

# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — May 2008



## **Burn Permits**

If you would like to burn branches or other materials, you must first get a burn permit from the Cache County Fire Department. To find out burn conditions and when they will issue permits, call 755-1670.

Rules to remember for burning:

- The fire must be out by dark.
- A water source must be nearby.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- You may be financially responsible for the fire if it gets out of control.

## **Weeds**

Starting June 1, the City will begin enforcing the weed ordinance. Between now and then, if you have weeds in your yard, please remove them and keep your yard free of other clutter.

Penalties for failure to clear the weeds can result in prosecution and fines of up to \$750.

## **Did you know ...**

- Nibley City customers used 322,194,733 gallons of water in 2007.
- Nibley City will spend \$24,000 next budget year for street lighting.



Dear Nibley Citizens:

**From the Mayor**

I am very excited with the news that at the end of May, we will be awarding the bid to reconstruct 3200 South. Construction should start within a month of this award. We will also be getting a stoplight at the intersection of 3200 South and Highway 165. The reconstruction of this road has been a long time in coming and despite the inconvenience the construction will cause, I look forward to this summer's work.

Last fall we started gathering data to update our Park Master Plan. These data indicated that we have a critical need for more park space. Rod Elwood, our park director, has projected that participation in our youth soccer, baseball, and softball programs will grow from 470 in 2007, 745 in 2008, to more than 1,000 by 2011. We currently have over 1,350 children under the age of 11 in Nibley City. When I moved here in 1998, Nibley had roughly 1,500 residents. Now we have over 4500. Most of the new people are young families with young children that use parks.

Nibley didn't have a park impact fee before 1997. Nibley also did not have the facilities for some of our recreation needs so our residents used the neighboring communities' parks for their older children's soccer, pony league baseball, and softball. In 1997, the City Council realized that, with the surge in growth, new parks would be need. At that time, they passed a park impact fee of \$1,000 for each new home built. This fee was meant to help cover the costs of buying land and building additional parks.

The City could not foresee the exponential growth rate nor the atypical increase in construction costs that occurred over the next ten years. Therefore, we currently find ourselves in an urgent catch-up situation. By the year 2011, we will need 12 more acres of soccer fields and two more baseball fields. The urgency is related to the 18 months it takes to grow grass. Using the impact fees from the previous 10 years, we have purchased 50+ acres of farmland for future parks. We have adequate parkland for the next eight to ten years. We have received some grants and used some general fund money to start the development of some of this land, namely the Heritage Park on 800 West. However, it will cost an additional \$1,600,000 to build the park facilities we will need by 2011.

In March, we updated our park impact fee study and found that our park impact fee could be \$1,600. When the City Council was presented with this information in March, they increased the impact fee to the recommended \$1,600. Because of the impact that a bond has on the current residents, the City Council voted to hold a bond election so the residents of Nibley could decide whether we should borrow money to build these park facilities. This bond will raise the property tax on the average appraised home in Nibley (\$187,000) by about \$80 a year. The bond election will be held on June 24, 2008. I encourage everyone to learn the facts about this proposal and to share your thoughts with your neighbors and vote. I believe that this \$1,600,000 bond will enable us to build the parks we need today and set us on a path of meeting future needs with the park impact fee. We intend to

review our park impact fee every two years and update it, as needed.

The City has worked hard to efficiently use our park property and to accommodate the increased demands. We encourage the use of our parks. They are wonderfully maintained and provide a great place to recreate as a family or with friends. As part of our efficiency plan, we have implemented a new policy on the use of our 3200 South Park. Resident can use the lights on this field for a fee of \$30 for up to two hours but no later than 11:00 p.m. This will provide families or organizations a place to come and recreate after dark under the lights.

I believe that by providing programs where youth can recreate in a productive way, we will reduce the desire to recreate in harmful ways.

**Mayor Gerald Knight**

## CITY BUDGET TIME

The City Council will receive the proposed budget for the fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2008) in their May 1 meeting. This year's General Fund budget will be about \$1.4 M. That is just a little smaller than the current year's budget of \$1.5M. The Water Utility Fund is projected at \$467,000 and the Sewer Utility budget is proposed at \$524,000. Both of the Utility budgets reflect small increases in the current year's budget due to new growth. Major items in the new budgets include the City's share of the 3200 South reconstruction project (\$800,000), the planning for a new water reservoir at a projected cost of about \$1.3M, and the installation of a new water line from the reservoirs to the City. Another major expenditure of the total budget is for salaries for city employees at \$613,000.

