

Parks and Rec. Goes Green with Brochure

In an effort to "Go Green", the Spanish Fork City Fall Activity Guide will not be mailed to resident's homes, but will be available online only! Please look for the Activity Guide on the City's website after **September 1**.

Recycling & Garbage Pickup

Please remember to have your garbage and recycling cans to the curb by 7:00 am the morning of your pickup day. Also, for those residents that subscribe to the recycling program, please remember that pickup occurs every other week. The schedule is on the Calendar at the bottom of this column, or on the city's website.

Election Judges

The City is looking for civically minded individuals that would like to serve as election judges for the general election. Election judges receive \$80 for the election day, and some additional compensation for required training. If you are interested, contact Kimberly Robinson, the City Recorder, at 801-804-4530.

City Calendar

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

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

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

September 7—City Offices Closed for the Labor Day Holiday. Garbage pickup delayed one day.

September 8 & 9—Monday and Tuesday recycling pickup. (delayed one day due to Labor Day Holiday)

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

September 19
Harvest Moon Hurrah at City Park. See City website for details.

September 21 & 22—Monday & Tuesday recycling pickup



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Electrical Information for Power Outages and Safety Devices

Power Outages

Power outages are caused by a number of natural or man-made reasons. A major windstorm may blow down power lines or knock trees, branches, or other debris into power lines. A lightning storm may strike a power pole or transformer. Other causes may include a system overload due to high temperatures and air conditioner use or an automobile accident that hits a power pole. Whatever the cause, power outages are usually an inconvenience and can even cause damage to personal equipment.

In the event of an outage, Spanish Fork City Power crews are dispatched immediately and quickly begin working to safely restore power. However, some outages may require more time to repair and may keep power off for several hours or even days. These outages require power users to be

prepared and having an outage kit will help minimize the impact of the outage on you and your family. Outage kits should include items such as: battery-operated flashlights, alarm clocks and radios; water; non-perishable foods; and manual can openers. Another useful tool in an outage is an older telephone that only connects to the telephone plug. These phones will generally work during power outages because they receive their power from the telephone circuits.

During a power outage, you should also turn off or unplug any major appliances or sensitive electrical equipment. This will prevent overloads when power is restored and it may also protect your appliances or equipment from any resulting power surges.

Spanish Fork Power does everything possible to provide the most reliable power to your home and business. As we strive to do our best, we have a few tips that will help protect your personal equipment when the system experiences a power outage or surge.

Surge Protectors

To protect your electronic devices from power surges, you can purchase a relatively inexpensive surge protector. Spanish Fork City Power recommends that you have a minimum 1200 Joule (or better) surge protector for all your sensitive



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. Thank you for your comments.

More Electrical Tips

electrical equipment such as televisions, stereos, computers and more. When you consider purchasing a surge protector, be sure it is not just a power strip. A power strip will only give you additional plugs and will not provide surge protection.

Uninterruptible Power Supply

A step up from the surge protector is an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) or battery backup. The UPS can actually be used to run your computer or electrical equipment while the power is out. A battery backup can keep your computer or other equipment running from 5 minutes to a couple of hours during an outage. With a UPS in place, you have time to safely turn off your equipment or even to continue to work during an outage. If you operate a business, a UPS system may enable you to continue operate some functions until power can be restored. One example of battery back up use is in the City's cable system. There are UPS backups at the Headend and at all nodes for the SFCN system. If the power were to go out, this system would continue to run for hours.



Spanish Fork City Power encourages you to take the necessary steps to protect your own equipment from being damaged during a power outage or surge.

5th Annual Halloween Scarecrow Contest!

The Spanish Fork-Salem Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its 5th annual Halloween Scarecrow Contest! This contest will be to enter Scarecrows that will be displayed in the City Flower Beds along Main Street in Spanish Fork for the month of October. This fun festival will dress up the town, and get it ready for the Harvest and Halloween season! There will be monetary prizes (over \$500.00 in Chamber Gift Certificates to be used at local area businesses) in several categories for the entered Scarecrows.

Categories will be:

1. Children: open to all individuals under the age of 18 by the display deadline.
2. Adult: Open to anyone 18 years of age and older.
3. Business and Non-Profit Organizations: open to all businesses.
4. Traditional Scarecrow: open for traditional style scarecrows only.
5. People's Choice: All scarecrows entered will be eligible for awards in this category. Public voting will be available for the people's choice category.

The entry fee is \$10 per scarecrow entry. Entries will be due the **first week of October**, with exact details of dates and times to be outlined on the entry form that is posted on the city website, www.spanishfork.org, so be planning on what your entry will be. Prizes and cash awards will be announced and awarded the second week in October. More detailed rules and entry forms will be available at the Chamber of Commerce Office, on the City's website, at Cary's Designs Floral, or at Susan's Hair Designs.

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. Be sure to register early so that you will be able to vote.

REMINDER: Spanish Fork City will only hold a General Election on **Tuesday, November 3**.

Library News

September is National Library Card Sign-up month. In addition to encouraging new sign-ups, the library would like to invite anyone needing to replace a lost or damaged card to come in and get a free replacement. This is a great time to visit and see all that our library has to offer.

Theater in the Park Auditions

Come audition for our debut performance "Much Ado About Nothing". Please prepare 1 classic monologue not to exceed 2 minutes. Auditions are **September 22**, with possible extension depending on turn out. Auditions will be held in the performance room at the Spanish Fork Library. We are also looking for dancers, gymnasts, and clowns, for the Italian Carnival scene. Performances will be next Summer and again for the Harvest Hurrah. With a possibility of performing some scenes at the Renaissance Fair in May. We are part of Spanish Fork Community Theater and encourage all to participate and tryout, regardless of skill level or disability.

For more info please visit our website: www.thetheaterinthepark.blogspot.com

Seniors, 55 and Older, Needed to Volunteer at Local Schools

In times of economic stress, do something rewarding, which helps others, as well as yourself. Now might be a great time in your life to volunteer at a local school.

Help children simply by listening to them unlock the words in a book. Give an hour a week, or an hour a day, it's up to you. Whatever time you have to give, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) can make it work for you. We will match you with a school near your home, at a time convenient to your schedule.

If you are already volunteering at a school or if you would like to be placed at a school, please contact Bonnie Wright at 229-3820 or Jean Hatch at 229-3810. RSVP provides volunteer opportunities for those 55+ that want to serve.

Spanish Fork 17th Annual New Fall Line-up

	8AM - Noon	12:15 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	9:30	10:00 PM
Mon.	Mon-Fri. Regular Morning Shows 8:00 AM Civic Clubs	City Meetings	Sports Shuffle	Music & Arts	SFHS Football	Goose Sports Talk	City Meetings
Tues.	8:30 AM Story Time	City Meetings	Youth Sports	Music & Arts	ALA Football	Goose Sports Talk	City Meetings
Wed.	9:00 AM Health & Fitness	City Meetings	Sports Shuffle	Music & Arts	MMHS Football	Goose Sports Talk	City Meetings
Thurs.	10:00 AM Cooking & Crafts	City Meetings	Youth Sports	Music & Arts	6:00 PM Civic Clubs 7:00 PM ALA Football	Goose Sports Talk	City Meetings
Fri.	11:00 AM Goose or Sports Talk 11:30 AM Community Interest	City Meetings	Sports Shuffle	Music & Arts	Viewer's Choice	Goose Sports Talk	City Meetings
Sat.	Parks & Rec Sports	SPORTS Weekends 10 AM - 6:30 PM			SFHS Football	Goose Sports Talk	City Meetings
Sun.	Parks & Rec Sports				MMHS Football	Goose Sports Talk	City Meetings