



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—January 2021

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

2021 can't be any stranger than 2020. I hope. 2020 has been a hot mess in so many ways but one nice thing about an experience like this is that when the world is crazy and when things get out of order, there is opportunity in the chaos for change, and some of the change is necessary and inevitable stuff that might have taken years to implement if it were not for the current crisis.

The City has learned to be more efficient with time and resources. We've learned about zoom meetings and developed a robust, and now proven, general crisis and pandemic specific response. Our Public Works staff has kept up their end of the deal and even completed scheduled projects in spite of everything, including safe routes to school on two of our most dangerous roads. Our financial and administrative staff have kept the City on solid financial footing, and somehow the recreation department has managed to run a full and successful program. The parks look great and the streets and pumps and pipes are working like they should. We are on budget and as far as I can tell, meeting people's needs.

We are coming now to a time when a vaccine and a better understanding of the virus and it's behavior and danger should allow us (I hope) to get back to more traditional interaction and less social distance. But I also hope that we can carry some of the lessons forward with us. Before COVID, it was normal to go to work with a cold and as long as you covered your cough it was cool. Now, I hope we will think more about each other and when we are sick and have to go out in public, I hope it's ok to wear a mask. I love the gloves at Chuck a Rama. As much as I dislike zoom meetings, I really like how they save me from driving so much. I like what my kids and the school district have learned about distance learning and how to use technology.

I like how we've had the opportunity to be more careful and kind and considerate. I like how people wash their hands more. I like a lot of stuff that has come out of this, and I hope that we will keep the good and learn from the bad. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Mayor Dustin

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Nibley City Staff is Here to Help Through COVID-19

Nibley City may have periodic closures based on spikes in Covid-19 cases. Please check our website to see if our office is open. If our office is closed, please contact us via phone, email or chat. We are here and happy to help you.

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Recreation Roundup

Reinvented Recreation

From March 2020 forward, recreation has been very different for all of us. With typical mass gatherings not allowed, our recreation department has faced unique challenges in meeting the mission of the department to create a happy, healthy, and connected community. With more disposable time, many of you have returned to recreation pursuits you were too busy for pre-pandemic. Others tried new things especially in the category of outdoor recreation, and still others longed for events and programs that simply were not possible. We appreciate our recreation department for taking a unique approach compared to other cities throughout the nation as they have developed next best alternatives to our traditional annual events.

In the end, they are grateful for the opportunity to create innovative experiences including at-home obstacle courses, driveway dance parties, fitness challenges, and at home soccer training. Additionally, with the help of several community members, a virtual talent show and beard contest occurred, an online goose chase interactive scavenger hunt, a community Bike Night Out, photo contest, and even silly walk section of our park were enjoyed, to name just a few. In all of the above, community members were exceptional stars of the show and it was fun to celebrate, appreciate, connect, and enjoy each other's talents and experiences online or from a distance in 2020.

Youth sports were finally allowed, with appropriate restrictions and precaution, in the late spring of 2020. However, we had to push the pause button during a spike with multiple leagues rescheduled several times. Fortunately, the new 2020 Halloween decorating contest, and the traditional Christmas decorating contest and Nibley light tour already worked at any COVID risk level. Our recreation department appreciates your patience, participation, and willingness to try new things. They have also learned a lot from this process and we have received excellent feedback from community members about how much they have appreciated something to do. Research indicates that recreation is vital to healthy living for both mind and body and is even more important for a community during challenging times, especially when isolation is a factor. Ultimately, we function better as humans when we are connected to other humans. As

a community, we plan to keep moving forward with facilitating personal and community recreation to help us through these challenging times and we appreciate everything you and our Recreation department do to keep us happy, healthy, and connected as a community.

Nibley Recreation Soccer

Our Nibley City recreation soccer program is perfect for players of all abilities. We offer, through trained, background-checked, volunteer coaches, soccer fundamentals in a fun and friendly atmosphere, with a focus on player development and community connection.



Our in-house soccer program means all practices will be in Nibley and most, if not all games, will be in Nibley, especially for the youngest age groups. Following current research on successful

player development, our small-sized soccer program utilizes smaller teams and fields to maximize ball touches, facilitate passing, and build confidence in players. Registration opens in January and closes in February or once full. Games will be in April and May and will not overlap baseball, softball, or T-ball games for the same age group.

SUPER START Soccer

This is a soccer program for 3 and 4 year-olds that for several reasons is normally held indoors for most of the program, and typically wraps up with an outdoor soccer experience. Based on the current COVID situation we are exploring the possibility of transforming this program to an all-outdoor soccer program in the late spring. Watch our website and Facebook page for the latest on this program for 3 and 4 year-olds.



Youth Baseball, Softball, T-ball Sign Ups

Enjoy these classic American ball and bat sports with your child, and the friends you make and meet at the park this spring. Registration is open mid-February through mid-March. Note that our Nibley City registration closes out weeks earlier than surrounding communities, so coaches and players have the opportunity to pull together more practice prior to the season. If you have signed your child up for our Nibley City Soccer program, know that end of season soccer games will not overlap with baseball, softball, or T-ball games for the same age group.

RECREATION



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Nibley Nordic Track

Once we receive enough winter snowfall, we hope to open the Nibley Nordic Track at Heritage/Firefly Park. We encourage you to watch for track signage indicating OPEN, CLOSED, or MAINTENANCE IN PROGRESS on Nibley's website and Facebook page and along the Nordic Track.

