### SEPTEMBER 2014

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Saturdays in September**: Farmers Market, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. 8 am to 1pm @ the City Office Parking Lot

**Sept 1**: Labor Day Holiday. City offices closed. Garbage and recycle pickup delayed one day

**Sept 2 & 3**: Recycling Pick-up

**Sept 2**: City Council Meeting, 6 pm. Live on Ch. 17

**Sept 3**: Planning Commission, 6 pm. Live on Ch. 17. Last chance to get the Planning Commission Brag Tag!

**Sept 13**: Aeroplanes, Trains & Automobiles @ the Spanish Fork/Springville Airport

**Sept 15 & 16**: Recycling Pick-up

**Sept 16**: City Council Meeting, 6 pm. Live on Ch. 17

**Sept 20**: Harvest Moon Hurrah @ City Park

**Sept 29 & 30**: Recycling Pick-up

#### RECREATION CALENDAR

**Sept 1**: Water Park closes for season at 6:00 p.m.

**Sept 5**: SF Friday Night Lights Co-ed Softball Tournament

**Sept 10**: Girl’s Volleyball Program early registration ends (Grades 5-9)

**Sept 17**: Girls Volleyball Program regular registration ends (Grades 5-9)

Register for youth sports at reconline.spanishfork.org

### CITY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS

In a continuing effort to beautify the City Cemetery, staff will be removing much of the infestation of weed grasses by application of selective herbicides. Expect to see visible results within a few weeks. This process will continue with multiple applications through the fall and into the spring. Please be patient.

The affected areas will likely look sick before they begin to look healthy again. Refer to extension.usu.edu for publications on Turfgrass Weed Control in Utah Lawns. As always, thank you for your support and interest in the City Cemetery.

### SUMMER LIBRARY SUCCESS!

Summer was very busy and successful at the library. Over 3,500 people participated in one of the summer reading programs! Congratulations to all who were able to read great books and earn prizes!

Fall programs begin Tuesday, September 2. A sampling of the exciting activities include: fun and engaging literacy-enhanced story time programs, after school activities for tweens, a mother-daughter book club, and free movie nights for families. Details are available on the library’s website.

### OPT-OUT RECYCLE PROGRAM BEGINS THIS MONTH

The new city-wide opt-out recycling program begins to rollout this month on the 17th for residents living in the southwest area of the city. Residents in this area who are not already recycling or who have not already opted-out will receive a blue recycle can. For $3.61 a month, recycling gets collected every other week on the normal garbage collection day.

Residents automatically receiving a recycling can this month will receive the service free for the first month and may opt-out at anytime during the first two months. After the first two months, residents will have an opportunity once a year in December to opt-out of the program. To opt-out of getting or keeping the blue recycle can visit spanishfork.org/recycle or call 801.804.4666.

### WOMEN’S SELF DEFENSE CLASS OFFERED

The Police Department is hosting a women’s self-defense class for any woman 15 years or older. The class will begin on Thursday, October 2, and will be held every Thursday, with the last class on November 20. Classes will be held at the police department from 7 to 9 pm. The cost to attend the course is $60 and a minimum enrollment of 25 students is required for the class to be held.

If you are interested in participating, contact Lt. Matt Johnson at 801-804-4722 or email mjohnson@spanishfork.org.
A DISCUSSION ON LIQUOR LAWS AND NEW RETAIL DEVELOPMENT IN SPANISH FORK

City staff has taken many recent opportunities to inform the community about some of the growth Spanish Fork is experiencing. There are still many questions about new stores and restaurants that are planned or are under construction.

One question that comes up a lot lately relates to certain restaurants and their ability to locate in Spanish Fork because of laws that regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages. In short, the State of Utah regulates the licenses that permit businesses to sell alcohol. Spanish Fork City does not have laws that are more restrictive than the State’s. Also, there are licenses currently available for restaurants so if a restaurant qualifies for a state permit, they should be able to receive one.

City staff also continues to receive questions about tax breaks or other incentives that new businesses are receiving. Spanish Fork City worked with a developer to provide an incentive package that helped bring Costco to the City. This effort was much like earlier efforts that helped bring or keep other businesses such as Maceys. However, no tax breaks or other incentives have been offered to any retail businesses after Costco began constructing their store. The City may choose in the future to provide an incentive for another retail business should the City Council deem it appropriate and necessary.

Lastly, City staff is often asked about the role the City plays in selecting specific businesses that locate in Spanish Fork. The answer is simple: very little. The City develops zoning laws that determine where businesses can operate, but the City does not play a direct role in determining which companies locate where. The Mayor, City Council and City staff consistently promote the City and our residents’ desire to have stores like Target and restaurants like Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse locate here. However, we really are at the mercy of the companies’ expansion schedules and their ability to execute deals with local landowners. While there are things that we do to help facilitate this process, there are limits to the City’s ability to influence decisions made by other entities.

UDOT is currently reconstructing a bridge on Highway 6 near the Highway 89 Intersection at the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon. Travel over the bridge will soon be reduced to only one lane for a few weeks and will likely cause periodic long delays.

Drivers should avoid the area if possible, using other surface streets to travel East and West. Be sure to carry extra patience with you. Get updates at: udottraffic.utah.gov