



The Nibley City News

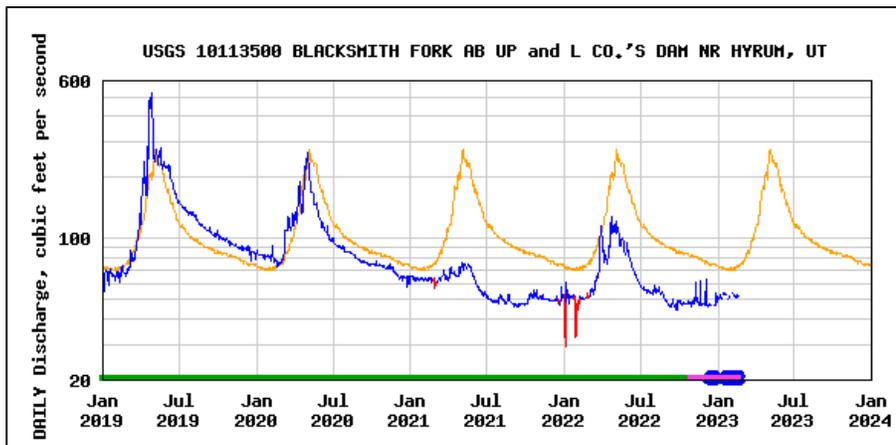
Nibley, Utah— March 2023

Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

Nibley . . . a river runs through it. Water runs deep in our history. In 1935 Nibley came to be from the desire to borrow money from the Federal government to replace aging redwood pipe that carried water from the Yeates Spring (still owned by the city) to the residents of a brand-new town. Cache Valley was originally called Willow Valley by the fur trappers because so much ground water made it easy for willow trees to thrive. According to AJ Simmons, a local historian, those same trappers stored (or cached) blacksmith tools in the banks of a river that runs through the present-day Nibley when a scheduled rendezvous was postponed. As a result, a river and a valley were tagged with names that still survive today.

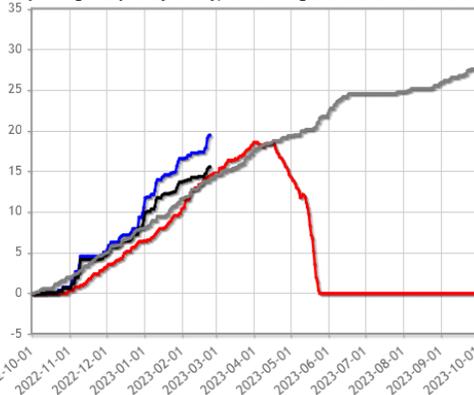


Water is as important today as it was in the past. Cache Valley is incredibly blessed with water. The snow that falls in the mountains in the winter provides a reliable source of water throughout the year—with some years being more reliable than others. The chart above shows the flow rates for the Blacksmith Fork measured by the US Geological Survey at a gaging station above Nibley. The yellow line is the usual flow rate throughout the year calculated from the past 103 years, and the blue is the measured flow rate for the past five years.

We could use a good snow year, and by golly, we are on track for it. Have a look at the graph below. The blue line shows that we have already achieved the amount of water in the snowpack at Bug Lake (a location east of Nibley at an 8000-foot elevation) that is the usual historic peak (the red line). We still have a month to accumulate more water in the mountains. This year by itself won't get us out of the drought, but I am grateful to see the snow.

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Bug Lake (374) Utah SNOTEL Site - 7987 ft
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Nibley Children's Theatre!

Nibley Children's Theatre sign-ups are available February 1–March 25 and are for Nibley residents age 5–18. Auditions for speaking parts (age 8+) are March 24 and 25.

This year the NCT presents *The Misfit Pirate*. During this two week program, your child will learn at least one song and dance, how to perform on stage, and will have a lot of fun!

This NCT program is free, however, it is asked that each family volunteer a minimum of 4 hours of their time in helping make costumes, lead groups, craft, create scenery, etc. Rehearsals will be June 5-14. Due to the limited number of practices, all cast and crew must be at EVERY rehearsal in order to do the show. For more information, go to www.nibleychildrenstheatre.weebly.com.



