



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—February 2018



## Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

Before we moved to Nibley, we had a dog. She was an OK dog, not a great dog, not a bad dog. One day, she up and disappeared. Just gone. A few days later, we found out that one of our neighbors had decided that we were not good dog owners, and that Betsy would be better off with her.

At first I was mad. I called my lawyer friend Geoff all ready to scorch the earth and get Betsy back. After a while though, I got to thinking a little bit more. Why would our neighbor feel like that? Was it because she was a dirty thief who wanted our stuff? I'd argue that the answer to that was yes, but was there more to it? How were we handling our responsibility as dog owners, not just to Betsy but to our neighbors? Why would she decide that risking an obvious felony was a good idea?

With a little introspection, I realized that we were not good owners, and we weren't being fair to Betsy or to the neighbors. We weren't bad. There was no dogfighting, she had plenty to eat, and we would scratch her behind the ears when she asked for it, but we also didn't take our responsibilities seriously. When she got out (she liked to get out and run), we figured she would be OK, and that our neighbors wouldn't mind her being out any more than we did. But when we did that, we were creating a danger to Betsy by letting her run where she could be hit by a car. We were creating at least a perceived danger to our neighbors by letting her out unsupervised (even the best dog will do dangerous things if it doesn't feel safe). And we were creating a nuisance and bad blood with all of our neighbors every time she pooped on their lawn or barked in the street.

The irony is that I was willing to take my neighbor to court over her wanting to give Betsy a safe responsible home. At the same time, I wasn't thinking about my responsibility to provide that same thing. Also, what I thought of as a little inconvenience was actually just as much against the law as her keeping the dog.

We have laws and standards about pet ownership for two reasons; one is for the welfare of the animal. The other is to give us a path to the companionship and utility that animals provide, while also making sure that we don't infringe on the rights of our neighbors to pursue their own lives, liberty and happiness, without having to take care of something that they didn't sign up for. Our neighbors might like us, and they might like our pets, but they don't own them—they don't have the responsibility to clean up after them, they shouldn't need to listen to them, and they certainly shouldn't be threatened by them. That's why we have rules about how they should be treated, what kinds are permitted (did you know you can have chickens, but roosters are not allowed—too noisy?) and how many we can have (no more than two dogs without a special kennel permit). We require dogs to be on leashes and in yards, not because we are mean and we don't like your dog, but because

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## Love To Be Fit Week

Share your love of fitness with your spouse, significant other, or friend starting **Monday, February 12 through Friday, February, 16**. Exercising together can mean built-in quality time during the day, can give you a shared goal, and might inspire a little healthy competition.

Here's how it works:

- All current Nibley Fit pass holders can bring a spouse, friend, or significant other for FREE.
- Drop-in passes are 2 for 1.
- The first couple to show up to each Nibley Fit class with their spouse, friend, or significant other can choose either a 2 liter of Diet Coke or Mt. Dew.



Nibley City Hall and Justice Court will be closed on President's Day.

**Monday, February 19, 2018**



### Nibley City Office

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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).

## Recreation Roundup



### *Nibley Fit*

Help Nibley City welcome Tracy. Tracy instructs our Wednesday evening HIIT class. Her love of fitness began in 2007 with a spin class and, from then on, fitness and nutrition became a priority. Tracy is certified to teach HIIT/Tabata and spinning. She is passionate about creating exciting and energetic workouts and helping others achieve their fitness and wellness goals. Tracy also understands how eating right empowers people to achieve desired results.

Tracy is a working mom of six. Tracy and her husband, Gordon, recently moved back to Cache Valley and are excited to be a part of this community.

Get to know Tracy at her evening High Intensity Interval Training class, each **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Relieve the stress of your week at this class and don't let the name intimidate you. Ultimately, you choose the intensity for short bursts of activity with timed resting periods. This fitness routine has proven to be one of the most efficient methods to improve both aerobic and anaerobic fitness.

### *SUPER START Soccer—3-4 Year Olds*

Registration for SUPER START soccer, an introductory indoor soccer program that follows an award-winning format with smaller "team" groups, is ongoing. Registration ends **February 9**.

### *Baseball, Softball, T-ball Sign Ups*

Spring will be here before we know it so, it's time for Baseball, softball, and T-ball. Registration will be open

**February 15–March 16.** Sign-ups will close 2 weeks earlier than what has historically been offered in the past to facilitate more time to put teams together and to allow more team practice time prior to games beginning.



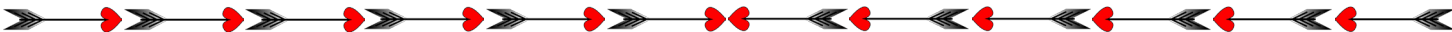
### *Pay it Forward Week*

Nibley City is excited to announce the return of the *Pay it Forward* campaign. **February 25 thorough March 3** will be *Pay It Forward* Week. We encourage you to come up with a random act of kindness for a neighbor, friend, or family member and leave the *Pay It Forward* challenge with them to inspire them to go and pay it forward to someone else. Watch for *Pay It Forward* ideas for families, individuals, the young, and not-so-young to be posted online.

