



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—November 2018



Mayor Shaun Dustin

## Thoughts From Mayor Dustin

I just want to update you on a couple of projects, propose a new organization, and announce a contest that's not a contest.

Please keep your ATVs, UTVs and motorcycles out of the new nature park. There are lots of places to ride, but only one place in the valley with fireflies. Fencing the area would cost the taxpayers about \$100,000, and it's not a necessary expense. If you see someone riding in there, give the Sheriff a call.

*The contest That's Not a Contest*—It's winter and it's going to start snowing. For some people in our house, that's really exciting. For others (me) it's not. My Dad says the great thing about the weather up here is that it keeps the riff-raff out. So, congratulations—by virtue of your decisions that brought you here and keep you here, you are all, by definition, not riff-raff. We have a City with no riff-raff.

I'm announcing the Passing it Forward Non-Contest. It's not a contest, because there are no losers, only winners. Catch someone shoveling someone else's driveway or sidewalk. Take a photo, and e-mail it to [cheryl@nibleycity.com](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com) with your name and address or just bring it by City Hall. We will have a prize for that person here at City Hall. You don't have to tell them, they don't have to know who or how they got caught doing something nice. Just come pick it up and either hand it to them or put it on their porch and run.

*A New Organization for the Blacksmith Fork River?*—The Blacksmith Fork River is a beautiful asset to the City and the valley. It is the source of the water that made agriculture, and therefore the establishment of this city possible. It feeds canals that provide water to farmers and landowners, habitat to wildlife, recreation to free range kids and the fishermen, and beauty to all of us. It is also a management challenge to us as a government. The ownership of land on the river is fractured. The river belongs to private individuals, trusts, the City and County, and some, per the County records, doesn't belong to anyone. The riverbed dries up most years, leading to water quality problems and the fish die. Flooding threatens public and private property on a regular basis and irrigation companies are facing new and difficult challenges with changes in land use as farm ground is broken up and sold.

Everyone in Nibley is a stakeholder in the river. As a city, we all pay for flood mitigation on the river. We all own shares in the irrigation companies, deal with the impacts of flooding when the canals are over full, and we all own the parks and trails that have access to the river. River problems are not exclusive to the people that have to sandbag in the spring. However, we all benefit from the vital spark that the river brings to this community.

For the past five years, I've thought long and hard about what we can do to protect this incredible natural asset, the property rights of those who own the ground around the river, the rights of those who own water rights, and the habitat and environmental benefits that make this such an incredible resource. I still don't know what to do. I know what we need to accomplish—I've already outlined that. I know the City has the resources to help solve some of the problems but the City and the Mayor may not be the best political entity to address this problem. We can be a part of the solution, but an independent river commission,

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Nibley City Hall will be closed Monday, November 12 to observed Veteran's Day and November 22–23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



## Winter Parking

Nibley City's Limited Winter Parking ordinance (6-1-4D.) is now being enforced until April 1 of 2019. Please keep vehicles off the street between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to avoid a parking ticket.

Winter parking regulations were enacted to keep streets clear should Nibley's Public Works department need to clear the roadways after a snow storm and applies during the entire four-month period whether or not there is snow on the ground.

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



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Nibley City is also on

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Go to [www.facebook.com/nibley](http://www.facebook.com/nibley)

and our page

To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin

[shaun@nibleycity.com](mailto: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](mailto:cheryl@nibleycity.com).

## Reminders from Nibley City Staff



### Nibley's New Post Office Box

There's no need to drive to Millville or Providence for mail service. Nibley now has its own United States Post Office drop-box. You'll find the box right outside Nibley City Hall (455 West 3200 South) and in the same location as Nibley's payment drop-box. Mail deposited into this box will be picked up Monday-Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

### Nibley/Millville EMT's



You might have seen a bright red truck driving around Nibley City (hopefully at a leisurely pace). Our Nibley/Millville Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) squad has a new vehicle. This truck is equipped with all the medical equipment our squad needs to assist in an emergency situation. Please be courteous and move out of the way if you see this truck with its light flashing. They are most likely on their way to assist someone in our community.



### Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board

Nibley City is seeking a service-minded individual to sit as Nibley's representative on the Cache Mosquito Abatement District board. The trustee will be compensated \$30 for each meeting they attend. Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the Bear River Environment Health office at 7:00 p.m. The term would begin January 1, 2019 and continues for four years.



### Millville/Nibley Cemetery District Board



Cache County is seeking individuals who wish to be considered for appointment to the Millville/Nibley Cemetery District Board of Trustees. Board members must live and own property within the boundaries of the district and be a registered voter. The Cache County Executive will recommend the appointments to the board.

### Muffins with the Mayor



You'll have Mayor Dustin's full attention on **Saturday, November 10** at 8:30 a.m. at Nibley City Hall. Come discuss winter snow removal and winter parking in Nibley City. Come enjoy a muffin, vibrant discussion and give Mayor Dustin an earful.

—Nibley City Staff

## Prepare Your Home for Winter Weather



**Rick Williams**  
Nibley Emergency  
Manager

Cold temperatures and winter weather will be here before we know it. There are steps you can take in advance for greater wintertime safety in your home.

- Listen to weather forecasts and check your emergency supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted. Periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance but weather forecasts can provide several days' notice.
- If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your chimney or flue inspected each year.
- If you'll be using a fireplace, wood stove, or kerosene heater, install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated. Test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside.
- If you are over 65 years old, place an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location where you will see it frequently. Your ability to feel a change in temperature decreases with age. Older adults are more susceptible to health problems caused by cold.
- If you have pets, bring them indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

### Checklist

- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Insulate any water lines that run along outer walls, making water less likely to freeze.
- Service snow-removal equipment.
- Have chimney and flue inspected.
- Install easy-to-read indoor thermometer.
- Repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on your home or other structure during a storm.



## Dog License Registration/Renewal



It's that time of year again. Dog registration is open from now until March 1, 2019. Please keep your pup's registration and vaccination up-to-date. If your pooch does need a rabies shot, the Heritage Animal Hospital is going to hold a convenient vaccination clinic on **Saturday, February 9, 2019** from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. with shots discounted to only \$20. In addition, one of our Nibley City employees will be at the clinic to handle your registrations. Take advantage of this opportunity to stop by and check two things off your to-do list. Dog registrations must be renewed yearly, so please don't forget. If you have questions, please contact Hannah at the Nibley City offices.

## Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Please join Nibley City in congratulating Ron Hellstern and the Cache Valley Wildlife Association (CWA). The CWA was named Organization of the Year and Ron was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Utah Society for Environmental Education (USEE). The EE Organization of the Year award is given to a non-profit organization that has made a major contribution to environmental education in Utah.

Ron Hellstern's award was given for a lifetime of dedication and achievement in environmental education. You might recall, in 2016 Ron helped Nibley become the first city in Utah to earn Certified Wildlife Habitat status from the National Wildlife Federation, after working

tirelessly to help Nibley's citizens prepare and designate their properties as wildlife friendly habitats. Ron has 42 years of teaching experience and is the Education Chair of the United States and Canadian North American Environthon. You may have also heard Ron on Utah's Public Radio as he is a writer and the voice for "Wild About Utah." Nibley Councilman Larry Jacobsen (and CWA member) said,

*"Ron is inspirational as a real-world Lorax—one who speaks for the trees. Becky and I are in awe of Ron's tireless promotion and work to benefit nature, especially when nature cannot promote and defend itself."*



A full list of Ron's numerous accomplishments can be found at [www.usee.org](http://www.usee.org). Thank you Ron and the CWA for helping make Nibley a beautiful place to live.



Freezing temperatures are tough on wildlife, especially when food is scarce. Flowers are gone and pollinators have migrated or gone dormant. Many of our native songbirds have traveled south, not because of the colder temperatures, but because of the reduction in food supplies.

Birds who share winter months with us (like chickadees, finches, sparrows, towhees, and juncos) take their chances in hopes that they'll find sufficient food supplies.

Considering the benefits birds provide us, such as insect control, beauty and song, we should assist them by providing food through winter. Winter is one of the easiest seasons to lure birds into your backyard. Because the rigid season gives rise to some of the highest bird mortality rates of the year, birds are naturally drawn into any safe havens you create. Black oil sunflower seeds are the best choice due to their high fat content. However, mixed seeds will also suffice. Make sure your feeder is placed in an area to provide shelter from wind, hawks, and cats.



