



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—December 2021

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

In 2013, I ran for Mayor because I was mad about how much we were going to have to pay for our poop. Somehow, I won the election, and over the last eight years, and for the seven years prior, it's been my honor and my privilege to serve you as your Mayor, on the City Council, and on the Planning Commission. Thank you for trusting me to represent you in that stuff.

The Sunday after the election, I took Luke, my 11-year-old, and asked him if he wanted to see the cool stuff in Nibley. We went to City Hall and I grabbed the keys and took him to all the places I thought were important. We went to my office, we went to look at dump trucks and tractors, we went to the water tanks, and we even went to look at the pump station that takes all the sewage to Logan where it belongs. When we were done, I asked him what he thought. Luke, a little patronizingly, told me that was pretty cool, then he asked me if he could take me to all the places that HE thought were important in Nibley.

What the heck. I didn't know what could be better than dump trucks, pumps and backhoes, but it was a nice day in November, a Sunday, and we had time so we commenced what I now call the Trespasser's Tour of Nibley, Utah. We went over fences, and through ditches. Tall grass, cattails, rosebushes, willows, cottonwoods, and pastures. We belly crawled through tunnels worn in thickets by nobody knows how many kids. He took me to all the landmarks—Terabithia, Apple Tree Fort, Willow Tree Fort, The River. Everywhere we went there was evidence of kids and nature and growing up in a place where preservation and exploration were not just possible, they were core values to the people that were going to lead our communities and raise our grand kids.

The trespasser's tour fundamentally changed my view of my job as Mayor. For the past eight years, I have had one goal, one guiding star. To try to allow the Nibley my kids knew and know to be as good for their kids in 20 years, or even better, as it was when I got here. That's hard. Especially when you consider that each of us that pays taxes generally is responsible for 2-6 (or more) future families that need a place to live and that we want to keep close. We don't want our little corner of the world to change, but like Heisenberg, we change it by being here. But that idea, that my son sparked in me, is what has driven every decision I have made, every opportunity I have pursued, and every chance that I've taken as your Mayor.

I haven't won all the time. I am still deeply disappointed in the way that Logan has abdicated their responsibilities on 2200 South. I am bummed that the contractor failed to stay on schedule on the 12th West intersection. But I am excited for the preservation of, and public access to, 35 acres of open space in the new Ridgeline Park, while providing space for 400 families. I am

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Dog Registration is Due

Did you get a puppy for Christmas or maybe a Covid pet to keep you company while being isolated? If so, now is the time to get or renew their annual registration. All Nibley City canines are required to be registered by **January 1** of each year. Late fees will be incurred starting **March 1, 2022**.

Registration fees are only \$15 for your spayed or neutered pet; and \$25 for a dog that is not altered. Be sure to provide proof of spay/neuter and a current rabies vaccination.



Nibley City Hall will be closed on **Friday, December 24** for Christmas and **Friday, December 31, 2021** for New Years.



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

Nibley City is also on



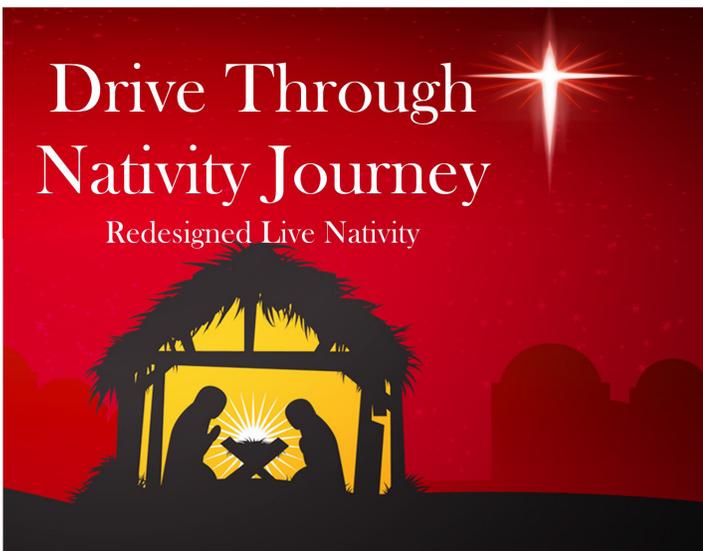
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To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin
shaun@nibleycity.com

