



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—July 2021

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

Goodbye—Unless something crazy happens, I will not be running for re-election this year. Being your Mayor has been one of the great honors and privileges of my life. I can't say that I have loved every minute of it. Being a Mayor is hard. It's a lot of work. But it is also an opportunity to serve a people, and a place, that have embraced me and my family from the time we arrived here. I love Nibley for that. Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility to fight for you, to represent you, and to work to bring to fruition the vision that you've shared with me. It's been a blessing to be able to work with you, with the people and communities around us, and with the most dedicated and competent City Staff I've had the privilege to know. I will miss it.

Usually I don't think Mayors say goodbye until they lose their election or until their last days in office, but I wanted to tell you I am leaving now because I firmly believe that, as Larry Jacobsen told me, "all of us is smarter than any of us." For Nibley to be the best community it can be, I want the best people to lead me going forward, and if you have a vision for how to make life better for all of us, it's time to put the walk to the talk and run for office.

As we all know, Nibley is different. Maybe it's the water, maybe it's the sunshine, but here all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average. There's a ton of leadership capacity here, and I hope that you will consider either running or supporting a candidate that reflects your aspirations for our City.

I have two goals as your Mayor. The first one is to build the foundation for the town we want to live in 20 years from now. The second is to run the town in a way that would make an 11 year old proud. I hope we've gotten there. I think we've gotten close.

I have some advice for potential candidates. I've been doing this for 8 years as the Mayor, 4 years as a council member, and some miscellaneous time before that on the Planning Commission. It's mostly advice about what not to do.

1. Don't do it for money. By my calculation, I've spent about 7,500 hours over the past 12 years as an elected official. I have loved making that investment in the community. I think that works out to about \$10/hr. So it's better than minimum wage but it's not a career move.
2. Do it for love. What I've seen over the years as I've interacted with local public servants over the past 15 years all over the state, is that all of the successful ones that enjoy the work and serve out their terms do it because they want to make the community a better place. Motivation is rarely about political parties or taxes or the types of things the media and the world try to use to get us spun up about politics. It's about clean water, safe spaces, and fair application of rules and laws. It's about wanting to serve your neighbors.

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Fireworks in Nibley

In the interest of the health, safety and welfare of Nibley City's residents, **aerial fireworks have been prohibited within Nibley City.** All fireworks are prohibited **east of SR 165/Main Street in Nibley.** These zones have been deemed more prone to dangerous and deadly wildfires during the summer holiday season.

Also, Nibley City Code 13.16.040 states the following:

"Fires and Fireworks: It is unlawful for any person to burn an open fire in a City park, trail, or outdoor recreational facility, except in barbecue, grill or fire pit areas provided by the City. No fireworks shall be allowed within a public park, including parking lots, without a special event permit issued by the City."

Please remember to obey all local laws regarding fireworks and make sure your pets are in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to fireworks. It's also a good idea for your pets to have up-to-date identification tags in case they run off.



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You can run for whatever reasons you want. I'm not trying to tell you what to do. I'm just telling you that it takes work, it takes commitment, it's totally worth it, and our town needs the best people we can find. So if you are willing and you have a vision, please consider it. If it's not your season, then support the best people you can find.

Because Nibley City is holding a Ranked Choice Vote election this year, the candidacy declaration period was moved. From August 10 through August 17, about a month from now, there is a window where you can go to City Hall and sign up to run.

Mayor Dustin

Niblettes in the News



Bonnie Schenk-Darrington, grant writer for the Nibley Children's Theatre, has been a resident of Nibley for most of her life. She is the daughter of the late Lamont and Rhea Schenk. Both her parents were multitasking and lived lives of service, so service in the arts, as well as serving children and her community, were first modeled for Bonnie, at home.

Bonnie first became involved in the Nibley Children's Theatre (NCT) in 1983, when it was founded by Jessie Datwyler. At that point, Nibley was very rural and there weren't a lot for kids to do, except for 4-H. Nibley Heritage Days hadn't even been founded yet. Bonnie's first role was as Pansy, a flower in *The Selfish Giant*. She was in the play every year thereafter and student-directed in 1989.

Bonnie was a theatre nerd in both middle and high school, but it was never as fun as the NCT. She went on to serve an LDS mission in Japan, and graduate with degrees in anthropology from USU and the University of Montana (UM). She met her husband, Eldon Darrington of Great Falls, MT, while attending UM. They married in 1999. In 2005, they had the opportunity to move to Nibley with their two daughters, Alannah and Gabriela.

