



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—October 2014

Thoughts From Our Mayor

Dear Nibley Citizens,

There are a few misconceptions being tossed around our community right now and I want to attempt to set things straight. Here goes. **Things we are not planning on doing:** Taking anyone's house, developing a commercial district, or trying to spend money like drunken sailors (no offense drunken sailors—we appreciate your efforts to stimulate the economy).

Things we are doing: Trying to find a way to protect everyone trying to cross State Road 165 at 3200 South and fix that stupid light. For those of you who have heard or are worried that the Council is looking to take homes and build a commercial district, you need to know that we are all on the same page. Nobody is trying to do either one.

When I ran for Mayor, I promised we would do something to make crossing SR 165 safer. Mayor Knight and the City Council did a great job of getting funding to study the issue and start making changes. When I came into office, we hired an engineering firm to study the intersection and tell us what can be done to stop traffic coming Northbound from Hyrum.

So here's where we are. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) owns SR 165. We as a city don't have any authority to control traffic, set speed limits, stop cars, paint lines, or do anything else on that road. When the state wants to take property, change the speed limit, or put an island in the middle of the road, they do it. We can speak our piece, but we can't DO anything. A few years back the state put in what they call a High-T intersection at 3200 South and SR 165. The intersection is designed to move cars efficiently from Hyrum to Logan. It is not designed to help people in Nibley get across the highway. In spite of all the accidents, near accidents, and stuck trucks, UDOT insists that the intersection is safe and the right thing for that location. The council and I disagree. Northbound traffic needs to stop, and we need a safe way to cross that road. The only way UDOT will make a change is if the intersection "warrants" a change. The "warrant" is a set of criteria that is defined by UDOT's adopted engineering standards. As I understand things, there are two ways to get a warrant for that intersection:

1. Document more accidents, injuries and deaths.
2. Change the geometry so that the intersection is a cross instead of a tee (this changes the warrant requirements for the intersection).

The first "option" is not an option. Whose father, mother, son, or daughter should be sacrificed? I will not stand by and wait for this to happen. We need to get this fixed. That means we are looking at option 2, right? Not necessarily. I will get back to this but let me explain what we have learned in exploring #2.

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The Recreation Report A Halloween Boonanza

Nibley's annual Halloween Boonanza will be held on **Wednesday, October 29** at the Nibley Elementary School gym from **6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.** This activity will have fun for the entire family; games for the kids, a pie eating contest, and be sure to bring a carved pumpkin. Our pumpkin carving judges can't wait to critique what you've created. Come dressed in your costume if you're feeling particularly festive but costumes are always optional. If you'd like more information, contact Scott Larsen at **753-0954** or email swlarsen.nibley@gmail.com. We hope you can join in but if not, remember to have a safe and happy Halloween!



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Basically, to make #2 work, either 3200 South needs to continue across SR 165 and become a 4-way intersection, or Mill Road (Maverik) needs to continue across SR 165 to the west and tie back into 3200 South at 250 West. Either way, lives get disrupted, people have to leave their homes, and it's kind of a mess. And it's expensive. We have a line on most of the funding so that the City would probably only pay about 7% of the cost directly—we can afford that. The bigger issue is the disruption to people's lives.

So what is the third option? We need to pressure the heck out of UDOT to simply reset the light at 3200 South and STOP NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC. That is the easiest, lowest cost option; I think that it is inevitable that sometime in the next 20 years, Mill Road will probably continue through to the West. I don't think that because I'm in favor of development or anything like that. I think it will happen because I see the writing on the wall and what has been happening in Nibley over the past 15 years. But it doesn't have to happen today or tomorrow or ever if they will just change that light.

As a Council, we need your help. Send a letter to your state senator, to UDOT Region 1, to UDOT's director, and to the Governor. A petition to the City Council is great and we appreciate it, but we really need you to pressure the people that control this, and it's not us. I've been working on it for two years as a citizen and as the Mayor. This is not a City issue. This is a UDOT issue and they need to hear from you loud and clear.

I need to be clear on one more thing—if I cannot get UDOT to change their mind about changing the existing light, I will work to change the intersection layout and force them to put in the light. I hate that it would force some people to move, but I would pack everything up in a heartbeat if it meant I could save one family the pain of paying the price we've been told is necessary.

Within the next two years, I expect to see a light with a crosswalk at 2600 South and SR 165, and another light with another crosswalk at 3200 South. When the new school opens, there should be two safe routes to school across the highway. I will also be asking the Council to rework the contract with the Sheriff's department to ensure traffic patrols during school travel hours.

We are working on the City's General Plan this fall. This is the document that lays out how we expect to see Nibley as people decide to move here and as landowners decide to develop. If you want to have a say in the plan (and where future roads go around SR 165 and elsewhere), there will be lots of opportunities over the next few months and we need your input. This is your town, and you can have it your way—but you need to show up and let us know what you think.

