

## Change to SFCN Cable Guide

The Daily Herald has decided to no longer publish weekly television listings, consequently, Spanish Fork City will no longer bill for that service and the weekly cable guide will not be available for the short term.

In order to best serve our customers, Spanish Fork Community Network is looking at other alternatives and hopes to have a similar service in place soon.

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## Library Lover's Month

February is "Library Lover's Month" and to celebrate that we are having a "Love"-ly Family Story Night on **February 12th** at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited! Then for two weeks, from **February 14th** through **February 28th** we will be waiving fines on all incoming material. This is a great time for items to be returned to the Library with no fines- this will apply to current fines only.

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## Spanish Fork 17

Do you have Spanish Fork Cable? Do you know what's playing on Spanish Fork 17? It is your front row seat to community sports and events, civic meetings, and local news. If you aren't watching Spanish Fork 17, you're missing something.

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## City Calendar

**February 6–6:00 pm**  
City Council Meeting

**February 7–7:00 pm**  
Planning Commission

**February 9 & 10**  
Jim Owen Show—Spanish Fork Senior Center

**February 20–6:00 pm**  
City Council Meeting

Complete calendar and details available on the web



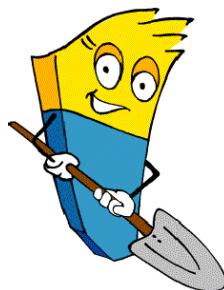
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## Electrical Safety, Power Outages, and Device Protection

You might think this information is too early in the year, especially as we are ending a cold winter weather spell, but it is never too early to think about safety and preparedness. As you plan your spring clean up and major projects, take a moment to remember a few simple safety tips and then identify the possible hazards around your home and take the necessary steps to eliminate them.

### Call Before You Dig

Digging into underground power lines can be as dangerous as contacting an overhead power line.



Before you dig to plant a tree, install a sprinkler system or build a fence, please call your local utility notification center, commonly known as Blue Stakes, to have all your underground utilities marked for free. Simply call 1-800-662-4111 two working days

before you dig and all the utilities in your area will be marked.

### Look Up!

Whenever you're working outdoors, please be aware of overhead power lines and keep tools and other objects away from them. Electricity can be deadly if your tree clippers, ladder or other tools come into contact with a power line.

Before pruning tree branches always check for power lines, if a branch is close to a line, call 798-5030 ext. 10 or 25.

### Stay Away and Stay Safe

Don't go anywhere near a downed power line or anything it may be touching. If you see a downed line, call the Electric Department immediately. Do not get out of your car and keep others, including pets, away. Also, if you fly a kite or play with outdoor toys that have the potential to reach a power

## DEAR MAYER AND CITY COUNCIL



From Left to Right, Back Row:  
Chris Wadsworth, Mayor Joe Thomas,  
Matt Barber, Wayne Andersen  
Front Row: Seth Sorensen, Steve Leifson

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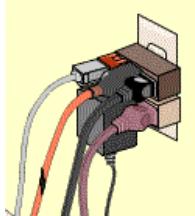
Please complete the form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City via the internet at [www.spanishfork.org](http://www.spanishfork.org). Thank you for your comments.

### ...More on Electricity

line, be aware of your surroundings and do not play near overhead power lines.

#### Outlet and Cords

One common hazard that we create in our home is called the "Electrical Octopus". This happens anytime you overload an outlet as shown. If you have one of these in your home, get rid of it right away. Also never put an extension cord under a rug or the carpet; the rubbing from the carpet on the cord may cause exposure and fire hazard.



#### 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 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 like: 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 best 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.



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Power recommends that you have a minimum 1200 Joule (or better) surge protector for all your sensitive electrical equipment such as televisions, stereos, computers and more. Surge protectors are an inexpensive way to protect your expensive equipment.

#### Uninterruptible Power Supply

A step up from the surge protector is an Uninterruptible Power Source (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 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 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 surge or power outage.

#### Job Opportunities at Spanish Fork City

Spanish Fork City is currently advertising a number of full-time, part time, seasonal and volunteer positions. Positions range from clerical to maintenance, cable to recreation. Check the City's website or come to the City Center for more details. Please note that our seasonal positions will be opening throughout the months of February and March so check back often.

#### RSVP—Volunteer Opportunities

How do you pronounce "o-u-ugh"? Well, it depends on the meaning of the word. Try pronouncing rough, though, thought and through. Was that "tough"? When our children learn to read, they find out that English came from many languages and has many spelling forms. They need to know the regular phonic sounds, then add to that words that don't follow the rules. Tutors are needed to help direct the learning of any students who may be struggling with reading. Call Norman Smith at 798-1609 for details.

#### Free Home Buyer Classes Offered in Spanish!

Community Action Services will offer a free Home Buyer Education class in Spanish during February – in addition to regularly scheduled classes. Homebuyer Education classes help people become qualified home buyers. This includes help with budgeting, money management skills, understanding your credit, how to save money on a loan, how to avoid predatory lending, special tips on shopping for a home and working with real estate professionals. Plus, you will learn about down-payment, closing-cost assistance and loan programs. Educate yourself before starting your home buying process. For more information or to register call 373-8200 ext. 235 or visit our website at [www.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org)

#### PRIVATE (NON-PROFIT) SCHOOL HOSTS ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE !

Come and see why ordinary children average in the 81st percentile on standardized tests through private education! American Heritage School of Spanish Fork offers an LDS-based, academic program for preschool through eighth grade.

Students in the upper grades will perform an abridged version of Shakespeare's "MacBeth" on **Friday, February 23, 7-8 p.m.**, followed by refreshments and a public open house, 8-9 p.m. Applications for 2007-08 enrollment will be accepted beginning **February 15** at [www.americanheritage-sf.org](http://www.americanheritage-sf.org), or call 798-3444 to schedule a private visit to the school at 185 E 400 North.

Your child may also qualify for half to full-tuition scholarships.