# The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—October 2018

#### **Thoughts From Mayor Dustin**



Last month, I wrote about being prepared for an emergency and being ready and willing to take care of ourselves. I told you that, in an emergency, the City's job is to make sure that we have the resources in place so that we can take care of ourselves. But what do we do when it' not an emergency? How do we make decisions about where the City's priorities are when we get to control them?

Mayor Shaun DustinOne of my favorite quotes about politics and politicians isfrom Alexander McCall Smith. Speaking of government, he said:

"They want to do things all the time; they are always very busy thinking of what things they can do next. That is not what people want. People want to be left alone to look after their cattle."

Some think that the Government is there because some people just like to tell other people what to do. But in Nibley, I want to lead a government that knows and understands that its job is to put our residents in a position where they can focus on, "looking after their cattle".

When we band together as a city, we do it because it just makes sense to have some things in common ownership. Does each of us want to pay for and maintain our own road to Logan and negotiate our individual right to cross everyone else's land to get there, or does it make more sense to have a road that we share? Does it make more sense to each have our own water well and pump or does it make sense to share? Does it make more sense for each of us to home school or are we better off with a community school? Do you want to drive your own trash out to Clarkston every week, or should we all just put it into one truck and have one person make the trip? What about parks, snow plows, electricity, police, courts, fire protection, ambulance service?

The reason we have government is not so that City Hall can tell you what to do because it's fun. We have government because we (that's all of us in the City, not the "government") have decided that by having this organization, this government, we have more time to be left alone to look after our cattle. Some of us have real cattle that we look after and some of us have other things that are our cattle—fishing, camping, video games, instachat book, woodcarving, baking, or just laying out in the sun. It's also important to remember that when we say "government," we aren't talking about a European royalty or something, we are talking about ourselves. When we go to the polls and vote, (or vote by staying home), what we are doing is we are selecting the people who will deal with these properties and services that we share ownership of, so that we can have more time to work with our "cattle." That's how I think it should work anyhow, so that's how I try to run the City—we try to take care of the stuff we all share, so that you can focus on the things that you personally are interested in and responsible for.

Since that's what we are trying to do, a big part of that is planning. The big benefit of planning from the resident's standpoint is that when your city government spends money, it should be spent based on a plan. If it's based on a plan, then that plan is written down and it's available to anyone who wants to see it. (continued on page 4)



Nibley's winter parking regulations begin on **November 1**. Please be sure to keep vehicles off the street between November 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019 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 bury 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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To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin shaun@nibleycity.com Mayor's Public Office Hours Tuesdays-10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact *cheryl@nibleycity.com*.

## **Fire Safety Family Planning**



The latest statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) show that, if you have a reported fire in your home, you are more likely to die today than you were a few decades ago. This startling statistic is behind this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, which is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware-Fire Can

Rick Williams Nibley Emergency Manager

*Happen Anywhere.*" Fire Prevention Week takes place October 7-13, 2018.

We've made significant progress preventing home fires from happening, but statistics show that there's still more work to do. Advanced planning is critically important when it comes to protecting ourselves, family members, and the community.

Through three simple calls-to-action, this year's theme identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk of fire and be prepared in the event of one:

- Look for places fire can start
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm
- Learn two ways out of each room, and a path from each exit to the outside

People tend to take fire safety for granted and are not aware of the associated risks, should one occur. Paying attention to your surroundings, looking for available exits in the event of a fire or other emergency, and taking the smoke alarm seriously, can make a potentially lifesaving difference in a fire or other emergency situation.

This year's Fire Prevention Week message applies to virtually all locations. However, the NFPA continues to focus on home fire safety, as the majority of U.S. fire deaths (four out of five) occur at home each year. In fact, the fire death rate (per 1,000 home fires reported to the fire department) was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware-Fire Can Happen Anywhere works to remind the public that fires can and do still happen – at home, as well as other locations - and that there are basic but vitally important planning steps people can take to remain safe. For a wealth of information and resources about this year's fire prevention campaign, visit www.fpw.org.



## Recreation Roundup



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Nibley City is teaming up with Reed's Pharmacy for a flu shot clinic. Come to Nibley City Hall **Tuesday, October 2** from 4:30-

**6:00 p.m.** Bring your insurance card and completed consent form. Getting annual vaccinations is the single most effective way to protect against the flu.



