



MARCH 2015

# GOOD THINGS ALL AROUND

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Mar 2 & 3:** Recycle Pick-up
- Mar 3:** City Council Meeting. 6pm. Broadcast live on Spanish Fork channel 17 and YouTube
- Mar 4:** Planning Commission Meeting. 6pm
- Mar 16 & 17:** Recycle Pick-up.
- Mar 17:** City Council Meeting 6pm. Broadcast live on Spanish Fork channel 17 and YouTube
- Mar 20 – 22:** Gem & Mineral Show at the Fairgrounds
- Mar 21:** Public Dinner & Dance at the Veterans Memorial Building
- Mar 30 & 31:** Recycle Pick-up

### RECREATION CALENDAR

- Mar 2-7:** Youth Nebo Basketball Tournaments. (Grades 7-8)
- Mar 3:** Spring Volleyball early registration ends. (Boys & Girls, Grades 5-12)
- Mar 5:** Baseball / Softball Early registration ends (Boys & Girls, Grades 3-8) & Spring Volleyball Registration ends. (Boys & Girls, Grades 5-12)
- Mar 10:** Urban Fishing Early Registration ends.
- Mar 12:** Baseball/Softball registration ends. (Grades 3-8)
- Mar 23:** Pizza Factory Invitational Baseball Tournament registration ends.
- Mar 30:** Sophomore Round Robin payment Deadline
- Mar 31:** Adult Summer Softball early registration ends (Men & Women)

## INTERNET SPEEDS SET TO INCREASE!

SFCN recently announced major upgrades to their Internet service this year. Speeds are increasing in all tiers of service with the popular PLUS tier tripling to 60 mbps and the Premium tier more than doubling to 120 mbps.

SFCN will further utilize its existing "Built for Speed" infrastructure for the upgrades enabling it to offer the new speeds WITHOUT increasing the price for the service. SFCN will now offer 60 mbps for only \$38 and 120 mbps for only \$68.

Additionally, SFCN will install fiber to the first homes in Spanish Fork with gigabit service this year using fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) technology. Installation of the new FTTH service will roll out across the town over the next few years and SFCN is targeting a price point of \$70-\$80 per month for gigabit service, eventually replacing the Premium tier.



## SEWER BACKUPS AND YOUR HOME. ARE YOU INSURED?

There is a network of sewer lines that criss-cross the city some 10 to 20 feet underground depending on your location. When you flush the toilet or wash your dishes, you always expect the water will just go away.

However, from time to time, the wrong things get flushed down the toilet or somehow get into the sewer lines and then the line backs up. As has been discussed in previous newsletters, paper towels, baby wipes, feminine products, grease and other insoluble objects are often flushed down a toilet or put down a drain. As these items travel down a sewer pipe, they will catch on anything that may slow them down. When one insoluble item is caught in a sewer line, others may follow and then you have the beginning of a problem...a sewer backup may occur. City crews have a regular maintenance plan to clean this network of sewer lines but that is not always enough to keep a sewer line from backing up. Especially if homeowners constantly flush or drain insoluble items. A line could be cleaned one week and then backup the next week under the right (or maybe better said wrong) circumstances.

In the event of a backup in your home, owners should be aware that insurance coverage usually does not extend to cover a sewer backup. Homeowners are encouraged to check with their insurance agents about their current coverage and if there is a need to add additional coverage or endorsements for sewer backups. This type of coverage is usually not expensive and may save homeowners a big headache down the road. Spanish Fork City may have the ability to assist homeowners with some of the clean up and other associated costs, but humanitarian assistance does not extend toward personal items and is subject to depreciation. Insurance coverage is always better for the homeowner and will likely provide replacement cost coverage.

A major expense of a sewer back is the cleanup. Homeowners can potentially save thousands of dollars by choosing a good and reputable company to perform cleanup in their home. Check with your insurance agent for a recommendation of good companies that can help if ever needed.

## RENEWABLE POWER! YOUR OPPORTUNITY IS NOW HERE

A new program is now being offered to all residents that allows you to purchase renewable energy credits as an affordable addition to your monthly utility bill. A pamphlet with more information has been included with your mailed utility bill. For more information and to enroll please visit [www.renewchoice.com](http://www.renewchoice.com)



## CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE RODEO TICKETS ON SALE NOW



Tickets for the Champions Challenge Rodeo are on sale now at [SFCitytix.com](http://SFCitytix.com). This is the all-star rodeo event of the year that will be held on May 30 at 8pm. The sport's top cowboys and cowgirls will come to Spanish Fork for this one night competition. If you missed this rodeo last year, you don't want to be on the outside again. Tickets will go fast and this rodeo will sell out! Get your tickets now at [SFCitytix.com](http://SFCitytix.com).



## GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY

Spanish Fork City continues to grow at a rapid pace. In 2014, the City issued permits to construct 200 new homes and permits to construct 13 new commercial buildings. This trend is expected to continue in 2015. The City Council recently approved new residential developments that will be constructed east of Maple Mountain High School. These developments, as well as others throughout the City, will be home to hundreds of new dwellings that will be built in the next couple of years.

More commercial buildings will also be constructed in 2015. One of the next structures to be built will be a retail building that will be on the northeast corner of 400 East and 1000 North. It is anticipated that construction will also commence in the next few months on the Chick-fil-A building off of Highway 6. In all likelihood, this activity will push Spanish Fork's population past the 40,000 mark in the next year or two. If you ever have questions about development projects, you can contact the Community Development Department at 801.804.4580.

## CALL BLUE STAKES BEFORE YOU DIG IN OR AROUND YOUR YARD

Digging into underground power or utility lines can be as dangerous as contacting an overhead power line. Before you dig to plant a tree, to install a sprinkler system or to build a fence, please call your local utility notification center, commonly known as Blue Stakes. By calling this one number, you can ask to have all your underground utilities marked for free. Simply call 811 or online at [www.bluestakes.org](http://www.bluestakes.org) two working days before you dig and all the utilities in your area will be marked.



## LICENSING & LOW COST RABIES CLINIC

When: March 28, 10am to 12pm  
Where: Public Safety Building, 370 N Main, back parking lot

A veterinarian will provide rabies shots for \$12 and other vaccinations for \$10 to \$20. Animal licenses will also be offered for \$15 for altered animals (spayed or neutered) and \$35 for unaltered.

A license is your pet's phone call home if they ever get lost or picked up by animal control. For more info call 801-851-4080 or visit [www.suvas.org](http://www.suvas.org).

## SPANISH FORK CHORALE EASTER CONCERT SCHEDULED

The Spanish Fork Chorale is performing in an Easter concert along with the Payson Civic Chorale, the Utah Valley Children's Choir and the UVU Christian Singers



When: Friday, March 27, 7pm

Where: 352 N. 900 East, Provo

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Mark your calendars for the household hazardous waste collection day on April 11 from 9am to 3pm at the Provo Town Centre west parking lot. This annual event gives all residents the opportunity to dispose of many of those difficult items, even including free paper shredding. Check [www.utahcountyhealth.org/hhw](http://www.utahcountyhealth.org/hhw) for more information.

## COMMUNITY THEATER AUDITIONS SET FOR TARZAN

The Spanish Fork Community Theater's summer production will be the wonderful story of Tarzan.

Auditions are set for April 16 thru 18 at Diamond Fork Junior High from 6 to 9pm. Call backs are set for April 25.

The show will run from July 16 to 27 at Spanish Fork High School.

## 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

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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.