



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—March 2022

Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

This month's newsletter topic—water—is a great one. The need for water is an excellent example of why we have cities at all: to provide services to citizens that they cannot easily provide for themselves.

Here is a bit of history about water in Nibley. In 1933, a private enterprise called the Millville Public Works Company applied for a loan from the Federal Public Works Administration (PWA) to replace failing redwood pipe that delivered water from Yeates spring, a water source still owned by Nibley City. Because the PWA would not loan money to a private company, a mass meeting in 1935 adopted a motion to “incorporate so as to be eligible to take over the water works and get the government grant.” You can find more about Nibley's story at <http://nibleycity.com/index.php/about-us/city-history>. If it weren't for the need for water, there might not be a Nibley City.

We have been incredibly blessed with water in Cache Valley and certainly blessed in Nibley City. The water available to us in Nibley collects in the surrounding mountains during the winter and is stored by natural soil percolation. This process makes water that fell as winter snow available for our use throughout the year. As evidence of this impressive collection and natural storage capacity, our annual precipitation in Nibley averages around 18 inches per year, and turf grass in the summer can use 2 inches of water in a single week. Being incredibly blessed doesn't mean that we have too much (except during very big snow years with abnormal spring runoffs). Previous good planning from city staff and Councils, have well prepared us for low water years by developing water sources in advance of demand. Good planning kept Nibley from having to restrict water use during recent summers like some communities around us, at least so far.

Although we are blessed with water, we are in an historic drought. In the past year, the Great Salt Lake shrank to a level below any ever recorded since the pioneers came to Utah. A study measuring tree rings from the past 2000 years shows our last 20 years in the western US to be the driest since 800 AD. Nibley's blessing of water in the context of the current drought presents a conundrum. Economies of scale mean that the more water we provide to our citizens, the less expensive it is on a per gallon basis. Despite that, I hope to encourage water conservation and for Nibley City to take an active role leading that conservation process. Even if we have adequate water supply now, new water sources – when they are needed – are expensive to develop, and I believe water conservation is our obligation to future generations. Please watch for coming water conservation opportunities promoted by Nibley City.

The water supply in Nibley is driven by weather and climate, and the only thing more interesting than talking about the weather is measuring it (I'm

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Nibley Children's Theater



The NCT is excited to announce the 2022 Nibley Children's Theater performance of *The Sister Wishes*, an original play. “When two sisters are each granted a wish by the queen of the fairies, their lives are affected in ways they never could have imagined and they learn a powerful lesson about making their own happily ever after.”

Sign your child up at www.nibleychildrenstheatre.weebly.com, from **March 22 through April 23**. Watch the newsletter for auditions which will be held in April.

Future Niblettes in the News



Nominate someone in our community who you feel is doing something cool, inspiring, making a difference, or are just plain awesome. They might be our next featured Niblette in the News. Email the Nibley Newsletter Editor at cheryl@nibleycity.com and include Noteworthy Niblette in the subject line of your email to nominate someone.



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

Recreation Roundup



Baseball, Softball, T-Ball Sign-Ups

Registration is open now and ends March 22 (or when leagues are full). For scheduling convenience, our city league baseball, softball, & t-ball games do NOT overlap with the soccer games for the same age group. Nibley coaches are trained to make practices and games fun, and you can count on your child making new friends as they learn the FUNdamentals of the game.

Upcoming Youth Sport: Ultimate Frisbee—Ultimate Frisbee registration opens in April. Ages 8-14.



Consider Coaching Youth Sports

Parents are often amazed at how quickly time goes by and how fast their children grow up. Consider scheduling some quality time with your child as their coach, assistant coach, or team manager; no experience with coaching or a given sport are required. Nibley's recreation department understands that empowering you as a coach leads to a quality experience for everyone involved. As a coach or team manager you will find a host of resources available from our recreation coordinator including training, coach binders, online resources, and with some sports, an on field coach clinic. Coaches receive a shirt for coaching, and have an opportunity to earn a discount on their next youth sports registration.

... that's Mayor Jacobsen!



Referees/Umpires Needed—Why would you (or your kids/grandkids) want to be a referee/umpire? Get to know the community, get some exercise, learn life lessons, and make a little cash. Applications are available at Nibley City Hall or at www.nibleycity.com

on the Employment Opportunities (Now Hiring) page.

Seeking a Pickleball Instructor—Nibley City plans to offer a youth pickleball program this summer. We just need an instructor to help run our pickleball camp. If you have pickleball skills and enjoy teaching this wonderful new sport please apply as a "Recreation Specialist."



