

**Misinformation In Newsletter Regretted**

In the February Newsletter, we mistakenly posted that garbage pickup would be delayed because of the President's Day Holiday. As some of you found out, that was not the case. We regret the error and have taken steps to prevent that from happening again. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

**Singin' in the Rain Auditions**

Auditions for the Community Theater's production of Singin' in the Rain will be held on **Thursday, April 2** and **Friday, April 3** at the Diamond Fork Jr. High School. Auditions will run from 6 to 8:30pm. Plan to sing 16 measures of Broadway style music and dress appropriately for dancing. Visit [www.sfcnonline.org](http://www.sfcnonline.org) for registration forms and information.

**Urban Fishing Instructors Needed**

Instructors are needed for the youth, urban fishing program. This program will run on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** in **April** and **May** from 6 to 8 pm. These hours count toward your dedicated hunter hours. If you are interested, contact Bronco at 804-4604.

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**City Calendar**

**March 3**—6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)  
City Council Meeting

**March 4**—7:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)  
Planning Commission Meeting

**March 14**—7:00 pm  
Miss Spanish Fork Pageant  
Spanish Fork High School

**March 17**—6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)  
City Council Meeting

**March 20, 21, & 22** Rock & Gem Show; Spring Parade of Gems

**March 21**—10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Strawberry Highline Canal Water Workshop. Peteetneet Cultural Arts Center



# March 2009

## Continued Discussion on SFCN

Since the January Newsletter article on the success of SFCN, we continue to hear that other company's salespeople are not giving the whole truth. Since January, we have heard specific issues which we would like to address:

**Does SFCN rent facilities from Comcast?** NO. SFCN does not rent facilities from anyone. This system has been built in every area of Spanish Fork and continues to grow as the community grows. When a new development comes to the City, we take those plans and begin to build the fiber network. SFCN is usually in the new subdivisions before the first houses are completed.

**IS SFCN going to be shut down?** NO. SFCN continues to succeed, with over 70% of our residents using this service. Because SFCN is owned and operated by the City and does not rent from another provider, it cannot nor will not be shut down. To the contrary, the future

is very promising with many great years to come.

**Do you have a good HD Picture?** YES. SFCN is the only local provider that broadcasts a true HD Picture that is not compressed. The SFCN system was designed for this larger signal to be broadcast without interfering with the other services, such as internet. Other providers compress their HD signal to save bandwidth. HD is the television of tomorrow and more HD channels are being added this year to our HD tier.

**Do you offer a DVR?** YES. SFCN offers customers the Motorola set top boxes which are the industry standard in DVR technology. You can program your DVR to record your favorite shows and watch them on your own time, commercial free.



**IS SFCN ready for the Digital Conversion?** YES. SFCN, Comcast, DirectTV and DishNetwork are all ready for this change. Contrary to some ads that you may hear, the only people affected by this change are those that watch their TV signal from an antennae or "rabbit ears". If you watch the local channels this way, you need to be sure that you have a digital TV or a converter box.

**Why are you raising the rates?** Channel rates go up every year by contract that SFCN has with each cable. See **SFCN** on back page.

## DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



From Left to Right, Back Row: Jens Nielsen, Steve Leifson, Wayne Andersen, Rod Dart. Front Row: Mayor Joe Thomas, Richard Davis

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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.

### Introducing Spanish Fork Mapping Data in Google Earth Format

Great news Spanish Fork residents! By now you have had a chance to work with some of our Interactive Mapping Sites. We have given you the ability to look at basic basemap information, utility information, voting information, and cemetery information. We have now rolled out our mapping information in Google Earth Format to help you better access information about Spanish Fork. We have created these files so that they will be of benefit to you. We hope that this information combined with our other sites will be useful to you in your search for information about our wonderful city. Keep checking back with this site as we are always adding more information to help you find what you are looking for.

You can access the map's information by going to the City's website and mousing over E-Services then scroll down to the Maps/GIS link. Click on that link and then click on the link for 'SF GIS Data Download'.

This website will be a work in progress. We will strive to make it better in any way we can. We welcome your input and will try to implement any ideas we can. We hope that this website can be of use to you.

