



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—March 2020

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

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

We learned a lot about our systems and our city in the last flood. There are things that we can and should do to make things better for the future. So here is what you need to know.

The question always seems to come up 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, that belong to the City, open and functioning correctly. They will not work on private property or for private individuals but they will work to keep public infrastructure open so that there is a place for your water to go. For some basic information on protecting your property during flooding, take a look at this website:

<https://www.insurancehotline.com/protect-your-home-from-flooding-and-water-damage/>.

There are three principle types of flooding that happen in Nibley. The most obvious one 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. 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 comes into your house through windows, doors, and window wells. Your best defense against this type of 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 type of flooding threat is groundwater. When surface water goes away, a lot of it goes into the ground. That 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. These drains include toilets, tubs, showers and sinks, which all go into the regular sewer system. If the sewer backs up and fails because it has too much water in it, then all the toilet water, food garbage, and whatever else we flush might reappear. I think we can all agree that this is far worse for your home than the relatively clean groundwater.

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Kindergarten Registration

Cache County School District Kindergarten registration will take place on Wednesday, March 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 12 from 1:00–7:00 p.m. in all CCSD elementary schools.

- Registration is for children who will turn five on or before September 1, 2020.
- Children should be brought to be registered by a parent or guardian.
- Children will take a brief assessment.
- Parents should take their children to register at their neighborhood elementary school.

Please bring the following to registration:

- 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



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

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

Cache Valley Wildlife Association



The Cache Valley Wildlife Association (CVWA) will hold its first meeting of the year on **Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m.** CVWA meetings are open to the public and membership to the group is free. The goal of the CVWA is to promote the development and maintenance of wildlife habitat in our home and city landscapes. The CVWA will discuss activities for the summer and fall, such as providing a booth at Nibley Heritage Days, assisting in the Mariposa Festival (more details on this fun event will be coming next month), and hosting a fall seed/plant exchange, at their May meeting.

In Cache Valley the month of March can be a bit confusing. We enjoy rain, snow, and sunshine. Plants, especially spring bulbs, begin to emerge. Sometimes, the plants are just as confused as we are by the extreme temperature changes. Surely, however, March brings with it a hint that our beautiful valley and mountains will soon be bursting with flowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees.

Many plants, trees and shrubs start to form buds in March. These buds are the beginning of what will create new growth and provide nectar, fruit, shade, nesting sites, and shelter for our wildlife species. Pollinators and birds thrive in “treed” environments. Now is a great time to purchase and plant bare root woody plants. The extra moisture in the ground and from precipitation will give newly planted trees and shrubs a head start on the summer. For an inexpensive source to purchase bare

root plants, check out the annual bare root sale put on by the local Conservation Districts. Order forms and information are located at www.uacd.org. The deadline to order is **March 25**.

March is the perfect time to prune back the woody branches of existing trees and shrubs, before leaves appear. The internet has a lot of information on pruning, specific to the various trees and shrubs that you may have in your yard.

The USU Extension (www.extension.usu.edu) is a good resource on just about anything garden related. The Extension will be hosting a free, hands-on workshop on the proper practices behind pruning fruit trees and ornamental plants at the following locations and dates:

- Saturday, March 7, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
2250 North Main, North Logan
Venue: Logan IFA Country Store
- Thursday, March 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
69 West Center Street, Logan
Venue: Anderson's Seed & Garden
- Saturday, March 28, 10:00-11:30
3915 US-91, Hyde Park
Venue: Freckle Farm Nursery

Try to make one of the dates for the workshop, get out your gloves and pruning shears, and let's start preparing our yards for summer . . . and, our wildlife inhabitants!

For questions about these topics and/or if you would like to be added to the CVWA email list, please contact Becky Yeager at 435-757-6283 or blyeager@comcast.net.

–The Cache Valley Wildlife Association



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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.

We want the water, we don't want the floods. We will get what we get, so let's be prepared.

Mayor Dustin

Young Artist Cup 2020

Watch some of the finest talent Cache Valley's youth have to offer at the Mountain Crest/Ridgeline Young Artist Cup music competition on **March 25 and 26**. You'll see amazing performances, be served refreshments and see top finishers earn cash prizes at this free event. Got to www.youngartistcup.wordpress.com for more information.

Mar. 25–Vocal and string performances

Mar. 26–Piano, wind & percussion performances

Both performances start at **7:00 p.m.** and will be held at the Ridgeline High School auditorium.



Recreation Roundup

Nibley Fit—Green Days



March 10th-17th

Do you have the **LUCK** of the Irish?

Wear **GREEN** or bring a **FRIEND** that does not already have a Nibley Fit Pass.

Then enter to win:
Prizes: Chocolate, FREE mo. or Qtrly pass
• For Every time you attend wearing **GREEN**
• For Every new **FRIEND YOU BRING**



WIN CHOCOLATE!

