

Substitute Crossing Guards

Spanish Fork Police Department is currently looking for individuals to fill substitute crossing guard positions. If interested please call 798-5070 for information.

Watch for Kids

School is back in session and children are walking to and from school. Be sure to drive with extra caution through the neighborhoods and pay extra attention to school zones. Remember, the speed limit is 20 mph in a school zone.

End of Irrigation Season

The pressurized irrigation system will be shut off around October 15, depending on the weather and need for water. When this happens, remember to turn off your sprinkler system, open your drains and close the valves. This will prevent unintended flooding in the Spring, and may help avoid frozen and broken pipes this winter.

City Calendar

Every Saturday
Farmers Market

October 2—6:00 pm
City Council Meeting

October 3—7:00 pm
Planning Commission

October 10
Fire Prevention Open House

October 11
In The Dark Spook Alley Begins

October 13
Harvest Moon Hurrah

October 16—6:00 pm
City Council Meeting

November 6
General elections



October 2007



In the Dark, Spanish Fork City's incredible Spook Alley event is set to go for its second year. This year's spook alley will improve on last year's "terrifying" experience, taking fright and fun to a new level.

Last year's inaugural Spook Alley was enjoyed by over 4,000 enthusiastic "victims". The creators of the In The Dark invite all those who dared come last year to try it again, and if you didn't make it last year, we double-dog dare you to try it this

year. This spook alley features local talent and many great volunteers from right here in our community.

In The Dark begins **October 11th** and will run each Thursday, Friday and Saturday night in October and will also be open **Monday the 29th, Tuesday the 30th and Wednesday the 31st**. Spook time starts at 7:00 pm and the event will close around 9:30 on school nights and will be open later on weekends and Halloween night.

The Spook Alley is set up behind the Skull Castle at the Fairgrounds and will be inside the tennis courts, 475 South Main St. Admission is \$9 at the door or you can purchase tickets in advance for \$8 from the Spanish Fork City Offices. Parents, please note that there will NOT be a non-scary experience for younger children this year. Come enjoy the fun of the In The Dark Spook alley; a perfect event to begin Halloween.

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

Name: _____ Email: _____ 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. Thank you for your comments.

Fire Hydrants

The City recently underwent an ISO insurance rating that included a random survey of fire hydrants. As inspectors and City crews randomly checked hydrants throughout the City, they found a number of hydrants that were partially or even fully covered.

It is important that all fire hydrants be clear from shrubs and other obstructions to ensure access by fire crews. A safe measure is to be sure that there is **at least 5 feet** of access around the entire hydrant. This access will allow fire fighters to take caps off, walk around hydrants, take hoses around them, etc. Allowing clear access does not necessarily mean



the hydrant must stand alone and be an eye-sore in the landscaping, however, wise planning will ensure a beautiful landscape and access.

If you have a hydrant in your front yard and it is hidden by the landscaping, please take the time to clear the obstructions so that fire crews will be able to access them in the event of an emergency. Remember, that every minute counts to successfully fight a fire and precious moments can be lost searching for a buried hydrant. Take this fall to Adopt your hydrant and clean it up if necessary. If you have questions regarding hydrant maintenance, contact the water department at 798-5050.



Entrance to SF City at I-15

The City has received a number of calls during the past year asking if the City plans to improve and beautify the entrance to the City at the I-15 off ramp and Main Street. The short answer to this questions is, "Yes." The long answer is that we must wait and work with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) because they have plans to change that intersection within the next few years. In order not to spend money on an entrance that may be widened or reconfigured in a few years, the City will wait to work in cooperation with UDOT, maximizing the money spent on the entrance. The City did try to provide minimal improvements to the area by planting grass seeds and putting in a sprinkling system. Although these minor improvements don't complete the project, in a few years, the area should be completed and worthy of being an entrance into our community.

Transportation and Community Planning Open House

**When: Wednesday, October 24
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: Orem Senior Friendship Center
93 North 400 East, Orem**

You are invited to come out and learn about air quality, road/highway improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how it affects you. Information will be available on: Mountain View Corridor, I-15 Reconstruction, Lehi East - West Connector, Commuter Rail,

SR-92, Vineyard Connector, Springville SR-77, Bus Rapid Transit, Geneva Road, Provo Westside Connector, State Street, North Utah County East-West Corridor Study.

Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on transportation plans and community development.

Home Buyer Education Classes!

Provided by Community Action Services and Food Bank

The Home Buyer Class includes budget and money management, credit issues, loan and down payment programs, shopping for financing and a home, closing documents, when to refinance, and much more.

Come and learn what you need to know to have a home of your own. For more information call 373-8200 ext. 242 or ext. 243. You can register by phone or online (www.CommunityActionUC.org).

More Convenient Ways to Pay Utility Bills

Spanish Fork City already offers a convenient online Utility Bill Payment program and is pleased to announce a new Operator Assisted Payment Line. As a way to offer more choices to pay your utility bill, Spanish Fork City now allows you to pay your bill over the phone. This is an integrated service, provided by Xpress Bill Pay, the same company that provides the Online Bill Pay feature.

Both services are easy to use. First, if you wish to pay online, visit www.XpressBillPay.com, and login to your account. There you can see up to a full year's history of your account and can compare current bills to a year ago. It will also send a reminder e-mail each billing period to let you know when your bill is online and available for payment. Then you just log in to your account at Xpress-BillPay.com and view your bill.

If you choose the Operator Assisted Payment Line, dial **1-800-720-6847** and a friendly customer service agent will handle the entire process for you. You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer from checking or savings. We can even setup automatic payments that will pay the account balance on a specified day each month.

We're proud to offer this service at the request of our customers – You asked and we delivered! To sign up, just go to the city website at www.spanishfork.org and select the "Online Utility Payment" link, or call 1-800-720-6847.

October is Fire Safety Month

October is National Fire Safety month and the Spanish Fork City Fire Department encourages all residents to look around their homes to identify and eliminate potential fire hazards. Also, remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This should be done once a year and a helpful tip is to do this on a special date, such as your birthday, new years, day light savings change, etc. Another smoke alarm tip is vacuum out the dust in the alarms as well. Dust and other debris may cause the alarm to malfunction and could create a potential hazard for your family.

The Spanish Fork Fire Department will host a fire prevention evening at the Fire Station on **Wednesday, October 10th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. The station will be open to the public, children will be able to try on fire turnouts and check out the trucks. There will also be plenty of fire fighters on hand to answer any safety questions you may have.

Two Early Evening Closures at the Library

The Spanish Fork City Library will close early two days in October. Other than these days, library hours will be normal:

Saturday, October 13th, Library hours will be from 10:00 to 4:00 to accommodate the Harvest Moon Hurrah.

Wednesday, October 31st, the Library will close at 5:00 p.m., for Halloween.