



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—March 2017

## Thoughts From Our Mayor

### When it Rains it Pours



by Mayor Dustin

My family had a sad experience this last month. We learned about loss and lessons learned, so if you're not up for that, just know, that I learned something about not putting off till tomorrow what needs to be done today, and turn the page. If not, read on.

We have goats. I've had lots of pets in my life, but through a strange sequence of events that started with a family background in running sheep in Garden City, finding out that cows, cats, dogs, and rabbits are amazingly fragile, and hating sheep, I've found that my favorite pets are the goats we'd had over the years.

One of the reasons I didn't run for City Council again after my first term was that I wanted a bigger piece of property so we could get some stock and we couldn't find it in Nibley. I wanted my kids to be able to have the same relationships, responsibilities and opportunities with animals that I had. We had great neighbors like Dennis and Dianna who let us keep 4-H animals with them but it's not the same thing as looking out the back window and watching goat kids and human kids jumping around like nuts in the back pasture.

Eventually we found a home here in town. One of the great things about the property was that it came with a well and water rights (Side note: If you have a well but no water rights, you need to get right with the state, purchase the rights, and transfer them to your property—water rights are serious business, and taking water without the right is against the law). I built goat worthy fences, and we got some animals.

My favorite goat was Harry. Harry grew up with our son Luke, and was, next to my kids, my favorite pet. She just liked people. I'd look out and watch her following the kids around the yard, feeding her banana peels, or being a pillow while Luke laid on her to read a book out in the pasture. It might not seem like a big deal to anyone else but she just fit with us.

We had some trouble with the well a couple of years back so we put in another one. I put a plastic cover on it, and had every intention of putting something permanent on. Every time I went out to feed or work out there, I would look at it and think "It looks OK. I'll handle it tomorrow". About three weeks ago, Lincoln went out to feed and he couldn't find Harry. We found her in the bottom of the well. It was usually a couple of feet above the ground, but with all the snow, I figure that the snow level had come up enough that she must have backed into it and broken through the cover. By the time we got to her she was gone. Bout broke my heart to face my kids and know that I could have prevented this.

Nothing lasts forever; pets, homes, people—everything goes away eventually, and I know that. I know that I can't fix everything or control everything. There are things that happen that we can't anticipate or predict. That's life and that's okay. Regret doesn't come from the stuff that happens that you didn't see coming. It comes from the stuff that you saw coming and didn't do anything about.

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## Miss Nibley Pageant

The Miss Nibley Pageant is coming up in April. All girls K–11th grade, who reside in Nibley, are eligible to participate in this year's pageant. The pageant is a great way for girls to showcase who they are in a fun, energetic atmosphere. Pageant participants learn stage presence, interviewing skills and a dance routine.

### Important Dates

- **March 10**—Applications and payment must be received at Nibley City Hall by **5:00 p.m.**
- **April 28**—Princess Pageant (age 5-10), **7:00 p.m.** at Thomas Edison Charter School. Fee: \$25
- **April 29**—Miss Nibley (10 & 11 grade), Junior Miss (8 & 9 grade), & Sweetheart (6 & 7 grade) Pageants, **7:00 p.m.** at Thomas Edison Charter School. Fee: \$40.

Applications can be picked up and at Nibley City Hall during business hours or printed at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com).



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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](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com).

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I learned this month that I choose regret when I chose to put off doing something that I knew needed to be done. Don't choose regret—if there is a problem, stop and fix it. Stop and visit the neighbor. Stop and hug the kid. Just stop and take a minute away from yourself and how busy you are and remember that all of us are part of a larger community and system. All of us depend on each other, and there are things that we know we need to do. So let's just do them and live without regret.

This past month, when all the snow melted, we got an inch of rain, and we flooded. My heart goes out to the people who have been impacted by this, and my respect goes out to all those who pitched in to help each other. We learned a lot about our systems and our city, and we learned that there are things that we can and should do to make things better for the future. I don't regret the storms and I don't regret the thaw. I don't regret the hard work. But if we don't learn from this and make the changes in our processes and infrastructure that we've learned are necessary, then I will regret that we've missed the opportunity to learn and to improve and to make sure that when this happens again, it doesn't hurt as bad.

This hasn't been fun, not for the public works guys that have been providing 24 hour coverage for the past several weeks to ensure that water is moving as efficiently as it can, not for staff who have been handling logistics and keeping all of us informed, and not for the people who have been taking care of themselves and each other. On the bright side, I understand that this event was a once in a century occurrence, so at least we can tell stories about it.