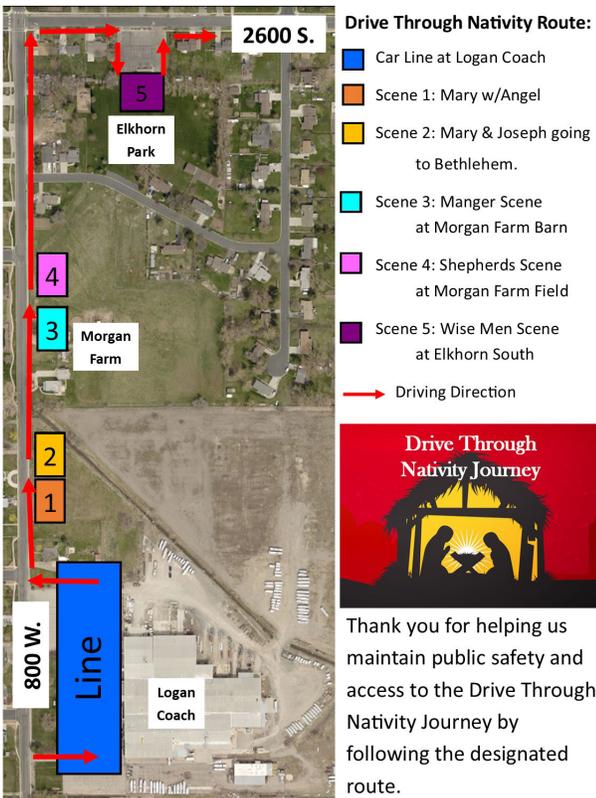
If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact cheryl@nibleycity.com.

Recreation Roundup



The Nativity Journey—Last year the live nativity was reimagined so the experience could continue with social distancing considerations. This year, organizers have enhanced the drive-through experience. The Nativity Journey at Nibley’s Morgan Farm takes you down 800 west from Logan Coach past Morgan Farm to Elkhorn Park to see the sights that will get you in the holiday spirit. This event is brought to you by Morgan Farms care taker Richard Eversull and a host of amazing volunteers. All donations or proceeds support the Cache Community Food Pantry.

Event Dates: December 10, 11 and 13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Go to www.NibleyCity.com to see the route and event details.



Nibley Christmas Light Tour—Thanks to some amazing residents with holiday, exterior illumination and yard decorating skills, and some wonderful community partners, you have a chance to enjoy the Nibley Light Tour throughout the Christmas holiday season. Find an interactive Google map of all the great entries and contest winners at www.NibleyCity.com. Nibley residents have made this a don't miss tradition. Find out why by taking your family, friends, or a date on this self-guided tour whenever it fits your schedule. Head out any evening between **now and December 31**. Thanks again to all the entries and sponsors that have made our holiday season deLIGHTfull!



Give the Gift of Youth Sports—Have your children ever told you they were bored (while surrounded by toys)? Are they staring at screens all day? Are you tired of them sitting around? Nibley City Recreation can change all that, while giving them an opportunity to be more active, make friends, and have something to look forward to this spring and summer.

When you sign up for a Nibley City Recreation spring or summer program **inbetween the day after thanksgiving and December 17**, not only will you get the early bird special, we will give you a wrapped gift box for your child to open that includes a ball or frisbee of the program you have signed them up for (while supplies last). This limited time registration offer is only available from **November 26–December 17**. You are likely to register them anyway, so why not make it a gift?

Nibley Holiday Guide—Are you wondering where to find out about all of the great holiday options in Nibley and throughout the valley? We have done our homework and have made it easy for you to plan your holiday

season activities that include sleigh rides, sledding spots, Christmas lights, concerts, and other holiday events through the new year. Just look for the Nibley Holiday Guide on the home page of www.NibleyCity.com.



