



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—April 2020

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

As your elected representatives, we are monitoring the Coronavirus and its potential impacts on our community. The mood across the City and the country ranges from frightened to annoyed to business as usual. Frankly, I'm more concerned about how we respond to this situation than I am about getting sick. I can't control the virus, but I can control my own behavior. I am confident that just like in the floods, the water problems, and the other emergencies we've dealt with, we will rise to the occasion and be our best selves. Because that's who we are.

First, we would like to tell you that we consider the safety of our citizens and staff to be our most important responsibility as a City but we are not the experts when it comes to public health issues related to infectious diseases. I trust Governor Herbert and his recommended response. I encourage you to look to credible experts in public health for advice about how to protect yourself and your family.

- **UPDATES AND NOTIFICATIONS:** Nibley City will post updates on www.nibleycity.com and www.facebook.com/nibley.
- **ACCESS TO SERVICES:** Governor Herbert provided steps that individuals, schools, businesses and government organizations can do to help. One of his recommendations was that employers allow their employees to work remotely, if possible. We have therefore directed most of our office staff to work remotely. We will have staff answering City Hall phones and we ask you to please call rather than coming in. City Hall is currently closed to walk-ins. Nearly all services we provide through city hall can be accessed through www.nibleycity.com or by calling the office at 752-0431. On the Contacts tab above, you also will find a list of specific staff members and their cell phone numbers, should you need to contact them.
- **CITY HALL EVENT RESERVATIONS:** City Hall is a popular meeting and event space, with something happening there most days. Based on the most recent direction from public health officials, we are no longer allowing the public to rent and use our city hall community room.
- **STATE OF EMERGENCY:** A state of emergency declaration has a specific legal purpose; it is to make emergency funds available or to allow new laws or policies to be implemented. It is not something I take lightly. We are deeply concerned about the potential impact of the virus, and we are taking the actions recommended by the people who understand the issues. When and if there is a necessity, the Council and I will not hesitate. We are committed to doing all we can to provide the best service to our residents. A piece of paper will not change our commitment to you.
- **WATER AND UTILITIES:** Nibley's drinking water is safe to drink and will continue to be clean and available to our residents. Water and sewer utilities will continue to operate and meet all public safety requirements. I recommend if you have bottled water, you save it until it is needed.

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Nibley City Staff is Here to Help Through COVID-19

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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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This is our City. We are a community, and I love that this is a place where we take care of each other. If something like this is going on, I would rather be here with you than anywhere in the world. The most important thing for us to keep in mind is that our primary responsibility is ensuring the health and safety of ourselves and family. This is a good time to look at your personal and family preparedness and to have discussions with your family, friends and neighbors about ways that you can be prepared if the need should arise.

Your Servant,
Mayor Dustin

Getting to Know

Nibley's New Planning Commissioner



Karina Andelin Brown is Nibley City's newly appointed Planning Commissioner. She will serve on the Planning Commission through February 2025. Karina is President of the Cache County Friends of the Children's Justice Center Board. She serves on the Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is Co-Chair of the Cache Chamber of Legislative Affairs Committee. She is a founder of Cache Valley United for Change and is Co-Chair of Cache Celebration of Women's Suffrage 2020. Karina is also a board member for the Utah Democratic Healthcare Caucus.

Karina has an M.S. in Human, Environmental, and Consumer Resources from Eastern Michigan University and a B.S. (summa cum laude) in Family Resources and Human Development from Arizona State University. She is currently enrolled in Harvard's Public Leadership Credential program.

Karina served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to the Guatemala Quetzaltenango mission. She, her husband Karl, and their four children have lived in Cache Valley since 2010, after living all over the country for educational pursuits and Karl's Air Force service. Her hobbies include spending time with family, violin, fitness, and listening to audio books.

Karina said she is excited to participate as one of Nibley's Planning Commissioners and that, "Nibley is a great place to live and learn! In this time of growth and change, it is important to balance the need for quality diverse housing options for incoming residents while maintaining the unique charm of Nibley that drew all of us here to make it our home."

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Pay Your Utilities Online

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The easiest way to pay your Nibley City utility bill is by setting up an online account through Xpress Bill Pay. Your debit/credit card number is kept safe and secure in this system and Xpress Bill Pay gives you several options regarding when your bill is drafted from your account. You can also set account limits. However, please remember, Nibley City utility bills are always due by the 20th of each month. You can access Xpress Bill pay at <https://www.xpressbillpay.com>.



