

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — February 2008



Rabies Clinic

A Rabies Clinic will be held from 1-4 p.m. on February 9th at the Hyrum City Shop (100 W. 90 N.).

Business License Renewals

Business License Renewals are due now by January 31st. Beginning February 1st there will be a \$10 late fee added to each renewal (If a citizen mails in their form and fee after this date they need to include the late fee. A new business license will not be issued until this fee is paid, if it applies). If citizens are not renewing their license this year, please return the form indicating that you are not renewing. Thanks to all of you who have renewed your license over the past two months. We appreciate your efforts!

Water Meter Reader Needed

Nibley City is seeking candidates for a meter reader during April - October. The job takes five - seven days each month and requires someone who is able to walk and drive an ATV. We would like to find someone that will be for several years so that once trained, they can continue for a few summers. We think this would be a good job for a retired person. Please apply at the City Offices.

Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

I hope everyone is having a wonderful new year. I love all of the snow and the opportunities it provides for each of us. It is our water storage for the coming year as well as something to enjoy and recreate on. It does require a little extra work to keep the roads and sidewalks clear. I express my thanks to everyone that helps in this community effort.

With the new year, I have come up with another mayor's contest to test your knowledge of city government and perhaps encourage a little research and learning in the process. Over the past few months in this newsletter, I have mentioned some of the services that the city provides and where the money comes from to provide these services. The winner of this contest will enjoy dinner for two with my wife and me at the Olive Garden. To enter the contest you must leave me a note at city hall or send an email to gkktrudy@msn.com listing 10 services that Nibley City provides and where the money comes from to pay for these services. For each service that you correctly identify along with its funding source, you will get one entry in the contest. As a bonus, you can double your entries in the contest if you tell me what ordinance was passed by the City Council in December. If the successful entrant can tell me what my mayor's salary is, he or she will also get a dessert with their dinner. You can find some of the answers to these questions by searching the Nibley City website (www.nibleycity.com), by asking a city worker what he does for the city, or by thinking about how one takes care of his or her personal hygiene as well as how one gets to and from school or work. A drawing will be held on March 3rd at 5:00 p.m. to select the winner. I wish you good luck and learning.

We have two new Planning Commissioners that were appointed last month. I welcome Bill Green and Carrie Cook to Planning and Zoning. I also welcome Shaun Dustin who was sworn in last month as our new City Councilman. I look forward to working with these three talented and enthusiastic members of our community.

The 6-month moratorium on subdivision approvals will end on February 2, 2008. The purpose of this moratorium was to give us a little breathing room while we finished our General Plan update and adopted a new subdivision ordinance to implement the vision of the General Plan. This new ordinance is finished and will be in place when the moratorium expires. We have a couple of developers that have waited patiently for the end of the moratorium to propose subdivisions under the new ordinance. I am excited for the positive change this will create in Nibley City. I again thank everyone that has contributed to this process.

Mayor Gerald Knight



SPRING/SUMMER SPORT REGISTRATIONS



Baseball

For the love of the game!!! Baseball season is quickly approaching. That means, when we take the field, life is good again. Registration will most likely run through March as it has the past few years. However, keep your eyes locked on to upcoming Nibley City newsletters for more information regarding baseball. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Phil Takis, Nibley City Baseball Coordinator, at 753-9670 or ptakis@qwestoffice.net.

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

Soccer

District 7 Recreation Soccer Registration for the Nibley area will be held Saturday, **January 26 and Saturday, February 2** from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Nibley City Offices. First year players in the Nibley area will need to bring proof of birth (i.e., Birth Certificate, Blessing or Christening Record, or Shot record). Participants birthday must be before July 31, 2003, and after August 1, 1993, to be eligible to play in the Recreation program.



Registration forms are available online (www.soccer7.org) for those who want to print them out and bring them to registration. The forms may be found by going on "General" on the upper tool bar on the main menu, then linking to "Common Forms." Then, under the "Misc Forms" column, click on "Registration Form." If you choose this method, two copies are needed. The form is interactive so you can either type the information and print it out or print out the form and write in the information. Both copies must be signed in both locations on the form.

The registration amount is \$30 for each player. For multiple registrations within the same family, the fee is \$30 for the first two players and \$25 for each additional player. The season will start after the first weekend of April and most teams will begin practicing late March.

If you have any questions, email Allan Haycock at league.50.nibley@soccer7.org or call 787-8541.



Primary Election on February 5

Registered voters in Nibley will be able to vote in the Utah Presidential Primary Election on **February 5th** from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the LDS Church on 3200 South. Voters will need to be registered and, if voting Republican, will need to be a registered Republican party member. If a voter wishes to vote Democratic, they need only verbally declare that to the election judges. Voters may register to vote and/or their party affiliation at the County Clerk's Office (179 North Main in Logan) until January 29. If a voter hopes to vote for the Republican candidates, they must be a registered

Republican.

The voting is being conducted in the LDS Church for two reasons. First, it is the only building with accessible parking to accommodate the voters. Voters cannot be accommodated at the elementary school while school is in session due to limited parking and access. Second, with the new electronic voting, a larger space for the equipment is needed.

A voter can also vote at the County Clerk's office at 179 North Main in Logan.

Nibley Elementary School Feels Growing Pains ... *by Bryan Hansen, Nibley City Council*

I was in attendance, along with many of our citizens, at the recent meeting held by the Cache County School District on January 15th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the three options that the District has proposed to help ease the burden on our overcrowded Nibley Elementary School. At the meeting, we learned that the Nibley school was designed for a capacity level of 410 students. With the growth of almost 300 new students over the past five years, Nibley has eclipsed the rest of the south county cities. Our current enrollment at Nibley Elementary is 630 students and with 6 portable classrooms, our community school is flowing over the brim. What this means for our community is that we will no longer have one school for all of our children to attend. This has come as a surprise to many of our citizens.

