



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—June 2020

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

These are strange times. I've been thinking about my responsibilities as your Mayor and what I expect from leaders at this time. The crisis precipitated by COVID is unprecedented in our lifetimes. It has cost friends and loved ones their lives. It has hammered our economy, our confidence in ourselves and our institutions, and it has magnified political and social divisions in our global, national and local communities.

One of the scariest things about COVID is what we don't know. For what it's worth, I have a PhD in Biological Engineering, and I know enough to know that Fox News and CNN have generally no idea what they are talking about. They are for profit, entertainment networks with agendas to sell advertising and grow market share. I know enough to know that, over the past 10-20 years, enough "experts" have sold their credibility for fame, popularity and money and that there is a natural mistrust of what they tell us. I know that there are people actively working to profit from fear.

What I don't know is how dangerous the virus really is. I am impressed with our state and local leaders like Governor Herbert, Lt. Governor Cox, and the Bear River Health Department. They have done things right by helping us be cautious and buying the experts time to figure out what is going on, and how to manage it. I have followed this very closely out of professional interest and personal responsibility. As time has gone on, the presumed death rate has been reported as being high as 4% and as low as 0.26%, but because the people presenting the data, mostly the news, seem to have an agenda, the data are difficult to compare and understand and make things scarier than they need to be. The disease and its effects are bad enough that real leaders should not be twisting data to help them get other things done. There are real experts out there working their tails off to help us figure out how to manage.

I believe that that there are a couple reasons we will adapt, overcome, and eventually come out stronger. The first is something that we don't have any control of, but will succeed. The second, we have complete control over and I have even more hope and faith in that.

1. We are blessed to live in a country that has the best healthcare system in the world. There is a lot to complain about, like how much medicine costs and how hard it is to figure out insurance (ridiculous), but we have the smartest and most ambitious collection of experts the world has ever seen and they have been preparing for this their whole lives. They will succeed in helping us find ways to manage this. I said manage on purpose. My training in biology and engineering tell me that life finds a way; viruses are sneaky and they bob and weave and dodge like a mosquito in the dark. Maybe I'm wrong and we will beat it. But what we won't do is continue to live in fear. Medicine will give us some good answers and we will figure this out.

That doesn't mean that people won't die or that it will be fast. In fact, I wonder if our high death rate isn't because in the US, we are used to

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The Nibley Youth Council



Wants You!

The Nibley Youth Council is a great way to serve your community while having fun with other Nibley youth. The NYC plays a vital role in the success of Nibley City's community events each year.

A NYC recruitment party will be held on **Friday, May 29** from **6:00–8:00 p.m.** at Heritage Park. If you are a Nibley resident in grades 10-12 and interested in the NYC, come to the party and see what the NYC has to offer.

Interviews for those interested in joining the NYC will be held on **Thursday, June 11** starting at **7:00 p.m.** at the Nibley City offices. Please be on time and dress casually.

NYC applications will be available at the recruitment party, online at www.nibleycity.com or at Nibley City Hall. Applications should be turned in to Nibley City Hall no later than **Wednesday, June 3** by **5:00 p.m.**



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If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact cheryl@nibleycity.com.

(Thoughts From Mayor Dustin, continued from page 1) surviving things as a matter of course that in other places and times would have been a death sentence. We survive all manner of things that would not be survivable elsewhere. About twenty years ago, I had four blood clots in my lungs after a surgery. In any other place or time, I would have most likely died or been crippled. Instead I went on to have three more kids, finished my degree, and rode LOTOJA a couple of times. If anyone can solve these problems, it's our medical establishment. But people like me, with reduced lung function or compromised immune systems or other issues that make them vulnerable, need to be careful and the people around us need to be courteous and kind and careful if they want to keep the toll down.

2. We (Nibley) are going to get through this because we are a community that cares about how our actions impact other people. I hear about people protesting and generally disregarding the advice of the people they put in charge, in the name of their rights. I get it. We've been on lockdown for a long time and I'm really grateful for Utah's leadership because if I were in some other places, I'd be feeling pretty caged up too. I guess some people might deserve that kind of restriction because they can't seem to see how their actions might hurt other people. We haven't had to do that here. It is like the old saying that, "my right to swing my fist ends somewhere before it interferes with your right not to get hit by it." One of the reasons I am so proud to represent you in Nibley is because I see us looking out for each other every day. Sure we don't always get things right but in general, I trust the majority of Nibley to do the right thing almost all of the time, especially when it means looking out for each other.

