

Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Requirements

1. Discuss with your counselor and/or describe below:

a. What citizenship in the community means:

b. What it takes to be a good citizen in your community:

c. What the rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship are:

d. How you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, scouting unit, place of worship, or school:

2. Do the following:
 - a. on a map of your community, locate and point out the following:
 1. Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works/services facility
 2. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest to your home
 3. Historical or other interesting points

 - b. Use the provided space below to chart the organization of your local or state government. Show the top offices and tell whether they are elected or appointed.
-

3. Do the following:
- a. Attend a city or town council or school board meeting; or a municipal; county, or state court session.
 - b. Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinions was expressed, and explain to your counselor why you agree with one opinion more than you do another

Type of meeting attended: _____

Date of the meeting attended: _____

Describe issues discussed:

4. Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community; then do the following:
- a. Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue.

- b. With your counselor's and a parent's approval, interview one person from the branch of government you identified in requirement 4a. Ask what is being done about this issue and how young people can help.

Record thoughts about interview and interviewee's responses

c. Share what you have learned with your counselor.

5. With the approval of your counselor and a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. Discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.

Record your thoughts below:

6. List some of the services (such as the library, recreation center, public transportation, and public safety) your community provides that are funded by taxpayers. Tell your counselor why these services are important to your community.

Record your thoughts below:

out what young people can do to help. While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization.

Organization Name _____

Date	Start Time	End Time	Time Spent

After your

volunteer experience is over, discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

Record your thoughts below:

8. Develop a public presentation (such as a video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about important and unique aspects of your community. Include information about the history, cultures, and ethnic groups of your community; its best features and popular places where people gather; and the challenges it faces. Stage your presentation in front of your merit badge counselor or a group, such as your patrol or a class at school.

Requirement Resources*

See: http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Citizenship_in_the_Community for these links and much more

1: [Citizenship Rights Duties Jury Duty Obligations \(Responsibilities\)](#)

2a: [Google Maps](#) - Make and save a map of your community

3a: Find Information about your county's government:
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County_\(United_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County_(United_States))

4: Major daily newspaper websites: <http://www.newspaperlinks.com/voyager.cfm>

4a: Branches of Government:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Branches_of_government#United_States:_three_branches

5: Movies With A Meaning :
http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Citizenship_in_the_Community#Movies_With_a_Meaning

7a: [IRS definition of a Charitable Organization](#) - Qualified organizations include nonprofit groups that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific, or literary in purpose, or that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals.

Charitable Organizations (outside of Scouting) in general may include: Churches, religious organizations, federal, state, and local governments, Salvation Army, Red Cross, CARE, Goodwill Industries, United Way, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, war veteran's groups, fraternal lodges, and nonprofit schools, hospitals, museums, etc.

IRS definition of a [Charitable Organization](#): *Qualified organizations include nonprofit groups that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific, or literary in purpose, or that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals.*

[Charitable Organizations](#) (outside of Scouting) in general include: *Churches, religious organizations, federal, state, and local governments, Salvation Army, Red Cross, CARE, Goodwill Industries, United Way, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, war veteran's groups, fraternal lodges, and nonprofit schools, hospitals, museums, etc.*

[IRS online search for charities](#) by name or city

[GuideStar Directory of Non-profit Organizations](#) - find charitable organizations in your area.

[BBB Wise Giving Alliance](#) - list of charities

8: [Photography](#) #4 overlaps this requirement and gives tips.

*BSA Advancement ID#: 2

Requirements last updated in: 2005

Pamphlet Publication Number: 33249A or 35870

Pamphlet Revision Date: 2005



Municipal Information

ELECTED OFFICERS

Mayor G. Wayne Andersen

Council Members

- Steven M. Leifson
- Richard M. Davis
- Rod Dart
- Jens P. Nielson
- Keir A. Scoubes

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- David A. Oyler: City Manager
- Seth J. Perrins: Assistant City Manager
- S. Junior Baker: City Attorney
- Kent R. Clark: City Recorder/Finance Director
- Tyler Jacobson: Treasurer
- Dee Rosenbaum: Public Safety Director
- Chris Thompson: Engineer/Public Works Director
- John Bowcut: Information Systems Director