Bonnie became involved with the NCT again in 2007, as assistant director and was director 2008-2010. While directing, there were two exciting developments! First, her son Dane was born and a whole generation of kids remembers her giving stage directions with baby Dane strapped to her chest. Second, Bonnie took on grant writing for the NCT and found her true calling.

Bonnie has secured \$27,241.00 in funding for the NCT since 2009. Bonnie's involvement with the NCT has brought many joys into her life. She's also had the honor of serving on grant committees for the Utah Division of Arts and Museums in 2017 and 2018 and best of all, she continues to cherish many friendships with her "play friends," both from childhood and adulthood. Simply put, these wonderful volunteers constitute her tribe.

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Reminders from Nibley City Staff



Emergency Medical Services Fee

Nibley City Council has contracted with Cache County to provide essential emergency medical services for Nibley City residents. Cache County provides an increase to Nibley's historic level of service by having a licensed paramedic on staff, an ambulance stationed in Hyrum for faster response times, and provides ongoing training to Nibley's first responders. This means Nibley residents will have an even greater level of emergency service if you find yourself in a life threatening, emergency situation.

Unfortunately, this change comes at a cost. To cover this cost, the Nibley City Council passed a Resolution that will add an additional \$6/month fee on each residential and commercial utility bill. This fee will start on your July 2021 utility bills. If you have questions regarding this fee, please contact Nibley City staff.

Nibley's Animal Residents

ENTERING FIREFLY PARK



NO DOGS
BEYOND THIS POINT
AT ALL TIMES



NO Dogs allowed in Firefly Park per Nibley City Code 14.01.0001

The Nibley City Council recently passed Ordinance 21-14, which gave Cache County Animal Control the authority to site for animal control violations. Please follow all posted signs and Nibley City's animal control laws or you could find yourself with a fine of \$150.

- You must clean up after your dog.
- Dogs are not allowed on any athletic field.
- Dogs must be on a leash and under owner control at all times when on public property.
- Dogs ARE NOT allowed in Firefly Park. Firefly Park is a special space intended to be a habitat and preservation space for native vegetation, insects, birds, and other wildlife. Unfortunately, dogs can be a nuisance in these natural spaces and are therefore not allowed.

Finally, Nibley City ordinance prohibits the trespass of animals on another person's property. Please remember that, while you may enjoy the company and caretaking responsibilities of owning an animal, your neighbor may feel differently. So keep your "best friend(s)" close.

—Nibley City Staff

Recreation Roundup

Ultimate Frisbee



Ultimate Frisbee—Nibley's youth ultimate frisbee program (ages 8-14) starts the middle of July and wraps up the middle of August.

Coaches are trained and

supported by ultimate frisbee players from local high schools that provide on field training. If you missed the registration this year, please add your name to the waiting list. If something opens up the rec department will be in touch. If not, you will be the first to know when we open registration in May of 2022



Fall Recreation Soccer

Our small sided soccer program format means your child will have a lot of touches on the ball, as they are guided by trained volunteer

coaches. Plan on a program with games in Nibley and no game overlap with our flag football program. These coed leagues are perfect for beginner to intermediate level players and are now available for K-8th grade players. Early Bird Registration is open **June 9-July 8**. Full price registration starts **July 9-15**, or until full. Games start in the end of August and go through September. Register online or at Nibley City Hall.



Flag Football—This youth sports program is a favorite for both players and parents. Our program motto and objective is *Play Safe, Play Smart, and Have Fun*, Partici-

pants are taught the value of teamwork, leadership, and the **FUNDamentals** of the game in a safe environment where sportsmanship is a priority. These coed leagues fill up fast and are now available for 1st-9th grade players. Early bird registration is open **June 23-July 22**. Full price registration starts **July 23-29**, or until full. Games are in September/October. Register online or at Nibley City Hall.

Drop-In Adult Soccer & Ultimate Frisbee—As softball wraps up, anticipate adult drop-in soccer and ultimate frisbee games starting. Play under the lights, at night, on a weekday, until late fall. However, we need volunteer coordinators to facilitate a check in, jersey distribution and field set up, to run the program. Volunteer coordinators and a guest play for free and everyone else pays a nominal cost to cover the cost of lights and jersey laundry. If

you are interested in volunteering to make this happen please contact Chad or Quinn at Nibley City hall.



Movies in the Park—The movies for this summer were selected at the end of June with community feedback

from a Nibley City Facebook post. Plan on watching a show (subject to change based on weather and movie licensing availability) at Anhder park on **July 9** and **August 27**. Prior to each show there will be signature pre-show activities See www.nibleycity.com for more details.

