



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — May 2023

## Mayor Jacobsen's Message



Mayor Larry Jacobsen

I will eventually get to the theme for this newsletter, serving our community. First, I want to tell you about a recent mid-year conference of the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) that several city staff and council members attended. The ULCT is a coalition of Utah cities that does many things, including providing training for elected officials and lobbying the Utah Legislature on behalf of its members. I found the central theme of this mid-year conference to be a meaningful one. Dr. Timothy Shriver, Chairman of the Board for the Special Olympics, nephew of former President John F. Kennedy, son of Eunice Shriver who started the Special Olympics, and son of Sargent Shriver who helped found the Peace Corps, spoke about a project called the Dignity Index. Dr. Shriver was a powerful speaker with an important message about the need for us to speak to one another and treat one another with dignity and respect.

From their website, the Dignity Index ([www.dignityindex.us](http://www.dignityindex.us)) "is a national movement to encourage Americans to reject 'us vs them' thinking and stand together in a common purpose. The Dignity Index was developed in partnership with behavioral scientists and other experts, and a demonstration project is being guided at the University of Utah." The Dignity Index is NOT a partisan project intending to promote one political ideology over another, nor is it an attempt to stifle engagement or free speech. I am thankful that Nibley governance does not put an R or a D behind our names. As a result, we work as an entire council rather than a political party, and we can focus on finding solutions rather than building coalitions of power.

During the Q & A after Dr. Shriver's talk, a member of the audience asked for advice on how to help residents not only take from their communities, but to contribute to their communities. I thought Dr. Shriver's answer to the question was excellent. He asked us to remember how eager our kids were to help make cookies in the kitchen or build a project in the garage. He said all we have to do is let them help. People in Nibley are inherently eager to help, and they want to serve our community. Our community includes our neighbors and the people that live on the other side of town. It includes the people we attend church with and the people that we don't attend church with. It includes families that have lived in Nibley for generations, and families that moved here last month.

There are countless ways to serve our community. Some of them include coaching recreational sports teams, serving in local governance, helping maintain the pollinator habitat at Firefly Park, volunteering to help during our Heritage Days celebration, and serving in many, many other ways. I know that if the call goes out to help throw sandbags at the Blacksmith Fork River, then our citizens will enthusiastically respond. Our citizens want to serve our community; we simply need to let them and to give them those

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## NOTICE of ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

A Nibley City Municipal Election will be held on November 7, 2023 to elect the following:

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

A Primary Election, if needed, will be held August 15, 2023.

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. Candidate qualifications are as follows:

- Must be a registered voter in Nibley City
- Must have resided in Nibley City for the 12 consecutive months preceding the date of the election
- Cannot have been convicted of a felony, treason, or crime relating to elections
- Cannot have been declared mentally incompetent



### Nibley City Office

455 West 3200 South

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Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Mon.–Fri.)

Visit the Nibley City website at

[www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)

Nibley City is also on




Go to [www.facebook.com/nibley](https://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](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com).

## Cache Valley Wildlife Association



### Homeowners Can Protect Pollinators from Pesticides—

Cache Valley homeowners and gardeners encounter a diverse set of pollinators in their backyards. Hundreds of bee, butterfly, fly, and beetle species visit wildflowers and pollinate our fruit trees, garden vegetables, and crops. Monarch butterflies

migrate through our region, stopping to lay eggs on milkweed along the way.

Our yards are often oases for these creatures, providing food and nesting habitat, but sadly they can also be poisonous traps when common household insecticides and other types of pesticides are used. How can we defend our homes from unwanted intruders while protecting our natural allies from harmful pesticides?

Valerie Martin (PhD Candidate, Biology Department, Utah State University) will present a talk titled, “*How Cache County Gardeners and Homeowners Can Protect Pollinators*” to provide information on how homeowners can have positive impacts on our local pollinator populations and make informed choices when dealing with pests.

- When: Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. at
- Where: Nibley City Offices (455 West 3200 South)



### Seeking Fellow Gardeners to Help with Firefly Park in Nibley—

The CVWA is looking for people to help with weekly gardening efforts at the park. Tasks involve an hour of time each week to pull weeds in the

pollinator gardens and engage in interesting conversation and companionship.

