

MAY 2014

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 6 & 20: City Council Meeting, 6 pm. Live on Ch. 17

May 10 & 17: Adopt-a-Planter Days

May 12-13, 27-28: Recycling Pick-up

May 17: EMS Open House from 10 to Noon. Various activities and health tests. Light refreshments served. 370 N Main

May 22: Memorial Day Crosses. 3 pm at the Cemetery

May 26: Memorial Day. City Offices CLOSED

RECREATION CALENDAR

May 2: Phoenix & Colt League (Boys & Girls, grades 9-12) early registration begins

May 7: Swimming lesson registration for Spanish Fork Residents only

May 8: Summer Swimming lesson open registration

May 9: Phoenix & Colt League (Boys & Girls, grades 9-12) early registration ends

May 12: Men's Summer Basketball early registration ends

May 13: Lacrosse early registration ends (grades 3-8)

May 14: Youth Arts Festival registration begins

May 15: Start Smart Baseball early registration ends (ages 4-5)

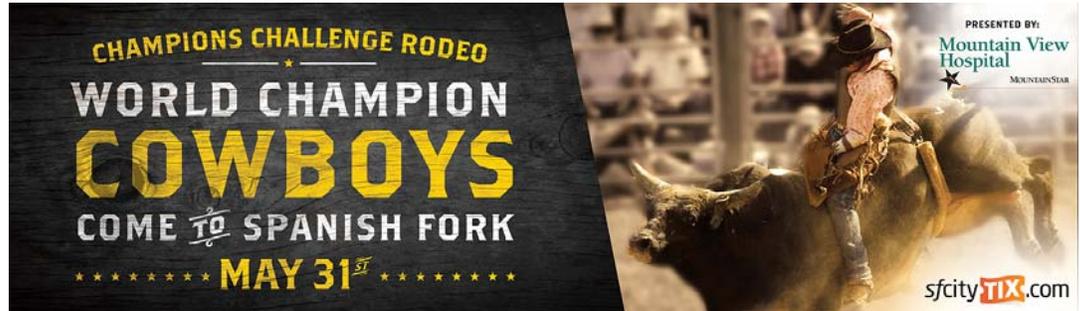
May 20: Sports Fitness Camp early registration ends (ages 6-12)

May 22: Tennis lessons & CUTA Tennis League early registration ends

May 27: Sports Fitness Camp registration ends (ages 6-12)

May 29: Tennis Lessons & CUTA League regular registration ends

May 30: Summer Baseball Camp early registration ends



Presented by Mountain View Hospital on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 8:00 pm.

The Champions Challenge features the PRCA's best contestants competing on some of the sport's best stock. Seven of the ten spots in most events are reserved for the top finishers in the previous year's world standings. The remaining three qualifiers will be comprised of the leaders in the 2014 world standings and Wrangler Million Dollar Tour stand-

ings one month before the event, and last year's Fiesta Day's Rodeo Winners.

The Champions Challenge is a made-for-TV rodeo event and will be broadcast a few weeks later on CBS Sports, SFCN channel 67. This one night rodeo event will be like one night of the NFR right here in Spanish Fork!

Tickets available at www.sfcitytix.com.



CITY CEMETERY DECORATIONS CLARIFICATIONS

Home town resident Sterling Johnson has been the City Cemetery Sexton since July, 2013. The grounds have never looked better because of his extreme effort, talent and pride. We ask everyone to be patient while we complete the landscape renovation due to the road construction.

To achieve a high standard we ask cemetery patrons for their assistance. Gravesite decorations that conflict with the landscape maintenance need to be removed or anchored to each headstone or surrounding concrete mow strip. Even shepherd hooks and solar lights installed

in the grass next to the concrete greatly restrict the path of the line trimmer and mower and are subject to unintentional damage. Please refer to the Cemetery Web Page snurl.com/sfcemetery for the full NOTICE and Cemetery Gravesite Decoration Regulations.

The cemetery staff will not discard any decoration directly adjacent to the headstone or concrete mow strip. However, as always, decorations on the grass that outline the entire gravesite will be removed and discarded by cemetery staff so the grounds can be maintained.

ADOPT-A-PLANTER DATES SET

The ultimate community project happens two times a year where residents descend upon Main Street and plant thousands of beautiful flowers. The Spring Adopt-a-planter dates are set for Saturday, May 10 and May 17. Just show up on Main Street about 9:00 pm, look for flats of flowers and go to work.

BYOPT: Bring Your Own Planting Trowel! Questions? Call Amy Wall 801.865.4731.

MAY LIBRARY NEWS

Spanish Fork Library's Comic Con Craze will be held on Saturday, May 3, 1:00-4:00. A family fun celebration of comics, costumes, and crafts.

Come meet local authors Matthew Kirby and J. Scott Savage. Includes a costume contest, face painting, balloon artist, and limited crafts. For more information, check with the library.

WEED AND YARD MAINTENANCE BY ORDER OF CITY ORDINANCE

Spanish Fork City Ordinance 8.20.010 requires all properties to be maintained and clear of weeds throughout the year: "weeds constitute a nuisance when they create a fire hazard, a source of contamination or pollution of water, air or property, a danger to health, a breeding place or habitation for insects or rodents or other forms of life deleterious to human habitations, or are unsightly or deleterious to their surroundings."

Weeds need to be maintained no taller than SIX INCHES above the ground throughout the season, however long the growing season may be. The property between the sidewalk and curb (parking strip) shall be maintained by the owner or occupant.

