



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—June 2014

Thoughts From Our Mayor

Budget Time

I might as well be straight with you—I didn't used to like budgets. They tied my hands, they meant I couldn't get what I wanted when I wanted it, they meant I had to control myself. But I'll be straight with you—I love budgets. They give me freedom of action within the bounds they set, they get me what I need when I need it, and they keep me responsible and accountable.

It's budget time for the City. This is the most important thing we do as your representatives, and we want to do it right. The process will run for at least 3 City Council meetings, starting on May 15, then on June 5 and either June 12 or 19. Please come out and see where we are spending your money. There's a public hearing on June 5, and I'd love to see you there. Most of it is not very exciting stuff, but there are a few initiatives and projects that I want the City to know about:

- 1) **Council compensation:** I put this one right out front. I expect a lot out of myself and out of the Council. None of us is going to get rich doing this, but I want to make sure that people who want to serve are fairly compensated for the time they put in. Council pay has been frozen since at least 2008. I really don't know the best way to set the amount but you've got to start somewhere so I am proposing that the Council pay be set as the average of the compensation of Council members from Hyrum, Providence, North Logan, and Smithfield—that's \$889/mo for the Mayor, and \$412/mo for the Council. I'm also proposing that the Council and Mayor pay be tied to the same Cost of Living Allowance increase given to City employees. My hope is that this will 1) bring the compensation up to a point where it's appropriate and 2) remove the need for future big adjustments like this. The current pay is \$600 for the mayor and \$300 for council.
- 2) **Communications:** We are increasingly reliant on electronic communications. All of our meeting materials are delivered electronically, and I believe that we should be accessible to you. I am proposing that the Mayor and Council be eligible for the existing City communications stipend—they don't have to accept it, but if the stipend is accepted, they will be able to use the funds for equipment or voice/data plans. The Councilmember will be assigned a Nibley City e-mail address and the mobile phone number associated with the stipend will be published on the City web site. The City will not provide electronic equipment under this policy, but the stipend can be used for equipment and service with any cellular provider.
- 3) **River Repair:** We have completed most of the work on the Blacksmith Fork River and only have one project left, pending permit approval.
- 4) **Sidewalks:** Finish sidewalk on 2600 from the church to SR 165 and the east side of 165
- 5) **3200 South and SR 165:** Funding grant to redesign the intersection
- 6) **Recycling site upgrade:** Relocating the current recycling/green waste area by City Hall

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A "Shindig" for Bill

Join us for an open house honoring Nibley's Public Works Director, Bill Saunders. Bill is retiring and his presence on our Nibley City staff will be missed. He's been in charge of ensuring we have water, sewer, roads, and so much more for 15 years. Come wish him the best and express your appreciation for his skill, hard work and dedication to our city at an open house on **June 27 from 3:00–6:00 p.m.**



Nibley Heritage Days

Come celebrate our fantastic community by joining in the Heritage Days festivities being held **June 16–21**. Please see the brochure enclosed in your utility billing or go to www.nibleycity.com for a list of Heritage Days events.



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If you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter, please contact Cheryl Bodily at cheryl@nibleycity.com.

Nibley City Job Openings



Crossing Guard

There are two positions available for crossing guards in the 2014-2015 school year. Both positions are for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. One position will be at Heritage Elementary School and the other will be at Thomas Edison Charter School. Guards will work Monday through Friday from approximately 8–9 a.m. and 2:30–3:30 p.m. depending on school times and schedules. Nibley Crossing Guards are responsible for safely crossing children across streets near the school.

Public Works

Nibley City is also recruiting for a full-time Public Works Director. Please visit www.nibleycity.com for a complete job description and job announcement. The job application deadline for this position is **June 9, 2014**. The Public Works department is also accepting applications for two temporary summer public works positions. Responsibilities may include park maintenance, street maintenance, and other general duties as assigned. Preference will be given to those with construction/maintenance experience and it is anticipated that employees will work until October 1 or as weather and work load dictate. The application deadline for these temporary positions is **May 27, 2014**.

All Nibley employees are required to pass a background check and pre-employment drug test.

For a complete job descriptions and list of qualifications please go to www.nibleycity.com. Interested individual may apply at the Nibley City Offices.

Give Your Child a Head Start

Bear River Head Start is now enrolling. They offer free educational and social service to low-income families with children ages birth to 5 years, children with disabilities, and pregnant women. Head Start can make a difference in how well-prepared a child is for kindergarten and elementary school in general. Hundreds of families benefit from Head Start each year. The children begin learning letters, numbers, interacting with peers, learning social skills, and good hygiene habits like hand-washing and tooth-brushing. Families can contact Bear River Head Start to find out if they qualify. Contact them at 755-0081 ext. 321 or 322 or visit their office at 95 West 100 South, Ste. 200 in Logan, to see if you qualify. You can also find more information at www.brheardstart.org.

