# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah— September 2023

# Mayor Jacobsen's Message



This month's focus is on emergency preparedness. Do you remember back in April of 2015 when Nibley City's culinary water system was contaminated by diesel fuel? In response to that contamination, the city issued a do-not-drink order that lasted for about a week while the city purged the entire water system. Although the Utah Department of Water Quality

Mayor Larry Jacobsen did not require Nibley to issue the do-not-drink order, and although we are not aware of any illness that resulted from the contamination, we were in an emergency. An important service that we usually take for granted was missing. It was more than an inconvenience for Nibley's citizens, and if not managed properly, it could have been a serious health issue. I remember being impressed, thankful, and humbled by the response from the community outside of Nibley to help us during this crisis. Neighboring municipalities set up culinary water stations where residents could fill containers, and businesses in Cache Valley donated pallets of bottled water to our residents. I am thankful to live in a community where we willingly come to the aid of one another. That aid comes from the state, county, and municipal levels, extending all the way down to our own neighborhoods.

During the diesel contamination, I remember wondering about the impacts of a larger scale emergency. What if Nibley's residents were also without electrical power, natural gas, sewer, internet connectivity, and cellular service? Even more grim, what if something happened that affected every community in Cache Valley? Could we expect the same support that we had in 2015 from neighboring communities and businesses? Probably not. While other communities worked through the emergency in their own cities, Nibley would likely be reliant on our own resources in a wide-scale emergency.

I know that such a wide-scale emergency is a sobering thought and pessimistic to consider. Nevertheless, we must adopt a certain pessimism so that we might be better prepared. Most importantly, considering that worst-case scenario makes us realize that in a widespread emergency, despite the best efforts of our communities and neighbors, each Nibley resident needs to take personal responsibility for emergency preparedness. I assure you that the Nibley staff takes emergency preparedness seriously. Chris Searle, Nibley Emergency Manager, leads us as we plan, prepare, and even rehearse for the event that we hope never happens. However, if it does, Nibley City will be focused on doing the most good for the most residents in the shortest amount of time. That means protecting city infrastructure, bringing city services back online as quickly as possible, and organizing a community-level response. There may be a time when individual residents will be reliant on their own preparedness. There are many ways to learn about individual emergency preparedness, including the monthly tips in this newsletter (many thanks to a Nibley resident for suggesting them). I urge you to take steps to be personally prepared for the emergency that we hope never comes.



### **Nibley City's General Election**

Nibley City will participate in the November 21, 2023 General Election, to elect four City Council members to fill three (3) 4-years terms and one (1) 2-year term. The following individuals have declared their candidacy:

<u>4-Year Term</u>	<u>2-Year Term</u>
Erin Mann	Cody Christensen
Garrett Mansell	Kay Sweeten
Nick Kenczka	
Nathan Laursen	
Jess W. Bradfield	

Next month, watch for information about our candidates in the newsletter and at *www.vote.utah.gov.* 

All ballots should be received via mail. There will only be one polling location on Election day at the Cache County Cache County Event Center. If you need to register to vote, please do so by *October 27*, *2023*, if you want to receive your ballot in the mail. You can register to vote at *www.vote.utah.gov* or at the Cache County Clerk's office.



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If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact *cheryl@nibleycity.com*.

Larry

## **Nibley Employees in the Spotlight**



Mitchell Turley is a Cache Valley native. He grew up just around the corner in Providence, UT. Mitch is the 4th child out of 5. He has 3 older sisters and 1 little brother. After being set up on a blind date, he

married his wife, Cammie, and has been married for 6 years now. Mitch and Cammie are parents to a very spunky, and sassy little girl, Cambree who just turned 5. They lived in Logan for a short time but built a house here in Nibley about 3 years ago. They enjoy calling Nibley their home.

Mitchell likes to stay busy and he and his family enjoy camping, going on rides in the mountains, and four wheeling together. Mitch also enjoys hunting, taking care of his yard, and spending time with his family.

Mitch has worked in the streets department in Nibley for just over a year, but before Nibley he worked for Logan City in the water department. He was excited for a change and had the opportunity to come to Nibley City. His favorite part about working for Nibley is that it's close to home, and he doesn't have to "drive" to work everyday. He also enjoys the people that he works with. Mitch is very excited to continue working with the residents in Nibley and looks forward to meeting new people.



**Cleaning Your Car and Driveway**—Dirty water containing soaps, detergents, gasoline, heavy metals from rust, metals and other elements from brake linings, rubber, benzene and chromium, residue from exhaust fumes, and motor oils can wash off cars and flow directly to storm drains and into the nearest creek or stream where it can harm water quality and wild life.

What Can You Do to Help?—Minimize the environmental effects of washing your car by using a commercial carwash. Carwash facilities are required to treat their wash water discharge before releasing it to the sanitary sewer system where the water is treated prior to release back into our water sources. Some facilities even recycle their wash water—reusing it several times before sending it to water treatment facilities.

Also, be sure to sweep driveways, patios, and sidewalks rather than hosing them down into the storm drains.

## Landscape Incentive Program



The Nibley City Council recently passed Ordinance 23-28, adopting specific water efficient landscaping requirements for new development. Specifically, the ordinance adopted the following limits of turf grass installation for new development.

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- 1. No turf grass in the park strip area between the sidewalk and roadway.
- 2. No turf grass be installed narrower than 8-ft. wide.
- 3. Turf grass is limited to no more than 50% of the front or side yard landscaped area.
- 4. In new commercial development, turf grass is limited to no more than 20% of landscaped areas that are not used for recreation.

These changes only apply to NEW development. The City is not requiring current residents to change their existing landscape. However, the passing of this ordinance makes all Nibley City homeowners eligible for a the State Landscape Incentive Program administered by Utah's Division of Water Resources.



utahwatersavers.com. Read and understand the program and application requirements.

