



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—April 2018



## Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

**Sewer Costs**—This spring, the City Council had to raise sewer rates. We've been holding the line for a long time, but Logan is building a new wastewater treatment plant. We don't own our own treatment plant and have to pay whatever Logan decides is appropriate. We do have a voice in the decision, but since we only control about 6% of the vote, that voice is pretty quiet.

Logan finally decided what their sewer rate is and because we are connected to Logan's system we've had to raise our rates in response. That works out to an additional \$8/month for each home in Nibley.

For those of you that have been following this issue, you know that we have been working on other options. We are still waiting on the results of a study between Nibley, Hyrum, and Providence to combine and share sewer services with the primary advantage being that the three cities are all about the same size and would have a lot more control over our future, 33% instead of 6%. On the other hand, we think that our rates would go up. The trade-off is the long-term risk that Logan will arbitrarily raise our rates on the one hand, and the cost of developing the pipes and pumps to send the water to Hyrum on the other hand. We've been working on pulling the Hyrum costs together for the past three years. We are really close, but are not ready yet. I expect a solid number in the next two weeks.

My preference is to go to Hyrum if we can afford it. Logan is a great city and has taken care of our wastewater for 15 years. However, I'm not confident that they know what the costs of a more complex sewer plant will be, and that means I can't tell you what our costs will be. I worry about a city, that we don't vote in, having a monopoly on something so critical to our health and wellbeing.

**Canals and Irrigation**—We live in this interesting mix of the city and the country and a lot of us don't know what it means to live near canals. The purpose of canals are to deliver water. They are not for playing in, or dumping trash or landscaping waste in. Nibley City has adopted laws to try to keep Nibley's canals working properly. Nibley residents *must not* put trash, leaves, grass, or anything else in the canals. That's not what they are for and dumping in the canals is a misdemeanor that could get you in trouble with the Sheriff. When we throw garbage in the canal, it plugs up the pipes and pumps that some people rely on for their living. Debris in the canals could also be the cause of a flood into adjacent homes. Saving a few steps to the trash can is not worth flooding your neighbor's house or, heaven forbid, causing a landslide or drowning someone.

**Who does the water in the canals and underground belong to?**—Per the State Constitution, all the water in Utah belongs to the State. In order to use water in Utah you either have to purchase it from someone who has the legal right to use it, like the City or a Canal company, or you have to own a water right yourself. Even though it's tempting because water is so close to the surface in Nibley, it is

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## Green Waste Center is Open

Nibley's recycle location (3390 S. 1200 W.) is now open for the season. You can recycle green waste, flattened cardboard, and *NOW GLASS* at this location. All colors of jar, bottle, and drinking glasses are accepted. Please no plate glass or windows, light bulbs, pyrex or oven-safe glass. We express our appreciation to residents who use this site responsibly and only deposit items appropriately.

## Parking Restriction Lifted

As of **April 1**, Nibley City's restriction (Nibley City code §6-1-4D) of on-street parking is no longer in effect.

Please be considerate when parking in the public right-of-way. Vehicles that are parked on the street can constrict traffic flow, can be a safety issue when the vehicle is in the line of site, and can potentially interrupt mail delivery or garbage collection.



### Nibley City Office

455 West 3200 South  
Nibley, UT 84321

Ph: 752-0431 • Fax: 753-1510

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

Visit the Nibley City website at

[www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)

Nibley City is also on

**facebook**

Go to [www.facebook.com/nibley](http://www.facebook.com/nibley)

and our page

To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin

[shaun@nibleycity.com](mailto:shaun@nibleycity.com)

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](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com).

### Recreation Roundup



#### Talent Show Registration

Celebrate the performing arts at Nibley's own talent show. Enjoy amazing talent and watch contestants compete for prizes, including an audience choice award. Auditions will be held **Friday, April 6** and **Saturday, April 7** at Nibley City Hall. The time is still to be determined. The Talent Show will be **Saturday, April 21** from 7–9:00 p.m. at Heritage Elementary school.

#### T-ball Sign Ups

Registration for baseball and softball are now closed. However, you can put your child on a waiting list. If there is enough demand and adequate coaching is available, another team may be formed. T-ball registration is still open until **April 11**.



#### Adult Drop-In Soccer Volunteers:

Be a part of the fun this spring by participating as a volunteer coordinator for our Spring Adult Drop in Soccer. It is easier than you think and allows you to play for FREE the nights you volunteer to cover. Contact Chad Wright to volunteer.

#### 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 Nibley City community event or program by contacting Chad Wright or sign up through [www.Justserve.org](http://www.Justserve.org).



