



# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—June 2016

## Thoughts From Our Mayor

Dear Nibley Citizens,

Neil Gaiman wrote about a conversation that a man had with Death; he was complaining because he had died one day short of his millionth birthday, and really felt cheated. He had just wanted one more day because making it to a million was going to be his legacy, his heritage.

We talk a lot about Heritage in Nibley—we have Heritage days, Heritage Elementary, Heritage Park, Heritage pond (just kidding—I don't think we have a Heritage pond). This is kind of ironic; in the 2000 census, we had 2000 residents. With roughly 7,000 now, that means that at least 5 out of every 7 of us are new to Nibley. If we define Nibley heritage as having roots here—living your whole life in one place—I think it's kind of fun to ponder that almost all of the people that can make that claim are under 16 or over 60, and the rest of us are immigrants (except for me—as a politician, I'm not just an immigrant, I'm a carpetbagger).

Every May, as we prep for Heritage Days, I start thinking about Heritage and what it means in the context of Nibley. I'm not one of those people who grew up here. I do have some sort of sideways heritage—my cousins, Norm and Sandy Hansen (congratulations on your selection as the Utah Hunter's Safety Instructor of the Year Norm—that's awesome!) live here. My Dad grew up over the hill in Bear Lake. I used to eat squeaky cheese from the old cheese plant. But like most of you, I'm a transplant to this community. I've wondered how it applies to me and where I fit in. I've thought that this focus on heritage was kind of silly because really, what heritage do I, or most of us, have here? It made me feel left out and kind of phony—big heritage hat, no heritage cattle.

This year, I realized something though. When Death got around to answering the almost-million-year-old-man, she told him to be satisfied—that he was focused on the wrong thing. Missing a day was not the important thing. The value of a life can't be measured in days or years. In the end everybody got the same thing—one lifetime to make the best of. I think heritage is the same way.

It's not just about stuff that happened, it's also about shared values and purpose. I can't become a part of the past. As awesome as I think it is that this town was founded to get money from the federal government for the water system (and I do think that is awesome, and something we should embrace and celebrate), I wasn't here, I didn't participate, and I don't get to claim that. I wasn't here for the big flood in 2005, or before the sewer or when the City Council met in a cinderblock garage and church met in Little Wonders.

But I'm here now, and while our heritage may not be a common set of experiences that we've shared over the past 80 years, it is an amazing legacy of people who have been here for a long time making room for the rest of us and doing our best to build a community together. It's shared values of hard

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## Community Cleanup Days

Are you needing an excuse to de-junk your garage or get rid of that old lawn chair? Does your car need its home back? If so, mark your calendars because **June-4**, Nibley City will have dumpsters on hand to accept items that would be better off at the Logan Landfill than in your garage or shed. The dumpsters will be located at Heritage Park (2450 S 800 W) and Nibley Park (294 W 3200 S). You drop it in the dumpster and the City will take it to the landfill. This was a great success last year and the dumpsters filled up fast so don't procrastinate. Heritage Park will also have a DI pod for items that can be donated.

Green Waste and Recycling Materials should be disposed of at the Nibley Recycle Site (3390 S 1200 W). There are several items that will not be allowed in the dumpsters, but most of those items can be taken to the Logan Landfill for free. The full list of these items is posted at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com).



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### Getting to Know Nibley City Staff



Valerie Steadman is Nibley City's new front-desk clerk. Her fantastic smile will be the first thing to greet you when you visit Nibley City Hall.

Valerie says her husband Nate is the epicenter of her universe. She has two great kids, a dog, two cats, and a goldfish which was given out as a Halloween trick last fall. Valerie grew up in Cache Valley and loves calling it home.

Valerie loves reading, writing, photography, traveling, and supporting whatever her kids are doing at the moment. Freshly made bread, and fresh fruit are her favorite foods and when she was a child she wanted to grow up and become an author or a movie star.

