



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah— February 2022

Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

This month's theme is Dogs and Pets, and I will try to stick with that (at least partly). We all know how important our pets are to us. Certainly, they become part of our families and part of our community. Our passion for our pets was reenforced for me back in 2009 when Mayor Knight assigned me to chair a committee to rewrite Nibley City's Animal Land Use ordinance. We had some interesting discussions, including a participant asking, "Why do we hate roosters, considering that you can't have eggs unless you have roosters?" At that point, our land-use discussion turned to animal husbandry. Becky (I am Becky's husband) is certainly passionate about her animals, and they are well cared for. So much so, that I joke in my next life, I want to be one of her animals—dog, cat, goat, chicken, any of those would be fine. If you noticed my picture that accompanies this column, you might think that I am well on my way towards that goal.

Talking about our pets gives me a chance to mention one of the three reasons for having city government at all: local control. Our pets are part of our community, and we adopt rules that protect the rights of our community. It's a tough job to decide what animals—and what number of animals—make good neighbors. It's an attempt to draw the line between individual rights and the rights of the community. That's what governments do—at all levels, and especially the local level. Can you imagine a government that is more involved in your daily life than a government that tells you how many dogs you can have? Local government only works because local people are involved in the process and because local officials are held accountable by those they represent.

Speaking of being accountable . . . at my day job, my boss has always been interested in what I am working on. To convey that, I provide periodic status reports—especially right after starting a new position. In this job, YOU are my boss, and I would like to give you those status reports. While considering ways to deliver those reports, Nibley City staff and I decided to make them available on Nibley's City Website (www.nibleycity.com). Scroll down a bit on the home page and you will find the Mayor's Journal. I hope those reports will show you what I have been working on and provide insight on Nibley City governance. I also hope that insight will help you get involved in the process.



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

I am humbled and honored to be Nibley City's Mayor. I came to Cache Valley 13 years ago to attend Utah State, and my wife, Becky Wagner, and I moved to Nibley 25 years ago where we raised our two daughters, Taylor and Brooke. I have enjoyed a rewarding career as an electrical engineer, with the last thirty years at Campbell Scientific. Becky and I love the strong and vibrant community that we share with Nibley Citizens, and we have tried to help build that community. Counting the time on the Planning Commission and City Council, I have spent 19 years on Nibley governance. These days, I am splitting time between engineering and being the Mayor for Nibley City.

My goal as mayor is simple. Help make you proud to live in Nibley.

You are my boss, and I am always interested in hearing from the boss. Please call me, text me, or send me an email.

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larry@nibleycity.com

Mayor's Journal

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Future Niblettes in the News

We hope you've enjoyed reading about a few of the amazing people we have among us in the *Niblettes in the News* section of our newsletter. We live in a great community.

We know there are more of you awesome Nibleyites? out there. Now's your chance to nominate a person(s) in our community who you feel are inspiring, making a difference, doing something cool, or are just plain awesome. They might be our next featured resident. Email the Nibley Newsletter Editor at cheryl@nibleycity.com and include Noteworthy Niblette in the subject line of your email to nominate someone.

We're Closed

Nibley City Hall will be closed on **Monday, February 21, 2022** during President's Day.



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

Nibley City Employees in the Spotlight



Chet Olsen joined our Nibley City team in November of last year. He was hired as the Street and Stormwater Manager in the Public Works department. He and his staff are on call 24/7 and have kept our public streets safe and clear of snow this season. They've done a great job and let's hope they get a lot

more experience this winter/spring.

Chet and his family have lived in Nibley for the last 6 years. They like how Nibley has a small town feel but also has amenities so close. Chet and his wife Rachael both grew up in Cache Valley and will celebrate their ten-year wedding anniversary in April. They have one boy named Mack.

The Olsen family enjoy being outdoors and you'll find them having the best times when they are camping with friends and family, going on hikes and exploring new areas, and going up to Hardware Ranch and seeing the elk. When Chet is not plowing snow with one of our Nibley City snowplows, he enjoys plowing through the snow on a sled. They also enjoy going to local sporting events and cheering on family and friends. Chet and Rachael love supporting local agriculture and want to have a little farm in the near future. Until then, they continue to enjoy going to the local Maverick to grab a diet Dr. Pepper, a Dr. Pepper and a red or blue juice for Mack, plus a little treat. Chet expressed, "We enjoy how the community helps one other. I am excited to work with the citizens and the new challenges we face in the near future as Nibley continues to grow." Be sure to wave to Chet as he drives the plows past your house this season.

Nibley Animal Ordinance



Garrett Mansell
Nibley City
Planning Commissioner

Some of my fondest memories as a boy were playing with my neighbor's dog. They had a Great Dane named Dax and as young children we loved playing with that dog. Because of his size, there were many times we would try to ride him like true mutton busters but we usually failed at that. Dax was not mine but I will keep happy memories of him with me forever.

As we all know, animals are not just pets. They can produce food like eggs, they can be used as transportation, and some are for merely companionship and joy. No matter the reason you have animals, it is an important responsibility to care for them. This also includes caring for our neighbors and respecting one another as they and us use our properties as we see fit.

