



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—December 2019

## Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

I am concerned about what is happening with ambulance services in Nibley and countywide. I think it's dangerous. A lots of things we do are optional. But some are not.

Cache County has the authority and responsibility to run Emergency Medical Services (EMS, or ambulance) in the County. Fifteen years ago, all of the cities and towns got together with the County and set up the Cache County Emergency Medical Services Authority (CCEMS). CCEMS is how you get a ride to the hospital if you need one in Cache Valley. They respond to car accidents, home accidents, and every medical emergency. The men and women who serve, or have served, in this capacity are heroes in every sense of the word, but they and we are being failed by politics in the valley. I will explain what happened and why, but what I really want to focus on is what we are going to do to make sure that you as Nibley citizens are going to have the service you expect and deserve.

### WHAT HAPPENED

Emergency medical services and first response ambulances grew out of fire services back in the 1960s and 1970s. These services are usually administered by fire departments because that is what made sense 50 years ago. Times have changed. When you look at budgets and what people actually need, the need for pure fire service is going down—most of the calls and most of the revenue are for ambulance services, not fire. But the budgets and decisions are still being made by people whose primary focus is fighting fires. The two services can coexist, and they should, if their leaders understand that their jobs are to save lives, whether they do that in ambulances or shiny red trucks. But I feel like they are prioritizing their personal jobs over what is best for the taxpayers and citizens who pay their salaries.

I appreciate fire fighting, but my house can burn to the ground and I will get over it. If I'm in a car accident and my kid is hurting, or if my mom is having a heart attack, I want an ambulance and I want it now. Every penny that is spent on EMS/Fire should be spent based on what is best for the people paying the bills, not the people getting the checks. In Cache County, ambulance services are run by Smithfield and Logan fire departments. Both of those groups see ambulance services as a cash cow to supplement their city Fire Department budgets. They got together, and decided to break up the Cache County system so they could make more money. They tell a different story in public about independence and fairness, but if you press them and follow the money, it doesn't look to me like they are interested in working out issues or finding a fix unless it involves one of them getting paid to provide the services on their terms.

Cache Valley has always pulled together in times of crisis, and the degree of selfishness and shortsightedness on display is all the more shocking because it runs so deeply against everything I thought we were in this valley. I am saddened and disappointed. It is sad and dangerous.

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## The Family Place

The Family Place is excited to announce that **an anonymous donor is matching all financial gifts** made to The Family Place between now and December 25, 2019. The match will cap at \$100,000. They are asking the community to consider making a financial gift to support The Family Place's mission to strengthen families and protect children. When you give to The Family Place, you support services that include trauma intervention, therapy, educational classes, and emergency and respite therapeutic child care. The Family Place also provides the Starfish Children's Shelter, which is the only shelter for children in northern Utah.

Remember, you can **DOUBLE** your giving by donating to The Family Place this holiday season.



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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).

## Recreation Roundup

### Holiday Decorating Contest & Nibley Light Tour



If you have holiday exterior illumination and yard decorating skills, you have a chance to win fabulous themed prizes by entering Nibley City's Holiday Decorating Contest. Entries are due by **Tuesday, December 3.**

As you share your work through this contest, it is sure to deLIGHT your family, neighbors, and friends, and the rest of the community will marvel at your work as they take the self-guided Nibley Light Tour. Tour information will be posted online after contest results are awarded.

**Nibley RECREATION** **Holiday Open House**  
**Sat Dec 7th**  
**3-5pm**  
 @Little Wonders  
 3223 S Main St  
 Nibley, UT

Visit with Santa | Elf Obstacle Course | Indoor Playground  
 Holiday Craft | Cookie Walk | Hot Cocoa | Candy Canes

### Nibley Fit: Group Fitness Classes

<b>MON</b>	HIIT @ 9:30 a.m.	Enjoy working out inside with some nice neighbors and excellent instructors in a Nibley Fit Class. Get fit for the holidays, so you can enjoy all of the wonderful things the season brings. Nibley City offers a variety of morning classes and a Wednesday evening class.
<b>TUES</b>	HIGH @ 6:00 a.m.	
<b>WED</b>	Yoga @ 6:00 a.m. HIIT @ 7:30 p.m.	
<b>THUR</b>	HIGH @ 9:30 a.m.	
<b>FRI</b>	Yoga @ 8:00 a.m.	

### Play It Safe

Concussions are a possibility in any sport. There are a number of things players can do to reduce the chance of a concussion or other injuries.

