



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—December 2016

## Thoughts From Our Mayor

Well, it's a new day a new month and almost a new year. We have a new President, and a new winter. Everything is new.

I don't know what to expect for the next four years. A lot of people seem pretty upset about where we are headed as a country and as a society, but I have a suggestion. Every second of every day gives us an opportunity to make a change, to do something different, and if we are unhappy, to make the changes inside to be the people and the community and town and state and country and world that we want it to be.

I know that usually I write about stuff that's more obviously related to the business of the City, but I can't think of anything that means more to me than civility and kindness in this community. Everything we do as a City government should be geared towards providing an environment of security where people can live their lives in peace.

I've said it before from this bully pulpit—Washington and Salt Lake are not the source of our problems; we created them, and we can change them. To me government is a necessary burden because we need a framework of rules that we can agree to live in, and a way to deal with people that try to take advantage of others and flaunt the rules. But it is not like it's the source of honor or civility or anything like that. That is us; it comes from our thoughts and actions as individuals and families, and no matter what "The Government" does, it doesn't determine whether we are good people. And if we are good people, honest and kind, then whatever happens around us we can be at peace and be the influence in the world that we should be.

I hope that as we go into the holiday season, we can all focus on new opportunities, and seize the moment to be our best selves. Shovel someone's walk, bake some cookies, accept service graciously when it's offered. My goal this month might sound a little strange, but I'm kind of shy. That's weird in a Mayor, right? For some reason, I'm fine when I am doing my mayor job—talking to a room full of people or running a meeting—but out in public, one on one when I'm not being the Mayor, I find it hard to introduce myself to people I don't know, and I think sometimes I might unintentionally be offensive that way. That's why I'm going to try hard this month to be open and reach out to people. Maybe there's something you can do to make a little change to make our world a little bit brighter too. No need to wait till the new year—do it now.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and may peace and joy be with you and your family

*Mayor Dustin*

*The Nibley City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. However, in December the Nibley City Council will only meet on Thursday, December 1. The Nibley City Planning & Zoning Commission normally meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. This month there will be no P&Z meeting on December 28. All meetings are open to the public. Agendas, minutes, and ordinances are posted on the Nibley City website: [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and [www.pmn.utah.gov](http://www.pmn.utah.gov)*



## Take Our Survey

Imagine Nibley is still underway and Nibley City needs your input. Things have changed since our 2011 Parks and Trails Plan that need updating. In addition to a parks and trails plan our new plan will also update recreation and open space plans, and will focus on including what Nibley citizens value most. Thank you to those that have already shared valuable feedback with us. Please go to [www.ImagineNibley.com](http://www.ImagineNibley.com) and take a brief survey. You can also include open format comments at the bottom of the home page. If computers aren't your thing, a paper version of the survey and a children's survey for elementary age children are available at City Hall. The more input we receive the better our future plan will be.

The survey is open until December 15 at 5:00 p.m.



Nibley City Hall will be closed **Monday, December 26** for Christmas.

*Happy Holidays!*



### 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



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

and our page

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

## Annual Live Nativity

This year's live nativity will be held **December 9-10, and December 12 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.** at Nibley's Morgan Farm (2800 South 800 West). This event benefits the Cache Food Pantry and Options for Independence with a suggested donation of \$3 person/\$15 family or 2 canned food items per person.

In what is becoming a Cache Valley tradition, come see a live camel, take a hayride, and listen to caroling and Christmas music in a peaceful old farm setting.

Please call Trudy Knight at 232-6120 or Richard Eversull at 213-0033 for more information or to volunteer.



## Hyrum Museum



This month's *Back in Time* children's activity will be held **December 6-8 from 1:00-1:30 p.m.** each day. All children are invited to participate in an activity about red-nosed reindeers and have

a fun treat too. Sign-up is preferred so please call 245-0208 or email [museum@hyrumcity.com](mailto:museum@hyrumcity.com).

The USU Swing Club's bi-monthly dances will be on **Friday, December 2** and **Friday December 16**. The dance on December 2 costs \$6.00 per person. The dance on December 16 will feature the Cache Community Big Band and costs \$8.00. Both dances begin at 8:00 p.m. and both offer beginning and intermediate dance instruction at 7:00 p.m. and light refreshments. Dance instruction costs \$2.00 per person. All proceeds support the Elite Hall restoration.

