

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — April 2007



Hyrum Library Fundraiser Update

The Hyrum Library Fundraiser (held on March 9th at the Elite Hall) was a huge success! About \$25,000 was raised. Many thanks to all who participated in this fun event. The library staff will be moving into the new building in early April!

General Plan Update



Public input on the Nibley City General Plan provided during a successful citizen planning meeting in February is currently being summarized by the consultant. A second public meeting will be held in late May to solicit final input prior to adopting the General Plan. Watch for more details!!

Nibley City Youth Council

The Nibley City Youth Council is still looking for high school-age participants (16-18 years old) who are interested in government and community service. Call Trudy Knight at 755-9675 for more details.

Notice of Vacancy on City Council

The City Council will appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of Scott Wells. The appointment will be until December 2007.

Persons interested in being considered for appointment by the City Council must submit a statement of their candidacy to the Nibley City Recorder before the close of business on **April 13, 2007**. Any further information that a candidate may wish to provide will be welcome. The person appointed may run for a new term which will begin in January 2008.

Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

I have come up with my first contest to encourage citizens to read our city newsletter. Every Nibley City resident that reads this newsletter and emails me at gkktrudy@msn.com or leaves a message at 755-9675 and tells me what their favorite article was in this newsletter will be entered into a drawing that will be held on April 10th at 5:00 p.m. The winner and his/her guest will win dinner with the Mayor and his wife at Chili's.

Now for some serious business, I am impressed and grateful for the turnout at our Envision Nibley Workshop on February 24. Over 100 people attended the workshop. We had a great discussion concerning the future of our community. I wish to thank everyone that shared his or her thoughts about Nibley and appreciate your sacrifice and insight. I hope we can continue this dialogue in the future. We will be holding another public meeting in a couple of months to discuss the outcome of the previous meeting. At this meeting, our consultant will present ideas for our general plan based on the public input received. Please watch for the notices of this meeting. I believe this meeting will be the more important of the two meetings.

I wish to express my gratitude to Scott Wells for the tremendous amount of time and effort he has given to the city over the past 12 years. Effective April 1, 2007, Scott is resigning from City Council to take a job in Las Vegas. He has earned and deserves considerable thanks from each Nibley citizen. He is serving in his 12th year as a Nibley City Council member and also previously served as a Planning Commissioner. When he was first elected to serve on the City Council, he had additional responsibilities of snow removal, dogcatcher, and other miscellaneous things that had to be done by the City Council members because we didn't have full time employees. He has been a pleasure to work with and we will miss his insight and history of Nibley City's governmental affairs. He has worked hard for the benefit of each of us. Thank you very much Scott Wells. I wish you tremendous success in your future endeavors.

Finally, with the beautiful spring weather that has welcomed us this year, I encourage everyone to get outside and go for a walk around your neighborhood and appreciate all that this community has to offer. I hope as you consider what you like about Nibley you will also think of how it could be better. Please take a minute and pass your thoughts on to me. We have a wonderful city and the people and their ideas are the best part.

Mayor Gerald Knight



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor Gerald Knight has signed a proclamation so that April 2007 can be recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month for Nibley City. All citizens of Nibley City should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention. We actively encourage and support parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment. Nibley City's greatest asset is our children.



NIBLEY CITY EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Nibley City Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Elwood Elkhorn Park (730 West 2600 South) on Saturday, **April 7th**, at 10:00 a.m. The hunt is available for kids between 0 - 10 years old. Special prizes will be awarded to several lucky Egg Hunters. Please come early because the eggs go fast!

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures and treats. We will also have a Baby Bunny Petting Zoo with bunnies available for purchase.



This year the activity is also hosted by the Nibley City Royalty and Youth Council. We appreciate their desire to serve our community. *Come celebrate Spring in Nibley City!*

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Visit the Nibley City website at
www.nibleycity.com

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

GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Girls interested in playing softball this season can sign up at the Nibley City Office during regular business hours between **April 1-30**. For more information, call Trudy Knight at 755-9675.

The following leagues are available (girls must be the listed ages as of January 1, 2007).



T-Ball (Ages 5-6)	10-Under League
Ponytail League (Ages 7-8)	12-Under League
	14-Under League

BASEBALL ... LAST CHANCE

Baseball registration ends **March 28**. You may register at the City Office during business hours. Majors try-outs are Saturday, **March 31**. Minors try-outs are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, **April 7**. If you have questions, contact Phil Takis, Nibley City Baseball Coordinator, at 753-9670 or ptakis@qwest.net.

WHAT IS RURAL?