Mayor Shaun Dustin



2nd Annual Veteran's Day Concert

The 2nd Annual Nibley Veteran's Day Concert, sponsored by the LDS Nibley Stake, will be held on **Saturday, November 8** at 7:00 p.m. at the LDS Nibley Stake Center. All veterans of Nibley and their families and friends are invited to attend an evening of entertainment in salute of our Armed Forces. If your congregation or community group would like to participate in the entertainment or if you would like to display armed forces memorabilia of a service member, please contact Bonnie or Jeff McBride at bomcbride@yahoo.com.

This patriotic event will have a children's choir that is open to any Nibley child age 3–11. Practices will be at the Nibley Stake Center on 3701 S. 450 W. on **Friday, October 3, 10, 17, and 24** from 3:30 p.m.–4 p.m. with an hour rehearsal on **Friday, November 7** at 3:30 p.m. Please direct any questions regarding the Children's Choir to Brie Corrington (bncorrington@gmail.com) or Bonnie McBride (bomcbride@yahoo.com).

Plan Now to Attend Heritage Days 2015

The Heritage Days celebration for 2015 is scheduled the week of **Monday, June 15 and continuing through Saturday, June 20, 2015**. Heritage Days is an excellent time to honor our city, renew our friendships and strengthen our heritage. Plan now to participate!

Please set aside this week in your schedule and plan to attend Nibley City's celebrations. If you are involved in planning events for your church, organization, and family, please try to limit the conflicts on these days as you calendar for next year.

To honor the excellent traditions of previous Heritage Days organizers, the Heritage Days Committee for 2015 is planning now to make this the best celebration possible. Contact Gerald Knight at gkktrudy@gmail.com or 752-9374, if you are interested in helping.



Seed, Plant, and Bulb Exchange

Tree Board & Wildlife Association News

Blacksmith Fork Wildlife Association

The Cache Valley Wildlife Association (CVWA) will be hosting a free plant, seed, and bulb exchange in conjunction with the Cache Valley Master Gardeners on **Saturday, October 11**, at the Nibley City Office from **10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** This is a great way to share our resources. Dig up your extra perennials and bulbs and gather dried annual seeds to exchange with your neighbor . . . or just come by and pick up something to plant in your own yard at this free event. You don't need to bring something to take something home. The CVWA will also have information available to help you optimize your yard for birds, bees, butterflies, and other native wildlife. If you have questions, please contact Becky Yeager at blyeager@comcast.net. This is a great way to prepare your property and help Nibley become Utah's first community to certify to enhance wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

The Blacksmith Fork Wildlife Association only needs about 15 additional homeowners to certify their property. To certify there is a one-time fee of \$20 which gives you the Wildlife magazine and local member benefits including discounts on landscape plants. It's simple to certify: go to www.nwf.org; scroll down to Garden for Wildlife; then click on "certify". After you certify let the BFWA know if you want a sign to post on your property. For more information call **512-6938**.

The BFWA holds open meetings at City Hall on the **second Tuesday** each month at **7:00 p.m.** There is no cost to join. They share ideas about landscaping and fun projects that can help Nibley become Utah's first community certified by the National Wildlife Federation.

Nibley City Tree Board

The Nibley City Tree Board meets the **first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.** at Nibley City Hall. Join them if you are at all interested in promoting tree growth in our community. Also, don't forget to report any trees you plant in 2014. This helps Nibley maintain its Tree City USA status and Fall is a great time to plant new trees. The Tree Board is currently working on a Nibley Tree Management Plan.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

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. This subsection shall not apply to doctors on house calls or vehicles used in the repair of utilities. 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."

Many residents were caught unaware of this regulation last year and despite the lack of snow, were ticketed for parking violations. Lets work together and avoid those frustrating parking fines.

~Nibley City Staff

Hyrum Senior Center

The Hyrum Senior Center is excited to be hosting the Witch's "Boo"tique being held **October 3–4**. Come and find beautiful fall decor and gifts, and enjoy delicious fall foods. They still need a few vendors and if interested you should call Vicky at **245-3570**. Next, join them for a Health Fair and Flu shot Clinic on **Wednesday, October 8** from **9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** There will be vendors and door prizes, and you can get your yearly flu shot. The public is invited to both events and admission is free. The Senior Center also offers the following events in October:

The Hyrum Senior Center will be closed on **Monday, October 13** and on all field trip days.

Mondays–Mat yoga at 9:30 a.m. Quilting and pool.

- **Sept 6** Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Steel Magnolias at the Old Barn at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays–Mat yoga at 9:30 a.m. Chair yoga at 10:30 a.m. and games at 12:30 p.m.