## NIBLEY CITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### **Assistant City Recorder / Part-Time Position:**

Duties include attending and taking minutes for both the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission. Each group meets twice per month on the first and third Thursdays and the second and fourth Wednesdays. After the meetings, the minutes will need to be typed and posted in a timely manner. It is anticipated that this work may be done in the employee's home. The meetings and preparation of the minutes will be about 8 to 10 hours per week. Nibley City is offering \$9.00 per hour to start. Requirements include keyboarding skills at 60 to 70 wpm and word processing skills. Must be available for evening meetings. Please apply at the Nibley City Offices.

**Custodian / Part-Time Position:** The City is looking for someone to perform custodial services for its office building. It is anticipated that about two hours per week are required to maintain the building. Interested parties can contact Larry Anhder, City Manager, at the City Offices.

Nibley City Office  
625 West 3200 South  
Nibley, Utah 84321  
Ph: 752-0431, Fax: 753-1510  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

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).

Opening day at the Cache Valley Gardeners' Market is May 10<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Park (100 S. 200 E., Logan).

## ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Nibley City Annual Water Quality Report is available for review by citizens of Nibley. The report provides the results of tests for compounds that may be harmful to human health. The City is proud to announce that our water sources continue to show results that are well within the safe levels established by state and federal regulators. The report is available at the City Offices and online at our Nibley City website ([www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)).



## H.E.A.T. PROGRAM FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE

The H.E.A.T. (Home Energy Assistance Target) Program has funds available through May 30, 2008. Those who have not already applied for H.E.A.T. funds this program year are welcome to apply. This program year runs from November 1, 2007 - May 30, 2008 or until federal funds are exhausted. H.E.A.T. benefits are a one-time payment and may not cover your entire winter heating costs. The amount paid is based on type of fuel used, household size, family income, and your energy burden. To schedule an appointment, call the H.E.A.T. Office at the Bear River Association of Governments located at 170 North Main in Logan or call 752-7242. If you are elderly or disabled and unable to come into our office, someone can come to your home.

## NIBLEY CITY HERITAGE DAYS NEWS

**"WANTED"** We need your help with Nibley Heritage Days! We are still tryin' to "round-up" some more help! Committee Leaders are needed in the following areas: Co-Chairman, Parade, Fun Run/Walk. In particular, the co-chair would oversee four to five events and help out where needed in planning over the next two months and during Heritage Days.

Don't hesitate to help ...  
just "kick up your heels"  
and "hustle" on in (or call  
Jacqui Gale at 787-1934).

We also need to "rustle-up" willing hands for these areas: Carnival, 3-on-3 Basketball, Fun Run/Walk, Parade.

If you have questions, here is a list of the the "ranch-hands" already workin' on this project:

Royalty Pageant, Rachel Haycock (787-8541)

Sidewalk Art, Sarah Larsen (753-0954)

3-on-3 Basketball, Robbie Gerber (881-6404)

Swim Night, Bryan Larsen (245-2168)

Baby Pageant, Janet Thurston (752-5754)

Mayor's Dinner, Jennifer Hendricks (752-2916)

Movie in the Park, Casey Judd (787-8395)

Carnival, Amy Maddocks (753-7009)

Children's Theatre, Bonnie Schenk-Darrington (787-1170)

**Fun Run / Walk:** On your mark, get set, go! We're winding up for the Nibley Heritage Days 1 Mile & 5 K fun run. So put on your running shoes and run over to the Nibley City Offices to get signed up for this year's event. There is no entrance fee for either the 1 Mile or the 5 K. However, T-shirts are \$5/each or \$7/each for any size over XL. Please pay in advance and specify T-shirt size desired.

So, no matter your physical fitness, come out for an early morning of community fitness and fun! Or even just to cheer the runners on! Volunteers are also needed to assist in set up, take down, and traffic control (contact Jacqui Gale if interested 787-1934). Last minute event sign ups will be at 7:00 a.m. Race begins at 7:30 a.m. See you Saturday, June 21st!

**Carnival / Concessions:** If you are interested in participating in the concessions or carnival booths, you can download the application and guidelines from the Nibley City website ([www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)).