Community Clean Up

Luckily (or not, depending on how you look at it), social distancing hasn't kept us from doing some spring cleaning. Nibley City is once again offering Nibley residents a way to dispose of your household debris, so be ready to dejunk your yards and garage on **Saturday, April 18**. Large dumpsters will be offered at Anhder Park (294 West 3200 South) from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and we will haul your stuff away. Nibley City Public Works staff will be on hand that day to help you determine if your item(s) can be properly disposed of.

This service has been very popular in the past. Be sure to plan ahead and have your items ready to be hauled away.

*The following items will NOT be accepted: antifreeze, computers/monitors, household cleaners, motor oil, propane cylinders, batteries, fertilizer, yard chemicals, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides, A/C units, paint/paint thinner, refrigeration units, bleach, televisions, gasoline, other fuels, pool chemicals, transmission fluid, or anything containing mercury.

Greenwaste



Instead of operating green waste drop sites all season long, Logan City Environmental Department will now only provide containers in the spring and fall to accommodate seasonal green waste needs. Containers will be placed at the Nibley green waste drop site (3390 South 1200 West) from **April 6–May 1** and then again from **October 5–November 1**.

Nibley residents can still bring green waste to the Logan City Green Waste Facility located at 153 N 1400 W in Logan for free. This facility is open year-round, Monday–Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents may order a green waste can for their home by calling 716-9755.

—Nibley City Staff

Recreation Roundup



Like and share Nibley City's Facebook page
(www.facebook.com/nibley)
and website (www.nibleycity.com).

You'll find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events and activities.

These are, of course, unprecedented times and we hope all is well for you and your family. The mission of the recreation department is to create a happy, healthy, connected community. We have historically pursued this by getting our community together for a variety of events and programs, in numbers that have now been precluded. We are, however, optimistic that we will return to business as usual soon and hope that you can take advantage of this precious time with family. For now, watch our city website and Facebook page for fun ideas on how to spend time with your family, we encourage you to evaluate any activity to see if it meets the most current "social distancing" and other prescribed COVID-19 guidelines.

Regarding our upcoming Spring events and programs, please understand that what we have outlined is very fluid and may be adjusted. We are constantly monitoring the updates available and will notify you of our next course of action. Please watch our website and Facebook pages for the most up-to-date information, and if you or your child is a registered participant, watch your e-mail and texts for the latest information as it develops. If you would like regular text updates on recreation in Nibley, text Rec to (435)-752-0431. Please understand that our recreation participants, volunteers, and spectator's health and safety has always been and will continue to be a priority for the programs and events that we offer. With recent guidelines and direction from Federal, State, and Local agencies, along with direction from Nibley City Mayor Shaun Dustin, mass gathering restrictions for Nibley City Recreation programs and events will have the following impacts:

Nibley Fit Group Fitness: This program will NOT be held until further notice, however, we are experimenting with the creation of FREE online video classes that may be available to all of our residents until class resumes. Once we are given direction that City Hall is available for live in person classes, the program will continue. For Nibley Fit passes currently in use (March monthly/Winter quarterly) your pass will be extended the number of days/weeks that the program is not held.

SUPER START Soccer (for 3 & 4 yr olds): This program will NOT be held until further notice. Once the gathering size of this program is allowed, and a local

school facility is available, we look forward to resuming this program.

Next Step SOCCER (K-2nd Grade): With coaches who have completed both a classroom and on field training, we are anxious to get this program started. We originally scheduled to start just after Easter, however, we anticipate that this program will be a delayed start, hopefully starting in May. Since we create the schedule for this program, we will avoid overlapping with our Baseball, Softball and T-ball programs. Please note that South Cache Soccer (an independent league that also serves our Nibley players) is not affiliated with this Nibley Recreation Next Step SOCCER program for K-2nd grade. If your child is signed up with South Cache Soccer or other soccer leagues in the valley, please contact that league directly about their scheduling plans.

Baseball, Softball, T-ball: Unless directed otherwise, we hope that games will begin per schedule in May/June as outlined on our website. We are in continued discussions with surrounding communities involved with many of these leagues and may need to adjust the schedule accordingly. Although registration is closed, a waiting list is open and several leagues are close to the possibility of enough players for an additional team, if a few more players are added, along with volunteer coaches.

