

# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — July 2008



## BOWERY ON GIBBONS HERITAGE PARK

The City is accepting reservations for the new bowery on Heritage Park on 800 West. This beautiful bowery has two sides to accommodate two groups and a fun, new children's playground. Groups may schedule this area for events after July 15 by calling the City Offices.

## 3200 SOUTH UPDATE

LeGrand Johnson Construction has received the bid to reconstruct 3200 South. The effort will start about July 7th and will require tearing up the asphalt, widening the road, and laying new asphalt. The reconstructed road will have two travel lanes and a center median/turn lane. Sidewalks are planned along the north side of the road (west of 500 West) and on the south side (east of 500 West). LeGrand Johnson will work on the section of 3200 South only from the Ball Park (300 West) west to 1600 West. We are hopeful of receiving more money to be able to finish the road from 300 West to Main.

Traffic will be restricted much of the summer along 3200 South. Please plan accordingly.

## WEEDS (or lack thereof!)

Thanks to all citizens who responded to the plea to clean weeds from lots and vacant spaces. The City of Nibley appreciates your effort!

Dear Nibley Citizens:

**From the Mayor**

Over the past couple of months a catastrophe happened that helped my perspective of my life and goals. It also helped me better understand the nature of people. I coach a 10-year-old girls soccer team that is made up of wonderful children both in our community and neighboring communities. Unfortunately, one of those girls, Clarissa Packer, developed brain cancer that was discovered after our Fall 2007 season. Despite a courageous battle on her part and that of her parents, family members, and attending physicians, she passed away on May 20, 2008 at the very young age of 10 years old. In visiting with her parents and other relatives, they were struck by the overwhelming amount of support, kindness, love, and just plain goodness of the people that are their neighbors and friends. I have been amazed with the courage of Clarissa's family and especially her parents. Clarissa showed this same courage on the soccer field. I am overwhelmed with the consequences of this tragedy. I express my love and concern to all of those that are affected by Clarissa's death and especially to her family.

I mentioned this very sad story because it helped me better understand what is necessary to survive in this life. We cannot and do not go through life alone. It takes every living and dying person in this community, state, nation, and world to exist as an individual. We are all interconnected and, as such, with every act, we affect everyone else in the world to some small degree. During Clarissa's struggles, her family became the recipient of, "A tremendous amount of goodness from their neighbors and friends." From these acts, they became more aware of the goodness in people. I see a similar type of goodness in each person that serves whether it is as a volunteer on a community committee or as a city employee, a school teacher, engineer, or farmer. We are only as good as the sum of all our parts. Based on the actions of those affected by Clarissa's passing, we are doing pretty well. I compliment and thank each of you for your contributions to our community. Without you and your efforts, our quality of life is not as good as it could be. I continually encourage each one of you to stay involved in the lives of everyone you know and especially in the everyday affairs of this great city. Keep up your good work.

Concerning the quality of life in this community, I am concerned with the Park Bond Election. Originally scheduled for June 24, an error in our official resolution to authorize this election caused a postponement. A new state law governing bond elections requires a slight change in resolution language and our bond attorney from Salt Lake City made a mistake. We will reschedule this election. This is both good and bad news. We will now have more time to plan for the needed community parks. However, we are going to be one full construction season behind our needs. The need for parks has only increased since we made the decision to hold the bond election. Our city parks are a visual manifestation of our quality of life in Nibley. They are a remnant of the open space that once existed throughout the community while serving the needs of our recreating and gathering. Parks define a community.

I ask each of you to contact each city councilman and ask him to do what is necessary to maintain and perhaps expand our quality of life in Nibley City. The City Council could authorize a bond for a portion of the originally proposed bond amount to start some construction this summer and then put the remaining needs to a

vote of the citizens at a bond election next spring. The need is real. Please support this effort to serve each one of us.

I believe that the best vacations in life are the ones you have in your own home and community backyard. Have a great summer!

*Mayor Gerald Knight*

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## **IRRIGATION CANALS AND DITCHES**

Now that summer irrigation season is in full swing, the irrigation ditches and canals are running full. Ditches that are dry one day may be full of fast running water the next. We encourage citizens to be watchful of children playing in and around the water and ditches. The fast moving water can be dangerous.

