

# The Nibley City News

## Nibley, Utah—October 2016

## **Thoughts From Our Mayor**

Hey Nibley,

First, please be kind to each other, and respect each other's rights. We are having a problem with that right now. It makes me sad and it hurts all of us.

One of the principal powers of a city is that we (the citizens) can tell us (the individuals) what we can do with our land, including how we can sell it to other people. That may not seem fair at first glance, but what I do with my property affects what my neighbor can do with his property. If I want to have 20 dogs, that's awesome for me, but not so awesome for my neighbor that has 20 cats. This is why we have rules, because we are constantly trying to maximize the liberty of the individual without compromising the life or ability to pursue happiness of the folks that live around us.

When we choose to buy property or live in a city we also choose to live around other people and accept the rules and constraints that are then applied to our personal freedom. That's the whole point. Living in Nibley comes with rights and it comes with obligations. Like I tell my kids, "When you pick up one end of the stick, you pick up the other end too."

It also means that when the City (we the people) make a promise to each other that if we work within the rules that we have set (we, not they or them because it's our government, of the people, by the people, and for the people), we've also made a promise that we can do what the rules say we can do.

We have spent two years working on and developing a general plan for Nibley City that balances the desire for open space and preserving the things the citizens love about Nibley, such as green spaces, open water, opportunities for agriculture, ways to get around that don't require a car, and ordinances that try to balance individual and public property rights. A big part of that balance has been an emphasis on the conservation subdivision philosophy of design.

As someone exercises their right to develop their property we allow them a conservation subdivision option. A conservation subdivision allows the owner to develop a larger number of smaller building lots on a given piece of land. In exchange, the people, as represented by the Council and Planning Commission and acting with input through the public hearing process, get to designate land within the subdivision that is important to the community and apply special rules on that land so that is remains open space. It may be managed as a pasture, park, wetlands, ponds, or as trails, but it will always stay open.

We did this because we–Nibley City (that's all of us)–said that it was important to us to keep these kinds of landscapes and assets available as the City grows and develops. This is one way to do that and minimize the cost (taxes) for the City. The other way is to raise taxes and just buy the open space. Call me if you would rather go that route (770-0147).

The City is currently going through the conservation subdivision process with two proposals. One has gone well, the other makes me sad. For one, we followed the process. People came out to public hearings, and the design of the subdivision was modified in response to public input to resolve concerns *(continued on page 4)* 



#### **Winter Parking**

Nibley's winter parking regulations begin on **November 1**. Please be sure to keep vehicles off the street between November 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017 between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to avoid a parking ticket that may *haunt* you.

Winter parking regulations were enacted to keep streets clear should Nibley's Public Works Department need to clear the roadways after a storm. However, this ordinance applies whether or not there is snow on the ground. It is also very helpful to pull your garbage containers in from the roadway as soon as possible after pick-up. Cache Valley snowstorms can burry those cans pretty quickly.

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

\*Nibley City doesn't encourage parking brooms in the public right-of-way. *Happy Halloween!* 



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www.nibleycity.com

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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.* 

## Hyrum Museum

The Hyrum Museum will be closed the week of October 10–15 Attention all artists. Applications for the second annual Elite Hall Art & Quilt Show are due **October 22** by **3:00 p.m.** The theme for this year is *Remember* 

*When...*. The Art & Quilt show is being held November 4–5. Visit the Hyrum Museum website to get this year's prospectus and entry form.

The Hyrum Museum offers a *Back in Time* children's activity every month. This month's activity is their annual *Trick-Or-Treating* around the museum. Sign-up to join them **October 25, 26,** or 27 from **1:00–1:30 p.m.** Please note that since the Hyrum Library has changed their storytime schedule, the museum has moved their activities an hour earlier to 1:00 p.m.

## **Reminders from Nibley City Staff**

#### Winterize Your Irrigation System

Now is the time to winterize your sprinkling systems. Even if you have drained the water out of your irrigation system, some water remains and can freeze, expand, and crack PVC piping. To minimize the risk of freeze damage and costly leaks in the Spring.

#### Hunting

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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, and which shall include hunting with firearms or with bows, each as defined by the laws of the state of Utah, is from the effective date of this ordinance prohibited or properties owned by Nibley City." It is also forbidden to discharge a firearm within 600 feet of a residence within Nibley City limits.

#### **Recycle Reminders**



If you frequently forget which week to set out your blue recycling can, you can sign up to receive an email or text reminder of your recycling week. Go to *www.loganutah.org* and click on "Residents" and "services/utilities" at the bottom of the page.

Then, on the left-side, click on "Recycling"; "Recycling Reminders" and fill out the simple information. The email will be sent to you a few days prior to your recycle day and the text will be sent the day before your recycle day.

