

Early Voting/Absentee Voting

A registered voter can vote prior to the **November 3** election date by going to the City Center, 40 S Main St, in Spanish Fork. Polls for early or absentee voting are open from **8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 20, to Friday, October 30.**

Remember, when you vote this year, State law now requires you to bring a valid ID, such as a valid Utah Drivers License. If you do not bring valid ID, you will have to vote a provisional ballot. Valid proof of ID must then be brought to the City Recorder within 5 days in order for your ballot to be counted.

Election Judges

The City is looking for civically minded individuals that would like to serve as alternate election judges and counting judges for the general election which will be **November 3**. There is a small stipend given for those that serve in either capacity. If you are interested, contact Kimberly Robinson, the City Recorder, at 801-8044530.

City Calendar

Every Saturday—Farmers Market from 7:00 am 'til about 1:00 pm

October 5 & 6—Monday and Tuesday recycling pickup.

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

October 7—7:00 pm (live on Ch. 17) Planning Commission Meeting

October 19 & 20—Monday & Tuesday recycling pickup

October 20—6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17) City Council Meeting

November 3—Election Day

Complete City calendar at www.spanishfork.org.

Add your own community events at the same site.



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Follow the City on Twitter

Spanish Fork City has joined the Twitter community and now has two active Twitter accounts. In order to follow the City on Twitter, go to the City's website at www.spanishfork.org and click on the Twitter link. You can also follow SFCN on Twitter by going to their website, which is www.sfcn.org. If you don't have an account with Twitter, follow their process and then you too can find out what the 'tweets' are all about.

Why are we on Twitter?

Twitter provides a way for the City to immediately communicate short messages. This will give the City one more way to reach you, in addition to our website, this newsletter, channel 17 and various signs around town.

What will we 'Tweet' about?

A message sent from twitter must be short, so all messages will be no more

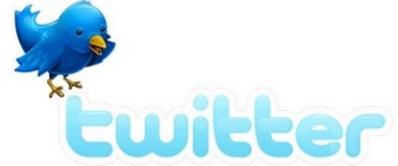
that one or two sentences. Even with the short messages, we will be able to give you timely reminders such as upcoming events, utility bill deadlines, parks and recreation deadlines, holiday closures, garbage or recycling pickup reminders, elections information, meeting information, emergency communications and so much more.

Why would you want to follow us?

Just to know what is going on. Because these are instant messages that can be sent to your email, cell phone or twitter account, you can be connected with your City. As we further develop this tool, you will receive valuable bits information that will keep you in the know.

What do you want to know about?

We have thought of a lot of ways to



use Twitter, but you can probably think of more. Give us your thoughts through twitter or by emailing sperrins@spanishfork.org. Help us make this a great tool for the entire community.

Also, if you would like to know something about Spanish Fork, you can email the City at the same email address above or use the 'Dear Mayor' form below. We actually read every email and comment that you send us and we try to respond to everyone that we can. If you have a topic you would like to see addressed in this newsletter, let us know and we will do our best to address your topic.

DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



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

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.

Reminder of the City's Noise Ordinance

The following information is regarding the City's Noise Ordinance. As you plan family or neighborhood activities, will you please use good judgment and be considerate of those that live near you.

9.32.020

(1) It is the intent of the city council to incorporate into the noise ordinance those standards of measurement hereinafter set forth, which will take into account the latest scientific advances in noise measurement and control while at the same

Zone	DAY 6am-9pm	NIGHT 9pm-
Residential/ Agricultural	65 dB(A)	55 dB(A)
Commercial	70 dB(A)	65 dB(A)
Industrial	80 dB(A)	65 dB(A)

time, preserving the common sense and common law determination of what constitutes a disturbance or public nuisance. Therefore, sound level measurements, while universally desirable, shall not be required to demonstrate violation of this chapter if other evidence or testimony establishes the creation of a disturbance or public nuisance. (2) It is the intention that each separate provision of this chapter shall be deemed independent of all other provisions therein, and if any provision of this chapter be declared to be invalid, all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

9.32.030.Noise Limits.

(1) Exceeding the following noise limits for any

measurement period (not less than ten (10) minutes unless otherwise provided in this ordinance

9.32.040.Exemptions.(1) Sounds created by emergency activities or emergency vehicles; sounds

giving warning or emergencies shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.(2) Sounds created by parades, carnivals, special public social events, or special construction projects may be exempted from the noise provisions of this chapter. An exemption is granted by a permit from the

city manager, which must be in writing and shall describe:(a) the special nature of the exempted event; (b) the dBA limitation (maximum allowed); (c) the time period for which the exemption is in force. The permit shall be for one event only.

