



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—March 2018



Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

Lessons From Germany—In 1989 I was a Senior in high school and we were living in England where my Dad was stationed with the Air Force. There were 13 of us and we didn't have a lot of money, but my parents did their best to get us cultured while we were over there. Every six months, they would load us up and take us somewhere "important." On this trip, my Dad found us a place to stay in Germany, and the day after Christmas, we headed for Berlin.

At that time, Berlin was split between East and West. West Berlin was vibrant, with lights and Christmas decorations and music in the street. No one does Christmas like Germany. We also had passes to go to East Berlin, where in contrast, it was grey and quiet with empty sidewalks. The Berlin Wall split the city down the middle. The western side was covered in graffiti, all words and colors. The eastern side was raw grey concrete. The two halves of the city were so different that, even at 17-years-old, I could tell that there was something going on.

The City was in the middle of serious upheaval. Protests ran off and on through December and there was a constant crowd of people at the Brandenburg Gate, carrying signs and chipping at the wall with hammers, chisels, and whatever else happened to be at hand. I remember someone putting a small sledgehammer in my hand. I climbed up to the top and knocked a football sized chunk off the top before handing the hammer off to the next person. An old lady came running out of the crowd, wrapped the concrete in a shawl, and disappeared.

I began to understand the politics and emotions that were going on later that night as I was walking along the wall with my friend Bryan. We came across an old German man working by himself on a lonely section, in the dark. He had a black beret on and a white beard. With a hammer, a chisel, and a hacksaw, he'd made a hole about four feet high and six inches wide in a seam between two panels. I snapped a photo with my camera, and in the flash I saw an East German border guard with his furry hat and rifle on the other side watching the old man work. The old man put down his hammer and reached through the hole to hand the guard a piece of the reinforcing steel.

I love to look at that picture because it reminds me of what happened next. Not with the guard and the old man, but what happened with Germany. The next night was New Years Eve. That night, for all intents, the wall came down and Germany started talking seriously about reunification. The problems were huge. West Germany had the strongest economy in Europe, but the rest of Europe was scared at the potential impact of absorbing millions of poor, economically disadvantaged, culturally separated people. However, the German people were clear in their goals and their desire to take care of their neighbors.

It was expensive. It was hard. But here we are now, less than 30 years later, and Germany is once again the economic engine of Europe. I'd like to think that this is because they had a core value of being united and a belief in the strength of a community working together. That old man reaching out to the guard is an image that will always stick with me.

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Miss Nibley Pageant

The Miss Nibley Pageants are this month. Our Nibley girls have worked hard to fine-tune their stage presence, interviewing skills, and dance routine and are excited to show off their hard work.

- **Princess Pageant** (ages K–5th grade) **Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Miss Nibley** (grade 10–11) and **Junior Miss** (grade 8 & 9) **Saturday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

Both pageants will be held at Thomas Edison South Charter school (1275 West 2350 South). Be sure to come and support our girls.



It's time to spring forward. Be sure to move your clocks forward an hour on **Sunday, March 11, 2018**. This is also a great time to remember to check or change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (Co) detectors.



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www.nibleycity.com

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and  our page

To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin
shaun@nibleycity.com

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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Nibley isn't Germany and there aren't any walls or border guards with guns. We don't have nearly the obstacles to community and togetherness that they did. So, what is stopping us from reaching out and offering a hand? Nobody is asking us to absorb millions of unskilled laborers and billions in broken and obsolete infrastructure. Nobody is asking us to invite a bunch of voters into our elections that might think differently than we do. All we have to do is give our neighbors the benefit of the doubt and be there to offer a helping hand. Pick up the trash in the street. Shovel a little bit of their sidewalk, not just our own. Volunteer at the school or the Senior Center or Heritage Days. I'd like to think that if we do those little things to stitch this community together, we won't have to deal with walls or divided cities, and if we do, that we will reach out and come back together as soon as the opportunity allows.

Mayor Dustin



Serving in Our Community

As Director of the Western Rural Development Center, my husband travels to 13 western states to assist rural communities with economic development. Because of recent technological advances, machines have replaced people in many jobs traditionally held by rural community members. This often results in high rates of unemployment or underemployment in these areas. There are various factors that influence their resiliency during difficult economic times. One of the most important factors is the rate of volunteerism. Rural communities historically produce relatively large numbers of volunteers with individuals doing everything from cleaning the cemeteries to organizing community events. Benefits to the community include higher rates of community satisfaction, a more flexible and resilient economy, higher rates of personal happiness reported by the population, higher quality education and more physically attractive streets, parks, schools etc.

