



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—February 2021



Mayor Shaun Dustin

## Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

I feel pretty good about America right now. It's not because Biden won. He's not my favorite. It's because I feel like America won. Frankly I don't care that much who the President is. I care about and am proud of the strength of our institutions. How we treat ourselves and our families and our neighbors is infinitely more important than who sits in the white house or in congress when it comes to our personal success and happiness. Nobody puts "Obama was my guy" on their tombstone, or hopes to be remembered by their family as a Trump supporter. We want to be remembered for who we are, not who we voted for.

What I find, is that the longer I live the stronger our democracy seems. Even when it looks fragile, things turn out OK because the founders were smart and inspired, and the blueprint they laid out works. Every four years, people who stand to make money tell me how horrible America is going to be if their guy doesn't win. Four years later, we are still standing. In my lifetime Carter was going to ruin America. Then Reagan was going to destroy our republic. Then Bush, then Clinton, then Bush, then Obama, then Trump. The beauty of America is that every four years half of us get to choose our biggest knucklehead, and half of us don't. Four years later, we are still here. The system works because of the system and because when we are given even close to correct information, we are collectively smart enough to stay out of trouble. Even violence in Portland and Detroit and DC did not have the power to change our processes because they are strong and they are good.

I asked a friend in China how he could live under such an autocratic and capricious system. He smiled and told me that the Chinese had been a nation for over 4,000 years. In China, there were always those who were crazy enough to want power and who would do what they had to do to get power, but the Chinese nation and the Chinese government were two different things. China has had many governments, but always the same nation. The values of the nation were family, relationships, kindness—all things that felt really familiar to me.

Things got different when he told me how China dealt with it when those in power pushed too hard, took too much, or hurt too many. In their institutions the only way to get rid of the people in power was violence and pain. In the US, we have institutions that are strong enough that when the powerful push too hard, the people can push back and we have mechanisms that allow this to happen. They aren't perfect, but they work. I know people are frustrated with this election, but I'll bet just as many were frustrated with the last one and if we can suck it up for four years (or live it up as the case may be), then odds are that the shoe will be on the other foot soon enough.

When I was voted on to City Council the first time thirteen years ago, I went to a workshop where an old experienced guy gave me some advice. He said to lose quickly and win gracefully. I've tried to keep that in mind ever since.

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## Dog Registration Due

Annual Dog registration is open from now until **February 28, 2021**. After February 28, a late fee will be assessed. Nibley City requires all canine friends within Nibley City boundaries, over the age of 6 months, to be licensed every year and have a current rabies vaccination. Fees are \$15/ year if your dog is spayed or neutered and \$25/year if your pet is unaltered.

It is a law to have your dog licensed each year and when your "best friend" is registered with the City, we are better able to facilitate getting your pet back to you quickly should it go missing, which may save you costly fees. Dog registration fees are used to pay for Nibley City's contract with animal control officers, who help enforce Nibley City ordinances and assist in controlling Nibley City's animal population.



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Utah WELLBEING SURVEY

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The survey is for adults age 18 or over.  
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that gives your child more game time and more touches on the ball, which result in accelerated skill development. Our city league is also the most convenient recreation soccer option for Nibley residents, with all practices and most, if not all, games held in Nibley. For even more family scheduling convenience, our city league soccer games do NOT overlap baseball, softball, or T-ball games for the same age group. Finally, our coaches are trained on-and-off field to make both practices and games fun, and you can count on your child making new friends as they learn the FUNdamentals of the game.

**SUPER START Soccer Pre-K**



Nibley Parks and Recreation has reinvented the 3 and 4 year old SUPER START soccer program to accommodate the pandemic and appropriate safety measures. The entire SUPER START soccer experience will happen outside this year. Parents and participants can sign up for either a 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. session, held once-a-week for 5 weeks during the regular Spring soccer season. For the convenience of families with children in more than one league, we have scheduled SUPER START Soccer in a way that it will not interfere with our other Nibley City soccer league games. This year plan on a parent-child experience, guided by a soccer specialist, that introduces your child to the game of soccer while having fun and learning valuable skills. Please sign-up as soon as possible this program fills up quickly. Registration ends Sunday, February 21, or when sessions are full.

**Baseball, Softball, T-Ball Sign-Ups**



Registration for Baseball, Softball, and T-ball is scheduled to open **February 10**. Be sure to watch Nibley City's website for updates.