I recommend visiting the School District website http://www.cache.k12.ut.us/web/cache/newsevents/boundary_changes.jsp to see the boundary maps and review the options that are being proposed.

Option 1:

Option 1 basically moves students around the south end of the valley in a horse shoe pattern so that we fill all schools and provide for growth where needed.

Advantages: Provides balance in all schools while keeping travel distances to a minimum.

Disadvantages: Affects students in every community.

Option 2:

Option 2 tries to provide school population numbers similar to Option 1 without impacting every community. It requires transporting Nibley students to three different schools (including some Nibley students to Mendon) and moving some Providence students to River Heights.

Advantages: Provides balance in schools while affecting fewer communities.

Disadvantages: Moves Nibley students across the valley to Mendon. Moving students from 3200 South in Nibley to the new school in Mendon is a greater distance than the distance from Mendon to River Heights. Option 2 would have students from Nibley attending three different schools (Nibley, River Heights, and the new Mendon school).

Option 3:

Option 3 tries to provide balance in schools until

another new school can be built in the south end of the valley. It provides short-term balance while not sending students across the valley.

Advantages: Provides balance in schools while not requiring students to be transported across the valley.

Affects fewer communities.

Disadvantages: Would most likely accelerate the need for building another south end elementary school within a few years.



During the District's meeting, many shared their input. Those living in the South Nibley Garden area (1000 W. and north of 3200 S.) and those west of 1000 W. favored Option 1. Option 1 would send the children in the southeast area of Nibley to River Heights Elementary and would move about 209 students out of Nibley Elementary, stabilizing the school at an enrollment of 410 students.

However, those living in the southeast area of Nibley favored Option 3 which would send those who recently moved to Nibley in the South Nibley Garden area (1000 W. and North of 3200 S.), those west of 1000 W., and future subdivisions to River Heights Elementary. This option would only move 99 students, leaving 531 students still at Nibley Elementary.

Option 2 was seen as the least favorite option and would require Nibley children to attend three different schools.

The District is also visiting other south county cities to discuss how these changes would also affect their students over next few weeks. The District is scheduled to make a final decision on the best option for the south district area on January 31st.

As a city, it is hard to see our elementary school children split up by new school boundaries. Growth has its advantages and disadvantages, but they do say change makes us stronger. Our desire is to help maintain our sense of community through city activities, sports programs, and continued volunteer involvement. Whatever the outcome of the District's decision, we will do our part to help keep Nibley a community with strong ties even if the distance to our schools may be a little longer than it has been in the past.

Water Rate Increase

Effective on this month's bill is an increase in the base water rate of \$1.00 per month to \$10.50. This is the last part of a multi-year plan to ensure proper financing of our water utility that was approved by the City Council in 2005. In addition to the base rate, customers pay .95 per thousand gallons of actual usage. Usage is estimated during the winter months when the meters are not read. For an average Nibley family that uses 7,000 gallons per month for indoor water use the water bill is \$17.15. Of course, water bills are higher in the summer as outdoor use escalates.

Water Supply

Nibley has enough water for current and near-term future uses. We have an aggressive plan to increase our water supply for future growth. Most of the cost of new facilities is paid by impact fees assessed to new houses and businesses as they are built in Nibley. In the next two years, a new water distribution line will be installed from our reservoirs as well as a new 1.8 million gallon reservoir will be built. Future plans call for an additional well in about 3 - 4 years.

Snow Removal

The January snow storms were a reminder that Mother Nature can still be domineering. The City's crews worked hard to keep the roads open and passable. Citizens are encouraged to not throw or push snow into the streets. It is against the law as well as a hazard to snow plow drivers. City crews know that it is frustrating to have the snow pushed into your driveway after you have cleaned it. Please be patient. There is no other place to put snow but along the side of the road.

Shoveled Hydrants Will Help Firefighters



As Cache County finally gets a taste of an old-fashioned winter complete with plenty of snow and ice, the Cache County Fire District is getting a reminder, too, of how important it is to have fire hydrants clear of snow when firefighters arrive at the scene of a fire.

So far, the Cache County Fire District and its member departments have not encountered delays due to snow-covered hydrants and firefighters are hoping that with the help of residents, it stays that way. The Fire District is asking residents to keep fire hydrants located near their homes shoveled out so that firefighters can easily access them in case of a fire. Firefighters need a three-foot radius cleared around the hydrant to have easy access.

Chief Gary Roberts says that when fighting a fire, every second counts - and having easy access to a

Hyrum Library News

The Hyrum Library will be offering **computer classes** starting January 29th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Classes are free to the public. A listing of the different classes can be obtained by calling the library (245-6411).



The Hyrum Library is also adding another wall of **donor bricks**. They may be purchased for a \$100 tax-deductible donation and inscribed however the person would like.

hydrant means there will be no delay in getting firefighters into service. Roberts said that he was reminded of the importance of having hydrants shoveled out after responding to a past call.

"We arrived at the scene of a small fire in a bedroom of a residence. The homeowners across the street from the fire had obviously spent some time in advance clearing snow around the very hydrant that we needed to use. Instead of wasting valuable time hunting for the hydrant, we were able to quickly address the fire. It reminded me of just how important it is to keep hydrants clear of snow and ice," he said.

We know that people have had to do a lot of shoveling and snow blowing so far this winter but we are asking them to do a little bit more by shoveling out the fire hydrants near their home," Roberts said.

