

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — January 2009



TREE DROP

After the parties and presents, the bowl games and New Year's celebrations, it will be time to take down the Christmas tree. Trees can be recycled at the Nibley Park at 300 West on 3200 South. Make sure to remove the tinsel, lights, and other decorations before dropping off your tree. The last pickup at that site will be January 9th. After that date, trees can be disposed of at the landfill west of Logan.

SNOWY SIDEWALKS

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibly to keep the sidewalks along their property free from snow. This is especially important along routes traveled by children on their way to school or school bus stops.

RECYCLING SITE ON 3200 SOUTH

Attention Nibley Residents!! We are in danger of losing the convenience of the cardboard recycling bin on 3200 South because it has been contaminated with a variety of items that are not cardboard. Please do not put anything in the bin that is not cardboard. Report anyone that you see dumping garbage into the bin by calling the City Office day or night and leaving a message and a license plate number. The Service Area is considering removing the bin if we cannot clean it up -- so please help.

Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

I was impressed last month when I read an article in the Herald Journal about a Nibley resident, Steffanie Reeder, who is helping people of the world learn the value of serving others. We hear all the time about those that are providing this or that service for underprivileged people. But Steffanie's efforts struck me as different. She was teaching people to serve their neighbors and not just to help themselves. I think this is a critical aspect of life that all of us need to learn and the only way we learn is to get involved in teaching this kind of service. Each time we eliminate some measure of selfishness in the world, we make it a better place to live. I believe that acts of selflessness that teach service are the answer to solving the world's problems.

An excellent example of selflessness occurred in Nibley last month at the old barn property Nibley City purchased over a year ago. Nibley City leases this property to Richard Eversull who pastures a few animals on it. Richard came up with the brilliant idea of providing service to the community and also teaching others to serve in the process. With the help of many people, Richard organized a live Christmas nativity scene with real animals. Then he invited the valley to come and share in the spirit of giving. He asked for a donation of food or money to participate in this nativity scene, which also functioned as a small petting zoo complete with a camel. Then he donated the food to the Cache Valley Food Bank. Many people benefitted from this act of service that taught them to serve. I compliment Richard for his selflessness and ingenuity.

This time of year is when we traditionally plan for the future. The following are my 2009 goals for Nibley City:

- 1) Unite the residents of Nibley City in enhancing our quality of life by accomplishing these goals.
- 2) Complete the following projects that are underway:
 - a) Summarize Nibley City's subdivision approval process by March 2009.
 - i) This will include an approval checklist.
 - b) Pass Nibley City's Land Use Ordinance by January 2009.
 - c) Approve the Multi-Family Ordinance by June 2009.
 - d) Approve an updated PUD Ordinance by March 2009.
 - e) Approve an updated Design Standards Ordinance by April 2009.
- 3) Create a Road Impact Fee by June 2009.
- 4) Pass a Street-Scape Ordinance requiring trees in the park strip by December 2009.
- 5) Develop a Park and Trail Master Plan by December 2009.
- 6) Consider updating the Park Impact Fee by December 2009.
- 7) Update our Light Ordinance to prohibit no up light in residential or commercial development by December 2009.
- 8) Develop a City Center Plan with accompanying ordinance by December 2010.
- 9) Develop an Economic Development Plan by December 2010.
- 10) Develop a Redevelopment Plan by December 2010.
- 11) Update our Public Works Master Plan by December 2010.

I would appreciate feedback on these goals. As you evaluate your goals for the coming year, I challenge you to seek ways to serve and especially to teach the value of service. Make sure each action you take is for the benefit of the masses. The purpose of Nibley City is to make your quality of life better.



Quality of life can be measured by how much you enjoy your life. I believe the best quality of life is found in the service of others. Reach out and teach others to serve their neighbors. Getting involved in city government is an excellent way to serve. Together we make life more enjoyable. I witness many acts of service by the residents of this great community. I thank you and compliment you for your thoughtfulness. Have a great New Year.

Mayor Gerald Knight

SUPPORT A TREE ... *by Scott Larsen, City Council Member*



This is not the typical time of year that we think of trees. The leaves have all fallen and the branches are bare. The blooms and buds are still hidden. Yet this is my topic of choice this month.

Cities and towns are growing at unprecedented rates, and satellite imagery shows that we are dramatically turning gray. Gray is the color of roof tops, roads, and other man-made surfaces. At the same time, the green is disappearing from the farm fields, urban forests, and natural habitats. Most cities are struggling to keep up with essential services, and don't see trees as an asset or lack the funds or technology.

It is something I have been thinking of and working on for a while and want to put it out to you as citizens for your response. Do you feel the need for trees within our community? Should we develop a forestry program and ordinances to support and promote trees?

I think as the development impacts our City we should gain more than just roof tops and citizens. I would like to see developers be required to plant trees. Sandy

even has an area of their City that requires blossoming trees to be planted to keep the feel of the orchards that were replaced by the development. Nibley started a tree farm of our own a few years ago to do our part of planting trees while reducing our cost. We are trying to plant trees in our parks and in the street islands as they are developed. Research has shown the benefits that an urban canopy can provide and trees are a key indicator species of a healthy urban environment.

I have attended some seminars and been in contact with the Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator of Utah Forestry. There are programs available (like Tree Link and Tree Bank) to help us with guidelines, money, and even support. We can become part of the Tree City USA[®] program, which is a program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Do you support this effort or should I "leaf" it alone? Your comment are always welcome at 753-0954 or swlarsen.nibley@gmail.com.

WANTED: FIREFIGHTERS

Hyrum City (who provides Nibley's fire protection) is accepting applications to join the ranks as volunteer Firefighter. If interested in providing this invaluable service, please pick up an application at the Hyrum City Office. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2009.



THANK YOU TO CAROL JOHNSON!

Carol Johnson has donated a beautiful panel quilt depicting scenes of Nibley.

The quilt has been framed and is hanging in the City Office. Reflecting hours of work and the skills of an accomplished quilter, the quilt is a beautiful piece of art. The City Council has expressed a special appreciation to Carol for her gift. Nibley citizens are encouraged to stop by and see the quilt along with the original paintings by local artist Kent Wallis that are part of the small but impressive art collection at City Hall.

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FLU PREVENTION: Keep Your Hands Clean

Contagious bugs abound during the winter season, making it a good time to take hand hygiene seriously. According to the American Medical Association (AMA), hand washing is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of colds, flu and other infectious diseases.

AMA advice: Lather up with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the bathroom, before preparing food or eating, and after visiting public places. To help control germs scrub under your fingernails and keep them trimmed short.



Best all-purpose cleaners: Hands down, it's plain soap. Alcohol-based towelettes are a quick and easy alternative; no water is needed — just apply and rub until dry.

More Ways to Avoid Infection: Avoid using shared items like phones, tools, keyboards or other work equipment. Avoid close contact with others when they or you are sick. People are most contagious in the early stages of a cold or flu, or when they have heavy coughing, sneezing, or diarrhea.