

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — April 2008



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents of kindergarten-age children, if you missed the scheduled registration held in March, please call the school as soon as possible to enroll your child. The schools need the information to adequately prepare for the new school year. (Nibley Elementary: 752-8525. River Heights Elementary: 753-4948)

If you are unsure of the school your child will be attending, review the new school boundary maps located at www.cache.k12.ut.us/ or at the City Office.

HOWDY, CITIZENS OF NIBLEY!



Our Heritage Days Celebration is coming up soon

(**June 17-21**). This year, we have chosen a western theme. Planning is underway but we are still trying to “round up” some more help! If ya’ll are interested, please contact Jacqui Gale (787-1934).

We still need committee members for the following events:

- Miss Nibley Royalty Pageant
(Publicity, Stage Manager)
- Baby Pageant
- Sidewalk Art Contest
- Children’s Play
- Sports Night
- Mayor’s Dinner
- Family Swim Night
- Movie in the Park
- Fun Run/Walk
- Parade
- Carnival



Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

I have been reflecting on the type and quality of services that Nibley City provides its citizens. I see all of the effort that goes into providing these services and I am amazed and very appreciative of our wonderful city employees. There are many long hours spent checking our culinary water delivery systems and sewage delivery system, maintaining roads, building and preparing city parks, planning future growth, and providing customer service just to name a few services. I often wonder how the public perceives our quality of services. When I receive a suggestion, I know we need to improve in a given area. When there aren’t any suggestions, I know we are doing a great job. I wish to thank those that point out areas we need to fix.

With the heavy snowfall this past winter, I only received two suggestions concerning snow removal and numerous compliments. Our City employees spent many late and long hours plowing snow to keep the roads clear. I appreciate the information concerning snow removal. We will be implementing a new policy that will help our snow removal efforts next year. I wish to compliment our City employees on their excellent work. They are doing a great job of delivering services without interruption and in a very professional manner. I appreciate everyone’s insight and help.

The City has been very busy in preparing for the upcoming outdoor sports season. Our parks are in great shape and we have expanded some of them. We are in the process of updating our Park Plan. Councilman Scott Larsen is overseeing this project. He has put together a survey asking citizens to comment on current and future park facilities. If you haven’t received a survey and would like to participate, you can pick one up at the City Offices.

The preliminary work on this Park Plan update alerted us to the large number of youth in our city and the projected growth of the youth soccer, baseball, and softball programs. We have an urgent need to add more fields in the city to accommodate this growth surge. The City Council is considering how to fund the immediate need for additional park facilities.

A Public Hearing will be held at our City Council meeting on Thursday, April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. to receive citizen input on how to pay for our parks expansion. We have a couple of options. One is to borrow roughly \$1,000,000. This loan or bond would require raising the property tax by about \$80 per year on a home valued at \$250,000. Another option is to wait and build the facilities as we get the money through Park Impact Fees. But, this would require waiting a couple of years before building the facilities that are needed now. We appreciate your insight and opinions. Please come to the City Council meeting to share your thoughts. You can also phone (752-9374) or email (gkktrudy@msn.com) me with your opinion.

Mayor Gerald Knight



SEEKING INPUT FOR PARKS MASTER PLAN

Nibley City is developing a Parks Master Plan, a major new initiative to enhance the quality of our parks and recreation. To assist the citizen committee in this process, we are seeking input from our residents to guide us in our decisions so that the final proposal we submit reflects the actual needs, desires, and goals of our community members.



A survey has been prepared and can be picked up at the City Offices or by contacting Councilman Scott Larsen at 753-0954 or at swlarsen.nibley@gmail.com.

Nibley City Office
625 West 3200 South
Nibley, Utah 84321
Ph: 752-0431, Fax: 753-1510
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

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.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE ... *By City Councilman, Shaun Dustin*

Thanks to all who came out to our Easter Egg Hunt last month. A special thanks to Jaden Bastian for organizing the hunt along with the Nibley City Youth Council for helping make it happen. They made a lot of little kids happy.

I am excited to serve Nibley as a new Councilman. We have some interesting opportunities and challenges coming up that I'd like to let you know about including 1) the status of the countywide library proposal and the potential impact on Nibley, 2) our City Emergency Preparedness Plan, and 3) The proposed bond for new ball fields.

Countywide Library: Nibley does not have a library. We have an excellent agreement with the cities of Hyrum and Providence that is a great deal for the City financially. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of that. However, I believe that a countywide system has the potential to be an even better deal for us as the city continues to grow.

If we do end up with a countywide system, it will increase our access to libraries and media; it will streamline delivery of library services; and it will ensure consistent access to libraries in the future, regardless of what happens in Hyrum and Providence. We are in an interesting position in that if Nibley decides not to support the library, and the communities we currently contract with for services do support it, we may find ourselves with no library access at all.

I am very happy with the level of service we get from

Hyrum and Providence. They are more than fair with us, and I appreciate all they do to provide us with services. I see this as an opportunity to go from something good to potentially something better and something that will preserve access for Nibley indefinitely into the future. I hope you will join me in supporting a Cache County library system. As I get more information on costs and specifics, I will share it with you.