Consider donating to the Hyrum Heritage Foundation as the end of the tax-year approaches. They are working toward beginning exterior restoration of the Elite Hall this spring and your donation will help. Contact Jami at the museum to donate.

## Tree Board & Wildlife Association News



### Cache Valley Wildlife Association

The CVWA reminds you it's time to get your birdfeeders filled and up. Birds use more energy staying warm so they need to have a high fat diet to help them survive cold winter temperatures. Consider keeping black-oil sunflower seeds and a variety of seed-suet mixes in your feeders through the winter months. They are available at most local retailers.

List your local birds online at Project Feederwatch from Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Project FeederWatch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. FeederWatchers periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through early April and send their counts to Project FeederWatch. FeederWatch data helps scientists track broadscale movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance. FeederWatch is conducted by people of all skill levels and backgrounds, including children, families, individuals, classrooms, retired persons, youth groups, nature centers, and bird clubs. You can count birds as often as every week, or as infrequently as you like: the schedule is completely flexible. All you need is a bird feeder, bird bath, or plantings that attract birds. Go to [www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org) for more information on this project and start counting.



## H.E.A.T. Program

The *Home Energy Assistance Target* program provides winter utility assistance to vulnerable, low-income households, the disabled, elderly, and families with preschool-age children. This assistance is available between November and April. This service is funded through the U.S. Department of Energy Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and you must apply for assistance. You can apply by calling 713-1444 to schedule an appointment, going online, or print and send a completed application my mail. Please go to [www.brag.utah.gov/test-1/heat-utility-assistance-program](http://www.brag.utah.gov/test-1/heat-utility-assistance-program) for more information, to schedule an appointment, to apply online, or to download and print an application.

## Getting to Know Nibley's EMTs



Rachel Swanton is a member of our Nibley/Millville EMT squad. She is married to John and has 4 children; Jacob (19), Michael (17), Ethan (13), and Adeline (9). She also has a very spoiled cat named York.

While Rachel was growing up her father served in the Air Force so she has lived in England, Las Vegas, California, Wisconsin, Oregon, Idaho, and of course Utah. When Rachel isn't off saving lives she likes to garden with her husband, hike, and read.

Rachel worked at home as a medical transcriptionist for 17 years while raising her children. She obtained her EMT certification in September of 2009 and has served on Squad 140 since then. Rachel said that one of the main reasons she became an EMT and chose to serve with Squad 140 as a volunteer was that she wanted her children to see that serving their community was important. She said, "I wanted them (her children) to understand that in order to have a community that was worth living in, everyone needs to contribute to make that community the best. When I serve with Squad 140, my whole family has to sacrifice for their community. I have had neighbors who have sacrificed so I could serve the community by being my on-call babysitter when calls came in. It is not just myself that serves . . . there are others who serve to make that possible."

When Rachel was asked to share a heroic story, she responded saying "Every time one of our squad responds to a call, there is a person who is having an emergency and needing help. We have the unique opportunity to step in, calm the storm, and help that person in need. To relieve pain, to provide medical services, and to save a life is one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever participated in!"

If Rachel has inspired you, and you want to serve and feel like you have what it takes to provide medical services, the Nibley-Millville First Responders are currently recruiting. Applicants must hold a current EMT certification from the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services or be willing to attend and successfully complete an EMT course. Financial tuition assistance may be available for interested applicants. For more information please contact squad leader Chris Searle at [squad140@gmail.com](mailto:squad140@gmail.com).



## Hyrum Library

Make sure that with the hustle and bustle of this time of year that you still make time to visit the library. Here is just a sampling of the programs being offered in December. Make sure you "like" the Hyrum Library on Facebook to get the most up-to-date information.

- **Toddler Story Time**—Each Monday at 10:30 a.m. No sign-up is required.
- **Preschool Story Time**—Each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. Tickets will be given out for Story Time until 11:30 a.m. Immediately after the doors will be closed and no late entries will be allowed.
- **Movie Monday**—December 5 at 4:00 p.m. Free popcorn is provided at each movie event.
- **Teen Friday**—September 16 at 2:00 p.m. Each Friday is Teen Friday with an activity specifically geared towards teens every Friday starting at 2:00 p.m. Teen movie Friday will be December 16.

The Library will be closed **December 24–December 26** for the Christmas Holiday and **December 31–January 2** for the New Year Holiday.

