



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah— March 2021



Mayor Shaun Dustin

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

I want to publicly thank David Zook for eight years of dedicated service to Nibley City. David has moved from the top job at Nibley to the top job at Cache County and I am incredibly proud of him and the work that he's done for Nibley. On his watch, the City brought in \$10 million dollars in grant funding, punched way above his weight in negotiations and agreements with other cities, and got better every day. David is an excellent manager and a good friend and I am deeply grateful to him for the time that he spent helping us to make life better in Nibley. I'll miss him, but I'm excited to see what he will do at the County.

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 to the low spots and sits there, and that's where we are. Nibley floods, and it's everyone's responsibility to make sure we are protecting our homes and our property.

The question that always seems to come up in flooding situations is, "What's the city's responsibility 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 do 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, take a look at this website: <https://www.insurancehotline.com/protect-your-home-from-flooding-and-water-damage/>.

Nibley City also uses irrigation canals to carry stormwater. It's critical that we don't abuse those canals and keep them clean. Don't dump grass or leaves or other yard waste in the ditches. It will get stuck and if it's not your basement that floods, it might be your friends'. Please put garbage where it belongs.

What's Up With the Canals?—We live in this interesting mix of city and county. This is what drew a lot of us to Nibley in the first place. However, a lot of us are not used to what it means to live near a canal. Canals are to deliver water to the people that own the water in the canal. To become an owner in the canal company you have to buy shares in the company just like buying shares of stock. 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.

Who Does the Water in the Canals and Underground Belong to?—Did you know that all the water in Utah belongs, per the State Constitution, 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),

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Kindergarten Registration

Cache County School District Kindergarten registration will take place on **Wednesday, March 10** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and **Thursday, March 11** from 1:00–7:00 p.m. Parents with incoming kindergarten students must fill out registration forms online before going to registration at the school. Go to www.ccsdut.org/Page/5511 for more information.

- Registration is for children who will turn five on or before September 1, 2021.
- Children should be brought to registration 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 documents to registration:

- Child's official birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residency
- Photo ID of parent or legal guardian



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

Visit the Nibley City website at

www.nibleycity.com

Nibley City is also on



Go to www.facebook.com/nibley

and our page

To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin
shaun@nibleycity.com

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

Recreation Roundup

Baseball, Softball, T-Ball Sign-Ups

Baseball, Softball, and T-ball sign ups are now open. Don't miss out, registration ends **Sunday, March 21** (or when leagues are full). For family scheduling convenience, our city league baseball, softball, & T-ball games do not overlap with the soccer games for the same age group. Our coaches are trained to make both practices and games fun, and you can count on your child making new friends as they learn the **FUNDamentals** of the game.

SUPER START T-Ball

This year Nibley Rec has reinvented this program for 3 and 4 year olds to accommodate the pandemic situation and will offer the entire SUPER START T-ball experience outside. Parents can sign Pre-K participants up for either a **5:30 p.m.** or **6:30 p.m.** session. These sessions are held once a week for 5 weeks during the regular baseball/softball season. This year, plan on a parent child experience, guided by a baseball/softball specialist, who introduces your child to the games of baseball/softball while having fun and learning valuable skills. This program fills up quickly so sign up ASAP. Registration is ongoing and ends **Sunday, March 21** (or when sessions are full).

@Home HOPstacle Challenge

In a typical year our Nibley HOPstacle course experience is offered just prior to the 5K Egg run and is followed up by EGGivities at Heritage Park. Since this is NOT a typical year, like last year, Nibley City will offer the @ Home HOPstacle Challenge. Our 2020 entries were impressive and inspiring, and this year promises to be even better. To participate in the @Home HOPstacle Challenge create an obstacle course in your own yard, take a video of your family running through it, and

submit it to Nibley City to be considered for an amazing Easter-themed prize basket. The first 20 families to sign up will have a few of the same obstacles we typically use at the park delivered to their home to set up their at home course. The @Home HOPstacle Challenge is free and registration is open **February 24 to March 26**.

5K Only Egg Run



The Nibley City “5K Only Egg Run” will be held on **Saturday, March 27** and will adhere to a social distancing operational plan. The plan includes a “rolling start” with scheduled start times instead of a mass start, appropriate distancing, and masks for check in, but not during your run. To get times and race category placement right, chip timing will be included, and expect the same fun and creative race categories you all love. Plan on a well marked course, and a FaceBook live awards ceremony and prize raffle, with the awards available for pick up @ City hall the week following the race. We know it is a little different than our typical Egg Run, but we promise it will be just as fun. Online registration is available at www.nibleycity.com.