**Can the City Public Works Help Me with My Property?**

One last thing. There was some question about what the City's responsibility is in an emergency like this. The City is responsible for public infrastructure. That means that when it floods, the public works department's job is to keep the pipes, ditches, streets, and ponds open and functioning correctly. They are not responsible for work on private property or for private individuals. This may be an issue when the Blacksmith Fork begins to rise later this spring. Their job in that case will be to protect the roads, bridges, and other infrastructure that serve the community. We will stage sand and sand bags but the protection of private property is the responsibility of the homeowner. If you live by the river, a stream, or a ditch, please have a plan and be prepared. There is still a lot of water in the mountains, and it will come down.

This is a great place to live because you are great people. Thank you for your trust and your confidence, and thank you for your continued support of your City public works and other staff as we've worked through this. I'm honored to represent you.

**Tree Board & Wildlife Association**



The Cache Valley Wildlife Association's 4th Annual Birdhouse Building contest is underway. **March 24** is the last day to turn in your birdhouses. Birds help control insect populations, act as pollinators, are agents of seed dispersal, and are beautiful to look at and listen to. It's been a rough winter for birds, so birdhouses and feeders will help them have a successful year. It's also a good time to decide where to plant new trees in your yard. Trees increase your property value, produce welcome shade during summer heat, and provide shelter for a variety of wildlife.



March 20 is the Spring Vernal Equinox (when day and night are about equal length). As you plan to improve and expand your landscaping please consider using native, fertile flowers and shrubs. Many box-stores sell plants that do not thrive in our Zone 4 climate, or their flowers are sterile and are no good to vital pollinators. Consider planting milkweed in your flower gardens this year. Despite that the name says "weed", it will not spread everywhere. In fact, it's difficult to grow but is the only plant Monarch butterflies require for their life cycle. The western monarchs are experiencing a serious population decline. If steps are not taken to provide pesticide-free milkweed and nectar plants, we may see this beautiful butterfly disappear.



**Nibley Youth Council**

A group of Nibley Youth Council members attended the annual League of Cities and Towns Local Officials Day at the state capitol. This was a great opportunity to learn how our State Government really works. The Youth Council prepared and presented a bill in a mock legislation hearing, and they met Governor Herbert.



## Recreation Roundup

### *SUPER STARt T-ball (3 and 4 year olds)*

SUPER STAR-t T-ball is a developmental program designed to match the attention span of young players. Young athletes will rotate through fun skill and activity stations guided by a team leader parent inside the Thomas Edison gym. Register today\*. Spots are limited and will fill up fast.

### *Youth T-Ball, Baseball, and Softball*

Registration\* is open until March 31 for boys and girls ages 5-14. Depending on the league/age group, this recreation level program includes games that begin in May and run through June. Support the youth of our community by volunteering to coach or be an assistant coach. Coaching and assisting are a great opportunity to have a positive impact on our youth and can be a very fulfilling experience as you grow with the players on your team.

### *SUPER South Towns Talent Show*

Auditions for March 10 & 11 are filling up and are required to compete at the show to be held at Ridgeline High on April 22. Coaching will be available for those advancing from auditions to the South Towns Talent Show to help you or your group hone and refine your performance. Prizes will be awarded to top Talent Show performers, including an audience choice award.



### *Nibley Fit*



Attending Nibley Fit Classes wearing ANYTHING green the week of St. Patrick's Day, March 13-18, gives you a chance to win a FREE Unlimited Monthly or Quarterly pass

### *Easter Run*

Spring is on its way and so is the Easter Egg Run, coming up on April 15. This event is fun for all ages. Children chase the Easter Bunny through a "Hopstacle" course and receive Easter eggs at the finish. There will also be a 1 mile "Rabbit Run," and a 5K for all those who are ready to hop in to spring happy and healthy.



### *Nibley City Classic Picnic*

Plan to enjoying an afternoon in the park with your family playing classic games and activities that go back-in-time to when Nibley was established. This experience, scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 12:00-3:00 p.m., will be provided by a USU Parks and Recreation class at Anhder Park (formerly known as Nibley Park on 3200 South).

### *Save the Date*

Heritage Days is June 10-14. Volunteer through [justserve.org](http://justserve.org)

\*Registration information for these events is available online at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) under the *Parks and Recreation* tab or at Nibley City Hall.

## Kindergarten Registration

Now is the time to register your child for elementary school if your child will be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2017. Nibley and Heritage Elementary schools will hold registration on **Wednesday, March 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, March 15 from noon to 7:00 p.m.** To register your child, you must provide ALL of the following: child's official birth certificate, immunization records, parent's driver's license, a copy of a recent utility bill with current address, and a copy of a recent mortgage payment or rental agreement with current address

Keep in mind, all children will have a brief Kindergarten assessment during the registration process.

Thomas Edison Charter School South has limited spaces in kindergarten available for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. They would like to give Nibley residents the chance to take advantage of this opportunity. For more information contact the school at 752-0123.

