

# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — February 2009



## DOG CLINIC

A rabies and registration clinic for dogs will be held on Saturday, February 14 at the

Hyrum Public Works building (100 W. 90 N., Hyrum) from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. A veterinarian will be present to administer rabies shots and a representative from Nibley will be present to license dogs for Nibley City. Call Denny Clark at 752-0431 if you have questions.

## BUSINESS LICENSES

All current business licenses need to be renewed before the end of January. A \$10 late fee will apply after Friday, January 30, 2009. If you are not planning to renew your license, please notify the City at 752-0431.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration will be held at local schools in March. At this time, we only have information for Nibley Elementary. We will include information for other surrounding schools in the March newsletter.

**Nibley Elementary:** Mon., March 23 and Wed., March 25 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) and Tues., March 24 (9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.). Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records, and a suggested \$30 donation to cover cost of snacks, milk, cups, etc. Call Nibley Elementary at 752-8525 with questions.

Dear Nibley Citizens:

**From the Mayor**

Nibley City has a unique history that offers valuable lessons for everyone. Nibley City is located on the site of the first white settlement in Cache Valley in 1855. Nibley had some of the nicest farms in the south end of Cache Valley. The Nibley area's population grew as people moved from the surrounding communities of Hyrum and Millville to live closer to their farms. Nibley City was formally incorporated in 1935. The history of Nibley City is documented in a wonderful book published by Nibley City in 2005. These history books are available free of charge at the City Office. I encourage everyone to pick up a copy and read it with your family. I believe the study of history is a very powerful teacher of success and failure. It teaches us appreciation for those that helped establish what we enjoy. It also helps us avoid their mistakes.

I am giving this pitch to entice someone with a special interest in history to volunteer as Nibley City's historian. As stated in the forward to the *History of Nibley*, "When an old man dies, it's like a library burning down.' When little or nothing has been written down, the memories of those remaining seem to take on a life of their own. Every town deserves to have its legacy written down and preserved for future generations." Therefore, if you would like to serve as Nibley City's historian, please send your résumé to Nibley City, c/o Mayor Knight, 625 W 3200 S, Nibley, UT 84321. I am anxious to discuss my ideas for preserving the ongoing changes to Nibley City.

You will notice an increase from \$35 to \$38 for the residential sewer rate on this month's bill. The rate increase was approved by the City Council on December 18, 2008. This increase is in response to the increase that Logan City will be charging us to treat our sewage. Nibley City Council decided to implement the increases in three stages over the next three years. The first increase was effective January 1, 2009. The next increase of \$2 for the residential rate will occur January 1, 2010. We will then evaluate our costs and determine what, if any, the next increase will be for the following year. Logan City decided on a wastewater rate increase so they could build a reserve fund in anticipation of large-scale capital improvements that will be needed to meet new State of Utah treatment standards. These improvements could cost \$250 million. The current problem is that Cutler Reservoir, the discharge location for our treated wastewater, has excess levels of phosphorus. A portion of these excess phosphorus levels comes from municipal sources. Other sources are animal waste run off from farms. Studies are being conducted to evaluate the best method for removing municipality-created phosphorus. In other words, we are looking for the most cost effective way to reduce the phosphorus loading in Cutler Reservoir. If the State of Utah requires the \$250 million improvement to Logan City's treatment facility, our sewer rates could double to \$70 per month. There is a tremendous motive to solve this problem at a much lower cost to the residents of the valley. Some improvement to our current treatment facility is needed. We are very hopeful that it can be done with only a slight increase to our sewer rates. A lot of work is being done to address this problem. If you desire more information about our efforts, please give me a call.

**Mayor Gerald Knight**





## Soccer

District 7 Recreation Soccer Registration for the Nibley area will be held Saturday, **January 31** and Saturday, **February 7** from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Nibley City Offices.

The fee is \$30 per player. Cash or checks only will be accepted. You can print off the registration forms online at [www.soccer7.org](http://www.soccer7.org) to help speed up the registration process. Please bring two copies of the registration form, money and a copy of your child's birth certificate (if this is your child's first year playing or first year playing in Nibley). Eligible players must be 5 years old by July 31st, with no exceptions.

We are also looking for individuals willing to volunteer as coaches for the recreation program and anyone ages 14 and up willing to contract for referee services. This is a great way for youth to earn extra pocket money. Coaching and Referee clinics and classes are available, if you are interested.

If you have any questions, email Allan Haycock at [league.50.nibley@soccer7.org](mailto:league.50.nibley@soccer7.org) or call 787-8541. If calling, you may leave a message and it will be returned in a timely manner.

### CITY FINANCES

In this time of financial stress, an update of Nibley City finances may be in order. The single largest source of revenue to the General Fund are sales taxes but, so far, Nibley's has held their own in that we have not seen any decrease. Building Permit revenue is down from last year but we anticipated that it might be and budgeted accordingly, so the decrease has not affected us. Property taxes are quite stable so we have not had a problem with that revenue item. One bright spot has been our interest earnings. Prudent but aggressive investing has reaped larger than anticipated revenues so far this budget year. More than half of the City's total budget includes the utilities (water, sewer, and storm water). All are ahead of last year—partly because of new growth—and are within anticipated budgets.

Most of the expense items are within anticipated range so the Nibley's budget should be okay for the second half of the budget year from now until June 30th.

### ENVISION CACHE VALLEY ... *A chance to get involved!*

The Envision Cache Valley process is a once in-a-generation opportunity to explore growth-related issues and think together about what we want Cache Valley to be like in the future. This process reflects the values of the public, the voice of the public, and the vision of the public. Broad public participation and ownership is the key to a successful process. A steering committee of local citizens is heading Envision Cache Valley while Envision Utah, a non-profit agency, will be facilitating. For more information and a list of opportunities to get involved, visit [www.visioncachevalley.com](http://www.visioncachevalley.com).



The first community meeting in February will be:

#### Envision Cache Valley Growth Summit

**What:** The public kick off of Envision Cache Valley. A fun and informative look at the past with an eye toward the future. An opportunity to learn about the process, get involved, and ask questions.

**When:** 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 25

**Where:** Logan Tabernacle, 50 N. Main, Logan, Utah

**RSVP:** To Mary Davies ([mdavies@envisionutah.org](mailto:mdavies@envisionutah.org); 801-303-1459); RSVP appreciated but not required.

#### Did you know:

- ★ 149 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS WERE SENT OUT IN DECEMBER TO Nibley BUSINESSES.
- ★ 65 BUILDING PERMITS WERE ISSUED IN 2008 COMPARED TO 97 ISSUED IN 2007 IN Nibley.

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Visit the Nibley City website at  
[www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)

If you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter, please contact Becky Yeager at [blyeager@comcast.net](mailto:blyeager@comcast.net).

#### FROM THE HYRUM CITY LIBRARY

A special thanks to Mayor Gerald Knight and the Nibley City Council for their continual strong support of Hyrum City Library.



About 17,000 hours of summer reading time were documented for the library.

Nibley Citizens of all ages are encouraged to take advantage of and use the Hyrum City Library often.

Patrons can still contribute to the Hyrum City Library by buying a \$100 brick. For more information, call 245-6411. The Library is located at 50 W. Main in Hyrum.