



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—November 2016

Thoughts From Our Mayor

How Can You Make a Difference on Election Day?

This election day, I think the biggest issue on the ballot is the Cache Water District. There's a lot of information out there about the water district but I think the fundamental question behind the district is this: Do we want to manage our water or do we want the Wasatch Front to manage our water? A vote for the district is a vote to keep control of Cache Valley water. Super Simple.

About 25 years ago, the State split up the part of the Bear River water that hadn't been claimed, gave about a third to us, and the rest to the Wasatch Front. State law allows water to be managed by either a District, or in our case, by the County. But a county doesn't have the authority a district would to manage water. Mark Twain said that whisky is for drinking and water is for fighting. Over the years, the other guys have been building districts that are smart, effective machines whose whole purpose is to fight for their water. In fact, almost every county in Utah, other than Cache, has already created a water district. We have a great County Council but they are responsible for everything in the county from weeds to stray dogs. A district would do one thing and do it well.

Some are concerned about taxation. If a job has to be done (managing the water), and it's going to cost money, does it make any difference whether the county does it or a district? If I need my lawn mowed, it's going to cost me \$20 whether I pay the Neilsen kids or the Hansen kids. The work has to be done. So yes, it will cost us money to manage the water and it's either going to be a tax buried in the County tax, or it's going to be an up-front assessment that we can track and force accountability on.

If you are worried about representation or conservation, consider that 10 of the 11 member governing board will be elected in non-partisan elections. This is required by State law. This isn't a republican thing or a democrat thing. This is a best-person-for-the-job-thing. We can elect people who are excited about water and who are focused on Cache Valley.

Most of the opposition I've heard to the district is coming from three places—people who don't think that the proposal is perfect, people who want to use our water, and people who don't think we will be good stewards of our water. To those who don't think it's perfect—I agree. But it's ours and if we form it we can improve it because it's ours. To those who want our water, tough luck. Don't look at us as a "Cache" cow. And to those who think we will not be good stewards, I respectfully disagree. We love this valley, we love our rivers, and we love the land. This valley is great because of the people here and the way we manage our resources, not because Salt Lake has done such a great job of planning it for us. We will be just fine.

So I'm voting for the District. Because I trust us to do good things, to be good stewards, and to take care of what we have been blessed with.

Shaun



Fall Back & Replace Your Batteries

Don't forget to set your clocks back (Yay! An extra hour of sleep) on **Sunday, November 6**.

The Hyrum Fire Department and most home insurance companies suggest you clear CO alarms of all dust and debris, ensure that alarms are plugged in all the way or have working batteries installed, and that you check or replace batteries when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.

The Hyrum Fire Department is happy to respond when they are needed and don't ever hesitate to call. However, let's be sure we aren't calling them out to change the batteries on our detectors.



Nibley City Hall will be closed **Friday, November 11** for Veteran's Day & **November 24–25** for Thanksgiving. *Happy Holidays!*



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

Recreation Roundup

Nibley Fit



Cammy is one of our Nibley Fit Yoga Instructors. Cammy lives right here in Nibley with her husband and 6 children and has enjoyed sharing her love of yoga with our community.

Cammy has a B.S. degree in Exercise Science and Health Education from Utah State University and realized the profound and far reaching effects yoga can have on a person's health and wellness. She says it has positively affected every aspect of her life, including injury rehabilitation and prevention.

Cammy is excited to share the benefits of yoga with the citizens of Nibley City. Her goal is to create a warm, relaxed and fun environment in her vinyasa style yoga classes that challenge and relax the body and de-stress the mind. Come meet Cammy at her yoga classes held every **Wednesday at 6:00 a.m.** at City Hall.



Adult Drop In Soccer

Nibley City is sponsoring adult drop in soccer on **Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m.** under the lights at Nibley Park on 3200 South. Nibley City Treasurer, Stephen Nelson participated last week and said, "I got a kick out of it." Join the fun until the snow flies for just \$1.00 per night.



Holiday Open House

Come say hello to Santa on **Saturday, December 10 from 2:00–4:00 p.m.** at Little Wonders Learning Center. Enjoy hot chocolate, candy canes, an indoor playground, fun new games, and stories from Mrs. Claus.