Like last year, we also plan to clear snow from more hard-surface trails to make available more trails for winter walkers/runners. Please help us maintain a reasonable surface for cross-country (XC) skiers by only using the Nordic track when open, and while wearing XC skis. Also, please limit your walking/running to the cleared cement trail. The groomed snow track has been arranged to eliminate all but one crossing of the Nordic Track and cleared concrete trail. Use caution at that intersection and tread lightly. Thank you for respecting all outdoor recreation user groups in our parks.

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Live Nativity—Thank you

Nibley City thanks the organizers of the Live Nativity at Nibley's Morgan Farm for helping us all remember the reason for the season. We especially thank Morgan Farm caretaker and event organizer, Richard Eversull, his wife Karen, and his daughter Adria. Also, scene enrichment coordinator Emily Rigby, volunteer coordinator Gerald Knight, and all others volunteers who helped. This year, they faced significant challenges in offering a substitute for the typical Live Nativity mass gathering that hosts thousands and was simply not possible with the COVID-19 situation. The climate controlled comfortable drive through experience enriched with lights, music, and narrators along with banners and impressive artwork at various scenes was appreciated by all who attended. We also appreciate the Nibley Streets Department and the Cache County Sheriff's Department for their help with public safety and traffic management throughout this 3-day event. Nibley also thanks the host of volunteers that were a part of this wonderful community event, including the Nibley youth council. Finally, thank you for your generous donations at the event.

Holiday Decorating Contest & Light Tour

Nibley City wants to thank those who entered our Holiday Decorating contest or simply strung a few lights to make the season bright. You may have seen one exterior illumination veteran Oliver Hoops featured in the

Cache Valley Family Magazine in addition to the Dec. Nibley Newsletter this year. (Overall, our judges noticed that there were significantly more Christmas lights throughout Nibley this year, even beyond those that entered the contest, and we hope this continues. If you took the Nibley Light Tour, like the contest judges, you saw some amazing and unique holiday light displays that earned several Nibley residents wonderful gift baskets full of holiday surprises, along with the honor of posting an award signs in their yard. Once again, Nibley City thanks Blackstone Products for their generous donation of the contestant raffle prize this year.



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Nibley Recreation
Director

Like and share Nibley City's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/nibley) and website (www.nibleycity.com).

You'll find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events and activities.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Nibley City - Closed

Nibley City will be closed on New Year's Day, **Friday January 1** and will only be open until **12:00 p.m.** on New Year's Eve.

Treecycling

Nibley City has a site available for Christmas tree disposal or "treecycling." Drop your trees off at Anhder Park (294 W 3200 S) now through **January 11, 2021**. After the 11th you will need to take your tree to Logan's green waste facility, located at the Logan Landfill (153 North 1400 West), for which there is no charge. Please no lights, tinsel, ornaments, or tree stands. For questions, call 716-9755.

Texting and Driving

Resolve this year to not text and drive. Safety officers are noticing too many instances of parents being distracted by their phones while dropping or picking kids up at school zones. Put your phone away when you are in the car. Be sure you are focusing on the roadway or other vehicles around you.



It is illegal to text and drive in Utah and it puts your life and the lives of others at risk.

No text or status update is worth you or your family's safety. It can wait.

—Nibley City Staff

Nibley's City Council meets the second at 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. 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 and www.pmn.utah.gov.

Niblettes in the News

Meet the new Nibley Elementary principal, Dee Ashcroft. He and his wife LeAnn live in Hyde Park. They have four children, all married, and 13 grandchildren. Dee taught sociology, psychology, and parenthood education at Sky View and then transferred to Moun-



tain Crest High School the first six years they were opened. His first administrative position was at North Park Elementary. In 1994 he opened Greenville Elementary. After just one year, he transferred to Sky View and was part of the Administrative Team for the next 14 years. In 2009 he had the privilege of returning to Greenville where

he served until 2019. Dee retired in July of 2019 after 45 years of service in the school district. When not in school Dee enjoys woodworking, skiing, hiking, biking, and a good musical. His favorite activity is spending time with family. Dee is excited and happy to be back with the district at Nibley Elementary. The only hard part has been the number of students who have told him, "You taught my grandpa and grandma." That is what happens when you have former students who are 64 years old. Dee has been in enough schools that he can say with some authority "Nibley is a great school because it has "The Triple Threat". Great teachers and staff, great students and great supportive parents. He would like to thank all the parents for their support, of the school, in what has been some unusual and difficult times.



Dog License Registration & Renewal



Dog registration is open from now until February 28, 2021. After February 28, a late fee will be assessed. Nibley City requires all dogs within Nibley City boundaries, over the age of 6 months, to be licensed and have a current rabies vaccination. 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. If you have questions, please contact Jamie at City Hall.

Public Work-ings



Justin Maughan
Public Works
Director

Plowing snow is always tricky and can be inherently unsafe. There are several things you can do to make our snow removal crew's job easier and keep yourself, and your loved ones safe.

- Never blow or push snow into the City streets. Putting snow from your driveway or sidewalks in the street is actually against Nibley City code 13.02.030.
- As tempting as it may seem with the large piles of snow that accumulate at the entrance to your driveway, never allow your children to dig into the snowbanks near the roadways. Encourage them to not play between the sidewalk and curb.
- Remove basketball hoops, garbage cans and other things from the City roadways.
- Stay back from snow plows 200 feet at all times, including intersections.
- Remove snow from around fire hydrants.



- Trim street trees so snow equipment can pass under.

Nibley's Public Works team does a fantastic job of keeping Nibley's roads safe and passable, which is no easy feat after a famous Utah winter snow storm. They are on call 24/7 and heed the call no matter the day or time. Please be sure to thank them for their efforts and a job well done.

