

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — April 2009



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED - Nibley Heritage Days

Nibley City is looking for volunteers to help with the annual city celebration (Nibley Heritage Days). The Heritage Days is in its 25th year and the City wants to make it a great celebration!

The City is looking for both followers and leaders, new and old residents, experienced and inexperienced, from all areas of the city. Everyone and anyone is welcome to help with the planning.

Some positions have been filled, such as the directors for the Childrens' Theatre and Miss Nibley City Royalty Pageant. However, even these leaders need help to make this year's events the best ever.

Maybe you are a sports enthusiast and would like to help with the Sports Night. Good with kids? How about helping with the Baby Pageant or Sidewalk Art Contest. Are you a party planner? Then the Parade or Mayor's Dinner is for you. The City has lots of opportunities to help.

Please contact City Council member Scott Larsen (753-0954), if you are interested.

Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

Thank you to the residents who volunteered to serve on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan advisory committee. We are hiring a consulting firm to guide the process of creating this master plan. The consulting firm will be selected by the City Council at our April 2nd meeting. I will select the advisory committee and put them to work shortly thereafter.

Construction has begun on the east portion of 3200 South. The City is replacing the old waterline under this portion of the road. The 3200 South traffic light has been installed and will be operational soon. The road construction has a completion date of June 4th, in time for our Nibley Heritage Days celebration.

All of these projects have been budgeted for and will be paid for as a one-time cost. In other words we are not bonding to pay for these improvements to our city.

This leads me to my next topic of city finances. We are currently working on the City's budget for fiscal year 2010 that will take effect July 1, 2009. Our revenue is keeping pace with last year's projections. We will closely monitor any changes that could impact the 2010 budget. I do not foresee any concerns. You may have read of how other cities have had to reduce their number of employees. We have not had to do this because of our excellent budgeting process and a very hard working group of employees.

Again, I want to express how well Nibley City is managed and operated. Is there room for improvement? Absolutely. That is why we, as a City Council, are constantly looking for improvements. We have the greatest think-tank for ideas in the form of our residents. There are many and diverse peoples responsible for our city's success. It doesn't come without pain for some or maybe most residents and employees. Change and hard work are difficult. However, we will never stop dreaming or planning for something new and better. I believe everyone recognizes the costs and impacts on the residents from these dreams, both good and bad. I encourage the continued dreaming for a better community.

Thank you for your patience and involvement.

Mayor Gerald Knight

Did you know ...

- Nibley has 420 licensed dogs. That equals one for every three houses.
- Nibley also has 18 homes with kennel licenses. Kennel licenses are required for homes with 3 dogs or more.

Both dog licenses and kennel licenses are available at the City Office.





Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Nibley City Easter Egg Hunt will be held at our new park this year (**Heritage Park**, 2475 South 800 West) on Saturday, **April 11th** at 10:00 a.m.

Please come early because the eggs go fast! The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures and treats. The activity is hosted by the Nibley City Royalty and Youth Council. We appreciate their desire to serve our community.

Nibley City Office
625 West 3200 South
Nibley, Utah 84321
Ph: 752-0431, Fax: 753-1510
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

Visit the Nibley City website at
www.nibleycity.com

If you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter, please contact Becky Yeager at blyeager@comcast.net.

We will be having an egg raffle for special prizes that will be awarded to several lucky Egg Hunters. The hunt is available for kids between 0 - 10 years old. Come celebrate Spring in Nibley City!

NIBLEY CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS: *The Goose Girl by The Brothers Grimm*



The Nibley Children's Theatre is created and performed as part of the Nibley Heritage Days Celebration. This year, the children will present *The Goose Girl* by The Brothers Grimm. We are so excited for our 2009 season! Please take note of the following dates:

Tryouts/Sign-ups (at the old town hall, 300 W. 3200 S.):

Friday, May 15, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Play Practices (at the old town hall): June 8 – 12 and 15 – 17

Performances (at the Nibley Park Amphitheatre): June 18 and 19

Please do not sign up unless you can make it to every practice. We have less than two weeks to learn our parts, so we need everyone there at every practice. Children ages 5 to 17 (age 5 by June 30) are invited to participate. Please note that if you don't sign up on May 15 or 16 or if you miss practices, you are not guaranteed a part. Making the costumes takes time, as does learning the part. If you miss a lot of practices or sign up late, we cannot guarantee you a costume or a part. If you can't make it to sign-ups, please contact the director EARLY. If you are going to miss practices, DON'T SIGN UP. The play gets more complicated every year and every year people ask me to make exceptions. Sorry, I can't make exceptions anymore!