#### Nibley Children's Theatre

This summer, join the Nibley Children's Theatre as they take you to the Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Sign-ups begin **April 1** and run through **May 12** at [www.nibleychildrenstheatre.weebly.com](http://www.nibleychildrenstheatre.weebly.com).

Auditions for speaking roles (ages 8+) will be at Nibley City Hall on **Friday, May 11** from 5–8:00 p.m. and **Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** Rehearsals will be in the mornings, **June 11-20**. You must be at EVERY rehearsal in order to do the show. Performances are **June 21 and 22** at 7:00 p.m.

There is no charge to participate in the theatre but each family is required to give at least 4 hours of volunteer time; they have jobs that will accommodate all work schedules. Contact Emily Rigby at [nibleychildrenstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:nibleychildrenstheatre@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.



#### Nibley Pageant Winners

Congratulations to our newly crowned Nibley City Royalty. Rebecca Sweeten, shown on the right is our 2018 Miss Nibley, with Alycia Steadman serving as 1st Attendant. Maddie Topham is our Jr. Miss Nibley with 1st Attendant Ashley Low and 2nd Attendant Whitney Obray. Finally, congratulations to our Nibley Sweetheart Kamryn Obray and 1st Attendant Murial Lovejoy.

#### Heritage Days-Save the Date:

Heritage days will be held the third full week in June. It starts on **Saturday, June 16** with the Fun Run and wraps up with a grand finale show and fireworks display on **Saturday, June 23**.



#### Muffins With the Mayor

This month, Mayor Dustin wants to chat with you about water, canals, stormwater, and wastewater. Come share your thoughts and ideas and enjoy a muffin with the Mayor on **Saturday, April 14** from 8:30–9:30 a.m.



Go to [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and look under **Departments; Parks & Rec Home** for more information about all of Nibley City's recreation events.

#### Chad Wright

Nibley Recreation & Community Services Director  
435-752-0431



### Nibley City's Drinking Water

Nibley City is pleased to present this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services delivered to you every day. Our goal is to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to continually improving the water treatment process and to protecting our precious water resources. You can view the Drinking Water report on the home page at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) or at **Departments; Public Works**.

## Wildlife Association

Our rivers, springs, streams and open canals provide critical habitat for wildlife. Animals have to drink just as we do. The plants that grow in the riparian zones along those waterways also maintain that healthy, green cover that makes Cache Valley the "Emerald of Utah." As citizens, we need to keep all waterways free of litter, trash, yard-waste, and chemicals. If we share in that responsibility then residents, wildlife, agriculture, and trees can also share in the benefits that open water provides.

Once again, it's time to get serious about landscaping. Put serious thought into planting trees. They might initially cost a little more than other plants but the return values are impressive. Trees provide cooling shade, nesting sites for songbirds, wind reduction, oxygen, air purification, and multiple other benefits. Also, consider the types of flowers you plant this spring. Flowers are great for color, beauty and pollinators . . . especially if they are native and fertile.

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against the law to dig or drill a well and take water without owning a water right, and if you don't know if you have a water right, you probably don't. It's also against the law to pump out of a canal or a pond without having title to either a water right or shares in the canal you are using. Please be honest. Taking water without a title is stealing.

**What can I do with the canal in my yard?**—Living next to a canal doesn't mean that we have any ownership of the canal. Generally speaking, if a canal crosses your property line, you might own the land under the canal, but the Canal Company owns the improvements and the right to use the water. You cannot move, dig in, or otherwise alter the banks or the channel, open or close gates, or do anything else without the canal company's permission. The City has no authority to give you permission to do anything with the canal.

"But it's on my property," you say. That's true, but it's also true that the canal company built the canals long before Nibley City existed and has their own legal authority with the State that probably has precedence over your ownership. The Canal company also has the right to access their canal at any time; that may mean backhoes or dump trucks, or it may mean a guy with a shovel. If you change or restrict access to the canal then the Canal Company will change it back and you probably won't like how they do it. They have no obligation to restore landscaping, fences, or anything else that was done without their permission.

I love canals. They are a beautiful asset and they give a special character to the City. They are a big part of why I love living here. But if we don't take care of them, we could lose them.

*Mayor Dustin*



**Runoff  
Rundown**

Report Illegal  
Discharge to  
Nibley City  
435-752-0431

### Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste includes leftover household products that have ingredients that are corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive. Many common products that we use in our daily lives contain potentially hazardous ingredients and require special care during disposal and most illegal to dispose of in the trash, down storm drains, or onto the ground.

