



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—June 2018



Mayor Dustin running last year's Heritage Days 5K with his dog ... and while wearing a suit. Way to represent Mayor Dustin!

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

Nibley is 90% awesome, and a great place to be, not because of how we zone or regulate or develop, but because of who we are and how we treat each other. I think we get side-tracked on the 10%, and I'd like to take a minute to address four things that seem to keep coming up:

1. *Keeping open land open:* What is the difference between telling a homeowner you need their land for a public street and telling a farmer his land can never be developed? In both cases, the government is taking something away. The only way to keep open land open is to pay for the land, or if the owners voluntarily put it into a conservation easement. Open space costs money. You can't force a farmer to farm ground that doesn't make economic sense.
2. *Keep Nibley in half-acre lots:* How does that jive with keeping open land open? If farm fields turn into 1/2 acre fenced yards does that accomplish our goals for the kind of community we want to live in? Half-acre lots with wide streets cost us all more—more asphalt we need to maintain, plow and replace, more pipe we need to move water between homes, and so on. Are you okay with that?
3. *No apartments:* I think when most people think about apartments, they think of the huge blocks of student housing in Logan. I get it. That would be a problem; it conflicts with open land and half-acre lots. But at the same time, where do you want your kids to live? Do you want young families to have the opportunity to be a part of our community, or do we want to keep them out by keeping prices high? How many of us got our start in an apartment? If we want a variety of housing types, and we never want to grow, most of our kids will not be able to come back until we start leaving.
4. *Don't raise taxes:* Big lots and open space mean higher taxes. If that's the community that we want to build, we have to accept the price. If we want open space, we need to be prepared to buy it because I'm not going to take it.

I could go anywhere and live in a subdivision with half-acre lots, or farms, or no farms, or apartments, or no apartments. What makes Nibley awesome is all of you. It's us, it's the "wild spaces," it's the sense of community and take care of each other and that's what I want to make stronger.

We can preserve open space without taking people's livelihoods. We can keep the wild places where our kids play when we don't have them belted into cars or plopped down in front of TV sets or iPads. The places where cranes croak in the morning and fireflies blink at night. We can keep what makes Nibley great and make room for kids to grow with us. But it's going to take some compromise. It's going to take some opening of minds and it's going to take some willingness to pony up and pay for it.

We have designed ordinances that allow us to buy the corridors along ditches and the ponds, where the animals live and the kids roam, and keep

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Don't Forget ...

**Father's Day is
Sunday, June 17**

"Some superheroes don't have capes
... they are called Dad."

—Unknown



Muffins With the Mayor

Meet with Mayor Dustin the second Saturday of each month to enjoy a muffin and have a chat. This month he's chosen parks as the topic of discussion, but feel free to chat with him about whatever's on your mind. Bring your suggestions, observations, and concerns about Nibley's parks to his attention on **Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** at Nibley City Hall.



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To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin

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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.

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them open for the public. We are developing pathways and trails and corridors that connect our schools, our parks, our churches and our homes and let us run into each other when we walk or jog or go to soccer games. And the rest can be developed around that, so that while our important spaces stay open, we can afford to preserve what we value and we can make room for others.

Mayor Dustin



Rick Williams
Nibley City
Emergency Manager

Park Safety Tips

Nibley City is dedicated to providing safe places for recreation and the enjoyment of nature. As well as informing and educating park visitors on the safest and most enjoyable experiences, while ensuring their own personal safety and security.

Nibley City partners with the Cache County Sheriff's Office to provide a proactive response to suspicious and emergency situations. We encourage park visitors to be "park smart," which means being an extra sets of eyes and ears to help keep our parks safe for everyone. Our youth, adults, and senior citizens can help prevent crime, drugs, and other malicious activities from affecting our parks and neighborhoods. If you witness a crime in progress or notice suspicious activity, please don't hesitate to dial 911 immediately.

The people who know a neighborhood or community best are the people who live and play there. Residents can help prevent crime in their area simply by paying attention and reporting strangers who are acting suspiciously or situations that "just don't look or feel right." By getting to know your parks better, you can help us ensure they're safe places for you and your family.