Nibley Fit—Did you know that our Nibley Fit program has its own social media? To find out about group fitness seasonal promotions, and to be inspired to live a happy, healthy life follow us at Nibley Fit on Facebook, and nibleyfit on Instagram.



HOPSTACLE RUN



Hopstacole Run—Nibley City's annual Easter event is April 16. Watch our Nibley City social media for details on this event and for an exciting announcement about the affordable 5K Run.

Heritage Days—Heritage Days starts on Saturday June 11 with a fun run and disc golf tournament and finishes with the parade, Family Festivities, and Party in the Park on Saturday June 18. Between those Saturdays plan are contests and other activities Throughout the week there are other contests and activities. Please enjoy celebrating with our community that week and consider trying something you haven't done before

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



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a recovering environmental instrumentation engineer). If you want to see measurements of the weather parameters that affect Nibley's water supply and water demand, I will put several links in the Mayor's Journal under the month of March. Scroll down a bit at www.nibleycity.com to find the journal. Those links show real-time measurements from the weather station on Hwy 165 near Ridgeline High School, the amount of water in the current snowpack when compared to historical norms, and the flow levels of the Blacksmith Fork River.

You are my boss. I welcome your feedback,

Larry
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Buster Backflow

What is backflow? Backflow is the undesirable reversal of flow of fluids, chemicals, or any other foreign material into the public drinking water system. There are two forms of backflow—backsiphonage (usually caused by a loss of pressure in the drinking water system) and backpressure

(caused by pumps, piping systems elevation, or thermal expansion from a heat source). Backflow can cause our drinking water to become polluted or contaminated.

Can backflow be prevented? Backflow can be prevented by a backflow prevention assembly between the physical connection (cross-connection) between the water supply and any source of possible pollution or contamination.

Residents with a secondary water system should have a backflow prevention system in place and are required to have them tested annually. Nibley City will be coordinating with residents and water system representatives to ensure Nibley City's drinking is kept clean and safe.



Niblettes in the News

Vellys Nelson will turn 90-years young on March 10. Vellys has been a Nibley resident for almost 70 years. She was born and raised in Odgen Utah. She is the second of 5 children. Growing up, she always liked to be with her dad out in the fields. She especially liked to drive the big black team of horses.

With her love of loves horses, Vellys would go on to compete in an array of contests and became the rodeo queen for Ogden's Pioneer days. Rodeo queening has since been passed down to her daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters. Vellys also loved to play the violin and was in the Ogden high school orchestra and performed in the Ogden Tabernacle Christmas program with the Utah Symphony Orchestra.

After Vellys graduated from high school, she married Jay Nelson and in 1955 they moved to the beautiful Cache Valley where Jay would continue to commute to work at Hill Airforce base. Jay and Vellys started their family and also started a little dairy farm along 800 West. Once their 6 kids were all out of the house, they sold the dairy cows in 1986. Vellys then worked part time at the USU Caine Dairy for another 10 years.

After Jay retired he ran for mayor of Nibley City. While Jay was Mayor, Vellys served as President of the Utah League of Cities and Towns Auxiliary, President of the former Mayors of Cache Valley group, was the first woman to be on the Board of Directors of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and later served on the *History of Nibley* book committee which was published in 2005.

An open house to celebrate Vellys' 90th birthday will be held at the Nibley City Building on March 12 at 455 West 3200 South from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Nibley City Employees in the Spotlight



If you've come in to City Hall recently, you have met Wendy Lindberg, Nibley's front-desk office specialist. Wendy was born and raised in American Fork, Utah and graduated from Snow College and Utah State with a degree in Family and Human Development. While at Utah State, she met her husband, Eric, and

they have been in Cache Valley ever since. Wendy and Eric have 4 children, Tanner (23) Abby (20) Brandon (17) and Parker (14). Abby got married in November and the family was excited to gain a new family member, Dawson. Wendy enjoys reading, scrapbooking, crafting, watching football and gardening. One thing Eric and Wendy love about Nibley is their big yard that allows them to grow many things. Wendy loves growing pumpkins and corn the most. The Lindbergs have lived in Nibley almost 18 years and have enjoyed making many friends here. Wendy loves working at Nibley City especially because she sees so many familiar faces.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Sump Pumps

Nibley City prohibits sump pumps from being connected to the City's sewer system. Nibley City Code 15.04.040 states:

Sanitary And Building Sewers And Connections

J. Surface Runoff Or Ground Water: No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, field

drains, or other sources of surface runoff or ground water, to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

Nibley City needs your help to minimize sump pump water from being discharged into the City's sewer system, especially during the spring run-off. Unfortunately, *illegal* discharge into the sewer can result in the sewer system operating at maximum capacity and could cause sewage to back-up into your home. Nibley City also has to pay Logan City for every gallon of wastewater we send them for treatment. A sump pump could cost the city thousands in extra treatment charges.

