



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—July 2019



Mayor Shaun Dustin

## Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

Why do you pay a bill for stormwater every month if you don't even have a gutter in front of your house? It's been suggested that the stormwater utility fee represents "taxation without representation." That's a great slogan, and it's awesome for starting a country, but in this case I don't see how it applies. I think what the people who say this about stormwater really mean is, "we shouldn't get charged for stuff we don't use." That makes more sense, but its not really applicable because everyone in Nibley benefits from the stormwater fee. Let me explain . . . stormwater is about two things—flood control and water quality.

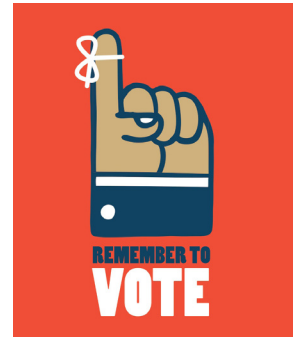
We live in Nibley (maybe we should change the name to Floodly) and we can't stop all the floods, but we try. Flood control impacts everyone and includes more than just pipes, canals and ponds—most of the budget is actually the people, diesel, machines, and effort the Public Works Department puts in every spring to manage water from the river (Hollow Road) to the slough (townhomes).

Water quality also impacts everyone. Everyone that fertilizes a lawn, has a roof or a driveway, or drives on a road contributes to dirty runoff. So, the entire city gets to contribute to the stormwater programs and infrastructure that clean up stormwater—even stuff we don't think of, like the street sweeper. Even in areas that look like they don't have gutters or ponds, like Hollow Road and 3200 South, runoff water flows into the canals and impact flood control and water quality city wide.

The stormwater fee doesn't generally go to build curbs, gutters, pipes or ponds. People with this infrastructure in their neighborhood paid for that directly when they bought their homes—the cost was paid by the developers, who build it passed the cost on to the homeowners. There are a few exceptions where the City has needed to invest to fix chronic problems. Trouble spots require constant upkeep and monitoring in high water years and some of the low lying areas in west Nibley, where we've worked to fix poor planning or old systems that have flooded people in the past, need attention and that means investment. We are getting smarter when working with developers, so we don't allow some of the past practices (basements in flood prone areas) that we are fixing now. Generally, however, the fee you pay does not go for new stormwater construction.

For people in more "rural" areas, their stormwater is handled by the canal system. Canals are a super efficient way of dealing with it that allows us to keep the costs down in those areas. In 2014, give or take a year, we settled a lawsuit with the Nibley Blacksmith Fork canal company. The terms of that settlement were that the City could continue its historical use of the canal system for flood control, but we have to pay in money and labor for that privilege. The canals carry springwater that would cause flooding. They carry and treat surface water (including surface runoff from properties and pavements on Hollow Road, 3200 South, 640 West, and others). Though they may not be obvious like retention ponds and pipes, they are designated infrastructure that directly benefit all city residents, and are being paid for annually. The fee also covers the time and

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## Early Voting

Nibley City is pleased to offer the option to vote early this year. Voters are welcome to start coming to Nibley City Hall on **Tuesday, July 30**, during regular office hours, to cast their ballot up until Primary Election Day (Tuesday, August 15). The polls will be open 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. on Primary Election day.

If you'd like to learn more about Nibley City's candidates for City Council before casting your ballot, the Nibley Youth Council will host a Meet the Candidates night on **Friday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.** If you'd like to submit a question for the candidates, email them to [cheryl@nibleycity.com](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com). The meeting moderator will selected the questions that are asked.



### 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](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)

Mayor's 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

### Movie in the Park

Enjoy a classic adventure that has something for the whole family on Friday, July 12. Come be reacquainted with Buttercup, Wesley, Inigo, Fezzik, and even Prince Humperdinck in *The Princess Bride*. Themed pre-show activities begin at 7:30 p.m. with the movie starting at dark (approximately 8:30 p.m.)