Tips for Your Personal Safety:

- Don't leave anything of value in your vehicle and transfer belongings into your trunk before you get to the park.
- Listen to your intuition—if something doesn't seem right, report it to law enforcement.
- Be aware of your surroundings—distractions such as cellphones and earphones limit your ability to hear and see what is around you, including traffic and other potential threats.
- Stay in well-lit, open areas whenever possible.
- Keep an eye on your children.

Food Storage "The Easy Way"

Nibley City will host an emergency preparedness class entitled *The 19 x 19 Principle*. Kellyanne Nelson, a Nibley resident, has been using this program for a number of years and will teach this class. This food storage method is great because, when you follow the program, you will have complete meals, stored in cans and packages, all in one place, ready to eat if an emergency strikes. This class will be **Tuesday, June 12** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. Join them and learn how to prepare for emergencies or for the night you just don't have the time to plan a complete meal. If you have questions, please contact Linda Barnes at lin0303@netscape.net.



Free Fishing Day



This year, Free Fishing Day in both Utah and Idaho is **Saturday, June 9, 2018**. This is the only day you don't need a license to fish in Utah or Idaho. All anglers, residents and nonresidents, can celebrate the day by fishing the local waters. However, all of each state's other fishing laws and rules still apply. Please follow Utah's fishing laws while fishing in Utah and Idaho's fishing laws if you choose to head off to Idaho. Download a copy of the Utah Fishing Guidebook at https://wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks/2018_pdfs/2018_fishing.pdf.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Nibley's Animal Residents



Please assist us in keeping Nibley City's parks a clean and an enjoyable place for everyone. Most pet owners know that it's common courtesy to take small plastic bags with them when they walk their dogs and to clean up any "deposits" their pups may leave. It doesn't matter if you're walking on a trail, or walking down the sidewalk, you need to pick up after your dog. Doing so helps prevent the spread of parasites and disease between dogs and people. Bags are provided at Heritage Park.

Also, Nibley City ordinance prohibits the trespass of animals on another person's property. Please remember that while you may enjoy the company and caretaking responsibilities of owning an animal, your neighbor may feel differently.

Free National Park Pass

If you have a 4th-grader, your family is eligible to receive a year-long pass to hundreds of Federal parks, lands, and waters. Gather up the family and see all of America's natural wonders and historic sites for free. Go to www.everykidinapark.gov for more details.

Nibley Parks and Recreation Committee

Nibley City is considering assembling a Parks and Recreation Committee to serve the roles of an advisory board, and volunteer coordination/management team. This committee would support the objective of creating a happy, healthy, connected community. Please contact Nibley City if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

—Nibley City Staff

Wildlife Association



There are National parks, state parks, city parks and nature parks. Enjoy them all whenever you can, but take the time and effort to make your own yard a place of beauty and serenity. Plant trees and

flowers that are Utah natives or will at least succeed in our climate, growth zones 4-5. Make your yard a haven for pollinators and songbirds. As your yard prospers and matures, your connection with wildlife will



become a priceless memory and will be admired by neighbors and visitors as well. Help make Nibley the most beautiful community in Cache Valley.



The Hyrum Museum

The Hyrum Museum is thrilled to offer another summer filled with fun with their free *Passport to Summer Fun* children's program. This program encourages kids to be active, engage with their community, and learn new things. Visit the museum's tent at Hyrum's 6th annual car show fundraiser, *Hot Wheels & Hot Dogs* on **Saturday, June 2** between **10:00 a.m. and 3 p.m.** at Hyrum City Square to get your passport and a special stamp that's only available at *Hot Wheels & Hot Dogs*. Or, pick up your passport at the museum starting **Tuesday, June 5** and let the adventures begin. Children who earn at least nine stamps during the summer are invited to a summer-end pizza party on August 9.

The museum will also host three drop-in activities during the summer where children can get special event-specific stamps in their passports:

- Rodeo Games June 26 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Grand Old Flag July 4 Elite Hall after the parade
- Pioneer Games July 19 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Hot Wheels and Hot Dogs promises to be another great year of spectacular vehicles, delicious food, local



vendors, and tons of prize drawings. Over the past five years, this event has provided essential funding for the expansion of the Hyrum City Museum. Be sure to show your support of the museum by making this event a part of your weekend plans.



