

# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — October 2024

# **Mayor Jacobsen's Message**



Before we shift to planning in this month's newsletter, I offer thanks to the many volunteers that participated in this year's National Day of Service on September 7. Over one hundred citizens and friends of Nibley City helped plant trees on city property, assisted with street and curb cleanup, weeded and nurtured native vegetation in Nibley's Firefly

Mayor Larry Jacobsen Nature Park, donated diapers and hygiene products, wrote thank you notes to those who serve our community, and did chores at Nibley's Morgan Farm. The terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, was a horrific event that forever changed our world. Despite that tragedy, citizens across the US (including Nibley's own) have responded with unity and resolve to honor the victims and their families with service to our community. Thank you for doing this.









On to planning ... One of the most interesting concepts that I have found during the past twenty-some years in municipal governance is how we establish the line between individual property rights and the rights of the community. This is a fundamental question that our nation's founders wrestled with, as ownership of private property (and the right to decide how to use that private property) was not readily available to most people who immigrated to what would become the United States. An important step in establishing that line between private and community rights is planning because planning is a public discussion and disclosure about where our community is headed. Nibley's General Plan tells us what to expect for our community and the land uses that we intend to practice. The General Plan (along with Utah Code) provides the authority to establish zoning ordinances that specify allowed land uses for commercial, institutional, and residential applications. These zoning ordinances that follow from the General Plan include allowed densities, required lot sizes and setbacks, open-space requirements, and even details of allowed pet ownership. Nibley City's Master Road Plan and Active Transportation Plan establish connectivity within our city and connectivity to neighboring communities. These plans give Nibley City the authority to require developers to comply with these transportation plans as a condition of development. Some of Nibley's plans are very engineering-oriented, such as the Water and Sewer Master Plans. These plans ensure that we can continue to provide critical services. These technical plans share (continued on page 4)



## Winter Parking\*

Plan ahead and be sure to keep your vehicles off public streets between November 1 and April 1 between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. to avoid a parking ticket. The City Council amended these hours in May 2024.

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.

Nibley City wishes you and your loved ones a safe and appy Halloween!



#### **Nibley City Office**

455 West 3200 South Nibley, UT 84321 • Ph: 435-752-0431 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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If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact cheryl@nibleycity.com.

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## **Recreation Roundup**

NIBLEY HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Entries due Oct 11th

See Decorating Contest Winners



Halloween Decorating Contest—Contest entries due Monday, Oct. 11 @ 5:00 p.m.—This contest born during Covid-19, seems to get bigger and better every year thanks to our creative friends and neighbors in Nibley. We can all look forward to fun, creative and frightening Halloween displays when the map for the SPOOKtacular tour of Nibley is posted on our website the middle of October. Find the contest rules and FREE registration @ www.Nibley City.com.



**Scarecrow Fun Run—Saturday, Oct. 12**—Join the fun at the Nibley City Scarecrow Fun Run. This family fitness event includes a FREE mile and kids runs and an affordable 5K, 10K, and 10K relay. Even the FREE run partici-

pants will receive a shirt (while supplies last) thanks to the Bear River Health Department. 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. 5K and 10K runners will enjoy an awards ceremony complete with a drawing for a Garmin watch, a Kayak, race entries, kettle corn and so much more. Register online through *Thursday, October 10*. Day-of-race registration is available 7:30–8:00 a.m. at Heritage Park.

**Ultimate Frisbee Showcase Game—***Friday, Oct. 9 @* **7:00** *p.m.*—Ultimate Frisbee Showcase Game—This is Nibley City's 5th year hosting the Ridgeline v. Mountain Crest game and it is always an exciting game that is definitely worth watching. Whether you have seen ultimate frisbee played 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 9 at 7:00 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.



Nibley Fit—Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Mountain Peak Volleyball @ 6:00 a.m.—Get Ready to GLOW This Halloween with Nibley Fit! Join them for a FREE spooktacular Halloween HIGH Fitness class. Nibley Fit instructors are turning up the energy with an early morning black light workout that will leave you feeling energized and ready to take on the day.

Here's what you can expect: A heart-pumping HIGH Fitness class, glow sticks for everyone and special surprises. You're encouraged to wear bright neon colors to

make the most of the black light experience. Don't miss out on this fun and festive way to get your sweat on before the Halloween festivities begin.



- Nibley Youth Programs Holiday Sale—2025 registration will open on November 29.
- Christmas Decorating Contest—Registration opens early November.



