

The Nibley City News

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Meet the Candidates

The Nibley City Youth Council will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" night in October to provide an opportunity for citizens to get to know the six City Council candidates. Stay tuned for more details! You may also read about the candidates in the October newsletter.

Extended Parking

Nibley citizens ... keep in mind that city Ordinance 6-1-4 C3 restricts parking on a public road for more than 48 hours. Persons violating this ordinance will be ticketed and the vehicle impounded at the owner's expense. By abiding by this law, you help maintain safe and unobstructed travel routes.

Water Conservation

Nowadays, most are aware that watering between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. helps conserve water. Nibley City thanks you for doing your part to help protect our valuable resource. If you weren't aware of this easy way to conserve water, join the effort and do your part!

A Weedy Issue

Whether you have children attending school or not, you may be surprised to learn that the upkeep of your property affects the safety of school kids. Specifically, the safety of those walking to and from school on the sidewalk of your property. Overgrown weeds encourages kids to step off the sidewalk into the road. Those on bikes will ride in the road for fear of puncturing a tire in weedy areas. Please, check your walkways and make sure they are clear. Our children's safety is important!!



Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

I can't believe September is here already and school has started. It has been a wonderful summer. Now it is harvest time. Beside all of the crops we have to harvest, there are city projects to harvest.

We are carefully putting the finishing touches on the new proposed General Plan and expect to have this completed in the next couple of months. Following the approval of the General Plan by the City Council, we will work on updating some of our ordinances to match the General Plan. This updating process will take some time but we are going to focus on some key areas such as our subdivision, Planned Unit Development, and Design Standards ordinances. The City Council placed a moratorium on any new subdivision and property rezone approvals for up to six months while we finish the General Plan and get some of these ordinances reworked. The decision to place a moratorium was not taken lightly. We do not want to prohibit development. But we do want it to proceed according to a well thought out General Plan based on our citizens' needs.

The engineering of the 3200 South road is nearing completion and we should be letting this construction out for bid by the first of the year. Construction will begin next spring with an anticipated completion in the fall of 2008.

We will "soon" be installing the water pipe that you see piled up on city property. This new waterline will increase the capacity from our water reservoirs to the west side of town. We are also updating the procedures and water delivery equipment to provide for a more reliable system. We have experienced some low-pressure days over the past month due to some equipment issues. The low pressure is not due to inadequate water supply. We have sufficient water from our various wells and springs to deliver water to over 1800 homes and businesses. We are currently providing water to 1200 homes and businesses. After the pipeline is installed, we will build a new reservoir in the next couple of years that will increase our storage capacity. We have a very good water plan and are on schedule with the projects called for in this plan.

I hope everyone has had as wonderful of a summer as I have had. I get quite anxious when I have a list of things to accomplish and the progress is slower than I would like. I have talked in the past about the pace of government. We seemed to move along so slowly at times that it appears as though we are going backwards. I guess this is the way things are meant to be to prevent undo harm from overreacting and slamming headlong into a mess at uncontrolled speeds. I am learning patience and tolerance. I encourage everyone to come learn with me.

Mayor Gerald Knight



PLEASE BE INVOLVED AND SHARE YOUR VOICE

By City Council Member, Scott Larsen



I have always felt that I try to represent the citizens of Nibley and their views of things. I often go out and talk to people about issues that are coming up in City Council or Planning and Zoning. Sometimes, it is with people I am acquainted with and other times it is door to door in the area I think will be directly affected by the issue. I enjoying talking to people and feel it is my responsibility to represent their views.

I bring this up because I had a disheartening experience with an issue that recently came before the City Council. The City Council passed a resolution in our last meeting to trade some land that we had acquired recently for future park use with a developer of some adjacent property. Now, there were a variety of reasons the City did this and any of the Council can explain the reasoning if you contact them (I am limited in space and it is not what I want to say.).

I was not in favor of the trade and went out and talked with some of my sports people, other citizens, and a few other people in city government before the Council meeting at the end of July. I wanted to see if my views were not the same as the people I feel I represent. Before the August 16th Public Hearing, I went out and talked to more. Most shared the same views as I did. The disheartening part was the response I got from some about attending the Public Hearing and the attendance that was there. Thank you to that one person for coming and sharing his views. I heard things like: "When I have come in the past they listened to me to appease, but went on did what they were going to do anyway." "The City will listen, but don't hear." "They already have their minds made up." Or, "They don't care what we say anyway. Why waste my time going there."

When I go to City Council meetings and say I have talked to people and share your views, I am told that you can sway people with presentation of the issue, even if that is not your intent. Also, I am told that people will have a limited view of the issue and may not be able to see the whole picture. That is why I feel it is important for all of us to attend public hearings and the occasional meeting. As citizens, you can become more aware of the whole issues and, we as representatives, can see your point of view. I think the City Council wants to hear your voice.

My plea is to be involved and share your voice. It does and will make a difference in the community we have.

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Community Happenings



It's Fiesta Time!

September 8th, Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cache Valley Gardners' Market (100 S. 200 E., Logan).

A celebration of late summer crops including tomatoes, peppers, corn, and more! Enjoy the music of *Zac Bettinger*. Check out the 30 different varieties of tomatoes from *Tveit Gardens*! Have your own tomato crop? Enter the tomato contests -- for all ages! Teat yourself to the fiesta food showcase from *Cafe Sabor*. Sample baked tomato dishes from *Food in Bloom*. Kids can make their own balloon animals and hats and adorn fiesta tattoos.



FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL at the American West Heritage Center on September 28th and 29th. Featuring an old time carnival, harvest activities (e.g., threshing, corn shelling), demonstrations, an art show, a fiddle contest, and a harvest supper following the festivities.

Enjoy lots of fall fun for all ages! For more information, check out www.awhc.org or call 245-6050.



Celebrate America Show

Dinner, Big Band, and Dancing!
A musical tribute to the spirit of America on September 4-8

For more information, call the USU Ticket Office (797-0305) or visit www.celebrateamericashow.com

Adult Immunization - It's Your Best Shot

September 24th-30th is National Adult Immunization Awareness Week. The Northern Utah Immunization Coalition encourages you to get protected by getting immunized. Call Bear River Health Department for more information at 792-6500.