



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—March 2019



Mayor Shaun Dustin

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

Two years ago, Nibley flooded. We live in a beautiful spot, but if you were not aware when you moved to Nibley, you moved to a low spot in the valley and when the snow melts, the water flows downhill and that's where we are.

In the last floods, we learned a lot about our systems and our city. We learned that there are things that we can and should do to make things better for the future. Here's what you need to know.

The question always seems to come up about what the City's responsibility is in an emergency. The City is responsible for public infrastructure. This means that when it floods, the job of the public works department is to keep the pipes, ditches, streets, and ponds that belong to the City open and functioning correctly. They cannot work on private property or for private individuals but they will work to keep public infrastructure open so that there is a place for the water to go.

There are three principle types of flooding that happen in Nibley. The most obvious is along the Blacksmith Fork River. When the river comes up, people living on the banks and near canals fed by the river need to be prepared for overtopping. The City does not remove debris or otherwise work in the river or the canals, and the City only builds flood barriers to protect lives and public property. If you are concerned about your private property, take the time for an assessment, and make sure that you are prepared.

The second type of flooding is water that collects and flows along the surface of the ground. This can happen anywhere in Nibley, but it's especially a problem in the flat areas west of highway 165. This water will come into your house through windows, doors, and window wells. Your best defense against this flooding is to make sure that water can flow away from your home. If you have a walkout basement or window wells, don't let water or snow collect around them.

The last flooding threat is groundwater. When surface water goes away, a lot of it goes into the ground. This means that water can actually rise up and get into your house from below. Your best bet here is to have a sump and a sump pump.

Whatever you do, do not pump water into your house drains—toilets, tubs, showers and sinks all go into the regular sewer system. If the sewer has too much water flowing through, it can fail and back up into your home along with all the toilet water, food, garbage, and whatever else we flush into the system. This is far worse for your home than relatively clean groundwater.

The City's job in a flood 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, so 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.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE CANALS?—We live in this interesting mix of the city and the county. A lot of us are not used to what it means to live near canals. Canals are to deliver water. They are not for playing in, dumping trash in, or landscaping. We have worked out a deal with the canal company to try to keep Nibley the same as it was when we got here. But if they are not happy with how we treat their canals, they can take them away. DON'T PUT TRASH,

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Nibley's STAR Deputy



Nibley City in wishing him a happy retirement.



Nibley City welcomes our new STAR Deputy, Jake Carley. Deputy Carley has 15 years of service with the Sheriff's office. He, his wife and two boys are Nibley residents. Deputy Carley said Nibley, "is the greatest town ever."

The Sheriff's Town and Area Representative (STAR) Deputy Program provides citizens with a direct link to the Sheriff's Office. The deputy assists the city with law enforcement, public outreach and education, and community-oriented policing. Citizens are encouraged to contact their STAR Deputy with any questions or concerns they may have. The Sheriff's Office non-Emergency Dispatch number is 753-7555. However, if you have an emergency you should always call 911.



Nibley City Office

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Nibley, UT 84321

Ph: 752-0431 • Fax: 753-1510

Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Mon.–Fri.)

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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.

We All Live Downstream



Report Illegal Discharge to Nibley City 435-752-0431

Believe it or not, spring is right around the corner and a lot of us will start putting efforts into our yard work. Spring is a great time to spread fertilizers and pesticides and while they help things grow and kill the pests around our homes, they also help algae grow in our water and damage important ecosystems that live in creeks, rivers, and canals.

What Can You Do to Help?

Fertilize sparingly. Septembers is actually the best month to fertilize but if you want to fertilize more than once, 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. The ideal length depends upon the type but the general rule of thumb is to never cut more than a third of the blade. And when you cut it, leave the grass clippings on the lawn. It's the best kind of fertilizer. Remember . . . *We All Live Downstream!*



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LEAVES GRASS, OR ANYTHING ELSE IN THE CANALS. That's not what they are for, and it's a misdemeanor that could get you in trouble with the Sheriff. More importantly, when we throw garbage in the canal, it plugs up the pipes and pumps that people rely on for their living, and could be the cause of flooding into adjacent homes. Saving a few steps to the trash can is not worth flooding your neighbor's house or heaven forbid causing a landslide or drowning someone.

