

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — August 2008



3200 South Update

As many of you have noticed, construction has begun on 3200 South. Construction started July 7th at 1600 West and will proceed east on 3200 South to approximately 300 West. Construction will continue through October. During this time, you may experience traffic delays on 3200 South. We anticipate the delays to through traffic to last 10 - 15 minutes. If possible, please use alternate routes to avoid delays.

Property access to residents along 3200 South will be provided as much as possible. However, access may be restricted for some residents for a period of 7 days after the concrete for new sidewalks is poured. During this time, please park your vehicles on the south side of 3200 South. If you have any questions, please call LeGrand Johnson Construction Co. at (435) 787-6014. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Nibley Fence Ordinance

All Nibley residents wishing to construct a fence must first obtain a fence permit from the City. Fence permit applications outline height, material, and setback regulations for fences within Nibley. Residents who construct a fence outside of what is permissible may be required to bring the fence into compliance at their cost. Applications are available at the Nibley City Offices.

Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

I sat down with City staff the other day to talk about our plans and goals for Nibley City that we would like to propose to the City Council for 2009. We reflected on the accomplishments of an anxious City Council and a very capable City staff and Planning Commission over the last year and a half. We have completed the General Plan update with citizen input on their vision for Nibley City as we continue to grow. We have also put into place a new subdivision ordinance that we hope will revolutionize the way development occurs in the city. This ordinance helps preserve open space and critical lands while reducing urban sprawl among other things. There have been several other essential ordinances and policies passed that will help preserve Nibley's character, namely an SOB ordinance and a fence ordinance. I don't want to take the space to discuss each of these ordinances here save to say I believe they are critical to building our community character. If you have a question concerning these ordinances, please contact me.

We are also in the process of creating a Park Plan and Multifamily Design Standards Ordinance and updating our Land Use Chart, PUD ordinance, accessory building definitions, and Commercial Design Standards Ordinance. The creation and update of these documents is a direct result of need that residents of Nibley felt maintained our quality of life. I wish to thank all of those involved in the process, especially those with the vision to make life better. Keep up the great work.

I have not mentioned the infrastructure improvements and day-to-day activities that are so critical to the functions of our city. There are many ongoing projects involving park improvements, culinary water upgrades, and road improvements that are in work or planned. These are the result of previous years' goals that are coming to fruition. I am grateful for the insight and planning of everyone that makes these projects possible. The planning we do today will not be fully appreciated for several years in the future. But it is critical to understand the needs of the future and envision the path to accomplish them.

I believe we have a very good team of people looking out for the needs of current and future residents of our beautiful city. This team is made up of a great City Council, Planning Commission, and experienced city staff that work very well with one another to compliment our differing opinions. Last fall, the City Council created a mission statement that expresses their commitment to Nibley City Residents.

The mission of Nibley City is to make life better for its citizens by fostering community cooperation so residents, businesses, and government work together to develop the city in harmony with its natural environment, historical surroundings, and in accordance with the values and vision of the community, as set forth in the General Plan.

The city will provide fiscally sound municipal services for a safe, attractive, creative, and viable community.

I look forward to next year's work. We have had a tremendous amount of success

over the last 18 months which has given me increased enthusiasm to continue dreaming for the future. Please share with me your hopes and dreams for the future of Nibley city.

Mayor Gerald Knight

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Nibley City is excited to host our first ever Concert in the Park on Friday, August 22nd at the park on 3200 South. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and is free for everyone. Bring the whole family for a fun night with Vocalocity!

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Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 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.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Because of the overwhelming attendance and response to the outdoor movie at Heritage Days, the City has scheduled two more movies this summer. The movies will be shown on Saturday, August 9th and on Saturday, September 6th at park on 3200 South. **Admission is free.** The movie will be one that the whole family can enjoy. The movie will start once the sun goes down so bring a blanket and come have a great time under the stars. Check the Nibley City website (www.nibleycity.com) as the time gets closer for a listing of the movies that will be shown.

Vocalocity is a seasoned six-man, award-winning vocal band. Ryan Brierley, Jason Tesch, Brandon McKnight, James Case, Scott Rollins, and Jake Tesch have been performing together as a group since 2005. Having performed all over the western U.S., they have banded together to produce a compelling A Capella performance for audiences of all ages. This year, they have a brand new show featuring popular songs such as *I Wear My Sunglasses at Night* by Corey Hart, *Everything* by Michael Buble, *Accidentally In Love* by Counting Crows, and a special *Beach Boys Medley*. These and other songs have been professionally arranged to give them a unique and distinctive sound. With their goal set on entertaining and uplifting people of all ages, watch out for Vocalocity to take the A Capella world by storm.