Ordinances in a city are designed for what I call the "best benefit result." The reality is, there are some restrictions in the city boundaries on animal uses. This is not designed to make anyone's life difficult, but to preserve the property rights of each other. There will be some that do not like animals whereas others do. Ordinances like the Nibley Animal ordinance help us to co-exist in a peaceful and friendly manner. This ordinance was updated in November of 2021 and I would encourage everyone to read it. If we all follow this ordinance I believe we can achieve the best outcome for everyone. This ordinance was adopted with each individual property owner in mind. However, we do not know everything. So, if you have any input or changes you would like to see happen, please let us know. That is how it was updated last year; someone requested a change. Please remember that we are all in this together as citizens of a city, which I hope we think of as a great place to live. I also sincerely hope each of us can make many great memories with the animals in our lives.



The Cache Valley Wildlife Association



My wife and I have two Great Pyrenees. I've had many more throughout my life. I've also worked closely with the Coyote Research Center in Millville. So what does that have to do with anything? Well, there's a connection between the Great Pyrenees and coyotes. That isn't such a bad thing. Coyotes are not well liked by ranchers, especially those with sheep or cattle. They are responsible for deaths especially of the young. As a result, coyotes are trapped and hunted to reduce their population. This is where the

Pyrenees come in. Pyrenees (and other guard dogs) are used by the ranchers to help protect the herd. These dogs are bred to do this job. They don't herd. They don't hunt. They don't retrieve. They guard, and over time the herders that released dogs found that they intimidated coyotes rather than attacking coyotes and didn't get injured. One of the main goals of the Millville Predator Research Facility is to find better ways to control coyote damage to ranchers. Guard dogs, like the Great Pyrenees, are a great tool and can be wonderful pets.

Nate & Vonda Norman
Balance Environmental, (435)757-3815

Rabies Vaccination Clinic



License Registration/Renewal

Saturday, February 26, 2022 9-12pm
2365 S Heritage Drive, Nibley City, Utah
Home of Heritage Animal Hospital
NO Appointment Required

***\$20 Rabies Vaccination (per pet)**
***Get the required rabies vaccine and license your dog all at one convenient time and location**
***vaccines administered by a licensed veterinarian**
***Pet licensing provided by Nibley City**

A Community Service Partnership




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THEN DELIVER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022.

UNAVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS?
 SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL
 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17
 TO ACCEPT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS



Children who will turn 5 on or before September 1, 2022

Questions? Contact your local school.



Niblettes in the News—The NYC

Our Nibley City Youth Council had the opportunity to go to the Utah State Capital and experience some cool stuff. Their day started early, but these youth were all in. Some of the highlights of the day were meeting with Mike Mowers, who serves as Senior Advisor of Community Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs. He introduced the Youth Council to one of Utah's lobbyist who explained what a lobbyist does. Then the NYC was able to talk to one of our local House Representatives, Casey Snider, who shared insights into what he does and why. The youth really liked being able to chat and listen to these men on a more personal level. The Council attended a workshop on *Good Flag-Bad Flag* with Ted Kaye, who is a Vexillologist . . . or to the layperson, a flag expert. Ted did a great job explaining the principles of flag design and keeping the youth engaged.

The NYC explored the Capital building and then ended the day with a luncheon and a panel discussion with Utah House Speaker Brad Wilson and Utah Senate President Stuart Adams.

The Nibley City Council meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Nibley City Planning Commission meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month 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 Friday before each meeting.

Recreation Roundup



SUPER START Soccer—Registration for SUPER START indoor soccer closes on Feb. 8 (or when sessions are full) and sessions begin on Feb. 23.

SUPER START T-Ball—This indoor clinic is a perfect way to introduce your 3-4 year old child to the games of baseball/softball while having fun and learning valuable skills. Players rotate through stations with their teammates and coaches as they build their skills. Please sign up ASAP. This program fills up quickly and registration ends March 1 or when sessions are full.



Nibley Recreation Spring Soccer—Soccer registration is open until February 22. Sign up by Feb. 15 for the early bird special. Nibley City Recreation Soccer helps your child develop FUNdamental skills in a FUN, and FRIENDLY atmosphere. Backed by research, the program formats are designed to match the attention span, and motor skill development level of your child, while also maximizing ball touches and teamwork through the "small sided soccer" concept of small team sizes and appropriate field dimensions. Games will be in April–May.



Nibley Recreation Youth Baseball, Softball, T-Ball Registration—Heads up! Baseball, Softball, T-ball sign ups open on February 9 and end on March 22 (or when leagues are full). For family scheduling convenience our city league baseball, softball, & t-ball games do not overlap with the soccer games for the same age group. Our coaches are trained to make both practices and games fun, and you can count on your child making new friends as they learn the FUNdamentals of the game.



Take a sharpie and write your last name and phone # on shin guards, bats, gloves, balls, water bottles, and jackets that will most likely be left at a game or practice. If we see a phone # we will contact you to pick up your stuff at city hall. Otherwise items left in our parks will land at a local thrift store.