Auth Nibley City Recreation

Nibley City Recreation's adult drop-in soccer occurs every **Thursday** from **8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** If you are 18 or older, enjoy the friendly atmosphere and drop in and play for only \$1. Don't miss this special night:

• October 11–Utah State University Night: to celebrate USU's homecoming week, those wearing Aggie attire play for free.



Nibley City's annual BOOnanza will be Thursday, October 25 from 5:30–8:00 p.m. at Heritage Elementary school. This FREE family activity includes theme activities, candy, games, and prizes. Come dressing in your favorite costumes and grab dinner from a tasty, local food truck.

#### Nibley Fit



As the weather turns cold, head indoors to *Nibley Fit* to continue your

fitness regimen. There are a variety of fitness classes and times available to accommodate your schedule.



Holiday Open House–Saturday, December 1, 2018.

Holiday Decorating Contest-Start planning your holiday decorations and

plan to enter Nibley's decorating contest. Judging will happen in early December.



Watch Nibley City's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/nibley) and website (www.nibleycity.com) for more information on these events as it becomes available.

Nibley's City Council normally meets the first and third Thursday of each month at **6:30 p.m.** at Nibley City Hall but will meet the first and second Thursday in October. The Nibley City Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at **5:30 p.m.** 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.

### **Planning For the Future**



Utah is the fastest growing state in the United States. This growth is a combination of those moving here for economic opportunity and from internal growth, meaning those who are born here tend to stay here. This growth provides challenges to many communities around the

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<sup>752-0431</sup> state as more people begin looking for housing and jobs. Development seems to begin to push out traditional land uses, such as fields of cattle, alfalfa, and corn, in exchange for suburban and commercial developments. These changes provide opportunities for the creation of great places for our residents to recreate, for the creation of new business and economic opportunities, and for the developments of great places to live.

Nibley City is taking steps to ensure Nibley has a plan for future growth that helps enhance the lives of all those that live in Nibley City. In the past, Nibley City has taken several steps to help plan for growth. The first plan that helps guide Nibley City is the General Plan. This plan was updated in 2016 and helps outline Nibley's vision for housing, economic development, transportation, utilities, growth and the general character of the city. In addition to the General Plan, the city has several other master plans to provide more detail regarding the needs of the city. These master plans include transportation, water, sewer, stormwater, economic development, future land use, annexation, financial stability, open space, parks, recreation, and trails.

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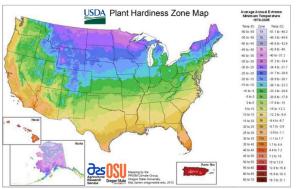
> Nibley City works to keep our plans updated with the newest information and normally examines and updates a master plan each year. Nibley City is currently working to update the Transportation Master Plan to help plan for future traffic needs. The City is also working on an Annexation Policy Plan to guide the city when an annexation petition is submitted. In addition, Nibley City is updating its Future Land Use Map, which will help guide the city in making decisions regarding future needed land use. This map proposes to keep some spaces open and delineates other space for home and commercial economic development. As currently proposed, the Future Land Use Map includes a location for a new city center area east of City Hall to provide open space, housing, and commercial development. The city is also working hard to balance the need for housing developments while also maintaining open space by using a Rural Preservation Subdivision ordinance, and soon a proposed Planned Unit Development Ordinance. These ordinances allow property owners to realize the full value of their property while maintaining some open space within those developments.

> Through careful planning and working with property owners and members of the community, Nibley can remain a great place to live, work, and play for both current and future residents.

### Wildlife Association

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Start planning and planting your fall landscaping ideas, making sure you use trees and shrubs that are native to Utah and will survive Cache Valley's climate, zones 4-5. Check how big a tree will be at full-size before you plant to make sure they won't damage your rooftops or endanger power lines. You might also start planning for the upcoming winter bird feeding season by purchasing a feeder (or two), as well as black sunflower and mixed seeds.



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#### Paint

Never rinse paint brushes in the street or dump paint in the trash, gutter, or storm drain. The Logan Landfill Household

Hazardous Waste Facility will take excess paint. Paint and most hazardous materials do not have a fee for disposal. Keeping household hazardous waste out of storm drains and the landfill is a legal requirement. It protects the local environment, water supply, and the health and safety of Cache Valley residents.