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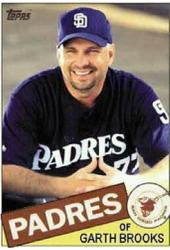
Nibley City is also on
facebook

Go to www.facebook.com/nibley
and our page

To contact Mayor Larry Jacobsen
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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; Pre K-12th Grade—Baseball, Softball, T-Ball—Registration is open now and ends March 21st (or when leagues are full). Take advantage of the early bird discount by signing up on or before **March 14.** Before Garth Brooks



ever learned to play music, he played baseball? Garth said: "As a kid, before I could play music, I remember baseball being the one thing that could always make me happy." For your child's happiness and your scheduling convenience, our city league baseball, softball, & t-ball games do NOT overlap with the soccer games for the same age group. This program gives you child the opportunity to make new friends and learn from wonderful coach mentors that are trained to make practices and games both safe and fun.

COED HIGH SCHOOL



RECREATION SOCCER

High School Intramural Leagues—

Nationwide, experts say youth drop out of youth sports they need it the most for physical, mental, and emotional wellness. Part of the reason they stop playing is because the available options at their age are not fun anymore. Nibley Recreation agree with the experts and now offer Soccer, Softball, and Ultimate Frisbee for high school age youth. The format for all these sports in the intramural leagues includes a safe, fun, friendly and social atmosphere while still providing great opportunities for physical activity. Even if they are not too excited about signing up we know they will thank you by the end of the season, and you will be impressed with what the experience will do for them. These leagues also offer optional leadership opportunities and have been set up to accommodate even the busiest teens schedules.



Consider Coaching Youth Sports—

Think about it, ultimately life is measured in memorable moments, and as a parent it's your job to create, enrich, and record those moments for all to remember. We offer two suggestions: 1-take lots of pictures and figure out the best way to archive them, and 2-consider scheduling some quality time with your child as their coach, assistant coach, or team manager. Take advantage of the opportunity to make a difference in your child's

life and our community as a youth sports volunteer. With Nibley Rec no experience with coaching or a given sport are required, and we know that empowering you 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, which includes 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.



Referees/Umpires Needed—

Would you or someone you know like to get a little exercise, get to know the community, and make a little money? Nibley City recreation leagues need referees and umpires to help participants focused on learning the game and having fun. Applications are available at Nibley City Hall or at www.nibleycity.com on the Employment Opportunities (Now Hiring) page.

Nibley Fit—Some people have all the luck...are you one of them? Come test your luck the week of **March 13-17.** You might get a chance to roll the dice and win with our Ready-to-Roll event. There will be a winner in every class! We want everyone to have a chance to win, so we are offering free classes for all AND half off a monthly pass! You're not going to want to miss this!



HOPstacle Run—Nibley City's annual Easter event is **April 8.** This FREE fun fitness event is for the whole family. The HOPstacle Run starts with obstacle course runs for toddlers to 12 year olds, divided in 5 different age categories that chase the Easter Bunny through progressively longer and more challenging courses. Kids EGGtivities follow along with a FREE Rabbit Run Mile for all ages. Finally, the affordable 5K wraps up the event with optional HOPstacles along the route that earn participants additional entries to the 5K SUPER Raffle. 5K registration and all other event details can be found at www.nibleycity.com.



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



Nibley City Employees in the Spotlight



Curtis hails from the booming metropolis of Francis, Utah where he enjoyed having the Uintah mountains for a back yard. In 2005 he started school at the College of Eastern Utah in Price

where he met his better half, Christine, and got married the following year. After they completed their schooling, they moved to Cache Valley to continue their education at Utah State University. After finishing school, they built a house in Nibley and are proud to still call Nibley home. Curtis has two kids, and has come to terms that he will no longer be known as Curtis, but as “Aleana’s and Eli’s dad”. Curtis loves spending time with his family and loves time in the outdoors, so when he can combine both family and the outdoors “*it is the best!*”

Curtis was recently hired as the Nibley City full-time Recreation Coordinator and is glad to be back working in the Recreation department to help the community be connected in a fun safe way through youth sports and other recreation programs. Curtis is grateful to work for an amazing organization that does so much good to serve the citizens of Nibley and the surrounding communities. He said “*we live in such an amazing community and I am honored to play a more active role to make genuine connections while strengthening and building relationships through Nibley events and various programs.*”



