



The Nibley City News

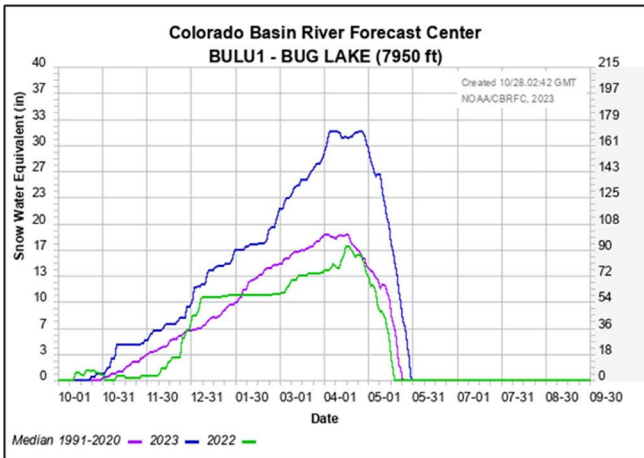
Nibley, Utah—November 2023

Mayor Jacobsen's Message

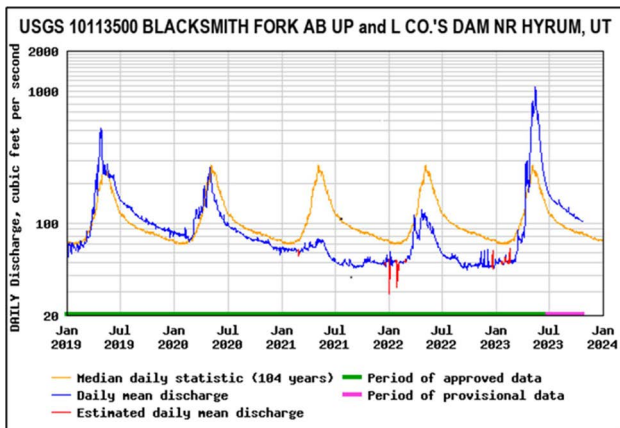


Mayor Larry Jacobsen

In last year's November newsletter article, I longed for a productive water year with meaningful precipitation. It might be old news, but we got it! Although we are still in a historic drought, and a single year by itself won't pull us out of it, the last water year (October to October) was excellent. The graph below shows last winter's water in the snowpack at Bug Lake located east of Nibley. Last April's snowpack water (shown by the blue curve) peaked at nearly two times the usual amount (shown by the purple curve). For reference, the green curve shows the snowpack water for 2022.



efforts. The blue curve on the graph below shows the flow rate for the Blacksmith Fork River for the past five years. The yellow curve is the usual flow rate from historical measurements.



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We had so much snow in the mountains that we began to worry about how quickly that snow might melt and cause flooding on the Blacksmith Fork River. However, springtime weather conditions gave us a well-paced runoff that called for only a few precautionary sandbagging

Most of our precipitation comes in the winter as snow, and in addition to melting directly into streams and rivers, much of that snow percolates through the soil and emerges at springs and seeps that drain to streams and rivers. That water moves slowly through the soil, and the

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MEET THE CANDIDATES



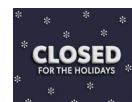
Tuesday, Nov. 7
at 7:00 p.m.

The Nibley City General Election is on November 21, 2023. The election is to fill four City Council seats; three, 4-year seats and one, 2-year seat.

Registered voters in Nibley City should have already started receiving their ballots in the mail.

You can learn more about our Nibley City Council candidates by going to www.vote.utah.gov, by referring to the October 2023 Nibley Newsletter, by contacting them directly, or at Meet the Candidates night on November 7, 2023. If you have a question for the candidates, you can submit them to cheryl@nibleycity.com or during the Meet the Candidates meeting.

(Find more General Election info on p. 4)



Nibley City Hall will be closed Friday, November 10 for Veteran's Day & November 23-24 for Thanksgiving.



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Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Mon.–Fri.)