WHO DOES THE WATER IN THE CANALS AND UNDERGROUND BELONG TO—Per the State constitution, all the water in Utah belongs to the State. In order to use water in Utah you either have to purchase it from someone who has the legal right to use it (like the City or a canal company), or you have to own a water right yourself. Even though it's tempting because water is so close to the surface in Nibley, it is against the law to dig or drill a well and take water without owning a water right—and if you don't know if you have one, you probably don't. It's also against the law to pump out of a canal or a pond without having title to either a water right or shares in the canal you are using. Please be honest. Taking water without a title is stealing.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THE CANAL IN MY YARD?—Living next to a canal doesn't mean that you have any ownership of the canal. Generally speaking, if a canal crosses your property line, you own the land under the canal, but the canal company owns the improvements and the right to use the water. You cannot move, dig in, or otherwise alter the banks or the channel, open or close gates, or do anything else without the canal company's permission.

"But it's on my property" you say. That's true, but it's also true that the canal company built the canals before Nibley existed as a City and have their own legal authority with the State that takes precedence over your ownership. The other interesting thing is that the canal company has the right to access their canal at any time; which may mean backhoes or dump trucks, or just a guy with a shovel. The City has no authority to give you permission to do anything with the canal; only the canal company can do that. If you change the canal, or restrict access, then the canal company will change it back and have no obligation to restore landscaping, fences, or anything else that was done without their permission.

I love canals. They are a beautiful asset. They give a special character to the City. They are a big part of why I love living here. But if we don't take care of them, we could lose them.

For basic information on protecting your property, take a look at this website: <https://www.insurancehotline.com/protect-your-home-from-flooding-and-water-damage/>.



Mayor Dustin

CACHE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT kindergarten registration

For children who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2019

During registration, please provide the following:

- ✓ Child's Official Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization Records
- ✓ Parent's driver's license
- ✓ Copy of a recent utility bill with current address
- ✓ Copy of a recent mortgage payment or rental agreement with current address

When possible, fill out online forms PRIOR TO attending registration (www.ccsdut.org)
Children will have a brief Kindergarten assessment during the registration process.

Wednesday, March 13th 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday, March 14th 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Registration will be at all CCSD Elementary Schools

For more information visit www.ccsdut.org

Recreation Roundup

Heads Up! Baseball, Softball, T-ball Sign-Ups

It's time to . . . *play ball!* Registration for Baseball, softball, and T-ball is now open but ends on **March 18, or when full.**

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** and you could bring yourself the *Luck 'O the Irish*. 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!

South Towns Talent Show



Start practicing for the South Towns Talent Show. Registration is open **March 4–April 13** and you must be registered to audition on **April 26 & 27**. Youth and adult divisions are available. The talent Show will be on **Saturday, June 1**. The public is welcome to come and enjoy a free night full of talent.

Late-Night Spikeball Tournament



The first-ever Late-Night Spikeball Tournament will be held on **Friday, May 3**. Be on the ball field at Anhder Park from **7:00–11:00 p.m.** for a night full of food, fun, and healthy competition. Registration is open now. Each 2-person team is \$30 and includes a t-shirt. You must be 14+ to register.

Future Recreating

- *Nibley Heritage Days–June 15–22.*



Mountain Crest/Ridgeline Young Artist Cup 2019



Would you enjoy a night of beautiful music? Are you looking for a cultural event for your scout or church group? Or perhaps you need an idea for date night?

You're invited to come watch some of the finest talent Cache Valley's youth have to offer at the Mountain Crest/Ridgeline Young Artist Cup music competition. You'll see amazing performances, be served refreshments and see top finishers earn cash prizes at this free event. For more details, please visit www.youngartistcup.wordpress.com.

Mar. 27–Vocal and string performances

Mar. 28–Piano, brass, wind & percussion performances

Mountain Crest High School Auditorium

7:00 p.m. both evenings

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BABY ANIMAL DAYS!

