WILD WEST DAYS IN JUNE AND THEN ON TO THE FIESTA DAYS IN JULY

By now you should have heard of the Wild West Days, but have you bought your tickets yet? This new event is one you will not want to miss. Bring the whole family to the fairgrounds June 3rd and 4th, for a special time of fun and spectacle.

You’ll enjoy fiddling music, cowboy poetry, Swifty Swine piglet races, sheep-herding dogs, Pony Express riders, Cowboys and Indians (in a rendezvous setting), animal exhibits, covered wagon rides and even a Chuckwagon dinner.

In addition to the day-time attractions, both evenings will be capped off with the Great American Wild West Show featuring wagon races, trick riders, Hollywood personalities, daring cowboys and cowgirls and a stage coach. This is a one-of-a-kind experience featuring all that is beloved of western folklore in high gear: gun-fighters, horses, wagons, bluegrass, and hoop dancing!!

To kick things off--catch the Covered Wagon Train as it arrives in town on Main Street Thursday evening, June 2. The Wagon Train will begin at North Park and will stroll all the way down Main Street to the Fairgrounds.

This is a ticketed event with family-friendly prices. Tickets can be purchased for just the day-time activities or for both the activities and the evening show. Discounts apply if you buy your tickets early. Complete ticket and event information is available at www.spanishfork.org.

After Wild West Days, the City will begin preparing for the perennial family favorite—Fiesta Days. The theme this year is “The Place 2 B” and the event promises 2 B better than ever.

The Rodeo and Carnival will begin on Thursday, July 21. The Children’s activities, including the children’s parade, will be on Saturday, July 23. The Grand Parade, Rodeo and other activities will conclude on Monday, July 25.

Complete information is on the website and a mailer with details will be in your mailbox soon.

Fiesta Days will be the Place 2 B, for sure!

DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From Left to Right, Back Row: Rod Dart, Keir Scoubes, Jens Nielson, Richard Davis
Front Row: Mayor Wayne Andersen, Steve Leifson

Please complete the form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City from the City’s website. Thank you for your comments.
**A REQUEST FROM THE SEWER COLLECTION DIVISION**

It isn’t every day that you hear from the folks working with the sewer collection system, so when they speak, their advice should be followed.

The Sewer Collection Division is seeing an increase in the number of items in the flow that shouldn’t be there. These items cause sewer lines to clog and back up, sometimes into the homes of your friends and neighbors. This is not a pleasant experience and causes great inconvenience. Please do not flush the following items down the toilet or force them down any drain:

- baby wipes
- disinfectant wipes
- diapers
- feminine hygiene products
- paper towels
- contraceptives
- grease
- large globs of food
- other insoluble items

While some of these items may say they are flushable, they do not quickly breakdown or they do not decompose. This causes the sewer system to become plugged and increases the maintenance costs.

Spanish Fork City appreciates your cooperation in this effort.

**BEWARE OF ELECTRICAL SCAMS**

Recent incidents have been reported in local newspapers of scams affecting residents in Utah County cities.

Residents have purchased devices that attach to the electric meter on their home and they are told that this device, and nothing else, will reduce their power consumption. These utility customers later learned the harsh reality that the device only bypassed the meter. While their power bill did go down, it only went down because they weren’t paying for what they were using. In effect, they were stealing electricity.

If you are approached by a salesman that promises that a device will lower your power bill, please be wary of these claims and be sure to do your homework.

Quoting the Lehi Power Superintendent, “A legitimate company that sells these devices will not claim they save energy. Any claim by a company that a piece of equipment will provide significant energy savings without the customer changing their habits by turning off electrical devices is false. The power company only measures the energy that is used.”

**FEES TO INCREASE AT THE TRANSFER STATION**

Spanish Fork belongs to the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District that provides waste services like the transfer station located in Springville (www.suvswd.org).

The District has notified the City that beginning July 1, 2011, fees at the transfer station will increase to the following rates:

- Resident load—$5.00;
- Uncovered resident load—$9.00

**UDOT’S I-15 CORE PROJECT UPDATE**

The I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) is more than one-third complete as UDOT heads into the summer construction season. One major change to watch for this summer is a “traffic split” in the American Fork area. The I-15 lanes between Pioneer Crossing and 500 East will split, with the construction area in between the lanes. Drivers exiting at American Fork Main Street or 500 East will need to be in the right two lanes before the split. This alignment will allow crews to keep all four lanes open while reconstructing the roadway.

Stay an Extra Day Travel Discounts

Delays through construction zones could be one to two hours over holiday weekends at peak times, if drivers don’t adjust when they travel. UDOT’s “Stay an Extra Day” program provides lodging and attraction discounts for the day before and after typical weekend travel to encourage vacationers to leave early or stay and extra day and reduce traffic delays. Visit udot.utah.gov/stayanextraday or click “Stay an Extra Day” on the UDOT homepage for a list of statewide offers.

For I-15 CORE construction information and to sign up for weekly email updates, visit udot.utah.gov/i15core. Updates are also available at: facebook.com/i15core twitter.com/i15core text message (text “i15” to 53535).