



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—April 2021



Mayor Shaun Dustin

## Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

*Nibley Is Getting Apartments But There Is Something We Can Do*—Nibley is getting big apartment complexes along the Nibley/Logan border. Nibley's elected representatives did not vote for this, encourage this, or otherwise cause this. The apartments are not within Nibley City boundaries. They are across the street in Logan and unfortunately 100% of the impact from this development will fall on Nibley. The Nibley City Council, myself and city staff are working our hardest to minimize the impact on our city and your neighborhoods.

*Where Are These Apartments?*—Logan is annexing and rezoning property along 2200 South near the Firefly Park. So far they have zoned approximately 45 acres with an average density of 20 units per acre. They are in the process of doing the same thing with the land immediately north of Clear Creek Park which was sold this week to a developer for the same purpose. That's another 40 acres at 20 units per acre.

*How Did This Happen?*—This is a common occurrence were two cities connect. Land values appreciate or depreciate dramatically depending on what can be done with the land. An acre that can be developed with 20 apartments/acre on (Logan's zoning) is worth more than an acre you can build two houses on (Nibley's standard zoning) or even 8 houses on (Nibley's Firefly Estates development). So landowners usually sell to whoever pays the most, and developers will pay more for land that is zoned for more houses. In a case like this, with two cities and land in between, the landowners and developers went to the city that offered the most, and that was Logan. Nibley does not have ordinances that allows high density development. Logan does.

*What Are the Impacts? Impact 1: Community Feel*—What I mean by this is not farms and parks and whether we have sidewalks or not. What I mean by this is how we treat each other. The people that move in to these apartments didn't have anything to do with the decision to sell, rezone or annex the land into Logan. They moved into a home in an amazing community where they felt like their kids would be safe and have a fighting chance to grow up and be happy. We can give them that. What's the alternative? To be angry and grumpy and resentful of people that want to be a part of our neighborhoods? That's not who we are. I beg you to welcome them and their kids into your neighborhoods, churches and schools. They want to be here because it's awesome. They are going to be here one way or another. Let's make it awesome.

*Impact 2: Financial*—Logan has created a financial impact that has the potential for a whole other Nibley along 2200 South with no indication that they intend to build parks, provide safe routes to school or crossing guards, provide for churches, or any other open or public infrastructure. Any park impact fees Logan collects will be spent on the other side of the highway. Logan's intent is to zone all the property Logan controls for similar development, annex all of the property in the County on both sides of 2200 south, and to support any property

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## Miss Nibley 2021

The 2021 Nibley Royalty and Princess Pageants are happening this year as part of Heritage Days on **June 16**.

Princesses are girls who attend grades K–5th grade. The Royalty program is composed of girls in grades 6–11. The Royalty has year-round community service opportunities.

Registration for the pageant and payment is due **April 30** and the first practice will be **May 7**. Space is limited, so register early. Registration forms are available online at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) or at Nibley City Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Sweeten at 755-3409.

## Partnerships with Hyrum

Nibley City contracts with Hyrum City for Senior Center, library, and museum services.

If you'd like to view monthly information on these services, please go to the electronic version of the Nibley City Newsletter. It can be found at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com); *Citizens*; *City Newsletter*.



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If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact [cheryl@nibleycity.com](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com).

## Cache Valley Wildlife Association



### What is a Citizen Scientist?

A citizen scientist, also referred to as community scientist, is a member of the general public who collects and analyzes data relating to the natural world, usually as part of a collaborative project with professional scientists. Citizen science enables people from all ages to advance scientific research in every part of the world. For the individual, it is an excellent way to explore nature.

One of the easiest ways you can jump into citizen science is with the app, iNaturalist ([www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)). This app allows you to explore nature in your own backyard and share your sightings with others for insight and verification. Data collection involves identifying plants, birds, and insects and submitting photos.