The city manager may impose reasonable conditions on the issuance of a permit as necessary to protect the public peace and welfare. The permit may be withdrawn if the provisions thereof are violated.

9.32.050.Violation.

1.Violation of the noise provisions of this chapter, or of the conditions of an exemption permit shall be a class C misdemeanor.

Reminder of the City's Parking Ordinance

10.16.010 Parking Prohibited

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle on either side of Main Street south of I-15 or north of 400 South between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. It shall also be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on either side of the street between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on Center Street between Main Street and 100 East, on 100 East between Center Street and 100 South, and on 100 South between 100 East and Main Street.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to park any

vehicle on either side of Main Street, during other hours of the day, south of I-15 and north of 400 South on a single block for a period of time longer than three consecutive hours.

C. "Vehicle" is defined to include, but not necessarily be limited to, automobiles, trucks, trailers, mobile homes, travel trailers, boats, motorcycles, buses, snowmobiles, and other objects used or capable of being used for transportation purposes whether for the transport of humans, animals or freight of any kind.

Low or No-Cost Health Care Options Available for Children

Due to economic difficulties, many Utahns are losing health care benefits as a result of job losses and employer budget cuts. In an effort to reduce the number of uninsured, the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) offers the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to help Utahns provide health insurance for their children.

CHIP provides comprehensive health insurance for the uninsured children of families who qualify. In March, the maximum income guidelines increased, making it easier for working families to qualify. For example, a family of four earning up to \$44,100 a year may be eligible. In addition, beginning July 1, CHIP will offer a more

inclusive mental health benefit package and change co-pay amounts for selected benefits, as directed by the 2008 Utah Legislature.

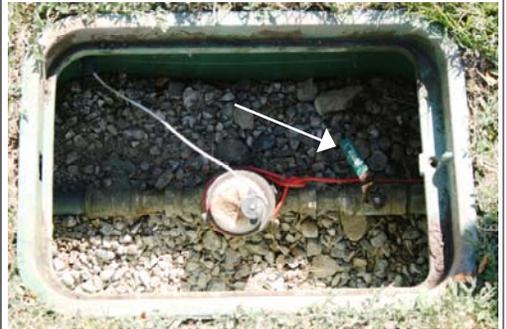
CHIP is now open year-round and will continue accepting applications. Once approved, CHIP covers well-child exams, immunizations, hospital and emergency care, mental health services, dental care, hearing and eye exams, and more. CHIP does not require a co-payment for well-child exams and immunizations. For more information about CHIP, visit <http://www.health.utah.gov/healthservices.htm> or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669).

PI System Shuts Down For Winter

The pressurized irrigation system will be shut off on or around October 15. Please plan your watering schedules accordingly.

When the system is shut down, please be sure to turn off your sprinkler system, open any manual drains, and also be sure to close the main valve in your PI box. This will prevent unintended flooding in the Spring, and may help avoid frozen and broken pipes this winter.

In order to close your main valve, open the PI Box that is located somewhere in the yard; typically near the sidewalk or street. When you open the lid, be sure to keep an eye out for spiders that like to hide in these kinds of spaces. To close the valve, turn the handle so that it is perpendicular to the pipe, as you can see in the picture below. Then replace the lid, making sure that it is securely in place.



Voter Registration Information

You can register to vote in person at the Utah County offices located in Provo at 100 East Center Street, room 3100, or you can register by mail. For complete information, visit the City's website and click on the link for "2009 City Election Information". Once in the election pages, click on the "Voter Registration" link. You must register to vote no later than 30 days before the general election, which will be on **November 3**.

Library News—Food for Fines

"Food For Fines" will return during the month of November. We will waive one dollar off of your overdue fines for each can or non perishable food item you bring in. There will be a limit of ten dollars. The Children's Department offers a variety of fun and exciting activities. We have story times for toddler age, preschoolers, and elementary aged kids. A special family night Halloween story time will be held October 26th. For the tweens we have a weekly reading activity and also each week we have games and movies at the library. Our next mother daughter book club will be in November.

For more information on our programs, please call the library or check our website.