### 2019 Flag Football Registration



All skill levels are welcome to participate in Nibley City's first youth Flag Football league. This program teaches participants the value of teamwork, leadership skills and the fundamental skills of the game in an enjoyable experience. Leagues include 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade and 5th & 6th grade. **Registration begins July 1 and goes through August 7** or until full. Register online or at Nibley City Hall. If you have questions, are interested in coaching, or are interested in other program support opportunities, contact Chad Wright at 752-0431 or [chad@nibleycity.com](mailto:chad@nibleycity.com).

### Nibley Fit-Summer Schedule

MON	HIIT @ 8:00 a.m.
TUES	HIGH @ 7:00 a.m.
WED	Yoga @ 6:00 a.m. HIIT @ 8:00 p.m.
THUR	HIGH @ 8:00 a.m.
FRI	Yoga @ 8:00 a.m.

### Nibley Scarecrow Fun Run

Plan to peak your summer training and set a personal record at the Nibley Scarecrow fun run this Fall. Similar to last year, the 10K fun run event will also include kids runs, the Extra Mile (2 mile race), fabulous prizes for top runners and special category winners. More information will be posted on the recreation page at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) as it becomes available.



**Chad Wright**  
Nibley Recreation Director

Like and share Nibley City's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nibley](http://www.facebook.com/nibley)) and website ([www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)). You'll find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events and activities as well as information on other events you may be interested in.

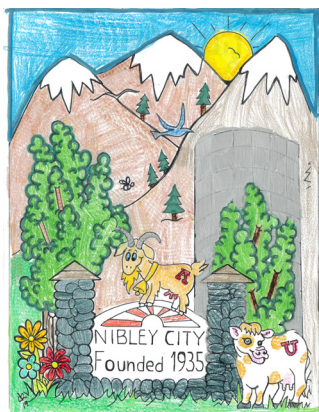


We appreciate all the time and effort every volunteer offered in support of Nibley City Heritage Days. The combined effort of support from amazing volunteers, local businesses, and city staff makes each year's Heritage Days community events possible. We want to thank ALL of the volunteers who contributed their time and efforts to our city celebration. We especially want to thank the following who led the charge:

*Emily Rigby & her army of Children's Theatre volunteers*

- *Trudy Knight & our Nibley City Youth Council*
- *the Nibley Royalty*
- *Our Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Pam Chapman, Alicia Ingersoll, Sierra Nelson, Jim Reese, Cody Sorensen, Rodney Tripp, Stacey Wright, & Carter Hansen*
- *Nibley Fit Instructors*
- *City Council Members: Kay Sweeten • Nathan Laursen • C.J. Pink*
- *Infinite Discs along with Rodney and Robert Tripp*
- *Deputy Jake Carley and the Cache County Sheriff Office*
- *Eva Radmall • Wendy Droge • Rock 17*
- *The South Cache Quilters*
- *Chad Wright, Nibley City Recreation Director & family*
- *Nibley City staff*

### Heritage Days Coloring Contest



Congratulations to the 2019 Heritage Days Coloring Contest Winners. You should have been contacted if your child won the overall prize for their age group. All coloring contest participants received a small prize. Be sure to pick your coloring page and prize up at Nibley City Hall.

Congrats to overall winner, Lilly Spaulding. Please enjoy her artwork on the left.

*Nibley's City Council meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. The Nibley City Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Agendas, minutes, and ordinances are posted on the Nibley City website: [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and [www.pmn.utah.gov](http://www.pmn.utah.gov).*





**Report Illegal  
Discharge to  
Nibley City  
435-752-0431**

### *Cleaner Street, Cleaner Water*

The City's stormwater system is designed to efficiently carry rain and snow melt to rivers and streams and away from our streets and homes. Stormwater inlets are the grates or openings usually located in the street near the curb. Storm drains are NOT connected to sewage treatment plants, which means all storm water, and the litter it carries from streets, goes into to our streams and creeks, or seeps into our groundwater.

You can help by keeping trash and debris, automobile fluids, yard litter and organic matter off the street.

