

# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — October 2007



## Shadowbrook Park Taking Shape Through Cooperative Community Effort



Miss Nibley Royalty member Tiffany Chalfant's spirit project idea became reality in August. As a result, Nibley can enjoy a new park in the Shadow-brook subdivision on 800 West.

Tiffany worked with Councilman Scott Larsen and the City Park's team to coordinate a day of rock raking in the hot sun. Dozens of Nibley residents of all ages joined the Miss Nibley Royalty to prepare the park lot for planting.

Tiffany's family graciously provided ice cold water bottles throughout the day and a fantastic BBQ lunch for all volunteers.

Thanks to the families, youth groups, and citizens of Nibley for coming together for a day of community-building and service.

### “Meet the Candidates” Night

*See page 3 for more information.*

**Host:** Youth Council  
**When:** Thursday,  
October 25  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** City Office  
(625 W. 3200 S.)

Dear Nibley Citizens:

**From the Mayor**

I have struggled with this month's newsletter message. I want my messages to be positive and provide vision for the future of Nibley. Unfortunately, this month's message deals with a problem. Over the past few weeks, the City Council and I have been trying to fix a problem with Nibley's future on the west side of town along Highway 89-91. You have probably noticed the commercial growth that is taking place from roughly 2200 South to 2800 South. This area is anticipated as future commercial for Nibley City. As you may know, retail commercial provides some of the tax base for our city through limited sales tax. This is why we have carefully tried to plan for some commercial where it would be most viable. However, the development along Highway 89-91 has angered some of our neighbors that are not part of Nibley City. These citizens petitioned Logan City for annexation so as to stop further encroachment on their property and their lifestyle by the developments in Nibley.

I am a strong proponent of respecting property rights of all property owners. This can lead to contradictions though when adjacent property owners desire different land uses. If one farmer chooses to sell his farm to a developer who requires city water, sewer, and road, annexation into a city is a good thing. However, if his neighbor chooses to continue farming, the neighboring development can be seen as a very negative thing. This creates a very tough choice for the city officials who are left with the decision to accept the annexation.

The good citizens of the College Ward area have felt a tremendous amount of frustration with the development in their neighborhood. Unfortunately, I had my head in the sand and wasn't aware of their concerns until it was too late. Nibley City protested their annexation because we felt it was illegal and poor planning. The Cache County Boundary Commission unanimously rejected our protest on the grounds that the citizens petitioned for the annexation and it is their right within the law. Now, we will have to re-plan in this area. There is a lesson to be learned from this problem. Nibley City must do a better job of addressing the impacts we have on our non-citizen neighbors before we act. I believe in preparation and planning. We have done a great job of this in the past. We will continue to be proactive in the future. We will also be more aware of the impacts of our decisions. I also wish to apologize to all the citizens in the affected area for my negligence as Mayor of Nibley. We want to be good neighbors and we will work hard to do this.

I want to talk a little about laws that govern Nibley City's actions in general. State and federal laws govern most everything we do as a city. We are able to make our own



laws if they don't conflict with state and federal laws. Laws make life easier because we all play by the same rules. Sometimes, these laws seem like a pain in the neck. There seems to be limitless procedures, meetings, discussions, and rules that we must follow to get a simple subdivision approved or receive a building permit. This can wear an applicant out before his development is approved. I believe this is all for the very important purpose of protecting the developer as well as the 'already developed' (the person with a house or business next door).

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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).

I think Nibley City is doing a great job of adopting ordinances (laws) that protect private property rights. We desire a beautiful city with beautiful parks, homes, and businesses. I wish to thank all our citizens for their willingness to abide by our city ordinances that govern development in Nibley. Together we can have a beautiful and safe place to call home. I appreciate and look forward to new ideas.

*Mayor Gerald Knight*

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## Hyrum Library ... Nibley's Library



As we get into the routine of school, it is time to enjoy our new library in Hyrum. The library has over 52,000 library items and is one of the most beautiful facilities in the state. Last year, 375 Nibley families used the library. This year, 475 families swell the ranks - an increase of 100 families! If you don't have your free library card yet, come and get one and see for yourself all of the items available.

Even though we have moved into the new library, the building fundraising continues. The library is selling additional brick for another wall. The bricks cost \$100 and you can have your name engraved on it. Give a personalized Christmas gift to posterity as a token of your support. Enclosed, you will find a donation form. Any contributions you make are greatly appreciated.

The library is also looking for volunteers. If you have a couple of hours in the evening once a week that you could donate to the library, it would be a great service to the community. Questions can be directed to Margo Anhder at 753-5104.

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## PUBLIC HEARING FOR NIBLEY'S REVISED GENERAL PLAN

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. to receive comments about the revised General Plan.

The process started last February when over 150 citizens met on a Saturday morning at the Nibley Elementary School to provide ideas and input into the vision of a future Nibley. A document is now ready for review, amendment, and recommendation to the City Council for adoption. Copies will be available at City Hall.

Some of the recommended changes to the current plan include conservation subdivisions where homes are grouped more together leaving more open space and a revised street and road plan to ensure a proper road system as we continue to grow.



# ***Introducing the Candidates for Nibley City Council***

On Tuesday, November 6th, the citizens of Nibley will vote to fill three open City Council seats. Before you vote, take the time to get to know the candidates. Below, you'll find a brief introduction to each candidate.

