



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—September 2020

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well.

I was talking to my wife the other day and speculating on how long COVID was going to last. She said, until November 3rd. I had to laugh. I don't think that the virus cares who the president is, but it will sure be nice to have it not be a political football.

This month, we are talking about emergency preparedness. It's appropriate, given what we've been dealing with for the past 6 months. When this whole COVID thing started, I was losing sleep. One night, I woke up at 2 a.m. and, as one does when it's 2 a.m. and one is a little freaked out, I went on Amazon and bought my pandemic supplies. A few days later, it all showed up in the mail. A paramedic-grade first-aid kit, complete with stethoscope and blood pressure cuff, and five manual respirators. Five. I don't know who was going to pump them if we were all sick because there are only five of us, but we have them. I was not prepared for a pandemic. So, I panicked and bought a bunch of stuff, most of which I don't know how to use.

I'm not sure if you can ever be "prepared" for a pandemic. But one thing we've delegated to government is public health and safety, not individual health and safety. It's our individual responsibility to wash our hands, stay fit, and generally take care of ourselves. Public health is things like watching out for contagious diseases, investing in medical research, controlling disease carriers, like mosquitoes, and in Nibley, emergency medical services, like ambulances.

A few months ago, I told you all about a problem that Logan's fire department instigated in trying to force all the cities and unincorporated county residents to pay into, and be served by, Logan City. They asked the legislature to pass a bill that would make the takeover all but inevitable. At the same time, they tried to disable the county-wide ambulance service by withdrawing. I guess they thought that we would all have no choice but to ask them to take charge.

I think I understand why they did what they did. My understanding is that they felt like they were paying more than their fair share for their combined fire and ambulance services, and that they were helping valley wide. I think they felt that, if they could leave us no option but to use their ambulance services, we would help pay for their fire department too. However, over the past forty or fifty years, there's been a big shift in what fire departments do.

Back in the day, fire departments were really all about fighting fires. After the Vietnam War, fire departments started to hire and cross train medics because they were needed at the same places fire departments were needed and ambulance services were a small part of the job. Now, however, the vast majority of calls that the fire departments respond to are not fires. They are heart attacks, rescues, traffic accidents, hospital pickups, and all those other things that might cause you to need a ride in an ambulance. However, the budgets, leadership and the politics are all still built around fire.

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Our Nibley-Millville EMTs

The Nibley-Millville First Responders squad is a valued, service-minded organization that responds to the citizens of Nibley when help is needed most. Nibley's Squad 140 is currently recruiting. Applicants must hold a current EMT certification from the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services or be willing to attend and successfully complete an EMT course. Financial tuition assistance may be available for interested applicants and current members receive a small stipend. For more information, contact Chris Searle at squad140@gmail.com.

There are potential changes in Nibley's Emergency Medical Services on the horizon. Now is a good time to join the squad and be a part of a new, exciting chapter in Nibley's history.



Chris Searle
Emergency Manager
Nibley/Millville EMT Squad Leader



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Nibley City is also on



Go to www.facebook.com/nibley

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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.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff



Dog License Tags

If you paid for a new dog license over the phone while the Nibley City offices were closed and did not receive a tag, please come to the office to pick it up. Also, as a reminder, please make sure your dog's license and rabies vaccinations are current.

Keeping Nibley Beautiful

Fall is on its way and our beautiful Nibley trees will start dropping their leaves soon. Please dispose of your yard debris properly. You can pay to have a greenwaste garbage can picked up from your home regularly by calling the Logan Environmental Department at 716-9755.

Never dump leaves and other yard debris in a canal or other open waterway. Not only is this against Nibley City ordinance, it can cause a waterway to back up and may cause flooding. Nibley City code 19.24.230-T. states, "It is unlawful for any person to place . . . any trash, yard waste or other waste material, other than irrigation water, in any conveyance structure . . . Violation of this provision constitutes a Class B misdemeanor."

