



Thoughts From Our Mayor

Adults, kids, animals—everybody hurts. It's part of life, and how we respond to our pain and the pain of others defines who we are. One of the great things about being a human being is the ability to put ourselves in each other's shoes, and to lift each other up. One of the rotten things about being a human being is that sometimes instead of lifting, we knock people down, and instead of helping, we hurt. The worst is when we do that to kids—when we hurt them, we betray the people we should be protecting the most.

This month is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Nibley City. Our City Council, working with the Family Place, adopted an official resolution this week proclaiming the following:

The work of raising children in Cache Valley and empowering them to thrive stands among our greatest responsibilities as parents and community leaders.

All Cache Valley children deserve to experience and enjoy the innocence of childhood in a safe and nurturing environment, free from abuse and neglect.

Child abuse, which robs children of this right, affects hundreds of Cache Valley's children annually, often negatively impacting them for the rest of their lives.

Physical, verbal, emotional, and sexual abuse are serious and growing problems that respect no religious, socioeconomic, or geographic boundaries.

Child abuse is often related to substance abuse, domestic violence, and other crimes that weaken families.

Preventing child abuse depends on the efforts of all Cache Valley residents to collectively recommit to providing care, stability, and a brighter future for our sons and daughters.

Each citizen of Nibley, Utah can play an integral role in preventing child abuse within their respective families, neighborhoods, and communities through education, involvement, and advocacy.

Decreasing the incidence of child abuse makes a positive, substantial impact on the children of today, paving the way for them to succeed as the leaders of tomorrow.

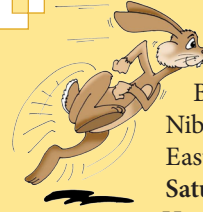
Effective child abuse prevention programs rely on community partnerships among individuals, families, municipalities, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community.

The purpose of this observance is to actively promote and improve public awareness; encourage responsible intervention; strengthen families; and protect children.

Let's watch out for each other, especially those who are most vulnerable in our community. Ben Franklin learned to change his character by picking one thing and focusing on it. That made him into Ben Franklin and now he's on money. It works. I'm going to ask you to pick one thing for April that will end child abuse. It's not scary or impossible. You can do it, and it will change your life. Be kind. When you get up in the morning, tell yourself that you are going to be kind. When you are talking to people, remind yourself to be kind. When you react or respond to someone, ask yourself—is this kind?

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Easter Egg Run



Be sure to attend Nibley's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Run on **Saturday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m.** at Heritage Park. This family friendly event has a fun "eggtivity" for everyone.

Easter Egg Run Activities

- Bunny Dash for children 0-2 & 3-4 years of age
- "Hopstake" Course for children ages 5-6, 7-8, & 9-12
- 1 mile Rabbit Run for anyone
- 5K Easter Egg Run for all the rest.

The 5K Egg run includes a running tech shirt for only \$15.00 when you pre-register and for \$20.00 on the day of registration. All the other events are FREE. Follow Nibley City online and respond immediately to any Instagram or Facebook special promotions for an even better deal on a 5K registration. Each fun run ends in the Bunny Burrow finish line where everyone receives an Easter treat.



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To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin
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Public Office Hours—Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

Flooding in Nibley City



*Nibley's Emergency Manager
Rick Williams*

No matter where you live in the City, you may be at risk for flooding.

Record breaking snowpack, coupled with unseasonably warm temperatures, could contribute to higher than normal run-off in our rivers, creeks and canals this spring. Now is the time to evaluate your flood hazard risk and take the necessary steps to prepare for future hazards that may occur.

What to Do Before a Flood:

1. Know how to monitor the hazard. Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, TV, check you phone for alerts sent out on the City emergency notification system, and sign up to get alerts with a weather app.
2. Know what flood risks exist related to your location.
3. Check with the City Planner to find out if you are in a flood-prone or high-risk area.
4. Consider purchasing flood insurance: Homeowners policies don't cover floods. You need a separate policy just for floods.
5. Consider options to protect your property:
 - Document personal property with photos or video.
 - Store valuable documents in a safe place away from your home.
 - Install flood protection measures in and around your home.
6. Prepare a plan for your household:
 - Be prepared to evacuate. Plan a safe retreat and for a place to meet in case you are separated.
 - Choose an out-of-town contact for every-one to call to let them know where you are.
 - Prepare and maintain a 72-hour kit for each family member.
 - Prepare & maintain an emergency kit for your car.
 - Get to know your neighbors and discuss how you can help each other.
 - Plan how to take care of pets. Emergency shelters may not allow pets.
7. Prepare to leave your home.
 - If time allows, move valuables to the highest inside part of your residence.
 - If you can do so safely, turn off electricity, gas and water at main.