Parents will be asked to help with groups, programs, stage managing, costumes, scenery, etc. Please be prepared to sign up to help. Kids can sign up for a group part if they prefer, with no tryout necessary. Kids ages 7 and older can try out for speaking parts. Parents must sign a hold-harmless waiver in order for their child(ren) to participate.

Group parts this year are as follows:

Group 1, girls ages 5–6, Flowers

Group 2, boys ages 5–6, Geese

Group 3, girls ages, 7–9 Cats

Group 4, boys ages 7–9, Dogs

Group 5, girls ages 10+, Maidens

Group 6, boys ages 10+, Soldiers

The age groups may change slightly, depending on how many kids sign up.

We also have speaking parts for kings, queens, nobles, villagers, servants, and animals. The original story we are working from appears in *Nursery and Household Tales* by the Brothers Grimm, though we have adapted it somewhat.

Questions? Please call or e-mail Bonnie. —Bonnie Schenk-Darrington, director (ph: 787–1170; e-mail: utahdarringtons@gmail.com).



COSTUMES: Our costume mistress, Lisa Pugmire, is anxious to get started on the costumes. We are forming a costume committee. If you can help us make costumes this year, please give her a call at 753-9315 or e-mail at jcpuggys@netzero.net. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SEW TO HELP.** We make over 100 costumes every year and can't do it alone. Let us know if you can help!

BASEBALL and SOFTBALL Registration - going on NOW!!

Register at Nibley City offices for both softball and baseball by **Tuesday, March 31st**. Don't delay! If you register after March 31st, baseball players will be placed on a waitlist for filling a vacant spot on a team.

Should you have any baseball questions, contact Phil Takis, Nibley City Baseball Coordinator (435-753-9670 or ptakis@qwestoffice.net). For questions regarding softball, contact Nicole Maners (752-5323).



MISS NIBLEY ROYALTY PAGEANT

The Miss Nibley Royalty program recognizes and showcases the young women (ages 5-19) of Nibley, their achievements, and their ideas for improving our city.

The Miss Nibley Royalty 2009-10 pageant will be held **June 6**. If you are interested in being part of the royalty, the entry form deadline for the 2009-10 Miss Nibley Royalty is **April 22**. Entry forms are available at the City Office. The royalty committee is also in need of volunteers and sponsors.

Call Julie Bruen at 755-9568 with questions.

HYRUM LIBRARY

On **March 27 and 28** (Friday and Saturday), the Hyrum City Library will be hosting a bake and used book sale. The sale will be held from 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Friday and from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Those who would like to contribute a bake item for this sale, please call the Hyrum City Library to sign up and receive further instructions.

Also on **April 13th** between 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., the Hyrum City Library will host "Family Reading Night" at the Hyrum Civic Center. Mont the Magician, author of magic books for kids, will be there to perform and sign books. A light refreshment will be served afterward.

The Summer Reading Program runs from **June 15th - July 25th**. The theme for this year is "Get Creative @ Your Library" with the closing activity on August 10th at 6:00 p.m. on the City Square.



BENEFIT FOR MICHAEL ALLEMAN

A benefit 5K/1Mile Run and Garage Sale will be held on behalf of Michael Alleman's Family at Nibley Elementary (2545 South, 660 West) on **Saturday, April 18, 2009**. Michael Alleman, a former Nibley Elementary teacher, was killed while serving his country in Iraq in February. All proceeds will go directly to the Alleman family.

The Garage Sale will be from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Items in good condition are being sought from the

community. Please bring items for sale to the Nibley Elementary School from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and have each item marked with your name, phone number, and price. Unsold items need to be picked up at 11:00 a.m. to assist in clean-up.

Register for the 5K/1Mile Run at the Nibley City Office. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Todd or Sandra Hugie (753-7427; sandra.hugie@gmail.com).

