

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — June 2008



**Nibley City
Heritage Days
Celebration is
June 14th - 21st**

Check out the enclosed brochure for detailed information on the daily happenings of the fun-filled Nibley Heritage Days. Information can also be found on the Nibley City website (www.nibleycity.com).

You may register for the various events at the City Offices or download forms from the city website.

The form for the Community Dinner is included in the newsletter (and also on the website). Just cut it out, fill it out, and send it in!

See ya'll there!



Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

I purchased the seeds for my garden on the 13th of May. The weather was warm and sunny. It was the first week we have had without snow this spring so I was excited to get my seeds in the ground. As I stood waiting for the clerk to bag the seeds, I felt like a child in a candy store with all of the opportunities sitting on the shelf in front of me. I started to imagine all the different vegetables that I could grow and how wonderful they would taste in the not too distant future. It was hard not to say to the clerk, "Give me a bag full of all the seeds you have." The summer was full of vegetables dancing in my head. Springtime is a great time to look at life and dream. There are endless possibilities and with a little planning and tender care the dreams will mature into beautiful fruit.

As residents of Nibley City, we have many wonderful opportunities. A bond election will be held on June 24th to consider borrowing money for improving and expanding our parks. Each registered voter in the city can voice their opinion on how they view the future of Nibley. I enjoy the parks we have. I hope to have more in the future. A huge sacrifice comes with building these parks. But, the reward is refreshing and we share in the pride that we played a big part in bringing these multi-use open spaces to pass.

Without sacrifices in time, money, and energy, we cannot fully appreciate the value of living. For example, I can purchase my groceries from the store and when I do, I appreciate those that farmed, transported, and marketed these goods. However, the satisfaction of raising my own produce is beyond description. There is a treasured pleasure in calling my harvest my own. It is similar to being proud of one's city of residence. Please join with me in getting involved in the process of deciding, developing, building, and enjoying our Nibley City parks. I appreciate everyone's opinion and especially their sacrifice. If you have questions on the bond election, what it means or what the money will be used for, please contact Larry Anhder or me.

I hope everyone is planning on coming to our Nibley City Heritage Days celebration. The times and locations of the many events are listed in the enclosed brochure. We have a wonderful committee that has planned some great events for all residents of Nibley. We will have the opportunity to celebrate the heritage of this great community and share in the friendships of our neighbors. Come and enjoy the atmosphere of our beautiful city.

The construction on 3200 South should start in July. The bid opening was on May 20th. There are some approval steps that take roughly a month after the bid opening. Then construction can begin. It will be nice to see the work progress on a road that has needed serious repair for over five years.

I wish all of you a wonderful spring planting season. Plan for the best, enjoy the planning, and reap the beautiful experience of doing.

Mayor Gerald Knight

HEADS-UP! Citizens should be aware of two June events in which participants will travel through Nibley and may cause heavy traffic.

- The MyoMed Ragnar Relay Wasatch Back will travel through Nibley on June 20th. The Wasatch Back is a 175-mile overnight running relay from Logan to Park City and involves over 8,000 runners. Runners will travel along Hwy 165 and Hollow Road. Hollow Road residents, in particular, may experience slowed traffic during the morning hours. Race officials are aware of the problem and have promised to do everything in their power to ensure that traffic keeps moving. They apologize for any inconvenience. Hollow Road residents may want to plan in advance and leave plenty of time to get through the heavy traffic. If you would like to support the runners, feel free to cheer them on as they pass through your neighborhood. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact them directly at (877) 83-RELAY.

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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.

- The MS-150 (a fundraising event for multiple sclerosis) will come through Nibley on June 29th. The MS-150 is a 2-day fully supported and catered bike ride for all ages and abilities. Last year, the event raised \$1.5 million dollars and attracted nearly 3,000 cyclists. Cyclists choose routes that range in distance from 40 to 175 miles, all within Cache Valley. On the 29th of June, the primary route will take cyclists south on Hwy. 165. Traffic is expected to be light at this stage of the ride. For more information on the MS-150, visit www.bikeutu.nationalmssociety.org.



Round-up your family, friends, and neighbors and come on down to the
Nibley City Heritage Days Community Dinner!



Bandits robbed the stagecoach and are sharing the wealth!
All meal tickets have been discounted below cost!

Friday, June 20, 2008

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Nibley City Park (on 3200 South)

<p>Dinner catered by Iron Gate Grill BBQ Chicken Hoagie AuGratin Potatoes Baked Beans Green Salad Ice Cream Sandwich Drink</p>	<p>Order your prepaid dinner tickets now! Return this flyer and your money with your Nibley City utility bill. <i>*Please send a separate check for your dinner tickets.</i></p> <p>\$5.00 / adult and \$3.00 / child (11 and under)</p> <p>Dinner tickets can also be purchased "at the door."</p>
<p>Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone #: _____ Adult Tickets: _____ Child Tickets: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____</p>	<p>Make checks payable to Nibley City. <i>*Please send a separate check for your dinner tickets.</i> (Do not include on the same check as your utility bill)</p> <p>We will have a list of prepaid tickets at the dinner. <i>*one plate per meal ticket</i></p>



If you came to the Community Dinner last year, you will remember the GREAT entertainment! This year promises to be another crowd pleaser! We are thrilled to have Ryan Blau back to share his talent with us again! Join us for this boot-stompin', hand-clappin' fun!

TO BOND OR NOT TO BOND?

