



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—June 2019



Mayor Shaun Dustin

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

Parks 'N Dogs—Awhile back, I wrote about pets and animal rights and how we all have the right to have pets. We also have parks and public spaces. In Nibley, the law says that pets are a private property thing—in other words, what your pet does on your property is your business. This holds true, even if my dog is a barker that has something to say to every bird that flies over or kid that walks by. To be a good neighbor, I ought to work with him to get him to mellow out, but in general, your property, your way.

That changes the minute my (your) dog (or cat or goat or horse or bear or whatever) crosses my (your) property line. To me and my family, our dog Price is a sweet (if somewhat neurotic) friend of the family who would never hurt a fly. To some of the kids in the neighborhood, he's a big scary beast with claws and fangs. To some of the adults in the neighborhood, he's a poop vigilante. Who is right?

In my house and in my yard, I am right, and he's the best dog in the world. But once he crosses the property line, he's a nuisance and a liability. Some people like my nuisance/liability in small doses, but nobody likes to pick up someone else's mess, and it's especially offensive when it's not your dog.

It's springtime, and it's tempting to let the dog or cat out the front door and let it run—get the wiggles out, or relieve some stress. We see the Nibley City parks and it might seem like a good idea to unsnap the leash and let Fido run. That's a problem though, because the only place in Nibley where animals can be off a physical leash and not under direct control of their handler, is in the owner's home and yard.

This is getting to be a problem in our parks. Parks are for people, and particularly for kids; off leash animals are not permitted because these are public spaces, and everyone should be able to use them without interference. It's a big problem in our new nature park, where free running dogs are killing wildlife and pooping on walking paths and neighbor's lawns.

Owners have options. There is a dog park in Logan where pets can run. If enough people ask for a dog park in Nibley, we can certainly look at the budget and see if we can make that happen. But for now, it's against the law and if animals are found running loose, they will be picked up by the County Sheriff. I've asked for additional enforcement, especially in the Nature Park. Fees to get your pet back add up fast—nearly \$90 so your pet can have a little run. And if they are not picked up within 5 days, they will be neutered and put into the adoption pool. It's much cheaper and faster to drive up to the dog park.

To help us all keep on good terms with each other, the City provides trash bags and pet waste disposal cans in our parks. As long as pet owners use these, keep animals on leashes and under control, and clean up messes (and throw them in the trash), then our pets will continue to be able to enjoy the public parks and streets. If we can't do that, then we will likely go back to no pets in parks, and loose animals will still go to dog jail.

Mayor Dustin



2019 Notice of Election

Nibley City will elect three (3) City Council members this fall. If necessary, a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2019; the General Election date is Tuesday, November 7, 2019. The incumbents are:

- Council Seat—Larry Jacobsen
- Council Seat—Thomas Bernhardt
- Council Seat—Timothy Ramirez

City Council members serve four-year terms and are elected at large. Anyone interested in filing for one of these office must:

- Be a U.S. citizen at time of filing
- Be registered to vote in Nibley City
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a resident of Nibley City for at least 365 consecutive days preceding the date of election
- Not be a convicted felon

Each person seeking to become a candidate should file a Declaration of Candidacy (available at City Hall) in person with the Nibley City Recorder or Deputy Recorder at Nibley City Hall, **June 3 through June 7, 2019** during regular business hours.



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

Nibley City is also on



Go to www.facebook.com/nibley

and our page

To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin
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.