As Nibley prepares to adopt a revised General Plan, I want to offer my thoughts. As many of you, I moved to Nibley for what I define as the "rural" character of the area. Unfortunately, there is not one universally accepted definition of "rural." To some, "rural" is a subjective state of mind and to others "rural" is an objective quantitative measure.

Trying to define the word "rural" can be a daunting task; and one's concept of the term can be a bit ambiguous and vague. Rural character is many times a perception unique to the individual. One person may interpret rural character as having a low density of development. Another may only recognize it where there is a complete absence of man-made features, such as signs and buildings. My interpretation as a farm boy from

the Uintah Basin may be different from a long-time resident of Cache Valley.

Regardless of any individual interpretation of rural character, it remains true that as more people are attracted to rural areas like Nibley, preserving the unique character of an area becomes more of a challenge.

Ultimately, it is the community's own definition of rural character that is the single most important part of its preservation. It is up to us as a community to decide define our rural character and subsequently, how it can be preserved. For example, definitions of rural character may include the following elements:

- tree-lined streets
- farmlands
- woodlands

By Scott Larsen, City Council Member

- clean air and water
- undeveloped open space
- natural stream banks and irrigation ditches
- natural roadsides
- outdoor recreation opportunities
- small village shops or commercial center

A small town in California, Calimesa, has a mission statement that reads: "To preserve and enhance the rural atmosphere and quality of life in Calimesa." This city has developed its own unique building codes and regulations and sought to retain that independent, rural approach to building and operating. The City's General Plan provides for neighborhoods and businesses that reflect that concept and desire. I believe Nibley can and should do the same.

As of April 1, the winter Parking Ordinance is no longer in effect.
Thanks to all who complied this past winter to allow for safe and effect snow removal!





SEWER RATE INCREASE

Citizens will notice an increase of \$5.00 per month on their sewer rates, effective this month. Residents may remember that when Nibley City started the sewer project in 2000, the projected rate was going to be about \$44 to \$49 per month. After acquiring some favorable financing, Nibley City started with a rate of \$39 in 2003. However, because of the growth that the City was experiencing, the city thought that it could get by with \$30 a month and changed the rates accordingly. We were too optimistic!

Nibley City believes that the new rate of \$35 will help put the Sewer Fund in a better financial position. The reasons that the increase are necessary are as follows: 1) Logan City increased the waste water treatment rate by nearly double from the time that Nibley City was planning the sewer collection system, 2) the previous City Council was too anxious to save Nibley citizen's money and lowered the rate by too much, and 3) the bond payments will soon start to increase. In spite of these problems, we hope we will be able to keep the rate lower than the earlier projections.

There is a cloud to all of this on the horizon. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Utah Department of Water Quality are revising the standards for treating waste water effluent. The City has already met with Logan City and have been told that a 100-250 million dollar upgrade is needed for their treatment plant. Nibley's share of that is about 4 percent or 4-10 million dollars.

The City is evaluating all of our options. One of those options is partnering with adjacent cities to explore the possibility of our own treatment plant. We have a couple of years to make a decision but it appears at this point that there will be a future rate increase to meet the anticipated standards— we just don't quite know how we will handle it at this point. We will certainly work to make information available for all to help in the decision-making process. The City's goal is to provide the waste water collection and treatment service at the lowest possible rate.

HEALTHY LIVING FOR NIBLEY!

The City Council has decided to participate in the Healthy Community Award program sponsored by the local Bear River Health Department and the Utah Department of Health. The award for which we are striving will recognize achievements of cities in implementing health-related policies and ensure healthy community environments. The program acknowledges efforts to encourage public employees and residents to make healthy choices.

Over the next few months, we will provide items in our newsletter and on our website to help inform residents of better healthy choices. In addition, the City Council will be asked to adopt policies designed to promote healthy living goals. A new link is on the City's web page that will provide a variety of health related information—check out www.brhd.org or just remember that you can link to it from www.nibleycity.com.



SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Stop by the city-owned Gibbons Farm (2750 South, 800 West) to see the arrival of spring and baby calves. Be careful to stay on the opposite side of the fence as mama cows can be protective.

SAYING FAREWELL TO A VALUED COUNCIL MEMBER

Scott Wells announced his resignation from the Nibley City Council, recently. Scott is relocating to Las Vegas to direct the construction and installation of all teledata systems for the new 13 million square feet MGM City Centre project.

Scott was first appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission by Mayor Jay Nelson in January 1995. Later, that same year, he ran for and was elected to the City Council and has served as a council member since January 1996.