Holiday Decoration Contest

Do you like to decorate your home for the holidays? Now is a good time to start decking the halls with outdoor lighting before the snow falls. The best decorated properties will win fabulous prizes, be featured on Nibley's website and Facebook page, and will be included on a Nibley Christmas lights Tour. For inspiration and details, check Nibley's Facebook page or go to www.nibleycity.com and click on the *Parks and Recreation* page.

Snowman Building Contest

Nibley is sponsoring a snowman building contest. Watch for details to be posted at www.nibleycity.com

when the first snowfall of the year sticks to the ground. Once a significant amount of snow has fallen suitable for building a snowman and other winter wonderland scenes, we will begin the contest. Your frozen H₂O efforts could bring you great prizes, bragging rights, and extra credit points with Santa.

Pay It Forward

Nibley's Pay It Forward program was launched at the Halloween BOOnanza with the Pay It Forward Prize Wheel and will be played again at the Holiday Open House. We want to challenge you to go to the Pay It Forward webpage under the Parks and Recreation tab at www.nibleycity.com. Print a Pay It Forward challenge sign and come up with a random act of kindness for a neighbor, friend, or family member. You will leave the Pay It Forward challenge with them to go and pay it forward to someone else (similar to being "Boo"ed). Use your creativity and bring a smile to someone else while finding one on your own. Team up with family, friends, and neighbors, do this on your own, be anonymous with your random act of kindness or not. Either way, we promise you will enjoy the experience. If you need an idea you will find plenty on the website along with ways to share your appreciation for random acts of kindness received.



Parks and Trails Master Plan



With close to 7,000 residents, 44% of whom are under the age of 18, Nibley City is seeking to establish itself as the premier Cache Valley community for youth and adult recreation. Imagine Nibley is

a campaign to develop a master plan for parks, recreation, trails, and open space within Nibley City. The plan will help 1) project future uses for existing park property, 2) develop a network of parks and trails, 3) identify recreation needs and goals, and 4) identify critical habitats and preserve open space.

Nibley is in need of your help. Be sure to log onto www.imagenibley.com to watch our promotional video and take a quick survey to help us find out what you Imagine Nibley to be. To voice your opinion further, please attend the Parks & Rec Fair held at the Heritage Elementary on **Saturday November 12 at 10:00 a.m.** Following the Workshop at **2:00 p.m.** you will have the chance to jump on a bus or bike (weather permitting) with City officials to tour Nibley's parks to share your concerns, ideas, and desires.

From Our City Council



Nibley People are River People

Nibley people have always been "RIVER PEOPLE." Beginning with our Shoshone Indians who camped, hunted and fished along the river, and our mountain men and trappers, who cached their pelts and blacksmith supplies for their horses along the river (hence the name *Blacksmith Fork*). The high water table and the proximity to the Blacksmith Fork River are the reasons why the Bryant Strigham Company selected the area to begin the first settlement in Cache Valley, *Elk Horn Ranch* on our present Heritage Park. Our aquifer, our man-made streams (canals), our wells and wetlands are all fed by this mighty water system—the Blacksmith Fork River. Our agricultural farms and gardens have thrived with a wide variety of crops because of our connections to this wellspring of life. We can't live without it.

On Aug. 30, 1935, the Nibley LDS Ward became an incorporated town to "take over the water works" and get federal funding to replace deteriorating water lines. Nibley was created because of the need to be connected to *water*. Now after 80+ years, Nibblers and Nibblets as we

are called, will have public access to the Blacksmith Fork River at Nibley's Gateway Park. The City traded the land for the current Ridgeline H.S. bridge in exchange for land for a public river trail along the east side of the river and around the perennial pond North of the bridge. Nibley is now officially connected to it's Blacksmith Fork River!

To celebrate this connection, I am requesting and inviting you to share your river, canal, wetlands, flooding and water contamination stories with us. If you have any personal stories or family histories that are funny, interesting, tragic or compelling that connect you to the river, the canals or Nibley's water in any way—please share them. I will be compiling these stories over the next 6–12 months and share them in a Blacksmith Fork River blog or in a small booklet for those interested in having a personal copy. If you have pictures or sketches of your river experiences, please submit them along with your stories to my city email address, bryan@nibleycity.com. Please call me if you have any questions at 245-2168. Become a friend on Facebook to *Friends of the Blacksmith Fork River* and I'll keep you posted as the project comes together.

