

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah— October 2023

Mayor Jacobsen's Message

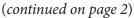


Planning is incredibly important to any municipality. Through planning, we write the guide on what we, the citizens of Nibley, want our town to be. We plan land-use, future annexation, roads and trails, water and sewer systems, parks and recreation facilities, and much more. Nibley's website lists more than twenty different plans, and I encourage you

Mayor Larry Jacobsen to have a look. There are technical plans that help us ensure that we have adequate water sources and water distribution, and plans that ensure well-connected transportation routes. Many plans relate to land use, and they are the first step in the process that draws the fine line between individual property rights and the rights of the community. Effective planning relies heavy on citizen input, and there are many opportunities for citizens to play an active role in the planning process. We are currently rewriting our Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, and the first opportunity for citizen involvement was an online survey. Perhaps you have seen a summary of the results of that survey on the Nibley website or Facebook. Thanks to the efforts of the steering committee, we had an excellent response, with 1906 respondents representing more than 24 percent of the population of Nibley. Rather than summarizing the responses here, I hope you will have a look at our website. As mentioned, this was the first opportunity for citizen involvement, and open houses and public hearings are just ahead.

Now for some trash talk. In February 2022, Logan notified us that they would no longer collect solid waste outside of their city by the end of 2023, ending 50 years of service to the municipalities and unincorporated areas of Cache County. Nibley City joined with thirteen municipalities plus the unincorporated county to form a special-service district called the Cache Waste Consortium to replace the Logan trash service. Through a competitive bid process, the consortium contracted with Waste Management (WM) to collect and haul trash, and the WM service will start 1 October 2023. There was no option for Nibley (or any other municipality outside of Logan) to stay with Logan's service in the long-term. Some folks have reported that Providence will continue with Logan, and that is correct through the first couple of months in 2024 while Providence sets up their own city-run trash collection service.

As we approached the transition date, Nibley City shared information provided by WM on our website and Facebook page. I will try to summarize some of the changes as we move from Logan City to WM. I realize some of the information about the transition has been confusing or incorrect. For example, WM sent the first batch of postcards to residents that gave an incorrect pickup schedule. You should have received another notification from WM via US Mail that gives your correct pickup day. We are working with WM to have a copy of their pickup map, so by the time you receive this newsletter we should be able to tell you your pickup day if you don't already know it.





Winter Parking*

Plan ahead and be sure to keep your vehicles off the street between November 1 and April 1 between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to avoid a parking ticket.

Winter parking regulations were enacted to keep streets clear should Nibley's Public Works department need to clear the roadways after a storm. This ordinance applies whether or not there is snow on the ground. It is also very helpful to pull your garbage containers in from the roadway as soon as possible after pick-up. Cache Valley snowstorms can bury those cans pretty quickly.

Thank you for your help in keeping Nibley's roads drivable and safe.

*Nibley City doesn't encourage "parking" brooms in the public right-of-way.

Happy Halloween!



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There are other changes, including WM requiring trash (not recyclables) to be bagged and tied inside the curbside cans (sometimes called carts) to avoid spilling loose garbage as the cart is dumped into their trucks. There was early confusion about what material can be recycled. A brochure mailed by WM correctly explains those recycling details. In short, the recyclable items for Logan City are still recyclable with WM, including all clear plastic bottles. The optional curbside green waste collection will continue to the first of November, despite the original information and contractual requirement saying it would end mid-October. For the remainder of this year, green waste will be collected on the same day as your trash pickup. The greenwaste rates currently negotiated with WM that will be in effect next year are for every other week, and we will revisit that schedule and possible rate change before next spring. While we are talking about rate changes, there is an increase for the 94-gallon can and recycling from \$19.65 per month to \$20.99 per month. Service for the 64-gallon can and recycling goes from \$17.40 per month to \$20.00 per month. There is currently some conflicting information about over-filled cans described by the WM brochure and their contract. We will help you work through over-filling issues with WM as they come up. There are some things that won't change with WM. You will continue to use your same curbside cans, and the trash collection fee will be included in your utility bill from Nibley City.