Heritage Days—Thank you to everyone that supported our Heritage Days events as a volunteer or participant.

We aimed to reach as many of our residents as possible with a variety of activities and we know you appreciated the opportunity to finally gather and celebrate together. We especially appreciate our City Council, Parks and Recreation Committee, Parks and Recreation staff, Streets department, Emily Rigby and the rest of the Nibley Children's theater volunteers, our Nibley Youth Council and Nibley Royalty, Infinite Discs, Mountain Peak Volleyball, and generous sponsors including Visionary Homes, Bank of Utah, Cytiva, Cache Valley Bank, Guymon Orthodontics, and many others for supporting our community celebration.



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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In 2021, Bonnie has felt that in many ways her service to the NCT had come full circle. This year, her daughter Alannah served as costume manager for the NCT; daughter Gabriela, painted set pieces and performed as the character Martha; son Dane performed as a Football Boy; and spouse Eldon, contributed to this year's scenery. As Bonnie watched the kids perform, she marveled that the play has grown from 20 kids to over 200 kids.

In her regular life, Bonnie is employed as a Security Specialist at the USU Space Dynamics Laboratory. Eldon is a fourth-grade teacher at McKinley Elementary in Tremonton. Alannah is a sophomore at USU, Gabriela is a senior at Ridgeline High School, and Dane is a 6th grader at Heritage Elementary. Bonnie likes to garden, read, and play with her cats in her spare time. She also writes a blog about children's books about astronomy, which you can check out at <https://kidstronomycorner.com>.



What is Nibley's favorite candy bar?



Scan the QR Code Below to Participate in a Practice Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Election



Important Information for Nibley's Voters

Offices Up for Election

- Mayor
- Two (2) City Council seats
- Mayor and City Council are 4-year terms

Declaration Period

Tuesday, August 10 through Tuesday, August 17

No Primary Election will be held

General Election Day

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

There will be no polling location on Election Day

Ballots will be mailed to registered voters at least two weeks before the general election date

Voters are strongly encouraged to use the ballot drop box at Nibley City Hall

Register to Vote

www.vote.utah.gov



WHAT IS RANKED CHOICE VOTING?

Ranked choice voting (also known as instant runoff voting) has voters rank their choices, first, second, third and so on. If someone wins over 50% during the first round, that's your winner. But if no one crosses that threshold, the last place finisher is eliminated, and that candidate's supporters are reallocated to their next backup choice. That process is repeated until someone wins over 50% of the votes.

MERITS OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Encourages Civility

Candidates conduct more civil campaigns by addressing the issues and working to appeal to a broader spectrum of voters when they actively seeking second and third choice support from backers of other candidates.

More Robust Debate Of Issues

To win a ranked choice voting election, a candidate reaches out to all voters in order to see first, second and third choice support. Candidates talk about issues; not only their issues, but their opponent's issues as well.

More Engaged Voters

Voters become more informed about the candidates and issues since they have reasons to consider candidates beyond their 1st choice.

Voters More Fully Express Their Will

Ranking their choices, voters can freely vote for the candidate who they most support, even if that candidate isn't favored to win. There are no wasted votes.

Fiscal Savings For Cities

Taxpayers' dollars are saved by allowing the city to hold one election in November rather than two elections.

Shorter, Less Expensive City Campaigns

Candidates can focus on a single election in November.

Eliminates Vote Splitting/Spoiler Effect

Longshot candidates do not win when more than one mainstream candidate split the majority of the vote. Longshot candidates don't draw votes away from a candidate who is preferred by most voters.

Watersource Protection

Common household hazardous waste you might find in your garage or yard are:

- tires
- antifreeze
- gasoline
- motor oil
- car batteries
- brake fluids
- insecticides
- pesticides
- fertilizers & herbicides
- transmission fluid

These household hazardous wastes require special handling and should not be placed in your curbside garbage. Incorrect disposal could affect the environment, water supplies, and the public. Nibley City contracts with Logan City for residential waste manage-

ment. The Logan landfill offers FREE (except for tires) disposal of these items to make it more convenient for you to dispose of them properly. Go to https://www.loganutah.org/government/departments/environmental/landfill/household_hazardous_waste.php for more information.



Nibley's City Council meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Nibley City Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. You can find full agendas and reports for each meeting of the Nibley City Council and Nibley City Planning Commission at www.nibleycity.com and www.pmn.utah.gov. Agendas and reports are posted the Friday before each meeting.