

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah— June 2022

Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

Parks! A great example of why Nibley City exists. Utilities such as water and sewer are easy to identify as services provided by municipalities, and parks are another important service—a service that would be difficult for individuals to provide for themselves. Historically, parks were built by society’s elites and used by those same elites. Thankfully, today municipal parks are owned by the citizens and open to everyone. Parks define our community, and parks are only possible because of our community. Parks are one of the reasons we are proud to live in Nibley. Our parks enable activities that are as diverse as the people who use them; from intense matches on soccer fields to quiet walks in areas devoted to nature. Between those extremes is my favorite, chatting with friends and family on a summer evening while taking in a softball or baseball game. Parks are the gathering places for our community. There are many parts of city governance that might not fall into the “fun” category for everyone. Providing and maintaining roads and utilities might appear mundane (until they aren’t there) and finding the line between community and individual property rights with zoning laws may not be everybody’s dream. But we all like parks. Parks are where the fun happens.

We know how important parks are. At the risk of taking some of the fun out of it, we must also think about how to pay for parks. Although parks are a service provided by Nibley City, Nibley does not charge a fee for that service. Recreation programs charge participation fees that pay for uniforms, equipment, along with referees and umpires, and Nibley receives a few thousand dollars each year for field rental for non-Nibley recreation programs. However, recreation fees don’t pay for parks. There’s no such thing as a toll playground in Nibley. Maybe trolls that hang out under the playground slides (just kidding!), but there are no tolls to use Nibley’s parks. The lack of fees means we pay for parks with the following: property and sales taxes, park impact fees, and grants.

Property tax and sales tax are collected into the General Fund without specific earmarks for parks. Some of the expenses deducted from the General Fund pay for parks, either as labor and equipment costs, or as transfers to Capital Funds as we “save up” for big projects. Nibley City also receives earmarked funds from park impact fees. We charge a \$4,500 park impact fee from each new family housing unit, the largest residential impact fee we charge. For comparison, Logan’s park impact fee is \$1,292. State code requires that we justify impact fees with a study that determines the current level of service before growth and sets an allowable fee to maintain that same level of service after adding growth. A city with a high level of parks service can charge a large impact fee of new residents, but a city with a lower level of parks service cannot use impact fees to make up for that lack of service.

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HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE TARGET PROGRAM

Need help paying for your water bill?



Home Energy Assistance Target Program

The summer heat is on it's way on with this comes higher water bills and higher air conditioning bills.

The HEAT program may be able to help you pay your cooling or water bill. You MAY qualify if you household:

- Is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Is responsible for paying home energy costs
- Contains at least one U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen.

If you have questions call the local HEAT office or the HEAT Program line at 1-866-205-4357. Or, for more information and to apply go to jobs.utah.gov/heat.



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Visit the Nibley City website at

www.nibleycity.com

Nibley City is also on



Go to www.facebook.com/nibley

and our page

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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



Jared Pratt
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Nibley City is excited to introduce our new Water and Wastewater Manager, Jared Pratt. Jared grew up in Oak City, a small town in central Utah. He met and married his wife, Candace, 21 years ago and made the move to Cache Valley. Jared and Candace have 4 children, ages 16-20, including a set of twins. Jared said, "Nibley city was our home for a time, and it's a place where we could see ourselves living again. We live in Smithfield, but have a love for the south end of the valley." Jared and his family enjoy being in the outdoors: going for rides in their Jeep, camping, and just enjoying spending time with family.

Jared has worked in different types of jobs but found his passion was working in the water and wastewater industry. For the past 18 years, Jared worked at Logan City in both the water and wastewater departments and most recently as the Wastewater Maintenance Foreman. He found the opportunity to work for Nibley allowed him to work in both the water and wastewater industry, which he has grown to love.

Jared said, "As the Water and Wastewater Manager, I look forward to experiencing the rewards of serving the citizens of Nibley by ensuring clean, safe drinking water, and proper operations of the sanitary sewer system. I am excited to work with the great team that Nibley City has in place to serve their citizens."



