Good Things All Around

March 2015

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mar 2 & 3: Recycle Pick-up
Mar 3: City Council Meeting. 6pm. Broadcast live on Spanish Fork channel 17 and YouTube
Mar 4: Planning Commission Meeting. 6pm
Mar 16 & 17: Recycle Pick-up.
Mar 17: City Council Meeting 6pm. Broadcast live on Spanish Fork channel 17 and YouTube
Mar 20 – 22: Gem & Mineral Show at the Fairgrounds
Mar 21: Public Dinner & Dance at the Veterans Memorial Building
Mar 30 & 31: Recycle Pick-up

RECREATION CALENDAR

Mar 2-7: Youth Nebo Basketball Tournaments. (Grades 7-8)
Mar 3: Spring Volleyball early registration ends. (Boys & Girls, Grades 5-12)
Mar 5: Baseball / Softball Early registration ends (Boys & Girls, Grades 3-8) & Spring Volleyball Registration ends. (Boys & Girls, Grades 5-12)
Mar 10: Urban Fishing Early Registration ends.
Mar 12: Baseball/Softball registration ends. (Grades 3-8)
Mar 23: Pizza Factory Invitational Baseball Tournament registration ends.
Mar 30: Sophomore Round Robin payment Deadline
Mar 31: Adult Summer Softball early registration ends (Men & Women)

INTERNET SPEEDS SET TO INCREASE!

SFCN recently announced major upgrades to their Internet service this year. Speeds are increasing in all tiers of service with the popular PLUS tier tripling to 60 mbps and the Premium tier more than doubling to 120 mbps.

SFCN will further utilize its existing “Built for Speed” infrastructure for the upgrades enabling it to offer the new speeds WITHOUT increasing the price for the service. SFCN will now offer 60 mbps for only $38 and 120 mbps for only $68.

Additionally, SFCN will install fiber to the first homes in Spanish Fork with gigabit service this year using fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) technology. Installation of the new FTTH service will roll out across the town over the next few years and SFCN is targeting a price point of $70-$80 per month for gigabit service, eventually replacing the Premium tier.

SEWER BACKUPS AND YOUR HOME. ARE YOU INSURED?

There is a network of sewer lines that criss-cross the city some 10 to 20 feet underground depending on your location. When you flush the toilet or wash your dishes, you always expect the water will just go away.

However, from time to time, the wrong things get flushed down the toilet or somehow get into the sewer lines and then the lines backs up. As has been discussed in previous newsletters, paper towels, baby wipes, feminine products, grease and other insoluble objects are often flushed down or put down a drain. As these items travel down a sewer pipe, they will catch on anything that may slow them down. When one insoluble item is caught in a sewer line, others may follow and then you have the beginning of a problem...a sewer backup may occur. City crews have a regular maintenance plan to clean this network of sewer lines but that is not always enough to keep a sewer line from backing up. Especially if homeowners constantly flush or drain insoluble items. A line could be cleaned one week and then backup the next week under the right (or maybe better said wrong) circumstances.

In the event of a backup in your home, homeowners should be aware that insurance coverage usually does not extend to cover a sewer backup. Homeowners are encouraged to check with their insurance agents about their current coverage and if there is a need to add additional coverage or endorsements for sewer backups. This type of coverage is usually not expensive and may save homeowners a big headache down the road. Spanish Fork City may have the ability to assist homeowners with some of the clean up and other associated costs, but humanitarian assistance does not extend toward personal items and is subject to depreciation. Insurance coverage is always better for the homeowner and will likely provide replacement cost coverage.

A major expense of a sewer back is the cleanup. Homeowners can potentially save thousands of dollars by choosing a good and reputable company to perform cleanup in their home. Check with your insurance agent for a recommendation of good companies that can help if ever needed.

RENEWABLE POWER! YOUR OPPORTUNITY IS NOW HERE

A new program is now being offered to all residents that allows you to purchase renewable energy credits as an affordable addition to your monthly utility bill. A pamphlet with more information has been included with your mailed utility bill. For more information and to enroll please visit www.renewchoice.com
DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From Left to Right, Back Row: Richard Davis, Brandon Gordon, Rod Dart, Mike Mendenhall; Front Row: Mayor Steve Leifson, Keir Scoubes.

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.