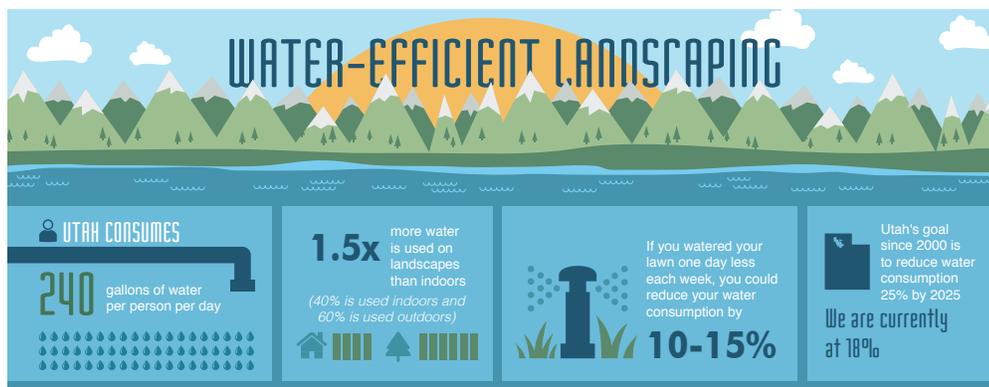
Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Parks can be quite diverse. There are amusement parks, like Lagoon, for thrilling rides; theme parks, like Disneyland, where story scenes come to life; national parks, like Zion (note there is no "S" on the end), for scenic hiking; state parks, like Hyrum, for boating and fishing; and athletic parks, like Heritage Park, for soccer and baseball. All of these places usually involve a lot of people, noise, and activity. And then there are the rare quiet places, the nature parks, where people are visitors who are cautioned to be quiet and not disturb the plants or animals that live there. Nibley City will soon have a combined Recreation-Nature area, commonly known as Firefly Park. There are concerns that the influx of people who will park their cars, walk the trails, and use the playground equipment there will have a negative impact on the wildlife residing there. The Cache Valley Wildlife Association urges those visitors to be careful as they observe birds and butterflies from a distance, and never attempt to capture any of the small population of fireflies. Remember to be visitors in nature parks.



Free Water Auditing

Utah is a desert. It takes creative landscaping, a lot of planning and water to keep Utah looking lush and vibrant. The Utah State University Extension has paired with the Cache County Water District to educate homeowners about how much they should be irrigating to conserve water on their landscapes. The USU Extension is offering free water audits for citizens of Cache Valley. These water audits will use catch cups to see how efficient homeowners' irrigation systems are. After doing some testing, they will give the homeowners a recommendation for irrigating their landscapes. Homeowners can call the USU Extension office at 752-6263 to schedule a water audit appointment.



Rick Williams
Nibley Emergency
Manager

Park Safety Tips

Nibley City is dedicated to providing safe places for recreation and the enjoyment of nature, informing and educating park visitors on the safest and most enjoyable experiences, and ensuring 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." Be an extra sets of eyes and ears to help keep our parks safe for everyone. Residents can help prevent crime, drugs, and other malicious activities from affecting our parks and neighborhoods.

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."

If you witness a crime in progress or notice suspicious activity, please don't hesitate to dial 911 immediately.

Tips for Your Personal Safety:

- Don't leave anything of value in your vehicle. Transfer belongings into your trunk.
- 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.

We All Live Downstream



Report Illegal Discharge to Nibley City
435-752-0431

Lawn Care and Gardening

The City's storm drainage system is designed to efficiently carry rain and snow melt to rivers and streams and away from our streets and homes. Storm drainage inlets are the grates or openings usually located in the street near the curb.

The downside of this system is that any pollutant (garbage, chemicals, pet wastes, etc.) that is in our streets may enter the storm drainage system and ultimately our streams. *There is no treatment of this water*—it goes directly to the river. Yard wastes can cause blockages and localized flooding. They also decompose into nutrients that cause algae growth, depriving fish of needed oxygen. Soil sediment can be carried through our creeks and streams to the lake which also smothers the fish.

What Can You Do?

Check storm drain inlets near your neighborhood to make sure they are free of debris. Rake debris away from the inlet and dispose of it properly. You should immediately report the problem to the City if the debris is excessive or causes a back up or flooding. Never remove the inlet grate from the storm drain opening; this does not unclog the system and creates a hazard.

Landscape—Planted areas absorb more rainwater and help water percolate into the ground. Bare soil promotes water runoff 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.

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 creeks.

Never dump grass clippings and other yard waste into storm drains or near creek or stream banks.

Leaves and branches in quantities too great to be mulched on the lawn should be taken to Nibley's green-waste site (3390 South 1200 West).

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. And because grass is mostly water, it also irrigates your lawn conserving water, which means less runoff. **Remember . . .**

We All Live Downstream!