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY

visit www.spanishfork.org for a full directory
EMERGENCY 911

Mayor	804-4531
City Manager	804-4531
Utility/Billing	804-4505
Engineering	804-4550
Inspections	804-4540

CANYON VIEW PARK	804-4600
FAIRGROUNDS	804-4600
GOLF COURSE	804-4653

(Open every day of the week)

Summer 6am - 9:30pm Fall 8am - 6:30pm

LIBRARY	804-4480
Mon-Thurs 10am - 8pm	
Fri - Sat 12pm - 6pm	

RECREATION	804-4600
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER	798-5015
SFCN	804-4503
POLICE	804-4700
(Monday through Friday 8am - 5pm)	
After Hours call	851-4100
WATER PARK	798-5091

History of Spanish Fork City

The recorded history of Spanish Fork began on September 23, 1776. Two Franciscan friars, Father Francisco Atanasio de Dominquez, and Father Sylvestre Velez de Escalante were in the area mapping a route from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Monterey, California. The city was not settled until frontier pioneers arrived in 1850. After the January 19, 1855, city charter, immigrants from Iceland colonized in Spanish Fork. The community is now home to over 30,000 residents who enjoy the amenities provided by the natural landscape.

Public Safety Department

The citizens of Spanish Fork are reminded to call 911 in all emergencies.

Spanish Fork City is privileged to have an established police department with knowledgeable and capable employees. These officers are involved in detective work, education of students, and responding to citizen concerns.

Volunteers of the fire department spend many hours in training, and receive only the highest quality instruction. Ambulance department volunteers have the most extensive ambulatory services of any volunteer association in Utah County. A well designed emergency response program also serves the community.

Utility Departments

The city has extensive utility services for citizens including a culinary water system, a sewer treatment plant, an electric transmission and distribution system, Pressurized Irrigation System, and Spanish Fork Community Network Cable & Internet. Each system is maintained and updated as needed. The city constantly takes steps to ensure needed services in the future will be available and will function properly.

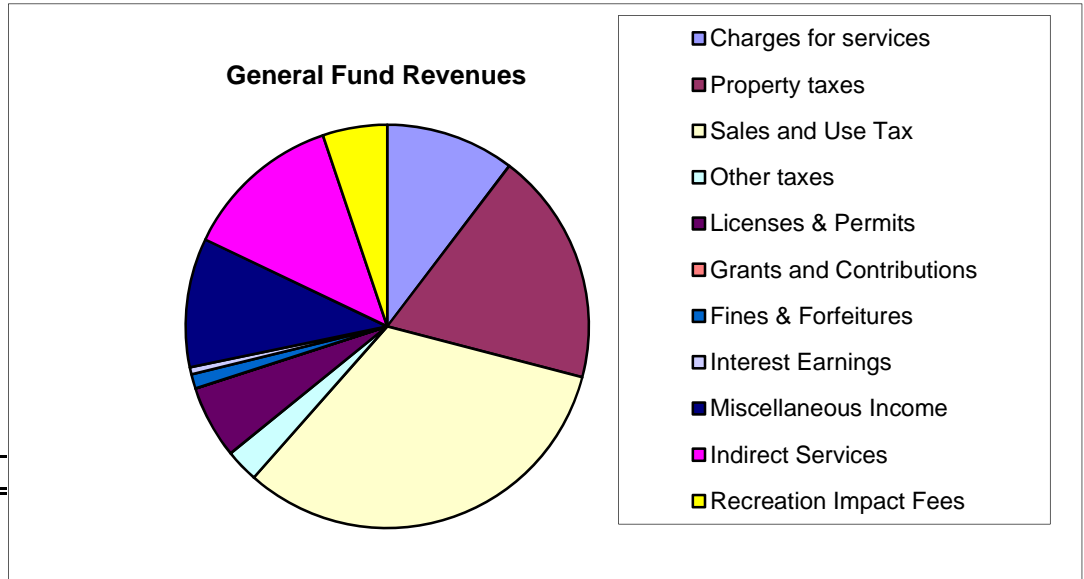
Parks and Recreation

The city has a comprehensive parks & recreation department consisting of twelve divisions to serve the citizens leisure needs; recreation & sports programs, parks, golf course, water park, special events, arts council, fairgrounds, gun club, senior center, buildings & grounds and cemetery. You can get information and be connected to any of these divisions by calling 801-804-4600. You also call that same number for Pavilion Reservations, Fairgrounds Scheduling and all your recreation program questions.