TRUTH IN TAXATION

Nibley City will soon publish the required "Truth in Taxation" Notice in the local newspaper.

Regrettably, it is not truth in taxation but actually just truth in anticipated property tax revenues. Taxation implies the actual rate a taxpayer will pay, not the total revenues that a community will receive because of its taxing policy. It works this way: Nibley City will levy a tax rate that will apply to all properties. That rate, multiplied by the taxable value of your home, will generate the tax to be paid by the property owner to the City (this discussion does not include the portion of property taxes paid to the schools or to the County). The City is recommending that the rate change from .001453 to .001667, a change of 15%. Historically, the City has tried to maintain a constant rate of .001667 but the state law will allow a city to receive only the amount of tax revenue that is equal to the amount received the previous year plus the new growth. That is fine as long as the costs that the city has to pay only increase by the amount of the new growth. But, we all know that costs of doing business are increasing and the City must then change its rate to attempt to just stay even with the increasing costs. To maintain the constant rate, the City has to call it a tax increase.

The Truth in Taxation notice does not distinguish between the tax rate and the actual tax revenue of a city. Nibley has had a lot of growth the past couple of years. This new

growth is just now getting onto the tax rolls so it reflects an increase of about 20% over previous years and the City would receive this 20% increase without changing the rate. But, the state law requires that the total revenue increase is quoted in the advertisement— not just the increase due to the rate change. So, while an individual tax payer will see a 15% increase, the ad states that there will be a 35% increase which is very misleading to the individual taxpayer.

Historically, cities have had a three-legged revenue structure made of property tax, sales tax, and fees for service. That nearly equal mix has served us well for many years. This is especially true in a city like Nibley that has limited sales tax receipts. The City General Fund budget anticipates \$298,000 from property tax, \$304,000 from sales tax, and the balance, \$798,000, from miscellaneous fees, etc. maintaining a sound property tax structure is critical to good fiscal management.

The average house value in Nibley is \$195,000. The Nibley City portion of the tax on that home will be \$178.79 with the proposed adjustment. Without the rate change, the tax would be \$155.83. The increase equals \$22.95 per year on the average home.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 7th at 8:00 p.m. to discuss this proposed change.



THE GREAT NIBLEY EARTHQUAKE

By Shaun Dustin, Member of Nibley City Council

OK. So there's no Great Nibley Earthquake in our collective past. Or fire, or tornado, or, excepting the occasional Blacksmith Fork flood along Hollow Road, any big emergency to speak of. Part of that is

due to location, part to preparedness on the part of individuals and groups and willingness to help each other out, and part of it is due to dodging statistical bullets.

For the past several months, I've been working with a volunteer committee chaired by Lance Hauser to review the City's Emergency Management Plan. We wanted to figure out where our emergency preparedness was and what our needs might be for the future.

The heart, mind, and soul of community emergency response is a Fire Department. Nibley has grown rapidly over the past few years; most communities our size have had decades to build critical public facilities like Fire and Police Departments. For those communities, it is just a matter of adding a few people to the department, and a bump in the budget. For Nibley, they are significant investments because we are starting from zero. We have no dedicated public safety infrastructure.

A cost factor that most people are not aware of is related to our zip code. Currently our individual fire insurance rates are pretty low because we share a zip code with Logan and fire insurance rates in Nibley are based on

Logan's capabilities. At some point in the near future, we will have our own zip code and our insurance rates will be keyed to our own capacity.

Fire Departments are responsible for more than just putting out fires. They also coordinate emergency preparedness and response for the people they serve. They show up when someone has a heart attack, when a kid gets hurt, or when your cat is stuck in a tree.

We do have some assets and advantages. For starters, there are grants available for startup Fire Departments that will help us to reduce costs significantly. We have access to equipment through County, State, and Federal programs. We also have a large pool of highly qualified firemen that live and work here in Nibley and that are willing to provide support and guidance as we begin to put this together. And the avoided cost of saved lives and property preservation are worth it.

This is not a step to take lightly; it is going to take time to plan and budget. But, it provides a way for us to take care of and provide a specialized service for each other that, after reviewing the threats we face and capabilities that we have, I strongly believe we need to take.

If you have any questions or comments or would be interested in working on this issue, please contact me: sdustin@dustinengineers.net.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL *The first day of classes for schools in the Cache County School District is Thursday, August 21!*
Nibley Elementary School (2545 S. 660 W., Nibley): Back-to-School Night will be held on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m. Meet your child's (ren's) teachers and the new principal (Sharyle Shaffer), sign up for PTA, and learn about safe walking routes. For more information, call 752-8303.

River Heights Elementary School (780 E. 600 S., River Heights): Back-to-School Night information is unavailable at this time. Call the school for date and time as the school term approaches at 753-4948.

