

Festival of Lights

The 13th Annual Spanish Fork City Festival of Lights will run from **Thanksgiving to New Years** at Canyon View Park. The Festival is open nightly from 6:00 to 10:00 pm and the cost per car is only \$5.00.

Budget Public Hearing

Spanish Fork City will hold a public hearing on **December 6**, at 6:00 pm at the Spanish Fork City Office, 40 S Main Spanish Fork, Utah, to review the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Revision including allocations and transfers in all Funds.

Christmas Box

The annual Christmas Box Vigil will be held **Tuesday, December 6** at 7:00 pm at the Spanish Fork City Cemetery. The public is invited to join the activity for a very special evening, and to those who may have lost a child this year—we extend a special invitation.

Christmas Concert

"COME TO BETHLEHEM!"

A Christmas Concert given by the Spanish Fork Regional Chorale will be on **Friday, December 9** at 7:30 pm at the Belle Via Reception Center, located at 519 N. Main Street. Admission is free.

Candles in the Cemetery

Christmas Eve, beginning at dusk, all are invited to bring a candle in a white bag and join the "thousand stars over the graves of loved ones."

Time Capsule

The Sesquicentennial Committee has planned for a 50-year Time Capsule to be buried at City Park on **January 19, 2006** near the Escalante Monument. Pictures, documents and other items buried will reflect the life today in Spanish Fork.



December 2005

Spanish Fork City—An Intelligent Community

The word is getting out and Spanish Fork is on the worldwide stage once again. For the second year in a row, Spanish Fork City has been named as one of the World's top "Intelligent Communities" according the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF).

This International group selects cities from around the globe that have taken great efforts to better serve their residents and businesses through the innovative use of broadband technology. As many know, the Spanish Fork Community Network (SFCN) has been deployed throughout the community for several years. By providing broadband access to all our residents, we have placed our City among the world's leaders in Internet Access; giving our residents and businesses better access to the bur-

geoning technologies that will be developed in the next few years.



In addition to its broadband deployment, the City has also been recognized for its innovative use of Channel 17. Many cities have a local, Public Access Channel, but few cities use that resource to bring the community closer together by broadcasting community events or to better inform the public by broadcasting live City meetings. The City's recent development of "The HUB", the online complaint and request tacking system and creating an online bill pay partnership and future online services such as recreation signups and many more have garnered the City a sec-

ond look by the ICF.

Other Cities in the Top 21, include: Adel Georgia, Burlington Ontario Canada, Cleveland Ohio, Dubai City UAE, Evora Portugal, Fredericton New Brunswick Canada, Gangnam, Seoul Korea, Ichi-kawa Japan, London England, Manchester England, Melbourne Australia, Monmouth Illinois, Nunavut Canada, Ottawa Ontario Canada, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, Sudbury Ontario Canada, Taipei Taiwan, Tinajin China, Vasteras Sweden, and Waterloo Ontario Canada.

This group of 21 cities will be trimmed to 7 in January and then those finalists will compete for the prestigious award to be named "The Intelligent Community of the Year." You can learn more about this organization and the award by visiting www.intelligentcommunity.org.

DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



Back Row: Councilmembers Chris C. Wadsworth, Seth V. Sorensen, Everett Kelepolo, and Matt D. Barber

Front Row: Mayor Dale R. Barney and Councilmember Paul M. Christensen

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Please complete the form and return with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City via the internet at www.spanishfork.org. Thank you for your comments.

Online Bill Pay

The City Utility Billing office is excited to announce a new and convenient Online Payment option for all residential Utility Customers to pay their monthly bills. The City has partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, a safe and secure provider for online bill payment systems to provide this service.

All you need is an Internet connection through a web browser and an email address and you're ready to go. Once you sign up for your free account and start using this service, you'll wonder how you ever got along without.

How does it work

First, go to the City's website at www.spanishfork.org and then click the link for Online Utility Payments. Read the information on that page to learn more about this service. Then click the link to our payment partner, Xpress Bill Pay and complete their account setup process. Every month we'll send your bill information to their system and they will then send an email reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is online and ready to pay. Then you can log in to your account each month at XpressBillPay.com and view your bill. It is formatted like your current statement you receive so it will be familiar to you.

When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type and enter your credit card or bank account information. Be sure that all payment information will be securely transmitted. If you want the hassle-free method, you can set up a recurring payment through the account you desire and that will be taken care of, automatically, each month.

Benefits

This system will allow you 24-hour access to your utility bills and payments and you can monitor your account from anywhere in the world wherever you may have Internet access. This system will also store that last 12 months of your account's history, allowing to track your Utility usage compare to the prior year, and better manage your expenses.

To sign up, just go to www.spanishfork.org, click on "On-Line Bill Pay" and follow the instructions from there...and remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. Sign up today.

General Plan

The Draft General Plan went before the City Council on November 1st for their review. At that time the Plan was tabled so the Council could review in depth the recommended changes from the Planning Commission.

What is Covered in the General Plan?

The General Plan comprises goals, policies, programs and actions, which are based on an assessment of current and future needs and available resources. Once adopted, the document becomes the principal tool for the City to use when evaluating public and private building projects and municipal service improvements. General plans typically look 15 - 25 years into the future.

How Does the General Plan Affect Development?

The General Plan establishes policies for regulating new development projects within the city. These policies are then translated into implementation tools (such as the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and design guidelines) to assure that the community's vision is implemented.

View the Draft General Plan

www.spanishfork.org/dept/commdev/planning/pdf/DraftChanges.pdf



From the Mayor

Thank you to all the many Citizens of Spanish Fork that voted in the Primary and General Elections. Almost 4,700 people voted in the general election, or 37% of all registered voters. To the many Citizens that are registered and did not vote, please remember to do so next year and the following years, to express your voice in the community.

To the many candidate that ran for the positions of Mayor and City Council, I say Congratulations. Your desire to sign-up for candidacy is admirable. To those that won the election, congratulations and best of luck in your service to the community.

City Calendar

As many know, the City has designed, printed and delivered a calendar to its residents each year. The costs associated with that calendar continue to increase each year and this year the decision was made by the City Council and City Staff not to fund that project and to use those funds for other essential services.

Mayor Barney was certain to make the point that many have developed a reliance on the calendar to tell them when certain events and deadlines are each month. In order to have that information readily available to the public, we have designed our City website to include an easy to use calendar, that appears on the homepage at www.spanishfork.org.

One great benefit of the on-line calendar is that it becomes dynamic, or capable of updates during the year and not static, or unchangeable, like a printed calendar. One limitation of the on-line calendar is that not all residents have internet access to view this calendar. For those residents, the City has computers and printers available at the City Library or at the City offices.

The City's goal is to be most effective in its operations and although this decision may bring change, we hope it is a change for the better.

Angel Tree

Women Working for Women: A division of the Spanish Fork Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring the Angel Tree which provides Christmas gifts for residents of the Hales Care Center. You can help with this wonderful project by stopping by the Spanish Fork Senior Center and picking up an angel off the tree. For more information, call Tresa Ahlin at 798-2485