Chad Wright
Nibley Recreation
Director

Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events & activities at www.nibleycity.com and

www.facebook.com/nibley



2021 General Election Results

On Election Day, Nibley City reported 3,729 registered voters and 1,438 ballots were received for a total voter turnout of 38.56%. The following are the official elections results:

Candidates for Nibley City Council	Votes	%	Elected to serve 2022-2026
Craig C. Peterson	540	39.3%	
Larry Jacobsen	835	60.7%	✓
Matt Logan*	320	22.5%	
*Eliminated during the first round			
Candidates for Nibley City Council	Votes	%	Elected to serve 2022-2026
Kathryn A. Beus	761	57.2%	✓
Tom Davis**	315	15.2%/19.3%/0%	
Ronald R. Hill*		12.2%/0%	
Norman Larsen	569	42.8%/53.5%	✓
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The 2021 General Election was Nibley City's first all-by-mail election and Nibley City participated in Ranked Choice Voting. Votes were tabulated by the Cache County Clerk's office. Go to the following links to see the election results after each round of ballot tabulations.

- https://rcvis.com/v/2021-09-28_19-28-44_summary_1
- https://rcvis.com/v/2021-09-28_19-26-52_summary_1
- https://rcvis.com/v/2021-09-28_19-26-52_summary_2-1

Nibley City wants your feedback about the 2021 election. Be thinking about the recent election and watch the city website and city social media for avenues to share your perspective on the election. What did you think of Ranked Choice Voting? Did you like the shortened election season? What did you think of vote-by-mail?

Nibley City's new and returning elected officials will be sworn in during a special City Council meeting being held on **Monday, January 3, 2022**. As always, the public is invited to attend and offer support to our new public servants.

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grateful to the developers and property owners that are working together to preserve Apple Tree Fort. I am grateful for the vision of a Council and City Manager and Ron Helstern that preserved the Firefly Park. I'm grateful for farmers and landowners that have been a part of this community longer than 95% of the people who voted for me and that read this newsletter, and that opened their fields and their community to make room for us and our kids here, and have been so patient and kind as we've crowded their roads, raised their taxes, and made managing their ditches harder.

And thank you to all of you for trusting me to represent you and allowing me to press for this vision of a place where we all still want to be twenty years from now; because it's still awesome for us, and because there is still room for our kids and grand kids. I can't tell you how much it means to me that you've allowed me to do this for you. Other than my family, nothing I have done—not my PhD, not Guide School, not being an Eagle Scout, not even the work I do on the Salt Lake Temple, has meant more to me than your trust and confidence. I hope that I have done well by you. I know that I've done my best. I love this place, and I love having been able to serve you. I wish you all the best and I am excited for the future with a new Mayor and Council. I know each of them personally, and I respect their wisdom, their dedication, and their love for you and this community. It's going to be a great ride.

Mayor Dustin



HEAT Utility Assistance Program



The HEAT Program provides year-round energy and water assistance as well as energy and water-related crisis assistance for eligible low income households throughout Utah. You may qualify for a heating benefit (Oct.–Mar.), cooling benefit (Apr.–Sept.) and water assistance when you apply for the HEAT Program.

TO APPLY FOR THE HEAT PROGRAM:

- Apply online if eligible: <https://jobs.utah.gov/mycase/web/heat/app>
- Print a HEAT application and send it to your local HEAT office (170 N. Main, Logan, UT).
- Call the HEAT Program line at 1-866-205-4357.

If you are in danger of shut-off, you may contact your local HEAT office for crisis assistance.



The Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Birds, beneficial insects, and other wildlife can benefit by a little effort (or, in some cases, lack of effort) from you in the winter months. For instance, if the snow has yet to fall, consider leaving a few piles of leaves to create a winter wildlife habitat. Rake them into a corner where they won't be as visible. Tie a bundle of sunflower stalks to your fence post so that birds can feed on the seeds. Leave perennials untrimmed until spring; the seeds sustain songbirds during the winter and the plant skeletons provide shelter and perches.

You can also add a couple of bird feeders to your yard or maintain a feeding/cleaning schedule for the ones you already have. Make sure to provide a diverse selection of foods as birds have different dietary requirements. Black oil sunflower seeds are a great source of nutrition and fat for a variety of birds. Nyjer thistle attracts some birds, such as finches, and suet provides a variety of nutrition for woodpeckers and other nut-and-berry-eating birds.

An open, unfrozen source of water in winter is also vital for wildlife health. Birds not only need the water to drink but also for bathing which keeps their feathers healthy and better able to provide insulation. Because we are challenged in northern Utah to provide a daily supply of unfrozen water, consider installing a heated birdbath—or a “de-icer” in a non-heated bird bath.

