



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—December 2017



by Mayor Dustin

## Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

Dear Nibley,

I've been spending a lot of time lately reflecting on the last 48 months, and what the future holds for Nibley. When we started this journey together, we were OK, but there were some big problems on the horizon. The school district had decided to build a new high school, with a new bridge that was going to carry all the new traffic on 2600 South, with no new traffic control. Logan City was working on a wastewater treatment plant that we were expected to help pay for but that we had no say in. Kids were dodging traffic to get across Highway 165 to Maverik because UDOT wouldn't put in a crosswalk. We were being sued by the canal company. There was a need to improve our customer service and improve our ability to serve our citizens. Our government was not as transparent as it could have been, the budget was hard to read and understand, and we were being abused by developers. On top of all that, there were goathead weeds everywhere.

Fast forward four years, and your Council and staff have done amazing work. I'm proud to have been a part of it. We got the bridge that we didn't want, but we negotiated for nearly \$2.5 million in improvements that we didn't have to pay for out of City coffers. This included a new stoplight at 2600 South, land along the river by the high school for a new paved nature trail, the design and construction of the trail, and by working with USU and Campbell Scientific, a bridge that has the most sophisticated structural monitoring system in the State, plus a weather station.

Wastewater still isn't finalized, but with the Council's support, Nibley pulled together and led a coalition of the six cities that negotiated an agreement that was fair. I don't know yet if we are going to take it—we still have the option of going to Hyrum—but we are in a much stronger position than we were four years ago. We have a good deal for the city.

The City worked with UDOT to build a second crosswalk on 3200 South by Bob's. This, and the light at 2600 South ties the City together for our kids.

The canal company lawsuit was one of the most satisfying and easiest things I've ever done. It had hung over the City for years with no end in sight. I remember sitting down in a room with the canal board and asking them what they needed. What they asked for was very reasonable, and in the best interest of the City so we signed an agreement. I love working with the canal companies. They provide a necessary service, and deserve our respect, consideration, and appreciation.

The improvement in the office became a top priority. We empowered the City Manager to run the office and set up a leadership academy to develop people who wanted to learn more about service and leadership. Over time, the atmosphere changed, and as the atmosphere changed, citizens could tell; I know because they told me. Our philosophy in the office is that we are there to serve the people who pay our salaries, and we want to always be improving.

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## Nibley City Holiday Open House

Enjoy cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate, games & activities, an indoor playground, and last but not least, visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Holiday Open House on **Saturday, December 2, from 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Little Wonders, at 3223 South Main Street, is graciously allowing Santa and Mrs. Claus use of their facility for this family-favorite event.

Nibley City Hall  
will be closed  
**Monday, December 25.**



### 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).

## Reminders from Nibley City Staff

### Snow Removal



Cache Valley is a wonderful place to live and in choosing to live here we also choose to deal with snowy, slushy winters. As the snow arrives, please be attentive in keeping sidewalks clear. There can be a lot of pedestrian traffic on Nibley's sidewalks, even in the winter time, and especially if you live along a school route or on one of Nibley's major thoroughfares. Nibley City Code 7-1-2 requires residents to remove the snow from sidewalks within a reasonable time after a snowstorm has ended. The City has interpreted this to mean within twenty-four (24) hours after the storm.

### 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. Unfortunately, most mailboxes are hit because they are not built according to the national specification adopted by the United States Postal Service and protrude too far into the roadway. Please keep these 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 snow accumulates in front of your mailbox your mail service may be interrupted. So be sure to exercise those winter muscles and dig out your mailboxes.

—Nibley City Staff

## Nibley City General Election Results

On Election Day, Nibley City reported 2,927 registered voters; 938 ballots were received for a total voter turnout of 32%

Candidates for Nibley City Mayor	Votes	Percentage	Elected
<b>Shaun Dustin</b>	480	51%	✓
Trudy Elise Knight	457	49%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Candidates for Nibley City Council	Votes	Percentage	Elected
<b>Kathryn A. Beus</b>	590	34%	✓
Allen V. Cook	309	18%	
Garrett Mansell	323	18%	
<b>Norman L. Larsen</b>	537	30%	✓
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,759</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Total regular ballots counted: 911  
 Total provisional ballots counted: 27

## The Senior Center

Support the Senior Center at their biggest fundraiser *All Wrapped Up*, on Friday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. This free event will have food, gift baskets, crafts, quilts, and more for sale.