Councilmember Bryan Hansen



Don't Forget to Vote

Cache County is voting by mail this election year. All eligible voters should have received their ballot with instructions for returning their ballot enclosed. Please be aware that on Election Day there

will be no polling place in your precinct. Your by-mail ballots must be postmarked **the day before Election Day**, which is **Monday, November 7**. (Election Day is November 8, 2016).

You have three options for voting in this election:

1. You may vote on the ballot sent to you and return it by mail in the envelope provided. **Ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election.**
2. You may deposit your ballot at an official ballot drop-off location during their regular office hours. Nibley City Hall is an official drop-off location.
3. You may drop off your ballot in person at the County Clerk's Office at 179 North Main in Logan.

The Nibley City Offices will be one of three Voting Assistance Centers available on Election Day, open from **7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.**

Serving in Our Community

Members of Scout Troop 331 were happy to serve Nibley when they planted a couple of trees at Nibley Park. Scouts Jordan Johnson, Rykon Smethherst, Brigham Skinner, and Tate Mosher with their leaders Elaine Park and Gia Jensen (not pictured) are Wolf Cub Scouts with the Nibley 3rd Ward. Thanks boys!



The Nibley City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. The Nibley City Planning & Zoning Commission normally meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. There will be no P&Z meeting on November 23. All 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



Tree Board & Wildlife Association News



Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Nibley has been certified as Utah's first wildlife city but you are still encouraged to certify your yard. Think out-of-the-box when giving gifts this year and help your relatives and neighbors get ready. All you need to certify is food, water, shelter and places to raise young for songbirds and pollinators. Go to www.nwf.org, scroll down to Garden for Wildlife and follow the steps. The CVWA will bring your yard sign right to your door. The one-time \$20.00 fee also get you a subscription to Wildlife magazine and a family certificate. The CVWA has presented this program to Smithfield's Mayor and City Council who gladly accepted the challenge to become Utah's next certified city for wildlife.



Tree Board

The lower temperatures make Fall a great time for planting. You can also take advantages of inventory discounts at nurseries and other plant suppliers. Trees will increase the value of your property as well as produce numerous benefits to health and the environment.

The Hyrum Library

- **Toddler Story Time**—Each Monday at 10:30 a.m. No sign-up is required. All ages welcome.
- **Preschool Story Time**—Each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. Beginning this month tickets will be given out for Story Time until 11:30 a.m. Immediately after the doors will be closed and no late entries will be allowed.
- On **Thursday, November 3** the Cache Valley Civic Ballet dancers will present a special story time at 11:30 a.m.
- **Movie Monday**—November 7 at 4:00 p.m. Free popcorn is provided.
- **Teen Friday**—At 2:00 p.m. There is an activity specifically geared towards teens every Friday starting at 2:00 p.m. **November 18** is Teen Movie Friday with free popcorn.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff



Winter Parking Regulations

Nibley's winter parking regulations begin on **November 1**. Please be sure to keep vehicles off the street between November 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017 between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to avoid a pesky parking ticket.

Slippery, slushy winter snow is coming whether we like it or not. Winter parking regulations were enacted to keep streets clear should Nibley's Public Works Department need to clear the roadways after a storm. However, this ordinance applies whether or not there is snow on the ground. It is also very helpful to pull your garbage containers in from the roadway as soon as possible after pick-up. Cache Valley snowstorms can burry those cans pretty quickly.

Thank you for your help in keeping Nibley's roads drivable and safe.



The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) is seeking a Nibley City board member to represent our town. If you would like to be considered for this board please give your contact information to Valerie at Nibley City Hall at 752-0431.

—Nibley City Staff

A Message from the Recycling Department

The Logan City Environmental Department has been performing studies to better understand recycling contamination in hopes of better combating the problem. Our current recycling contamination rate is 18% and we would like to see lower contamination rates—around 10-12%. This past summer, employees looked in cans to identify contaminants. Approximately 33% of the cans had zero contamination. Below is a graphic that shows you what can be recycled, along with some of the items we commonly see in recycling cans that should not be placed in the can. We ask that Cache County residents do not place these items in their blue curbside recycling container. Recycling questions can be answered by calling our customer service line at 716-9755 or by e-mailing Emily Malik at emily.malik@loganutah.org.

Recycling Reminders

<p>Yes</p> <p>Plastics #1-7 Cans Paper Boxes Books & Magazines Cardboard Packaging</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Plastic Bags Pizza Boxes Batteries Glass Cartons Styrofoam Disposable Dishes Cloth Items Diapers</p>
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