### *Save the Date*

- **Talent Show—April 21.** Auditions will be held in March and will include a new youth division.
- **Egg Run & Hopstake Course—March 24th**

Go to [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and look under *Departments; Parks and Recreation* for more information about all of Nibley City's recreation events.



## Nibley's Canine Residents

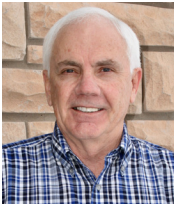


Nibley is currently updating, renewing, and replacing all dog licenses in the City. All Nibley canine residents must be registered and have proof of rabies vaccinations. Nibley City requires dogs to be registered to ensure that all dogs are up to date on their rabies vaccination and to help Nibley City and Animal Control return your dog to you safe-and-sound should they get lost.

If a dog is lost in Nibley City, Animal Control with the Cache County Sheriff's department (716-9400) is responsible for collection. The animal control officers examine the dog, check for ID tags and scans for a microchip with the hope that they can return the dog quickly. Unfortunately, if animal control is unable to find any identification, or if this not the first time your dog has been picked up, a citation will be issued and the dog will be impounded with Nibley City for up to five business days. To retrieve your missing dog, you will be required to pay \$45 for the citation and \$15 for each evening the dog was left in Nibley City's care.

While we are "pup sitting," Nibley City staff reviews our records to find any registered dogs matching the description of the impounded dog and reaches out to potential owners. If the owner cannot be found within the week, the dog is turned over to the Cache Humane Society to be adopted. Nibley City had a great track record in 2017 with only 27 dogs impounded and only two sent to the Cache Humane Society. Luckily these dogs were later claimed by their owners and returned home. This meant that every dog picked up last year got reunited and none were euthanized.

To register your dog, please come into to Nibley City Hall by **February 28** with your proof of rabies vaccination. Each dog will be given a new Nibley City tag. If you ever lose your dog, please call Nibley City or the Sheriff's Office. We will do everything within our authority to help reunite your family will your furry friend.



**Rick Williams**  
Nibley City  
Emergency Manager

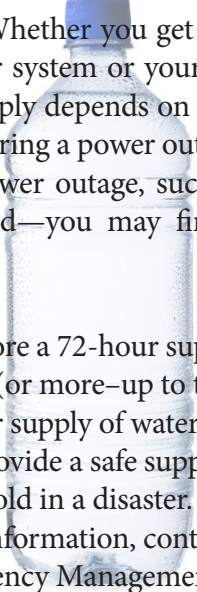
## Emergency Preparedness Goal for February

*Have 72 hours (3 days) worth of water stored for your household.*

Whether you get water from the City water system or your home has a private well, your water supply depends on having power to operate the system. During a power outage—or any disaster that can cause a power outage, such as severe weather, earthquake, or flood—you may find yourself without drinkable water.

### Tasks:

- Purchase and store a 72-hour supply of commercially bottled water (or more—up to two weeks).
- Bottle a 72-hour supply of water at home.
- Learn how to provide a safe supply of drinking water for your household in a disaster.
- For additional information, contact the Nibley City Office of Emergency Management.



## License Registration/Renewal

Come visit the new Heritage Animal Hospital next to Camp Saver for Nibley City's FIRST-EVER Dog Rabies Vaccine & License Clinic featuring \$20 rabies vaccines. No appointments will be necessary and a friendly Nibley City employee will be on hand to assist with dog licensing. A dog license is \$15 for an animal that has been spayed or neutered and \$25 for an animal that hasn't been fixed. For this clinic, cash or check is preferred for license fees.

Date: February 10  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Place: 2365 South Heritage Drive, Nibley  
Phone: 435-535-3634  
[www.heritageanimalhospital.vet](http://www.heritageanimalhospital.vet)

If you are able to provide proof of previous vaccination or proof of last year's Nibley City registration, the clinic may be able to issue a rabies vaccine that is effective for three years.

## Neighborhood Housing Solutions

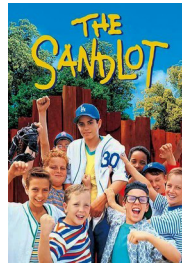
Neighborhood Housing Solutions, in partnership with the State of Utah, offers a program to income-qualified homeowners for financing home repairs at an affordable interest rate of 1 to 3%. Monthly payments are based on household income and total debt. To see a list of eligible repairs or for more information, contact Suzanne at 753-1112 ext.115, email [homerepairs@neighborhoodhousing.net](mailto:homerepairs@neighborhoodhousing.net), or visit the NHS website at [www.neighborhoodhousing.net](http://www.neighborhoodhousing.net).