## Serving in Our Community

### JustServe

**JustServe.org** is a new website offered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a service to the community—it is not for proselytizing or publicity. There is no charge for this service. JustServe is a website where an organization's volunteer needs can be posted and where volunteers may search for places to serve in the community. JustServe can build relationships, unify our community, and facilitate caring for those in need. Go to [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org) and type in the name or your city to see where you can serve today. You can also download the JustServe App at the AppStore or on Googleplay and volunteer on the go.



### The Cache Food Pantry

The Cache Food Pantry's goal is to ensure that all families in Cache Valley have food to eat this holiday season. Please consider making a food or monetary donation. Go to [www.cachefoodpantry.com](http://www.cachefoodpantry.com) for information on how you can help.

## Recreation Roundup

### Holiday Open House



Come say hello to Santa on **Saturday, December 10** from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Little Wonders Learning Center. Enjoy hot chocolate, candy canes, an indoor playground, fun new games, and stories from Mrs. Claus.

### Holiday Decoration Contest

Do you decorate your home for the holidays? Mother Nature has granted us extra time to deck the halls with outdoor lighting before the snow falls. The best decorated properties will win fabulous prizes, be featured on Nibley's website and Facebook page, and will be included on a Nibley Christmas lights Tour. For inspiration and details, check Nibley's Facebook page or go to [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and click on the *Parks and Recreation* page.

### Snowman Building Contest



Nibley is sponsoring a snowman building contest. Once a significant amount of snow has fallen suitable for building a snowman and other winter wonderland scenes, we will begin the contest. Watch for details to be posted on Nibley's Facebook Page and at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com). Your efforts could bring you great prizes, bragging rights, and extra credit points with Santa.

### Pay It Forward

Nibley City challenges you to go to the Pay It Forward webpage under the Parks and Recreation tab at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com). Print a Pay It Forward challenge sign and come up with a random act of kindness for a neighbor, friend, or family member. You will leave the Pay It Forward challenge with them to go and pay it forward to someone else. Use your creativity and bring a smile to someone else. Team up or do this on your own. Either way, we promise you will enjoy the experience. If you need an idea you will find plenty on the website along with ways to share your appreciation for random acts of kindness received and don't miss the Pay It Forward prize wheel at the Holiday Open House.



## Reminders from Nibley City Staff



### Cache Mosquito Abatement District

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) is seeking a Nibley City board member to represent our town. If you would like to be considered for this board position please give your contact information to Valerie at Nibley City Hall at 752-0431.

### Snow Plows VS. Mailboxes



Snowplows and mailboxes don't mix. If your mailbox and a city snowplow have an unfortunate encounter, please let us know. Our snowplow drivers do an amazing job and do their best to avoid collisions, but sometimes the conditions lead to an unavoidable mishap. Most often, mailboxes are hit because they are not built according to the national specifications adopted by the United States Postal Service and protrude into the roadway. Please keep the design standards in mind when erecting mailboxes. Mailbox design standards can be found at [www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm](http://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm).

The U.S. postal service also requires that you clear the front of your mailboxes of snow. If too much of the white stuff builds up in front of your mailbox your mail service may be interrupted so be sure to exercise those winter muscles and dig out your boxes.

### Winter Parking Regulations

Nibley's winter parking regulations are being enforced. Please be sure to keep vehicles off the street between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to avoid being sited.

Parking regulations were enacted to keep streets clear should Nibley's Public Works Department need to clear the roadways after a storm. However, this ordinance applies whether or not there is snow on the ground. It is also very helpful to pull your garbage containers in from the roadway as soon as possible after pick-up. Cache Valley snowstorms can burry those cans pretty quickly. Thank you in advance for your help.



### Muffins with the Mayor

Come enjoy a Muffin with the Mayor on **Saturday, December 10** at 8:30 a.m. at the Public Works building. Muffins with the Mayor is held the second Saturday of every month. Watch the newsletter and Nibley's Facebook page for future monthly topics. This month the Mayor would love to have a conversation with you about the 250 West area and Southeast in Nibley.

—Nibley City Staff

## The Senior Center

The Hyrum Senior Center's is located at 675 East Main in Hyrum. They are open Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch is served at noon on most days; please go to [www.hyrumcity.org/newsevents/hyrum-city-calendar](http://www.hyrumcity.org/newsevents/hyrum-city-calendar) for a schedule.

Don't miss the Senior Center's annual Christmas Craft Fair, *All Wrapped Up*. Shop for gifts, goodies, baskets, quilts, and toys. There is something for everyone and admission is free. Join them **Friday, December 2** from 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. and **December 3** from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.