HOPSTACLE Upcoming Events—Hopstake Run—Save the date for our Hopstake Run that includes obstacles, candy filled eggs, and more. Watch Nibley City social media for an exciting announcement about the 5K portion of this annual event being held on April 16.

Save the Date:



June 11-18



Chad Wright
Nibley Recreation
Director

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

www.facebook.com/nibley



Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Dogs in Parks

Nibley City Parks ordinance allows for dogs on a leash in our parks. However, there are a few places where even leashed dogs are NOT allowed.

1. Firefly park (a nature park west of Virgil Gibbons Heritage Park). We do NOT allow dogs even if they are on a leash. *Why?* to help preserve the wildlife in the nature park, especially migratory birds, including but not limited to ground nesting birds.
2. On designated sports fields and courts. *Why?* Players, parents, and coaches do NOT want to play on athletic fields with dog waste or urine. Even if the dog owner cleans up the mess on a sports field or court, dogs naturally want to go where another dog has "marked" the field and no one wants to play on that stuff.

How do you know where sports fields are? Baseball and softball fields are more obvious and include bases, fences around the field, and team benches. Other sports fields are marked with paint on the grass. Anything inside painted lines or inside ballfield fences is off limits for dogs, on or off leash.

Nibley City has miles of walkways and trails in and around our parks where you can walk your dog (except for at Firefly Park of course). If your dogs poops in our park or on other Nibley City property you are expected to clean it up immediately so bring a bag or use those provided in many of our parks. *Why cant you let your dog off leash even if no one is around?* Although a dog may be predictable at your own home, on or off leash dogs become much less predictable in public spaces even when well trained.

We appreciate responsible dog owners that follow our rules and laws but if you see community members violating our parks ordinance, please report it immediately to Cache County Animal Control (753-7555). We encourage you to get out and about in our community and at our parks with your dog.

—Nibley City Staff

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 serve lunch at noon for a cost of \$3.00. Please call 245-3570 to join them for a meal.

Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- Feb. 7 Breakfast and Bingo at 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- Feb. 21 CLOSED
- Feb. 28 Breakfast and Bingo at 10:30 a.m.

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

- Feb. 15 Awesome Tip class at 11:00 a.m. Learn new ideas and eat some fun foods. Sign up is required for this one.
- Feb. 22 Bunco and lunch at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–Lunches at 12:00 p.m.

- Feb. 9 Valentine Party; singing with Mary Gardner
- Feb. 16 Around the World: Travel to Germany
- Feb. 23 Music program

Thursdays–*No lunch is served*

- Feb. 10 Mystery Trip at 10:00
- Feb. 24 Lunch Bunch at 11:30

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

- Feb. 4 Blood pressure checks with CNS at 10:30.
- Feb. 11 Color Bingo-wear pink.
- Feb. 18 Bring a wrapped, white elephant gift to Bingo.



The Hyrum Museum

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



For Hyrum Museum's *Second Saturday* they will open the *Blessed by Water, Worked by Hand* event on **February 12**. Your eye will be tricked by this art exhibit, which is a fascinating combination of painted wire and historic photography. Artist, Gail Griswold will join the museum from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** to discuss her process and inspiration for the artwork.

The museum's *Back in Time* children's activity is **February 22-24** from **1:00-1:30 p.m.** each day. They'll learn about Utah mother, Lucille Bankhead, who championed rights for women and people of color, and complete a fun art activity. All children are welcome and sign-up is encouraged.

This month, the Museum's FREE Family Movie will be *Clifford the Big Red Dog* on the big screen at the Elite Hall on **Friday, February 4**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Elite Hall Restoration Committee

Bring your sweetheart to the valley's best big band music event all year. *Jazz Nights* at Elite Hall is **February 10–12**. The Elite Hall is thrilled to host the USU jazz orchestra and ensemble for three nights of incredible big band music and dancing. Free dance lessons start at 6:00 p.m. and the dance starts each night at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 and dinner is available Friday and Saturday for an additional \$15. Tickets are available at <https://cca.usu.edu/music/events/jazz-night-at-elite-hall>.



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.

The library will closed at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 7** for a staff meeting and all day on **Monday, February 17** for President's Day.

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



February's Schedule

- Toddler Story Time (ages 0-3): Mondays at **10:30 a.m.** Themes for the month are Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day.
- 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): **Feb. 4** from **4:00-5 p.m.**
- **Feb. 11 and 18 at 3:30 p.m.**–Magic Tree House Adventure Club: #14 *Day of the Dragons King*. Sign up is required (1-3 Grade). The library has extra copies that are available for check out.
- Family Movie & Popcorn: **Feb. 14** at **4:00 p.m.** *Clifford* in the Story Time room.
- Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)–**Feb. 17** at **3:30 p.m.** If you'd like to join the TAC, stop in the library and ask for Deonna.
- Avengers Pizza & Movie–**Feb. 18** at **5:00 p.m.**
- Virtual Lego Club: **Feb. 28**–Watch social media for the month's theme, then make your own creation and post a picture on the library's Facebook page.