



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah— June 2023

Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

What makes Nibley unique? What are the things that make us proud to live in Nibley? I suggest that our parks, recreation programs, and open spaces belong on this list. Nibley City exists, in part, because we desire important places for our community to gather and to recreate, and it is unlikely that we could satisfy that desire as individuals. A recent Nibley citizen survey conducted by Utah State University showed how important our parks and open spaces are to us.

The survey indicated that in the past year, 83 percent of the respondents recreated in our city parks. In addition, 85 percent said they enjoyed birds and wildlife in their yards and nearby neighborhoods. The survey showed that city parks and trails have an overwhelming positive influence on our well-being. Certainly, we value our parks, recreation programs, and open spaces.

Something of value is worthy of serious planning efforts to ensure that we protect and enhance that value. This is especially true for parks and open spaces because the land in and around Nibley is a limited resource. If we don't consider how to use that land wisely, and how to include parks and open spaces in that consideration, then we will lose that limited resource. A small and seemingly insignificant item in this year's draft city budget appears in "Capital Project Expenditures." This line commits \$40,000 to review and rewrite our Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. Despite this task's relatively small footprint in the budget, it is one of the most important things we will do next year. Nibley's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, the City Council, and especially the citizens of Nibley have an opportunity to plan what our parks and open spaces will be five, ten, and twenty years from now.

We need soccer, softball, baseball, and flag football fields for our kids to play on. We have a young population, with forty percent of Nibley's population under the age of 18. Participation in Nibley youth sports programs grew by a factor of 4.8 from 2016 to 2022. That's a compounded increase of 30 percent per year when our total population grew at less than two percent each year. Our recreation program and staff, led by Chad Wright, is truly amazing. Our

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2023 Declaration of Candidacy

- Primary: August 15, 2023 (if needed)
- General: November 7, 2023

A Nibley City Municipal Election will be held to elect the following:

- One (1) councilmember to serve a two-year term.
- Three (3) councilmembers, each to serve a four-year term.

Each person seeking to become a candidate for office must file a Declaration of Candidacy in person with the City Recorder at 455 West 3200 South, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning June 1, 2023 and ending June 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. There is no filing fee.



June 10-17

Heritage Days events are a great opportunity to serve others and connect with people in the community as a volunteer. See the online volunteer sign up for details.

For a description of events, explore the Heritage Days brochure included in your utility bill, or go to the Heritage Days webpage at www.nibleycity.com.



Attend a FREE Nibley Fit class during Heritage Days week. Each time you attend

enter for a chance to win a great prize. As you venture out into the hot days of summer to meet your fitness goals, consider the value of cross training available from Nibley Fit group fitness classes. Balanced muscle strength is critical to avoid injury and cannot be accomplished by running alone. The summer schedule is posted online and while school is out we also offer a student pass that includes the entire summer for just \$15 (ages 11-24).



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Nibley, UT 84321 • Ph: 752-0431
Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Mon.–Fri.)

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Nibley City is also on **facebook**

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's Citizen of Year ... and Niblette in the News



Larry Jacobsen was born on August 14, 1938 in Montpelier, Idaho. He grew up there and went to Montpelier High School. He married his high school sweetheart and together they took off for Logan, Utah where Larry began attending Utah State University.

When Larry graduated from college, he began a teaching career at the old Woodruff Elementary by the present Logan High School. He also began to supplement his income by umpiring soft ball and baseball and reffing basketball and volleyball. Through this, Larry discovered the demand for sports officials, and someone who could organize and assign official to games, existed throughout the valley. Larry had a talent for this, so he started his own company—Cache Valley Officials. He assigned most of the officials for the northern part of Utah. He also umpired two national tournaments.

During this time Larry packed up his family and moved to New York City where he earned a master's degree in Education from NYU. Larry has taught in every elementary school in Logan City School district except Bridger Elementary and later became a principal, serving mostly Adams Elementary. He retired after serving over 30 years in Logan City School District.