Avoiding Extra Flooding Costs



*Nibley's Utility Manager
Michelle Jensen*

As many of you know, Nibley City's sewer system takes wastewater to Logan City for treatment. However, you may not know that Nibley City pays Logan City for EVERY gallon of water that is sent for treatment. On average Nibley sends 400 gallons of water through the sewer system per minute during our daily peak times. Peak times include the early morning when most residents are showering and doing dishes to prepare for their day. As Nibley City experienced flooding this past February, we were sending 1,800 gallons of water through the system per minute. This resulted in approximately \$2,000 per day in additional charges. Just to put this all into perspective, when Nibley City had its residents flush their system during the water contamination incident, we were sending 1,500 gallons per minute. Nibley surpassed that number during this last flood. Even now, we are estimating that at the bare minimum we are still paying an extra \$250 per day to treat our sewer water, above and beyond what should be normal, because of residential water from sump pumps.

Not only is pumping your sump pump into the sewer system illegal, it also costs you, the tax payer, thousands of dollars. If storm water continues to be sent through the sewer, it will eventually have to be compensated for by raising our sewer rates. Nibley City does not want to do this so please make sure your system is set up correctly and do NOT pump ground water into the sewer system. If you are not sure if your system is installed correctly, Nibley City is offering free, in-home inspections to help ensure you are not putting storm water into the sewer system. We thank you in advance for helping to make Nibley City the best it can be.

Graph of sewer system flows during flooding.



The Nibley City Council will meet March 30 and April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. The Nibley City Planning & Zoning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting minutes and audio recording can be found at www.nibleycity.com.

We All Live Downstream



*Nibley's Public Works Director
Justin Maughan*

Everyone knows we all live downstream, but in the case of a sewer system, some live more downstream than others. Is your home one of the lucky ones to be on the downstream end of the system? Regardless of where you live on the system, you are part of it and, as such, have a responsibility to do your part to ensure that the system functions as it is intended to.

The system is not intended to be a drain for groundwater. During the rain event and subsequent flooding in Nibley last month, sewer flows in the sewer system reached almost 1,800 gallons per minute. Peak flows on normal day produce 400 gallons per minute. This time, we were fortunate enough that our pumps were able to keep up and did not get clogged by any debris that came rushing into the pump station. Part of the reason we were successful is the great amount of effort that city staff puts in to taking care of and maintaining the system. However, despite these efforts, city staff can't keep the sewer system safe or from backing up into people's homes without responsible citizens being educated and doing their part.

Please do not put groundwater from sump pumps, or from any other source, into the sewer system. It may only appear to be a small amount to you at your home, but with hundreds of people doing it simultaneously, it is a large amount of water at the bottom end of the sewer system. Not only does this increase the chance of clogging and overwhelming the system, it is costly to all residents of Nibley City. We all pay for every drop of water that goes down the pipe at your house.

City crews have been using video inspection of sewer mains throughout March to identify those who are dumping ground water into the sewer system. Those found to be doing so, could face financial penalties of up to \$1,000 per day. Please encourage your friends and neighbors not to put ground water into the sewer system.

So what else can you do? Do not put the following items, or any items like those listed here into your toilet, drain or garbage disposal.

- Fats, oils or grease from cooking
- Coffee grinds
- Produce stickers
- Disposable diapers
- Paper towels
- Rags
- Bags/wrappings and cardboard
- Egg shells
- Chunks of garbage
- Feminine hygiene items
- Flushable cat liter
- Condoms

- Motor oil, transmission fluids, anti-freeze or other toxic chemicals
- Solvents, paints, turpentine, nail polish, polish remover
- Flammable or explosive substances
- Corrosive substances that are either acidic or caustic
- Needles and sharps
- Prescriptions and over the counter medications



What About Flood Insurance?



