

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — November 2008



Winter Parking Ordinance Reminder

The overnight parking ban will be in effect between November 1 and April 1 on all city streets. The ordinance prohibits parking on city roads between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. to ensure that snow plows can keep roads clean and safe. The ban includes all vehicles and trailers. Failure to comply could result in a fine of \$25.

Did you know that you can read up on Nibley City's ordinances on the city's website? Go to www.nibleycity.com and click on "Ordinances" on the left-hand navigation bar.

Flu Shots are Available

The Bear River Health Department (BRHD) is offering flu shots for \$25 Monday - Thursday between the hours of 7-9 a.m. and 2-6 p.m. The Center for Disease Control is especially encouraging parents to vaccinate children between the ages of 6 months to 18 years. To accommodate this young population, the BRHD has flu mist (a nasal mist) available which offers the same protection as the injections. For more information, contact the BRHD (792-6500), visit their website (www.brhd.org), or go to their office at 655 E. 1300 N. in Logan.

Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather that this time of year brings. We have had a very productive construction season in Nibley City. We have finally finished the construction on the 3200-South road. The road looks great. The planter medians on the road will be prepared next spring, which will create a beautiful addition to our community. We will plant trees, shrubs, and place some hard surface features in these medians to dress up the road and create a visual experience as you travel this road through the center of our community.

We are still working hard to get the additional money needed to finish the remaining three blocks of road east of our 3200 South Park. The money we are requesting comes from the quarter percent sales tax that was approved by the voters in last year's election. The Cache County Council will make the decision whether to fund our project in the next few weeks. Come and check out the bike lanes and sidewalk that will help transport people along this beautiful addition to our city. This is the beginning of our new town center.

The portion of the road that was just completed was constructed using federal highway funds given directly to Nibley City as a \$4,600,000 grant back in 2003. The conditions of the grant required a 20 percent local match. The total cost of the road was \$4,382,082. Nibley City's portion was \$876,416. This is a very large amount of money for a city of our size. It is roughly \$200 per resident of Nibley just for our portion of the project. If an equivalent project were done in Cache County, the local match would be \$20,000,000 on a \$100,000,000 project. I compliment all of you for your patience and sacrifice.

We are working on other beautiful additions to Nibley City. The city crews are finishing a new park/retention basin near the Clear Creek Subdivision on 800 West and 2400 South. This park will tie into Heritage Park with walking paths, more open space, and ball fields.

The City Council is also discussing a cooperative agreement with the Cache County School District on using the new elementary school that will be built next spring at 900 West and 3200 South. We are looking at some design features and possible additions to the elementary school that will enable the City to use this facility for indoor recreation and as a community reception center. By entering a cooperative agreement with the School District, we should be able to add these features to the school at a very affordable price.

As always, I would love to hear your ideas. Please contact me via e-mail (gkktrudy@msn.com) or phone (752-9374). Thank you for your concern and involvement. We live in a beautiful city that is further enhanced by our wonderful residents. I again remind everyone to get outside and take advantage of the beautiful fall weather and enjoy our community atmosphere. This is a great place to live.

Mayor Gerald Knight





GET OUT AND VOTE! 2008 General Election

Registered voters can vote early between October 21 and 31 at the Cache County Administration Building (179 North Main, First Floor Conference Room, Logan). Visit www.cachecounty.org for other early voting locations.

For all other Nibley voters, Election Day is Tuesday, November 4. Polls will open at the LDS Church on 3200 South (360 West) at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

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www.nibleycity.com

If you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter, please contact Becky Yeager at blyeager@comcast.net.

SNOW REMOVAL

Whether we like it or not, the snow is going to fall this winter. That means heaving out our snow blowers and shovels along with pain relievers for aching backs. It also means brushing off our list of helpful snow-removal-tips that allows us to be great neighbors and citizens. Here's a few tips to consider.

- When removing snow from driveways and sidewalks, do not push the snow onto the streets or your neighbor's property. This only creates headaches for someone else and, possibly, even dangerous conditions.
- Remove snow from sidewalks and other walkways within a reasonable amount of time after the storm. Nibley ordinance requires snow to be removed by 9:00 a.m. when the storm occurs between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the night before. Pedestrians and school children need safe walking routes. Snow-covered sidewalks forces them to walk in the streets. This is especially important in neighborhoods surrounding the elementary schools.
- Be conscientious of neighbors who may be unable to clear their own driveways due to illness or physical condition. Help them out!
- Keep fire hydrants clear of snow. Make sure they are not only visible, but accessible.

IS NIBLEY WORTH KEEPING?

By Larry Jacobsen, City Council Member

About a year ago, the Nibley City Council was involved in a disagreement with the Logan City Council. The issue was whether an area along Highway 89/91 and West of Nibley should be annexed into Logan. The Nibley City Council was hoping that the property would someday be in Nibley, and the Logan City Council was considering a petition to annex the property into Logan. We had long planned for the property to one day become a part of Nibley to help develop (when the land owners were ready) an economic base in our City with additional property- and sales-tax revenue. We lost the disagreement and the property was annexed into Logan.

During our discussion with Logan, one of the Logan Council members told us he had the solution. Rather than fight with one another over this property, we could both have it. All that we had to do was dissolve Nibley and then ask to become a part of Logan. The Council Member promised that Logan City would welcome us. At the time, the suggestion made no sense and then the engineer in me (that's my day job) started mulling it over.

What about the economy of scale that such a merger would offer? Why do we duplicate city staff and city governments in Logan and Nibley? I believe that regional planning is one of the biggest challenges that we have in Cache Valley. Wouldn't a single municipality solve this regional planning problem? In addition, wouldn't a single municipality eliminate the squabbling over economic opportunities? Maybe dissolving Nibley and becoming part of Logan wasn't such a bad idea.

While considering this idea, I decided that I would ask you about it. Is there anything special or unique about Nibley? Do we have anything in our town, whether it is infrastructure (such as parks and roads that you can touch and see) or an intangible feeling of community that is worth holding on to and further developing?

In addition to voicing your opinion, I am asking you to weigh in with your actions. If there is something in Nibley worth holding on to, then I am asking you to be a part of holding on to it. If you think we have a community to be proud of, than I am asking you to be a part of that community. How? Here are a few ideas. Please add your own ideas to the list.

- Come to a Planning Commission or City Council meeting and learn how decisions for our community are made ... and then be a part of making those decisions.
- Coach a soccer, softball, or baseball team.
- Give input to our parks development plan.
- Get involved in Nibley's Heritage days or other city events. Not only participate, help organize an event.

Do we have something special in Nibley? If so, what is it worth to keep it?

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