Nibley has a tremendous legacy of volunteerism. The very survival of Nibley's early settlers was dependent on assistance from each other. Every June, we celebrate our heritage. It seems fitting that the success of this celebration is dependent on volunteers. Those volunteer hours are an important tribute to those who have come before us. Indeed a celebration of our heritage that does not reflect hundreds of volunteer hours seems somehow hollow and insincere. The city has organized a number of meaningful opportunities for you to be involved. Some of you volunteered your material goods to help the children in the Little Cypress Mauriceville Independent School District this past December. The generosity of Nibley and other communities was both noted and greatly appreciated. Heritage Elementary School students donated hundreds of books, dozens of back packs and other school supplies. The need was obvious, and the school district personnel were grateful. Now we have an opportunity to volunteer our time to support our own community. In open hearings, community members have often enthusiastically expressed their desire to maintain the rural character of Nibley. Meaningful involvement is a great way to preserve the rural character that we all value and honor and the heritage on which our community was built. Please contact Nibley City's Recreation Director, Chad Wright at 752-0431 to ask how your talents, skills, time and efforts can be used.

Planning Commissioner Carol Albrecht



Wildlife Association

Entries for Nibley's 2018 Birdhouse Building contest are due by Friday, March 23 at 5:00 p.m. Get creative, even "multi-bird"

housing is allowed, but be sure to follow the guidelines found on the entry form. The form and information about prizes and age categories can be found at www.nibleycity.com. You can also contact our "birding" inspector, Ron Hellstern, at 512-6938 for more information.



Get Involved in Community Preparedness



Rick Williams
Nibley City
Emergency Manager

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks.

Communities across our nation, including Nibley, have been getting involved in CERT training. Nibley has had several residents participate in CERT training over the years, but we would like to expand our program. If you're interested in being involved in a Nibley CERT Team or in receiving training, please send an email with your name and contact information to Rick@nibleycity.com.

Recreation Roundup

Baseball, Softball, T-ball Sign Ups

Registration for baseball, softball, and T-ball is now open. Spring will be here before we know it so, it's time for Baseball, softball, and T-ball. Registration will run through **March 16**. Sign-ups will close 2 weeks earlier than what has historically been offered in the past to facilitate more time to put teams together and to allow more team practice time prior to games beginning.



Pay it Forward Week

Nibley City is excited to announce the return of the *Pay it Forward* campaign. **February 25 through March 3** will be *Pay It Forward Week*. We encourage you to come up with a random act of kindness for a neighbor, friend, or family member and leave the *Pay It Forward* challenge with them to inspire them to go and pay it forward to someone else. *Pay It Forward* ideas for families, individuals, the young, and not-so-young are posted online.

Nibley Fit-Lucky to Be Alive

Show your St. Patrick's Day spirit and wear green to our Nibley Fit classes the week of **March 12-16**. Wearing all that green could bring the *Luck 'O the Irish* to you. During this week, every time you attend a class and wear some form of green, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a free monthly or quarterly pass. Good luck!



Egg Run & Hopstacale Course

Hop on over to Virgil Gibbons Heritage Park on **Saturday, March 24** to enjoy a fun and festive running experience for the whole family.

Kids Hopstacale course runs (view age categories online) will start at **9:00 a.m.** with Eggivities beginning immediately after. The 1-Mile Rabbit run will start at approximately **9:25 a.m.** and the 5K race should begin at **9:30 a.m.**

Online registration for the 5K race will be available until **5:00 p.m. March 23** and day-of registration will be available from **8:30-9:00 a.m.** Please go to Nibley City's website for information regarding registration fees, special categories, and fees.



Talent Show Registration

The Nibley City Talent Show is a community talent show, open to resident of Nibley 8 years old and up which includes a youth and adult division. Participants can register online or in person at Nibley City Hall. Registration is due **Friday, March 23 by 5:00 p.m.** Auditions will be held Friday, April 6 and Saturday April 7. The Talent Show will be **Saturday, April 21 from 7-9:00 p.m.** at Heritage Elementary school.