For other ways you can contribute to scientific studies in Utah, check out the following:

- Utah Water Watch ([www.extension.usu.edu/utahwaterwatch.com](http://www.extension.usu.edu/utahwaterwatch.com))—a water quality education and data collection program that seeks to increase awareness about the importance of water quality and promote stewardship of Utah's aquatic resources.
- Wild Utah Project ([www.wildutahproject.org](http://www.wildutahproject.org))—Opportunities include data collection trips along the Wasatch Front to count black rosy-finches, document western boreal toads in wilderness areas, and identify wildlife images captured on trail cams.
- Utah Pollinator Pursuit ([www.utahpollinatorpursuit.org](http://www.utahpollinatorpursuit.org))—Provides training and information on reporting monarch butterfly and bumble bee data in the state.
- Southwest Monarch Study ([www.swmonarchs.org](http://www.swmonarchs.org))—An organization that researches the migration and breeding patterns of monarchs in the southwestern part of the U.S.
- Natural History Museum of Utah ([www.nhmu.utah.edu.org](http://www.nhmu.utah.edu.org))—Coordinates a number of citizen science projects including Neighborhood Naturalists, Firebugs of Utah, Utah Fox Squirrels, and Western Firefly Project. This is a fun place to visit and a great resource for learning about our natural environment. I recommend Nalini Nadkarni's free online talk, *Branching Out: Exploring the Tapestry of the Forest* **at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15.**

It's time to get outside, explore your natural world, collect some data, take some photos, and contribute to citizen science!

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## Planning Our City

**Why Nibley Needs Higher Density Zoning**—Nibley City continues to grow and there is demand for a wider range of housing types. Much of the demand for this housing is near the border with Logan City, near 2200 South. The Strata Apartments, currently being built, are just beyond the boarder of Nibley in Logan. The residents of these apartments will be, for all intents and purposes, Nibley community members, who will visit our parks (across the street) and attend our schools, although they are in Logan City.

Similar development in this area is going to continue to occur due to the desirable location of this area and a rapidly evolving housing market. A property owner north of Clear Creek Park has petitioned to annex to Logan City with the same zoning of the Strata Apartments and will likely to lead to similar development in this area. Logan City allows for up to 20 dwelling units/acre or up to 737 housing units. If this is annexed into Logan, this could effectively increase the population of Nibley by 20-25%. Nibley will need to accommodate additional users of our parks and programs, more children in Nibley City schools, and additional traffic on Nibley City streets. However, if this development occurs in Logan, Nibley City will receive none of the revenue associated with impact fees and property taxes, while bearing most of the cost. At the time of this writing, the annexation is not finalized and the Nibley City Council has officially protested the annexation petition.

Nibley City is considering adopting a Mixed Residential Housing ordinance for this specific area as an alternative. This new zoning designation would provide better service to the City at large and allow for residential housing development of up to 20 units per acre for this limited unincorporated area that Nibley City has planned for annexation. The ordinance would require the provision of open space and park amenities such as playgrounds, pavilions, and trails. Design standards would ensure new development is of high quality. Existing single-family neighborhoods would be buffered by open space or other single family homes to mitigate impacts.

In addition to public hearings for the ordinance at regular Planning Commission and City Council meetings, the City will be inviting public feedback in other venues to explore solutions to create an ordinance that is most beneficial to existing and future residents of the community. Please stay informed by connecting with Nibley City through social media and visiting our website at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com). Please contact Levi Roberts at [levi@nibleycity.com](mailto:levi@nibleycity.com) with your questions or comments.

## Recreation Roundup

### Nibley City Recreation Soccer



Nibley is excited to offer a recreation soccer program, for kids from pre-school to 6th grade, with the convenience of having almost all games right here in Nibley.

We are also thrilled to have the ability to work out a schedule that does not interfere with our t-ball, softball, and baseball games for the same age group. Thank you to those that have provided valuable feedback and helped shape this program. We will continue to work at creating a fun and meaningful experience for both you and your child as they play soccer in Nibley. Thank you to the amazing coaches that have volunteered and completed in-class and on field training, and are committed to creating a wonderful soccer experience for the youth of our community.

### Baseball, Softball, T-Ball



Nibley Recreation department will hold coaches meetings that last two weeks in April. If your son or daughter is registered for baseball, softball or

T-Ball, expect to hear from a coach in early May. The season starts the middle of May. Nibley Rec already has a rough game schedule outlined and will post finalized schedules as they are created.

### Thank You—5K Egg Run and @Home Challenge

We had our best year ever in 5K registrations, with runners appreciating the opportunity to run a course. We are EGGcited to know that we can offer a fun run, even through a pandemic. Thanks to a host of volunteers and our recreation department for making this happen.

Also, thank you to everyone that participated in the @Home HOPstacle Challenge. We are still laughing at the submitted fun and playful home videos. We hope this has inspired you to create a new tradition to celebrate Easter at your home. You can still view submitted videos at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com).