### Events in December

The center will be closed December 22-26.

Mondays– Quilting and pool

- Dec. 4 Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 18 Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays– Chair yoga at 9:30 a.m. Games at 12:30 p.m.

- Dec. 12 Awesome tip class at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–Programs start at 12:30 p.m.

- Dec. 6 Christmas Feast and program at 12:00 p.m. RSVP early.
- Dec. 13 Singing with Becky & Dean
- Dec. 20 Singing with Lezlee Monroe
- Dec. 27 New Year's Party and piano with Kevin Kula. Bring a nice white elephant gift for the party.

Thursdays–No lunch is served

- Dec. 14 Sweet Peas party

Fridays– Lunch and Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

## Nibley City Transportation Open House

Nibley City is updating the Transportation Master Plan and wants your input.

### When:

December 12, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Where:

Nibley City Hall 455 W 3200 S Nibley

Come to give suggestions and ask questions about streets, trails, bike lanes, traffic, and public transportation.

For more information:

Phone: (435) 752-0431

Email: [stephen@nibleycity.com](mailto:stephen@nibleycity.com)

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

**Snacks Will Be Served**





## Recreation Roundup

### Holiday Decorating Contest

Did you get a chance to bask in the glow of the "Griswold" house or bob your head along with the synchronized lights at the Quiggle residence? Last year, these homes, and others, won fabulous prizes during our Holiday Decoration Contest and this year it can be you. The turkey has been carved, it's time to decorate, and so far Mother Nature has given us extra time to deck our halls before the snow falls. Once again, the best decorated properties will win wonderful prizes, be featured on Nibley's website and Facebook page, and will be included in the Nibley Christmas Lights Tour Guide. For more details, check Nibley's Facebook page or go to [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and click on the *Parks and Recreation* page.



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I hope that comes out in your interactions with your public servants.

One of the things I am most proud of is the way that we've opened the government up over the past four years. When I came in to office, I did not understand the budget. It was legal, and it met state accounting standards but it was really hard to follow, at least for a guy with a PhD in engineering. So we changed it. Every line in the budget has a paragraph describing what it is, what department it's in, and what we are doing with it. Every Council meeting now includes a public comment period where anyone can come in and tell the Council what's on their mind. Every Council member now has access to the City attorney if they have any questions about ordinance or policy. Every bit of our Council business is conducted in the open, in front of the people, and we post everything on the city website; the citizens have access to the exact same information that the Council is using to review the work in front of them. We have developed contracting standards that help us to get out of the "good 'ol boys" club with our contracts, and I think we have one of the most accessible and open governments in the state, if not the country. I love it.

We have made a practice over the last four years of developing ordinances and standards that hold developers accountable in Nibley. When they promise us something, we hold them to it. Our former Public Works Director did a great job and Justin Maughan has taken that to a whole 'nother level.

As for the goatheads, I am starting to think I will never beat them but I feel pretty good about the rest.

Finally, I'd like to thank Trudy Knight, Allen Cook, Garrett Mansell, and Ryan Olsen for giving people a choice in this election, and for loving this community enough to put themselves out there. If you've never run for office, it's hard to imagine how much it takes to expose yourself to public scrutiny to this degree. I tell people it feels like standing on top of a hill while being obligated to shout to the sky how great you are as everyone stacks up around the hill and tells you how great you aren't. You have to want to serve, and they do.

I'd also like to congratulate Kathryn and Norman on their election to the City Council. I know them both and they will serve you well.

For my part, I've got the overriding feeling of gratitude for your trust and faith in me to do this work for the next four years. This was a tight election, but I'm the mayor of all the City, and I serve all the City not just those who voted for me. I will do my best for you.