Leaves are a great composting material, so consider mulching them into your garden space or flower beds instead.



Hunting

Hunting or harassing wildlife is forbidden on all City property. Ordinance 13-04 prohibits hunting on property owned by Nibley City and states, "Hunting, as defined in §23-13-2, Utah Code Annotated, which shall include hunting with firearms or with bows, each as defined by the laws of the State of Utah, . . . is prohibited on properties owned by Nibley City." It is also forbidden to discharge a firearm within 600 feet of a residence within Nibley City limits.

New Water Rates

New Nibley City water rates go into effect October 1, 2020. The average water user in the City will see a \$20-\$35 yearly increase. For more information on water rates, contact Nibley City and speak with our utility manager, Michelle Jensen or review *Reminders From Nibley City Staff*, Nibley Newsletter, August 2020.

—Nibley City Staff

Up to 3 Early Intervention

The Up To 3 Early Intervention program is a home-based service program, which provides services to promote the development of children under the age of 3 with developmental delays or disabilities of various kinds. These services include behavior services, Autism Spectrum Disorder, nutrition, speech and language, physical therapy, occupation therapy, and vision and hearing. If you have concerns about your child, Up to 3 offers free evaluations. They are located in the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University. Contact them at 797-3727 or visit their website at www.Upto3.org.



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Don't get me wrong. I honor firefighters for what they do. Just like I honor police and emergency medical techs. However, I am a strong believer that if you want efficiency, accountability, and professional service, then you put a professional in charge. Fire departments should be run by fire chiefs. Police departments should be run by policemen. Doctors should run hospitals, mechanics should run garages, educators should run schools, and emergency medical services should be run by medical professionals.

Logan wanted to run Cache Valley Emergency Medical services under a fire department where most of the budget and all of the leadership was focused on fighting fires. That just doesn't make any sense to me. And it really didn't make sense that they would try to get the legislature to just give them that power, without our input or consent. The legislature saw it that way too. In spite of Logan bringing a room full of fire chiefs to a committee meeting, and all the testimony they gave, with the only testimony going the other way coming from me and David Zook, Casey Snyder, your representative in the Utah House got it shot down.

Logan didn't back off. They still withdrew from the Cache County EMS agreement. For a while, things were pretty dicey and we weren't sure what the County was going to do. Your Council and I worked with Hyrum to set up a backup plan to make sure that our citizens would still have the coverage they expected. Your Nibley/Millville EMS has continued to be a strong and active volunteer group that looks out for us. Just recently, the County also came forward with a proposal to provide a county-wide system that works without Logan.

It's too bad; Logan would be a welcome partner but it's their right to do their own thing. But I think it will be good to have healthy competition between the Logan Fire Department and the County EMS to try to provide the highest quality of service for the best price. That's the beauty of our system. It's a contest of ideas and may the best group win.

I like our chances, I like the direction the County is going, and I think that Nibley City is going to be better prepared, our volunteers are going to have more support and more access to training and materials, and when you need them, our local, committed, and focused emergency medical services will be there for you and your loved ones.

Mayor Dustin



Nibley's City Council meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Nibley City Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are held at Nibley City Hall and are open to the public. Agendas, minutes, and ordinances are posted on the Nibley City website: www.nibleycity.com and www.pmn.utah.gov.

Recreation Roundup

Join Us Today



Parks and Recreation Committee & Friends Group

Parks and Recreation Committee Service—Would you like to be more involved in Nibley's events and programs and help move Nibley Parks and Recreation forward? Consider getting involved with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Friends Group, or attending a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting. Applications for Committee and Friends group positions are now open. Each require a different level of volunteer service and have unique benefits. In the coming years, the committee will evaluate a number of park designs and spaces, among other things. Go to www.nibleycity.com for an online application.