Runoff Rundown

Report Illegal Discharge to Nibley City
(435)-752-0431

Lawn Care and Gardening

Nibley City's storm drainage system is designed to efficiently carry rain and snow melt away from our streets and homes. Storm drainage inlets are the grates or openings usually located in the street near the curb. The down side of this system is that untreated water, debris, and pollutants from our streets enter the drainage system and can ultimately end up in our streams, rivers, and canals.

What Can You Do?



CHECK storm drain inlets near your neighborhood for debris. Rake debris sway from the inlet and dispose of it properly. If there is excessive debris, report

the problem to Nibley City.

NEVER remove the inlet grate from the storm drain opening. The grates keep large items from being swept into the storm system and clogging pipes.

LANDSCAPE. Planted areas absorb more rainwater and help water percolate into the ground. Bare soil promotes water run off and soil deposits.

SWALES direct runoff from your property to a location that allows the soil to absorb the water.

RAIN GARDENS. Plant a garden in an area of your yard where water pools after irrigation or rain. This allows the water to seep into the ground rather than runoff the property.



PERVIOUS PAVEMENT. As an alternate to concrete driveways, use paving bricks, which help reduce runoff.

SWEEP UP yard debris from streets and sidewalks instead of washing it away. Leaves and grass clippings left on streets or other paved surfaces will enter our waterways. This is also a great way to conserve water.

YARD DEBRIS. Grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, and branches can be taken to Nibley's greenwaste facilities. **NEVER** dump grass clippings and other yard waste into storm drains or near creeks, canals, or stream banks.

DON'T BAG IT. Let grass clippings drop to the lawn. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn all summer is equivalent to one application of fertilizer, reducing the need



use toxic fertilizers, which means less contaminated runoff from your lawn.

Enjoy Nibley's City's Public Parks & Facilities



Virgil Gibbons Heritage Park
800 West Nibley Park Avenue

Virgil Gibbons Heritage Park is Nibley's largest park. This park has a baseball diamond, two soccer fields, a playground with swings, grills, picnic tables, benches, restrooms, walking paths, and two pavilions—one facing east and one facing west, that can be rented and reserved for \$25/day. This property borders other park property owned by Nibley City to the west that houses Nibley's firefly population. The city has funds and plans in place to develop this property as a nature park.

At Elwood E. Morgan Elkhorn Park, you will be able to enjoy the baseball diamond with benches, a playground, swings, picnic tables, grills, and restrooms. This park has beautiful mature trees that provide lots of shade. Elkhorn Park is the location of Nibley's final pavilion, which can also be reserved for \$25/day.



Morgan Farm
2750 West Elkhorn Drive

Morgan Farm is nearly 8 acres. It is a working farm that preserves Nibley City's agricultural heritage and has a historic barn. Several horses, goats, chickens, donkeys, and a couple of miniature cows call Morgan Farm home. Residents can walk through the property and observe the abundant open green space and animal life. Because this is a working farm, there are always plenty of opportunities to serve and help with upkeep of the farm. Morgan Farm's caretaker is Richard Eversull. Contact him if you'd like the opportunity to experience a little bit of farm life.



Anhder Park
350 West 3200 South

Anhder Park is the site of Nibley's historic City Hall (the little yellow building that sits out front). Mayor Dustin suggested the City Council name the park Anhder park in recognition of the 15+ years of service given to Nibley City by former City Manager, Larry Anhder. This park has a baseball diamond, playground, swings, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and benches. In addition, this park offers sand volleyball and is the location of the Jessie Datwyler Amphitheater. Movies in the Park and our Nibley Children's Theatre performances are always held here. The Anhder Park pavilion can be reserved for \$25/day.



Discovery Park
2400 South Meadow Park Lane

Discovery Park's trail system and walking path wind through wetlands filled with wildlife habitat. It's a great place to take an evening stroll. Nibley City's 9-hole disc golf course is also located at Discovery Park. If you'd like to give disc golf a try, Nibley City has three sets of frisbee golf discs available to rent. The cost to rent each disc set is \$20 cash. \$15 will be refunded once the disc set is returned in good condition.



Elwood E. Morgan Elkhorn Park
2600 South 700 West

Learn more about current and future parks on Nibley City's master plan. Simply go to www.nibleycity.com, and click on the following sequence: Departments, Planning & Zoning; Master Plans; Nibley Parks Trails, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.

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 Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Agendas, minutes, and ordinances are posted on the Nibley City website: www.nibleycity.com and www.pmn.utah.gov