City Emergency Preparedness: What will we do next time the Blacksmith Fork floods? What would we have done if last summer's fire above Sleepy Hollow Road had gotten down into the homes on Hollow Road? What about an earthquake? Our Emergency Preparedness Plan needs to be updated. If you have any experience in this area at all and would like to help, please contact me. I am putting a committee together to identify the hazards we face as a City and put together a plan to address them.

New Playing Fields Bond: I think ball fields are great. Kids need a place to play. However, I'm concerned about going into debt for this. How do you feel? Please review the proposal and come out to the Public Hearing (scheduled for April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall); let us know so that we can make a decision that reflects what the people of Nibley want and need in this regard.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. If you would like to get in touch with me about these or other issues, please contact me at sdustin@dustinengineers.net. I'd love to hear from you.

Hyrum Library is in need of volunteers. For more information, contact Ginny Tremayne at 245-6411.

NIBLEY CHILDREN'S THEATRE UPDATE

As part of the 2008 Nibley City Heritage Days, the Children's Theatre will be presenting *Pirates of Penzance*, by Gilbert and Sullivan. We have speaking and singing parts for pirates, policemen, mermaids, pirate maids, the major general and his daughters, and more. There are some especially good roles for boys and we encourage teenage boys to try out. We are really excited for our upcoming year!

Dates to remember ...

Tryouts/Sign-Ups: May 21-22, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., at the Old Town Hall

Play Practices: June 9-13 and 16-18 at the Old Town Hall (*times to be announced*)

Performances: June 19-20 at Nibley Park Amphitheater (*times to be announced*)

The play will be accompanied by an orchestra this year. Children who play an instrument are encouraged to come to tryouts.

Children ages 5-17 are invited to sign up at the Old Town Hall. Your child must be 5 by June 30th to participate. Please note that if you don't sign up on May 21-22, you are not guaranteed a part. We will start making and ordering costumes immediately after sign-ups. We will not order/make extra costumes. So, there will be no late sign-ups accepted this year. If you can't make it to sign up, please contact Bonnie EARLY.

Parents will be asked to help with groups, costumes, scenery, etc. Please be prepared to sign up to help. We are still looking for parents to help choreograph and lead the various groups. We also need an assistant and a float chair to organize the Nibley Children's Theatre float for the parade. Please contact Bonnie to volunteer.

Group parts this year are as follows:

(The age groups may change slightly, depending on how many kids sign up.)

Group 1	Girls, Ages 5-6	Little Ruths (pirate maids-of-all-work)
Group 2	Boys, Ages 5-6	Little Pirate Kings
Group 3	Girls, Ages 7-10	Mermaids
Group 4	Boys, Ages 7-10	Policemen
Group 5	Girls, Ages 11+	Daughters of Major General Stanley
Group 6	Boys, Ages 11+	Pirates



Questions? Please call or email Bonnie. I'm looking forward to seeing all of your beautiful children try out in May! Bonnie Schenk-Darrington, Director (phone: 787-1170; email: utahdarringtons@gmail.com)

SNOW REMOVAL -

a heads-up for next winter

Finally! A Cache Valley winter with snow! Thanks to everyone who worked hard to keep our city safe by clearing the snow from your sidewalks and driveways. I'm sure everyone's backs are glad that spring is here.

Next fall, watch for more information in the City newsletter on how you can better clear your property without impacting your neighbor's efforts to keep their travelways cleared. When we have as much snowfall as we did this past winter, it is hard to find a place to put it. However, pushing it off your property onto someone else's isn't always the best solution. More next fall!

THE HEROES AMONG US

Family caregivers are everyday heroes in our community. There are 50 million family caregivers who provide 80 percent of our nation's long-term care services. Currently family caregivers provide over \$350 billion annually in "free caregiving services" to their loved ones. Caregiving is a continuum from driving someone to occasional doctor visits all the way to providing personal care and home nursing 24/7.

The Cache County Caregiver Consortium is sponsoring an evening to honor and provide information to the caregivers in our community. Please come and join us Tuesday, April 15th at the Cache County Senior Center (240 North 100 East, Logan) from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The title of the workshops are "The Sandwich Generation" and "Driving and Dementia." A dinner will be provided (catered by the Copper Mill Restaurant) along with door prizes and entertainment. The cost is \$5.00.

Register by April 10th. For more information, contact: Deborah Crowther, Bear River Association of Governments, at 713-1462.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

It is spring again in Cache Valley, and you know what that means. It is time to sign up for **Nibley Girls Softball**. Softball is a great way to get involved in your community and learn a fun sport. We are going to have lots of fun this year **Playing Ball**, having **Team Parties**, and **After Game Barbeques**. Sign-ups will be from **March 24th - April 19th**. You can sign up at the Nibley City Offices during regular business hours. Girls from **ages 5-14** are encouraged to come out and play.

The breakdown of the ages and fees are as follow:

14 and under - \$40.00

12 and under - \$40.00

10 and under - \$35.00

8 and under(Ponytail) - \$30.00

5-6 years (tee ball) - \$25.00



Coaches, Team Moms and Dads, and all excited Parents are needed to help and cheer for the girls. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call Rick Maners, the Nibley City Softball Coordinator at 752-5323.

