



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—December 2015

Thoughts From Our Mayor

Hello Nibley,

Nibley is 90% awesome, and a great place to be, not because of how we zone or regulate or develop, but because of who we are and how we treat each other. I think we get sidetracked on the 10%, and I'd like to take a minute to address four things that seem to keep coming up:

#1 Keeping open land open: What is the difference between telling a homeowner you need their land for a public street and telling a farmer his land can never be developed? In both cases, the government is taking something away. The only way to keep open land open is to pay for the land, or if the owners voluntarily put it into conservation easements. Open space costs money. You can't force a farmer to farm ground that doesn't make economic sense, and I won't support anything that takes it away.

#2 Keep Nibley in half-acre lots: How does that jive with keeping open land open? If farm fields turn into fenced yards does that accomplish our goals for the kind of community we want to live in? I'll tell you that half-acre lots with wide streets cost us all more—it's a matter of how much asphalt we need to maintain, plow, and replace, how much pipe we need to move water between houses, and so on. Are you OK with that?

#3 No apartments: I think when most people think about apartments, they think of the huge blocks of student housing in Logan. I get it. That would be a problem; it conflicts with open land and half-acre lots. But at the same time, where do you want your kids to live? Do you want young families to have the opportunity to be a part of our community, or do we want to keep them out by keeping prices high? How many of us got our start in an apartment? If we don't want a variety of housing types, and we never want to grow, most of our kids will not be able to come back until we start leaving.

#4 Don't raise taxes: Big lots and open space mean higher taxes. If that's the community that we want to build, we have to accept the price. If we want open space, we need to be prepared to buy it because I'm not going to take it.

Funny thing is, I could go anywhere and live in a subdivision with half-acre lots or farms or no farms or apartments or no apartments. What makes Nibley awesome is all of you. It's us, it's the wild spaces, it's the sense of community and taking care of each other and that's what I want to defend and make stronger.

We can do this. We can preserve open space without taking people's livelihoods. We can keep the wild places where our kids play when we don't have them belted into cars or plopped down in front of TV sets or iPads. The places where cranes croak in the morning and fireflies blink at night. We can keep what makes Nibley great and make room for our kids to grow with us. But it's going to take some compromise, it's going to take some opening of minds and it's going to take some willingness to pony up and pay for it.

We can design ordinances that allow us to buy the corridors along the ditches and the ponds where the animals live and the kids roam and keep them open for the public. We can develop pathways and trails and corridors

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Nibley City will host its annual Holiday Open House on **Saturday, Dec. 5**, from **3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** at Little Wonders Pre-School, located at 3223 South Main. All Nibley City children and their families are invited to attend.

Santa Claus and his elves will be serving up hot chocolate and cookies and hosting a cookie walk. There will also be time to whisper wishes into Santa's ear and play on the Little Wonders indoor playground. Come take part in this Nibley holiday tradition.

Nibley City expresses its appreciation for the kindness that Mike and Vickie Arambel provide to the City of Nibley by offering the use of their pre-school.

The Nibley City offices will be closed **Thursday, December 24 and Christmas Day.**

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.

Getting to Know Nibley City Staff



Nibley City is happy to introduce our new full-time Recreation Director, Chad Wright. Chad is here to oversee what we do best here in Nibley, recreate. Chad is originally from Salt Lake City and is a graduate of BYU. Chad offers a unique blend of education and experience. He previously worked in the Draper and Provo recreation programs and was the Recreation Director for Moab City. He recently graduated from the Utah Parks and Recreation Association Leadership Academy, and has completed his first year of a 2-year Recreation Directors Training school through the National Recreation and Parks Association. He is also a certified interpretive guide with an emphasis on historical interpretation. Chad said he enjoys connecting people with meaningful lessons from the past and is excited to explore how Nibley's Morgan Farm can educate and inspire the young and active community of Nibley. He is passionate about history and experiential learning.

Chad is married to Mandy and has four children, a border Collie, and 8 chickens. He is very active and enjoys hiking, mountain biking, canoeing, and distance running. He played baseball, soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, and hockey growing up and taught skating in Taiwan and Provo. Chad lived in Guatemala for a couple of years and became fluent in Spanish. He said it was there that he developed an appreciation for the value of diverse cultures throughout the world.