The mayors and county representatives of the Cache Waste Consortium have been working to replace the Logan service for the past 18 months. Despite some bumps along the way, I know we can make this transition. Please continue to check Nibley's website for new information and call me (512-7495) or the Nibley City Office (752-0431) if things aren't clear. Thank you for working with us.

Larry



Get Ready to Vote!

All registered voters in Nibley City will receive their ballot in the mail. Ballots will be mailed the week of October 30.

Once you have carefully cast your vote, please drop your ballot at the ballot drop box outside of Nibley City Hall or at any number of ballot drop boxes throughout the County. Ballots may be dropped in a ballot drop box through Election Day (**Tuesday, November 21**). You may also drop your ballot in the mail. Ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

If you need to register to vote, please go to *www. vote.utah.gov.*

Meet Nibley City's Candidates for Nibley City Council—4-Year Term



Erin Mann—Erin Mann completed an undergraduate degree from Utah State University in Economics and Marketing and then completed a Master's degree in Environmental Planning. Erin served on the Nibley City Planning Commission

for one year and has served since January 2023 on the Nibley City Council. She has prepared for the City Council position with both academic and practical experience.

Erin said, "It has been a privilege for me to learn from my fellow counselors and the public in Nibley about how a well-governed city can make life better for its citizens. I have gained a great appreciation for local ordinances and the people that help our city run smoothly.

In Nibley City, 44% of the average population is 19 years old or younger. That means we have many kids and also many mothers. As a mother of three young children, I represent a large percentage of citizens in our community. As both a mother and an active member of our community, I believe I have a unique insight into the conditions and opinions of my demographic and will represent them well."



Garrett L. Mansell—Garrett is running for Nibley City Council because he loves where he lives, and understands the many challenges that Nibley faces with a growing city. Garrett has served on the Planning Commission for the past 5

years and has helped create and simplify many of Nibley's ordinances, while trying to create opportunities for greater open space while striving to balance each resident's property rights.

Garrett wrote, "This is a tough challenge as we all want places for our families to live and to be affordable this is a huge challenge. We also do not want to lose the reasons many of us moved to Nibley. Having someone who understands the codes we create and their impact and is willing to enforce and follow them is essential if we want to continue to have a great city.

Because of my experience and desire to help Nibley be a great city we each enjoy living in I am asking for your vote."



Nick Kenczka—Nick Kenczka is asking for your consideration and vote for Nibley City Council.

"As a candidate for City Council, I feel the most important aspect of that position is to listen. Listen to you, the resident, and always make the best decision possible to

represent both you and the community. Frankly, it's likely

that I'm just like you! A parent, a homeowner with all the stresses of everyday life. I'm not running to represent some special interest group, or have some agenda to achieve or push through any one particular personal project or process.

I'm running because this is our home, and I want my family to have a place we are proud of and can consider home forever. I'm running so that my daughter has a community to grow up in that makes her feel safe, happy, and excited to possibly consider home herself when she grows up. I'm running because every decision we make today has long lasting impacts both now and in the future.

With that, I'd like for you to strongly consider voting for me to represent you on the Nibley City Council, and if you have any questions, or would like to discuss anything on how you think our city can improve please reach out!"



Nathan Laursen—"Nibley City and I grew up together. Living in Nibley for 30 years gives me a unique perspective on the issues we face as our city grows. The Nibley I was born in had one park, one church, and no elementary schools. Over the last

four decades, I've witnessed the city develop and overcome challenges because of the strength and involvement of the people who call it home. As our city grows, I want to help by increasing citizen awareness and engagement in ensuring responsible planning for the future.

As we build Nibley, it builds us. I have learned much from serving on the City Council these past four years. As a young "Niblet," I participated in the children's theater, city youth council, and city recreation programs. Watching my two daughters and neighbors enjoy the trees we planted, the parks we built, and the programs we created is a thrill. I have enjoyed serving as an elected officer, non-profit board member, volunteer, and recreational soccer coach, gaining experience writing legislation, managing budgets, and collaborative problem-solving.