#### Streetlights in Nibley City

If a street light in your neighborhood is not functioning, please call Nibley City and provide the location of the light. You can also contact Rocky Mountain Power directly at **888-221-7070** or *www.rockymountainpower. net.* Click on the "Safety & Outages" link, then scroll down to "Streetlights." Nibley City still pays for the streetlight whether it is functioning or not so please assist us in keeping Nibley safe and appropriately lit.

-Nibley City Staff



USU Swing Club at Elite Hall If you are looking for something fun and unique to do, the USU Swing Club hosts bimonthly

dances on the first and third Saturdays at the Elite Hall.

The Saturday, October 1 dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and cost \$6.00 per person. Dance lessons are offered at 7:00 p.m. and cost only \$2.00. On Saturday October 15, come and dance to *live* music for \$8.00 starting at 8:00 p.m. or come for lessons and dancing starting at 7:00 p.m. for \$10.00. Light refreshments will be served. If you've never experienced the Elite Hall's spring-floor or it's just been a long time, it's worth the effort to come out. All proceeds from these dances support the Elite Hall restoration.

## Serving in Our Community

#### JustServe

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There are many individuals who are looking for ways to serve or volunteer but do not know where to go. *JustServe.org* is a new website offered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a service to the community—it is not for proselytizing or publicity. There is no charge for this service. JustServe is a website where an organization's volunteer needs can be posted and where volunteers may search for places to serve in the community. JustServe can build relationships, unify our community, and facilitate caring for those in need. Go to *www.justserve.org* and type in the name or your city to see where you can serve today. You can also download the JustServe App at the AppStore or on Googleplay and volunteer on the go.

#### The United Way of Cache Valley

Several volunteers participating in the United Way of Cache Valley's annual Day of Caring spent the day giving Nibley's Historic City Hall a face lift. These volunteers, where were missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, prepped and primed the building for a new coat of paint. Thank you United Way.



## **Recreation Roundup**

Nibley Flu Shot Clinic



Nibley City has partnered with Reeds' Pharmacy to offer a Flu Shot Clinic for residents. Flu shots are free to medicare patients, free through

most insurance providers, or \$25 per shot for all others. If you are unable to make it to Nibley's Flu Shot Clinic

at Nibley City Hall on Tuesday, October 4 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. you can always head up to Reed's Pharmacy at 790 East Main in Hyrum during their regular business hours.





Nibley City's Boonanza will be Thursday, October 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Nibley Elementary School gym. This annual fall event will have

fun for the entire family. Come dressed in your favorite costume, if you are feeling particularly festive, but don't let this keep you from coming; costumes are optional

but encouraged. Chad, our Nibley City Recreation Director, has some fun new games and activities planned, along with prizes, candy, and an eating contest. Make sure to make time on your schedule to join us for this free event.



## Nibley Fit



Nibley Fit class sizes have picked up with the kids back to school and now's the time to come join in. Nibley Fit classes are available to participants 14 years and up. These classes include Yoga, Boot Camp, High Intensity Interval Training

(HIIT), and Zumba fitness routines. Classes are held in the community center room at Nibley City Hall. Payment can be made at the Nibley City offices during business hours or just prior to class: \$3-Drop In (single class), \$15–Unlimited Monthly (up to 31 days), \$40– Unlimited Quarterly (October through December). Go to www.nibleycity.com; Departments; Parks & Recreation for a class schedule or more information.

## Adult Pick-up Soccer

Nibley City Recreation is looking for volunteer soccer coordinators for adult pickup games. The experience includes excellent health benefits. If interested, please call Nibley's Recreation Director, Chad Wright at 752-0431.

## **Meet the People of Nibley**



## **Robert and Virginia Harris**

Robert (Bob) and Virginia Harris are two of Nibley's longest and most cherished residents. Virginia has lived in Nibley since she was 2 years old. She figures she has lived here longer than any other Nibley resident. Bob moved here from Logan in 1948 when he and Virginia were married. When asked how the couple met, Mr. Harris said his barber lined him up on a blind date. Mrs. Harris said she had decided she didn't want to follow through with the date but was encouraged by her mother to do so and the rest . . . as they say, is history. Bob and Virginia both said they hit it off immediately and were "quite impressed" with each other. Their current home was moved from Hyrum and sits on the farm property previously owned by Virginia's father. They are the parent of ten children (5 boys and 5 girls), have 40 grandchildren, 70+ great-grandchildren, and 2.5 great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Harris supported his family as an auto mechanic and many of his sons have followed in his footsteps. He owned and operated Auto Care Automotive in Logan and is still very proud of his classic car collection. Antique cars are his favorite hobby and interest. Mrs. Harris worked as a bookkeeper at a bank, Utah State University, and later at Mr. Harris' auto shop. He said he couldn't have run his business without her business skills. Mrs. Harris is also a skilled piano player. When asked what her interests were, she stated without a pause, "Family." The Harris's also moved the gas station on the corner of 3200 South and SR 165 from Logan to Nibley and ran it to give their children and other youth in the community a place to work decent hours and learn responsibility.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have always played an active role in Nibley. Bob served on Nibley's Building and Zoning Committee and Town Council and Virginia was on the council to compile and write Nibley's History Book. Mr. and Mrs. Harris remembered when the population of Nibley was about 300 people and had one LDS Ward, when everyone knew everyone. They agreed that their fondest memories of Nibley were always associated with a sense of community and togetherness. They said their favorite thing about living in Nibley is its people.

