

MAY 2015

RECREATION CALENDAR

**May 1:** Phoenix & Colt Leagues (Boys & Girls, Grades 9-12) early registration ends.

**May 6:** Summer Swimming Lesson registration for Spanish Fork City Residents only.

**May 7:** Summer Swimming Lesson open registration.

**May 8:** Colt & Phoenix Leagues registration ends. (Boys & Girls, Grades 9-12)

**May 11:** Men's Summer Basketball early registration ends.

**May 13:** Youth Arts Festival registration opens.

**May 14:** Lacrosse early registration ends. (Grades 3-8)

**May 14:** Start Smart Baseball early registration ends. (4 & 5 year olds)

**May 19:** Sports Fitness Camp Session I early registration ends. (Ages 6-12)

**May 21:** Tennis Lessons & CUTA Tennis League early registration ends.

**May 23:** Water Park Opens (weather permitting)

**May 26:** Sports Fitness Camp Session I registration ends. (Ages 6-12)

**May 28:** Tennis Lessons & CUTA League regular registration ends

**May 29:** Summer Baseball Camp early Registration ends.

**May 30:** Champions Challenge Rodeo

THE RIVER TRAIL IS JUST AROUND THE BEND!!

After many years, the trail along the Spanish Fork River is almost completed. Crews have completed all of the asphalt East of Main Street and are currently setting a walking bridge along side of Main Street. The trail will have a path under Main Street and will connect West to the Sports Park by the end of May.

When complete, residents will enjoy over 6 miles of trail from the Spanish Oaks Golf

Course in the East to beyond the Sports Park in the West. With several different points of access all along the journey, this will soon become a treasured amenity.

During May and June, the city will have several activities that highlight different City amenities ending with a trail celebration. To learn more, look to the City's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media accounts soon.

CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE RODEO BUCKS AT THE END OF MAY

The Champions Challenge Rodeo is the all-star rodeo event of the year held on May 30 at 8pm. The sport's top cowboys and cowgirls will come to Spanish Fork for this one-night competition. You name a top rodeo talent and he or she will likely be in Spanish Fork on May 30. This is a fast-paced and star-studded event

If you missed this rodeo last year, you don't want to be on the outside again. Tickets are going fast and this rodeo will sell out! Visit the City's online ticketing program at [SFCitytix.com](http://SFCitytix.com) to get your seats today.



YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL REGISTRATION SET IN MAY

Expand your child's imagination and sharpen their talents by signing up for one or many of the wonderful classes that are offered during the Youth Arts Festival. Your child can become a fashion designer; make clothes or learn what artist had a blue period; paint, draw, sculpt, dance, act, cook, decorate a cake and so much more. There are many classes to choose from at the Youth Arts Festival, so come and get messy and have some fun. Read about the many classes and talented teachers online at: [spanishfork.org/yaf](http://spanishfork.org/yaf)

Online registration begins Wednesday, May 13, at [reconline.spanishfork.org](http://reconline.spanishfork.org) or sign up at the Parks and Recreation Office at 775 North Main Street. Some classes fill up quickly, so be sure to sign-up as soon as registration opens.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT CEMETERY

**Mother's Day 2015:**

Begin decorating: Wednesday, May 6  
 Remove decorations: Wednesday, May 13  
 Staff clean up: Thursday, May 14

**Memorial Day 2015:**

Begin decorating: Wednesday, May 20  
 Remove decorations: Sunday, May 31  
 Staff clean up: Monday, June 1

During the scheduled clean up, cemetery staff will discard all decorations that spill out onto the grass. Staff does not remove decorations that are confined to the headstone and surrounding concrete mow strip—except dead flowers and containers. 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.

## SPRING ADOPT-A-PLANTER SESSIONS 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 9 and May 16. Just show up on Main Street about 9 AM, look for flats of flowers and go to work. BYOPT: Bring Your Own Planting Trowel! Questions? Call Amy Johnson 801.865.4731.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT NEEDED IN DOWNTOWN PLANNING EFFORT

Many downtowns throughout the country suffer as suburban centers become new hot spots for retail or other economic activity. In some cases, communities recognize the decline of their downtowns and respond in various ways to reverse the trend.

There is no shortage of success stories in communities that now have thriving Main Streets. Spanish Fork has a great downtown and efforts are underway to keep it that way as other parts of the community experience rapid growth and development.

To better plan the downtown's future, Spanish Fork has been selected as the first city in Utah to participate in the Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) program. CPAT is administered by the American Planning Association and gives access to six professionals that will provide a very sophisticated perspective on what Spanish Fork can and should do to make the downtown as vibrant as possible. The professionals have already started to research the community and will spend a week in Spanish Fork, from May 10 to May 16. During that week, they will host numerous meetings with business owners, local officials and residents to learn as much as they can. Before the end of the week,



Spanish Fork's Main Street many years ago

a document will be developed which will guide the area's future development.

Receiving input from the community is an extremely important part of the project and residents are invited to attend at least one or several of the events held that week. All will be held at City Park (around the Library). These include:

- Community Open House and Barbeque on Monday, May 11 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm,
- Walking Workshop on Wednesday, May 13 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm,
- Community Open House on Thursday, May 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Additional information on the project can be found at: [spanishfork.org/downtown](http://spanishfork.org/downtown).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**May 5:** City Council Meeting. 6pm. Broadcast live on Spanish Fork Channel 17 and YouTube

**May 6:** Planning Commission Meeting. 6pm

**May 9:** Ambulance Open House

**May 9 & 16:** Adopt-A-Planter activities on Main Street

**May 11 & 12:** Recycle Pick-up

**May 19:** City Council Meeting 6pm. Broadcast live on Spanish Fork Channel 17 and YouTube

**May 25:** Memorial Day Holiday. City Offices Closed. Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery at 10:30 am

**May 26 & 27:** Recycle Pick-up and Garbage is also delayed one day due to the Memorial Day Holiday

### 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.

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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.

### AMBULANCE OPEN HOUSE

The Ambulance Open House and EMS Week is set for Saturday, May 9 at the Public Safety Building (370 N Main) from 10am to 12:30pm. Mountain View Hospital will land their new helicopter (AirCare) at 10am. There will be several free services such as rapid cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks, plus tours of the ambulances and helicopter. There will also be free fun activities and education for the kids.

### LIBRARY HERO-CON

The Library Hero-Con is Saturday, May 16 from 1 to 4pm. This super hero event is for the whole family and includes a costume contest, super-hero training course, and other fun activities. Visit the library for more details on the Hero-Con and other fun events.



## 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, Storm Drainage, Solid Waste and Broadband) to the General Fund.

The City of Spanish Fork has budgeted for the transfer of 4.5% 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.....	\$ 229,970
Transfer from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund.....	\$ 127,922
Transfer from the Electric Fund to the General Fund .....	\$ 951,230
Transfer from the Storm Drainage Fund to the General Fund.....	\$ 60,863
Transfer from the Solid Waste Fund to the General Fund.....	\$ 77,348
Transfer from the Broadband Fund to the General Fund.....	\$ 204,113

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.....	\$ 687,198
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A public hearing will be held on Tuesday June 2, 2015 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 2016 Budget. The fiscal year begins July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016.

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