The people and programs of Nibley made me who I am today, and I want to ensure they continue to strengthen our community. I promise to study the issues, seek input, and make decisions that will continue Nibley City's heritage as a great place to live.



Jess W. Bradfield—As a former member of Logan's City Council and the County Clerk/Auditor, Jess said he, "*is uniquely prepared to address the issues that confront our growing city.*"

As a representative in Logan, Jess fought to keep fees in check and pushed back against unnecessary spending. Jess often sought to protect smaller cities from being taken advantage of by bigger cities.

As the clerk/auditor, Jess pushed for more government transparency, publishing all government audit findings to ensure greater public accountability. Jess's office was recognized for outstanding use of grant funding by the US Election Assistance Commission and deemed a US Center of Excellence by the USAEE. Jess has worked with every city in the valley on issues ranging from elections to annexations to tax notifications. Each process made better and easier for residents as a result of that collaboration.

Jess holds a bachelor's degree from BYU-Hawaii and a Master's degree from both USU and ISU and said "*I* would be honored to serve the City of Nibley and will bring my experience and commitment to government excellence to ensure Nibley remains an amazing city. Thank you for your consideration and vote!"

Meet Nibley City's Candidates for Nibley City Council—2-Year Term



Cody Christensen—Cody Christensen has lived in Nibley for over 20 years. He and his wife, Holly, have four wonderful children who they have raised here in Nibley.

Cody graduated from USU with a

business degree and currently work with law enforcement around the world. His career choice has allowed him to work with government agencies of all shapes and sizes and has given him a perspective on how government should represent the citizens it serves.

Cody said, "As citizens of Nibley, we enjoy everything from Heritage Days, Morgan Farm, Firefly Park, the sports programs, and the overall quality of our city. It is no surprise why people want to live here. I want to see these opportunities continue while focusing on responsible growth. I plan on being here for a long time, and I am dedicated to making a positive impact on our city's future. Together, we can continue providing our city with the facilities, activities, park improvements, programs, and safety.

As a member of the Nibley City Council, I would welcome the opportunity to work with citizens and city leaders to keep Nibley the vibrant community we all call home."



Kay Sweeten—Kay and her family moved to Nibley in 2004 when her husband, Thayne, accepted a job offer at USU. They have loved raising their 5 children in Nibley and have shown up for countless soccer games, fun runs,

movies in the park, Miss Nibley pageants, holiday open (continued on page 4)

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houses, BOOnanzas, Easter Egg runs and searches, Heritage Days, Live Nativities at Morgan Farm and 17 years of Nibley Children's Theater productions. With all that Nibley has done to support her family, it feels a great honor to serve Nibley on the City Council.

Kay holds a BA from USU in Organizational Communications with minors in business, Korean, and music. She has taught piano for over 40 years. She served on the School Community Council at both Nibley Elementary and Ridgeline High School for a combined 8 years, hosted caucus nights, assisted with voter registration for public elections, and successfully lobbied the Utah State legislature. Kay has served four years on the Nibley City Council and would like to serve two more years. She looks forward to meeting with and serving the people of Nibley.

If you'd like contact information for any of Nibley City's candidates, go to www.NibleyCity.com and look under Latest City News. When you click on 2023 Nibley City Elections you'll be taken to each candidates Declaration of Candidacy where you will find their contact information.

Recreation Roundup



Scarecrow Fun Run—Join the fun at the Nibley City Scarecrow fun Run on **Saturday, October 7, 2023.** This family fitness event includes a FREE mile and kids runs, plus an affordable 5K, 10K, and 10K relay. Even the FREE

run participants will receive a shirt (while supplies last) thanks to the Bear River Health Department. The top runners of each race and each age division, along with the *Funnest Pair* and *Fastest Stroller Racers*, will receive prizes thanks to local businesses. Finally, there will be excellent drawing items available for our 5K and 10K runners. Register online through Thursday, October 5. Day-of-race registration is available 7:30–8:00 a.m.