Visit the Nibley City website at

www.nibleycity.com

Nibley City is also on

facebook

Go to www.facebook.com/nibley

and our page

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[JacobsenNibleyMayor](https://www.facebook.com/JacobsenNibleyMayor)

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

Recreation Roundup



Thank You Volunteers!—This fall Nibley had so many event volunteers that helped connect our community. Thanks to our volunteers we have offered an impressive array of family fun that supports our mental, physical, and emotional health and wellness in Nibley. The Moana Back to School Movie in the Park, Food Truck Round Up, Scarecrow Fun Run, Halloween Decorating Contest, and Ultimate Frisbee Showcase Game, would not have been possible without support from local businesses, local school staff, school PTA members, our Nibley Youth Council and Nibley Royalty, the Bear River Health Department, Cache Valley Ultimate, our Parks and Recreation Committee, and other outstanding community members. Thank you!



Thanks Coach!—Nibley City's recreation youth programs continue to expand exponentially, and every year participants of our fall soccer and flag football have expanded their skills, and had fun while learning important life lessons. These programs are only possible with the support of the amazing coaches that step up every year to provide an exceptional experience. Coaches are also supported by wonderful parents, and team managers that keep everyone informed and on track. Thanks to everyone involved in Nibley's youth programs this fall and throughout the year.



Christmas Decorating Contest & Nibley Lights Tour—Nibley is known for some impressive skills in exterior illumination and yard decorating to make our Christmas Season BRIGHT! Our Nibley

Christmas Decorating Contest and Nibley Lights Tour gives us an opportunity to honor exceptional work that everyone in our community can enjoy. If you want a chance to deLIGHT your family, neighbors, friends, and the rest of the community please register your entry to share your work through this contest. Please go to www.nibleycity.com for entry instructions. Categories include: Best Theme, Griswold, Special Effects, and Classic Christmas (see detailed description on the contest web page). For those interested in entering, start planning NOW since the entry deadline is due **Tuesday, November 28.**



Youth Sports for Christmas—Give the gift of a Nibley Recreation Youth program experience for Christmas. Watch Nibley's social media and website for an opportunity to prepurchase

a youth registration at the early bird discount well before the registration period for a given program. You'll also receive a FREE gift that you can put under the tree for each program you register your child for. This has been a big hit for parents, grandparents, and program participants, and it gives your child something to look forward to next year.



Nordic Track—Forecasts indicate that we should have plenty of snow for the Nibley Nordic Track at Heritage Park. Like last

year, the Nibley City Parks department plans to groom a cross-country ski trail starting at the parking lot of Virgil Gibbons Heritage park and connecting to the adjacent Firefly park. City staff will also clear snow on sidewalks at Heritage park and Clear Creek park for walkers. Watch the Nibley City website for updates on this winter opportunity.



Nibley Fit— Don't miss out on Nibley Fit's annual HIGH n' Pie Thanksgiving day workout at 7:00 a.m. at Mountain Peak Volleyball. Bring your friends and family, because this class is FREE to the public! All who attend will be entered in a drawing to win a free pie.



SPOOKtacular Tour—Thank you to all the amazing Halloween Decorating Contest entries that made our Nibley SPOOKtacular Tour possible. Every year the entries are getting bigger, and better in overall height and frightfully fun experiences. This year the judges were especially impressed with added special effects, a remarkable variety of creative themes, and creative sourcing of display materials. Congratulations to all those that helped our Halloween season to be frightfully fun.



Chad Wright
Nibley Recreation
Director

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

www.facebook.com/nibley



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the culprit. Many homeowners, especially on the west side of Nibley, dealt with water in their basements. Sump pumps that ejected water out to the street gutters saved most, but not all, basements from flooding. We are grateful that Nibley's storm-water system was able to receive the extra water from basement sump pumps and keep up with the extra demand.

Groundwater isn't always our enemy. High groundwater in Nibley has played a major role in shaping land use in our city. Groundwater comes to the surface in many areas and creates wetlands throughout our community. The Clean Water Act of 1972 helped define the federal government's role in protecting water quality in the US. The protection of US bodies of water not only included streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans, but also wetlands. Over the years, the definition of wetlands that are federally protected has shifted back and forth. Last May, the US Supreme Court ruled that moving forward, the only wetlands that will receive federal protection are those that have a "continuous surface connection" to navigable waters and their tributaries.