Valerie said, "I like being helpful, caring for animals and nature, celebrating the good in the world, and honoring the great things about our history. Nibley is a great place to live, and I hope to always serve the residents of Nibley with respect and kindness. Y hablo español!"



### Hyrum Museum



The Hyrum Library is pleased to remind you to attend *Hot Wheels and Hot Dogs* on **Saturday, June 4**. They have great new sponsors and prizes, more hot dog toppings, great vehicles,

ice cream, a fun new children's activity, and there are tractors coming this year This is a great way to start your summer off. Don't miss this fun way to support the Hyrum Museum.

The Museum is also pleased to introduce a new summer-long children's program called PASSPORT TO SUMMER FUN! Attend *Hot Wheels and Hot Dogs* on Saturday, June 4 to get your passport and your first stamp and then throughout the summer you can collect more stamps in your passport booklet. You earn additional stamps by attending one of the Museum's three drop-in activities at the museum: Rodeo Games on June 14, Grand Old Flag on July 4, and Pioneer Children on July 21 (all are from 1:00-3:00 p.m.). There will also be ten additional activities that you can participate in to earn more stamps. Be looking for more information on how you can collect stamps throughout the summer at [hyrumcitymuseum.org](http://hyrumcitymuseum.org).



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work, high standards, family, open space, and an appreciation for the rural past. This city works as well as it does because of these values and the grace and acceptance of the people who were here first in welcoming new immigrants from other parts of Cache Valley, Utah, the US, and even other countries like Mexico and California. And Texas. And our continued willingness to welcome newcomers who share those values and visions.

Heritage implies the past, but the past comes from choices we make and actions we take about our future. That answers for me the question about where all of us 16-60 year olds fit into this. Martin Luther King said that, "We may have come in different ships, but we're in the same boat now." We create Heritage every day by living our values, and we live our values by preserving and sharing what is important to us.

If we want to save it, we need to put our money where our mouths are. I am proposing that we start setting aside funds to preserve some heritage. By that, I mean the wild spaces that are left to us in Nibley that mean so much to the true Nibblers who were here before most of us showed up and who have spent their entire short lives here. This past year, we set aside 20 acres as the new Serenity Nature Park. Over the next several years, I want to work with you to set aside some of the other important spaces—the ones your kids (the ones with a lifetime heritage in Nibley) call Terabithia or Apple Tree Fort, or the Shed or Lama Tree Fort or just That Ditch Behind That Guy's House That Mom Told Us To Stay Out Of.

This costs money. Your Council and Staff and I are doing our best to chase funds from other sources, and if we want to keep some of these open spaces open, we need funding. I'd like to set aside \$100,000 per year, a little over \$1 per resident per month, to buy trail rights-of-way and an additional \$50,000 to start funding the restoration of the barn at the Morgan Farm. I think we can leverage this money 2-1 by working with canal companies, conservation groups, UDOT, Rocky Mountain Power and other agencies to make this happen; but first, we have to be willing to commit to it. I'm proposing an increase in the property tax rate to do this. If we value our heritage and really want to preserve it for our future, then it is time to make that commitment. If we don't, then someday the only heritage we have left will be on our signs.

Mayor Dustin



### Nibley's Drinking Water

Nibley's watter is ready to quench your summer thirst. Nibley's "Annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report" is available for public view at [www.nibleycity.com/publicworks](http://www.nibleycity.com/publicworks).



## Heritage Days—"Remember When . . ."

This year's Heritage Days is **Saturday, June 11 through Saturday June 18**. Bring the entire family to participate in this week-long celebration.

### Saturday, June 11

#### **Fun Run at Heritage Park**

Run or walk the fastest course in Cache Valley in one of the few FREE fun runs in the world. There will be a 5K and a 1-mile course option, with light refreshments, and awards. It's a great way to start the day. Registration is open now until the morning of the event. On-site registration will be open from **6:15-7:00 a.m.** the morning of the event and the race will start at **7:15 a.m.** Sign up online at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com).

