



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**NOTICE TO ALL ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS**

**Budget Public Hearing**

Spanish Fork City will hold a public hearing January 17, 2012, at 6:00 pm at the Spanish Fork City Office, 40 South Main Street, Spanish Fork, Utah. The purpose of the public hearing is to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Revision 1.

The budget includes transfer of funds which cannot be defined as reasonable allocation of costs between funds. These transfers include funds from the Electric Fund to the North Park Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$4,600,000.

**BE PREPARED & PROTECT YOUR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FROM POWER OUTAGES**

Power outages are caused by a number of natural or man-made events. A major windstorm may blow down power lines or blow 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 that hits a power pole. Whatever the cause, power outages are an inconvenience and can even cause damage to personal equipment.

Each outage during 2011 was caused by different reasons, underscoring just how easy an outage can occur, despite the many safeguards and preventive measures placed on the electric system. The major outage in November 2011 was caused by damage to Rocky Mountain Power's electric system. However, because electric systems are so interconnected, this outage affected power delivery to customers from Provo to Levan to Price.

While some customers were without power for a few hours during this outage, some outages, like what recently happened in Davis County, take more time to repair damages and may keep power off for several days. These outages require power users to be prepared and to have an outage kit which will help minimize the impact of the outage on you and your family. Outage kits should include items such as: battery-operated flashlights, alarm clocks and radios; water; non-perishable foods; and manual can openers.

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



See **Power Outages** on back side...



**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

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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.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- Festival of Lights—Every night thru New Years Evening.
- Jan 2—City Offices closed to observe the New Years day holiday
- Jan 3—City Council Meeting 6 pm. Live on Ch. 17. Newly elected Councilman, Brandon Gordon, will take the oath of office.
- Jan 4—Planning Commission Mtg 6 pm. Live on Ch. 17.
- Jan 9 & 10— Recycling Pick-up
- Jan 16—City Offices closed to observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
- Jan 17— City Council Meeting 6 pm. Live on Ch. 17
- Jan 23 & 24—Recycling Pickup

**Power Outages** (continued from front)

your appliances or equipment from any resulting power surges.

Spanish Fork Power does everything possible to provide the most reliable power to your home and business. As we strive to do our best, we have a few tips that will help you protect your personal equipment when the electrical 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 which is not the same as a power strip. Spanish Fork City Energy recommends that you have a minimum 1200 Joule surge protector for all your sensitive electrical equipment such as televisions, stereos, computers and more. When you consider purchasing a surge protector, be sure it is not just a power strip.



A power strip will only give you additional plugs and will not provide surge protection.

**Uninterruptible Power Supply**

An Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) is a step up from the surge protector and is also a battery backup. A 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 to continue to work during an outage. If you operate a business, a UPS system may enable you to continue operating some functions of your business until power is restored.



Spanish Fork City Energy encourages you to take the necessary steps to protect your own equipment from being damaged during a power outage or surge.

**WINTER DRIVING TIPS FROM UDOT: BE SAFE OUT THERE!**

The winter season may be upon us, but construction activities on Utah County's I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) are still in full swing. Whether you're commuting a short distance to work or heading out of town for the holidays, please use extra caution while driving through the work zone this winter.

Keep yourself and others safe this season by remembering these winter driving tips:

**Plan ahead:** Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination safely. Check traffic conditions before heading out, by visiting ComuterLink and Know Where Know Why on UDOT's home page, [www.udot.utah.gov](http://www.udot.utah.gov)

**Be prepared:** Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter driving. Avoid trouble by inspecting your tires, wiper blades, fluids, lights, belts and hoses.

**See and Be Seen:** Take the time to clear ice and snow from your vehicle's windows, lights, and signals.



**Slow down and use caution:** When accelerating, merging, and traveling in winter conditions, slow down to avoid sliding. The faster you go, the longer it will take you to stop, so leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle in

front of you. Use extra caution when driving on off-ramps, bridges, and roadways near water; these areas are the most vulnerable to black ice.

**Know your brakes:** Never slam on the brakes; doing so can cause your vehicle to slide. If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. Otherwise, gently pump the pedal. Remember to brake early and slowly, and give yourself plenty of room to stop.

**Give snowplows room to work:** When following behind a snowplow, leave at least 300 feet of space between your vehicle and the plow; be patient and don't try to pass the plow. For your safety, never drive through the cloud of snow that a plow throws.



For more winter driving tips and the latest information about construction activities on I-15 CORE, visit [udot.utah.gov/i15core](http://udot.utah.gov/i15core). Project information and updates are also available on Facebook ([facebook.com/i15core](https://www.facebook.com/i15core)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/i15core](https://twitter.com/i15core)), or via text message (text "i15" to 53535).

**COSTCO PLANS TO BUILD A STORE IN SPANISH FORK**

Several newspaper articles have been written recently discussing plans for Costco to build a store in Spanish Fork. The City anticipates that Costco will open a store this year.

Earthwork has already begun on their site and the City Council recently approved an economic development agreement with Costco. At a recent Council meeting, a Costco representative stated that Costco was excited to come to Spanish Fork and that they expected to have a store open by the Fall of 2012.

City leaders are excited with this development because of the positive impact it will have on the community. Many residents already shop at Costco and will now have a store here at home. This will add another great community partner to the many wonderful businesses already in Spanish Fork.

**JANUARY RECREATION CALENDAR**

Register online at [reconline.spanishfork.org](http://reconline.spanishfork.org) for youth programs.

3—Begin accepting Water Park & park pavilion reservations for 2012.

7—Youth basketball league games begin—boys & girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade leagues.

10—Winter session Little Hoopsters early registration ends.

24—Winter session Little Hoopsters begins. Schedules posted online

Visit the Parks and Recreation web pages for complete activities listing.

Offices located at 775 N Main Street. Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Phone: 801-804-4600.