Heated bird baths, bird feeders, suet, and bags of bird seed all provide great holiday gifts for the wildlife enthusiast. (Hint: The “Holiday Cooking” article in the 2020 December issue of the *Nibley City News* for information on making your own suet!)



Recruitment Announcement

Set a New Year's resolution to help protect and serve your community this year. The Nibley-Millville First Responders are currently recruiting new members who are willing to serve their communities by providing volunteer, pre-hospital, emergency medical care. 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 Neal Loveland, Nibley-Millville's EMT Squad leader, at squad140@gmail.com.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

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) 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.

Parking Tickets

We sincerely hope this is not an issue for any of our residents, but if you should receive a parking ticket for parking overnight on a Nibley City street, you may pay that \$25 fine at Nibley City Hall.

—Nibley City Staff

In the month of December, Nibley's City Council will meet on Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. The Nibley City Planning Commission will meet Thursday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. You can find full agendas and reports for each meeting of the Nibley City Council and Nibley City Planning Commission at www.nibleycity.com and www.pmn.utah.gov. Agendas and reports are typically posted the Friday before each meeting.

Happenin' in Hyrum

The Senior Center

675 East Main, Hyrum • 245-3570

Please note that times and dates may change for activities.

The Hyrum Senior Center is open to ALL seniors Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. They serve lunch at noon on Wednesday and Friday at a cost of \$1.00. Please call 245-3570 to get on their list. The Center is in need of help to bind quilts for Christmas.



"All Wrapped Up" Christmas Craft Fair

- December 3-4
- Doors open 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. on Friday; 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Saturday
- Quilts, treats, baskets of all sizes, neighbor gifts, homemade candy and beautifully decorated Christmas Trees. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

The Hyrum Museum

50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-0208
museum@hyrumcity.com



There are only two months left to visit *H²O Today*, a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian. It is an interesting, intriguing, interactive exhibit, so be sure to give yourself plenty of time to “immerse” yourself in this fantastic exhibition. The museum is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays and the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note, the museum will only be open until 3:00 p.m. on December 21, 28, and 30, and will be closed on December 23.

For December's *Second Saturday* event, the museum is “bubbling” with excitement to welcome educators from the Utah Museum of Fine Arts. On **December 11** from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** you'll be taught about “Watercolor Landscapes” then paint landscapes and waterscapes with watercolors. The museum will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** that day. You'll also take a “plunge” into watery artwork during the museum's “Saltwater Wonders” Back in Time children's activity on **December 7–9** from **1:00 to 1:30 p.m.** each day. All children are welcome.

Finally, come get “swept away” with Disney's “Jungle Cruise” on **Friday, December 3** during Family Movie Night at the Elite Hall. Doors open at **6:30 p.m.** and the movie will begin at **7:00 p.m.** Bring

your pillows, blankets, bean bags, camp chairs, etc. and your own dinner and/or treats. This is a free public event and everyone is welcome.

Elite Hall Restoration Committee

The USU Big Band Swing Club is hosting a dance at Elite Hall on **Friday, December 10** featuring live music from the Cache Community Big Band. The dance starts at **8:00 p.m.** with free dance instruction starting at **7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10 per person, or \$5 if you're a club member.

As the weather turns colder, the Elite Hall is open Monday–Friday from 7:00–10:00 a.m. for free public walking. All are welcome, but please supervise children and don't bring any food or drinks other than water.

The Hyrum Library

50 West Main, Hyrum • 245-6411 • hyrumlibrary@gmail.com
*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 will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on December 5 and 6. The Library will also be closed December 24–27 for the Christmas holiday, and December 31 through January 1 for New Years.

The library is operating as normal; however, they encourage those who are feeling sick to stay home and utilize contactless hold pick-up.

Contactless hold pick-up: Simply login to your library account, place items on hold (all holds are pulled before 10 a.m. the next day). Once you receive an email that they are ready for pick up, call the library and they will place your holds outside by the main doors of the library.

Please refer to the community calendar and social media @hyrumlibrary for more information on monthly programs; including children's, teen and family programs.

December programs

- **December 10 at 3:30 p.m.**– Magic Tree House Adventure Club: #12 *Polar Bears Past Bedtime*. Sign up is required (1-3 Grade) and begins the Monday following the adventure club. The library has extra copies that are available for check out.