Firefly Park is one of the few nature parks in Cache Valley and supports a small population of fireflies, breeding monarchs, and nesting (such as sandhill cranes) and migratory birds. It contains a pollinator garden with a variety of healthy, nectar-rich, plants and an abundance of insects. Last fall, the CVWA planted a native plant habitat that they hope will flourish in the years to come, along with the beginnings of a native bee habitat. The CVWA typically gather from mid-May through late September and finish up the season with a community seed/plant exchange and planting at the pollinator garden.

For more information on how to get involved, contact Becky Yeager at 435-757-6283 or [blyeager@comcast.net](mailto:blyeager@comcast.net).

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opportunities. We need to show each other respect as they give that service, and we need to show appreciation to one another for that service. I have a specific example of the ingenuity that Nibley citizens use to serve our community. Leslie Maughan, a Nibley citizen, is a schoolteacher who has transitioned to being a full-time mom, busily raising children. After reading one of my entries in the Mayor's Journal on Nibley's website several months ago, Leslie asked me if she could help by reviewing and proofreading those reports. I didn't ask Leslie for help; she asked me if she could help. I so appreciate her service to our community, and if you have read any of my recent reports, I bet you appreciate her help as well. Thank you, Leslie.

You are my boss, and I serve at your pleasure. Please call, text, or write anytime.

—Larry



## Nibley City Employees in the Spotlight



**Rod Elwood**  
Nibley City  
Parks Division Manager  
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Nibley City has some of the most beautiful and best maintained parks and trees in all of Cache Valley. Most of this is due to the knowledge, diligence, and hard work of Rod Elwood, Nibley City's Parks Division Manager.

Rod grew up in Hyde Park and met and married his wife Kerry. Kerry grew up in Richfield, UT but had moved to the valley to go to nursing school. Rod and Kerry have lived in Providence since they were married 27 years ago, and now enjoy spending time with their 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Rod and Kerry love camping and exploring the mountains in their side-by-side. They also have started traveling more since their children are grown.

Rod graduated from USU with a degree in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. He has worked for Nibley City Public Works in several different positions before his current position and has been with Nibley City longer than any other staff member. Rod was an essential part of Nibley City's designation as a member of Tree City USA 12 years ago. In this period of time Nibley City has planted over 1000 trees on 30+ Nibley City properties with the help of many different volunteer groups that were coordinated and directed by Rod.

Please join us in congratulating Rod as he has just achieved his 20-year service anniversary milestone with Nibley City. Rod said he loves his job, and "I enjoy serving the community of Nibley and look forward to developing and maintaining the parks for many more years."



**Spring is Finally Here . . .** so it's time to take all that stuff that's been covered up by snow for the past six months and toss it or give your Mom an early Mother's Day gift and clean out that garage!

Nibley City's annual Community Cleanup will be on **Saturday, May 13**. Large dumpsters will be offered at 3390 South 1200 West, from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This services gives Nibley residents the opportunity to dispose of your household debris and dejunk your yards and garage.\* Public Works staff will be on hand that day to help you determine if your item(s) can be properly disposed of.

The dumpsters are only available until they are filled and this service has been very popular in the past. Be sure to plan ahead and have your items ready to be hauled away.

\*The following items will NOT be accepted: tires, antifreeze, computers/monitors, household cleaners, motor oil, propane cylinders, batteries, fertilizer, yard chemicals, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides, A/C units, paint/paint thinner, refrigeration units, bleach, televisions, gasoline, other fuels, pool chemicals, transmission fluid, or anything containing mercury.



**Reminders from Nibley City Staff**



**Dogs and Sports Fields**

Our park ordinance allows dogs, on a leash, at all of our parks (except for Firefly Park), as long as the leash is NOT retractable or wireless and is no more than 8' long. Also please be aware that dogs are NOT allowed, even on a leash, on any athletic field whether that field is in use by athletes or not. *How do you know if there is an athletic field at a park?* The ball diamonds are the most obvious with backstops, bases, dugout benches, and in some cases outfield fences, however, if there are painted lines, typically rectangular shapes, painted on grass at one of our parks, anything inside of those lines is an athletic field. Most of these fields, depending on the year and season, are located at Heritage Park, Clear Creek Park, Elkhorn Park, and Anhder Park, and they may or may not have a soccer goal on each end. Thank you for respecting these ordinances, created for the health, safety, and enjoyment of participants and spectators utilizing these fields for a variety of sports and activities. Our community and city staff LOVE dogs but we want to remind dog owners that it is all about time and place.