On June 24, 2008, the residents of Nibley City will elect whether to bond for a maximum of \$1.6 million to develop parks in Nibley City. The election will be held at the Nibley City Offices at 625 West 3200 South. If this bond is approved, the increase in property tax for the average appraised house in Nibley (\$187,000) will increase by about \$80 / year for 20 years. To better educate our residents on this issue, two members of the City Council have agreed to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed bond. Read carefully, think about the issues at hand, form your own decision, and get out and vote on June 24th.

Reasons AGAINST the proposed parks bond *by Thayne Mickelson, City Council Member*
Having parks in our community is a great thing. It allows places of recreation and enjoyment. It provides open space. There is a certain quality of life that permeates from a community that has implemented places to play. So why not bond for parks?

When we commit to a bond, there are three things we are agreeing to do.

1. We are first giving up our right to use a certain portion of our income as we desire for a period of time (**20 years** in this case).
2. Second, we feel it is impossible to wait for the bonded item and wait until we have the money in hand to pay for it. **We prefer the debt.**
3. Last and most importantly, we believe that not only does our current financial situation warrant the decision to bond; we place our judgment of such on **every member of the community** to place in such a debt.

We are currently looking at several bond elections coming in the near future.

- Nibley City Parks Bond
- Cache County Open Space Bond
- Cache County Library Bond
- Public Education Bonds

All of these represent an option for government to dictate the use of your income and take your disposable income and turn it into fixed debt. State law allows the local officials to bond without an election. I am grateful that our Nibley City Government saw the wisdom of allowing you as citizens to really decide if it is that important to you to bond.

Please use your freedoms as citizens of a free country to keep a little more of your freedoms by not placing us in additional bondage. **Bondage = a BOND for AGES**

I propose an alternative. If there is enough support and ambition, let us all become involved and form a park development committee of citizens and create a parks fund drive. Let's take an active role in developing the same result in a more conservative managed approach and pay for parks, as the money is available.

Reasons FOR the proposed parks bond *by Larry Jacobsen, City Council Member*
The last time I checked, most people opposed increasing taxes. In spite of that, I find myself in the interesting position of trying to convince you to raise your own taxes to develop parks in Nibley. I'll give it my best shot.

Perspective Yes, the cost of gasoline is outrageous and that drives up the cost of everything else. The economic slowdown appears to be real. Given that, this may not be the best time to talk about a tax increase to

develop our parks. However, let's use this economic setting to put the proposed tax increase in perspective. Compared to the other things on which we spend money (cable TV, internet access, movies, other entertainment), is \$80 / year for the average Nibley household too much to ask to develop parks? This breaks down to \$6.67 / month. Think about what \$6.67 will fetch these days.

Fiscal responsibility Are we being fiscally responsible by borrowing money to develop parks in Nibley? Perhaps, if we are borrowing to fulfill a need. When Becky and I decided to start a family, we knew that we needed a home in which to raise our kids, and taking out a mortgage was the only way to fulfill that need. The numbers tell us that, unless we borrow money to develop parks in Nibley, we will have to turn kids away from recreational sports programs in the near future. Does that constitute a need?

Favorable terms Most of us are familiar with home mortgages that amount to paying for our houses several times over. This proposed bond is different. Funds are available to Nibley City at a 2.5 - 3.0 percent interest rate to develop our parks. A 3 percent interest rate for 20 years means our total loan payments will exceed the principal by a factor of 1.33, not the several-times-over typical of consumer mortgages. Just as important, a 3 percent interest rate means that we are actually paying less in interest than inflation may increase the cost of developing parks at a future date (the Consumer Price Index is up by 3.9% since April 2007 – see <http://www.bls.gov/CPI/>).

Health issues It's been a long time since we raised a generation of kids that will not live as long as their parents. A study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in May 2005 predicts that increasing rates of childhood obesity will cut the average U.S. life expectancy by 2-5 years in the coming decades. While this is only a prediction, isn't it worth funding our parks to encourage Nibley's kids to turn off the TVs and video games and to go out and exercise?

Park impact fees Several residents have suggested that we increase the Park Impact Fee on new houses to pay for the needed parks development. The City Council did just that several months ago, raising the impact fee from \$1,000 to \$1,600. In spite of that increase, it will take 1,000 new homes in Nibley to raise the required \$1.6 million to develop our parks. Is that amount of growth realistic? Previous City Councils saw value in Nibley's parks and they procured land at reasonable prices for eventual development. Many of the Park Impact Fees collected over the past years have gone towards buying land for parks. None of the proposed bond will be used to purchase new property. Instead, the bond will develop property that Nibley City already owns.

Property values One of the most common requests that the Planning Commission and City Council get from our residents is the request to protect property values in Nibley. This proposed bond is an opportunity for our residents to do that themselves. Homes in communities with developed parks are worth more than those without parks. Perhaps we could think of this bond as an \$80 per year investment in our own property values.

Our community When you get a chance, pick a Saturday morning or summer evening and go see what is going on in our parks. A few weeks ago, I was at Heritage Park on 800 West. I saw kids intent on soccer games, others scrambling on the playground, and parents and friends visiting with one another. I saw a community, a community made possible by our parks. How much are you willing to invest in that community?

Although the City Council has the authority to make the decision of whether to bond for parks development, I feel we did the right thing by passing the question to you. The definition of the democratic process means that our resident's vote on June 24 will yield the right decision. Is borrowing to fund the need for parks being fiscally responsible? Are the bond terms reasonable? Should we promote our children's health? Have we looked at other methods, such as impact fees, to develop our parks? Is it worth \$80 / year (\$6.67 / month) to help protect our property values and the sense of community that our parks give? You get to decide. Please vote on June 24.