



January 2006

New Elected Officials

The Oath of Office will be administered to the newly elected Mayor and City Councilmembers at the beginning of the City Council meeting on **Tuesday, January 3** at 6:00 pm.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Spanish Fork City is offering curbside Christmas Tree pickup after the Holidays, from **January 3 to January 12**. Place your tree at your curbside **AFTER** removing all decorations, lights, and stands.

Time Capsule

The Sesquicentennial Committee will bury a 50-year Time Capsule near the Escalante Monument at City Park on **January 19** at 5:00 pm. Pictures, documents and other items buried will reflect life today in Spanish Fork.

City Calendar

January 3
Garbage Pickup delayed for New Years Holiday; Registration begins for City parks and other recreational facilities.

6:00 pm
Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials; City Council Meeting

January 4—7:00 pm
Planning Commission

January 6
Youth basketball games begin

January 11
2nd session Little Hoopsters early deadline

January 17
2nd session Little Hoopsters begins
6:00 pm
City Council Meeting

January 19—5:00 pm
Sesquicentennial Time Capsule Event at City Center Park.

February 1—7:00 pm
Planning Commission

Thank You...

I have been the Mayor of Spanish Fork City for the past 8 years. I have loved every minute of my service to the community and I am happy to say that I do believe the City has progressed during my administration.

During my time with the City, we have developed a great cable system that provides excellent cable and internet services to our many residents. We have constructed a beautiful sports complex that provides a first rate venue for our young and old athletes. We have also experienced major growth in our community, adding over 11,000 resident who now call Spanish Fork City home.

I want to thank the many great residents of the City that have

served in the community. We have so many great people that answer the call to serve on boards and committees, as coaches for our youth, planting flowers and bulbs on Main Street and so many other areas. Without your great support and love of community, we could not accomplish the many things we do.

I hope that as the years progress, all the great residents of Spanish Fork will continue to support the Mayor and the City Council, continue to stay informed on the issues and provide valuable feedback to the City. We haven't always seen eye to eye on the issues, but I respect each one of you for having an opinion and I hope you have felt that your opinions have been heard, even though it may not



have been the direction we went.

I am a better person after having served as the Mayor. I said in the final council meeting that I was once told that I was not as good as I thought I was and not as bad as others thought I was. I hope, for all of you, I was as good to the City as I could have been. Thank for having me around for 8 years.

Dale R. Barney

DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Joe L Thomas
Councilmembers: G. Wayne Andersen, Matt D. Barber, Steven M. Leifson, Seth V. Sorenson and Chris C. Wadsworth

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 are ready to go. Once you sign up for your free account and start using this service, you'll wonder how you ever got along with out it.

How does it work

First, go to the City's website at www.spanishfork.org and then click on 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 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. 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 the last 12 months of your account's history, allowing you to track your Utility usage and to compare to the prior year, and better manager your expenses.

To sign up, just go to www.spanishfork.org, click on "On-Line Residential Utility Payment" and follow the instructions from there...and remember, its free to sign up and free to use.



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.

- 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.