If you have questions about Spanish Fork Maps and GIS you can visit our mapping homepage found here: <http://www.spanishfork.org/dept/pubworks/engineering/maps/> where we have links to more maps, in interactive and pdf format, as well as information GIS.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the site or mapping in general please contact Shawn Beecher at 804-4571 or email [sbeecher@spanishfork.org](mailto:sbeecher@spanishfork.org). Your comments are welcome and needed as we try to make this site better for all that use it.

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channel. SFCN negotiates with these channels to make sure that the increases are as small as possible. This rate increase only covers the direct costs associated with channel increases and does not "increase profit" to SFCN. Even with the new rates, you cannot find a cheaper, more reliable system anywhere. You may get a cheaper short term price, but be aware of the rate increase once the "promotional period" ends. Below is a summary of the new rates which will go into affect on March 13:

Basic Package .....	\$9.52
Expanded Basic Package .....	\$41.44
Digital Basic Package .....	\$48.37
HBO/Cinemax.....	\$17.00
Full Package (Now includes HD Basic).....	\$84.83

No change to HD Basic, Starz/Encore, or Showtime.

### Census 2010 Jobs Available

Make money. . . Make a Difference with a job you can be proud of! Work on the 2010 Census. Temporary part and full time jobs, Paid training, Authorized mileage reimbursement, Work locally, Flexible hours, Competitive pay, Assignments last 5 to 10 weeks.

Call our toll free number: 1-866-861-2010. Help your community have a successful 2010 Census

### Annual Scouting for Food Tradition Continues March 28

Utah's Boy Scouts will continue their tradition of service on **March 28** as they collect food for their local food banks. They will deliver bags the week before and will pick up food that morning as early as 8 am. The food collected in Utah, Summit and Wasatch Counties will go to the Community Action Food Bank and will serve people who live in these counties - your neighbors. Right now, over 2,000 families a month are seeking assistance from the agency. If you are able to give, please join with our scouts to make a big difference for a family. Find out more at [foodbanksofutah.org](http://foodbanksofutah.org).

### High School Musical Information

Spanish Fork High School Department of Performing Arts will present "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" on **February 26, 27, 28 and March 2**, beginning at 7:00 PM each evening. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students.

The combined choirs of SFHS will present a Mid-Winter Choirfest on **March 4**, in the high school auditorium. Admission is FREE, and the concert begins at 7:00 PM. The community is encouraged to come enjoy an evening of great music. Contact Jeanice Woodbrey with any questions. 798-6979

## APRIL IS "CLEAN OUT THE CABINET" MONTH

You can help fight prescription drug abuse by disposing of expired or unused medications.

What prescription drugs do you have? Where are they kept? How old are they? Would you know if some were missing? The Clean out the Cabinet campaign focuses on educating the community about prescription drug abuse while encouraging people to properly dispose of expired or unused prescription medications.

### Facts to Consider:

- In 2007, unintentional prescription pain medication overdoses were the number one cause of injury deaths in Utah, even more than motor vehicle crashes.
- Six percent of Utah County residents, 12 years and older, have used prescription pain relievers to get high (one of the highest use rates in the nation).
- During 2007, a record number of 519 people suffered drug-related deaths in the state of Utah. 317 of these deaths were prescription pain medication overdoses.
- One easy way to fight prescription drug abuse is to eliminate unused or expired medications.

For additional information on how to fight prescription drug abuse, visit [cleanoutthecabinet.org](http://cleanoutthecabinet.org).

## Help Fight Prescription Drug Abuse!

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YOUR MEDICATIONS



### Two **BIG** reasons to Clean out the Cabinet:

- Utah leads the nation in prescription pain medication abuse.
- 70% of those who abuse pain relievers say they get them from friends or relatives, typically without their knowledge.

Fight prescription drug abuse by getting rid of expired or unused medications and securing those you need. Use the **MEDS** methods below.

### **M**ix medications with something gross

- Take pills out of original container.
- Mix pills with dirt, cat litter, used cooking oil, etc. and toss the substance in your outdoor trash.

### **E**xtra pills need to be locked up

- If you need to keep your pills, lock them up.

### **D**rop meds off at an approved disposal site

- At no cost, drop your meds off at these locations:

Salem Police Dept. 30 W 100 South	Utah County Jail 3075 N Main	SF Police Dept. 789 W Center St. Spanish Fork
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### **S**oak meds in water to dissolve; don't flush them

- Take pills out of original container.
- Put pills in container with small amount of water.
- Soak up dissolved pills with paper towels and toss them in the trash.