- Sweep up yard debris from streets and sidewalks instead of washing it away.
- Never dump grass clippings or other yard waste into storm drains or near canal or stream banks.
- Greenwaste in quantities too great to be mulched on the lawn should be taken to Nibley's greenwaste site (3390 South 1200 West).

*Remember . . . the drain is just for rain. We All Live Downstream!*

## Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Migration routes are critical for animals that do not hibernate, or go into a dormant state, or have very short life-spans. Like it or not, human development interrupts many of those routes. Important components of migration routes include food, water, and shelter. The National Wildlife Federation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and about 50 other groups are currently trying to find ways to compromise the obstacles to migration like dams, fences, crops, roads and climate change. This isn't saying that wildlife is more important than humans, but it is an effort to see how we can share the planet with mutual success. Residents of Nibley can help by providing essential seed for songbirds, milkweed for Monarch butterflies, and native flowers for other pollinators. Consider converting lawn space into native flower gardens. We can also be vigilant when driving along highways where habitat and natural routes of migrating animals such as deer and elk are likely. Keep rivers and canals as open water for thousands of migrating birds and other animals. Finally, certify your property as wildlife friendly at [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org) and register your garden area.

*Ron Hellstern*

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effort that the City and Canal Company spend cleaning yard waste debris out of the canals. The biggest challenges are where the canals come under Highway 165 and 250 West. The canal companies are constantly cleaning those pipes to prevent flooding on Hollow Road and in the Quarter Circle Drive area. The City also uses stormwater funds for flood control. Public Works spends a lot of the time monitoring the river and coordinating with the ditch companies to develop contingency plans for flooding on Hollow Road and other areas.

In summary:

1. The people who actually paid for the capital cost of the visible infrastructure (pipes and ponds) paid for it directly, not through the stormwater fee.
2. Stormwater fees cover maintenance, including the maintenance agreement on the canals, which benefits every resident in the city.
3. The fee covers the City and all of the citizens for treatment risk associated with water quality.
4. We can all do our part to keep costs and risks down by keeping trash out of the canals and not over fertilizing.

If someone has a better, more equitable way of solving these problems, I am all ears. I'd argue that not only is the stormwater fee NOT "taxation without representation," it's a pretty fair deal for everyone. In relation to the portion of the fee that covers treatment should be paid by everyone equally because everyone makes the water dirty. The portion that goes to maintaining infrastructure I feel good about because whether the money goes to maintain a ditch or a pipe, everybody benefits from a smooth functioning system that takes water away from their house.