Egg Run and Hopstale Course: Although this event will NOT happen on April 11, the Hopstale course kids run experience, that so many have come to love, will be included in our Heritage Days Run on June 13, along with other fun activities. We are also working on fun ways you can experience some of our famous Egg Run event fun with your family at home, watch for online updates to participate. All paid 5K Egg Run registrations will be carried over to the Heritage Days/Egg Run on June 13 or will be refunded upon request.

Heritage Days: We are planning on this city celebration on **June 13-20** and hope any mass gathering restrictions are lifted by then.

Please understand that, according to public health agencies, the actions outlined in our Spring recreation plan support minimizing the spread of Corona Virus, which minimizes its impact on our community, along with helping our healthcare facilities and personnel in managing the situation. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in everything outlined in this newsletter and we hope you can enjoy, at a safe distance, passive indoor and outdoor recreation with your family as we look forward to resuming these events and programs.

—Chad Wright, Nibley City Recreation Director



Planning Our City

The Planning Commission welcomes Karina Brown, who was appointed to the Planning Commission in March.

The Nibley City Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Nibley City Council. This month the Planning Commission is considering proposals for the following updates and changes to Nibley City Code:

- The Rural Preservation Subdivision (Open Space Subdivision) Ordinance.
- The Residential Planned Unit Development Ordinance
- A change Nibley City Code to allow homeowners to have detached apartments/guest homes on their property.

Public Hearings will be held for each of these items in upcoming meetings. The City invites and welcomes all public feedback and comments for the proposed changes.

The Planning Commission and City Council will also be considering the following land-use items:

- A Residential Planned Unit Overlay Zone for 76 acres east of City Hall, and north of 3200 S. This overlay zone would allow the development of single-family housing, townhomes, condominiums, and open space. The proposed development contains 529 units.
- A Residential Planned Unit Overlay Zone for 54 acres south of 3200 S and 1000 W. This overlay zone would allow the development of single-family housing, townhomes, and open space. The proposed development contains 340 units.
- The final plats for phase two and three for the Mount Vista Subdivision

Finally, the City Council approved the Nibley Water Master Plan as well as Outdoor Lighting Standards this past month. The City Council is considering a moratorium of future Residential Planned Unit Developments so they can consider updates to the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission.

You'll find full agendas and reports for each City Council and Planning Commission meeting on the City website. Agendas and reports are posted the Friday before each meeting.



Stephen Nelson
Nibley City Planner

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Cache Valley Wildlife Association



It's April and hopefully you are social distancing and have avoided symptoms of the coronavirus. Fortunately, now's the time of year you come down with Spring fever. And, guess what? It is highly contagious!

It happens every year about this time, even with our best hygiene and social distancing efforts. In fact, the contagious germs mysteriously transcend the virtual world and are transmitted through emails, Google, and sneaky seed websites. As early as January, Spring fever germs appear in the mail on printed material and lie in wait in piles of seed catalogues. Our uncontained enthusiasm spreads the disease rapidly to neighbors and friends in the months leading up to April.

Really, the only thing one can do to fight Spring fever is to treat yourself with a good dose of dark, nutrient-rich, soil; warm sunshine; water; and a handful (or fistful) of seeds. With these remedies in mind, one might end up even a little healthier and happier as we transition into summer (when we are easily inoculated with another seasonal ailment known as the "lazy days of summer").

April is a great time to plant seeds. The temperatures are cool so the soil stays relatively moist and is replenished with frequent April showers. The intermittent sun encourages germination under the soil and prepares the seeds as they create roots, leaves, and flowers. This spring, let your fever encourage you to plant an abundance of flower seeds and guide your focus to pollinator plants.

A pollinator is an animal that helps plants make fruit and/or seeds, such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. They do this by moving pollen from one part of the flower of a plant to another. Pollinators are critical for sustaining our agricultural crops and food/habitat for all animals.

We can all use a little bit of happiness after a confusing and chaotic spring. Planting seeds, watching them grow, and harvesting the benefits is just what we need during this time and it is downright healthy for our mental state. When the lazy days of summer do hit, we want to be able to lay in the hammock, listen to the birds sing and the bees buzz, and admire our beautiful, healthy garden.

Contact Becky Yeager for a ton of useful information about planting pollinator gardens. She knows what to plant, where to plant them, and the best way take care of them. Contact her at blyeager@comcast.net or 435-757-6283. You can also contact Becky if you would like to be added to the CVWA email list for updates.

–Becky Yeager, *The Cache Valley Wildlife Association*