I-15 Road Closure for Construction

UDOT, in conjunction with Fibertel, will be closing I-15 for a morning. The closure will occur at the Benjamin exit, exit 253, to the Main Street exit for Northbound traffic only. This closure will be on Sunday Morning, August 9 from Midnight to 5am. All Northbound traffic will be routed off the freeway, to Main Street, up Main Street and then back on the I-15 at Main Street on ramp.

Recycling pickup

Allied Waste, the City’s garbage pickup provider, has reported a tremendous increase in calls for missed cans. They ask that all residents remember to have their black garbage cans or blue recycle cans out to the curb by 7:00 am the morning of your pick up day. Two important things to remember about recycling pickup: (1) pickup occurs every other week, see calendar below, (2) recycling is picked up by a separate truck that may come before or after your regular garbage is picked up.

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City Calendar

Beginning August 1— Farmers Market from 7:00 am til about 1:00 pm
The Farmers Market runs every Saturday at the City Center Parking lot. See back page for more details

August 4— 6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)
City Council Meeting

August 5— 7:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)
Planning Commission Meeting

August 10 & 11— Monday and Tuesday recycling pickup

August 12 thru 15
Utah County Fair Events. See article on back page for more details.

August 18—6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)
City Council Meeting

August 24 & 25— Monday & Tuesday recycling pickup

August 28 & 29— Wind Fest, See article on this page

DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From Left to Right, Back Row: Jens Nielsen, Steve Leifson, Wayne Andersen, Rod Dart.
Front Row: Mayor Joe Thomas, Richard Davis

SPANISH FORK CITY

August 2009

WIND FEST & ENERGY EXPO 2009

Returning this August is the second Annual “Kite Fest” with a new name change—WIND FEST!! The reason for the name change is that the term “Wind” is more inclusive of many more products that use wind power (besides just kites) both for fun and energy production. So WIND FEST 2009 continues with the crowd favorites of last year—and with new added attractions this year.

Returning Events

Last year’s highlights included the fabulous Kiteman Productions from Orlando, Florida. This act featured multiple delta-shaped kites being towed at high speeds behind jet skis creating aerial patterns that were thrilling and mesmerizing. Also returning, is the Children’s Kite-making Workshop. Nearly 1700 kite kits were completed last year and this year another kite design will be offered for the children to complete and fly.

The Wind Farm at the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon will celebrate its 2nd birthday which will be honored by a Saturday noon small plane fly-over.

Energy Expo

The Energy Expo will once again allow families to experience and learn about different products that have to do with energy conservation. You may want to “test-drive” a Segway, or a Klune Chariot, a GEM (electric) car, or a Utah Trike. You can also learn about special Solar and Wind products for the home or recreation.

New Entertainment

New sustainable and renewable entertainment this year will introduce the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe rides with the Hui Paokalani Canoe Club, as well as sail boat dinghies and paddle surfing—all of which can be tried for a nominal fee. And… not only will kites be flying, but people will too—on Spanish Fork’s newest thrill ride—the reservoir ZIP LINE.

See Wind Fest on back page...

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 on Wind Fest

The WIND FEST begins on Friday afternoon, August 28:
• 4:00 pm—Kiteman Productions, All Things Wind Sailboats, and Paddle-Surfing demonstrations
• 5:30 pm–The Luau feast starts at the Mountain Country Pavilion.
• 7:00 pm–The Hawaiian Luau Show takes place on the Reservoir Beach Following the Luau, the Utah Kite Fliers association will launch their Gigantic Kites at the Gun Club field under the lights. Tickets for the Luau will be on sale (pre-sale is necessary in order to have a meal) at the City Office Building. The price will be posted later on the City Web site.

Saturday, August 29, WIND FEST opens from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with the reservoir events in full-swing as well as the added component of the popular Energy Expo “Green Walk”. Music will be playing throughout the day as well to enhance your own kite-flying adventure. Like last year, local vendors will be on hand to supply Shaved Ice, fabulous Bar-B-Que, and Hickory Kist favorites. Playing throughout the day as well to enhance your own kite-flying adventure. Like last year, local vendors will be on hand to supply Shaved Ice, fabulous Bar-B-Que, and Hickory Kist favorites.