—Nibley City Staff

The Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Nibley might seem far away from Antelope Island and Ogden Bay, but did you know that the water flowing in Blacksmith Fork is connected to the Great Salt Lake? Cache Valley is part of the Bear River watershed and our wetlands and streams in the valley are connected to the Bear River. A watershed is the land area that drains into a water feature, such as a river or lake, and our watershed is huge. Bear River watershed is 4.5 million acres and spans three states: Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming.

Bear River is the most important freshwater input into the Great Salt Lake ecosystem, as it provides up to 60% of the freshwater into the lake.

Why is this important? Great Salt Lake (GSL) is a terminal lake, meaning the water has no exit to a sea and the water evaporates. It has been shrinking over the last 30 years due to periods of drought and human diversion of nearby freshwater rivers. This impacts more than just the GSL ecosystem. Brine shrimp is a major industry tied to the lake, as well as outdoor recreation including skiing. Lake effect snow will decline as the GSL water level lowers and could shorten the ski season by seven weeks. To make matters worse, if more of the lakebed is exposed and dried, it will become a human health hazard from winds blowing lakebed dust into communities, carrying high levels of arsenic and other hazardous material into the air we breathe.

We are all connected to something greater and you can help preserve our watershed by conserving water and keeping our streams and wetlands clean. Go to <https://river-runner.samlearner.com> and follow the path a raindrop can take. Zoom into Cache Valley, click anywhere on the map, and get a birds-eye view of where the water goes.

Jen Wright

Wetland Biologist

Bare-Root Tree & Shrub Sale

The Blacksmith Fork and North Cache Conservation Districts are hosting their annual tree and shrub sale. Each year, they offer bundles of bare-root trees and shrubs that grow well in our northern climate. Species and descriptions (including photos) can be found on their website (<https://www.uacd.org/cash-valley-tress-sale>) along with the order form. Orders are due **April 5** and pick up is on **April 23**.

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 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, Tuesday, Wednesday and 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.

- Mar. 7 Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 14 Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 28 Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m.

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

- Mar. 8 Awesome Tip class at 11:00 a.m. Learn new ideas.
- Mar. 15 Bunco and lunch at 11:00 a.m.
- Mar. 29 Bunco and lunch at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–Lunches at 12:00 p.m.

- Mar. 2 Blaine Olsen program
- Mar. 9 Around the World: Travel to Ireland
- Mar. 16 Leprechaun Party at noon
- Mar. 23 "Let's Go Camping"
- Mar. 30 Art Fun with local artist David Mann

Thursdays–No lunch is served

- Mar. 3 Mystery Trip at 9:30 a.m.
- Mar. 24 Lunch Bunch at 11:30

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

- Mar. 4 Regular Bingo
- Mar. 11 Bring a white elephant Bingo
- Mar. 18 Wear green Bingo
- Mar. 25 Regular Bingo



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

HOT
Wheels



IN HYRUM

2022

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 Hyrum museum's annual car show fundraiser, Hot Wheels in Hyrum, will be on **Saturday, June 11** at the Hyrum City Square. They are currently taking applications for food vendors and looking for sponsors. Visit the museum's website or contact Courtney at ccochley@hyrumcity.com for more information. Vehicle registration is open and available at the museum or on our website.

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 have a Board meeting on **March 9 at 6:00 p.m.** in the library board room.

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

March's Schedule

- Toddler Story Time (ages 0-3): Mondays at **10:30 and 11:00 a.m.**
- 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): **Mar. 4 from 4:00-5 p.m.**
- Magic Tree House Adventure Club: #15 *Viking Ships at Sunrise*. Sign up is required (1-3 Grade). **Mar. 11 and 18 at 3:30 p.m.** The library has extra copies available for check out at the front desk.
- Family Movie & Popcorn: TBA. Young children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.
- Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)–**Mar. 17 at 3:30 p.m.** If you'd like to join the TAC, stop in the library and ask for Deonna.
- Live Among Us: **Mar. 25 from 4:30–6:00 p.m.**
- Virtual Lego Club: **Mar. 28**–Watch social media for the month's theme, then make your own creation and post a picture on the library's Facebook page so everyone can see what you create.
- Don't forget to check out the Teen Zone for this month's craft.
- Family treasure hunt—Come explore the children's section to find coins. If you find them all, you'll get a special St. Patrick's Day toy.