**Nibley Nordic Track**

Embrace the beauty of the winter with a great cardio workout. The Nibley Nordic Track will open at Firefly and Virgil Gibbons Heritage Park once Nibley receives sufficient snowfall. Watch for the track opening and trail conditions on Nibley's website and Facebook page.



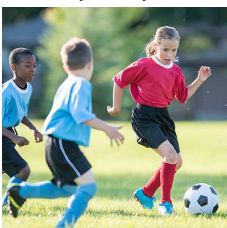
Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events and activities at

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Nibley Recreation Director

[www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and  
[www.facebook.com/nibley](http://www.facebook.com/nibley).

**Recreation Roundup**

**Nibley City Recreation Soccer K-6th Grade**



There is still time to get in on Nibley's Recreation Soccer program. Registration ends Sunday, February 21 (or when leagues are full). Our recreation department is known for an organized and thoughtful approach to create amazing youth sports experiences. They have thought of everything; including scheduling convenience, coach and referee training, and participant experience and development, resulting in tremendous growth for our expanding league soccer programs. To match your child's development level, we offer practice plans for coaches, and a "small sided" soccer game concept

*Nibley's 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 6:30 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](http://www.nibleycity.com) and [www.pmn.utah.gov](http://www.pmn.utah.gov). Agendas and reports are posted the Friday before each meeting.*



### Niblettes in the News



Becky Yeager has lived in Cache Valley for nearly 30 years, 25 years of which have been on a hobby farm on Hollow Road in Nibley with her husband, Larry Jacobsen, and daughters (Taylor, 23, and Brooke, 21). Born and raised in Texas and New Mexico, Becky attended New Mexico State University where she earned BS and MS degrees in Biology. She came to Cache Valley after accepting a position as a wildlife biologist at BioWest, Inc. in 1992.

Becky switched paths along the way to raise her two daughters and during that time, became interested in creating skin-care products for her family. This endeavor led her to establish The Spirit Goat, a company that specializes in goat’s milk soaps, lotions, and other products for sensitive skin.

After selling The Spirit Goat (still located on Federal Avenue in Logan) a few years ago, Becky has continued to work as a wildlife biologist in various capacities and as a skin-care formulator. Becky has most recently created several monarch and pollinator websites for the Division of Wildlife, Utah, and is developing a skin-care line for a company based in Salt Lake City.

Over the years, Becky has served as a writer for Birds and Blooms magazine, editor of the Nibley newsletter, church youth leader, co-coordinator of the Winter Gift Market and acted on School Community Councils, PTA, and CV Gardeners’ Market committees.



Becky is actively involved in monarch conservation and public outreach in northern Utah. She monitors naturally-occurring populations in Cache Valley and tags/releases adults for the Southwest Monarch Study based in Arizona. She

has a passion for gardening (growing, collecting seeds, and harvesting for food and other uses) and enjoys the study of herbal medicine. Other hobbies are spinning, knitting, raising goats and chickens, and anything that gets her creative juices flowing or her feet moving.

Becky is also a member of the Cache Valley Wildlife Association (CVWA). Originally formed by the late, great Ron Hellstern, the CVWA encourages the community to create and maintain wildlife habitat within individual yards and within city properties. One of the group’s current projects is to assist in developing the pollinator garden at Firefly Park.



### Cache Valley Wildlife Association

#### February Gardening in Northern Utah

While some bemoan the extended winters in Cache Valley, the continued cold temperatures coax others fireside, bundled in cozy blankets, and surrounded by piles of gardening books and seed catalogues. February is the perfect time to plan your summer flower gardens which will ultimately provide cover and critical food sources for wildlife (birds, bees, butterflies, and other interesting insects). The flowers will also beautify your yard and provide charming bouquets for your table. Of course, while you are at it, consider your plantings for your vegetable and herb gardens.

Snow and freezing temperatures may stick around for another 8-12 weeks but the seeds can get a head start in the warmth of your home. Start by assembling flats, soil, and heat mats and/or lights for early seed sowing. Use a soil mixture that is 2 parts garden loam, 1 part sand, and 1 part peat moss. If you don’t have flats or seed trays, egg cartons and toilet paper tubes (with the ends tucked under) work great.

Flowers that can be started indoors for early summer blooming include nasturtiums, marigolds, zinnias, alyssum, sunflowers, impatiens, and calendula.

