



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—January 2017

## Thoughts From Our Mayor

I'm looking forward to another year of service and working with you all. Last month, at the city's annual holiday dinner, I asked the city's department heads to give me a list of what Nibley City had accomplished in 2016. I think it's pretty cool to see it all in one place and to be reminded of the progress we've made. I'm particularly proud of the \$825,000 in grant funding Nibley has received for parks and trails, the fact that I was finally able to check off one of my campaign promises to get not one, but two crosswalks across Highway 165, a General Plan that matches our community values with our budget priorities, and the effort we've made to align our government service with your priorities. So with that, here are the highlights:

**Recreation**—We created 6 new events and 4 new recreation programs, and made significant improvement to several other community programs and community outreach while developing a successful internship program to support and enhance all of our recreation programs.

**Court**—Valerie Steadman was hired and helped handle 817 court cases.

**Planning**—Stephen Nelson was promoted to City Planner. The General Plan was revised and we began work to update the Park Master Plan.

**Administration**—The city started a leadership training program for employees and sent employees through Arbinger training. Cheryl Bodily became our new Notary Public. Michelle Jensen was hired as Nibley's new Treasurer and Jennifer Hendricks is new in Accounts Payable.

**First Responders**—They responded to 131 calls and covered 520 shifts.

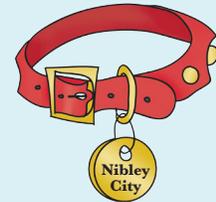
**City Council**—Tom Bernhardt, Tim Ramirez and Larry Jacobsen were sworn in at the beginning of the year. The Council continued to work toward making sure that the budget matches the community's priorities established in our planning. They also renamed the park on 3200 South Anhder Park, in honor of Larry Anhder and his years of dedicated service to Nibley City. I started Muffins with the Mayor, a program to give people the opportunity to interact with me on a less formal basis.

**Health and Safety**—Automated External Defibrillators were installed in all city offices, Nibley City won the Bear River Health Department's Bike to Work award, and the city established quarterly wellness lunches with the Mayor.

**Emergency Prep**—Nibley staff was trained in the Incident Command System.

**Public Works**—Public works has kept very busy. They paved the public works yard, purchased a loader to help with snow removal, updated Nibley's standards and specs, and earned the Utah Local Governments Trust Safety award. Steve Eliason was hired as Nibley's Streets Superintendent and we took ownership of the new bridge over the Blacksmith Fork River. Public Works resurfaced more than a million square feet of roadway, repaved Nibley Park Ave, and installed the new crosswalk at 3200 South and State Road 165. The sewer department cleaned 16 miles of sewer line and repaired two major groundwater leaks while the water department drilled Nibley's new well

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## Dog License Renewal

It's time to make sure "man's best friend" has their license renewed. Nibley City ordinance requires that every dog be licensed annually.

- \$15.00 for a spayed or neutered dog
- \$25.00 for an unaltered dog
- \$25.00 kennel license

Registrations are due by February 28, 2017. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required for all dogs living in Nibley City. If you have more than two dogs, a kennel license is required. For a kennel license, you must be living on .75 acres or more of land, and get approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission.



Nibley City Hall and Justice Court will be closed **Monday, January 2** for New Years and **Monday, January 16** to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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If you have questions, comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact Cheryl Bodily at [cheryl@nibleycity.com](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com).

## Meet the People of Nibley



### *LaRay & Barbara Willden*

The Willdens have lived in Nibley for 12 years. From the moment they decided to move from their long-time home in Logan, they said it just felt like home and they never regretted their decision.

Barbara caught LaRay's eye while he was serving his LDS mission in Memphis, Tennessee. One of Mrs. Willden's most endearing attributes is her southern accent. After Mr. Willden concluded his mission, he and Barbara started and conducted most of their courtship via letters, and shortly after returning home, LaRay was drafted into the Army. He and Barbara were married in 1957, on Elvis Presley's Birthday, and spent the first year of their marriage on an Army base. They finally made it to Cache Valley when Mr. Willden completed his degree at Utah State. LaRay and Barbara have been married for 59 years and have 7 children, five of which live in Cache Valley, 28 grandchildren (14 boys & 14 girls), and 12 great-grandchildren.

LaRay and Barbara are vibrant, active members of Nibley's community. They both participate in the Cache Valley Wildlife Association and spend lots of time supporting their family in their various activities. Mr. Willden is chairperson of the Nibley-Millville Cemetery Board and you'll find Barbara at most Nibley City Council meetings jotting notes in her notebook. Together they served a mission at the Logan LDS temple and are active in their faith. LaRay has a woodshop where he builds toy boxes, rocking horses, and shelves for his grandchildren. Barbara plays the piano and loves music and books. She finds a great deal of joy singing with and playing the piano for the residents of Sunshine Terrace. The Willden's home is also a must-stop place for the school children of Heritage Elementary who stop every day and get a piece of candy from Barbara. Perhaps one of the most mysterious activities at the Willden home is the "Piddlers Club." Barbara said, "it is the art of doing nothing while appearing to do something." Apparently Mr. Willden and his fellow "Piddlers" meet most days around 2:00 p.m. to drink Mountain Dew and solve the problems of the world.