APRIL 3, 4, 5, 6 ★ 10 AM–5PM

4025 S. HWY 89-91
WELLSVILLE, UT

AVOID THE LINES
BUY TICKETS ONLINE
AWHC.ORG

\$9 ★ ADULTS
\$7 ★ CHILDREN AGES 3-11
\$1 OFF WITH CURRENT
USU STUDENT ID

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! VISIT AWHC.ORG OR CALL 435-245-6050

Save money. Live better.
 Experience it!



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.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

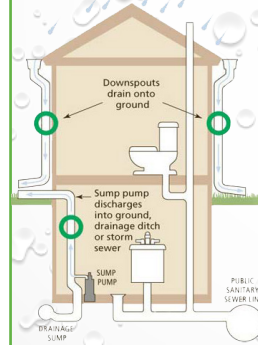
Sump Pumps

Nibley City prohibits sump pumps from being connected to the City's sewer system. Nibley City Code 15.04.040 states:

Sanitary And Building Sewers And Connections

J. Surface Runoff Or Ground Water: No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, field drains, or other sources of surface runoff or ground water, to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

Nibley City needs your help to minimize sump pump water from being discharged into the City's sewer system, especially during the spring run-off. Unfortunately, *illegal* discharge into the sewer can result in the sewer system operating at maximum capacity and could cause sewage to back-up into your home. Nibley City also has to pay Logan City for every gallon of wastewater we sent them for treatment. A sump pump could cost the city thousands in extra treatment charges.



—Nibley City Staff



2019 Notice of Election

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

City Council members serve four-year terms and are elected at large. Anyone interested in filing for one of these offices 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 immediately preceding the date of election (November 7, 2019)
- Not be a convicted felon

Anyone 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 1 through June 7, 2019.**



Cache Valley Wildlife Association



Mark Twain is credited with saying, "Whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting over." That comment may be over 120 years old, but the importance of water is still critical. And it always will be. Nibley is fortunate to have good water sources from both the underground and the Blacksmith Fork River with the canals that flow from it.

Nibley is Utah's first Wildlife Habitat City certified by the National Wildlife Federation. Without access to open water along the river's riparian zone, as well as open water in the canals, there would be a drastic reduction in wildlife habitat, as well as the number of wildlife species we currently enjoy.

Please help our water managers keep the river corridor and canals free of trash, and encourage them to maintain open water systems to keep wildlife and green tree riparian zones a part of our historic community.

Facts About Flash Flooding



Rick Williams
Nibley Emergency
Manager

With increased snow pack and frozen ground, we are once again faced with the potential threat of flooding. Flooding typically occurs when prolonged rain falls over several days, when intense rain falls over a short period of time, or when an ice or debris jam causes a river or stream to overflow onto the surrounding area.

The most common cause of flooding is water, due to rain and/or snowmelt, that accumulates faster than soils can absorb it, or rivers can carry it away. Approximately seventy-five percent of all Presidential disaster declarations are associated with flooding.

Flash floods are exactly what the name suggests: floods that happen in a flash! Flash floods generally develop within 6 hours of the immediate cause. Causes of flash flooding include heavy rain, ice or debris jams, and dam failure. These floods exhibit a rapid rise of water over low-lying areas. In some cases, flooding may even occur well away from where heavy rain initially fell. This is especially common in the western United States where low lying areas may be very dry one minute and filled with rushing water from upstream the next.

There are many reasons that flash floods occur, but one of the most common is the result of copious amounts of rainfall from thunderstorms. This can also occur when slow-moving or multiple thunderstorms move over the same area. These sudden downpours can rapidly change the water levels in a stream or creek and turn small waterways into violent, raging rivers. Urban areas are especially prone to flash floods due to the large amounts of concrete and asphalt surfaces that do not allow water to penetrate into the soil easily.

Steep, hilly, or mountainous terrain produces rapid runoff and quick stream response, since the water will travel downhill at greater speeds into rivers and over land. Rocky terrain can exacerbate the development of flash floods and raging waters since rocks and clay soils do not allow as much water to infiltrate the ground. Steep, narrow valleys generate rapidly flowing waters that can quickly rise to considerable depth. For instance, a mountain creek that is usually only 6 inches deep can swell to a 10-foot depth in less than one hour. PLEASE BE CAREFUL.



Nibley's City Council meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. The Nibley City Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. 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.