DECREASE YOUR PAIN and YOUR DOCTORS' VISITS ... and ENJOY LIFE MORE

The Bear River Health Department is offering a FREE workshop called "Healthy Living with Chronic Conditions, Self-Management Program." The class lasts 2.5 hours, once a week, for 6 weeks. This is a great opportunity to learn new tools for managing long-term health problems and understand how to use available resources better.

Subjects covered include techniques to deal with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance;

appropriate use of medications and proper nutrition; communicating effectively with family, friends, and health care professionals; and evaluating new treatments.

The workshop is especially geared towards those dealing with an ongoing condition such as: Asthma, Arthritis, Chronic Joint Pain, Fibromyalgia, Cancer, Diabetes, COPD or Emphysema, Depression, or any other Chronic Condition. Please contact Kim (435) 792-6521, for more information or if you are interested in attending.

SHARING NIBLEY'S ROADS ... by Larry Jacobsen, member of City Council

Several meetings ago, the City Council discussed whether to put out a request for proposal that would invite companies to help to write a Parks and Recreation Plan for Nibley. Several devoted runners in our community came to the meeting to politely and graciously express a desire, with a bit of urgency, to get past the planning stage and on with construction of a trail system. The discussion acknowledged that our General Plan already provides a pretty good Trails Plan (see <http://www.nibleycity.com/PDF/maps.pdf>). We just needed to get it built.

We talked about ways to get the plan implemented. One is with tax revenue and a second is to require developers to put in their part of the system as they develop property along trail routes. The first gets results more quickly and the second avoids additional taxation to our residents. The Council's approach has been the second and, in fact, later in the same meeting, the Council gave preliminary approval to a residential development that will get the Hyrum Slough Trail started where it approaches 3200 South.

Part of the runners' urgency for getting the Trails Plan built comes from the need to share roads with pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists; especially during the winter months when sidewalks are often clogged with snow. Our discussion jogged some of my own memories from twenty-some years ago when, in my less sedentary life, I found myself sharing the road with automobiles for 400-600 miles a week while riding my bicycle. One of those memories I would prefer to forget.

I was 65 headwind-plagued miles away from home in a neighboring county one Saturday afternoon when a passing car startled me with its horn, and a passenger scored a direct hit in the middle of my back with a fast-food cup of soda. Although I survived the initial incident, I reacted poorly to it. I shared my feelings with the motorist by using hand gestures that I prefer my kids not realize that I know. My response

escalated the situation. The motorist waited for me up the road and it all ended up with an auto-bike collision. Thanks to corroboration from second passing motorist, the County Prosecutor charged the first driver with assault. However, I realize now how my own irrationality was also to blame.

Recalling this incident makes me think about how walkers, runners, cyclists, and motorists can better share our roads with one another. I'd like to propose the following two ideas to the citizens of Nibley, regardless of your choice of transportation.

Suggestion #1. Don't treat chance encounters with pedestrians/cyclists/motorists as a territorial threat. Assume the best possible intentions from the folks with which you are sharing the road. The other person is just trying to get some exercise or just trying get to work rather than trying to prove that they own the road.

Suggestion #2. When you encounter a pedestrian/cyclist/motorist, put yourself in their position. Consider what behavior you would appreciate if the modes of transportation were reversed. Think about running a mile in their shoes or driving a mile in their car.

I understand and appreciate the urgency to implement our Trails Plan. I am just as anxious. Even after we have made progress in that direction, we will still have to share our roads with one another. Perhaps these two suggestions will help remind us that we are all neighbors and members of the same community.

Larry Jacobsen may be reached at ljacobsen.nibley@gmail.com. On some days, he is the aging, sort-of overweight guy shuffling along the side of the road, smiling and waving (with all five fingers) at each passing cyclist and motorist.



FARMERS' MARKET AT PETERSEN'S MARKET PLACE

Petersen's Market is now accepting vendor applications for 10x10 ft. covered or uncovered booth spaces for the upcoming market season. The Farmers' Market will be held 6 days a week at the Petersen's Country Store Plaza located on Hwy 89/91 (2759 S. Hwy 89/91 in Nibley). Call Tiffany to reserve your space or for more information at 435-730-2687. The Farmers' Market starts April 25th and will feature local produce, seedlings, hanging plants, honey, artisan creations, handcrafted jewelry, a petting zoo, and much more!