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



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## <u>Cache Valley Wildlife Association</u>



Every season brings natures changes. Many love the approaching winter, and at least as many anxiously dread its coming. Whether winter brings thrill or a chill to the heart, perhaps the best approach is to engage with each season's own unique oppor-

tunities. One such opportunity is to become a bird fan

and winter is a perfect season to begin. Though most birds are built to withstand the Valley's cold temperatures, we can help our bird residents thrive during our winter months.

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To create and plan a "certified wildlife habitat" in your yard consider these tips:

## **FOOD**–Use feeders with wide enough

cover lids to protect feed from moisture and from snow collecting on feeding trays. Most winter resident birds will eat black oiled sunflower seeds because their shell is easy to open but other supplement foods include fruit, suet, cracked corn, mixed seed and mill worms. Berries in landscapes are also sought after in the winter.

**WATER**–Include water in your wildlife habitat. Helping birds with a water source, other than snow, to preserve energy and maintain good hydration, is worthwhile.



Providing a daily water dish or a heated water bird trough work well in preventing freezing.

**SHELTER**–Bird houses are often used in winter or any shelter with protection from cold, wind, rain and snow like evergreens, shrubs, tree cavities and more.

Lastly, have fun! Make a

fruit, nut, pine cone and seed garland and drape on an outdoor tree. Build snowmen with seed on their hats and cupped hands. Your family and the birds will love it. With a smile and satisfaction, fill your winter with the little things, so easily missed or unappreciated.

In October the Nibley City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3rd and October 24. The Nibley City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. You can find full agendas and reports for each meeting at www.nibleycity.com and www.pmn.utah.gov.

# **Reminders from Nibley City Staff**



Closed

Nibley City Hall is closed on all State holidays and will be closed Monday, October 14 for Indigenous Peoples Day or Columbus Day.

### **Keeping Our Nibley Water Clean**



Public drinking water systems can be contaminated by pollutants or contaminants that backflow into the water system through unprotected cross-connections. A cross-connection is

a physical connection between the public drinking water system and anything else.

Public Drinking Water Rules require that all cross connections be eliminated or protected against backflow by installing an approved backflow devise or assembly; ensuring no impurities or contaminants are introduced to the public drinking water supply.

If you have questions regarding your secondary water system and appropriate cross connection devises, please contact the Nibley City offices at 752-0431.

#### **Renew Your Business License**

It's the time of year when every Nibley City business owner needs to renew their annual business license. Current Nibley City business owners should have received an email from Civic Review with instructions on how you can easily renew your license. Please call Amy at 752-0431 if you have questions about your business license or the renewal procedure.

—Nibley City Staff



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## **Planning Your City**



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As a growing, dynamic community, Nibley City values planning. As Chuck Knox once said "Always have a plan, and believe in it. Nothing happens by accident." Adopted Nibley City Master Plans can be found at <a href="https://nibleycity.com/master-plans/">https://nibleycity.com/master-plans/</a>. There have been a number of recent plan updates, ongoing plans, and

planning processes that are about to kick-off (Planners always Plan to Plan). Below is a summary:

## Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

This Plan provides guidance and standards for the development of city parks, preservation of open space and support of recreational programs. Over 1,800 Nibley citizens provided input to help the City identify and prioritize park resources. The plan emphasizes maintaining the city's current park spaces and programs while planning for new opportunities as we grow. As funding becomes available, specific new park spaces are planned near 640 West 4000 South, 3400 South 1200 West and 4550 South Hollow. The City Council recently adopted the updated Plan, available at the website noted above.

## **Active Transportation Plan**

The City is currently in the process of developing its first Active Transportation Plan. This plan seeks to create a safe, connected, and convenient network for walking and cycling throughout the community. The Plan will identify a network of trails, bike lanes, sidewalks and crossing improvements. Community respondents identified problem areas and solutions that will be incorporated into the recommendations. The Active Transportation Plan is anticipated to be completed this year.

#### **Stormwater Master Plan**

Nibley City is currently working on an update to the Stormwater Master Plan. The Stormwater Master Plan evaluates the adequacy of the City's stormwater system to handle major storm events, with the overall goal of minimizing flooding. The plan should be considered in the coming months.

#### **General Plan**

The City will commence the process to update to the Nibley City General Plan this coming winter. The General Plan sets the vision for the community and provides guidance for the implementation and coordination of land use, transportation, housing, parks and open space, water resources and municipal services. Stay tuned for opportunities to be involved and help formulate Nibley City's vision for the future.

## **Nibley Employees in the Spotlight**



We are excited to welcome Saige Eliason, our newest employee in the Nibley City Office, working in the Accounts Payable position. Saige was born and raised in Cache Valley and attended Mountain Crest High School. She graduated from Utah State University with a bachelor's de-

gree in Communication Studies and a minor in Family and Human Development and Family Finance.