Our beautifully manicured parks are equipped with pavilions, playgrounds and plenty of open space for the whole family to enjoy. Our sports complexes are considered some of the best in the state and are the home to many youth as well as adult baseball, softball, soccer and football teams. We also have an outstanding outdoor water park complete with toddler wading pool, water slide, splash pad and diving area. If you like your water a little colder then you can visit our reservoir and enjoy the nice sandy beach. You can take your canoe, raft, float tube or fishing gear and have a good time in the sun. If horses, rodeo or shooting is your thing then you will love our great fairgrounds facilities and our world class trap shooting gun club. If you would rather participate in music, theater or art then our arts council provides a community theater and youth theater program as well as a youth arts festival, adult cultural arts classes, regional chorale and a philharmonic orchestra. If parades, carnivals, kites and fairs interest you then our special events will appeal to your sense of summer fun. Fiesta Days is the big city celebration and we also host the Utah County Fair. When you reach the "golden years" we have just the place for you. Our senior center is a happening place equipped with fabulous cooks, activities, tours and great associations. The cemetery is truly an outstanding city historical site. It's mature trees, uniform streets and variety of old headstones make it an enjoyable place to visit. It is maintained to the highest standard. In the Parks & Recreation Department we believe you should "Surround Yourself with Good Times".

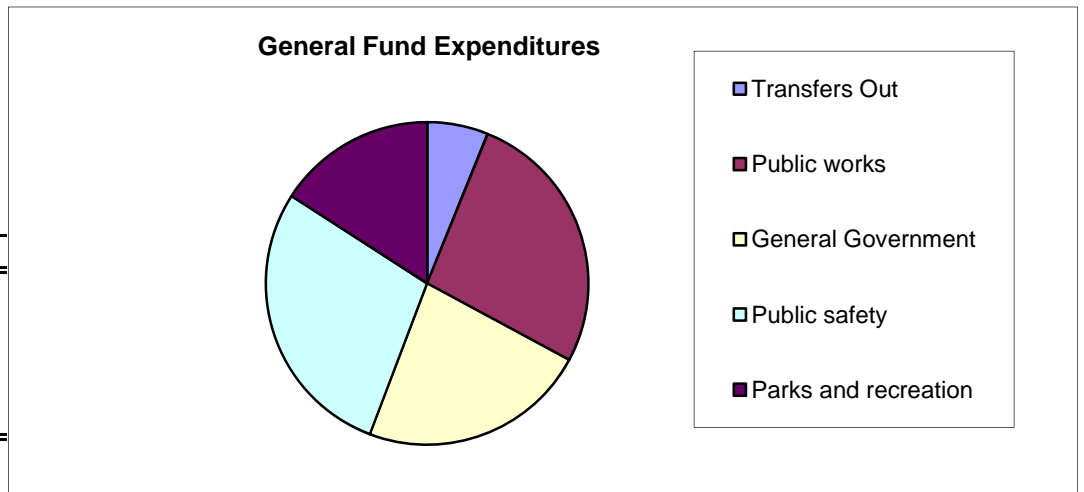
2010 General Fund Revenues

Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$	1,414,320
General revenues:		
Property taxes	\$	2,558,318
Sales and Use Tax	\$	4,434,096
Other taxes	\$	362,459
Licenses & Permits	\$	800,189
Grants and Contributions	\$	-
Fines & Forfeitures	\$	159,018
Interest Earnings	\$	77,307
Miscellaneous Income	\$	1,413,060
Indirect Services	\$	1,742,014
Recreation Impact Fees	\$	706,496
Sale of Fixed Assets	\$	28,775
Intergovernmental revenues	\$	1,117,808
Total Revenue:	\$	14,813,860



2010 General Fund Expenditures

Transfers Out	\$	900,000
Public works	\$	3,927,963
General Government	\$	3,365,371
Public safety	\$	4,161,250
Parks and recreation	\$	2,335,357
Total Expenditures:	\$	14,689,941



Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures **\$ 123,919**