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The last way to pay for parks is through grant applications, including the Cache County RAPZ (Recreation, Arts, Parks, and Zoos) tax, a voter-approved local sales tax from 2002. Nibley also applies for other grants from outside Cache County to pay for park projects.



Because parks are important and because parks are expensive, we must deliberately plan how we will develop future parks. Thanks to foresight from previous Councils and staff, Nibley City already owns substantial land to develop parks. Now seems like the right time to focus on developing that land into parks we can be proud of, and a good time to figure out how to pay for that development. Good news! Nibley City will be revising our current Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the next year, and we will need your help. The plan is a collaborative effort between the City Council, the Planning Commission, the Parks and Rec Advisory Committee, and most importantly, Nibley citizens. Nibley's parks belong to its citizens. Help us figure out what we want and ways to fund those desires.

Thanks for reading. Get out and enjoy Nibley's parks! Please call, text, or write anytime,

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Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Keeping Nibley Beautiful

It's been a cool spring, which means weeds have had plenty of opportunity grow and flourish just like our seasonal flowers. Like most other things, "with the good comes the bad" and while we love the flowers, the weeds are considered a nuisance. You are required to control the weeds on your property (Refer to Nibley City code 7.04). Cache County enforces our weed ordinance and has been diligently notifying residents when weed control has been neglected. If you have a weed issue to report, please go to www.cachecounty.org/vegetation-management and click on "Report a Noxious Weed." Please keep those pesky weeds in check.

Additionally, if you happen to have a canal on or near your property, please remember it is also a violation of Nibley City code to dump yard debris in a canal or other open waterway. (Refer to Nibley City code 19.24.230-T.) Dumping debris into a waterway can cause a waterway to back up and may cause flooding and/or property damage.

Keeping Nibley Safe

School's out now and kids are out and about later in the evenings. If a streetlight in your neighborhood is not working properly, please start by contacting Rocky Mountain Power directly at www.rockymountainpower.net. Select the State where the light is located and then click on the "Report Outage" button right on their homepage. Then, if the light is not fixed in a timely matter, call Nibley City and provide the location of the malfunctioning light. Nibley City appreciates your assistance in keeping Nibley appropriately lit and safe for all residents.

Door-to-Door Solicitors

Spring often brings an influx of door-to-door solicitors. Nibley City ordinances requires every person soliciting any service within the city to have a license and qualify to be a "Licensed Solicitor." The solicitors are instructed to wear their license issued by Nibley in a visible location.

—Nibley City Staff

Recreation Roundup

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Pickleball—Please stay tuned and be watching social media. Pickleball will likely happen this summer after Heritage Days.



Fall Soccer—Registration is open and continues until July 5, however, if you sign up before June 28 you will take advantage of the



early bird discount. Games will start the end of August and should wrap up October 1. Parents, players, and coaches love the quality recreation experience that Nibley offers and that games are played in Nibley. This program is available to players from Pre-K to 8th grade.



Flag Football—This program has grown significantly over the years. Registration opens June 15. Sign up early to get the early bird discount. This program is avail-



able to players from 1st-9th grade. The season starts in early September and wraps up the middle of October. There will be no game day overlaps for players that want to play both fall soccer and Flag football.

HERITAGE DAYS



Nibley's city celebration, Heritage Days, is Saturday, June 11 through Saturday June 18, beginning with a fun run and ending with fireworks and a youth dance. There will also be several activities throughout the week and all day Saturday, June 18. We're confident that there is something for everyone to enjoy this year and we have some exciting new additions that you don't want to miss. For a full description of events, explore the Heritage Days Brochure included in your utility bill or go to the Heritage Days webpage at www.NibleyCity.com.

Heritage Days offers a great opportunity to serve others and connect with people in the community as a volunteer. Please see the online sign up for details.