Note: This year, Nibley softball coaches will have background checks and coaches training to add security and enhance the girls' experiences.



Nibley City is now hiring for summer positions.

Applicants must be 18 years or older. Call or stop by the City Offices for more information.

InTech Collegiate High School

InTech Collegiate High School is a public Charter School located on Innovation Campus in North Logan. They are now accepting applications for next year's enrollment. For more information, contact 753-7377, visit www.intechchs.org, or attend one of their open houses on April 17th and May 22nd from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

BASEBALL NEWS

Last call for baseball players, ages 5-14! If you've seen the signs around town, you know that **March 31st is the last day of baseball registration**. For those who want to play baseball this year, don't delay the day of your registration. If you've already registered, then you've secured your place on the team.

Starting April 1st, those still interested in playing will be placed on a wait list in case players are needed to fill a team or a spot becomes available. This will be "first come, first served."

To register, stop by the Nibley City Offices during their regular business hours. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Phil Takis, Nibley City Baseball Coordinator, at 753-9670 or ptakis@qwestoffice.net.



COACHING BACKGROUND CHECKS ... by Casey Judd, Recreation Director

The snow is melting and it is almost time for our spring sports to start. To ensure safety and that our youth have the best possible experience while participating in our sports programs, Nibley City has decided to implement background checks on all those who will be coaching our youth. This decision is not based on any past problems or incidents. It is simply to protect our kids and to take another step to ensure that there won't be any issues in the future.

We appreciate the time you give as a volunteer coach and we want this process to be as easy as possible. Before the season starts, the City will hold a coaches' meeting. During that meeting, staff from the Sheriff's Office will come to City Hall and administer the background checks. It only takes a

few minutes to complete the paperwork which is then sent out to be checked. It's that simple. Obviously, confidentiality is a major issue here and the City will handle personal information confidentially and appropriately.

Our programs run because **you** volunteer your time to coach and work with the kids in the City. Please continue to volunteer and for those of you who haven't coached yet, now is a great time to start with the new season approaching. We need your help to make it happen and the kids you coach will always remember you.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me or the City Office.

MANAGEMENT OF MORGAN / GIBBONS FARM (2800 South, 800 West)



Nibley City envisions the Morgan farm as a working, well cared for, small hobby farm accessible to the public with a taste of old rural Nibley heritage in the midst of the changing, developing suburban landscape.

To help accomplish this goal, the City is seeking proposals from interested parties for the management, maintenance, and care of the Morgan farm at 2800 South, 800 West, Nibley.

The City wants the 8-acre farm to be maintained as a farm of the first half of the 20th century with a variety of farm animals kept on the premises, at least during the summer months. Animals may include, but not limited to, cows, calves, horses, sheep, goats, chickens, shetlands, etc. It is anticipated that the focus would be on raising a variety of interesting farm animals rather than a large number of animals.

If the caretaker wanted to sponsor, plan, and administer some type of “farm day” for Nibley children, the City would support that activity.

Duties of the caretaker shall include:

- Regular irrigation of the property. This would also involve the maintenance of the irrigation ditches both on the property and those leading to the property.

- Cutting and harvesting of at least one cutting of hay from the small fields east of the barn. This is required for tax purposes. The caretaker may keep the hay but must submit a photograph of the baled hay in the field.
- Maintaining all fences.
- Providing proof of proper farm insurance.

Use of the large barn will be allowed by the caretaker with consultation with the City.

The City anticipates entering into a multi-year agreement with the successful party.

Interested persons should submit a proposal to the city outlining a general plan of what is proposed on the farm. The proposal should include their relative experience, proposed budget, and vision of how the farm can be an asset for Nibley City.

The portion of the pasture north of the barn will be cleared of gravel and planted and restored to a pasture by the City this season.

Proposals should be submitted to the Nibley City Manager on or before May 1, 2008.



ALLIANCE FOR THE VARIED ARTS (AVA) SPRING CLASSES

The AVA is now registering for spring classes (March - June 2008). Spring classes include:

Children’s Music Program (with Nancy Guymon)
Beginning Piano (with Nancy Guymon)
Artistic Paper Folding (with Margaret Riebeck)
The Story of Logan Canyon (with Sue Morgan)
Creative Writing for Youth (with Christine Allen-Yazzie)
Watercolor (with Kristi Grussendorf)
Irish Dance for Adults (with Terena Lund)

Beginning Violin (with Nancy Guymon)
Varied Arts for Kids (with Andrea Hars)
The Art of Bead Weaving (with Margaret Riebeck)
Field Photography Workshop (with David Sidwell)
Poetry Workshop for Adults (with Chirstine Allen-Yazzie)
Ceramics (with Beth Calengo)
Irish Dance for Youth (with Terena Lund)

Summer 2008 Art Camps start in June!

Art Camp I Flora (June 16-26)

Youth Art Camp (June 7-17)

H.S. Art Camp (July 7-17)

Art Camp II (August 4-14)

For more information, call the AVA at 753-2973 or drop by their office at 35 West, 100 South in Logan. You can also visit their website, www.variedarts.org.