If Chad could have any job in the world it would be Recreation Director for Nibley City—this is his dream job. He said that Gossner's cheese, Aggie Ice Cream, and the beautiful landscape of the Cache Valley drew him to pursue the opportunity as stated in Nibley City's general plan "to make life better for its citizens by fostering community cooperation." He is confident this will be accomplished, in part, through Nibley's recreation department.



has partnered with:



To offer a **Flu Shot Clinic**



Dec 10 th | 5:30-7:30 pm
@ Nibley City Offices:
445 W 3200 S Nibley, UT

- Cost:
- FREE Medicare Patients
 - FREE Most insurance providers
 - \$25.00 all others
- (bring insurance card to clinic)

Have a Healthy Holiday Season

Nibley Residents Sharing Their Lights

Please be sure to visit the following residents this holiday season. They demonstrate their Christmas spirit with fantastic light displays at their homes.

The Oliver Hoopes Residence
2233 South 650 West

The Aaron Quiggle Residence
2338 Spring Hollow Circle

*The Quiggle residence is accepting
donations for the Cache Valley
Food Bank*



The Morgan Farm Live Nativity

The Morgan farm Live nativity benefit will be held on Friday, December 11, Saturday, December 12, and Monday, December 14. This year is the ninth anniversary of this special event. Moses the camel, and all the other animals associated with the Biblical story of the birth of Jesus will be at the "Bethlehem stable" to create a beautiful Nativity for you to visit.

The Live Nativity is asking for a donation of 2 canned food items or \$2 per person or \$15 per family. However, everyone is welcome to join with them for this experience regardless of your donation. Last year, Monday night had a very large crowd and we ask if it is at all possible that you come on Friday or Saturday night. If Monday night is still the best night, you are encouraged to come as early as you can. If you have any questions call Richard at 213-0033 or to volunteer as an actor call Trudy at 232-6120. We look forward to seeing you at the Morgan Farm.

Some help is needed to tie up a few loose ends at the Morgan farm before the Nativity can take place. The outdoor light on the granary is not working and some carpentry help is needed to open up the area where the nativity is held and to complete a shed roof over a pen. The Morgan Farm organizers have all of the supplies to do these things if someone willing and able to do them. Call Richard if you would like to take advantage of this community service opportunity.

Tree Board & Wildlife Association News

Nibley City Tree Board

There are lots of exciting things happening with Nibley's Trees.

- The Tree Board has submitted an application to renew Nibley's Tree City, USA status for a 5th year.
- The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and a private donor provided Nibley with 505 young trees which are currently growing in Nibley's tree farm and will be planted in city parks and along roadways.
- The Tree Board sponsors a Legacy Tree Program. A personal, engraved plaque accompanies a tree-planting in memory of a departed loved one. Join with other citizens who will have these living memorials dedicated in the Spring in one of Nibley's parks.
- The trees that were hanging over 3200 South were removed for dangerous, hollow, and rotting limbs. They have since been sending up healthy young shoots. These shoots will be pruned back to allow the strongest ones to grow and reestablish the stand that used to shade the road.

If you love trees, and would like to help on Nibley's volunteer Tree Board, contact Ron Hellstern at 512-6938.

Cache Valley Wildlife Association

The CVWA asks more Nibley residents to certify their property with the NWF as places where songbirds and pollinators have safe habitat. Join with them so that Nibley can be recognized as Utah's first certified community. Go to www.nwf.org, click on "What We Do"; then "Certifying Habitat and Planting Trees," then on "Learn How to get your Garden recognized as Certified Wildlife Habitat," and follow the easy steps. Contact Ron Hellstern for help or questions. Please help the Cache Valley Wildlife Association us achieve this noteworthy goal, and join them for their informal meeting on **Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m.** at Nibley City Hall.

Hyrum Senior Center

The Hyrum Senior Center's Christmas Craft Fair "All Wrapped Up" will be **Friday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.** Come find that perfect gift. There will be baskets, baked items, candy, quilts and so much more. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

The Senior Center will be closed Dec. 3, 24–26, & 31.

Hyrum Library

The Hyrum Library wishes you all a very happy Holiday season.

Here are the library's upcoming activities:

- **Story Time—December 15–16 at 10:30 a.m.** Call or stop by the library to sign your child age 3–5 up beginning December 1. Hurry! Story Time fills up fast. The on-going theme for Story time is "Color my World" and this month they will focus on red.
- **Toddler Story Time—Every Monday at 10:30 a.m.** No sign-up is required.
- **Movie Monday—December 7 at 4:00 p.m.** They are watching "A Christmas Carol" and popcorn will be provided.
- **Teen Movie Friday—December 18 at 2:00 p.m.** Come enjoy "The Santa Claus," popcorn, and fun.
- **Chess Club—will be held Monday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m.** All ages and abilities are welcome to attend.