The economy will come back because that's what America does. We will figure out how to manage the disease because that's what our healthcare people do. The only question is whether we can come out of this as better people, and I am excited to see what happens as we take the opportunity we've all had to refocus and reassess our priorities and hopefully be better people who appreciate each other more for our time apart.

We are going to be OK if we choose to be OK. I hope and pray that we will be able to exercise enough wisdom and self-restraint to minimize the impact. People are going to die from COVID for the foreseeable future just like we die from accidents and sickness and age. If you want to minimize that impact and minimize your personal risk, then listen to the really smart people who do this for a living and who aren't trying to sell you something. Be smart, but don't run scared. And if you feel like you need to protest or make a point, keep in mind that we are all in this together and we never go wrong by being kind.

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Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Park Pavilion Reservations



Heritage Park East Pavilion

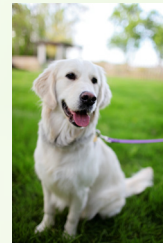
Nibley's park pavilions have re-opened and can be reserved online.

- Elkhorn Park*
(750 West 2600 South)
- Anhder Park
(294 West 3200 South)
- Heritage Park - East (2456 South 800 West)
- Heritage Park - West (2456 South 800 West)

*Kitchen is available for an additional charge.

Park pavilions cost \$25 per pavilion for each reservation made. The most convenient way to rent a pavilion is by going to www.nibleycity.com. Scroll to the bottom of the site and click on the gray button under "Quick Access" labeled "Facility Rental." If you have any questions, please call the Nibley City offices. Pavilion space can go quickly (especially as many indoor spaces are still unavailable), 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 have priority. Pavillions will be cleaned regularly; however, residents choosing to use this resource do so at their own risk.

Nibley's Animal Residents



Please assist us in keeping Nibley City's parks clean and an enjoyable 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. Bags are provided at Heritage Park.

Dog are not allowed at Nibley's Firefly Park. Firefly Park is a special space intended to be a habitat and preservation space for native vegetation, insects, birds, and other wildlife. Unfortunately, dogs can be a nuisance in these natrual spaces and are therefore not allowed.

When enjoying Nibley City's other parks, please follow leash laws and keep your dog(s) on a leash and stick to areas that are designated for both dogs and dog owners.

Finally, 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. So keep your "best friend(s)" close.

UDOT-Public Meeting



UDOT is hosting a public meeting to discuss potential improvements to the intersection at 3200 South and US 89/91. This public meeting will be held on **June 24**, from **4:00-7:00 p.m.** at Heritage Elementary School. Attendees may sign up for time slots at <https://bit.ly/3200SIntersection>. Signing-up is not necessary, but will help avoid queue lines. If you have any question please contact Rosie Fullmer at rosie@ja-today.com or call 1-800-970-4843.

—Nibley City Staff

Recreation Roundup



REINVENTED-20
Heritage Days



June 13-20



This year, we are taking a different approach to our city celebration in more ways than one. While we realize that this year's celebration will be nothing like years past, we look forward to the opportunity to take a fun and innovative approach to bringing our community together. Large-scale events like our Family Festivities and Children's Theatre play will not happen this year; however, we feel it is more important than ever to socially connect at an appropriate distance. We are refining some at-home, drive-by, online and at-a-distance experiences for our community and plan to hold them leading up to and throughout our Heritage Days week of **June 13–20**. Your health and wellness are our first priority and we will work within the guidelines and direction given by the State and Local Health Departments at the time of our celebration. Currently, the events planned will be spaced over the entire week, or even leading up to the week of Heritage Days.

- Nibley Children's Theater is offering an online talent show, and a round-robin story experience.
- We are exploring how to appropriately offer a parade experience.
- We know that the Beard/Moustache contest will be just as fun online as it is in person.
- Plan on a scavenger hunt and fitness experience both aimed at getting families active and outside, and we have also dreamed up a unique trail experience (to be revealed on Facebook) that will definitely generate a lot of laughs.

Realize that, except for the typical Nibley Children's Theatre production, it is possible that some of what we normally do for Heritage Days may be available later in the Summer or Fall as mass gathering guidelines change. In short, our approach is to move forward and do what we can to bring our community together when we need it the most.

The best way to participate in Heritage Days this year is to watch Nibley's website, Facebook or Instagram. **Nibley Event Pro Tip:** If you want to be the first to know what is available for your family, text HD-20 to 435-752-0431.

Nibley Fit Classes



With the move to a low risk phase, we are working on a way to appropriately offer Nibley Fit group classes again, live and in person. For the most up to date info, as it becomes available, text NBfit to 435-752-0431. In person yoga classes are available Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. and Fridays at 8:00 a.m. and you can access recorded HITT routine videos on our Instagram (nibleyfit) page.