- Wear proper equipment with the right fit
- Play right and play safe
- Stay hydrated
- Warm up and stretch out
- Never hit or tackle with your head



**Chad Wright**  
Nibley Recreation  
Director

Like and share Nibley City's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nibley](http://www.facebook.com/nibley)) and website ([www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)). You'll find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events and activities.

**Annual Live Nativity**  
 Nibley Morgan Farm  
 2800 South 800 West  
 Nibley, Utah  
 Suggested Donation (Not An Entrance Fee)  
**\$3 person/\$15 family OR**  
**3 canned food items per person**  
 Live camel, hayride, caroling,  
 & Christmas music in a  
 peaceful old farm setting!  
**Dec. 6, 7, & 9th**  
**5:30-8:30**  
 For more information call: 435-363-5621  
 Find us online at: [tinyurl.com/NibleyLiveNativity](http://tinyurl.com/NibleyLiveNativity)

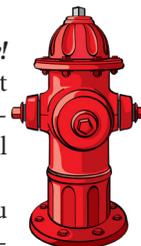
### Reminders from Nibley City Staff

#### Nibley City Hall—Closed

Nibley City Hall will be closed on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25. *Nibley City and its employees wish you a happy and safe holiday season!*

#### Snow Plows, Mailboxes, and Hydrants . . . Oh my!

The USPS requires that you clear the front of your mailbox of snow. If too much snow accumulates in front of your mailbox, your mail service may be interrupted.



While you are clearing your mailbox, you should also clear your neighborhood fire hydrant. Please clear enough perimeter to walk around the hydrant and clear a path from the hydrant to the street. Your efforts could make a huge difference in a fire.

Finally, we all know that snowplows and mailboxes don't mix. Nibley City's Public Works staff do everything they can to avoid mishaps. Unfortunately these adversaries occasionally have an unfortunate encounter. Please let us know when this happens. However, most mailboxes are hit because they are not built to the national specifications adopted by the USPS ([www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm](http://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm)) and protrude into the public right-of-way.

#### Do not push snow into the street

Help Nibley City's Public Works department keep our roads clear and safe. Please do not push or shovel snow from your driveway or sidewalks into the street. There is actually a state law prohibiting this. The law states: "It is unlawful for any person to place snow from a driveway onto any road or highway which interferes with the normal use or creates a safety hazard."

—Nibley City Staff

## General Election Results

On Election Day, Nibley City reported 3,259 registered voters and 617 ballots were received for a total voter turnout of 19%. The following are the official elections results:

Candidates for Nibley City Council	Votes	%	Elected to serve 2020-2024
Tom Bernhardt	320	19%	✓
Kay Sweeten	436	26%	✓
Nathan Laursen	344	21%	✓
Tim Ramirez	294	18%	
Larry Jacobsen	269	16%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1663</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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### WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

The best thing to happen would be for the political leaders in Cache Valley to stand up and lead on ambulance service. Treat fire departments as a separate service, and focus on fixing the ambulance service.

Cache County has the authority to say, just like they have done for the past 150 years with the Sheriff's department, that they will provide the service countywide. Under this umbrella, Logan and Smithfield can keep their systems and run them however they want, and tax their citizens directly for the service, but the County provides the core.

If the County fails to live up to this obligation, Nibley will work out its own salvation. We have a core of dedicated, trained, and motivated volunteer emergency medical service folks who serve Nibley and Millville. We will work with Millville and whichever other cities around us that are willing to collaborate, to get to the level of service that we expect.

At the beginning of this newsletter I said this whole thing was dangerous. It is dangerous, but if we work together as a complete valley, and focus on what's really important—service instead of selfishness—we can have a system that is as focused and efficient as it is honored and serving. We could have a system that our predecessors and our kids would be proud of. It's still possible to work this out if the County Council will stand up do this the Cache Valley way—"conservative, cost effective and focused on the real problems." If this doesn't happen, your City Council and I will work with our Nibley-Millville First Responders and bring you a plan that works for our City. And that plan will be as conservative, cost effective, and focused on the real problem as we can make it.

Mayor Dustin



### HEAT Utility Assistance Program

The Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) program provides winter utility assistance to low-income households targeting those who are truly vulnerable—the lowest-income households with the highest heating costs, the disabled, elderly, and families with preschool-age children. HEAT is funded through the U.S. Department of Energy Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

HEAT is available November through April. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come first-served basis.

To qualify for HEAT assistance, you must be the person responsible for the utilities, have at least one household member who is a US citizen or qualified alien, and have an income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Go to [www.brag.utah.gov](http://www.brag.utah.gov) for more information on how to apply for HEAT assistance.