Please visit the Nibley City Parks & Recreation home page for information on entry fees, judges, and prizes.



Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson class that will teach you how to take control of your money. Nibley City is hosting a class that will begin **March 13-May 8**. The class will be held at Nibley City Hall Tuesday nights at **7:00 p.m.** each week.

To register for a group, each family needs a Financial Peace University membership which includes the materials needed for the class. You can find a link to register for the class at www.nibleycity.com.



Muffins With the Mayor

Our Mayor loves to hear from you. You're invited to meet with him the second Saturday of each month to enjoy a muffin and have a chat. This year, Mayor Dustin has suggested topics that can be the focus of discussion for each month. Bring your suggestions, observations, and concerns about each topic. However, you should also feel free to talk about anything else that's been on your mind. This month, the Mayor will focus on Heritage Days and serving in our community. Get those creative juices flowing and come share your thoughts with Mayor Dustin on **Saturday, March 10 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.**

Go to www.nibleycity.com and look under *Departments; Parks & Rec Home* for more information about all of Nibley City's recreation events.

Kindergarten Registration



Will your child turn 5 on or before September 1, 2018? If so, NOW is the time to register them for Kindergarten at Nibley and Heritage Elementary schools.

Wednesday, March 14

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15

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. Please be aware that all children will have a brief Kindergarten assessment during the registration process.

Thomas Edison Charter School South also has spaces in Kindergarten available for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. There are also limited spaces available in grades 1st-8th. For more information contact the school at 752-0123 or visit www.thomased.org.



The Senior Center

March Calendar

Mondays– Quilting and pool

- Mar. 5 Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m.
Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 19 Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 26 *Thoroughly Modern Millie* in Smithfield

Tuesdays– Cards, Bunco, & board games at 12:30 p.m.

- Chair yoga at 9:30 a.m. This great class offers the health benefits of easy yoga in your chair.

Wednesdays–Most programs start at 12:30 p.m.

- Mar. 7 Senior Outreach Program hosted by Senator Mike Lee's office
- Mar. 14 Annual Leprechaun Party. Wear green and join them for great food & fiddling. This event starts at 12:00 p.m.
- Mar. 21 Life on the Farm program
- Mar. 28 Game Day

Thursdays–No lunch is served

- Mar. 15 Lunch Bunch–Pizza Pie Cafe at 11:30 a.m.
- Mar. 29 Mystery road trip at 10:00 a.m.

Fridays– Lunch and Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

- Mar. 23 *Secret Garden* at the Old Barn





Runoff Rundown

Report Illegal
Discharge to
Nibley City
435-752-0431

Pollution Prevention

Fertilizer helps things grow but when it gets in water, it helps algae grow. Algae blooms can cause major problems in waterways because they use up oxygen needed by other river critters. Pesticides, intended to kill bugs around our homes, also damage the important ecosystems that live in creeks, rivers, and canals. Additionally, pesticides can cause health threats to humans who play in waterbodies which receive storm water discharge.

Typically, fertilizers and pesticides enter the drainage system in one of three ways:

1. They have been stored improperly on the ground and washed into the storm drains by rain.
2. They are illegally dumped directly into the drains.
3. Most commonly, pollutants enter the storm drain system when they are over-applied to the land surface and then wash into the storm drain by rain.

What can you do to help?

- Fertilize sparingly. Do not fertilize in the Spring until you have mowed the lawn three times.
- Avoid using combination fertilizer/pesticide products. Hand pick weeds when possible, and if you must treat weeds or insects with pesticides, spot treat them rather than dousing the entire lawn.
- Let your grass grow. A general rule of thumb is to never cut more than a third of the the blade of grass. And when you cut it, leave the grass clippings on the lawn. It's the best kind of fertilizer.
- Do not over-water your lawn. Excess water will run off into the street and wash away pesticides and fertilizers before they have had a chance to be effective.



Mountain Crest/Ridgeline Young Artist Cup 2018

You're invited to come watch some of the finest talent Cache Valley's youth have to offer at the 2018 Mountain Crest/Ridgeline Young Artist Cup music competition.

April 12–Vocal and String performances

April 13–Piano & Brass/Wind/Percussion performances
Ridgeline High School Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

This is a free event, refreshments will be served, and cash prizes will be awarded to top finishers. If you have further questions or need more information, please visit www.youngartistcup.wordpress.com.