Every year, some residents discard debris into the ditches. The debris creates a hazard as it clogs ditches and causes them to flow out of their banks. This could potentially be a serious problem for our friends and neighbors. PLEASE, DO NOT THROW grass clippings, leaves, branches, or any sort of debris into the ditches that may run past your property. This is a serious matter with potentially disastrous consequences. The irrigation company has indicated their willingness to prosecute any offenders.

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## **CACHE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT**

The Cache County Mosquito Abatement District's 2008 treatment program is underway. In Nibley, fogging occurs on Tuesday evenings, weather permitting. Larviciding is ongoing. Do your part by eliminating standing water on your property. For more information on local mosquito control, visit [www.cachemosquito.com](http://www.cachemosquito.com).

## **PARK BOND ELECTION**

Nibley City was scheduled to hold an election on June 24 to decide the question about financing the construction of soccer and baseball fields and other park amenities.

When the Nibley City Council passed a resolution in April calling an election to decide the bond issue, proper language having to do with the proposed tax change on an individual residence was not included in the resolution. That special wording is required for park and recreation type bonds. The City's bond counsel, Eric Johnson, discovered the omission at a later date and, relying on another code section, thought that the problems could be cleaned up before the

election. However, after further discussion, it was decided that the City would rather conduct a later election that would not have any clouds over it concerning the legality and appropriateness of the procedure that had been used.

Therefore, Nibley City did not hold an election to approve a bond for \$1.6 million for park sports playing fields, as was earlier anticipated. The Mayor and City Council will continue to assess both the demand for sports playing fields and alternatives to finance their construction. The citizens of Nibley are invited and encouraged to be a part of the discussion and decision.

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## **PLANTING STRIPS**

The area between the curb and the sidewalk is city property but its maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Residents are encouraged to keep the strips free of weeds and well groomed. Rocks in the planting strip are popular but often find their ways into the roadway and onto adjacent lawns. The maintenance of these strips adds to a pleasant ambience in our neighborhoods, helps maintain and enhance property values, and demonstrates a good neighborliness that is enjoyed by all.

## **NIBLEY READING CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to all of those who participated in the Nibley Reading Challenge sponsored by the 2007 Nibley City Royalty. It was a great success! The top three winners in each category were as follows: K-1st - Brian Hansen, Natalie Newmyer, Georgia Johnson. 2nd-3rd - Chris Clark, Lindsay Rigby, Sierra Saunders. 4th-5th - Zachary Maners, Karoline Clark, Savannah Knight. 6th-7th - Adam Rowley, Erin Rigby, Garet Openshaw. The overall winner was Adam Rowley with a total of 7,084 pages. Participants received a prize for their participation.



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## IN APPRECIATION FOR A GREAT NIBLEY CITY HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION

*By Bryan Hansen, Member of Nibley City Council*



It was wonderful participating with all of you in the Nibley City Heritage Days celebration! I am so grateful for the handful of citizens that dreamed up the idea of this annual citywide celebration and for the handful of new citizens that volunteer each year to keep it going and getting better each year. Hats off to Jacqui Gale and the rest of her committee for organizing such a great event this year - Nibley City Round Up!

There was truly something for everyone: Miss Nibley Royalty Pageant, Children's Sidewalk Art Contest, 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Family Swim Night, Baby Pageant, Flag Ceremony, Children's Play - The Pirates of Penzance, Community Dinner by Iron Gate Grill, Movie in the Park, Fun Run, Parade, and the Carnival.

I am sure none of us know the amount of effort and time it takes to dream up, coordinate, follow up, and clean up for events like these. By dividing it up and encouraging more volunteers to get involved, the tasks do get done and the end product is something we can all appreciate. All of these events promote what Nibley is all about - A place where families and friends can gather together and enjoy a few moments celebrating what is right and good about our community. We are so blessed and lucky to live where we do and to enjoy what we have.

When it comes to the city and city activities we say - The more the merrier! As our city has grown and continues to grow, activities like Heritage Days will be the catalyst to keeping our city identity and community spirit alive. I am glad that, as a City Council, we have been able to procure property for future sports and nature parks and possibly a park space that could accommodate us for future Heritage Day's events. It is one thing to have money to buy the property, but it is a much bigger hurdle to obtain money to build parks.