Consider germinating vegetable seeds now such as cabbage, cauliflower, celery, brussels sprouts, broccoli, lima beans, lettuce, radishes, beets, cucumbers, onions, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants, to name a few. You will have the most success with varieties that mature quicker due to Cache Valley’s short growing season. Also, order and plant herb seeds like basil, sage, caraway, lavender, clary, fennel, dill, lemon balm, sweet marjoram, rosemary, and thyme.

Planning and planting now will have you enjoying the wildlife and consuming delicious, healthy vegetables and herbs earlier than normal in our short-season climate. As a bonus, it will improve your mental health as you anticipate the joys of the summer months.

If you would like more information on how to get involved in activities supported by the Cache Valley Wildlife Association, contact Becky Yeager at 757-6283 or [blyeager@comcast.net](mailto:blyeager@comcast.net).

—Becky



## Planning Our City



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One of the functions of the Planning Commission and City Council is to recommend, review and approve updates to city Ordinances. Through the process, both bodies strive to implement the city's General Plan and improve the health, safety and welfare of existing and future residents of Nibley. In addition, public hearings are held before any ordinance is passed, where residents can voice concerns. Recently, the City Council has passed the following ordinances:

**Accessory Dwelling Unit Standards**—An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is quite simply a residential dwelling unit, located on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit, either within the same building as the single-family dwelling unit or in a detached building. These can take the form of a basement apartment or detached 'casita' or 'mother-in-law unit.' One of the primary advantages of ADUs are that they allow more opportunities for affordable housing with minimal impact to the community at large. The City Council recently passed an ADU Ordinance which allows for attached and detached ADUs on lots larger than 12,000 square feet. A permit is required for such units with a number of standards related to lot placement, setbacks and parking. In addition, the owner of the property must live either at the primary residence or within the ADU and short-term rentals are not allowed in an ADU. Nibley City Code 19.24.250 provides the standards in detail.

**Water Supply Requirements**—Every new subdivision in Nibley is required to provide water rights or shares to the City to ensure that sufficient water will be available to residents, as the City grows. The City Ordinance was clear about this requirement in subdivisions, but some development, such as new commercial development, happens outside of a subdivision. The City Council recently passed an ordinance that clarifies that water shares or rights are required for all development, whether inside or outside of a subdivision.

In addition to the recently passed ordinances, the Planning Commission and City Council are considering the following ordinances:

**Commercial Zoning Standards**—Amendments which place an additional setback requirement for commercial development that is adjacent to residential areas and adjusting site plan requirements.

**Transportation Master Plan Map Amendments**—Focused on improving connectivity and circulation as the City grows.

**Nuisance Ordinance Updates**—Clarify what conditions constitute a nuisance, while adjusting the penalty for a nuisance.

**Landscaping Ordinance Updates**—May place a time limit that required landscaping needs to be installed with new construction and require a deposit to incentivize installation.

For any questions about existing or proposed land use ordinances, please contact Levi Roberts, City Planner at [levi@nibleycity.com](mailto:levi@nibleycity.com).

## Reminders from Nibley City Staff

### Nibley City Hall—Closed

Nibley City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15 to observe President's Day.

### Please shovel your walks. It's a law.



Be kind and courteous to your neighbors, local school children and others that use the sidewalk adjacent to your property and shovel your walkways. Nibley City code states the following:

13.02.020 Removal Of Snow

*Failure To Remove Unlawful: It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant, lessor or agent of any property, abutting on a paved sidewalk, to fail to remove or have removed from such paved sidewalk, all hail, snow or sleet thereon within a reasonable time after such snow, hail or sleet has fallen. In the case of a storm between the hours of five o'clock (5:00) P.M. and six o'clock (6:00) A.M., such sidewalks shall be cleaned before nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. of the same day.*

### 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

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It's the nature of our system. We will win some and we will lose some. Don't believe the hype that the people who voted differently from you are bad people. They want the same things you do, just like my Chinese friend. We had a chance to try it one way for the last four years and some things worked out OK, some things could have been better. We will try it this way for four years; some things will work out OK, some things we will make mistakes on.

In June we will vote on a referendum on the City Council's action to approve a mixed use development to buffer between Logan's new apartments and existing neighborhoods. I know where I stand on it and I trust the Council and their decision. But I also trust you and I trust our processes. If it's a good thing for Nibley, I think you will make that known. If it's not good, then that's OK too. Regardless of the outcome, all I ask is that you win graciously and loose quickly so that we can get on with the business of being families and neighbors and friends.

Mayor Dustin