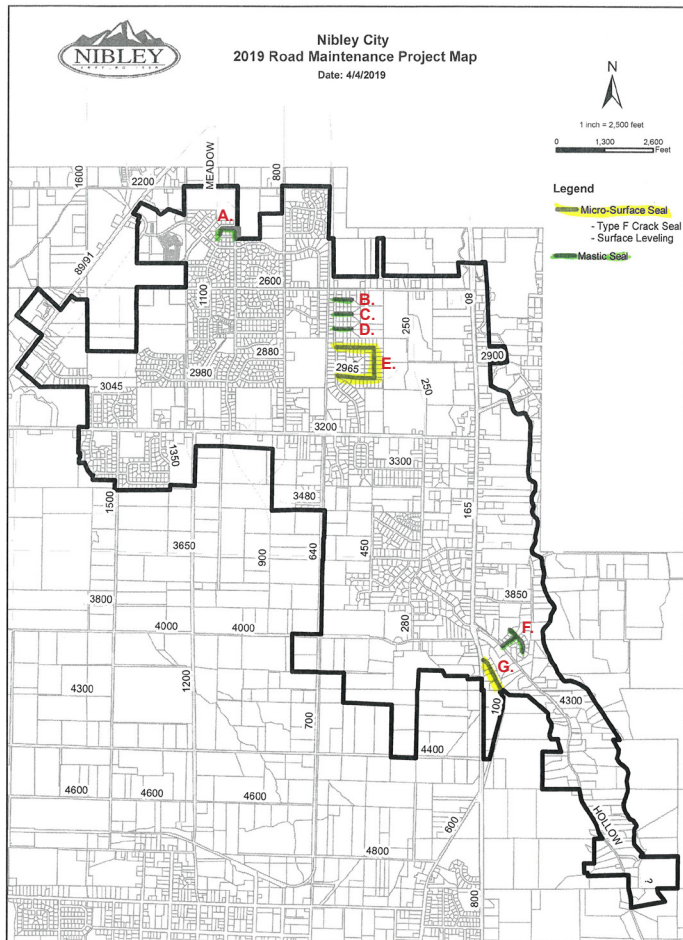
*Mayor Dustin*

## Nibley's Future Road Plans



**Stephen Nelson**  
Nibley City Planner

In January of 2019, Nibley City updated and adopted Nibley City's Transportation Master Plan. The Transportation Master Plan helps the City plan for future roads and ensures roadways are properly sized for future traffic. The updated master plan has put more emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle connectivity than previous transportation master plans by incorporating bike lanes and trails as part of Nibley's roadway cross-sections. The plan also puts a higher focus on traffic calming in Nibley City neighborhoods and eliminating unneeded asphalt to cut the cost of road construction and maintenance. The full plan can be found on Nibley City's website under the Planning and Zoning Department and is also available at Nibley City Hall.



## 2019 Road Maintenance Projects

Nibley City's infrastructure is a vital part of our community. Roads, in particular, are essential for transportation and safety. Therefore, Nibley has adopted a road maintenance schedule for treatment and upkeep of city owned roads. More frequent, less impactful treatments keep our roads in good shape and are essential to avoid costly road replacement projects "down the road."

The following roads are scheduled for maintenance this year:

- A. 2350 S. 1000 W.
- B. 2625 S. Elkhorn
- C. 2700 S. Elkhorn
- D. 2775 S. Elkhorn
- E. 2850 S., 450 W., and 2965 S.
- F. 4030 S., and Cottonwood Ct.
- G. Johnson Road

Roads highlighted in yellow will be treated with a micro-surface seal and the roads highlighted in green will be treated with a mastic seal.

Please watch [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) and Nibley's Facebook page for the dates of these temporary road closures. Residents on these road will also receive a notification on their door.

## Reminders from Nibley City Staff

### New Contact Information for Nibley Justice Court

Beginning July 1, 2019, Nibley Justice Court will be held in Hyrum, UT under the direction of Judge Paul Larsen and Clerk of the Court, Diane.

#### Hyrum Justice Court

83 West Main • Hyrum, UT 84318  
 Phone: 245-0114 • Fax: 245-4470  
 Clerk Hours: Monday-12:00-5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday-12:00-6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday-1:00-5:00 p.m.  
 Friday-1:00-5:00 p.m.  
**Court Hours:** Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### Canals



Nibley City code 19.24.230-T. states, "It is unlawful for any person to place . . . any trash, yard waste or other waste material, other than irrigation water, in any conveyance structure . . .

Violation of this provision constitutes a Class B misdemeanor." When waste is dumped into a canal it can clog grates or pipes along the waterway. As the flow of water is blocked, the risk of the waterway overflowing its banks and flooding the surrounding area increases and can cause property damage and endanger lives. Dumping waste in the canal can also restrict canal users access to their water right.



### Fireworks



In the interest of the health, safety and welfare of Nibley City's residents, fireworks have been prohibited in zones that are more prone to dangerous and deadly wildfires during the summer holiday season. The use of fireworks east of SR 165/Main Street in Nibley are prohibited. Please remember to obey all local laws regarding fireworks and make sure your pets are in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to fireworks. It's also a good idea for your pets to have up-to-date identification tags in case they run off.

For your information, there's an opportunities to join your family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Utahns at a fireworks display at Logan's Willow Park on **Wednesday, July 24 at 10:00 p.m.**

—Nibley City Staff