### Cache County Household Income Limit

Family Size	Income Limit	Family Size	Income Limit
1	\$37,950	4	\$54,150
2	\$43,350	5	\$58,500
3	\$48,750	6	\$62,850



## The Hyrum Museum



If you're dreaming of Spring, bring your family to enjoy *The Sandlot* at February's free Family Movie Night at the Elite Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9 and the movie begins at 7:00 p.m. Bring pillows, blankets, or camp chairs and your favorite treats. The Elite Hall Restoration Committee will also be selling concessions.

The Hyrum Museum's *Back in Time* children's activity will be February 13, 14, & 15, from 1:00–1:30 p.m. each day. During *Music Makers*, your kids will learn about music and our community with fun activities and treats.

### Elite Hall Restoration Committee

The Elite Hall's third annual Jazz Nights is February 22–24. The Elite Hall is thrilled to host the USU Jazz Orchestra & Ensemble for three evenings of incredible big band music. Dances start each night at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are only \$10. Dinner and dancing is available Friday and Saturday nights for \$25. Come feel the dance floor literally spring to life.

The Elite Hall is open Monday through Friday from 6:00–10:00 a.m. for public walking.

## Tree Board & Wildlife Association



Winter is hard on wildlife and their habitat. If your trees are starting to blister on the south side of their trunks wrap them with white, reflective tree wrap.

Some have also found success by wrapping sections of 12" white styrofoam rolls, used in wrapping fragile items for mailing, around tree trunks and attaching them with clothes-pins. They are easy to take apart in the Spring and store for use in the following winter.

Don't forget to feed your neighborhood song-birds as well. Black-oil sunflower seeds and cakes of suet are favorites of many colorful birds and help them maintain the body fat they need for cold winter temperatures. If you need details about these ideas, or information on how to certify your yard as wildlife habitat, contact Ron Hellstern at 512-6938.



Watch for more information on Nibley's annual birdhouse building contest. Submissions will be due **March 23**.

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their leash protects the dog from traffic, protects drivers from accidents, and keeps your pet safe around people and people safe around your pets.

We have the right to have animals from llamas and goats to chickens and cats to dogs and gerbils. But we also have the responsibility to be responsible—to make sure that our choice to have animals doesn't impact our neighbors right to enjoy their property and not be mad at us all the time because our rooster wakes them up in the night or our dog poops in their yard, or heaven forbid, our dog bites their child. And if we fail in our responsibility to live up to our obligations as pet owners, we need to expect that we'll be picking the dog up from the pound, and paying the fine that we owe.

So, what happened with Betsy? We decided to let it go—we figured that we liked her, but that lady loved her. She would be about 16 now, and I'm sure she lived out her days sleeping on the couch and eating the dog equivalent of bonbons. I think it worked out for the best for all of us.

Mayor Dustin

## The Hyrum Library



February Brings *Food for Fines*. If you have a fine, and would like to donate to the Cache Valley Food bank, you can "pay" your fine with non perishable food. Check out the library's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/hyrumlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/hyrumlibrary)) for more details.

The library will be closed **Monday, February 19**, in observation of President's Day.

- **Musical Mondays**—10:30 & 11:00 a.m. Toddler story time is for toddlers up to age 3.
- **Whimsical Wednesday**—10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Story time is for ages 3–5.
- **Magic Tree House Adventure Club**—Friday, February 2 at 3:00 p.m. This program is open to 1st–3rd graders. This month's focus is *Afternoon on the Amazon*. Be sure to stop by the library if you need to check out a copy.
- **Movie Monday**—February 12 at 4:00 p.m. Enjoy free popcorn and watch *Lego Ninjago*.
- **Creative Thursdays**—February 15 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Lego Club**—Monday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Teen Activities (Ages 12-18)**—All activities start at 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
  - Feb. 3 Nerf Gun War @ the Hyrum Civic Center
  - Feb. 23 Teen Bake Sale and Family Wonder Party @ the Hyrum Civic Center.



### Reminders from Nibley City Staff

#### Public Meetings

The Nibley City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. The Nibley City Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to public and we encourage residents to participate. Meeting agendas, minutes, and audio recordings can be found at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and on the Utah Public Notice website at [www.publicnotice.utah.gov](http://www.publicnotice.utah.gov).

#### Keeping Nibley Safe

If a streetlight in your neighborhood is not working properly, please call Nibley City and provide the location of the malfunctioning light. You can also contact Rocky Mountain Power directly at 888-221-7070 or at [www.rockymountainpower.net](http://www.rockymountainpower.net). Click on the "Safety and Outages" link, then click on "Streetlights". Nibley City appreciates your assistance in keeping Nibley appropriately lit and safe for all residents.

—Nibley City Staff