Cache Community Band

The Cache Community Band is directed by Dan Stowell, a well-known conductor who has provided Cache Valley with excellent musicians and outstanding music for over 30 years. The band has a regular schedule of concerts throughout the year and takes part in local festivities in summer parades, community concerts, and the Tabernacle Summer Noon Music Series. In the last six months, the wind symphony has grown from 35 to 65 participants, representing some of the most talented musicians from around the valley.

The Cache Community Band's musical selections range from the shores of America to the Scottish highlands—presenting thundering brass fanfares and traditional folk music, celestial melodies, and popular show tunes. Their concerts are free to the public and they encourage everyone to come listen. For more information about the band, upcoming concerts, or if you are interested in joining the band, contact David Howell at dhmail@vfemail.net, Leslie Higley at leslie.higgles@gmail.com, or Jill Ostergaard at richard.ostergaard@gmail.com.

Hyrum Senior Center

June is a very busy month at the Hyrum Senior center and they are excited to announce that they now have three vans and can accommodate 31 on their outings.

The Hyrum Senior Center is located at 675 East Main in Hyrum. The center is open **Monday–Friday** from **9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.** Please call them at 245-3570 before 10:00 a.m. if you will be joining them for lunch or if you have to cancel.

The following activities are scheduled for Wednesdays in June: **June 4** Bingo with Amy • **June 11** Lorie Puloto • **June 18** Father's Day program with Benjamin and Company. There is a \$3.00 cost associated with this activity. Everyone is welcome and you are encouraged to sign up early • **June 25** Cache Adult Day Center presentation at 12:00 p.m. and Eileen James at 12:30.

You can also participate in the fun road trips scheduled in June: **June 5** Red Hat Party at Salt Hollow Park* • **June 12** Hogle Zoo. The tickets are paid for but there is a \$8.00 charge for gas and lunch. • **June 26** Quilt show in Midway • **June 25** Cache Adult Day center presentation at 12:00 p.m. and Eileen James following at 12:30.

*June's Red Hat Party is scheduled a week earlier than normal at 10:30 a.m. Please pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center for a complete list of the opportunities offered there.

Hyrum Library

Come on in to the library and sign up for their Summer Reading Program. But hurry, the program begins **June 9**. The reading program is tailored for all ages.

The Hyrum Library has the following events scheduled for June:

- **Classes for your devices**—Learn how to download thousands of free books, videos, and more to your electronic devices each Monday at 11:00 a.m.
- **Make n' Take Craft Day**—each Thursday from 1-5:00 p.m.
- **Movie Day**—June 27.
- **Chess Club**—This club is for all ages, levels, and abilities. It is held the first Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Café.
- **Story Time**—May 13-16. Each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. covering a different subject each week.

Relay for Life

We are excited to announce that Relay for Life of Cache County will be held at Heritage Park here in Nibley. Join us **July 11-12 from 2:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Saturday**. This 24-hour event, is held to spread cancer awareness and raise funds for cancer research.

What is a Relay Event?

- Organized overnight community fund raising walk
- Teams of people camp out around a track
- Members of each team take turns walking around the track
- Food, games, entertainment, and activities are provided
- This is a family friendly environment for the entire community
- Fund raising at the event
- This is a time to honor Survivors

We do realize the Relay will cause some disturbance to the houses around the park. We will try to be as considerate as possible with noise. Please excuse our disturbances and come join the fight against cancer. Everyone is welcome.

If you have questions, want to make a team, or want to make a donation feel free to call Stephanie Strawn 760-5065 or Kristina Johnson 232-8876. Or you can visit cachecountyrelay2014.org.

Also, if you want to register a survivor, or if you yourself are a survivor, we will have a free dinner for survivors and one care giver. Registration will be **Friday, July 11 at 5:00 p.m.** or you can register online at cachecountyrelay2014.org.

Cache Valley Household Water Survey Nibley, Utah May 14, 2014

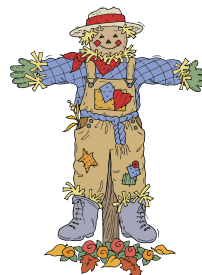
Press Release: Researchers from Utah State University are studying household water use and resident perspectives on water policies and water resource issues in Utah and the northern portion of Nibley is one of the selected neighborhoods. This project will collect information from randomly selected households in twenty-one neighborhoods across three Utah valleys – Cache, Salt Lake, and Heber/Midway. This survey gives residents a chance to share important information about how they use and think about water in their daily lives.

Teams of students will go door to door to arrange for residents to fill out the questionnaire at their convenience and return to pick up the completed survey a few days later. Survey team members will be wearing light blue shirts and ID badges so they can be easily identified. We will be in northern Nibley neighborhoods beginning June 6th.