Nibley Youth Sports

Thank you to the many patient players and parents this year, who in the case of Next Step Soccer, have been practicing with #NibleyAtHomeRec* training plans. The youth sports situation is under constant review. For registered players, the best way to stay in touch with the current status of SUPER START Soccer, SUPER START T-ball, Next Step soccer, baseball, softball, and classic T-ball programs, is to watch your email and texts. Parents can also check on the current status of a given sport by checking Nibley's website, which is updated as situations change. Set a reminder in your calendars that youth coded Flag Football registration opens the beginning of July.

**must see videos are available online*



Chad Wright
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.

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 yearlong 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.

The next FREE National Park Entrance Day for 2020 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. 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 6**.



From Your Council



Existing ordinances and master plans are what helps guide city staff, the Planning Commission and the City Council in the decision making process. The city has worked to ensure that master plans are routinely updated to keep current with what infrastructure exists, what is needed, and where the city should plan to go, based on citizen input. It's not a perfect process but it does provide an updated roadmap as to where the city is headed and often, what needs to be done to get there.

Master plans are located on the Nibley City website. They can be accessed under the *Planning & Zoning* section where it calls out *Master Plans*. If you find it on the website, you'll see that the city has worked to put together many different types of plans to try and capture the current state of affairs and to help guide those who make decisions.

One can also access all of the existing city ordinances under the *Government* page on the website. Although they aren't necessarily fun to read, these ordinances provide existing & future residents, landowners, and developers the guidelines for what can be done.

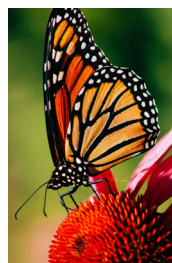
Both the Planning Commission and Council have regularly scheduled meetings that are open to the public. The city publishes the agendas for both groups on the Nibley City website, which takes one to the Utah Public Meeting Notice website (<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>). Agendas are usually published on the Friday before the Thursday meeting (~6 calendar days). The Utah Public Meeting Notice website also allows you to sign up for email notifications for when these agendas are published or updated. Please take the time to subscribe as it allows you to see what topics are going to be discussed at city meetings.

Finally, when should you get involved as a citizen? The best time to get involved is now. Take the time to understand the ordinance creation/modification process. Take the time to look for opportunities to provide input to the various plans, especially as they are being reworked. The most influence on what happens within the city can be made at this level.



Tom
Nibley City Council

Cache Valley Wildlife Association



The Cache Valley Wildlife Association will be hosting a webinar on *Monarchs and Other Winged Creatures* on **Thursday, June 25, from 6:00–7:30 p.m.** The webinar will focus on monarch conservation efforts in Cache Valley, Utah, and the western U.S. It will also include information on other pollinators and fireflies. Full details and the Zoom access code will be publicized on the Nibley City Facebook page. For questions, contact Becky Yeager at blyeager@comcast.net or 757-6283.

Springtime is the beginning of irrigation season. Some residents with canals bordering their property may have chewed sticks or trees. Most know this is the work of beaver. Spring is the time when sub-adult (teenagers) are looking for a home of their own, and hopefully, their lifelong mate. Typically, they are just passing through but sometimes get in trouble along the way with homeowners.

A good way to protect trees, especially beavers' favorites like aspen and cottonwood, is to wrap the tree with fencing. Not too tight, as the wire could strangle the tree over a period of years. Another option is to mix sand with paint and paint your trees. Beaver don't like sand in their teeth. The paint/sand will need to be reapplied every few years.

If a beaver decides to make your property his home, problems may occur and a landowner may decide to "evict" the beaver. In Utah, a permit is required to kill this protected species. People can call the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources. This agency will direct the homeowner to a qualified nuisance control company or issue a nuisance permit to the landowner. Both plans are lethal options.

A growing number of ranchers and land managers are realizing that these wood-chewers are not all bad. Beavers build ponds, just like stock ponds, and even fix them if they blow out. The ponds also store water during spring runoff, benefitting both cattle and wildlife later in the summer. They are also great for fishing.

With the help of UDWR, a group from USU has been finding ways to relocate nuisance beaver that minimize the spread of disease or parasites along with the beaver. Through quarantine, careful site selection, and preparing their relocation area prior to release, they have been fairly successful with these efforts. Last year, working with the Forest Service, graduate students, and volunteers, nearly 50 beavers were relocated from around Cache Valley and surrounding areas. If you would like to relocate a delinquent, teenage beaver, give Nate Norman, Lead Biologist/Beaver Relocating Program/USU Ecology Department, a call at (435)757-3815.

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.