**Park Pavilion Reservation**

Nibley City park pavilion reservations are now open. Nibley's four pavilions can be reserved online at a cost of \$35 per pavilion, per day. If you'd also like to reserve the kitchen at the Elkhorn Park pavilion there is an additional \$15 fee and a refundable deposit (\$25.00) must be paid to pick up a key.

Click on, "Facility Rental" at the bottom of the Nibley City home page to make a reservation. If you have any questions, please call the Nibley City offices.

—Nibley City Staff



**GOAL FOR MAY**

**Work, School & Communities**

Make sure the people who count on you are prepared for a disaster.



Disasters can happen at any time. If you are away from home do you know where to find safe shelter locations? Do you know what the emergency procedures are for your child's school or for your workplace? Will people who count on you know what to do if you can't reach them? Know how to make sure you and your loved ones are safe in a disaster, no matter where you are.

Do1Thing has developed a 12 month program to help you get your business, school, or community ready by taking a small step each month. Unlike their usual program, it is important to start at month one, and go in order as each month builds on the last month. Do1Thing has spent a long time developing this program and businesses, schools, and community are highly encourage to take advantage of this program, which is outlined at [www.do1thing.com/business](http://www.do1thing.com/business).

**TASKS—Do at least 1 of the following:**

- Make sure emergency procedures are in place for your workplace or school.
- Give emergency kits to people who count on you
- Know how others in your community will respond in a disaster

Recreation Roundup



**Heritage Days**—Stick around the week of **June 10-17** to celebrate Heritage Days with our community. We kick off the celebration Saturday with an affordable and fun 5K, FREE Mayors Mile, and FREE kids runs and a disc golf tournament. Later in the week watch for Chalk the Walk, the Children's Theatre, a community dinner, quilt show, parade, Family Festivities (including the beard contest), and some exciting surprises. Plan to wrap up the week on Saturday the 17th at Anhder Park with a can't miss show, an exciting night-time aerial display, and the youth dance. There's guaranteed to be at least one event you and your household will enjoy when we celebrate Nibley together this summer. Be the first to know about a few surprises happening during Heritage Days. **Text HD23 to 435-752-0431.** Or, take it to the next level and sign up to be a part of the fun as a volunteer for any of the upcoming Heritage Days events.

**8:00 p.m.** Nibley Fit will also be selling their youth summer passes (ages 11-24). Passes are only \$15 for unlimited classes during the summer.



**Youth Pickleball**—The Nibley City Recreation department is lining up pickleball specialists to guide an early morning pickleball program that will be held on summer mornings in July and August (avoiding July holidays). Registration opens in June. Watch for the announcement on Nibley's social media. We anticipate that this program will fill up quickly.



**HOPstacle Run**—Thank you to those that volunteered and participated in Nibley's HOPstacle Run fitness event. We had great weather, a very fast bunny (that was never caught), fun Kids HOPstacle courses, EGGtivities, and an exciting 5K route with 5 challenging obstacles. Thanks to our bunny, Conner and his assistants Sierra and Jaycee, City Councilwoman Erin Mann, the Nibley Youth Council and Royalty, members of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Nibley Fit instructors and TA's, the BLUE effect volunteer group, and others community members that helped us with this event. Your service at this event made the experience EGGceptional!



**Ultimate Frisbee**—Registration for youth, 2nd grade up to 12th grade (*that's right we have expanded this program to include High School Age Players!*) is open through **May 16** with an early bird discount until **May 9**. The season is July 5–Aug 10 with games on Mon-Thur evenings (note we avoid July 24 and ALL summer weekends). A short practice/warm up happens just prior to each scheduled game. Sign your child up to find out why parents are saying: "Ultimate Frisbee is one of our all-time favorite sports!"