NIBLEY FIT



As you venture out into the spring and summer weather to meet your fitness goals remember the value of cross training, available from our Nibley Fit group fitness classes. Balanced muscle strength is critical to avoid injury and cannot be accomplished by run-

ning alone. Avid runners have learned that by including Nibley Fit classes in their weekly routine they avoid over-use injuries, recover more quickly and have greater flexibility. The summer schedule is already posted online and during the break, while school is out, we also offer a youth pass that includes the entire summer for just \$5 (ages 11-17). Bring a friend, eat an apple, have fun, avoid the chiropractor and physical therapist by attending Nibley Fit classes with certified friendly fitness instructors.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

When voting is complete from our Nibley Facebook page poll we will announce our summer movies.



July 15th & August 26th



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



Cleaning Your Car and Driveway

Dirty water containing soaps, detergents, gasoline, heavy metals from rust, metals and other elements from brake linings, rubber, benzene and chromium, residue from exhaust fumes, and motor oils can wash off cars and flow directly to storm drains and into the nearest creek or stream where it can harm water quality and wild life.

What Can You Do to Help?—The best way to minimize the environmental effects of washing your car is to use a commercial carwash. Carwash facilities are required to treat their wash water discharge before releasing it to the sanitary sewer system where the water is treated prior to release back into our water sources. Some facilities even recycle their wash water—reusing it several times before sending it to water treatment facilities.

Also, be sure to sweep driveways (this will also help drought conditions), patios, and sidewalks rather than hosing them down into the storm drains. Put lawn clippings in a compost pile or garbage can.



Report Illegal Discharge to Nibley City
435-752-0431



Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Come get “buggy” at the second annual Monarchs & Other Winged Wonders Festival on **Thursday, June 23, from 4 p.m. till dusk** (lights out at dusk to protect our fireflies!). The event will be held at Nibley’s Heritage Park. Enjoy local bands (such as Highline Drifters), food trucks (like Morty’s), educational booths, talented artists, and children’s activities. Expect face painting, a dress up area, and a visit from a butterfly princess. You won’t want to miss the live raptor display and lots of really cool bugs! More information can be found on the event’s FaceBook page; Monarchs & Other Winged Wonders.

The CVWA will be starting their weekly weeding at the pollinator garden at Firefly Park on **Wednesday, June 8, at 8:00 a.m.** They typically weed and mulch for about an hour while chatting and enjoying the beautiful view and park. As the temps warm, they may alter the time. This is a great effort for the community and our necessary pollinators! Please, bring gloves and a water bottle.

If you have any questions, contact Becky Yeager at 435-757-6283 or byeager@comcast.net.

Planning Our City



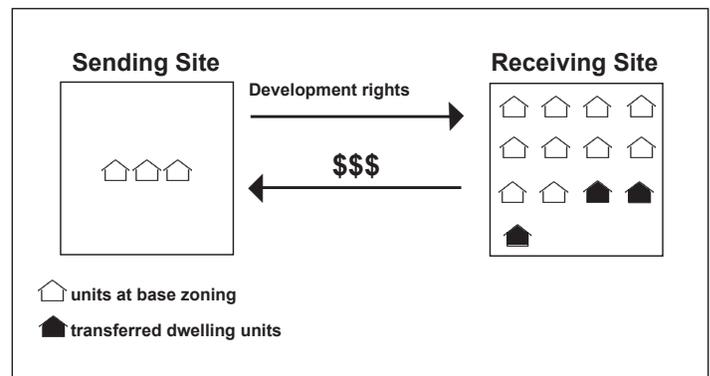
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Transfer of Development Rights Progress—Last month we discussed the concept of transferring development rights (TDR) from farming and open space properties to areas where more development is acceptable. Since that time a lot of Nibley residents have visited the City web page and taken the survey.