Saige married her high school sweetheart, Brockton, and has a 2 1/2 year son who loves monster trucks and just welcome a baby girl in September. When Saige and her family are not working, they are up in the mountains with family and friends either jeeping, hunting or relaxing.



## **Fraud Hotline**

Nibley City takes the responsibility of the proper use of government funds as one of it's highest priorities.

The fraud hotline provides an avenue for citizens, including public employees and contractors, to report improper governmental activities. Complainants may call the Utah Public Assistance Fraud hotline at (801) 538-9777 or email *auditorhotline@utah.gov*. Please call the Nibley City offices if you'd like more information.



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an important property with community-oriented plans such as the Parks, Recreation, Open Space Master Plan, as they inform Nibley's citizens of how their money, paid as taxes and fees, will be spent.

If I were magically granted a wish where I could change how local governance operates, I would wish that citizens would be more involved in planning their future city. It seems that we often get involved only when the results of years of planning get built and put in the ground. Solving the challenges of affordable housing, open-space preservation, transportation safety and connectivity, economic development, and parks and recreation spaces requires a long-term, analytic approach with years of planning. Planning is an important part of answering these difficult challenges.

Thanks for reading,

—Larry larry@nibleycity.com

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# 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–Wednesdays and Friday from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. The Center is closed on random days due to lack of help, so please call before making the drive over. Join them for lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays at noon for a cost of \$3.00 per lunch. Please call ahead each time to get on the lunch list.

## **Hyrum City Museum**

50 West Main, Hyrum • 435-245-0208 • museum@hyrumcity.gov

Museum Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

If you'd like to be treated to some of the spooky stories about a few of Hyrum's 1860 settlers, join them for their Super Saturday, "Cemetery Trick or Treat" on October 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the southwest corner of the Hyrum cemetery. Please make note of the weather and dress accordingly since participants will be outside for about 90 minutes. The museum will also be open 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This year for the Museum's "Trick or Treat," Back in Time children's activity you will learn about Dia de los Muertos as you trick or treat around the museum. This activity is October 29–31, from 1:00–1:30 p.m. each day. All children are welcome, but since this is our most popular activity of the year, <u>sign up is required</u> via visit, call or email to ensure the Museum has enough treats.

Please note, the museum will be closed the entire week of October 8–10 so museum staff can attend professional development training at the Utah Museums Association annual conference.

Finally, save the date for a fun community dance on the newly refinished and extra springy dance floor at the Elite Hall on **Saturday, November 2** and watch for more details to come.



# **The Hyrum Library**

50 West Main, Hyrum • 435-245-6411 • 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.\*

- The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7 for staff meeting.
- The library will be closed Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day.

#### **Children's Programs:**

- Story Time: Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 11:00 a.m. Join them for a special empowerment CAPSA story time. An activity will follow..
- Story time (ages 0-5): Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. & Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. On October 28 and 30 all are welcome to dress in Halloween costume. There will be a parade throughout the library and city office.
- Magic Tree House Adventure Club: Friday, Oct. 11 or 25 at 3:30 p.m. The book that will be discussed is Magic Tree House #10 "Ghost Town at Sundown." Sign up is required and will open on September 30. If you need a copy, just ask at the desk.
- Food, Fun, and Reading (Pre-K to 2nd grd): Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 4:00 p.m. USU Extension will teach about MyPlate.
- Art time! (Ages 5–11): Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 4–5:00 p.m. Stop at any time during the hour, and make your own Halloween art project. (While supplies last).
- Day of the Dead (Grades 4–6): Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 4:00 p.m. Learn about the Day of the Dead.
- Legos @ the Library: Wednesday, Oct. 2 & 16 from 4–5:00 p.m. in the Storytime room. ages 5+.

#### **Teen Programs:**

- Chess & Checkers Club: Friday, Oct. 4 from 4–5:00 p.m. The club will meet in the library meeting room.
- Harry Potter Party: Friday, Oct.18 from 4:30–6:30pm. Watch the first Harry Potter movie and other actitives.
- TAC (Teen advisory committee) Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

#### **Adult Programs:**

- Book Club (Ages 18+): Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 11:00
   a.m. Join the Library for a book discussion on A Fall of Marigolds. You can pick up a copy of the book at the library desk. Books will be due back on Sept. 10.
- Write @ Night: Thursday, Oct. 17 from 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Join for a writing workshop and enjoy free writing time. Workbooks will be provided.