Entrance fee is $5.00 per carload and includes parking and reduced admission on the zipline. So plan on bringing the family to Spanish Fork’s WIND FEST!!

For more information visit the City’s website at www.spanishfork.org. To volunteer for this event, email elainevents@spanishfork.org. Volunteers are needed for parking attendants, kite workshop leaders, water oasis hosts, marketing or event runners.

Utah County Fair is Coming to Town, August 12 thru 15

The Utah County Fair is a budget friendly family event where families can spend three and half days at the Fair and not put a big dent in their budget. Most events are free and those with admission fees are quite reasonable. Here are some examples:

• Forty tickets for $18 Carnival vouchers are on sale now at all Utah County Macey’s stores. The vouchers are redeemable at the Carnival any time during the Fair.
• Demolition Derby reserve seat tickets are also on sale at Macey’s. Adults $10, kids $7, until the day of the Derby. Tickets at the gate are $2 more for adults and kids.
• Food court with family friendly prices
• Free Parking
• Free Fair admission
• Free entertainment
• Free admission to: exhibits, livestock and horse shows, Antique Tractor Pull, Heavy Equipment Rodeo, Ranch Rodeo and other exciting family activities.

Other events of the Fair include: Live animal exhibits, Fiddle Fest, constant live entertainment, car show, large equipment doing tiny tasks, antique tractors in weight pulling contests, ranch hands competing in specialty events, horse shows, livestock show and Dutch Oven Cooking contest. Open class exhibits feature local cooks, crafters, canners and quilters. 4H exhibits display creations from Utah County youth.

Don’t miss the Utah County Fair, August 12 through 15 at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. For more information go to www.utahcountyfair.org

Message from Miss Spanish Fork

Congratulations Ashlee Jex! She was amazing at the Miss Utah Pageant and looked beautiful on stage. She represented our city extremely well and we are very proud of her. Thank you Ashlee, you have done an excellent job serving our community and we are grateful.

Fiesta Days was a huge success, thank you everyone who participated in each event. I had a lot of fun at the play, the rodeo, and the street dance. Out of all the parades we attended this summer, ours was by far the best. I love everything about Fiesta Days and hope you had as great of an experience as the Spanish Fork Royalty did.

Thanks for making this community great!
Sincerely,
Ginger Christopher, Miss Spanish Fork, 2009

Election change

The Utah State Legislature has made a change to the voting process. Effective this November, you must bring a valid voter identification with you to the poll in order to cast your ballot. If you do not, you will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot, but you must then bring your valid identification to the City Recorder within 5 business days in order for your vote to be counted.

A valid form of identification would include a drivers license, however, if your drivers license doesn’t have your current address, you will need to bring a separate proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

Fiesta Days Feedback

The 2009 Fiesta Days Committee invites your feedback for this celebration. You can submit your feedback by visiting the webpage and clicking the Fiesta Days Feedback link in the Quick Links section. You can also sign up to volunteer for next years Fiesta Days Celebration.

Library news

The Summer Reading Programs, “Get Creative at Your Library” have been a great success! We have had nearly 1,700 participants who have been doing lots and lots of reading this summer and large groups attending our fun and exciting story time programs. Just a reminder that the programs and story times will end Saturday, August 8. Fall programs and activities will begin the first week in September.

Farmers Market Coming in August

Every Year, Spanish Fork City offers a place for all residents to buy or sell fresh produce.

The farmers market begins Saturday, August 1, and runs every Saturday in August, September, and October from about 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you have ever visited the market, you will remember that it is a very informal setting, but a great place to get fresh fruits and vegetables.

By law, the farmers market is available to local produce growers to sell homegrown produce and food items only. Food items must be prepared according to Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Standards. More information on those standards can be found on the City’s website.