Baseball, Softball, T-ball Sign Ups



Registration is open until **March 13** for boys and girls ages 3-14. This recreation level program includes games that begin in May and run through June. Support the youth of our community by volunteering to 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.

START T-ball (3 and 4 year-olds) 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 Thomas Edison's gym.

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Spring Chip Clinic

Bridgerland Applied Technology College is holding a Spring microchipping event at their West campus. This is an inexpensive, convenient way to have a microchip placed for your pet.

When: March 14

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: BTECH Campus

1410 N 1000 W, Logan

\$10 for walk-ins;

\$8 preregistered

Call 716-9300 to sign up. All dogs must be leashed/in carriers and have current proof of rabies vaccination.



Egg Run



You don't want to miss Nibley City's Egg Run. This Easter themed event is nothing like a typical Easter egg hunt and combines fitness with fun experiences for the whole family. The Egg Run will be **Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m.** at Virgil Gibbons Heritage Park. We recommend arriving early to fill out the FREE run registration forms prior to the event. "Eggtivities" will follow the kids Hopstake runs and a FREE mile run is also available. The event wraps up with an affordable 5K, which includes fun categories and prizes. Watch Nibley's Facebook page for announcements on a 5K flash sale, new options for 5K runners, special prizes, and a new "eggtivity" the whole family is going to love.

Save the Date:



June 13-20



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.



Report Illegal Discharge to Nibley City
435-752-0431

We all have an impact on storm water quality and we can all take steps to make a difference. Here are a few ideas:

- Grass or replant disturbed soil.
- Prevent, soil, leaves, mulch, grass clippings from being washed or blown into gutters and driveways.
- Consider natural alternatives to pest control chemicals.
- Pick up litter in the park or street.
- Clean up and dispose of pet waste properly.
- Wash your car on the grass or gravel or go to a care wash where the water is recycled.

Remember . . . We All Live Downstream!



Planning Our City

March will once again be a busy month for the Planning Commission and City Council as they review new developments and updates to Nibley City Code.

The Nibley City Planning Commission make recommendations to the Nibley City Council. This month they are considering recommendations of the following updates and changes to Nibley City Code:

- Commercial Standards and Zoning Update
- A proposal to change Nibley City Code to allow homeowners to have detached apartments/guest homes on their property.

The acronym R-PUD stands for Residential Planned Unit Development. In order to build using R-PUD standards, a developer must first be granted a Residential Planned Unit Overlay zone. The City Council has designated six-areas (*Nibley City Code 19.32*) in Nibley City where a developer can ask for an R-PUD overlay zone. If the R-PUD overlay zone is approved by the City Council then a developer can apply for a plat using R-PUD development standards. These standards include the development of single-family housing, townhomes, and open space.

The City Council and Planning Commission will consider the following land use applications in March:

- A R-PUD (Residential Planned Unit Development) Zone of twenty acres west of Firefly Park.
- A R-PUD Zone for 76 acres east of City Hall, and north of 3200 S.
- A Residential Planned Unit Overlay Zone for 54.6 acres south of 3200 S at 1000 W.

You can find full agendas and reports for each meeting of the Nibley City Council and Nibley City Planning Commission at Nibley City's website. Agendas and reports are posted the Friday before each meeting.



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Nibley City Planner

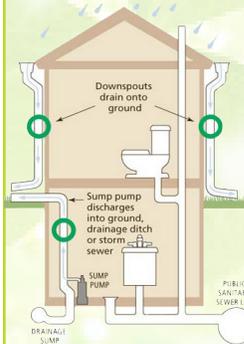
If you have questions or comments contact

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or call Nibley City Hall at 752-0431.

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.

Garbage and Recycle Pickup

Please space your trash and recycle can(s) at least 4 feet apart. This helps prevent trucks flipping over the cans. It is much safer for you and for the Logan Environmental operator. It is especially helpful in winter when it is more difficult to line the trash truck up with the refuse cans. To watch a video with more information go to <https://youtu.be/u2ho6QG1tC8>.



Many of the blue recycling containers have a sticker under the lid that tells you what can be recycled. This sticker is, unfortunately, now out of date. For those that need the reminder, we will make new stickers available at the Nibley City Offices beginning in March.

Please pay attention to what should be placed in recycling containers:

PLEASE RECYCLE in the blue mixed recycling container			PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE in the blue mixed recycling container		
Cardboard Boxes	Paper	Paper Bags	Glass	Drink Can	Styrofoam
Catalogues & Magazines	Plastic Containers #1 & #2	Metal Cans	Plastic Bags	Food & Green Waste	Plastic #3-7
Cardboard Packaging			Cloth Items	Disposable Dishes	Drink Cups, lids &

Nibley City and the Logan Environmental Department thank you for your cooperation. —Nibley City Staff