Dear Mayor and City Council

Recycling Program

During the past few months, the City has been studying the feasibility of a recycling program for the community. In March, the City Council was presented several waste collection bids, all of which included a recycling component. If the City institutes a community recycling program, there would be two options: a mandatory program or a voluntary program.

How it works

The collection company would come every other week to empty your recycle can. Recyclable items include paper, plastic and glass, and these items can be placed in the same bin.

A voluntary program means residents would have the option to sign up for the service if they want it and they would pay the fee to have the can emptied. A minimum of 500 participants are required before the voluntary program can begin and it would cost between $5.00 and $6.00 per month.

A mandatory program would mean that every resident would receive a recycle can and be charged the monthly fee. Because of the higher number of participants, the overall cost would be less, between $4.00 and $5.00 per month.

What is needed

We need to know which option you prefer. We have set up a poll on our website at www.spanishfork.org/recycle, in order to learn what you want. The website will ask your name, address and phone number along with the options you would prefer. Please visit this website today and tell us what you want. We will let you know the outcome in subsequent City Council meetings and newsletters.
Did You Know...?

Park & Recreation Youth Programs

The City offers an urban fishing program that teaches young people to fish. Last year 151 kids participated in that program.

In 2004, there was a total of 5,635 boys and girls that participated in all the sports programs and 7,762 boys and girls that participated in the special events, such as tournaments, camps and track meets.

There were 94 soccer teams which served 990 kids.

There were 125 basketball teams, serving 993 kids.

There were 1,981 3rd to 12th grade kids that filled 159 baseball teams.

There were 523 1st and 2nd graders that made 43 coach or machine-pitch baseball teams.

There were 344 K through 1st graders that made 28 total t-ball teams.

There were 182 kids that wrestled in the jr. wrestling programs, and 73 in the intermediate wrestling program.

There were 2,289 kids that competed in the Hershey Track & Field meet.

Monthly Trivia Question

(based on June’s newsletter)

How many gallons of chlorine go into the Spanish Fork Pool each year?

Hint: June’s newsletter can be found on the City’s website under the ‘News and Events’ tab.

Send your answer, along with your name, address, and phone number to dyk@spanishfork.org or to the City offices by the 7th of the month. A correct answer will be randomly selected to receive $10 off the next month’s utility bill. Good Luck!

Campground Grand Opening

Spanish Fork Parks & Recreation is excited to announce the Opening of the Spanish Oaks Campground facility located above the reservoir at 3000 S. Spanish Oaks Drive. It will be open for public use on Labor Day Weekend.

This facility is the gateway to the base of the scenic Hidden Oak Trail, the Escalante Cross and Lookout Point. The campground offers a picturesque view of Utah Valley and the Wasatch Mountains as well as a magnificent backdrop of Loafer Mountain. The first phase of the campground consists of 8 overnight camp sites and 3 day-use picnic sites. All of the camp sites have picnic tables and fire pits (bring your own wood) on a concrete pad along with a manicured spot to pitch your tent. While trailers are not allowed in this first phase of the campground, RV parking with hook-ups is available nearby.

The campground offers numerous recreational opportunities, including six regulation-size horseshoe pits, and hiking on the numerous mountain trails. Campers can even take advantage of skeet shooting at the nearby Spanish Fork Gun Club. Arrangements must be scheduled through the gun club. Fall is a perfect time to check out this new facility as the leaves will be changing to their beautiful autumn colors.

For additional information or reservations, call the Spanish Fork Parks & Recreation Office at 798-5068. Reservations must be made at least 3 days in advance.

The fees for campsites are:

- $8.00 per night for a single campsite
- $16.00 per night for the double campsite

Upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration Events

Harvest Moon Hurrah

Saturday, October 8 at 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm at City Park (Library). The Harvest Moon Hurrah will have fun for the whole family with food, photos, and games. Look for the brochure with this newsletter.

Spooky Stories

Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 pm at Spanish Fork Middle School. Bring the entire family to hear the winning stories read by witches, vampires, or goblins!

Spanish Fork Regional Chorale

The Spanish Fork Community Choir is now the Spanish Fork Regional Chorale

As part of our desire to involve a greater number of people to provide even higher quality entertainment for the community, the choir is not only going through a name change, but also a growth spurt! The Chorale invites anyone living in Spanish Fork or any the surrounding area to join their voices to this fun and talented group. The Chorale practices each Wednesday starting September 7, from 7 to 9 pm at the Spanish Fork Junior High School. You must be at least 18 to be in the Chorale. Male voices are especially welcome. We hope to see you there! Contact Bjorn Pendleton, Chorale President for additional details: 798-0792.

Share the Harvest

Do you ever have produce from your garden spoil before you have a chance to eat it? You can make sure that all of your garden produce is put to good use! “Grow a Row, Share the Harvest” is a statewide effort encouraging community members to donate a row of fresh produce from their garden to the local food banks.

Fresh garden produce and fruit donations from Utah County residents can be taken to Community Action Food Bank, 815 S. Freedom Blvd., in Provo during business hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday). Fruit with worms cannot be accepted. Additional information may be found at the Community Action Services’ website www.communityactionprovo.org. For any questions, call Jim Thomas at Community Action Services (801) 373-8200 ext. 216.