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that people had. The result is going to be a real asset to the community and something we can be proud of. People had concerns, they expressed them, and the Council and the property owner listened. The owner is going to get to exercise their private right to their property, the public is going to get access to land that we didn't have access to before, and it will preserve the opportunity for some 4-H scale agriculture.

The other proposal has me worried. We are not following the process. The Council and the Planning Commission are, but apparently not all of us are on board. I've gotten reports of vandalism and threats. That makes me sad. That's not who we are. That's not what Nibley means and we can do better. If you don't like it, work to change the rules, buy the property, or move-these are all options that work in the context of our constitution and society. But being mean and trying to circumvent the process? Is that who we want to be? Is that the kind of community that we want to have? Not me. I believe that we can always get to a solution if we are kind, if we are respectful, and if we are honestly looking for solutions.

Please give the process a chance. We are doing good things. We are all doing our best with what we have to work with and I believe that good things will come if we can just remember who we are and who we want to be. As we continue to grow and develop, give each other the benefit of the doubt and treat each other the way that we would want to be treated.

Thanks for the opportunity to be your Mayor. I gripe sometimes, but I love serving you and I love living here. Not because it's beautiful (it is), and not because I live on a nice street (I do), and not because my kids have great teachers (they do), but because I get to live with all of you and we get to work together to make this place the best place we can. Shaun



## **The Family Place**

The Family Place is offering a free class to help coparents learn how to work together, successfully parent stepchildren, and build a successful stepfamily. *Smart Steps for Stepfamilies* is offered on **Tuesdays**, **October 4 through November 8** from **5:45–8:00 p.m.** Class is open to remarried couples, stepparents, and cohabitating couples. Dinner is provided with nursery available for children 5 and under with concurrent classes for youth ages 6–18. Classes are being held at 1525 North 200 West in Logan. Call **752-8880** or visit *thefamilyplaceutah. org* to register or for more information.

## Hyrum Library

Here's a summary of what's happening at the Hyrum Library in October:

- *Toddler Story Time*—Each Monday at 10:30 a.m. No sign-up is required. All ages welcome.
- *Preschool Story Time*—Each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. No sign-up is required. Ages 3-5.
- *Movie Monday*—October 3 at 4:00 p.m. Free popcorn is provided at each movie event.
- *Teen Movie Friday*—September 16 at 2:00 p.m. Each Friday is Teen Friday. There is an activity specifically geared towards teens every Friday starting at 2:00 p.m.

Make sure you like the Hyrum Library on Facebook to get up-to-date information and reminders.

## **The Senior Center**

The Hyrum Senior Center's annual Fall Craft Fair is **October 7-8.** The Senior Center also offers the following activities in October:

Mondays- Quilting and pool

- Oct. 3 Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 10 Closed for Columbus Day
- Oct. 17 Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m. Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Halloween Breakfast & Bingo at 10:30 a.m. with prizes if you are dressed up.
- <u>Tuesdays</u>– Chair Yoga at 9:30 a.m. with Cami. Games at 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 Awesome Tip Class at 11:00 a.m. <u>Wednesdays</u>-Programs start after lunch
- Oct. 5 Singing with Becky & Dean
- Oct. 12 Health Fair and Flu Shots from 9:30–12:30
- Oct. 19 Piano with Diane Hardy
- Oct. 26 Halloween Party

Thursdays-No lunch is served

- Oct. 13 Wacky Witch Party for all women at 11:30 a.m. There will be lunch and tons of fun for \$5.00. Please call to reserve your place.
- Oct. 20 Sweet Peas Club at 10:30 a.m.

Fridays – Lunch and Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

*The Nibley City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. The Nibley City Planning* & Zoning Commission normally meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Agendas, minutes, and ordinances are posted on the Nibley City website: www.nibleycity.com and www.pmn.utah.gov

