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**Volunteer Piano Player Needed for Seniors**

This volunteer position will serve at the Senior Center for 1 hour each week. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve at the Senior Center, please contact the Director, Joyce Webb, at 798-5015.

**Urban Fishing Instructors Needed**

Instructors are needed for the youth, urban fishing program. This program will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays in April and May from 6 to 8 pm. These hours count toward your dedicated hunter hours. If you are interested, contact Bronco at 804-4604.

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**February 2009**

**Library News**

February is Library Lovers’ month. We invite you to show your support for the library by coming in to see all we have to offer! To celebrate, we will forgive incoming overdue charges on items returned the first two weeks of the month, February 1st-14th. What a perfect time to find and return those missing books!

The Children’s Department will be having a “Lovin’ Children’s Books” party on Saturday, February 28th, 2:00-4:00. This fun event will include a puppet show, stories, and other fun activities. Julie Olson, a local children’s book illustrator, will visit with us. You may want to bring a camera to capture a moment with our special “Seussical” guest. We continue to offer a variety of fun programs for children of all ages. Get more information at our website at www.spanishfork.org or call 798-5010.

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**Citizen Surveys**

Spanish Fork City is conducting two surveys with our residents to learn what you think about City Services and about the Spanish Fork Community Network (SFCN) and Channel 17. The City services survey will be conducted by phone to a number of randomly selected homes during the course of February and March. If you are contacted by this group of BYU students, please be receptive to their request as we truly value your input.

The second survey about SFCN and Channel 17 is to learn how these operations can better serve our residents. If you complete this online survey, you will receive a free gift from Hogi Yogi or Olivia's Bistro. You will also be entered into a drawing to win JAZZ TICKETS. For this survey, go to www.sfcn.org and click on the “SURVEY” link.

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• Unused medications improperly disposed of can harm you and your environment
• Drugs can be scavenged and illegally sold
• Children and animals could be poisoned if they find and swallow drugs
• When drugs are flushed, they are not removed by the sewage treatment facilities and septic tank systems and can enter the soil, surface water and groundwater
• Research studies have shown that exposure to drugs found in waterways is having a serious, negative impact on fish and other aquatic life
• Pollution prevention -- the elimination or minimization of the pollution source -- is preferable to cleaning up the environment

WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE TIME TO DO THIS?

Properly disposing of unwanted medications may be inconvenient but there are some very important reasons to do this in a safe and responsible manner.

It’s your environment - Please don’t flush!
Drugs that are flushed down the toilet cannot be removed by the sewage treatment plant or septic system processes. These substances are released into waterways which can lead to contamination of surface and ground water. Septic tank systems may release the pharmaceuticals into the soil and from there they may reach the ground water.

Abuse is widespread!
Abuse of prescription drugs, particularly painkillers, has increased among teenagers and young adults. Sixty percent of the persons who abuse painkillers indicated that they received the drugs free from friends or relatives.

You can make a difference!
Take action to minimize the threat of accidental poisoning or drug abuse. Take steps now to avoid harm to future generations and the environment.

WHERE CAN I PROPERLY DISPOSE OF MY MEDICATIONS?

Spanish Fork Police Department has established a proper disposal program for you. Bring your unused prescription and over-the-counter medications for disposal to:

789 West Center Street, Spanish Fork
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

NO DRUGS DOWN TOILETS OR SINKS

If you’re like most people, you have gathered a collection of prescription drugs and other medicines that are no longer needed.

Once it was common practice to flush these medications down the toilet or sink.

We now know that some of these substances are bad for our environment. The drugs are not removed by sewage treatment plants or septic tanks and may enter surface and ground waters or soils.