Larry has four children, Jyl, Jim, Richard and Kelley, and two stepdaughters Mary and Jennipher. Together Larry and his wife Ann have 13 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Larry's biggest hobby was sports until he retired. Now his favorite hobby is working in his yard and garden and being outdoors, even though it's a lot harder for him now, (those sports have taken their toll on his back, hips and knees).

Larry has lived in Nibley UT for over 45 years. His most cherished accomplishment was being able to work with the youth and adults of the Nibley and Logan City area and help provide fun and wholesome activities for the community to participate in.

For these reasons, and many more, Larry Jacobsen was chosen as Nibley City's Citizen of the Year. Please join Nibley City in honoring Larry Jacobsen and to thank him for the impact he's had on our community legacy. You can meet Larry and Ann at Heritage Days during the Community Dinner and he will lead our Nibley City parade.



GOAL FOR JUNE

Be aware of and prepare for your family's unique needs.

Every household is different. Is there an infant or young child in your home? Does someone in your family have a medical condition that requires medication? Do you have a pet? Before disaster strikes, talk to your family about your household's unique needs. Make a list of special items you may need in a disaster.

TASKS—Do at least 1 of the following:

- Talk with family members to identify your household's unique needs.
- Make a plan to make sure pets are taken care of in a disaster. Disaster may happen while you are away from home. Your neighborhood may be evacuated, or you could be trapped somewhere else and unable to get home. Consider asking a trusted neighbor to check on your pets if you can't get home or to take your pets with them if an evacuation is ordered while you are not home because of a disaster or emergency. Make sure they are comfortable with your pet, and that they know where to find your pet supplies.
- If you or someone in your household has a disability, create an evacuation plan that works for them.



Nibley City Employees in the Spotlight



John Fricke
Water/Wastewater
john@nibleycity.com

Your Nibley City Public Works team got a little bit bigger and even better last month when John Fricke joined the crew. John is the newest member to the water/wastewater team at Nibley City. John bring lots of experience and knowledge as he has worked in water and wastewater for the last eight years. John said, "I am very excited to work with these guys, I feel like I will be a good asset to the team and I am ready to go to work."

John grew up in Brigham City, Utah and moved to Cache Valley 35 years ago. He said, "I am so glad; it is such a beautiful place. I am so happy I work for Nibley City now. It is such a great and beautiful place and I am very excited to meet all of the great people of Nibley."

John has been married for the past 31 years and has three great kids. He and his family love the outdoors, including camping, hunting, and fishing.

Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Northern Utah Pollinator Week



June 19 - 24, 2023

National Pollinator week is June 19–24. Northern Utah Pollinator Week is a national event that celebrates all things pollinator. A consortium of organizations has teamed up to present a buzzworthy week of events.

During the week, events will be dedicated to:

- Trees–Pollinator trees and the habitat they provide.
- Bees–Care, keeping, and identification of bees.
- Native Plants–Identification, how to incorporate them into your landscape plan, and why they are so important in our pollinators.
- Integrated Pest Management–Learn about how our native insects interact in our landscapes; understand the effects of pesticides on our pollinator populations and how you can minimize the impacts.
- Nocturnal Adventures–Learn about bats and pollinator activity at night.
- Local Nature Parks–Volunteer at your local nature park with us.
- How to Build a Pollinator Habitat–Learn how to build a pollinator habitat in your own backyard.



Events are in-person, hosted at locations in Cache Valley, free, hands-on, and open to all ages. Scan the QR code to get details on locations and times for each event.

Pollinator BIOBLITZ at Firefly Park

Join the Natural History Museum of Utah and the Utah Rare Insect Conservation Project on **Friday, June 23**, from **5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** to BioBlitz pollinators at Firefly Park (2360 S 1000 W) in celebration of the Northern Utah Pollinator Week 2023. This BioBlitz is a drop-in format, so join in when you can.

Participants will look for, photograph, and make iNaturalist observations of pollinators. Your iNaturalist observations will become important data points that inform managers and scientists about the biodiversity of species living in Firefly Park. New to iNaturalist? Experts, Ellen and Amanda, will help you get started. They will also guide in collection techniques and species identification.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Keeping Nibley Beautiful

It's been a cool spring, which means weeds have had plenty of opportunity to 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/vegetationmanagement 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

Cleaning Your Car and Driveway

Dirty water containing soaps, detergents, gasoline, rust, rubber, 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?—Minimize the environmental effects of washing your car by using a commercial carwash. They are required to treat their wash water discharge before releasing it to the sanitary sewer system.

