



# February 2006



Pictured: Bjorn Pendleton, Arts Council Member, Mayor Joe Thomas and former Mayor Dale Barney

## Sesquicentennial Time Capsule

The sesquicentennial time capsule was buried to mark the end of the year's sesquicentennial celebration. The time capsule is buried at City Park, near the Escalante Monument and it will be opened in fifty years on January 19, 2055.

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## City Calendar

**February 1—7:00 pm**  
Planning Commission

**February 5**  
Winter Games Softball Tournament Registration Deadline

**February 7—6:00 pm**  
City Council Meeting

**February 11**  
Winter Games Softball Tournament

**February 20**  
President's Day—City Office closed  
Normal Garbage Pick-up

**February 21—6:00 pm**  
City Council Meeting

Women's Basketball Early Registration Deadline

**February 21-24**  
Women's Nebo Volleyball Invitational Tournament

**February 23**  
Co-Ed Spring Volleyball Early Registration Deadline

**March 1—7:00 pm**  
Planning Commission

**March 6**  
Baseball & Softball Early Registration Deadline (Grades 3-8)

## Snow and Snow Plows

On January 19, Spanish Fork received its fair share of snow for one morning. Everyone woke up to a beautiful layer of 8 to 12 inches of snow and many began digging themselves out. Because the snow season is not yet over, we wanted to review the City's snow removal policy.

Spanish Fork City's objective is to provide an adequate transportation system for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions. Optimal conditions will be provided as soon as practicable after a storm. Certain streets have a higher intensity use and thus have a higher priority for snow removal.

Spanish Fork City has established the following criteria for snow removal.

**Priority 1:** Primary streets, such as arterials and major collectors, that are determined to be the minimum network needed to provide the basic transportation system for public safety, schools, high volume streets, steep grades, etc. These streets will be plowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. From 6:00 am to 11:00pm only traffic lanes will be plowed.

**Priority 2:** Secondary and residential routes and selected minor collector, bus routes and residential streets deemed desirable to be maintained as weather permits. Traffic lanes only. Areas which are prone to wind and drifting snow will receive priority. Service will be provided during regular working hours.

**Priority 3:** Remaining city streets

including cul-de-sacs. Traffic lanes only, Cul-de-sacs—1 pass in, 1 pass out—providing no cars are parked in roadway. Service will be provided during regular working hours.

Please note that it is not the position of Spanish Fork City to maintain a bare pavement policy nor to provide snow and ice removal on every city street during or after every snow storm. Therefore, after periods in which movement of traffic has occurred, snow plows no longer become an option to totally clear snow packed or icy streets, except to remove loose material on top.

For a copy of this policy and a detailed map, visit the City's homepage and look under the 'Current News' section.

## DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



From Left to Right, Back Row:  
Chris Wadsworth, Mayor Joe Thomas, Matt Barber, Wayne Andersen  
Front Row: Seth Sorensen, Steve Leifson

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City via the internet at [www.spanishfork.org](http://www.spanishfork.org). Thank you for your comments.

### Residential Utility Equal Pay Program

This City is excited to offer a new Equal Payment option available to residential utility customers. If you have been looking for a way to even out those high summer heating bills, this program is for you. Customers will be able to sign up for this program twice a year, February and August. In order to sign up for this payment plan, the City must receive notice from you by **February 20**. A sign-up form has been included with this utility bill or you can go online and select the link for the Equal Pay Program.

The equal payment plan will be based on the previous 12 months total utility bill. Your account will be recalculated every six months and based on this recalculation, adjustments may be made to your monthly equal pay amount. To qualify for Equal Pay you must have had service in your name, at the same service location, for the prior 12-month period and you must also have had no late payments in that same period. You must also continue to pay your utility bill by the 20th of each month.

### Volunteers Wanted for Boards and Committees

Mayor Joe Thomas and the City Council extend a personal invitation to all residents of Spanish Fork City to participate and serve on our great committees. As a volunteer member, you will have a say in the direction of your committee's focus. You will be a member of the team that delivers a great Fiesta Days celebration, identifies new directions for the Library or Parks and Recreation programs, or provides feedback on Utility Rates and structures or much, much more. Spanish Fork City exists for its residents and we best serve the community when we know what you want. By volunteering a little of your time and energy, you can help to shape the direction of your community.

We have provided a list below of all current committees. Committee members are appointed and serve for varying term lengths. Look over the list and if you are interested in serving on a board or commission, or if you have questions about the committees, just give us a call at 798-5000 ext. 20.

All those interested in serving on committees will be contacted and considered for positions. If you'd like to speak directly with Mayor Joe Thomas about these volunteer positions, you can call him directly at 798-5000 ext. 21 or by email at [mayor@spanishfork.org](mailto:mayor@spanishfork.org).

- Airport Board
- Arts Council—Bring the ARTS to Center Stage
- Fiesta Days Committee—This one is FUN!
- Fire/Ambulance Retirement Committee
- Historical Committee
- Library Board—Make a difference
- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Planning/Zoning Commission—Be on TV!
- Senior Citizens Committee—Input needed from all ages
- Shade Tree Commission
- Utility Board—How are the rates calculated?
- Youth Council
- Economic Development Committee—New committee
- Other—Your suggestions for other committees are welcome.

### Earned Income Tax Credit Help

You may qualify for an income tax refund of up to \$4,400 through the Federal Earned Income Credit - even if you don't owe any taxes! Plus, you can have your taxes done for you - for FREE, with FAST, FREE Electronic Filing! Just Call 2-1-1 to find out more about the Earned Income Credit and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. 2-1-1 is your direct line to the United Way of Utah County. The United Way has teamed up with qualified agencies to help provide this service. You may be eligible for this help if:

- You have one or more children and your family earns up to \$37,263 per year, or
- You have no children, are between the ages of 25 and 64, and earn up to \$13,750.

Have your taxes done for FREE, keep more of what you've earned, and use it to invest in your family's future! That's the what the Earned Income Credit, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and Utah Saves can do for you—and it's all available right here in your own community. To find out more about these programs, call 2-1-1 or visit [UtahSaves.org](http://UtahSaves.org).

### Free Home Buyer Classes from Community Action Services

Free Homebuyer Education Classes sponsored by Community Action Services help people to become qualified home buyers. This includes help with budgeting and money management skills. Homebuyer classes will teach you how to understand your credit, how to save money on a loan and how to avoid predatory lending.

You will also learn special tips on shopping for a home and working with real estate professionals. Plus, you will learn about down-payment and closing-cost assistance programs.

Come and learn what you need to know to own a home of your own! For more information or to register call 373-8200 ext. 242 or ext. 243.

### Private School Enrollment

American Heritage School of Spanish Fork begins enrollment for the 2006-07 school year at its annual George Washington Birthday Celebration on Friday, **February 10**, 7 p.m., at 185 E. 400 North. Paul Skousen, son of the late W. Cleon Skousen, will speak on "What My Father Taught Me about America's Greatness." Skousen is the author of the best-selling book, *The Skousen Book of Mormon World Records*. The school choir will provide music, and refreshments will be served. An enrollment open house will follow at 8 p.m.

American Heritage is a non-profit, LDS-based school for grades K-8 (donations tax-deductible). Children turning five after **September 1, 2006** are considered for kindergarten and may then enter public first grade. Applications for half-tuition scholarships from Children First Utah must be submitted before **March 1, 2006**. Full-tuition Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarships are also available. For more information, call 798-3444 or visit [www.american-heritage-sf.org](http://www.american-heritage-sf.org).