If you're using latex-water based paints, you can wash your paint brushes directly in your kitchen or bathroom sink. Oilbased paints must be cleaned by rinsing brushes with solvent into a container.



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So, if you want to know what your government is up to, then all you should have to do is go online or call city hall and that will tell you exactly what the priorities are, and where and how the City will be spending your tax dollars. We have plans that cover roads, parks, water, sewer, emergency preparedness, economic development, land development, stormwater, and hopefully anything else that we have decided as a community is important to us. Those tell us what we are going to be doing on a long term basis; each one is renewed at least every seven years because technology, state law, and federal law all change too and we have to have plans that make sense and are efficient.

For the short term, if you want to know what the community priorities are, just follow the money-look at the city budget. That will tell you exactly what your elected and appointed officials think your priorities are, because that's the plan we use to write the checks. And know that you can influence the City budget in a lot of ways. The best one is to show up when we are in the planning process. This last year, we have been working on updating the transportation plan, which includes sidewalks, trails, and roads. Next is the water system master plan, where we will be looking at water lines, wells, canals, water rights, and water rates. The next best one is to come out and participate when we are putting the annual budget together. This is a process that usually starts in January, and doesn't finish up until June. Finally, you can participate by running for Council or campaigning and voting for people that you feel will best represent your interests, so that you can focus on taking care of your "cattle."

Thanks for all you do, and for your support in making Nibley awesome.

*Mayor Dustin* 

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#### The Hyrum Museum

Don't miss the Museum's annual Back in Time activity Trick or Treat. Come either day October 23, 24, or 25 from 1:00–1:30 p.m. each day. Bring your little monsters, princesses, and super heroes to

trick or treat around the museum; plus, get a little taste of history. All children are invited to attend, however, due to the popularity of this month's event, sign-up is required to ensure they'll have enough treats.

#### Elite Hall Restoration Committee

The USU Big Band Swing Club invites you to dance the night away at the Elite Hall on Saturday, October 27. Enjoy the live music of the Cache Community Big Band as you experience the bounce of a spring-loaded dance floor. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. and instruction is available starting at 7:00 p.m.

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675 East Main, Hyrum • 245-3570 **October Calendar** 

**The Senior Center** 

Mondays - No lunch is served. Quilting and pool

- Oct 1 Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m. Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Oct 22 Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m.
- Oct 29 Craft fair workday
- Tuesdays Chair yoga at 9:30 a.m. Games at 12:30 p.m.
- Oct 16 Awesome Tip class at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays-Most programs start at 12:30 p.m. Bread is served on Wednesdays.

- Oct 3 Music with Diane Hardy
- Oct 10 Health Fair. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Enjoy vendors and free treats. Get your flu shot.
- Terryl Warner from the Cache county • Oct 17 attorney's office will be talking about the Deserae Turner case
- Oct 24 Music with Sharid Petersen
- Oct 31 Halloween Party

Thursdays-No lunch is served. Thursdays in October will be workdays for the Craft Fair.

Fridays- Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

- Oct 5 Adam's Family Musical in Smithfield
- Oct 12 Craft Fair\*

#### Saturday-

- Oct 6 Chitty-Chitty Bang-Bang at the old Barn Theatre
- Oct 13 Craft Fair

\*Enjoy vendors, great gifts, decor and treats. Admission is free and everyone is invited to the Senior Center's Fall Boutique.

#### Ъ **Reminders from Nibley City Staff**

#### Winterize Your Irrigation System

Have your sprinkler pipes blown out to minimize the risk of damage done by freezing and avoid costly leaks and repairs in the spring. Even if you have drained the water out of your irrigation system, some water remains and can freeze, expand, and crack PVC piping.



#### Nibley City Hall-Closed

Nibley City Hall will be closed Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day. Columbus Day commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492. For many, the holiday is a way of both honoring Colum-

bus' achievements and celebrating Italian-American heritage.

Muffins with the Mayor

Enjoy a muffin with the Mayor on Saturday, October 13 at 8:30 a.m. at Nibley City Hall. Come discuss the planning that is going on in Nibley City and give Mayor Dustin your vision for Nibley City's future.

*—Nibley City Staff* 

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