The survey will close on June 7, but we are starting to see some trends. Many residents would like to see the rural heritage of Nibley continue into the future—that rural heritage seems to be focused on farming and the open spaces that residents currently enjoy. Yet, the idea that some places within the community could see more residential density in order to preserve those farms and open spaces is not so well received. That trade off is the crux of the TDR debate. Are we willing as a community to allow more development in some areas if it results in preservation of other areas?

Farmers and developers are being engaged in this discussion too. Both groups are wondering how to make it pencil for them, but both have an interest in TDR as an option. TDR is 100% voluntary, costs the taxpayers essentially nothing, and is based on a 100% private market transaction between a developer and a farmer. The City is evaluating if and how to enable this new preservation tool through an ordinance.

To learn more about TDR and take the survey visit: www.tinyurl.com/nibleytdr. You can also stop by our booth at Heritage Days Family Festivities on June 18 at Elkhorn Park to learn more and share your feedback.



The Nibley City Council will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays (June 9 & 23) of each month at 6:30 p.m. and the Nibley City Planning Commission will meet on 1st and 3rd Thursdays (June 2 & 16) also 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 posted the Tuesday before each meeting.

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 on Wednesday and Fridays for a cost of \$3.00. Please call 245-3570 to join them for a meal.

Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **Jun 13** Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m. Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Jun 20** Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m.

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

- **Jun 14** Awesome Tip class at 11:00 a.m. Sign up to learn new ideas.
- **Jun 21** Bunco and lunch at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–Lunches at 12:00 p.m.

- **Jun 1** Games with Hannah
- **Jun 8** A performance by Paul Miner
- **Jun 15** Around the World: Travel to Ukraine
- **Jun 19** Happy Father's Day
- **Jun 22** Fun with Vicky–bring a purse of bag full of items for Let's Make a Deal

Thursdays–No lunch is served

- **Jun 16** Mystery Trip
- **Jun 30** Lunch Bunch

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

- **Jun 3** Bingo
- **Jun 10** Wear bluer Bingo
- **Jun 27** White elephant Bingo–bring a nice white elephant in a bag
- **Jun 24** Bingo

The Hyrum Museum

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



Car Show • Food Trucks • Free Event
Car registration now open!
10:00 am to 3:00 pm • Hyrum City Square

The time has finally arrived for the museum's annual car show fundraiser. Hot Wheels in Hyrum is on **Saturday, June 11** from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Hyrum City Square. There will be several awesome food vendors, plus amazing cars, trucks, and tractors, and fantastic prizes. Visit the museum starting June 7 to get one free prize drawing ticket per person. Vehicle registration is open at the museum, at hyrumcitymuseum.org,

or in-person Saturday morning starting at 9:00 am. You don't want to miss this annual event!

The Museum is also launching their summer-long children's Passport to Summer Fun at Hot Wheels in Hyrum. You can pick up your passport at the event to get a special stamp, or at the museum starting **Tuesday, June 14**. The passport includes fun and educational activities, plus the museum will host three drop-in activities starting with *Rodeo Games* on **Tuesday, June 21** from **1:00–3:00 p.m.**; *Grand Old Flag* at the Elite Hall on **Monday, July 4** from **10:00 am–3:00 p.m.**; and finally, *Playing on Prairie* on **Thursday, July 19** from **1:00–3:00 p.m.** All three activities will be fun, educational, and children of all ages are invited to participate. Everyone who earns at least nine stamps in their passport will earn prizes and be invited to the summer-end pizza party on August 2. This summer the museum will be open Tuesday –Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.

Please refer to the community calendar and social media [@hyrumlibrary](https://www.instagram.com/hyrumlibrary) for more information on monthly programs.

If you still have a library card that begins with P please make time to come into the library and update to a new library card. Your old card number is set to expire at the end of June 2022.

It's the library's favorite time of year, SUMMER READING! This year they are excited to be exploring all things ocean. The theme is "Ocean of Possibilities" and as always, they are kicking off this program on **Monday June 6** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Hyrum City square. Signing your family up is going to look a little different. This year you will sign up online by scanning the QR code at the kick off.