### Heritage Days

Save the Date:



June 12-19

Nibley City anticipates holding Heritage Days on June 12-19. Our hope is that mass gathering restrictions have been lifted by then. However, if there are still restrictions, we

will still do something similar to the wonderful activities we enjoyed during Reinvented Heritage Days 2020. At this point, we are planning a 5K run on Saturday, June 12 and the Nibley Children's theatre production. Other traditional Heritage Days activities are under evaluation based on the pandemic restriction forecast. Keep an eye on our website and Nibley FaceBook page for the most up to date info on Heritage Days.



Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events and activities at

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Nibley Recreation  
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[www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and  
[www.facebook.com/nibley](https://www.facebook.com/nibley).

### Reminders from Nibley City Staff



#### Nibley City Consumer Confidence Report

The Nibley City Consumer Confidence report contains water quality information for Nibley City's water system for the calendar year 2020. If you'd like to view or receive a copy of this report, go to [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) or get a copy at Nibley City Hall.

#### Nibley Permits Required

If you are constructing a new fence in the City, you are required to obtain a Fence permit. The permit is free and requires limited information to ensure that you are in compliance with the City's fence regulations.

If you are remodeling your home, making an addition or building an accessory building over 200 sq. ft., please remember that a building permit is required.

Permits are available at Nibley City Hall or on the City website: [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com).



#### Greenwaste



Nibley City has contracted with Logan City to provide extended greenwaste services for Nibley residents. Nibley's greenwaste facility is located at 3390 South 1200 West and will be available until November 1, 2021. We ask that resident do not place items at drop sites if there is not a container present or if the containers are full.

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. Or, residents may order a green waste can for their home by calling 716-9755.

—Nibley City Staff

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 developers in Nibley that want to de annex from Nibley and go into Logan with the same density. This includes the Firefly Estates PUD, which could potentially go from 128 single family homes and townhomes, with 30-40% park space, to 400 apartments. All together, the net result would be 7500-9000 new people who technically live in and pay taxes in Logan, but who culturally live in, go to school in, and use parks in Nibley. It costs a lot of money to provide the services that we do—you taxpayers know that.

We can't stop the development and as long as the land is controlled by Logan it is going to be built out in the density that Logan has determined (commercial and 20 units/acre). How in the world can we pay for all of these impacts if Logan is collecting all the taxes?

**The Solution**— What I am going to propose is going to be hard for many of us to swallow. We can't force landowners to develop at less density because they will just annex to Logan. We can't get Logan to share revenue but we can fight back by offering the landowners the same deal that Logan offers. We are going to get the development regardless. We are going to get the impact regardless. Logan can take the tax dollars and spend them in Logan, or we put the ordinances in place and work with the developers ourselves. We get the development but we get it on our terms, including open space, The taxes from the development will pay for the impact, and benefit both the people paying them and the people living nearby.

For years your City Council has fought hard to figure out how to deal with the pressure from Logan and the state legislature for affordable housing. We never wanted or intended have a multifamily ordinance. But sharing a common border has forced our hand, and the best way to protect our property, our kids, and our community is to 1) welcome these new people, and 2) to make sure that the unavoidable development happens in Nibley, under Nibley rules, and with Nibley values, so that we have the ability to build the best assets we can for the City and have the financial ability to make sure they are maintained.

We are now in the process of developing a multifamily ordinance that can be used in the 2200 south area, which makes sure that the apartments that will happen in the area are connected, vibrant, and conform to Nibley values. Your Council members, Planning Commission members, and I, need your input and hopefully your support. The alternative is that landowners develop under Logan control, and the money that should be used to maintain them will also be under Logan control. We need your help to keep this from happening. Please follow the process on FaceBook and in our meetings. Give me your ideas and let me know what you think.

**Mayor Dustin**

## Adopted Niblettes in the News



Please join Nibley City in welcoming our new STAR Deputy, Matt Hansen.

The STAR (Sheriff's Town and Area Representative) Deputy program was developed to provide each citizen with a direct link to the Sheriff's Office. A STAR Deputy is assigned to each city in the county. The Deputy attends monthly city council meetings and assists the city with things such as Neighborhood Watch or McGruff House programs, and anything else the city is in need of. Citizens are encouraged to contact their STAR Deputy with any questions or concerns they may have.