Halloween Decorating Contest—The HDC seems to get bigger and better every year thanks to our cre-

ative friends and neighbors in Nibley. We look forward to both fun and frightening Halloween displays that have a new twist to enjoy every year. Entries are due on **Monday**, **October 16.** Find the contest rules and FREE registration



at *www.nibleycity.com* and or on Nibley's social media pages. Prizes will be awarded for Best Theme, Overall Presentation, Special Effects, Frightfully Fun, and more. Winners will be presented with prizes the evening of October 18th or 19th. Contest participants keep their houses decorated through Halloween for the frightful delight of the community and following the contest Nibley City posts a map of the award-winning contestants for a FREE, self-guided SPOOKTACULAR tour. The map is posted online once judging is complete.



Ultimate Frisbee Showcase Game—This is Nibley City's 4^{th} year hosting the Ridgeline v. Mountain Crest game. Mountain Crest is ahead 2-1 for this annual match up and Ridgeline is asking for your support this year to tie it up.

Whether you have seen a game or not, you'll be amazed at the athleticism of these high school Ultimate Frisbee players. The game will conveniently be played here in Nibley, under the lights at Anhder Park on Friday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m. and will include half-time excitement. Enjoy complimentary hot chocolate, lively music, and a chance to win a FREE Nibley Youth Ultimate Frisbee registration while watching impressive sportsmanship with this fun new sport.



Informational Meeting; Parks and Recreation Committee & Friends Group—This is an exciting time to be involved with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The update to the

Parks and Recreation Master Plan should happen soon and with the update comes the opportunity to explore possible indoor recreation in Nibley, several park plans and playground designs to review. Enjoy FREE pizza and drinks on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall for a no obligation dinner meeting where you can learn more about what is involved in becoming a committee member, or member of the friend's group.



Chad Wright

Nibley Recrea

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

www.facebook.com/nibley



Happenin' in Hyrum

The Senior Center

675 East Main, Hyrum • 245-3570

Please note that times and dates may change for activities.

The Hyrum Senior Center is open to ALL seniors Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. They serve lunch at noon on Wednesday and Fridays for a cost of \$3.00. Please call them before 9:00 a.m. to join them for a meal. The Center has a variety of activities, a pool room, a quilt room, games, music, great food and friendly faces.

Mondays-Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- Oct 2 Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$2.00. Please call to join them.
- Oct 9 Closed for Columbus Day
- Oct 16 Breakfast & Bingo for Buck at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$2.00. Please call to join them.

Tuesdays- Pool at 9:00 a.m.; Yoga at 9:30 a.m.

- Oct 3 Bunco & lunch for \$2.00; 11:00 a.m.
- Oct 17 Tip class at 11:00 a.m. Sign up early.
- Oct 24 Witch Bunco & lunch for \$2.00; 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–Lunches at 12:00 p.m. Programs are after lunch.

- Oct 4 Haloween Facedown a fun, easy game with great prizes
- Oct 11 Singing with Ana Anawalt
- Oct 18 Singing with Lezlee Monroe
- Oct 25 Halloween Party

Thursdays-No lunch is served

Oct 12 Mystery Trip



Fridays- Bingo at 10:30; lunches at 12:00 p.m.



The Hyrum Museum 50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-0208 museum@hyrumcity.com



Join the Museum for their Super Saturday event, "Headstones & Heritage" on Saturday, October 28. They will offer their annual riding Tour of Historic Hyrum for the first time since the pandemic. Those interested must sign-up to reserve a seat and should meet at the museum at 12:30 p.m. This tour will end at the cemetery. A second tour will start at the cemetery at 2:00 p.m. to explore the heritage of some of Hyrum's 1860 settlers. Tours will be guided by Historic Preservation Commission Members John Petersen, Steve Downs, and Roger Allen. (Transportation back to the museum will be provided for those joining the driving tour, but who aren't interested in the cemetery tour.)