With the bond election being cancelled due to a clerical error in the legal wording of the public notice, we are given time to reflect on other alternatives to bonding for park development. There is grant money set aside for park development that we could pursue. We can have Eagle Scout projects and Neighborhood Service projects. All of these are well and good and could allow us to phase these parks in as is possible. The challenge is that our expectations of what a park should look like and how it should be maintained has risen exponentially. Can we get by with a road base parking lot instead of a paved one? Plant trees and landscaping over time rather than at the ribbon cutting. Maybe the playground equipment will have to be phased in after the fields are completed. These are just some options but it does allow us to take a more hands on approach even though it would be easier to just pay someone else to do it or bond for it and get it all at once.

I don't know how many of you have heard of Ryan's Place Park in River Heights. I would encourage you all to go see this park and capture the vision of what can happen when volunteers with some guided help can accomplish. Parks are definitely a living legacy for a city and something that we can all enjoy passively and actively. It is the place where our community lives.

If you have interest in helping with park planning, Heritage Days planning, or other city events, please contact Nibley City Office and we will put you on a contact list for future opportunities.

Thanks again to the Heritage Days Committee and their great efforts!  
You make it great to live in Nibley!

### 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

*Miss Nibley Woman of the Year* - Shannon Rhodes

*Watch for more details on the results of the various Heritage Day events in the August newsletter and on the Nibley City website ([www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)).*

## WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU REALLY LOOKED AT YOUR UTILITY BILL?

Are you paying for services you don't have ... or receiving services you aren't being charged for? The following charges appear on each utility bill monthly:

**Water** - Basic Fee of \$10.50 + .95 cents for each additional 1,000 gallons of usage

**Sewer** - \$35.00

**Garbage** - \$11.25 for 60 gallon container or \$13.50 for 90 gallon container

**Recycled Container** - \$3.00

**Green Waste** - \$4.00 (this is an optional container)

**Central Dispatch 911** - \$2.00

**Storm Water** - \$4.00

**Late Fee, Interest Penalty, and Shut Off Notice** will only have amounts, as applicable, for each customer.

**Utility Payments:** Utility payments are due at the time you receive the bill. Late fees are not assessed on accounts paid prior to the 20th of the following month.

For your convenience, payments may be dropped off after hours in the tall drop box next to the mailbox. Nibley City does not offer online services for payment at this time. If you pay through your bank's online service, it may take several business days to reach the City Office. Plan accordingly to avoid late fees.

**Has your contact information changed?** On occasion, City staff may need to contact you. If your phone number has changed (cell or land line), please notify us so we can update our records. Also, write the correct number on your utility receipt and send it in with your payment.

It is our goal to get the utility bill to you in a timely manner each month, correctly charge you for the services you are using, and assist you in any way possible to keep your information current.



## WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Recycling containers are picked up every other week throughout the year. Green Waste containers are picked up weekly, April through November.

The Green Waste bins on 3200 South can be used by all city residents. Recently, the Environmental Center contacted the Nibley City with concerns about items that are being discarded that contaminate the contents. As a result of the contamination, the City is being charged an additional amount to dispose of these items. If we aren't all conscious of the items we place in this container, we run the risk of losing this service. Rocks, gravel, dirt, tree root-balls, plastic bags, painted or treated wood, metal and glass, and anything over 6 feet in length or 12 inches in diameter should not be placed in this container.

Finally, there has been an increasing number of containers left on the street between weekly pick-ups. This makes it difficult for the street sweeper to adequately serve your neighborhood. Please return all containers to a proper storage area during the week.

## HYRUM LIBRARY - SUMMER NEWS

Sign-up is now going on for the Hyrum Library summer reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug." This program is for the entire family. Each person can earn a reward each week by reading twenty minutes a day. Prizes will be awarded at the end of summer for each age category based on the most time spent reading. In addition, those who complete the program and turn in their calendars will be invited to the closing outdoor activity. Come join the fun and watch for more fun programs throughout the summer.



Hyrum Library is trying to complete their collection of yearbooks for the

South Cache High School and Sky View High School. If you have extra copies of any year for either school, they would love to add them to their archive collection. The yearbooks are often used for genealogy research.

The Library is building their second donor brick wall. Bricks are \$100 / each. This tax-deductible contribution is a great way to help the Library and Museum foundation. Call the Library for more information.

For more information regarding summer programs, services, and policies and procedures, visit the Hyrum Library website at [www.hyrumlibrary.com](http://www.hyrumlibrary.com).

*July is a month for celebrating our American and Utah heritage. When planning festivities, please be considerate of your neighbors, especially those with pets. Fireworks can cause a great deal of stress to animals, large and small.*