#### **Disc Golf Tournament/ 1200 W. 2500 S.**

Like a game of golf with flying discs and baskets. Play will be a scramble format, which consists of teams of two players playing to the best throw. There will be multiple chances to win prizes. A limited number of discs will be provided if you don't have any. Sign up online at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com) or register at the event starting at 10:00 a.m. **Play will begin at 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Sports Night at Heritage Elementary**

Form a team and come show off your mad skills. This is a Heritage Days favorite where kids and adults compete to be the last team standing. Each team must be pre-registered by **June 9** to play and there is a \$5.00 fee per team. Sign up online at [www.nibleycity.com](http://www.nibleycity.com).

- 3 v 3 Basketball (ages 9+) & 3 v 3 Soccer (ages 12+). Check-in from 4:30–5:00 p.m. Games begin at **5:00 p.m.**
- 3 v 3 Basketball & 3v3 Soccer for adults. Check-in from 6:00–6:30 p.m. Games begin at **7:00 p.m.**

### Monday, June 13

#### **Mayor's Art Show**

- **Monday, June 13.** Drop off art show entries to Nibley City Hall from **9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, June 16.** Art show open from **4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** with winners announced at **6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, June 17.** Open from **9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, June 18.** The art show will be open from **10:00 a.m. to noon.** Art work entrants should pick up their work from **12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

### Thursday June 16

#### **Nibley Children's Theatre at the 3200 S. Ampitheatre**

Enjoy a magical, musical performance of wit and wonder, *Sand Castles: Tales from the Arabian Nights*.

With beloved characters such as Aladdin, Princess Scheherazade, and Sinbad, as well as Unicorns, Monkeys, Cobras, and Djinnis—you won't want to miss this year's show! The performance begins at **7:00 p.m.**

### Friday June 17

#### **Mayor's Dinner at Nibley Park (3200 S.)**

Come out to the annual Mayor's Dinner and visit with the Mayor and City Council and mingle with your neighbors. Prepay for only \$5.00 per plate or at-the-door for \$10 per adult and \$8 per child per plate (cash or credit card only). Dinner is at **5:00 p.m.** and will be catered by the Iron Gate Grill. Prepay online or at the City Offices by June 10 at 5:00 p.m. for the discount. andand

#### **Nibley Children's Theatre at 7:00 p.m.-2nd show**

#### **Quilt Show at Nibley City Hall at 3200 S.**

This show, presented by South Cache Quilters is open **Friday, June 17 from noon–6:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, June 18 from noon–6:00 p.m.**

### Saturday June 18

#### **Parade at Heritage Elementary**

Starting at **10:00 a.m.** the parade route will begin at Heritage Elementary and go to 10th W. and up 2600 S. and then 800 W. and back to 3200 S. Parade participants are encouraged to park at the 3200 LDS church.

#### **Family Festivities at Elkhorn Park**

Enjoy FREE interactive games and activities, a balloon artist, candy cannon and more. Try Bubble soccer, play games and activities pioneers played when the valley was settled at a Heritage Camp, or for a small fee you can walk on water. Come buy your lunch and a treat from the yummy food vendors, and enjoy a one of a kind shopping experience from boutique booths. Activities run from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

#### **Concert in the Park featuring Brenn Hill**

The concert begins at **7:30 p.m.** at Nibley park on 3200 S. Brenn Hill captures the love of family and country in moving lyrics and flawless instrumentals that embody the spirit of the West.

#### **Fireworks sponsored by Malouf Fine Linens**

Fireworks begin at **10:00 p.m.** at the Nibley Park on 3200 S.

#### **Youth Dance at the park at 3200 South**

Stick around and enjoy the DJ after the fireworks.