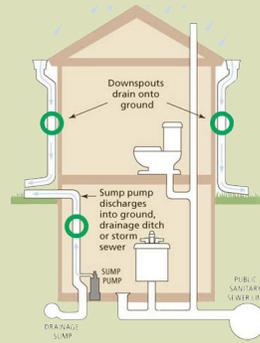
Cache Valley Wildlife Association Bare Root Tree & Shrub Sale

Trees and shrubs provide important shelter, shade, and forage for wildlife during all seasons. Trees and shrubs also benefit you and your family by shading your property and home, providing you with food and, of course, beautifying your yard.

The Blacksmith Fork and North Cache Conservation Districts offer bare root shrubs and trees to the public. The types offered are known to grow well in northern Utah climates and are often quick growing. Purchasing plants as “bare roots” provides an affordable option for a tree or shrub that, when planted in the spring, has a greater chance of becoming established. The bare roots are offered in bundles of 10. Check with neighbors and friends to see if you can make a cooperative purchase and split up the bundles.

Information on plant species and a printable order form can be located at <https://www.uacd.org/cash-valley-tress-sale>. Orders must be placed no later than April 5 and plants must be picked up at the Cache County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 22.

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.J states: *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.



Downspout extenders

Preventing water damage should be among every homeowner's top priorities, which means seriously considering downspout extensions—even if your standard spouts and gutters are well-cleaned and in good working order.

The placement of a quality downspout extension will help to keep water from dispelling next to your home. This is important because the accumulation of water around the base of your home will cause costly damages to your basement, patio, or structure of your home.

Sewer Rate Increase

According to Resolution 18-02, residential sewer rates will increase by \$1.00 a month in March 2023. This means that the sewer portion of your utility bill will be \$55.00 monthly instead of \$54.00. These fees cover your household's wastewater collection and treatment. Please let our office know if you have any questions about this scheduled rate increase.

—Nibley City Staff



do 1 thing

SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

GOAL FOR MARCH

Know how to respond safely when instructions are given to evacuate or take shelter.



THE GOAL: In a disaster you may be asked to either evacuate or shelter-in-place. In the excitement of an emergency, it can be difficult to focus on what you are doing.

TASKS—Do at least 1 of the following:

- Identify the best storm shelter in your home and practice getting to the shelter with your family.
- Learn how to safely shelter in place
- Make a Go Bag for emergency sheltering



CACHE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN

www.ccsdut.org/kinder
REGISTRATION STARTS ONLINE
THEN DELIVER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023.

UNAVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS?
SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2 TO ACCEPT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Children who will turn 5 on or before September 1, 2023

Questions? Contact your local school.

(Mayor Jacobsen's Message, continued from page 1)

Wait, do we have too much of a good thing this year? Are we worried about flooding? Maybe. If you go back to the first graph, we start to worry about flooding when the Blacksmith Fork flow rates approach 800 cubic feet per second (ft³/s). I remember seeing over 1000 ft³/s on years that we were packing sandbags. City staff have already been meeting to be prepared if we get close to flooding, and we will let you know through Nibley's website, through social media, and through the emergency text service (if you are signed up for it) when, or if, there is a flooding threat, along with the appropriate actions to take.

OK, one more graph, and once the spring runoff starts, this one is the most interesting. The graph below shows the instantaneous, or real-time, flow rates on the Blacksmith Fork measured every 15 minutes. It's not very interesting right now, but it will be in a month. The top dotted line just above 70 ft³/s shows the historic, most-common flow rate for the past week, the solid blue line shows the flow rates from last year, and the yellow line shows the most recent measurements. The blue region of the chart indicates when measurements were not available because the gage was fouled by ice. This is the graph to watch—along with forecasts from the experts—when we start to worry about flooding. At 50 ft³/s, we are currently a long way from flooding concerns, but we are also a long way from the peak runoff that usually occurs during the first week of May. Here is a link to the real-time flow data, and you can also find this link on our Nibley City home page. <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/10113500/#parameterCode=00060&period=P7D&compare=true>.