—Ron Hellstern



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like the one that operates on the Logan River, might be of benefit to the River, and by extension to all of us that have an interest in the river.

The City can offer some things. The City has water rights that can be used to keep water in the river year round if we can find the right legal framework. The City has resources that can be used to improve flood control and public access to publicly-owned property. But the City cannot, and doesn't have any interest in trying to take anyone's property on the river or forcing them to sell it, telling canal companies how to run their operations, or spending taxpayer money for improvements on private property. A river commission can't do any of these things either, but might provide a forum where we can work through these issues and preserve and manage an asset that is important to all of us. This leaves two questions . . .

1. What can we do to preserve and improve the Blacksmith Fork River?
2. Would a Commission help?

Doing nothing isn't really an option. The problems are going to get harder as the population grows and river ownership fractures. We can do this if we put our heads together. Please let the City Council and me know what you think. If you own land on the river, please check your records and check with the County to make sure you know your ownership and your rights. If we decide to have this conversation, it's important that we all know where we stand.

**Project Update**—Pickleball and Tennis courts should be done by spring. We are working with Logan and UDOT on the light at 3200 S. and Highway 89. The intersection is in Logan, not Nibley, so we are negotiating with Logan to move our city boundaries and bring the intersection into Nibley. We hope the project will be complete by 2020. We are also working with UDOT on the light at the other end of 3200 S. That light is going to be stopping traffic coming northbound later this fall.

Mayor Dustin

## Recreation Roundup

### Scarecrow Fun Run Volunteers



Be sure to thank our Nibley City Youth Council and Thomas Edison volunteers.

### Scarecrow Fun Run Participants



Amanda (right) and Heidi (left) met when Heidi moved to Nibley two years ago. Between them, they have 9 daughters and, for 6 weeks each year, they are all different ages. The day Amanda and Heidi ran the Scarecrow Fun Run their girls were ages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Heidi said, "Amanda is the runner and I decided I wanted to run my first 10K after feeling inspired to get past my bad knees and other excuses. Amanda was nice enough to run it with me, at my pace. It was a blast and we even crossed the finish line with all nine of our girls, thanks to our awesome husbands entertaining them while we ran. Thanks Nibley City for putting on such a fun and well-planned race!"

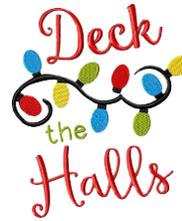
### Holiday Open House:



Kick off your child's holiday season with games & activities, an indoor playground, cookies, hot chocolate, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Nibley City's Holiday Open House is scheduled for **Saturday, December 1** from 2-4:00 p.m. The open house is tak-

ing place at Little Wonders at 3223 South, Main Street. Please be sure to thank Little Wonders for allowing us the use of their facilities. It just wouldn't be the same without their generosity.

### Holiday Decorating Contest



It's time to start planning how you will deck your halls to win Nibley City's Holiday Decorating Contest. Entries are due **November 29 at 5:00 p.m.** and judging will be the following night and on December 1. Win prizes in the following categories: Theme, Overall Presentation, Special Effects, and the coveted Griswold. You'll find contest rules and entry forms online and a holiday light tour map will be posted after judging is completed.



### Live Nativity-Save the Date



The Live Nativity at Morgan Farm will be held **Friday, December 7-Saturday, December 8 and Monday, December 10**. Don't miss out on this traditional event.

### Nibley Fit

As the weather cools off and working out outside is less appealing, check out one of Nibley City's Fit classes

MON	HIT @ 9:30 a.m.
TUES	Yoga @ 6:00 a.m.
WED	HIGH @ 6:00 a.m. HIIT @ 7:30 p.m.
THUR	HIGH @ 9:30 a.m.
FRI	Yoga @ 9:30 a.m.



**Chad Wright**  
Nibley City  
Recreation Director

Make sure you like and share Nibley City's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nibley](http://www.facebook.com/nibley)) and website ([www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com)). You'll find the most up-to-date information on these events as well as information on other events you may be interested in.