Maintenance may be accomplished by mowing, discing, or plowing. Burning is NOT ALLOWED due to State air quality standards. Properties not kept in compliance will be mowed by the City and property owners will be responsible for all associated costs.

In addition to weeds, City Ordinance 8.24.020 states: "a nuisance is also defined to mean any condition or use of premises or of building exteriors which are deleterious or injurious, obnoxious or unsightly which include, but is not limited to, keeping nor depositing on, or scattering over the premises; a. lumber, junk, trash, debris; b. abandoned, discarded, or unused objects or equipment such as furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, cans, containers, or other items."

Failure to comply with these weed and nuisance ordinances is a Class C Misdemeanor and may result in a citation with ordinance violation charges.

For liability reasons, residents are urged to keep their property clear. Any damage or injury to others or their property due to hazardous conditions could hold the property owner liable.

CITY TO EMPHASIZE RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH LOWER PRICE

The city has negotiated a much lower recycling rate for residents that will be available soon. This lower rate brings a new opportunity for every resident in town to try the curbside recycling program.

A committee comprised of residents advised the City Council to offer all residents one free month to try this curbside service. The committee also recommended that if residents don't like or need the service they can choose to opt out of the service within two months.

Recycling programs have lowered tipping fees (garbage disposal fees) in other neighboring cities like Provo and Orem. If Spanish Fork residents can recycle more waste rather than throw it into a black can, residents here can also see the savings. The current combined rate of garbage and recycling is \$17.37 and the new lower rate will be \$14.48.

The new program and rate will begin to roll-out in September. More details coming soon in upcoming newsletters.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT THE CEMETERY

Mother's Day 2014

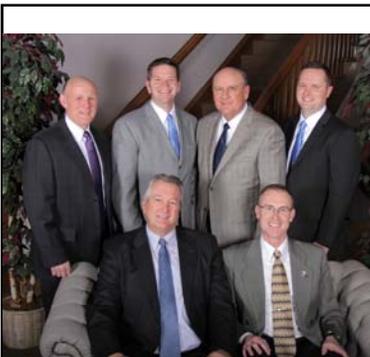
Please wait to begin decorating for Mother's Day no earlier than Wednesday, May 7. Decorations must be removed no later than Wednesday, May 14. The Cemetery staff will not remove decorations that are confined to the headstone and surrounding concrete mow strip, except if the flowers are dead. All decorations displayed on the grass or that spill out onto the grass will be discarded on Thursday, May 15 by the staff.

Memorial Day 2014.

Begin decorating for Memorial Day no earlier than Wednesday, May 21. Remove the decorations no later than Sunday, June 1. All decorations displayed on the grass or that spill out onto the grass will be discarded on Monday, June 2 by the Cemetery Staff and then routine landscape maintenance will begin.

Spanish Fork City is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Cemetery or city staff do not patrol the grounds for the express purpose of apprehending thieves.

Please do not place anything of extreme value at gravesites.



DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From Left to Right, Back Row: Richard Davis, Brandon Gordon, Rod Dart, Mike Mendenhall;
Front Row: Mayor Steve Leifson, Keir Scoubes.

Name _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

Please complete the form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City from the City's website. Thank you for your comments.



NOTICE TO SPANISH FORK CITY UTILITY CUSTOMERS

State law requires that the City provide an annual disclosure on funds transferred from a utility enterprise fund to any other fund. Historically, Spanish Fork City has budgeted for a transfer of funds only from the Electric Utility to other funds. This year, the City is planning to budget a set percentage transfer from each of the Utility Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer, Electric, Pressurized Irrigation, Storm Drainage, Solid Waste and Broadband) to the General Fund.

The City of Spanish Fork has budgeted for the transfer of 3.5% of each utility's revenues to the general fund as a dividend to Spanish Fork taxpayers. This dividend is the result of the taxpayers' investment in the City's utility infrastructure. These Funds are used each year to help cover costs of important city services like police, fire, library, senior center, parks and recreation, and other city functions. The utility transfer helps keep property taxes in Spanish Fork low. If City utility services were provided by private utility vendors, these dividends would instead be paid to the private investor-owners. Because Spanish Fork taxpayers are the investor-owners, these dividends are used to offset what otherwise would be a significant increase in property tax rates. These transfers are of funds which cannot be defined as reasonable allocation of costs between funds. These amounts will not be repaid.

The amount of the transfers is as follows:

Transfer from the Water Fund to the General Fund	\$ 79,516
Transfer from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund	\$ 87,821
Transfer from the Electric Fund to the General Fund	\$ 664,950
Transfer from the Pressurized Irrigation to General Fund	\$ 88,722
Transfer from the Storm Drainage Fund to the General Fund.....	\$ 48,245
Transfer from the Solid Waste Fund to the General Fund.....	\$ 52,244
Transfer from the Broadband Fund to the General Fund.....	\$ 233,984

Spanish Fork City also has a debt obligation that the Electric Fund is making payments on. The Funds are to pay for the Police / Court Building. This transfer is for funds which cannot be defined as reasonable allocation of costs between funds. This amount will not be repaid.

The amount of the transfer is as follows:

Transfer from the Electric Fund to the Debt Service Fund	\$ 703,273
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A public hearing will be held on Tuesday June 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located at Spanish Fork City Hall, 40 South Main Street, Spanish Fork, Utah. The public hearing will be to discuss the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. The fiscal year begins July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015.

Thank you for your support and involvement as a customer of Spanish Fork's utilities.