LaRay and Barbara both agreed that their favorite thing about living in Nibley is it's people and small, rural atmosphere.



## Tree Board & Wildlife Association News

### *Cache Valley Wildlife Association*

If you love colorful songbirds coming around your home, work with your neighbors to combine various bird feeders and diverse foods. Birds are fun to watch, colorful, add natural music to your yard, and help with pollination and insect control during warm weather. Here are some tips to attract nature's singers:

1. Black oil sunflower seeds. Birds toss aside others in a mixed-seed feeder just to get to the sunflowers with their high-fat content for winter.
2. Mixed seeds are cheaper and will attract ground feeding birds like Juncos, Towhees, and Pheasants.
3. Suet cakes infused with all kinds of seeds and fruit. Birds love this high-fat food for energy and winter warmth.
4. Water is tough to provide unless you live by the river or canal. There are heated water dishes which will help birds get the water they need in winter.



Here is a short list of Winter birds we are seeing in Nibley right now: Gold Finch, Black-capped Chickadee, Dark-Eyed Junco, House Sparrow, Northern Flicker, European Starling, Eurasian Collared Dove, Cassin's Finch, Spotted Towhee, Downy Woodpecker, Black-Billed Magpie, Pine Siskin, White-Crowned Sparrow, and Nuthatches.

## Hyrum Museum

The theme of the Hyrum Museum's January Back in Time children's activity will be "We Dig Utah!" Join the museum on **January 10, 11, or 12** from **1:00–1:30 p.m.** each day to learn about archaeology in Utah, participate in an activity, and have a treat. All children are invited and sign-up is preferred. Just drop by the museum, email [museum@hyrumcity.com](mailto:museum@hyrumcity.com), or call 245-0208 to join in on the fun.



The Hyrum Museum will be closed **Thursday, January 26** so their staff can attend training for the upcoming Smithsonian exhibit.

*The Nibley City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. The Nibley City Planning & Zoning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.*

## A Word from the City Council



It's that time of the year again! We have eaten, spent, partied, too much and now we collectively are picking ourselves back up from the post-holiday slump. It's a New Year with resolutions to set. My daughter attends Nibley Elementary and

the school participates in a tailored to schools version of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. One of the habits is: "Begin with the End in Mind." Isn't that the essence of effective goal setting? Whether the goal is to lose those pesky 10 pounds or establish a family routine of dinners without technology, our end result is better overall physical health or healthier family relationships. Goals give us a direction toward which to exert our efforts.

As a City Council, we set the majority of our goals in June as we appropriate the funds for our budget. In doing this, we are telling the residents what we are going to use our resources and staff time in accomplishing. The budget included a plan to update our Parks, Recreation and Trails plan. This project will give us the framework within which to accomplish our goals to provide the recreation opportunities that our residents want. I have been asked to participate in this process and I am really excited for what is coming for Nibley City. We set aside money in the budget for a splash pad, trails, a nature park and more. These will be incorporated into the plan as we determine the best locations and services to offer. The plan will outline how we will accomplish the goals and desires our residents have expressed to us.

As we "Begin with the End in Mind," we will effectively build a plan that will be desirable and beneficial to all of us. Here's to a prosperous, safe, and happy New Year!

*Councilwoman Kathryn Beus*



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and has installed more than a mile of new water line. The Storm Water department finished several new storm water ponds and made sure we were in compliance with new regulations. The Parks department completed a new multi-purpose area at Heritage Park, installed ADA swings at Nibley's parks, and repainted the historic City Hall building. Finally, Building Department issued 142 building permits this past year, including 63 new houses. Way to go public works.

**Wildlife**—Nibley received Wildlife Certification from the National Wildlife Federation. The first in the State of Utah!  
*Mayor Dustin*

## Hyrum Library

Stop in and see the thousands of books and other materials the Hyrum Library has to offer and make sure you "like" the Hyrum Library on Facebook to get the most up-to-date information. Here are the programs being offered in January.

- **Toddler Story Time**—Each Monday at 10:30 a.m. No sign-up is required.
- **Preschool Story Time**—Each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. Tickets will be given out for Story Time until 11:30 a.m. Immediately afterwards the doors will be closed and no late entries will be allowed.
- **Movie Monday**—January 9 at 4:00 p.m. Free popcorn is provided at each movie event.
- **Teen Friday**—Each Friday is Teen Friday with an activity specifically geared towards teens starting at 2:00 p.m. Teen Movie Friday will be January 20.

The Library will be closed **January 2** in observance of the New Year and **January 16** to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## The Senior Center

Happy New Year. The Hyrum Senior Center's craft fair was a huge success and they would like to thank everyone who supported it.

ALL seniors are welcome at the Senior Center. Please join them at any of the following activities in January:

**Mondays**— Quilting and pool

- **Jan. 2** CLOSED
- **Jan. 9** Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m.  
Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Jan. 16** CLOSED
- **Jan. 23** Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesdays**— Chair Yoga at 9:30 a.m.