On Thursday, October 25th, the Nibley City Youth Council will host a “**Meet the Candidate**” Night where you can ask questions and gain more in-depth knowledge of each of the candidate’s goals and ideas. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office (625 West, 3200 South). All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## **Brad Call**

I moved to Nibley City three years ago with my wife Marci and our four children. The rural atmosphere and small residential neighborhoods attracted us to Nibley. The people keep us here. With increasing pressure for development we need to look at increasing our water supply, preserving open space, developing main roads to ensure growth happens in a positive manner. We live in a great City and I want to help keep it that way. I would appreciate your vote for City Council.

## **Carrie Cook**

I enjoyed growing up in Nibley. My husband and I have chosen to raise our three children here also. I have the perspective of a mother, a wife, and a business owner, I am very interested in this community. I hope to help with several issues including, preparing for long-term growth. The impact on our schools and churches. Helping the citizens understand the changes affecting our community.

## **Shaun Dustin**

My priorities are:

- Serve residents first, not developers.
- Complete unfinished projects like playgrounds and roads.
- Ensure we don't pay the bill for Logan's sewer improvements.
- Eliminate the planned commercial traffic routes through residential neighborhoods.

I'm a civil engineer, a member of the Planning Commission, and the father of five young kids. I know these issues, I have a plan, and I'm passionate about preserving the best of Nibley for all of us.

## **Bill Green**

As a Council, we need to ensure the growth of Nibley fits within established regulations and guidelines. My main priority, if elected, would be to listen to the citizens and vote accordingly, as I am ultimately representing them. My retirement allows me time and energy to devote to this job. I want Nibley to be the best it can be for everyone! Whether you vote for me or one of my worthy opponents, VOTE! Thank you.

## **Larry Jacobsen**

My wife, Becky, and I moved to Nibley eleven years ago where we are raising our two daughters and where we intend to retire. I came to Cache Valley in 1978, am an electrical engineer, served five years on our Planning Commission, and am currently finishing Scott Wells' City Council term. Nibley land-use question: How do we balance individual property rights (development) with community property rights (open-space preservation)? Answer: Conservation subdivisions. Ask me about them.

## **Scott Larsen**

I submitted my name again because in four years there are things to continue, to change, or new things I want to achieve. Government should be a representation of the people and should be open and transparent as possible. I feel that you need to follow the rules and regulations, especially the ones you expect others to follow. I also feel you need to be committed and willing to research the issues. I would appreciate your vote.

Watch for details on polling locations  
in the November newsletter!

## Community Resources

### Utah State University Extension in Cache County

Extension is a cooperative program between Cache County, Utah State University, and the United States Department of Agriculture. The focus is on non-credit educational programs that will enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Cache County. The local office provides programs, services, and publications on topics such as: family and child development, lawn and garden care, food and nutrition,

finance and economics, and families and communities ... to name a few. Their goal is to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities in Cache Valley. Check out their website for a wealth of helpful online publications and class information.



#### **Local contact information for Extension:**

179 North Main, Suite 111  
Logan, Utah 84321  
752-6263

<http://extension.usu.edu/>

<http://extension.usu.edu/cache>

### **Clean Air for Better Health**

*Thinking ahead to winter*

Did you know that 50 percent of the air pollution in northern Utah is caused by car and truck emissions? Did you know that air pollution inflames lung tissue and weakens the lung's defense against infections? These two factors alone should cause us all to take action to improve our air quality in Cache Valley, especially in the winter months when strong inversions prevent the pollutants from escaping. Here are a few simple ideas of things you can do to help improve air quality:

- Share a ride with a friend;
- Combine your trips;
- Convert your car to a cleaner burning fuel such as natural gas or propane;
- Drive at a steady speed - stop and go traffic increases pollution;
- Don't let your engine idle unnecessarily;
- Keep your car properly tuned and your tires properly inflated;
- Don't overfill or top off your gas tank - releasing gas fumes increases pollution;
- Drive fuel-efficient vehicles.



For more information on air quality, visit <http://www.airquality.utah.gov/> or <http://www.brhd.org>.

### *Soup in a Pumpkin (Serves 8)*

6 pounds pumpkin  
2 1/2 cups fresh, dried bread crumbs  
2 cups chopped onions  
1/2 cup butter  
1 1/2 cup grated cheese  
(mozzarella or Swiss)  
2 quarts chicken stock  
salt and pepper  
1/2 teaspoon sage (or more)  
1 cup heavy cream or Half and Half  
chopped parsley

Crush bread crumbs. Saute onions in butter until soft but not browned. Stir crumbs into the hot

onion mixture and cook slowly for 3 minutes. Cut a top off pumpkin, scoop out seeds, rub inside with soft butter.

Turn the crumb mix into the pumpkin. Stir in grated mozzarella or Swiss cheese and fill to within 2 inches of top with hot chicken stock (about 2 qt). Season with salt, pepper, and sage.

Bake on a pizza pan in preheated 400 degree oven for about 1 1/2

hours or until pumpkin flesh can be flaked off with large cooking fork. Do not overcook as pumpkin will collapse. Keep warm until ready to serve.

Just before serving, gently stir in hot cream or half and half, and a handful of chopped fresh parsley. Check seasoning. Ladle soup into hot bowls, scraping off some of the pumpkin flesh as you do. Get some of the flesh into each bowl as you serve.

# Hyrum Library & Museum Foundation

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