Also, be sure to sweep driveways, patios, and sidewalks rather than hosing them down into the storm drains. Put lawn clippings in a compost pile or garbage can.

**We All Live
Downstream**



**Report Illegal
Discharge to
Nibley City
435-752-0431**

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new Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan must build on this success.

As if the demand for playing fields wasn't enough, we must also consider another requisite for Nibley's parks and open spaces. Our citizens have shown their desire to connect with nature by having access to enhanced natural areas in our city. Our Firefly Nature Park is a great example of an enhanced natural area, and it is a shining gem in Cache Valley. A new park currently in design within the Ridgeline Park project—with its trails, natural water features, non-programmed amenities, and enhanced natural gathering spaces—will make us proud. There are lots of areas in Nibley that are too wet for traditional construction, and the city has gained, and will continue to gain, ownership of those areas through open-space agreements with developers. Our new parks plan must consider the importance of these enhanced natural areas and include a strategy to manage these areas.

The desire for parks and open spaces is there, along with Nibley's unique identity established by those parks and open spaces. Our discussion on these amenities must include a plan to pay for them, and that discussion must include you, Nibley's citizens. The process that adopts the budget and adopts the new parks plan ensures that our dreams are founded on reality. Many of the costs for parks and open spaces are generated through Nibley's General Fund, and the General Fund is largely financed by property tax and local sales tax. In addition, Nibley City has put increased effort into securing grants for our parks and open spaces. Our "Grants" page shows that those efforts are paying off. Park-related grants received last year, plus grants expected this year, exceed \$2.8 million. Many thanks to the efforts of city staff over many years that have led to this success to help fund our parks. Another source of funding is the Park Impact Fee, with anticipated revenue of about \$500,000 next year. The City Council recently adopted an increased Park Impact Fee that is twice the previous fee to ensure that new homes built in Nibley will not dilute the level of service enjoyed by our current residents.

Our upcoming work on the Parks Master Plan will allow us to dream big. How do we feel about an indoor recreation center? Are there public-private partnerships for us to consider? And of course, what mechanisms should we consider to pay for these dreams? Nibley's parks, recreation programs, and open spaces define our community. I look forward to hearing from you as we write a new plan for those items. Please look for the first opportunity to be a part of this important planning process at Family Festivities on June 17, during Heritage Days.

—Larry

Recreation Roundup



Nerf Tag Summer Camp—Keep kids busy and active this summer with a Nerf tag summer camp at Elkhorn Park. Hour-long sessions include traditional Nerf tag, a tactical obstacle course, team-building activities, and dedicated coaches. Camps will be every Thursday in July and participant must be 7 years old by July 6 to register. Registration is open until **June 22**; with an early bird discount for registration **before June 17**. Registration includes a performance camp shirt.



Pickleball—Lessons for this fast-growing sport are available to players from 3rd-8th grade (most recently completed grade). Lessons will be on Wednesday mornings at Anhder park and will be taught by skilled pickleball instructors.



Cross Country—Nibley City Rec is now offering Youth Cross Country on Monday and Wednesday mornings from July 10–Aug 9. Registration is open until July 9, and the early bird discount is available until June 25. Registration includes a shirt and cross country meets with Smithfield recreation and a Green Canyon youth cross country program. The program is available to youth ages 9-14.



Fall Soccer—Registration is open and continues until July 5, however if you sign up before June 27 you will take advantage of the early bird discount. Games will start the end of August and should wrap up by the end of September. This program is available to players from Pre-K to 12th grade.



Flag Football—Registration opens June 14 and if you sign up early you get the early bird discount! This program is available to players from 1st-9th grade and has grown significantly over the years. The season starts in early September and wraps up the middle of October, so players that want to play both Fall soccer and Flag football will not have any game day overlaps.



