

**Look for the New Brand of Spanish Fork**

Spanish Fork recently hired a company to assist the City with its image and brand. We have many great things happening in Spanish Fork and this effort will ensure that we always put our best foot forward. You will begin to see many new changes in current city communications, including this newsletter and the City's website. There will also be many new and exciting things that will be rolled out during the year.

**Facebook and Twitter**

To get immediate updates, become a fan of the City on Facebook or follow the City on Twitter. Links can be found on the City webpage.

**Community Emergency Response Training**

A CERT class is planned to begin **January 19, 2010**. This course will be taught each Tuesday night for seven weeks from 7-9:30 pm. Cost is \$25.00 per registrant. Call Don Thomas at 804-4755 to register for the class.

**City Calendar**

**December 1**—Tuesday recycling pickup.

**December 1**—6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17) City Council Meeting

**December 2**—7:00 pm (live on Ch. 17) Planning Commission Meeting

**December 14 & 15**—Monday & Tuesday recycling pickup

**December 15**—6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17) City Council Meeting

**December 24 & 25**—City Offices closed for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Holidays

**December 28 & 29**—Monday & Tuesday recycling pickup

**January 1, 2010**—City Offices closed for the New Years Holiday

Complete City calendar at [www.spanishfork.org](http://www.spanishfork.org)



# December 2009

**In Depth on the North Park, Home Depot, Target and More...Read On**

Spanish Fork City is excited with the recent progress that's been made in the construction of the new North Park. The City hopes this park will be a unique jewel that Spanish Fork residents will enjoy for many years to come. As people have observed the construction of the park, many questions have arisen about the extent of the work being performed. The following is a brief history of the North Park project and a status report on its progress.

After several years of planning and preparation, the North Park development received final approval in the summer of 2007. The main components of the project included the relocation and reconstruction of the North Park itself, the reconstruction of several intersections along 1000 North, the expansion of 1000 North and the construction of some



500,000 square feet of retail space.

Initial plans called for the demolition of the existing North Park so as to permit the construction of Home Depot and other retail businesses on that portion of the site. As the park was being demolished during the fall of 2007, dramatic changes in

the businesses climate for retailers across the country became evident. In short, as sales for companies slowed at an extremely rapid rate, those companies put expansion plans on hold. The immediate effect we then experienced in Spanish Fork was the indefinite delay of **See North Park on back side**

**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

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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.

### More on the North Park Development

the construction of Home Depot and the delay of the developer's ability to sign on other businesses. It was originally anticipated that the construction of retail space in the project was to commence in the winter of 2007.

Since that time, the economy has not yet rebounded and little has changed relative to plans that various retailers have to expand and build new stores in Utah or the United States. However, Spanish Fork City has taken the initiative to construct all the public infrastructure to position the City to have everything ready for when the economy does change and Retailers are ready to build their stores in our City. This public infrastructure includes the City streets; curb and gutter; water, sewer and electric lines; and storm drain system. Funds for the construction of these improvements came from the City's utility reserves, anticipating that when stores do build in town, sales tax revenues will dramatically increase. The City anticipates making additional improvements to 1000 North, 600 East and 700 East, however these improvements will wait until the con-

struction of retail buildings begin on the site and the improvements are needed in the area.

The City has also begun the re-construction of the North Park, anticipating that it will be complete and ready for use in the summer of 2010. The most visible element in the park today is the main pavilion which is nearly complete. You can also see the shaping of the plaza area as well as the construction of the water feature. In future months, other vertical improvements such as lighting, shade structures and playground equipment will be installed.

Aside from Home Depot, who purchased a lot in the development in 2007, Spanish Fork City is unaware of any commitments other retailers have made to build in the project. Target, Best Buy and other retailers have been approached as prospective tenants for the development but as of today, only Home Depot has committed to construct in the North Park project. We are, however, optimistic about the prospect of having construction begin on retail space in the near future.

### Snow Plows with Cars and Trailers Parked in the Streets

With the winter weather fast approaching, City crews are preparing to plow the City streets. A common challenge that crews encounter as they plow neighborhood streets is cars, trailers, boats, or other items parked in the streets. These items create choke points for the snow plows and require them to slow down or move their blades. In some cases, obstructions make

the street impassible to snow plows. You can help make snow plowing more efficient by moving your vehicles off the City street. Plus, moving your car off the street will eliminate the hassles of having to dig your car out of a large snow bank! Please remember that City ordinances require that all cars and trailers parked in the public street be moved within 72 hours.

### Library Notes for December

The library will be closed **December 24 and 25** for the Christmas holiday. In anticipation of the New Year Holiday, the library will close at 6:00 pm on the **December 31** and the Library will be closed all day on **January 1**.

Story times will not be held **December 21 thru January 2**. However, we will be offering some great holiday movies to be shown on our big

screen in our program room **December 14 thru 17**. You can also warm up with some Walt Disney Matinees to be held **December 28 thru 31**. Please check with the library for movie titles and times and please remember that not all movies are appropriate for all viewers. Happy Holidays and Happy Reading from all your friends at the Spanish Fork Library.

### Christmas Deals at the Spanish Oaks Golf Course

The Spanish Oaks Golf Course wants to thank everyone for making it a wonderful year at the Golf Course. The support from residents and local businesses was unprecedented and we look forward to seeing you again next season!

Our 2010 Season Passes & Punch Cards will go on sale beginning **Saturday, December 7**.

The Pro-Shop will be open during the Holiday Season. Come in and check with Aaron and



Tim before shopping anywhere else. We are offering **DEEP DISCOUNTS** on Golf Clubs, Gloves, Balls, Shoes, Hats, Shirts and everything else for you or as a gift for the golfer in your life. Call us today at 804-GOLF (4653).

### Apply Now for Miss Spanish Fork

The Miss Spanish Fork Pageant will be held on **March 6**, at 7:00 p.m. Young Women that would like to participate in this pageant can download an application from the City's website. Applications will be turned in at a meeting on **Saturday, January 9**, at 9:00 am at the City Hall. In this meeting, pageant organizers will answer any questions you may have about the pageant.

In order to compete, you must be between the ages of 17 and 23 and have never been married. As a scholarship pageant, every participant will receive a scholarship to further their education. For any questions please contact Raychellene Talbot by email at raychellenetalbot@hotmail.com or by phone at 801-794-3199.

### Message from Miss Spanish Fork, Ginger Christopher

Wow, what a year it has been so far! I have enjoyed seeing all of you at the Main Street Trick or Treat, the Harvest Moon Hoorah, and the Wind Fest. All these activities have been so fun, thank you for coming out and supporting our wonderful city.

My goal for the month of December is to have a Fine Arts assembly for every Elementary School in Spanish Fork. I am asking High School volunteers to help with this service project, so get your choir, drama, or band class together to present a short, interactive Christmas assembly to our elementary school children.

Coming up on **January 21**, my royalty and I will be hosting a Royal Fine Arts Ball. This will be a great opportunity to see some great art work, enjoy watching and listening to wonderful artists, and dancing the night away to live music. The ball is free to the public but we are asking for donations to help the Fine Art Programs in our Schools. So come in your best dress, bring a date or friends and enjoy a classy evening of Art, Culture, and fun.

Sincerely,  
Ginger Christopher  
Miss Spanish Fork 2009

### Merit Academy Accepting Applications

Merit is a free public high school geared towards college bound students grades 9-12. The student to teacher ratio is 20 to 1. Merit provides "real-life" learning experiences. Merit is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year - Don't miss out- positions are filling up quick! Merit has weekly tours. Visit the Academy website at [www.meritacademy.org](http://www.meritacademy.org) or (801) 491-7600.