Find the most up-to-date information on Nibley City recreation events and activities at www.nibleycity.com and www.facebook.com/nibley.

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. Unfortunately, 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. September 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.

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HOPstacle CHALLENGE

At Home Event

FREE

Family Fun



HOW IS LIFE IN NIBLEY?

Let us know!

Please take the Wellbeing Survey



<https://tinyurl.com/ydsys4d>

Utah **WELLBEING SURVEY**



EXTENSION
UtahStateUniversity

USU IRB #11624

The survey is for adults age 18 or over.
Disponible en Español. Nibley City is partnering with USU's Wellbeing Project. For more info, contact courtney.flint@usu.edu.



2021 Notice of Election

Nibley City will hold a municipal election this fall to elect a Mayor and two (2) City Council members. If necessary, a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021; the General Election date is Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

The Mayor and 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 online at www.nibleycity.com or at Nibley City Hall) in person with the Nibley City Recorder or Deputy Recorder at Nibley City Hall, **June 1 through June 7, 2021.**



Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Bare Root Sale



One of the most significant additions you can include in your yard to protect and preserve wildlife, are trees and shrubs. Trees and shrubs provide important shelter, shade, and forage for wildlife during all seasons. This includes many species of birds and even a number of beneficial insects, like butterflies and bees. Not only that, trees and shrubs benefit you and your family by shading your property and home, providing you with food (depending on the type) and of course, beautifying your yard.

Each year, the Blacksmith Fork and North Cache Conservation Districts offer bare root shrubs and trees to the public. The types offered are known to grow well in our northern Utah climate and are often quick growing. My personal favorites (and ones that have done well

in my own landscape) are the redosier dogwood, Nanking cherry, golden currant, and Lombardy poplar. Purchasing plants as “bare roots” (plants removed from the soil in a dormant state) provides an affordable option for a tree or shrub that, when planted in the spring, has a greater chance of becoming established.

The bare roots are offered in bundles of 10. Check with neighbors and friends to see if you can make a cooperative purchase and split up the bundles. Information on plant species and a printable order form can be located at <https://www.uacd.org/cash-valley-tress-sale>. Orders must be placed no later than April 2 and plants must be picked up at the Cache County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 24.

Now is a great time to be planning your landscaping efforts. If you have any questions or want to know more about the Cache Valley Wildlife Association, contact Becky Yeager at 7576283 or blyeager@comcast.net.

—Becky

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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 don't. Water is serious business in the West, and people who own it treat it like deeds to houses. 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, and the canal companies are serious about protecting their ownership of water because for farmers, that water is their paycheck.



What Can I Do With the Canal in My Yard?—

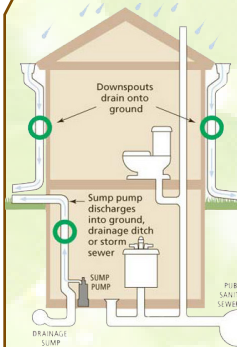
Living next to a canal doesn't mean that we have any ownership of the canal. Generally speaking, if a canal crosses your property line, you own the land under the canal, but the canal company owns the improvements and the right to use the water. You cannot move, dig in, or otherwise alter the banks or 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 all of those canals before Nibley existed as a city (WAY before you bought your house) and they have their own legal authority with the State that has precedence over your ownership or even the City's authority.

The other interesting thing here is that the canal company has the right to access their canal at any time; that may mean backhoes or dump trucks, or it may mean 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. And if you change the canal, or restrict access, then the canal company will change it back, and you probably won't like how they do it because they have no obligation to restore landscaping, fences, or anything else that was done without their permission.

I love canals. They are a beautiful asset and they give a special character to Nibley City. They are a big part of why I love living here. They support the agricultural heritage we all enjoy, they support wildlife and trees, and they sound and look cool. If we want to continue to have them around, we need to be respectful of them and their owners, and we need to take care of them. If we don't, they could all go underground and that would make me sad.

Mayor Dustin

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

CACHE COUNTY RECYCLING

PLEASE RECYCLE
in the blue mixed recycling container



PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE
in the blue mixed recycling container



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

—Nibley City Staff