**Nibley Pageant**—Support the participants of our Nibley Royalty programs by attending the Princess pageant @ 6:30 pm on May 5th, and/or the Royalty pageant @ 6:30 pm May 6th both at Nibley Elementary



**Movies in the Park**—Guess what we are watching this year? That will be up to you and the rest of the community. Watch for an opportunity to vote for your top movie picks on our NibleyFacebook page. Nibley's movies in the park are not just a movie. They are a themed experience with engaging pre-show activities that connect with the movie we show. Be sure to mark July 14 and Sept 1st\* in your calendars. \*Subject to change if movie licensing blackout dates apply for a particular movie selected.



**Nibley Children's Theatre**—Did you know the Nibley Children's Theatre is performing its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary show? The NCT is a 40-year legacy of what can happen when a community comes together to volunteer their time and talents. Free performances of the *Misfit Pirate* are **Thursday, June 15** and **Friday the 16** at **7:00 p.m.** at Anhder park (294 West 3200 South). "Come have a shwashbukling good time as you sail the high seas with the crew of the black squid."



**Nibley Fit**—It's time to gear up for Nibley Fit's end of school year 80's HIGH Fitness party in the park. This is a FREE event and will be held in the evening at Anhder Park on **Thursday June 1** from **7:00–**



**Chad Wright**  
Nibley Recreation  
Director

Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events & activities at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and [www.facebook.com/nibley](https://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.

Join the Senior Center for their Mother's Day women's social, *Perfect in Pink* on **May 10** at noon. Bring your friend, sister, or daughter and please wear pink. Please RSVP by May 8.

#### **Mondays**–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **May 1** Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00  
Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- **May 15** Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.; \$2.00
- **May 29** CLOSED

#### **Tuesdays**–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- **May 2** Bunco and Lunch; 11:00 a.m.
- **May 16** Tip class at 11:00 a.m.
- **May 23** Bunco and Lunch; 11:00 a.m.

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

- **May 3** Learn about Michigan and play Facedown
- **May 10** Women's social
- **May 17** Safari Time
- **May 24** Memorial day activity
- **May 24** Play Pit

#### **Thursdays**–No lunch is served

- **May 18** Mystery trip

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

- **May 12** Bring a nice white elephant gift for Bingo

### The Hyrum Museum

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All community members are invited to join the museum in honoring all veterans who served during the Cold War and will be receiving the Cold War Victory Medal at a special ceremony on **Tuesday, May 30** at the Mountain Crest High School auditorium at **5:00 pm**. Any veteran who served between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991 is eligible to receive the medal so please contact museum staff by **Friday, May 12** to be added to the program.

Children will be learning more about veterans at the museum's "May Flowers" *Back in Time Children's Activity*. Join them **May 16–18** from **1:00–1:30 p.m.** each day. Participants will learn why poppies are a powerful symbol of remembrance, plus hear the story of a local WWI veteran. This will be the last Back in Time activity of the school

year, so you won't want to miss the awesome art activity and treat. Sign-up is preferred.

Then, in between the BBQ and cemetery visits, be sure to drop by the museum to learn more about the history of "Decoration Day" and our local veterans for the Museum's **SUPER SATURDAY Memorial Day Weekend Open House** on **Saturday, May 27**. The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Finally, be sure to join the museum for their **TENTH** annual car show fundraiser, **Hot Wheels in Hyrum**, on **Saturday, June 3** at the Hyrum City Square from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** There will be several awesome food vendors plus amazing vehicles, great music, and fantastic prizes. Visit the museum starting **May 23** to get one free prize drawing ticket per person. They will also be launching their summer-long children's activity, *Passport to Summer Fun*. Visit the museum tent to get your passport and special event-specific stamp.



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



### The Hyrum Library

50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-6411

• [hyrumlibrary@gmail.com](mailto: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 library does not hold children's and teen programs during the month of May as they put the final touches on their annual Summer Reading Program.
- The library will be closed on **May 18–19** so staff can attend the Utah Library Association annual conference. The library will also be closed on May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.
- **Story Walk:** Enjoy a story while you walk through the City Square. A new book is featured each week.
- **Book Club for Adults:** May 9 at 11:00 a.m. Discuss *Land of the Burnt Thigh* by Edith Eudora Kohl. You can pick up a copy of the book at the desk, all books checked out will be due back on the 9.
- **Save the Date:** Kick off the 2023 Summer Reading Program: All Together Now.