Wild Goose Chase Scavenger Hunt—This unique scavenger hunt is more than your average scavenger hunt experience. Enjoy getting outside with your family as you explore Nibley. The hunt will be over several days and your family can participate on your schedule. You'll discover things you never knew or have never seen in Nibley. Go by vehicle, bicycle, or on foot. A raffle and prizes will be available for those who complete the hunt. Wondering when this might happen? That is all a part of the game. Keep an eye on *Facebook* to learn more or better yet, join the texting club to get a notice the moment the hunt opens. Text "Events" to 435-752-0431.

How It Works—Goosechase is an app that you download. Once you login to your iPhone or Android apps, the first thing to do is join a game. We'll give you the name/code of a game to join. Just search for the name of the game or enter the specific game code within the app and away you go!



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.



Keeping Nibley Kids Safe



Please join Nibley City staff, Mayor Dustin, and the Nibley City Council in expressing our appreciation of two individuals who have been helping keep Nibley residents safe for more than a decade.

Renee Nelson (L) has been a crossing guard for Nibley Elementary students for over 14 years. She



ated as Nibley experiences more growth on the south side of 3200 south.

Nibley's crossing guards are dedicated individuals who get up early every school day, regardless of the weather, put on a reflective vest, take a short-handled stop sign and report to our school crossings. Nibley's cross-

has helped kids, and any parents who've accompanied them, cross safely at 2600 south and 800 west. Renee has done an excellent job of manning one of Nibley's busiest school intersections.

Lisa Ward (R) has been a guard serving Heritage Elementary school for over 10 years. She helps kids safely cross the busiest road in Nibley City. Nibley City anticipates Lisa's experience will become even more appreci-

ing guards are trained regularly and they take very seriously their responsibility to help children safely cross the street as they walk or bike to and from school.

Please thank our crossing guards the next time you see them. However, perhaps the best way to thank them is to remain alert when in a school zone, teach kids to listen, follow and respect our crossing guards, don't drive distracted, and never text and drive.

Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Mark your calendar. The Cache Valley Wildlife Association and Nibley City will be hosting their annual Seed and Plant Exchange on **Saturday, October 10**, at Firefly Park in Nibley (820 West 2200 South) from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**



Bring seeds collected from your garden and/or those that didn't quite make it into the ground this summer to share with others. Also, bring perennials from your yard as this is a great time to thin overzealous perennials. Or, you don't need to bring anything at all. Simply come pick up seeds/plants and chat about types that do well in our area.

Don't forget to bring your gloves and shovel because during the seed/plant exchange there will also be an opportunity to help plant the nearby Pollinator Garden at Firefly Park. The City will provide the plants for this butterfly-shaped garden and the specific plants used will provide nectar for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

Parking is available on the west side of Firefly Park near the playground and at the east and south ends of Heritage Park. For more information on this event, contact Becky Yeager at blyeager@comcast.net or 757-6283.



Report Illegal Discharge to Nibley City
435-752-0431

Stormwater runoff is any precipitation that flows over land instead of seeping into the ground. It can pollute rivers, streams, canals, and creeks. Many times, people pollute water and don't know they are doing it.

The easiest way to deal with polluted runoff is to prevent it from happening in the first place.

- Wash the family car on the lawn, not on the road or driveway.
- Never dump anything down the storm drain. The storm drain is meant only for rainwater.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Don't leave grass clippings or leaves in the street when you're doing yard work. Use them for fertilizer, compost, or bag them.
- Don't litter.

Remember . . . the drain is just for rain!



2020 Disasters Don't Wait.
MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY.

National Preparedness Month (NPM)

The 2020 NPM theme is: "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today." NPM is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved this September.

WEEK 1

Week 1—September 1-5: Make A Plan

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.

WEEK 2

Week 2—September 6-12: Build A Kit

Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

WEEK 3

Week 3—September 13-19: Prepare for Disasters

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

WEEK 4

Week 4—September 20-26: Teach Youth About Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

For more NPM information, go to www.ready.gov.