

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — October 2009



"MEET THE CANDIDATES" NIGHT

WHEN: Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Nibley City Offices (625 W. 3200 S.)

The future of Nibley is in your hands! Come meet the candidates and learn more about their goals and ideas. Sponsored by Brad Hillyard and the Nibley City Youth Council. For more information, contact Brad at 760-5633 or Trudy Knight at 755-9675.

ATTENTION VETERANS OF NIBLEY

A representative of the American Legion is interested in re-starting the Nibley American Legion Post and needs someone to help get it up and going. If anyone is interested, please call Larry at 752-0431.

THE HYRUM LIBRARY

Nibley residents, the Hyrum Library is yours to use for FREE! As part of this FREE service, you can request collection material by speaking to a librarian. The Library Board periodically votes on what collection material they will purchase. The Library Director is Nibley resident, Ginny Tremayne. For more information on the library, call 245-6411 or visit their website at www.hyrumlibrary.com. Or better yet, stop in and visit at 50 W., Main St. in Hyrum!

Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

My favorite time of year is finally here. I love the fall weather and various outdoor and athletic activities to participate in. It is one of the busiest times of year for me and it passes by all too fast. I also enjoy the anticipation of winter weather with all of its excitement.

I appreciate all of the concern and involvement from Nibley residents relative to events occurring in our community. Many diverse opinions exist that provide color and enjoyment in our social interaction. I thank you for wanting to know more about the development of our great community and congratulate you on your desire to learn about the issues at hand. I receive numerous emails each month commenting on Nibley City. Keep them coming. This enables me to understand you and your neighborhoods. I try to bike and walk through your neighborhoods every chance I get to evaluate how well our city is growing together as a community. Thank you for your compliments, suggestions, and concerns. I especially appreciate your suggested solutions to various problems that are encountered. We have great city staff that are eager and anxious to improve the services that Nibley City provides.

On September 17, the Nibley City Council voted to prepare an alternative to our Master Road Plan due to the removal of a portion of road on 450 West from the Plan. The Council wants to understand your ideas and concerns with the current Master Road Plan and would like to make improvements. Therefore, over the next several months, the City will be evaluating our travel plan and philosophy to adequately prepare for the future travel needs of our residents. This is a difficult process because we must match the desires of the residents that live next to the roads with those that travel these roads but don't necessarily live next to them. We want the roads in front of our homes to be safe in terms of traffic flow, congestion, and speed. When we are on a road, we generally want to get from point A to point B as efficiently and safely as possible. There is a balancing act that all of us must understand and take into consideration when addressing our road needs. As the City addresses updating our Master Road Plan, we want your help. Please attend the future public meetings where we will address our Master Road Plan. I would appreciate any of your thoughts and ideas on this matter. Enjoy this wonderful fall weather with all of its opportunities.

I am looking for someone that is willing to help me create ideas for a pamphlet of the different parks and trails in Nibley City. If you have some ideas on marketing our parks and trails to the public, please send me an email gkktrudy@msn.com.



Mayor Gerald Knight

The 2009 Mosquito Abatement Program: The Mosquito Abatement program has ended for the 2009 season. This was an aggressive treatment year due to the amount of areas of standing water that were located and application of more larvicide. Compared to last year, the adult mosquito counts were lower, fewer mosquito pools tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV), and no confirmed cases of WNV were identified in humans or horses. Under certain conditions, courtesy no-spray requests may be granted. Applications for the 2010 season must be submitted prior to April 15. For more information on the program, visit www.cachemosquito.com.

NIBLEY CITY ELECTIONS - 2009

The election for Mayor and City Council members will take place at the City Offices (for all voters) on Tuesday, November 3, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Four candidates for City Council are running: Jon H. Carver, Bryan M. Hansen, Thayne R. Mickelson, and Shawn B. Platt. One candidate for Mayor is running: Gerald K. Knight.

It is important for voters to remember that a valid form of identification (ID) issued by the state or federal government is required to vote. This includes a drivers license or passport OR two other forms of ID showing the voter's name and address, such as a current utility bill and bank statement. Voters who forget their identification may cast a provisional ballot and present valid identification to the County Clerk within five business days of the election to have the ballot counted. The requirement is a new state law so please do not ask or expect the voting judges, even if they are your neighbor, to make an exception. If you have a question, please call Nancee or Larry at the City Offices at 752-0431 or the County Elections Office at 755-1460.

Early voting is another new election feature. Voters may come to the City Offices to cast their ballots between October 20 - 30 during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Absentee ballots are available if voters are expecting to be out of town on election day. Please plan ahead for an absentee ballot as there is a deadline for voters that are living out of the area.

Please come and vote. City elections typically have the smallest voter turnout yet local issues affect us directly. Good representation requires participation!



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

TO PLAN OR NOT TO PLAN ... IS NOT THE QUESTION *By City Council member, Bryan Hansen*

Last night, I had a great opportunity to participate in the Public Hearing to discuss the removal of a proposed road extension of 450 West to 4000 South from the Nibley City General Plan. Approximately 100+ citizens filled the Nibley Elementary School to use their freedom of speech and share their opinions and support for this removal. A few went against the overwhelming tide of support and chose to voice their opinion for keeping it on the plan. It was inspiring to see the efforts of many citizens who took a grassroots approach to educate the public on this issue, even though this proposed road could have potentially alleviated some future traffic bottle necks (i.e., the intersections along 250 West and 3850 South and 4000 South). Future development (Pleasant Haven subdivision) will provide another route out of this subdivision to 3200 South that will help reduce the bottleneck at 3650 South, but the City Council and Planning & Zoning are now tasked with finding alternative routes for future development south of 4000 South.

As a city, we undertook the challenge of updating the General Plan in 2007, which included a transportation plan. Many citizens participated in this process. It is unfortunate that this issue was not brought up at that time and resolved, but it does teach us a lesson. A general plan is only as good as it relates to the present and the future. General Plans are not carved in stone, but are and should be living documents. As we received input from citizens regarding Boyd Scheiss's proposal to set aside 28 acres of agricultural land into a conservation easement to permanently remain as open space, it was obvious that the citizens of Nibley are deeply committed to preserving open space at the cost of potential

transportation inconvenience. Personally, I can't think of a better trade off than to preserve a lasting legacy to our agricultural heritage, provide a horse riding experience for disabled children and open space in our ever growing city rather than more tar and gravel.

The City Council voted 3 to 2 in favor of removing this road from the General Plan with the caveat that the City would prepare an alternative route to plan for future growth in that area. It is a wonderful exercise of democracy and one that will require input from citizens like you. Thank you for showing your community spirit and we look forward to your future input in other planning efforts (i.e., Recreation Master Plan - currently a work in progress, Economic Development Plan, Transportation Plan update and many others). ***Come be a part of the process and the solution.***

BIKE RACKS STILL NEEDED: Last year, Nibley Elementary put out a call to Nibley citizens to help build new bike racks. The response was great and the school is very thankful for those that provided new ones. However, the school has once again outgrown their bike racks. The school has limited funds and is seeking anyone who may be able to volunteer welding skills, is looking for a scout or youth group project, or knows of unused, available bike racks. Please call the school principal, Sharyle Shaffer (752-8525), if you are able to help.