**Nibley Children's Theatre - The Pirates of Penzance:** We are so excited for our 2008 season!

Please take note of the following dates:

**Tryouts/Sign-ups:** May 21-22, 5:30-6:30 p.m., the Old Town Hall

**Play Practices:** June 9-13 and 16-18, the Old Town Hall

**Performances:** June 19-20, Nibley Park Amphitheatre



Please do not sign up unless you can make it to every practice. We will have less than two weeks to learn our parts. *Please note that if you don't sign up on May 21-22, you are not guaranteed a part.* We will start making and ordering costumes immediately after sign-ups and will not have extra. Late sign-ups will not be accepted. If you can't make it to sign-ups, please contact the director EARLY.

Children ages 5 - 17 (age 5 by June 30) are invited to participate. Kids can sign up for a group part if they prefer, with no tryout necessary. Kids ages 7 and older can try out for speaking parts. Parents will be asked to help with groups, programs, stage managing, costumes, scenery, etc. so be prepared to help.

Group parts this year are as follows: (The age groups may change slightly, depending on how many kids sign up.)

Group 1 Girls ages 5-6 Little Ruths (pirate maids-of-all-work)

Group 4 Boys ages 7-10 Policemen

Group 2 Boys ages 5-6 Little Pirate Kings

Group 5 Girls ages 11+ Daughters of Major-General Stanley

Group 3 Girls ages 7-10 Mermaids

Group 6 Boys ages 11+ Pirates

One problem we have had in the past is that there are many unsupervised kids at the park while we practice. Generally, volunteers work with and supervise only the scheduled age group, so all other children are

completely unsupervised. Because this can be a dangerous situation, this year it is required that parents sign hold-harmless waivers for each child in the play. This means that the City and the play volunteers cannot be held responsible if a child has an accident or is otherwise harmed during the practices or production. If you have children practicing with more than one age group and are accustomed to having them spend all morning at the park during play practices, we ask that a parent come along to supervise them for their own safety.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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15	16 G 5, 6, and speaking parts: 9:00 G4: 10:00 G3: 10:30 G2: 11:00 G1: 11:30	17 Technical Rehearsal: Everyone 10:00- 12:00	18 Dress Rehearsal: Everyone 10:00- 12:00	19 Arrive at Park: 6:15 p.m.  Perform- ance: 7:00 p.m.	20 Arrive at Park: 4:45 p.m.  Perform- ance: 5:30 p.m.	21

Also, please take note of our performance times this year, as they have changed. On June 19, our performance will take place at 7:00 p.m. and children should arrive at the park at 6:15 to put on their costumes and makeup. On June 20, our performance is at 5:30 and children should arrive at the park at 4:45 in order to get ready. The June 20 performance will be followed by the town dinner and late-night movie in the park.

Questions? Call or e-mail the director, Bonnie Schenk-Darrington (787-1170, utahdarringtons@gmail.com).

## HYRUM LIBRARY NEWS

The theme of story time in May at the Hyrum Library is "Let's Go Camping." Sign-ups are always on the first day of the month. You may come to the Library or call (245-6411) to sign up your 3-5 year old each month.

After May, story time will begin again in September. Remember, this is for 3-5 year olds. We are hoping to begin a toddler story time in the fall. Also, one day each month, a story time is held at the Library for Spanish speaking children or those interested in exposing their children to the Spanish language.



"Catch the Reading Bug" is this year's Summer Reading theme. Lots of fun activities are planned for the entire

family. Sign up your family near the end of May. The six-week program will begin June 9th. Those families completing the six weeks of reading will be invited to come to our closing outdoor activity in August. Each participant can earn a weekly coupon for a treat and those reading the most hours in each age group will be awarded bigger prizes at the end. This is a great way to encourage your children to continue with their reading through the summer months.

We are about to build our second donor brick wall at the Library. Bricks are still for sale for \$100. This tax-deductible contribution is a great way to help the Library and Museum foundation. Call the Library for more information.

## STORMWATER

Help us keep our stormwater clean by doing the following:

- Clean up garbage and litter around your home / yard. This will keep it from being washed downstream.
- Keep contaminants out of the rivers and streams by properly disposing of household waste, including cleaners, paint, stains, solvents, automotive fluids, and poisons.
- Wash your car either on your lawn or at a car wash.
- Repair engine fluid leaks as soon as possible.
- Green waste (grass, leaves, hay, straw, branches, shrubs, and trees) can be dropped off free of charge at 300 W. 3200 S., across from the park.