Thomas Edison Charter School (south campus, 1275 W. 2350 S., Nibley): Back-to-School Night will be held on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. Come meet your teacher, sign up for the Fall Festival, and bring your friends and neighbors. For those interested in learning more about Thomas Edison, an Open House will be held concurrently with the Back-to-School Night. To learn more about this publically-funded (tuition-free) school, you may also visit www.ThomasEd.org or call 752-0123 for more information.



HAY FOR SALE

Nibley City has grass hay for sale, the proceeds of which will go into the park fund. About 100 bales are available with a mix of grass and weeds for \$2/bale. In addition, about 200 bales of pretty good grass hay are available for \$5/bale. The bales are in the field and need to be hauled. Please call Larry for more information at 752-0431.

Reminders: Water meters should be exposed and accessible at all times. Please keep lawns and landscaping from covering the lids.

Help conserve water by watering lawns between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Use only the amount needed and direct sprinklers away from roads.

Highlights of a Successful Nibley Heritage Days Celebration - 2008



- ★ Twenty 0-24 month-old babies, in all their cuteness, participated in the Baby Pageant.
- ★ The Flag Ceremonies were patriotically presented by the 2nd and 3rd LDS Wards.
- ★ Over 500 people came to the Mayor's Dinner. The scrumptious dinner was catered by the Iron Gate Grill and served by the Nibley City Council.
- ★ More than 60 floats traveled down Nibley City streets as part of the parade.
- ★ Ninety-six children expressed their artistic abilities in the Sidewalk Art Contest.
- ★ One-hundred and twenty-nine Nibley citizens put on their running shoes and got fit as part of the Fun Run/Walk.



Winners of the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament were:

AGE 17-65 Winners

Bryan Hickman
Wes Smedley
Kyle Hickman

AGE 8-10 Winners

Spencer Nelson
Andrew Nelson
Luis Guerra

AGE 11-13 Winners

Cayden Eubanks
Conner Eubanks
Jaxon Fillmore

Results of the Miss Nibley Royalty Pageant:

Miss Nibley - Erica Nelson

1st Attendant - Laurie Heidt

2nd Attendant - Hollie Campbell

Jr. Miss Nibley - Kami Winward

1st Attendant - Andrea Wiser

2nd Attendant - Nicole Maners

Court - Krista Winward, Nia Hale, and Ashlee Mohr



Princesses - Nicole Hatch, Madison Richins, Elizabeth Haycock, Brooklyn Christensen, Sara Snyder, Sophie Wuthrich, Rebecca Larsen, Hailey Schenk, Kristi Schenk, and

Haley Hutchinson.

Shannon Rhodes was selected as *Miss Nibley Woman of the Year*. Shannon is a model citizen who is always there to help the community. Shannon lives with her husband (Charles) her two sons (James and Daniel) and her two daughters (Jessica and Maren). Shannon has done an amazing job raising her children to become outstanding citizens, themselves. Charles and Shannon built their home and moved to Nibley in 1999. During the past school year, Shannon spent some of her extra time working with the special need children at Nibley Elementary school. Shannon was selected as runner up in the 1992 Utah Miss America Coed Scholarship Pageant. Without her, there would not be a royalty program in Nibley nor would there be a "Miss Nibley Woman of the Year." Shannon organized and put together the program so that the young women from the community could show their interests, abilities, academic achievement, and service. Shannon has a degree from Utah State University in English/Professional and Technical Writing and has been a freelance college textbook proofreader for over ten years. She has been going back to school for her second bachelors degree this year to become an elementary school teacher.

Hat's off to all those who helped and participated in this year's Heritage Days events. Thank you for making this year's celebration a great success!

Special thanks to the hardworking chair persons and their committees:

Miss Nibley Royalty - Rachel Haycock and Haley Judd

Sidewalk Art Contest - Sarah Larsen

Sports Night - Robbie Gerber

Baby Pageant - Janet Thurston

Children's Theatre - Bonnie Schenk-Darrington

Mayor's Dinner - Jennifer Hendricks and Malia Roundy

Movie in the Park - Casey Judd

Fun Run/Walk - Todd Hugie

Parade - Leah Nielsen

Carnival - Amy Maddocks

Carnival Games - Cathy Wise

Swim Night - Bryan Larsen



Many thanks to the Sponsors of Nibley Heritage Days:

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Kristi Forsberg

Janet Thurston

Little Wonders Preschool

Celebration Center

Krista Christensen

Chalisa Eborn

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Macey's

Iron Gate Grill

Walmart

Platt Family

Cache Sun'n Snow Runners

Great Harvest

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Firehouse Pizza

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