Why does this matter to Nibley? We have lots of wetlands in our city that have previously received federal protection through the US Army Corps of Engineers. Those wetlands not only affect water quality in Utah, they have also shaped Nibley City's land-use policy and ordinance. Our ordinance has protected wetland open space with federal, state, and municipal regulation. Considering the recent Supreme Court ruling, I worry about Nibley's ability to protect wetlands, and the associated open space, without the help of the federal government. Local governance draws the line between the rights of individual property owners (often represented by developers) and the rights of the community. With that concern, I wrote a letter of support for funding to the State Wetlands Coordinator with the Utah Geological Survey to investigate the state's role in wetlands protection. I am also contributing to draft legislation that could be considered in the upcoming Utah legislative session. It's early days on this topic, and I hope my concern is unfounded. However, Utah legislative actions over the past few years have pitted the Property Rights Coalition, a collection of developers, against Utah municipalities over issues like this. I will keep you posted as this issue evolves.

If you are interested in updates on what Nibley City is working on, I write periodic status reports for my boss (that's you). You can find those reports on Nibley's website under the Mayor's Journal, or if you send me an email, I will send those reports directly to you. I will never share your email address or use it to campaign during an election.

Larry

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Winter Parking



Winter parking regulations are now being enforced. Be sure to keep your vehicles off the street 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.

Hunting



It is against the law to discharge a firearm within 600 feet of a residence within Nibley City limits.

Hunting or harassing wildlife is also forbidden on all City property. Ordinance 13-04 prohibits hunting on property owned by Nibley City and states, "Hunting, as defined in §23-13-2, Utah Code Annotated, which shall include hunting with firearms or with bows, each as defined by the laws of the State of Utah, . . . is prohibited on properties owned by Nibley City."

Nibley's Green Waste



Nibley's green waste cart pick-up is finished for the season. Nibley City elected officials and staff are currently negotiating with Nibley City's new solid waste service provider, Waste Management, for green waste rates and services for 2024.

—Nibley City Staff

Live Nativity

At Nibley's Morgan Farm

Dec. 8th, 9th & 11th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

- * Live Animals: Camel, Donkey, Sheep and more
- * Live Nativity in a stable
- * Wagon Rides
- * Hot Chocolate
- * Only \$3/person
- * Canned food donations also appreciated (support The Cache Community Food Pantry)



Event presented by:

Nibley's Morgan Farm Caretakers, and community volunteers.



Info @: NibleyCity.com



Get Ready to Vote!

Submitting Your Completed Ballot

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) until 8:01 p.m. You may also drop your ballot in the mail. Ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

Registering to Vote

There is still time to register to vote. Please go to www.vote.utah.gov.

- Online registration deadline: 11 days before Election Day
- Register by mail deadline: Must be received 11 days before Election Day
- In-person registration: Available up to and including on Election Day

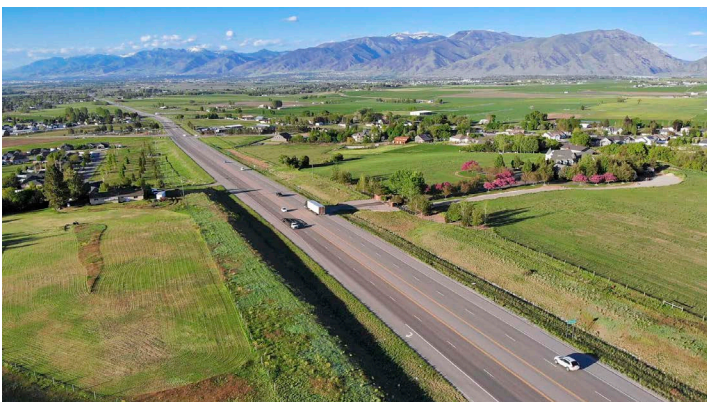
In-Person Voting & Early Voting

- In-Person Early Voting
November 14 - 17
TIME: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Cache County Administration Office, Multipurpose Room #109, 179 North Main, Logan, Utah 84321
- GENERAL ELECTION DAY
November 21
TIME: 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Cache County Event Center (Fairgrounds), Rooms #2 and #3, 490 South 500 West, Logan, Utah 84321

Take the Transportation Survey



Cache County, Nibley City, Hyrum City, Wellsville, and the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are conducting a study to identify needs and opportunities for a potential east-west connector roadway in south Cache County. Your input is essential to the study. Please take a few minutes and provide your valuable insight through this on-line survey at <https://tinyurl.com/southcachecorridor> by Monday, November 20.