Movies in the Park—What will we be watching this year? In part, that's up to you. Watch for a chance to vote on Nibley's Facebook page.



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



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 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. Come on in for fun friends, laughter, and great meals.

Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **Jun 5** Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00 Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Jun 19** Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00

Tuesdays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **Jun 6** Bunco and Lunch; 11:00 a.m.
- **Jun 20** Tip class at 11:00 a.m.
- **Jun 27** Bunco and Lunch; 11:00 a.m.

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

- **Jun 7** Learn about Montana and play Facedown
- **Jun 14** Let's Make a Deal. Bring a full purse or bag
- **Jun 21** TBA
- **Jun 28** Celebrate America and cookout

Thursdays–No lunch is served

- **Jun 15** Mystery trip
- **Jun 22** Tabernacle trip and lunch

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

- **Jun 9** Bring a nice white elephant gift for Bingo
- **Jun 23** Dinner and the Wizard of Oz

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD



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

The Hyrum Museum

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

The time has arrived for the museum's annual car show fundraiser, Hot Wheels in Hyrum. Join them **Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Hyrum City Square.

There will be several awesome food vendors including Rollin' West BBQ, Wellsville Cone, A Bite to Eat, Margo's Pop 'N Go, and Honey Marie's Barbeque, plus amazing vehicles and fantastic prizes! In-person vehicle registration will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

The Museum is also excited to launch their summer-long 2023 children's program, *Passport to Summer Fun* at Hot Wheels in Hyrum. Pick up your passport at the museum tent and get a special Hot Wheels in Hyrum stamp, or pick it up at the museum starting Tuesday, June 6. The passport includes fun and educational activities. The museum will host four drop-in activities starting with *Night at the Museum, Let's Paint!* on **Thursday, June 22 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.** Next, they'll host *Rodeo Games*

on **Thursday, June 29 from 1:00–3:00 p.m.**, *Grand Old Flag* at the Elite Hall on **Tuesday, July 4 from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 pm**, and finally, *Playing on Prairie* on **Tuesday, July 25 from 1:00–3:00 p.m.** Everyone who earns at least nine stamps in their passport will be invited to the Museum's summer-end pizza party on August 3.



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 2023 theme for Summer reading is “All Together Now.” Join the Library at the city square on **June 5 at 6:30 p.m.** for the summer kickoff party.
- Crafts kits are available at the start of every week (while supplies last) at the front desk. Kits will be available by opening on Monday.
- The library will be close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5 and will be closed on **Monday, June 19** in observance of Juneteenth.
- The library is collecting Hygiene items for Little Lambs through **June 20**. Items needed are diapers Pull-Ops, wipes, body wash, shampoo, baby lotion, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, Chap-Stick, floss, lotions, and hand sanitizer.
- **Take and Make Craft:** (Ages 3-12) Weekly throughout the summer.
- **Family Storytime:** (Ages 0-12) Join the Library in the amphitheater on June 7 at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **Kids Yoga:** (Ages 0-12) June 14 at 4:30 p.m. Bring your yoga mat, towel, or blanket to the city square for kid's yoga hosted by Shara Toone.
- **Touch a Truck:** (Ages 0-12) June 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Get an up close and personal look at fire trucks, police cars, and many more!
- **Game On!:** (Ages 8-12) June 28 at 2:00 p.m. Come to the Civic Center to participate in games that focus on teamwork.
- **Teen Messy Craft:** (Ages 12-17) June 9 at 1:30 p.m. Tie-dye book bags, paint mini clay pots, and making friendship bracelets at the Civic Center.
- **We ♥ Anime & Manga!** (Ages 12-17) June 16 at 2:00 p.m. Learn about Anime and Manga, the different Japanese alphabets, hiragana, and share your favorite book series or movies.
- **Meet the Author:** (Ages 12-17) June 23 at 1:30 p.m. Meet author Elizabeth Drysdale. She will share her book “The Exile's Promise” and lead a writing class.
- The library has so much to offer this summer, there wasn't room to fit it all. Go to www.hyrumcity.org/library for their full schedule.