### The Senior Center

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"All Wrapped Up," the Senior Center's annual craft fair will be **December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** and **December 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Come shop for gifts, baskets, trees, treats, quilts and more and support a great cause.

#### December Calendar

**Mondays**— *No lunch is served.* Quilting and pool

- Dec 2 Craft fair workday
- Dec 16 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.
- Dec 23 CLOSED
- Dec 30 New Years brunch and party

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

- Dec 24 CLOSED for fair setup
- Dec 24 CLOSED

**Wednesdays**—Programs start at 12:30 p.m.

- Dec 4 CLOSED for fair setup
- Dec 11 Christmas dinner at 12:00 p.m.
- Dec 18 Singing with Lezlee Monroe
- Dec 25 CLOSED—Merry Christmas!

**Thursdays**— *No lunch is served*

- Dec 5 CLOSED for fair setup
- Dec 12 Gentry concert
- Dec 19 Mystery trip
- Dec 26 CLOSED

**Fridays**— Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

- Dec 13 Bring a white elephant gift for Bingo
- Dec 20 Christmas Bingo
- Dec 27 CLOSED

## Cache Valley Wildlife Association

It's traditional to give gifts during the holiday season. Consider giving our local wildlife a gift this year.

1. Buy a birdfeeder to hang up in a tree in your yard. A large feeder won't need to be refilled often. Hang it high to prevent deer from bothering it. Fill it with black-oil sunflower seeds, the favorite of most birds. Suet cakes are also loved by most birds since the extra fat helps them stay warm during cold winter temperatures-then enjoy the company and songs of the new birds that will visit your neighborhood.



2. The many, many benefits that trees provide cannot be over-emphasized. Forest fires and droughts have recently destroyed millions of trees. The loss of those trees will affect wildlife, property values, temperatures, clean air, and soil erosion. Perhaps it's time to reconsider the traditional purchase of once-living Christmas trees just to have in our homes for

a week or two. As our population grows, more people will want to have more trees cut down. Whether they are personally harvested directly from our forest lands, or purchased from a Christmas tree company, the results will be the same. Artificial trees are an option, but now there are issues concerning plastics. Some people buy live, potted trees for the Christmas week, then keep them for planting in the Spring. Perhaps your family can create new ways to celebrate a beautiful Christmas Holiday and help nature as well.

–Ron Hellstern

Cache Valley Wildlife Association Chair



## Dog License Registration/Renewal



Dog registration is open from now until **March 1, 2020**. Nibley City requires all dogs within Nibley City, over the age of 6 months, to be licensed and have a current rabies vaccination. Please keep your pup's registration and vaccination up-to-date. If you have questions, please contact Alejandra at the Nibley City offices.

## Nibley-Millville EMTs



**Chris Searle**  
Nibley Emergency  
Manager, EMT

An Emergency Medical Technician, also known as an EMT, cares for patients at the scene of an incident. They must have the skills to assess a patient's condition and manage a range of medical emergencies from respiratory, cardiac, and trauma emergencies to behavioral health emergencies and structure fires. While this is an essential part of any community, most don't realize the critical necessity until it's needed by them or a loved one. Nibley City has a great team of emergency medical technicians who respond to a wide range of emergencies throughout the year. All are volunteers willing to give their time and talent to help the community in which they live.

Typically, Emergency Medical Technician's respond to emergency situations and their ability to quickly assess a medical condition and provide the appropriate medical care can be a highly stressful situation, but it also comes with a high level of satisfaction. Not every patient will be in a life/death scenario, but even the smallest medical calls are a chance to make a difference in a person's life. Being an EMT, you see people in the most important moments of their lives, sometimes those moments are good and other times they may be bad. However, being part of our community emergency services team allows you to understand what really matters in life and become a better person because of it.



The rewarding part of pre-hospital emergency medical care is that you get to step in on the chaos of the worst day in someone's life and bring some calm and peace to the situation. This, to me, is what it's all about.

The Nibley Emergency Medical Services group is currently looking for dedicated volunteers willing to provide pre-hospital emergency medical care to their community members. If you are interested in joining Nibley's emergency services team, please review the information and complete an application by using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/NibleyEMT>. Tuition reimbursement is available for those who qualify.

–Chris Searle, Nibley City Emergency Manager

During the month of December, Nibley's City Council will meet on **Thursday, December 12**. The Nibley City Planning Commission will meet on **Thursday, December 5**. Typically, the Nibley City Council meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at **6:30 p.m.** The Nibley City Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month at **6:00 p.m.** All meetings are held at Nibley City Hall and 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).