The Hyrum Library will be closed **December 24–25** and will close at **5:00 p.m.** on **December 31.**

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Winter Parking Regulations

Nibley's winter parking regulations are now in effect. Please be sure to keep vehicles off the street to avoid a parking ticket. This applies whether or not there is snow on the ground.

Nibley City Code section 6-1-4, subsection D, Parking Regulations states, "It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle, trailer or other obstruction on any street in the city **between November 1 of each year and April 1** of the following year, for a period of time longer than thirty (30) minutes when loading, unloading or delivering property between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and six o'clock (6:00) A.M. . . . For purposes of this subsection, a street shall be within the confines of the curb and gutter, except in those cases where no curb and gutter exists, a street shall be that area bounded by a line twenty feet (20') from the edge of the pavement or within the right of way lines, whichever is less."

Snow Plows VS. Mailboxes

Snowplows and mailboxes don't mix. If your mailbox and a city snowplow have an unfortunate encounter, please let us know. Our snowplow drivers do an amazing job and do their best to avoid collisions, but sometimes the conditions lead to an unavoidable collision. But more often, mailboxes are hit because they are not built according to the national specifications adopted by the United States Postal Service and protrude into the roadway. Please keep the design standards in mind when erecting mailboxes. Mailbox design standards can be found at www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm.

—Nibley City Staff



Serving in Our Community

“A Blanket of their Own Drive”

Little Lambs Foundation for Kids is collecting new blankets or quilts for children who are making the transition into foster care, shelters, or other traumatic situations. These blankets will be distributed to children in need of a little bit of comfort and warmth . . . a blanket of their own. Together as a community we can make a difference. All donations are tax deductible. For more information on this or other service opportunities, please visit www.littlelambsofutah.org or call 764-4439. For your convenience, Nibley has two drop-off locations; one at Nibley City Hall, and at 858 West 2770 South

Toys-For-Tots is collecting new, unwrapped toys. Look for their toy collection bins at Wal-Mart and other locations in the Valley.



The Cache Food Pantry wants to ensure that all families in Cache Valley have food to eat this holiday season. Please consider making a food or monetary donation. Go to www.cachefoodpantry.com for information on how you can help.

Hyrum Museum

December’s Back in Time children’s activity at the Hyrum Museum will be a *Candy Cane Christmas*. Join them December 15, 16, or 17 from 2:00–2:30 p.m. to make ornaments while learning about the history of candy canes.

The museum is looking for old pictures of events held in the Elite Hall to help with their current preservation efforts. They welcome all images, but are particularly interested in interior shots of dances, sporting events, roller skating, etc. Additionally, part of the museum’s mission is to collect and exhibit pieces of local art. If you have either a picture from Elite Hall or a piece of artwork you would like to donate, please contact Jami at 245-0208 or museum@hyrumcity.com.

The Hyrum Museum will be closed December 24–26 for Christmas & December 31–January for New years. Happy Holiday!

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that connect our schools, our parks, our churches and our homes and let us run into each other when we walk or jog or go to soccer games. And the rest can be developed around that so that while our important spaces stay open, we can afford to preserve what we value, and we can make room for others.

We can get our costs down. When we build roads, do we have to build roads that are 40 feet wide with curb and gutter and sidewalk? Or can we build country roads? We can put homes a little closer together and cut down on our water and sewer costs. You can keep the lots the same size, just make them deeper instead of wider. You can mix neighborhoods up so that a young family can move from a quarter acre lot to a 1 acre lot without leaving the neighborhood. We already have a conservation subdivision ordinance on the books that would allow us to do this.

Some worry that this town center planning is all about figuring out how to get business into Nibley. Not for me. It’s about figuring out what the rules and ordinances need to look like so that when businesses do come, they fit with who we are. I’m in favor of very tight commercial development ordinances to make sure that when we get businesses, they fit into the character and fabric of the community, not the other way around.

To me, a town center is a place where we have our public buildings—like an old-time town square. This is our town, and these are our decisions.

For specific policy proposals, I’m going to ask the Council for the following in the General Plan:

1. Document our community values of independence, free range kids, looking out for each other and preserving our natural and rural heritage
2. Establish connection corridors and significant spots through developable space, just like we do with roads, so that when land comes in for subdivision, those important spaces are designated and preserved
3. Change our standard road designs to a less expensive and more appropriate country road
4. Put tough commercial development standards in place
5. Designate a location for a Town Square (NOT a Town Center) and design our public buildings for that space
6. Revise all zoning to permit the Conservation Subdivision as the only permitted development type in Nibley
7. Establish a funding mechanism to pay for the open space people want

Thanks for all you do. Merry Christmas, and I hope you can support me in this vision. If not, then let’s come up with a better one.

Shaun