- **Oct 7 & 21** Foot clinic by appointment. Free manicures on the October 21 at 11:00 a.m.
- **Oct 14** Tip Class at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays–Chair Yoga at 10:30 a.m. and programs as follows starting at 12:30 p.m.

- **Oct 1** Mustache Party with games and prizes for mustaches (real or fake).
- **Oct 15** Singing by Lorie Pulotu.
- **Oct 29** Halloween costume party.

Thursdays–Field Trips

- **Oct 16** Red Hat With Party at 11:00 a.m..

Fridays–Bingo at 12:30 p.m. The center is in need of Bingo callers.

Registered Voters

Important Election Information Regarding Your Ballot



The Cache County Council has approved all voting precincts as by-mail only precincts for the upcoming **November 4, 2014** general election. Your ballot will be automatically sent to you about four weeks before the election. Please be aware that on Election Day there will be **no polling place** in your precinct. 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 by **Nov. 3, 2014**.
2. You may deposit your ballot at an official ballot drop-off location by **Nov. 3, 2014** during their regular office hours.
3. You may drop off your ballot in person at the County Clerk's Office. On Election Day the Clerk's office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

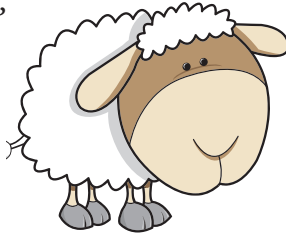
If you do not receive a ballot or for more details call 755-1460 or go to www.cachecounty.org/elections.



Serving in Our Community

"A Blanket of Their Own Drive"

Little Lambs Foundation for Kids is collecting new or very gently used blankets for kids who are making the transition into foster care or who have been hospitalized due to an illness. These blankets will be distributed to children in need of a bit of warmth here in Cache Valley. Help them warm the heart of a local child with the gift of a blanket.



There are two convenient drop off locations—at 858 West 2770 South in Nibley or at Nibley City hall. All donations are tax deductible. Please send your email to littlelambsofutah@aol.com if you have any questions. You can also visit their blog at littlelambsofutah.blogspot.com to find more service opportunities.

The Hyrum Senior Center has a great opportunity to serve in our community. They are looking for donations or help for their upcoming Christmas craft fair being held the first Friday and Saturday in December. They need baskets, craft items, hands to sew, and baked items.

If you know of a service opportunity that directly impacts our local community please contact Nibley's newsletter editor at cheryl@nibleycity.com. We hope to make this a regular, updated article in our Nibley Newsletter.

The Nibley Children's Theatre

The Nibley Children's Theatre would like to say thank you to the amazing volunteers and cast/crew members that made their Heritage Days performance of "The Last Dragon" a great success. The following is their Annual Report on this year's production:

- For 2014, including actors, stage crew, musicians, costume designers, choreographers, parent helpers, set builders, and student directors, etc. they had over 165 Nibley kids from 86 Nibley families involved in their annual production.
- The NCT Audience gets a huge "thank you" for helping the theatre raise and donate \$584 to a Nibley family whose home burned down right before Heritage Days. Your generosity and support once again illustrate the spirit of community that is Nibley City.
- The combined budget for this year's production was \$4750.00; with \$2000 coming from Nibley City and the remainder from various grants that NTC board apply for and cross their fingers to get every year. Of that, they spent \$740 on sound, \$740 on a new piano, approximately \$1800 on costumes, \$640 on props and set pieces, \$200 on programs and printing, \$100 on posters and cast treat, and \$530 on new shelving to store our costumes and props for future use.
- This year's volunteer hours were over 3650 and truly makes the NCT a success every year. The NCT doesn't charge a participation fee so that any Nibley child who wants to participate, may do so. Instead they require at least 4 hours per family in volunteer time of some kind. Obviously many of those families go above and beyond in service time every year. Without the thousands of donated volunteer hours, NCT productions would cost on average an additional \$200/child.
- With this production, the NCT officially reinstated a past tradition of using student directors/choreographers. If you have a teenager who would like the opportunity to gain some real experience directing, designing, or teaching, in the theatre world, they will have applications up at their website www.nibleychildrenstheatre.weebly.com for next year's performance. The NCT is already in production writing next year's show: "Baba Yaga and the Enchanted Ring". A traditional Russian fairy tale of magic and adventure.
- The NCT is looking to expand their venue in the future to enhance theatre attendance and make the amphitheater more usable for other activities. They would like to add drinking fountains to the backside of the park, and create a rolling 5 year plan of productions so that can better utilize their inventory and budget.

Once again, thank you for 32 years of helping the children of Nibley grow in creative potential, build friendships and confidence, and foster good citizenship and self esteem through the joy of performance.

Sincerely,
The NCT Board