

Spanish Fork City Arts Council...

proudly presents

the Spanish Fork Youtheatre in their production of "The Hobbit". The shows will run from Thursday February 10th to Saturday the 12th at the Spanish Fork High School Theatre. Shows will begin each night at 7:00 PM with an additional Saturday matinee that will begin at 2:00 pm. All tickets will be \$3.00. This production is made possible in part by a grant from the Utah Arts Council

Spanish Fork City Sesquicentennial

1855-2005

Historic Display— The Historic Display is open daily at the Spanish Fork City Center.

Essay Contest—Local school students of all ages are invited to participate in an essay contest. The theme, "My Spanish Fork", encourages students to write about what Spanish Fork has meant and still means to them. All essays are due back to school teachers by March 4. More information will be going home with all students the first week of February.

Sesquicentennial Spectacular— This incredible Talent Extravaganza will be held Friday evening, April 1. Local talent to be showcased at the spectacular include all aspects of the Arts, as well as a great picture story of Spanish Fork City.

More To Come—Look to future newsletters and the City website for other activities scheduled throughout the year.



February 2005

New and Improved SFCN

With the coming of Spring, SFCN customers will see many new and exciting improvements to the Spanish Fork Community Network and the Spanish Fork City Website. These improvements include:

HDTV—One of the most anticipated additions to our cable package will be that of High Definition Television.

SmartParks—All City parks will become HotSpots for wireless connectivity. All SFCN customers will have unlimited

access to the internet while they soak up the sun, watch their kids play ball or have a picnic.

Faster Internet—Internet speeds will increase for both uploads and downloads.

Enhanced Channels—The New and Improved SFCN will have a new digital guide channel for program viewing and an enhanced weather channel targeting local weather.

Redundant System—The network will be simplified, inher-

ently increasing reliability. Additionally, redundancy to the system will be completed that will help to limit system wide outages.

Online Service Requests— With a few clicks of the mouse, a resident will be able to submit a request for service to the City offices, anytime...day or night. This will allow you to inform the City of any need for service and then receive reports, in real time, of the work that has been done on your request.

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

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.

Did You Know...?

150 years ago

Spanish Fork City's Charter was approved by the State Legislature on Tuesday, January 17, 1855. The City officially incorporated two days later, Thursday, January 19, 1855.

Fort Saint Luke was built in the early 1850's to house and protect the first settlers of the community. 18 families lived in the small fort that measured 100 feet by 120 feet.

Settlers of Palmrya were asked by Brigham Young to abandon that settlement in 1856 and join with the residents of Spanish Fork.

The **first telegraph line** came into Spanish Fork about the year 1867. The **first newspaper**, called the *Rocky Mountain Star*, was established in May, 1891.

Main Street was originally to be located at 300 East. However, as the railroad through town was located further to the West, so went Main Street. It was first paved in August, 1920. The total cost of this project was just over \$167,000.

A **volunteer fire department** was organized in 1908, consisting of 12 men. Four men were assigned from 3 LDS wards and another 4 men assigned at large.

The **census of 1872** marks the population of Spanish Fork and surrounding communities at 1,538 people.

Intelligent Community Forum Award

Spanish Fork City was recently honored as one of 18 international finalists for the Intelligent Community Forum Award. Each year, the Intelligent Community Forum selects 18 Cities to top their list for the Intelligent Community Award. The ICF then narrows the group down to seven communities and finally the award winner is chosen in June.

The ICF has developed a list of five Intelligent Community Indicators that provide the framework for understanding how communities can gain a competitive edge and strengthen their social fabric today. The Indicators demonstrate that being an Intelligent Community takes more than "being wired." Those factors are:

- Significant deployment of broadband communications technology

- Education and training to develop a knowledge-based workforce.
- Bridge the Digital Divide to ensure equal access by all
- Fostering innovation through creative programs and growth
- Effective economic development marketing through the use of the community's broadband system

The top 18 include many large cities, and even counties and metropolitan areas. The list of 18 communities included: Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Dublin, Ireland; Greater Cleveland and NE Ohio; Issy-les-Moulineaux, France; London, England, U.K.; Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk

Counties), NY; Mitaka, Japan; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Pirai, Brazil; Province of Ontario, Canada; Singapore; Spanish Fork, Utah; Spokane, Washington; Sunderland, U.K.; Taipei, Taiwan; Tianjin, China; Toronto, Canada

While Spanish Fork was not selected as one of the 7 finalists for the award, we are thrilled to have been in the same company as some of the larger communities on the list. Maybe, with the changes realized this year on the "New and Improved" SFCN, our community will receive the international recognition we all know it deserves!

For more information regarding this award, please visit the ICF's website at www.intelligentcommunity.com.

Did You Know...? Column and Contest.

Have you ever wondered how many acres of parks we have in Spanish Fork? Or how the City electrical system works? Or how many miles of SFCN fiber are in the ground? To answer those questions and to give you fun and interesting facts about our City's operation, we have developed a new section to our City's Newsletter. The Did You Know...? section, (DYK) located in the left column of this page, will be dedicated to answering those questions. This information may be helpful someday in your quest to become like Ken Jennings.

In the DYK, we will discuss some of the interesting facts of our City's operations as well as some of the lesser known functions of our City's departments. To make this information even more interesting, each month's newsletter will contain a trivia question based on the information from the previous month's newsletter. If you think you remember the correct answer, simply email your answer, name and address to dyk@spanishfork.org. We will then take all the correct responses received by the 5th of each month and randomly select a winner to receive \$10 dollars off their next City utility bill. As soon as you get your newsletter, read through the DYK, find the trivia question for the month and the recall the information from the previous month. It's as simple as that. We hope you enjoy this new feature and that you enjoy learning more about Spanish Fork City.

(If you've forgotten the answer, prior newsletters are available on the City's website under 'News & Events' and 'Newsletters')

Kindergarten Registration—Nebo School District

Kindergarten registration for the 2005-2006 school year will be held at all Spanish Fork Elementary Schools on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Any child that is 5 years old before September 1, 2005, is eligible for Kindergarten. Please bring a birth certificate and current immunization records on that day. Pre-registration is a crucial part of the teacher planning process for the next school year. If you are not available on that day, please contact your school.