Thank You,  
Mayor Dustin  
770-0147



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# Live Nativity

Morgan Farm - 2800 South 800 West - Nibley, Utah

## Dec. 8th, 9th & 11th

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

- ❁ Live animals including a camel
- ❁ Peaceful authentic setting
- ❁ Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas

**Benefit event for the Cache Food Pantry**  
Suggested Donation (Not an Entrance Fee)  
\$3 per person - \$15 family OR  
2 canned food times per person

**FOOD PANTRY**  
INVESTING IN CACHE VALLEY'S FUTURE

For more information call 435-232-8120 or 435-213-0033  
Find us at [www.facebook.com/MorganFarmNibleyUT](https://www.facebook.com/MorganFarmNibleyUT)

## Serving in Our Community



As a member of the Nibley City Planning & Zoning Commission, I worry about the market value of local homes. I recognize the irreconcilable issues that arise when a community grows rapidly. Ninety percent of Nibley's growth in the next 20-30 years will come from within the valley. Parents and grandparents want to provide affordable housing for their children and grandchildren, so they can live close by. At the same time, they want to preserve the rural characteristics of the community. Hard-working farmers want to sell their land to provide for their posterity and not face the ire of their neighbors. Most developers want to make the maximum profit while maintaining the good will of the community. The resulting challenges are insurmountable if we do not work together, and when necessary, compromise.

As a mother and grandmother who owns farming land in rural southern Utah, I understand these concerns and desires. There are times when I become discouraged as I feel members of the community hold us responsible for things over which we have little control and don't realize the complexity of the land use planning issues. However, I swell with pride as I see members of the community reach out to others, recognizing that we have been given much. This fall, Heritage Elementary adopted a school for the holidays. I recently picked up 9 boxes of books they had collected for a K-3 grade campus in the Little Cypress Mauriceville school district in Texas. Little Cypress Mauriceville was hit especially hard by Hurricane Harvey. Like us they are a rural community, and were overlooked

by agencies providing relief from the hurricane. The students have been attending school at a community center and in a church. Many of their families are not currently worrying about the market value of their homes as they are not yet able to return home, and some of them never will. When I asked for a list of needed items, Sherry Combs, the contact person at the school, replied, "We need everything." But with her direction, I compiled a list of things they need most. That list includes:

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| <b>Children's books</b>    | <b>Pencils/pencil boxes</b>   |
| <b>Art supplies</b>        | <b>Kleenex/toilet paper</b>   |
| <b>Bookmarks</b>           | <b>School themed stickers</b> |
| <b>Notebooks/journals</b>  | <b>Hand puppets</b>           |
| <b>Paper of all kinds</b>  | <b>Crayons/Markers</b>        |
| <b>Lunch Room Supplies</b> | <b>Pillows/Pillow cases</b>   |
| <b>Backpacks</b>           | <b>Lunch boxes</b>            |

If you would like to donate, deliver items to Nibley City Hall or bring them directly to me at 892 West 2980 South. I will be driving a truck to Texas, on December 18. While I think giving money is more efficient and practical, our children and grandchildren can benefit greatly from thoughtfully selecting and donating a few of the needed items. I remember taking my own granddaughter to the dollar store to select simple, but needed items for refugees years ago. That was an unforgettable bonding experience for both of us and if you would like, you could include a note of encouragement to these children and/or their families. I will be taking my grandchildren to deliver the items and plan to take many pictures and will be happy to share the stories and pictures with you. Contact me at [carol.albrecht@usu.edu](mailto:carol.albrecht@usu.edu) for further information.



### The Hyrum Museum



The Hyrum Museum's *Back in Time* Children's activity will be held **December 5-7 from 1:00-1:30 p.m.** each day. Come learn about some of the symbols of Christmas, accompanied by a fun activity and treat. Sign-up is preferred, so please visit, email ([museum@hyrumcity.com](mailto:museum@hyrumcity.com)), or call (245-0208) the museum.

December's Free Family Movie Night will be *Beauty and the Beast* on **Friday, December 15** at the Elite Hall. Doors open at **6:30 p.m.** The movie will begin at 7:00. Take a break from holiday stress, wear your comfy clothes and enjoy an evening of beautiful music and a heartwarming tale of love. Bring your pillows, blankets, bean bags, camp chairs, and your favorite treats. The Elite Hall Restoration Committee will also be selling popcorn and other seasonal goodies.

### HEAT Program

The HEAT program, a federally-funded assistance program designed to help low-income, elderly and disabled households with home energy costs, is open November 1 through April 30 or until Federal funds are exhausted.

Eligibility and benefit amounts are determined by number of U.S. residents or permanent residents in the household, household income, household size, and energy costs (fuel and electric bills). The household must be under 150% of the federal poverty level ([aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines](http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines)). HEAT benefits are a one-time payment and won't cover your entire winter heating costs.

The HEAT program is located in the BRAG offices at 170 North Main in Logan. Schedule an appointment by calling **435-713-1444**.