#### STEP #2

SITE INSPECTION &

PROJECT APPROVAL

**BEGIN PROJECT** 

Utah

Water

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If requirements are met, the agency facilitating your program will contact you to schedule a preproject site inspection and approve the project.

#### STEP #3

If approval was given in step #2, you may begin your project.

APPLY ONLINE @ UTAHWATERSAVERS.COM/NIBLEY

# **Reminders from Nibley City Staff**

#### Trash & Recycling Services in Nibley

Waste Management (WM) of Utah has partnered with the Cache Waste Consortium (CWC), to service all residential customers beginning on or before Oct. 1, 2023. Details about your residential services will be mailed directly to you by WM in early fall.

Waste Management will charge Nibley residents the following for solid waste collection:

Residential Single-Family	1st Container	2nd Container
Refuse, 64 gal., weekly collec- tion	\$15.00/mo.	\$8.25/mo.
Refuse, 94 gal., weekly collec- tion	\$15.99/mo.	\$8.25/mo.
Recyclables, 96 gal., every-other- week collection	\$5.00/mo.	\$3.00/mo.
Residential Ancillary Services/ Charges		
Container Exchange - swap old containers with new		\$45.00
Container Delivery - New starts and addl. containers		\$25.00
Removal Charge		\$25.00
Contamination Charge		\$5.00
Overage Charge		\$5.00
Resume Charge		\$25.00
Container Replacement - if damaged by customer		\$25.00

These rates were approved by Resolution 23-10 on August 24, 2023, by the Nibley City Council.



Green waste collection will continue collection every week through October 31. Future green waste services are still being negotiated between Nibley City and the service provider. Commercial customers will be contacted by Waste Management directly regarding their solid waste collection. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all navigate

this transition of services. If you have question, please go to *www.wm.com, www.nibleycity.com*, or call the Nibley City offices.



## **Cache Valley Wildlife Association**

Nibley's Firefly Park is building an outdoor classroom. that will offer opportunities for groups in our community to meet, recreate, and learn from the resources at Firefly Park while in an outdoor setting.

If you or a group would be interested in helping to build a large teaching table for the outdoor classroom as a service project, please contact Rod Elwood (Nibley Parks Manager) at *rod@nibleycity.com* or Becky Yeager at *blyeager@comcast.net*.



SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY



GOAL FOR SEPTEMBER Make sure everyone in your household can receive, understand, and act on information received in an emergency.

Getting correct information during an emergency is the key to taking safe action. Someone in your household may not be able to receive, understand, or act on emergency information.

## TASKS—Do at least 1 of the following:

- Make sure everyone in your family knows what to do when they hear emergency warnings.
- Get a NOAA Emergency Alert Radio.
- Make sure everyone in your household can communicate in a disaster.

The way emergency information is sent out in your community may not work for everyone. If you don't speak English well, or if you use an assistive device to speak or hear, make a plan now. Make sure you can get and give information in a disaster. If you think you may not be able to understand emergency information, identify someone that you can contact for help in an emergency, have more than one way to get in touch with them, and keep their contact information with you.



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# **Recreation Roundup**



**Back-to-School Movie in the Park/Friday, Sept. 8**— This dinner and movie event includes a tasty trip to a tropical paradise, with delicious Islander food from Pauni Island Grill, Wikilicous, A Bite to Eat, and Lemon Lane. Everyone can also enjoy Nibley Recs famous, FREE movie themed pre-show activities and a pre-movie, onstage Polynesian dance demonstration from Ori Tahiti North Wind! The food, fun, and cultural experiences start at 5:30 p.m. at Anhder Park. The movie will show at the amphitheater once it gets dark.



AMAZING FOOD | Fun Activities | Parks Plan Update

**Food Truck RoundUp/Friday, Sept.15** @ **5:00 p.m.**— Forget cooking dinner and enjoy some of the best food trucks from around the valley at the Heritage Park, North Pavilion. You'll also enjoy checking out some trucks and tractors, including some of the cool equipment that keeps this town running. If you or someone you know likes big tools on wheels with lots of power, you don't want to miss this event. Plus, Gaga and nine square will be set up to play.

**Parks and Rec Survey & Master Plan Update**—At the Food Truck Round Up you will also have a chance to learn about the recent survey results from our community outreach efforts to update the Parks and Recreation master plan. Your input at this event, regarding concepts generated from survey results, are critical in helping our community refine Nibley's master plan update to match community interests and priorities.



Scarecrow Fun Run/Saturday, Oct. 7—Join the fun at the annual Scarecrow Fun Run at Heritage Park. This year, Nibley City and the Bear River Health Department are partnering to offer valuable information

on how to live drug free along with FREE shirts for the FREE kids run and mile walk/run. The whole family can enjoy this exciting Red Ribbon Week fitness event without breaking the bank. An affordable, value-packed, professionally timed 5K, 10K, or 10K relay race is also an option and you'll experience fun and friendly scarecrows to help motivate you along the way. Sign up on or before September 20th and save with the early bird discount. Online registration is available race day, at the South pavilion.

Spooktacular Tour & Halloween Decorating Contest—

Find the Decorating Contest rules and register to participate, online at www.nibleycity.com. Several prize categories are available and winners will be presented prize baskets. Decorated homes are asked keep their houses decorated through Halloween for a Spooktacular tour of Nibley, and the frightful delight of the community. Tour details will be posted once judging is completed.

## Coming Up—

- Ridgeline & Mt. Crest Ultimate Frisbee Showcase Game—October 21 @ Anhder Park.
- **Spooktacular Tour**—end of October.
- **BOOnanza**—Halloween Carnival; October 27.



Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events & activities at *www.nibleycity.com* and

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