Deputy Hansen has worked for the Cache County Sheriff's office for 14 year and he loves his job. Deputy Hansen has lived in Cache Valley his entire life. He is married and has 4 kids. Deputy Hansen is excited to work closely with Nibley City and the great citizens of Nibley. If you need help or assistance from Deputy Hansen, please call the non emergency dispatch number, 753-7555. Always call 911 for an emergency. You can also reach Deputy Hansen by calling the Nibley City front office or by emailing [mhansen@cachesherriff.org](mailto:mhansen@cachesherriff.org).



## 2021 Notice of Election

Nibley City will hold a municipal election this fall to elect a Mayor and two (2) City Council members.

The Mayor and City Council members serve four-year terms and are elected at large. Anyone interested in filing for one of these offices must:

- Be a U.S. citizen at time of filing
- Be registered to vote in Nibley City
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a resident of Nibley City for at least 365 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of election (November 7, 2019)
- Not be a convicted felon

Please watch the Nibley City Newsletter, the Nibley City website, and Nibley's City's FaceBook page for information regarding filing deadlines.



## Happenin' in Hyrum

Nibley City contract with the Hyrum Library, Hyrum Senior Citizen Center and Hyrum Museum. If you are a Nibley resident you are invited to participate in these services. You'll find information regarding Hyrum's contributions to Nibley's community below:



### The Senior Center

675 East Main, Hyrum • 245-3570

The Hyrum Senior Center is still closed, with a few exceptions. All seniors are welcome for their free lunches, which are available on Wednesdays and Fridays. However, lunches are limited so call them to be put on the list.

The Senior Center is also having a puzzle contest. You complete puzzles in your home and prizes will be awarded. Please call 245-3570 for details.

#### April Senior Center Activities

**Tuesdays**– *No lunch is served.* Quilt tying from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesdays**–Free lunches at 12:00 p.m. You must be on their list.

**Thursdays**–*No lunch is served*

- **Apr 1** Mini Road Trip at 10:30 a.m. You must sign up and this trip is limited to 8 seniors. Precautions will be taken.
- **Apr 15** Mini Road Trip at 10:30 a.m. You must sign up and this trip is limited to 8 seniors. Precautions will be taken.

**Fridays**– Free lunches at 12:00 p.m. You must be on their list.



### The Hyrum Library

50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-6411

*\*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 asks that you wear a mask, limit your time in the library, and practice social distancing when possible.

The library would like to send a big thank you to all of their library patrons for the items that were donated to the library to help support the Little Lambs foundation, We were able to clear about \$500 in overdue fines and donate some much needed items to help those in need. Please remember the library always has a bin by the main doors of the library if you would like to continue to donate to this foundation.

### April Library Activities

**Wednesdays**–A Story time video will be uploaded to FaceBook, Instagram and YouTube; follow the library at @hyrumlibrary.

- **Apr 16** Magic Tree House Book Club #8 "Midnight on the Moon"–Sign up is required. Please call the library to sign-up.
- **Apr 26** Lego Club–Log on to FaceBook to see what the month's theme is. When you have finished your project post a picture they we can see your creation.

#### Teens

- **Apr 23** Watch Party: *Wreck-it Ralph.*
- **Apr 30** Virtual *Among Us.*



**Family Activities**–Be sure to stop in the library to see what fun surprises await you and your family!

Please note, in May the library will not have any programs in preparation for Summer Reading.\*



### The Hyrum Museum

50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-6411

Join the Museum to learn about EGG-Citing Animals at April's Second Saturday event on **April 10**. Chickens and eggs have an egg-citing history here in Hyrum and you won't want to miss our special drop-in art activity. The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. that day.

Learn *What's in a Name?* during the Museum's virtual Back in Time children's activity on Tuesday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m. You'll learn about Boa Ogoi (Bear River) and the original names of many other nearby places and features. You will also complete a fun paint stamping art activity, so be sure to pick-up an activity packet at the museum. The virtual feed will air on FaceGook Live and then will be available on the Hyrum City Museum's FaceBook page and on [hyrumcitymuseum.org](http://hyrumcitymuseum.org) following the live broadcast.

Save the date for *Hot Wheels in Hyrum* on **Saturday, June 12** from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Hyrum City Square. This car show fundraiser will be revamped due to COVID: cars will be parked farther apart, there will be no vendors or prize drawings, and instead of cooking hot dogs, there will be a bunch of food trucks. The library will also be launching our *Passport to Summer Fun* activity for children. To pre-register your vehicle or to apply for a food truck booth, visit the museum or [hyrumcitymuseum.org](http://hyrumcitymuseum.org).