*Josh Barnett
American Family Insurance*

It was Friday night, my wife calls me and tells me our basement had flooded. I got to our house in Nibley, and sure enough, water was seeping up through the carpet in every room in our basement. Many neighbors, friends and family members came over and helped, and since I am an insurance agent, many of them jokingly said, "I hope you have good insurance," and although we do have "good insurance," groundwater is not covered by any insurance company.

It's important to know, flood insurance is very expensive (\$1,000-\$3,000 per year). I've been a licensed insurance agent for 11 years and have only sold 1 flood policy, which was required by the bank because the home was in a federally-designated flood zone. Flood insurance would not have covered ground water coming into your home. Nibley experienced ground water infiltration a couple weeks ago, not a flood, and ground water is excluded by all insurance companies. Flood insurance only covers situations when hundreds or thousands of gallons of water are flowing down the street from a river or a dam break and the water is literally sweeping away cars and homes in this path of destruction. That is a what a flood is.

So here's what you can do about ground water:

- #1 Make sure you install a sump-pump and ensure it works.
- #2 Ask your insurance company if they have an endorsement on your home policy called "Sewer Back Up/Sump-Pump Failure." This endorsement gives coverage to your home or personal property if your sump-pump fails and/or is unable to keep up with the ground water coming up from the ground.

For more information, contact your current insurance company or other insurance professionals in the valley to help make sure you understand your policy.

Tree Board & Wildlife Association

Did you know that your landscaping choices can provide an added layer of protection with excess water? Consider planting trees in low areas of your yard to help with potential flooding concerns. Trees will take up more water than grass alone, and your property value will skyrocket.

By now you've heard the territorial songs of Waterfowls, Robins, Red-Wing Blackbirds, Meadowlarks, and other local birds. They are establishing nesting sites now. This is a great time to get your birdhouses put in your yards since many species produce several hatches through the Summer. Please avoid approaching nesting sites so birds can raise their young without feeling threatened. These birds help with insect pest control so you don't have to use toxic chemical sprays.



Miss Nibley Pageant



Come support Nibley's awesome young ladies as they share their talents at the Miss Nibley Pageants being held at Thomas Edison Charter School.

Each girl participating in the pageant will showcase who they are in a fun, energetic atmosphere. Pageant participants have learned stage presence, interviewing skills and a dance routine and can't wait to showcase these newly aquired skills.

Princess Pageant (ages 5-10)

April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Miss Nibley (10th & 11th grade), *Junior Miss* (8th & 9th grade), & *Sweetheart* (6th & 7th grade) Pageants

April 29 at 7:00 p.m.



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Never underestimate the power of simple things. Protecting a child isn't always a product of grand and heroic acts (though sometimes it is—thank you EMTs, law enforcement, military, health care providers etc. who put in long, difficult hours to protect us all); sometimes all it takes is our paying attention and caring—being kind.

Thanks for all you do to help each other, strengthen your families, and care for our children. We are a stronger community for it. So this month, will you do this? Will you be kind?

Mayor Dustin



Nibley's Community Alert System

Nibley City's Community Alert System has been in place for about three years and, in that relatively short time, it has proven to be a valuable tool in notifying Nibley's residents of Nibley City events, problems with utilities, warning of water shutoffs, and to communicate any other important information as needed. Most recently, it was used to communicate during the flooding Nibley experienced in February and may have been instrumental in preventing raw sewage from backing up into Nibley homes. This system allows Nibley City to contact residents by phone, text, and/or email. Nibley City encourages all Nibley residents to sign up for this service or to update their contact information to ensure we can reach you and your family. To do this, you will need to go to www.nibleycity.com and click on the blue "Community Alert System" button on the right side of the home page. You can include more than one number and the information gathered will be used strictly for Nibley City purposes. Please be sure to enter your home address because messages are sometimes sent out by area.

Nibley City also uses its website and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/nibley, to communicate important city information. If you have any questions about signing up for this important system, please call Nibley City at 752-0431.