The Hyrum Library

50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-6411 • hyrumlibrary@gmail.com *Library hours and activities are subject to change without notice.

Library Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Oct. 2nd-Closing at 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 9th-Closed for Columbus Day.
Oct. 31st-Closing early for Halloween.

- Story time (ages 0-5): Monday's at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m at the amphitheater*. Each time will feature the same stories. *Story time will be held in the Storytime room in inclement weather.
- Magic Tree House Adventure Club: (Sign up is required) Oct. 20th or 27th at 3:30 p.m. Discuss the Magic Tree House #1 *The Knight at Dawn*. If you need a copy, just ask at the desk.
- Art Time! (Ages 5-11): Tues., Oct. 10th from 4-5 p.m. Stop in to make a Halloween craft.
- Lego's @ the library: Wednesday the 4th and 18th from 4-5 p.m. in the Storytime room. Ages 5+. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination!

Teen Programs:

- Chess & Checkers Club: Fri., Oct. 6th from 4-5 p.m. in the library meeting room.
- TAC Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 12th at 3:30 p.m.
- Homework Hour: Wed., Oct. 19th at 4 p.m. Enjoy afternoon snacks, spend the hour reading, working on homework, or play a board game.
- Teen Halloween Party: Fri., Oct. 27th 4:30p.m. Sign up for a fun night of games, treats & more.

Adult Programs:

• Book Club (Ages 18+): Tues., Oct. 11th at 11:00 a.m. Discuss *The Paper Daughters of Chinatown*. Pick up a copy of the book at the desk.

Family Programs:

• Family Movie & Popcorn: Mon., Oct. 23rd at 4:00 p.m. in the Storytime room. The library will be showing *Hotel Transylvania: Transformania*. Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

Nibley City Animal Land Use Regulations



Nibley City is considering changes to city Animal Land Use regulations. Within Nibley City, the number and type of animals on a given property is regulated by Animal Land Use regulations. In general, for non-household pets, a lot is allowed a

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levi@nibleycity.com certain number of points depending upon the acreage of the lot and each animal is assigned a number of points. A one-acre lot is assigned 100 points.

Recently, an ad hoc committee was formed to review the current Animal Land Use Regulations. Draft recommendations were presented to the Planning Commission on September 21. The Planning Commission will continue to discuss these recommendations during their October 5 and 19 meetings. After receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission, the City Council will consider changes to the ordinance. Specific changes that are being considered include:

Cache Valley Wildlife Association Pollinator Conservation for Home Gardeners

Date: Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

Speaker: Abiya (Abi) Saeed, Extension Horticulture Specialist, Montana State University

Registration: *https://uidaho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4rRl-*9cW7Rxe6OUJnPi0rlg#/registration (Free)

Description: The United States is home to countless pollinators, which can be found throughout our diverse ecosystems and landscapes. Important pollinators provide essential pollination services to agriculture, home gar-



- An adjustment to several animal points and the addition of new species to the chart which were previously unaccounted for. For example, the number of points for a horse is considered to be reduced from 75 to 50, in line with a cow. In general, this would allow for 50% more horses on a given lot than is currently allowed.
- A reduction in the amount of points for a 'companion animal.' Subsequent animals would be allotted the base number of animal points.
- An allowance of an additional 25 points for lots which do not contain a dwelling to account for additional space allowed for an animal when compared to a lot with a dwelling.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about these changes, please contact the City. You are invited to attend any of the Planning Commission meetings to stay informed. A public hearing will be noticed when the ordinance is first considered.

dens, and native plant biodiversity. Habitat loss is a leading issue impacting pollinators, and creating pollinator friendly landscapes is critical to conserving these important organisms. The presentation will focus on pollinator habitat needs, how you can integrate them into your yards and gardens, and how to keep pollinators safe from pesticides through responsible landscaping practices.