## Hyrum Library

It's Book Sale time! The Hyrum Library's annual book sale is **Thursday, March 16-18**. Like last year, there will be a quilt raffle. Purchase your tickets at the book sale. The winner will be picked on Saturday the 18 at 3:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

Be sure you "like" the Hyrum Library on Facebook to get up-to-date information on programs.

### March Schedule

- **Toddler Story Time**—Each Monday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**—Each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. Tickets for Story Time are given out until 11:30 a.m. No late entries will be allowed.
- **Movie Monday**—March 6 at 4:00 p.m. Free popcorn is provided at each movie event.
- **Teen Friday**—Each Friday is Teen Friday. Activities start at 3:00 p.m. Teen Movie Friday will be March 17.

## Reminders from Nibley City Staff

### Stormwater Reminder

Stormwater is runoff from rain and snow storms. A system of gutters, ditches, and storm drains collect this runoff from our yards, rooftops, streets, parking lots, and other land surfaces. This collection of water then discharges into our natural waterways.

During last month's "melt" many of our residents had sump pumps running 24/7. As residents worked to pump this water from their homes, it was apparent that much of the water was being dumped into the City's sewer system. Nibley City pays for every gallon of water that is sent through the sewer system to Logan, but more importantly, the system can become overwhelmed, which would result in raw sewage backing up into our homes—YUCK! This happened in Wellsville. Please use hoses or other methods to divert floodwaters into streets and storm-water systems rather than floor drains, sinks, tubs or manholes.

### Canals

It is a violation of Nibley City ordinance (Nibley City Code 4-1-4A.) to dump debris into any canal or waterway. Debris can travel downstream, build up at one of the canal grates, and cause a canal to backup and overflow causing damage to surrounding properties. It's important that we keep that water flowing. As spring approaches, be sure to utilize Nibley's recycling bins for yard debris (3390 South 1200 West). It is also important to not place structures or anything along the canals that would make it difficult for canal staff to conduct canal maintenance.

### UDOT Click N' Fix

UDOT maintenance employees take care of nearly 6,000 miles of highway around Utah, including the state highways on each side of Nibley, US 89/19 and SR 165/Main Street. You can help them find and fix problem areas by keeping an eye out and letting them know about it. UDOT has implemented a new iPhone and Android app called *UDOT Click 'n Fix* which allows anyone to report an issue by dropping a pin on a map at the location of the problem.

### Muffins with the Mayor

Come enjoy a Muffin with the Mayor on *Saturday, March 11 at 8:30 a.m.* at Nibley City Hall. Muffins with the Mayor is held the second Saturday of every month. This month the Mayor would love to have a conversation with you about the northeast Nibley area.

—Nibley City Staff

## Meet Our Nibley City Staff



Nibley City is pleased to introduce you to our new Emergency Manager, Rick Williams. He comes to us with a full resume and a ton of emergency management experience.

Rick served 25 years as a career firefighter and emergency medical provider at the municipal government level, working his way up through the ranks, serving as Fire Chief in Roy City, and then Operations Bureau Chief for the Utah Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security. Prior to accepting the position of Emergency Manager for Nibley City, Rick served as the Cache County Emergency Manager where he oversaw the development and implementation of plans, training, and exercises to enhance emergency preparedness, response, and recovery programs at the county level.

Rick has a great love for teaching, especially when it comes to sharing his knowledge of the principles and practices associated with individual, family, and community preparedness. A desire to serve, devotion to education and training, and the ability to apply learned principles have contributed to Rick's career successes in public safety.

Rick and his wife, Beth Ann, make their home in Wellsville. They enjoy just about every outdoor activity there is but one of their favorites is spending time at their cabin hunting, fishing, and 4-wheeling with their 4 children and 13 grandchildren.



## Hyrum Museum



The Hyrum Museum is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Smithsonian Exhibition, *The Way We Worked*, on **Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

The museum has also curated a companion exhibit, *Tradition and Innovation: Working Together in Hyrum*, and will host several special activities and programs during the exhibition, which runs through May 13.

The Museum will be showing *Pete's Dragon* on **March 31 at 7:00 p.m.** for Friday Family Movie Night at the Elite Hall. Bring everything you need to be comfy and enjoy this free family night out.

Finally, children will learn all about why "Cache Valley is Cool" at this month's *Back in Time* children's activity on **March 28, 29, and 30 from 1:00–1:30 p.m.** each day. Please contact the museum to sign up.

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Dump your debt and live debt free. *Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University* is being offered at Nibley City Hall, **March 8-May 10 at 7:00 p.m.** The \$93 charge for this class covers all 9 lessons, a small group atmosphere, workbook, audio CDs, Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money, video access, and online budgeting tools for you and a partner. Pre-register for this class directly from the home page at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com). If you have additional questions call Cody Sorensen at 764-4344.