Nibley Children's Theatre



Nibley Children's Theatre is excited to announce their 35th Anniversary Show. *Heros vs. Villains: The Battle for Nibley.*

The NCT would love to have your children be a part of their show. Sign up online at www.nibleychildrenstheatre.weebly.com, starting **April 1** and ending **May 15**. Auditions for speaking parts will be held at Nibley City Hall **May 12** from **6:00–8:00 p.m.** and on **May 13** from **10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Practices will run June 5–14 and the performance will be on June 15 and 16 at 7:00 p.m.

There are no fees to be in the show, the Nibley Children's Theatre only asks that each family donate 4 hours of their time to help produce the show.

For more information, please see the Children's Theatre website or you can email them at nibleychildrenstheatre@gmail.com.

Recreation Roundup

Nibley Fit

Beginning in April, the 6:00 a.m. Yoga class led by Cammy Adair will be on Tuesday mornings. All other classes will remain the same. Starting **April 12**, Nibley Fit is offering a HIGH fitness class on **Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m.** HIGH fitness combines a fun interval workout with an intensity level set for maximum fitness results.

South Towns Talent Show

Celebrate the performing arts and attend the South Towns Talent Show on **April 22 at Ridgeline High at 7:00 p.m.** Enjoy amazing talent and watch contestants compete for prizes including an audience choice award. The audience will also have an opportunity to join in on the fun with a twist dance contest with top dancers earning a night out on the town.

Nibley Classic Picnic

Bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy an afternoon in the park with your family playing classic games and participating in activities that go back-in-time to when Nibley was established. This event, provided by a USU Parks and Recreation class, will be held on **April 29 from 12-3 p.m.** at Anhder park (formerly known as Nibley Park on 3200 South).

Heritage Days

Heritage days will be held the third week in June. It starts on **Saturday, June 10** with the Fun Run and wraps up with a grand finale show and Fireworks on Saturday, June 17.

Volunteer Opportunities

Youth Sports, Fun Runs, the Talent Show, and Heritage Days all depend on volunteer support. Be a part of a fun and rewarding community experience as a volunteer for any community event or program by contacting Chad Wright, Nibley's Recreation & Community Services Director or simply by signing up online through www.Justserve.org.



Hyrum Museum



The Hyrum museum's Smithsonian Exhibition *The Way We Worked* and companion exhibits continue through April. Don't miss it. Additional exhibits include one on the work of local volunteers and another on the history of ATK. Tours are available in both English and Spanish. Check the museum's website or Facebook page for a full list of activities.

Juan Carlos Vazquez, Utah State University's Diversity/Multicultural Program Coordinator, will present during Diversity Night on **April 8**. Join him in the Hyrum City Council Room from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** as he gives a bi-lingual presentation on the history of Latino Labor in Cache Valley. Stay afterwards for tasty refreshments, fun activities, and guided tours of the exhibits in both Spanish and English. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Cache Valley Historical Society will host their monthly lecture on **Wednesday, April 12** from **7:00-9:00 p.m.** in Hyrum's City Council Room. J. S. Bushman will present the unique history of the work involved with fighting forest fires in northern Utah. A social will follow the presentation with refreshments and special extended viewing hours of the museum's exhibits.

Children will make a hat to show what they want to be "When I Grow Up..." during this month's *Back in Time* children's activity on **April 25, 26, & 27** from **1:00-1:30 p.m.** each day. Sign up is required.

Come and see *Moana* at this month's *Friday Family Movie Night* held at the historic Elite Hall on **April 28**. Doors open at **7:30 p.m.** and the movie will begin following a brief presentation by Stephanie Miller, Hyrum's first female Mayor. Bring blankets, pillows, camp chairs, treats, and anything else you need to be comfy and enjoy this free family night out.



Finally, families are invited to the museum to make a work apron on **April 29** from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Many jobs require protective clothing as part of their uniform. Participants at this family art activity will learn about local businesses and design a personal logo or brand to draw on work aprons that they can keep.

All exhibits and activities at the museum are free and open to the public. Contact the museum at **245-0208** or museum@hyrumcity.com with your questions.



GOT
SOUTH TOWNS
★ TALENT



Show
April 22 @ 7 pm
Ridgeline High
Get Involved!
Audience Dance Contest
FREE ADMISSION
More Info @: [Nibley City.com](http://NibleyCity.com)

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