## Miss Nibley

Congratulations to all the girls who participated in this year's Miss Nibley pageant—it was very successful. This year's winners were:

- Miss Nibley*—Kristi Schenk
- 1st Attendant*—Rebecca Larsen
- 2nd Attendant*—Layla Dustin
- Junior Miss Nibley*—Chloe Olsen
- 1st Attendant*—Rebecca Sweeten
- 2nd Attendant*—Sarah Frandsen
- 3rd Attendant*—Melissa DeCoursey
- Nibley Sweetheart*—Tabitha Wagner
- 1st Attendant*—Kaylee Wilcox
- 2nd Attendant*—Hailey Steadman
- 3rd Attendant*—Hailey Rigby

Many princesses still have portraits at the Nibley City office that need to be picked up. The deadline to get them from the office is **June 10**. There are a number of lost and found items as well.

## Reminders from Nibley City Staff

### Keeping Nibley Beautiful

Trees, shrubs, and flower gardens adorn our community along sidewalks and roadways. While they provide beauty and shade, untrimmed trees and shrubs can inhibit pedestrian use of sidewalks and cause walkers to sometimes leave the sidewalk to avoid the vegetation. Please trim trees and bushes so they do not impede the normal flow of pedestrians.

Besides barbecues, hikes, and no school, summer is also a time for weeds and other not-so-fun yard problems. As a reminder, Nibley City code 4-2 states that *weeds over 12" are a nuisance and must be cut*. Please keep those pesky weeds under control.

Please continue to use the greenwaste bins provided at 3400 South 1200 West and properly dispose of yard debris. Nibley is a beautiful community and we appreciate the efforts our citizens take to keep it that way.

### Stormwater Reminder

Stormwater is runoff from rain and snow storms. A system of gutters, ditches and storm drains collect this runoff from our yards, rooftops, streets, parking lots and other land surfaces. This collection of water then discharges into our natural waterways.

Storm water picks up pollutants as it flows across the land surfaces. Pollutants include litter, pesticides, fertilizer and yard waste, oil and antifreeze, paint and cleaners, animal waste, and construction debris. Taking small steps to clean up and dispose of these items properly will make a big difference in keeping our natural waterways clean.

*Just remember . . .  
we all live downstream.*

—Nibley City Staff

## Help From Nibley's Public Works

### Irrigation Canals in Nibley

Irrigation canals in Nibley City are a great asset to residents. Not only do they provide a cheaper source of water to keep our lawns and gardens growing, they provide a drainage outlet to keep storm water from collecting, or running into places that it shouldn't go. In many cases they add beauty and variety to our landscapes. Nibley City leaders have worked with the canal companies over the past few years to develop working relationships in which we can assist each other in maintaining this great resource. We would collectively like to ask the residents of the City to assist in caring for the canal systems in Nibley. You can help by doing the following:

- Do not place tree clippings or yard debris of any type along the banks of the canals or in the canal.
- Teach your children to respect the canal head gates, and diversion structures. It is unlawful to operate canal structures for anyone but canal company staff.
- Do not impede the flow in any way. This could cause sevier flooding.
- Take an active position. Learn what you can do to improve storm water quality (ask your 4th graders).
- Do not place structures or anything along the canals that would make it difficult for canal staff to conduct canal maintenance.
- Do not use the water if you do not currently own canal company shares to do so.

Sincerely,

*Justin Maughan, P.E.*

*Nibley City Public Works Director*



## Hyrum Library

The Hyrum Library's 2016 Summer Reading theme is *On your Mark, Get Set, Read!* The kick-off party will be **June 6 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Hyrum City Square. Stop by and sign up for the reading program, enjoy a fun treat, and hop around in the bounce houses. This summer, the library is giving away all kinds of fun prizes. Including a grand prize to Utah's Hogle Zoo.

Chess Club will be on **Monday, June 20 at 4:00 p.m.** Chess club meets inside the library in the children's area and all ages and abilities are welcome.

Finally, did you know you can renew your books online? Go to [hyrumlibrary.com](http://hyrumlibrary.com) and sign-up for your online library account and don't forget to like the library Facebook page for their most up-to-date information.