Scott has participated in some the most dramatic changes in Nibley's short history. When he started on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Nibley City had approximately 1,500 residents. As he leaves now, the city counts approximately 4,000 residents. When Scott started on the City Council, it was not uncommon for council members to do many of the duties that the city staff do now. His duties included being the city's dog catcher and many dogs got a ride to the pound in the front seat of his car! He has worked on 2 city master plans, supported the acquisition of more than 65 acres of future park land, and even drove the snow plows in the winter.

Mayor Knight and the City Council express great appreciation to Scott for his service to the City and its residents.

FENCE ORDINANCE REMINDER

A permit is required for all new fence construction in accordance with city guidelines. By applying for a permit, you ensure that you meet community goals, eliminate safety issues, and avoid unnecessary fines and/or tear downs. Call the City Office to apply for a permit.



NIBLEY CITY HERITAGE DAYS – *On the Horizon*

The Nibley City Heritage Days celebration will begin on **June 16th** and go through **June 23rd**. To participate, please contact Sandy Maurer (752-4124) or Jacqui Gale (787-1934) for more information.

Highlights of the week will include:

Miss Nibley City Pageant	Baby Pageant
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament	Carnival
Sidewalk Art Contest	Children's Theater
Fun Run/Walk	Family Swim Night

Children's Theater: The Nibley Children's Theater 2007 will present "Alice in Wonderland" on **June 21st** and **22nd**. Sign-ups and try-outs will be held on May 29th and 30th with rehearsals scheduled each week-day between **June 11th** and **20th**. Children between the ages of 5 and 17 may participate. More information will follow. If you would be willing to direct a group of children or help with scenery or sewing, please contact Sandra Larkin (sandralkin7@hotmail.com 753-5387). *We need volunteers!!!*

Miss Nibley City Pageant: Royalty applications are available at the City Office and are due by April 15th. For more information, contact Shannon Rhodes at 792-4221.

Important Note: The committee is looking for someone to direct the 2008 Children's Theater. It would be beneficial for that person to assist with this year's play to learn the ins-and-outs. If you feel you could take a turn, please contact the City Office or Sandra. We would hate to see this play not take place.

MILLVILLE CEMETERY

Nibley has a cemetery. It is located in Millville and is governed and cared for by the Millville Nibley Cemetery District. Nibley citizens support the cemetery through their taxes. If you have questions or concerns related to the cemetery, call Theil Jensen at 752-2003.



STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Why storm water matters: Urban development has a profound influence on the quality of local streams. For example, development alters the natural flow of water by removing vegetation, restructuring slopes, and compacting soils. The situation worsens when soil is replaced with driveways, sidewalks, and other impervious surfaces. As a result, the earth is no longer able to adequately absorb moisture and rain is quickly converted to storm water runoff. Storm water runoff is subsequently discharged into our streams, carrying pollutants with it. These pollutants degrade the quality of the aquatic environments. Residents can make a significant difference in keeping our waters clean by practicing good policies around your home.

What you can do to minimize storm water pollution:

- Sweep (rather than hose off) the driveway, street, or sidewalk. Run-off carries contaminants such as dirt, motor oil, fertilizers, and animal waste through storm drains and into waterways.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and follow the directions recommended by the manufacturer. Do not apply fertilizers or pesticides before it rains.
- Safely dispose of household cleaners and motor oil. Many automotive and cleaning products found in homes or garages are too dangerous to be disposed of in the trash or down the drain. Products should be recycled or taken to a hazardous waste center.
- Compost or mulch yard waste.
- Sweep (do not wash) leaves and grass clippings that accumulate on driveways, sidewalks, and in streets.
- Clean up after your pet. Dispose of pet wastes properly by placing it in a trash receptacle or flushing it down the toilet.
- Do not wash your car in the driveway. Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on the lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing through storm drains and into waterways.
- Act locally. Organize a stream bank clean-up or storm drain marking project in your community.

Interested in Hosting an Exchange Student?

Families interested in participating in a summer exchange program with youth from Japan from July 25th to August 19th are encouraged to apply this month. Ages of those visiting from Japan range from 11 to 16.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the culture of Japan and to share our unique family life with them. Several Nibley families have participated in the program in the past. As a result of the positive experiences, representatives from Japan continue to request local participants.

A school-year exchange program with high school students from Japan is also available. Youth would attend Mountain Crest High School. Host families who participate in this program have the option of applying for a scholarship to help cover the cost of a family member interested in participating in a month-long exchange to Japan.

Host families interested in either exchange program should contact Kerry Bringhurst (757-9989 or bbringhurst@xmission.com) as soon as possible in order to meet deadline requirements.