Participation in this research is entirely voluntary. Throughout the survey work, steps will be taken to ensure privacy and respondent identities will be kept completely confidential. All publications from this study will be based on summary information that does not reveal the identity of any participant. Participants can also request to have a report of the findings sent to them.

Any questions about this project should be addressed to Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith at USU at 760-7377 or doug.jackson-smith@usu.edu or Dr. Courtney Flint at USU at 797-8635 or courtney.flint@usu.edu. Additional information can also be found on the project's website at <http://iutahepscor.org/hhsurvey>.

Nibley City's Annual Scarecrow Festival



This year's Nibley Scarecrow Festival will be held **Monday, September 5** through **Monday, September 8** at the Morgan Farm. This is a free, family-fun activity. This year's theme is "Marvelous Comics". Those interested in creating a scarecrow scene can send an e-mail to nibleysistercity@gmail.com or contact Bryan Hansen at 245-2168 to get more information and a list of suggested Comic Book/Comic Strip Characters. There will also be an optional Scarecrow Making Night on **Thursday, August 28** at the Elwood Morgan Elk Horn Park for those who want help making their scarecrows or need some supplies. Come participate in what is becoming a favorite Cache Valley event.

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- 7) **Planning and Zoning salaries:** These also haven't changed in at least 6 years, probably longer. They are currently set at \$25/meeting. The proposed increase is to \$50/meeting which more accurately reflects the level of preparation and effort that goes into the work.
- 8) **Nibley Park "Swamp":** Project to dry out the wet spot by the volleyball court. This will break the hearts of lots of muddy kids and mosquito families. Kids; I'm sorry. Mosquitoes; Not sorry at all.
- 9) **Fair Booth:** Every year dedicated volunteers put together a display representing Nibley in the Fair. Interest has declined, and we don't have any volunteers to carry on with it. Sadly, we are eliminating this from the budget. If you would like to be the go-to person to keep this alive, let us know (david@nibleycity.com) and we will put it back in.
- 10) **Planning Studies:** It's time to update our General Plan, the plan that tells us what we want to become. Be ready to come out and let us know where you think Nibley ought to go in the future. We will be having several public meetings to gather input.
- 11) **Well Construction:** Building a new well to help maintain water service
- 12) **South End Sewer Study:** We are working with Providence and Hyrum to see what our options really are for wastewater treatment. Logan is still not willing to discuss shared ownership and control, and we want more for our \$ than a rental agreement.

Those are the highlights (and lowlights). Don't blame your Councilmembers or Planning Commissioners for the proposed increases. This was my idea, and if it's not the right thing to do, I deserve the blame. That said, I ask a lot of them and of myself and all things considered, I think it's fair. We could look at other methods of determining the amount, but I think it needs to happen and I'd appreciate your support. See you at Heritage Days!

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Sports Night in Nibley!

NEW! EXCITING and FUN! Something to do for everyone!

Come join us for an exciting night of sports events. Heritage Days this year will be doing an all NEW sports night on June 19th from 5-8 pm at Heritage Elementary. All events are free, and prizes will be awarded to top participants during an awards show, Saturday night, as part of the Mayor's Dinner.

Activities will include.

- 3v3 Soccer*
- 3v3 Basketball*
- Frisbee Golf**
- Football Throw
- Soccer Shot
- Basketball Hotshot



Youth Events will be from 5pm - 7pm. Adult events will begin at 7 pm. *3v3 Soccer, 3v3 Basketball and Frisbee Golf will have a limited number of teams that can participate so register early to guarantee your spot. Only 3v3 Soccer, 3v3 Basketball, and Frisbee Golf require a team registration form. All other events are open participation. Frisbee Golf event will be located at 2400 S 1200 W. You may pre register online at nibleycity.com

Registration begins on May 1st and will continue thru the day of the event or until full.

Registration the day of event will run from 4pm-5pm
 Questions? Call Marianne @ 435-512-1384
 Or email me at mmdancecomp@yahoo.com



Tree Board & Wildlife Association News

Nibley City Tree Board

If you love trees . . . and who doesn't, join Nibley City's Tree Board and help them earn Nibley's 4th consecutive year as a Tree City USA community. They meet the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Watch for their booth at the Heritage Days Festival on June 21 where they will be giving away some trees.

Blacksmith Fork Wildlife Association

If you have flowers and trees or shrubs, or a bird feeder or birdbath in your yard you qualify as having property that can be certified by the National Wildlife Federation. Help Nibley become Utah's first certified community. If you are interested in certifying, call 1-800-822-9919, or go online to www.nwf.org; scroll down and click on wildlife gardening; click on "certify" in the blue bar; read the information about habitat needs; then click on the green "certify now" tab. If you have questions call Ron Hellstern at 245-9186.