- **Jan. 10** Awesome Tip Class at 11:00 a.m.

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

- **Jan. 4** Piano with Kevin Kula
- **Jan. 11** Accordion by Jean McFee
- **Jan. 18** Music with the Benson Family
- **Jan. 25** Annual Snowflake party

**Thursdays**—No lunch is served

- **Jan. 5** Tie quilts for the hospital and Senior Center
- **Jan. 19** Lunch Bunch at Kneaders at 11:00 a.m.

**Fridays**— Lunch and Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

- **Jan. 13** Bring a white elephant gift for Bingo

## Recreation Roundup



### *Nibley Fit*

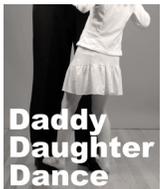
Start your New Year right with a healthier lifestyle and fitness friends to keep you going. Enjoy a variety of group fitness options from top notch instructors who will motivate you to stick with your resolutions. Drop-in and affordable unlimited passes with reverse punch pass discounts are available at class or at Nibley City Hall. For more information and a class schedule, go to [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and look under Departments; Parks and Rec.

### *SUPER START Soccer*

This introductory indoor Soccer program for kids 4-5 years old follows an award winning format where smaller "Team" groups rotate through a series of skills stations to learn fundamental skills and the basic rules of soccer. Parents are encouraged to support the SUPER START team by helping their child participate and enjoy the game in a fun learning environment. Rotation through skill building stations is timed to match the attention span of young players and builds to an outside soccer field experience. Spots are limited to 30 participants per session and there are two sessions available.

### *Soccer School*

This program teaches fundamental soccer skills to young players (5-6 years old) in a fun atmosphere. Players will learn spacing, passing, ball movement and teamwork through 3-on-3 drills, scrimmages, and games. Soccer School emphasizes the value of increasing the number of ball touches, a 3-on-3 format, and 7 player maximum roster, for optimal skill development.



### *Daddy Daughter Dance*

Fathers and daughters of all ages are invited to make life-long memories at an unforgettable evening of fun on **Friday, February 3**. This event will include music that will span the generations, dancing instruction, dancing, a light dessert buffet, and commemorative keepsake photo. All father figures are welcome. Semi-formal attire is recommended and you must purchase a ticket in advance. Don't forget, there's a limit of 40 couples.

If you'd like more information or to register online for SUPER START Soccer, Soccer School, or the Daddy Daughter Dance, go to [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com). You can also register at Nibley City Hall. Registration starts **January 15**.

### *Nibley Talent Show*

Share your talent and earn a chance to perform in the Nibley Talent Show. Prizes and scholarships will be awarded to top performers and talent coaches will be

## Reminders from Nibley City Staff

### *Snow Removal*

The snow is here and we would like to pass on a friendly reminder to residents to 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 one of Nibley's major thoroughfares. Nibley City Code (7-1-2) states that residents are required to remove the snow from their sidewalks within a reasonable time after a snowstorm has ended, which the City has interpreted to mean within twenty-four (24) hours after the storm is over.

The U.S. postal service also requires that you clear the front of your mailboxes of snow. If too much of the white stuff builds up in front of your mailbox your mail service may be interrupted so be sure to exercise those winter muscles and dig out your boxes.

### *UDOT Click N' Fix*

UDOT maintenance employees take care of nearly 6,000 miles of highway around Utah. They do an excellent job of finding and fixing issues before most of us even notice. However, with that many roads, you can help them by keeping an eye out for problems and letting them know about it. UDOT has implemented a new iPhone and Android app called *UDOT Click 'n Fix* which allows anyone to report an issue by dropping a pin on a map at the location of the problem.

To use UDOT Click 'n Fix, download the iPhone or Android app or visit the UDOT website and use the embedded widget.

### *Muffins with the Mayor*

Come enjoy a Muffin with the Mayor on **Saturday, January 14 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Public Works building. Muffins with the Mayor is held the second Saturday of every month. Watch the newsletter and Nibley's Facebook page for future monthly topics. This month the Mayor would love to have a conversation with you about the southwest Nibley area.

—Nibley City Staff

available to help you hone and refine your performance. Talent show winners can earn a chance to perform at the Heritage Days Grande Finale. If you are interested in auditioning or know someone who should, auditions are **March 10–11**. Get more information at [nibleycity.com](http://nibleycity.com). Register online or at City Hall starting **Jan 25**.

### *Don't Forget*

Holiday Decorating Contest winners were awarded on December 16. Go to [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) to see who won what.

Snowman Building Contest winners will be selected on **January 6**. Weather permitting, we'll start to see some wonderful snow creations soon.

Pay it Forward continues beyond the holidays until **Jan 31**. There's still plenty of time to do random acts of kindness. If you have been the recipient of an act of kindness, share your story at [nibleypayitforward@gmail.com](mailto:nibleypayitforward@gmail.com) and express your appreciation.