Help Needed:

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board

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ABATEMENT DISTRICT

The Cache MAD is governed by a board of trustees. Each city council and the County Council appoints a trustee to the board to represent their entity for a term of 4 years.

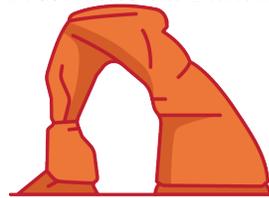
Nibley City is seeking a service-minded individual to serve as Nibley's representative on the Cache Mosquito Abatement District board. The trustee will be compensated \$30 for each meeting they attend. The trustees meet on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Bear River Environmental Health Office at 7:00 p.m. except for November and December. Those months, they meet on the second Thursday. Nibley's trustee would report to the city council and would sit on the board until December of 2022.

If you'd like to view the CMAD mosquito fogging schedule, go to www.cachemosquito.com. When possible, the District will try to honor courtesy no-spray requests. Please submit a request, in writing, in order for them to plan routes and accommodate your no spray request. You can view their policy and download a copy of the no-spray request form on their website. The no-spray request must be submitted each year.



Free Ways to Enjoy Utah's Parks & Lakes

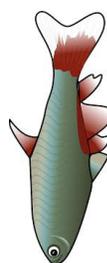
Free National Park Pass



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. Be sure to visit www.everykidinapark.gov for more details.

If you don't have a fourth-grader, the next FREE National Park Entrance Day for 2019 is **August 25** during the National Park Service Birthday.

Utah & Idaho's Free Fishing Day



Free fishing days are a perfect opportunity for beginners to try out fishing for the first time. If you already have a fishing license, take a friend or family member who has never been fishing, out on the water for a day when all anglers can go fishing without a license. Utah and Idaho's Free Fishing Day is **Saturday, June 8**.

Recreation Roundup

South Towns Talent Show



Kick off your summer by attending the South Towns Talent Show on **Saturday, June 1**. Competitors are from all over the south end of Cache Valley and prizes will be awarded to the top performers. This is a free event.

Heritage Days



Nibley Heritage Days is **Saturday, June 15** through **Saturday June 22**. Please see the schedule included in your utility bill for a full description of activities, or go to www.nibleycity.com to view the electronic brochure.

Heritage Days Beard & Mustache Contest



Even though summer is here and its heating up, keep those fall/winter beards going. The second Beard and Mustache contest will be held during the annual Heritage Days celebration. Fabulous prizes, including thick-cut bacon, will be awarded in several different categories—so let those whiskers grow!

Nibley Fit



Many of you will soon start to venture out into the spring and summer weather to meet your fitness goals. Don't forget the value of cross training, which you can get at Nibley's Fit classes. Balanced muscle strength is critical to avoid injury and cannot be accomplished by running alone. One avid runner, and Nibley Fit participant, shared with our instructor that, by attending the HIIT class, she hasn't had the typical trouble with her knees she experienced with running alone. We also encourage you to work yoga into your recovery day to improve your breathing, flexibility, and focus. Bring a friend, eat an apple, and avoid the physical therapist by attending Nibley Fit classes with certified fitness instructors.

Watch the Nibley City website for upcoming information regarding the schedule for summer Nibley Fit classes.



Chad Wright
Nibley Recreation
Director

Make sure you 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 as well as information on other events you may be interested in.



BEKINDUTAH

one million ways in forty days

The Family Place

Be Kind Utah is a campaign designed to increase and build awareness of acts of kindness throughout the state of Utah. The Family Place's goal is to record 1 million acts of kindness in 40 days during Utah Family Month. Go to thefamilyplaceutah.org/bekindut/ to learn how you can join and record acts of kindness. **#BeKindUT2019**

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.

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.

Park Pavilion Reservations



Nibley City's four park pavilions can be reserved online. Park pavilions cost \$25 per pavilion for each reservation made. The pavilions can be reserved by going to www.nibleycity.com. Click on the blue button on the right side labeled "Facility Rental." If you have any questions, please call the Nibley City offices. Pavilion space can go quickly, so be sure to plan ahead. Our Public Works staff posts a reservation schedule at each pavilion, each week. Individuals who have reserved the pavilion will take precedence.

—Nibley City Staff