: Dec. 14 from 4-5 p.m. in the Storytime room. Ages 5+. They supply the Legos, you supply the imagination!
- Teen Book Club: Bring your own book to discuss with a group. Thursday, Dec. 14 from 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Christmas Art: Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 4–5:00 p.m. Come paint a Christmas bag (while supplies last).
- Teen Holiday Party: Friday, Dec. 22; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Library will be CLOSED on December 24–26 through Monovember 24-26 for the Christmas holiday. Book drops will also be closed on these days.