Thanks for indulging me with a bunch of data and charts this month. As you likely know, I split my time between being mayor and an environmental instrumentation engineer, and I get excited when those two lives intersect. If you want to talk more about water—or anything else—please send me a text, call, or write. In addition, if you are interested in what I work on as your mayor, check out the Mayor's Journal on Nibley's home page.)

—Larry

JOIN

NIBLEY CITY YOUTH COUNCIL!

APPLICATION: DUE ASAP!
Print out the form and bring it to the Nibley City Offices before April 30!



REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN NYC:
-Must be going into 10th, 11th, or 12th grade
-Must be a Nibley Resident

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE TEXT OUR ADVISOR SHAUNA AT (435) 770-7409



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. They offer yummy food, fun activities, pool, quilting and road trips.

Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- Mar 6 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00
Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Mar 20 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00

Tuesdays– Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- Feb 7 Bunco and Lunch; 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 21 Tip class at 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 28 Bunco and Lunch; 11:00 a.m.



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

- Mar 1 Game Hard Mentality
- Mar 8 Dave Mann art class
- Mar 15 Leprechaun Day/Facedown game
- Mar 22 Group Jeopardy
- Mar 22 TBA



Thursdays–No lunch is served

- Mar 30 Mystery Trip

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

- Mar 10 Bring a white elephant Bingo
- Feb 17 St. Patrick's Bingo



The Hyrum Museum

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



Don't miss the final FREE Family Movie of the season. Join the museum for *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* on the big screen at the Elite Hall on Friday, March 3. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 pm. Wear your comfy clothes and bring your pillows, blankets, bean bags, and camp chairs. Don't forget your own dinner or treats.

This month the museum is pleased to partner with the Sema Hadithi African American Heritage and Culture Foundation, Utah's premiere Black history organization, which is dedicated solely to the research, discovery, preservation, and telling the story of Utah's Black history. First, join them for Super Saturday on March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Sema Hadithi "Scan-n-Go" event! All Utahns of African descent are invited to the museum to share their stories, along with any photographs and/or documents they would like to bring to more fully capture the stories of Black Americans in Utah.

The museum is also showing Sema Hadithi's *Utah's Black Veterans* exhibit through March. Children will explore this exhibit during the museum's Back in Time Children's Activity *Off We Go!* on March 28–30 from 1:00–1:30 p.m. each day.

Hyrum Heritage Foundation—The USU Big Band Swing Club is hosting a dance, featuring the live music of the Cache Community Big Band, at the Elite Hall on Saturday, March 18 from 7:00–10:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!



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.

- **Toddler Story time (ages 0-3)*:** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; and **Preschool Story time (ages 3-5)*:** Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This month they will be talking about unicorns, dragons, St. Patrick's Day and even Underwear.
- **Lego's @ the Library:** Mar. 1 and 15 from 4-5 p.m. in the Storytime room. Ages 5+. They supply the Legos, you supply the imagination!
- **Chess Club (+Checkers):** Mar. 3 from 4–5:00 p.m.
- **St. Patrick's Day Pajama Party:** Mar. 9 from 4–6:00 p.m. Come participate in a pajama party, we'll have a pillow fight, scavenger hunt, and even a story time. *Please note pajamas must follow school dress code
- **Magic Tree House Adventure Club:** (Sign up is required): Mar. 10 or the 24 at 3:30 p.m. The book that will be discussed is Magic Tree House #24 "Earthquake in the Early Morning"
- **Family Movie & Popcorn:** Monday, Mar. 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Storytime Room. Watch *Luck*. Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent at all times.
- **Book Club for Adults:** Mar. 14 at 11:00 a.m. Discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. You can pick up a copy of the book at the desk, all books checked out will be due back on the 14.
- **St. Patrick's Art:** Mar. 14 from 4-5 p.m. Grades 4-6 While supplies last.
- **TAC:** Mar. 16 at 3:30 p.m. If you would like to join the Teen Advisory Committee stop in at the library and ask for Deonna.
- **The Science of Volcanoes:** Mar. 28 at 4:00 p.m. Grades 4-6. Learn all about volcanoes and a fun experiment.
- **Pizza & Board Games:** Mar. 31 from 5–7:00 p.m. Feast on Pizza and play some board games!