GOAL FOR NOVEMBER

Remember important items that may be overlooked when leaving your home in a disaster.



An emergency is easier to handle when you have prepared ahead of time. Put together an emergency kit with important items to keep at home, and a go bag with items you will need to take with you if you evacuate. Think about what you and your family would need in a disaster. You can make kits for your home, car or workplace. Emergencies can happen anywhere.

When severe weather is predicted, make sure your car has a full tank of gas. You don't want to wait in line for gas if you are told to evacuate. Some storms may also knock out electricity, causing gas stations to close.

TASKS

- Gather emergency supplies in an accessible place.
- Create an emergency supply kit for your pet, your car, and your workplace or school.
- Stash some cash in case ATMs and credit card machines are not usable in a disaster.

Go to www.do1thing.com for more information on November's preparedness option.

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, great food and friendly faces.

Mondays–Pool at 9:00 a.m.

- Nov 13 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:00 a.m.
Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 20 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:00 a.m.

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

- Nov 7 Bunco & lunch for \$2.00; 11:00 a.m.
- Nov 21 Bunco & lunch for \$2.00; 11:00 a.m.

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

- Nov 8 Give Thanks dinner. The Bear River Ramblers will sing. Cost is \$5.00. Please RSVP.
- Nov 15 Facedown game
- Nov 22 CLOSED–Craft Fair prep day
- Nov 29 Craft Fair setup day–no lunch

Thursdays–No lunch is served

- Each Thursday in Nov is prepping for Craft Fair. Help is needed to tie quilts and help with projects.

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

- Nov 3 Bingo
- Nov 10 CLOSED
- Nov 16 White Elephant Bingo
- Nov 24 CLOSED



The Hyrum Museum

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

Don't miss Night at the Museum's "Salute to Veterans" on Thursday, November 9 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. with a special

speaker at 6:30 pm and a card making station to make cards that will be given to veterans on Veterans Day. All veterans are invited to attend, share their thoughts, and receive a special gift.

Join the Museum for "Native Narratives" Back in Time children's activity on November 14–16 from 1:00–1:30 p.m. each day. Participants will learn about the Wampanoag people and how they shared their foods and techniques to help colonists survive in a new environment. All children are welcome to attend and sign-up is encouraged.

Finally, come to the Elite Hall on Friday, November 10 for the season's first FREE Family Movie Night. They will show *Elemental* on the big screen. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The museum will be closed the entire week of November 21–23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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:** Nov. 10–11 Veterans Day
Nov. 23–25 for Thanksgiving
- **Help Me Grow Utah Story time (Ages 0-5):** Monday the 6th at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Answers questions parents might have and provides developmental screenings for parents through open playtime.
- **Magic Tree House Adventure Club:** (Sign up is required) Nov. 20th or 27th at 3:30 p.m. Discuss the Magic Tree House #3 *Mummies in the Morning*. If you need a copy, just ask at the desk.
- **Food, Fun, and Reading (Ages 5-11):** Tues., Nov. 14th from 4-5 p.m. Learn about MyPlate, hear a story, enjoy an activity and a snack. Presented by USU Extension.
- **Lego's @ the library:** Wednesday the 1th and 15th 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., Nov. 3th from 4-5 p.m. in the library meeting room.
- **Teen Activity:** Thurs. Nov. 16th at 5 p.m. a program planned by the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)

Adult Programs:

- **Book Club (Ages 18+):** Tues., Nov. 11th at 11:00 a.m. Discuss *Whistling Past the Graveyard*. Pick up a copy of the book at the library desk.