If you have household hazardous waste in your home, separate it and bring it to the Logan Landfill Household Hazardous Waste Facility (153 N. 1400 W. Logan). Most hazardous materials do not have a fee for disposal for residential customers. You can dispose of the following items for free: antifreeze, transmission fluid, batteries, bleach, computers & computer monitors, televisions, fertilizers and yard chemicals, unwanted fuels, motor oil, cleaning agents, pesticides, items that contain mercury, paint, paint thinner, pool chemicals, propane cylinders or any product with the words "Caution," "Warning," or "Danger" on the label.

On April 28, 2018 the nation will observe Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. There are several drop sites throughout Cache County for proper medication disposal. You can find a list of these sites at [www.brhd.org/servicesplaceholder/health-promotions.html](http://www.brhd.org/servicesplaceholder/health-promotions.html).



### Nibley City Youth Council

Senior members of the Nibley City Youth Council recently attended Utah State University's Youth Council Leadership Conference. The youth reported that they had a lot of fun with other youth councils, learned a lot, and came away as better community leaders. The Nibley City Youth Council plays an integral part in Nibley's community outreach success, both out front and behind the scenes. Nice work NYC and thank you!



## Canal Care

Nibley City is a beautiful city with many canals that travel through our boundaries. These waterways provide water to local farmers to water their fields, allow some residential access to secondary water, and carry stormwater run off away. These canals also help create and preserve wetlands, allowing habitat for wildlife to live in our city. Nibley City's canals and ditches allowed Nibley to be settled and developed. Recognizing their importance, the City Council and Planning Commission passed the *Preserving Safety and Maintenance of Conveyance* ordinance (Ordinance 17-09) last year to help preserve, protect and maintain Nibley's canal infrastructure. This ordinance ensures that, as new developments comes to Nibley, the canals and waterways are preserved. The ordinance created setback regulations for buildings along waterways, and details standards for the City to use these waterways to convey stormwater. Finally, the ordinances empowers the city, local canal companies, and law enforcement with the legal ability to protect the canal.

Nibley City code 10-12-23 states, "It is unlawful for any person to place . . . any trash, yard waste or other waste material, other than irrigation water, in any conveyance structure . . . Violation of this provision constitutes a Class B misdemeanor". When waste is dumped into a canal it has the potential to clog grates or pipes along the waterway. As the flow of water is blocked, the risk of the waterway overflowing its banks and flooding the surrounding area increases. Flooding can cause massive property damage and endanger the lives of nearby residents.

Nibley City provides a free green waste dumping site at 3390 S. 1200 W. This site is available during the early spring to late fall when yard debris is the most abundant. Before you discard your yard waste or refuse into a canal, please think about all the people who live downstream.



**Stephen Nelson**  
Nibley City Planner



**Rick Williams**  
Nibley City  
Emergency Manager

## Making Water Safe

Events of recent years have shown that Nibley City is not immune from water emergencies. Contamination of the City's water system because of natural or man-caused events poses a real threat. In an emergency situation, tap water may not be safe to drink or use.

It is important to prepare for possible emergency situations ahead of time by preparing an emergency water supply for yourself and your family. It is also essential to know how to make contaminated water safe to drink and how to find alternate sources of water.

In an emergency situation, bottled water is the safest choice. However, if bottled water is not available, the following methods can help make your water safe to drink.

*If tap water is clear:*

- Use unscented bleach. For 5-6% household liquid chlorine bleach—add a little less than 1/8 tsp. (8 drops) to 1 gallon (16 c.) of water.
- For 8.25% household liquid chlorine bleach—add less than 1/8 tsp. (6 drops) of to 1 gallon (16 c. of water).
- Mix well and wait 30 minutes or more before using.

*If tap water is cloudy:*

- Use unscented bleach. For 5-6% household liquid chlorine bleach—add a little less than 1/4 tsp. (16 drops) of household liquid bleach to 1 gallon (16 c.) of water.
- For 8.25% household liquid chlorine bleach—add 12 drops to each 1 gallon (16 c.) of water.
- Mix well and wait 30 minutes or more before using.

Remember that containers may need to be cleaned and sanitized before using them to store water safely:

1. Clean the container and rinse it out.
2. Use unscented bleach.
3. Add 1 tps. (64 drops) of household liquid bleach to 1 quart (4 c. or about 1 liter) of water.
4. Pour this into a clean storage container, cover tightly, and shake well. Make sure the solution coats the entire inside of the container.
5. Let sit at least 30 seconds and then pour out solution.
6. Let air dry OR rinse with clean water that has already been made safe, if available.
7. Pour clean water into the sanitized container and cover with a tight lid.
  - Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
  - Open windows/doors to get fresh air when using bleach.

For more information on making water safe after a natural disaster, please visit [www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/).