



**AUGUST 2015**

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**July 29:** Information meeting about the Life Center, 7pm Larsen Elementary, 1175 East 300 South

**July 30:** Nebo School District Elementary Registration

**August 3-4:** Recycling Pickup

**August 4:** City Council Meeting, 6pm, Broadcast live on Spanish Fork Channel 17 and YouTube

**August 5:** Planning Commission Meeting, 6pm

**August 17-18:** Recycling Pickup

**August 18:** City Council Meeting, 6pm, Broadcast live on Spanish Fork Channel 17 and YouTube

**August 31-Sept. 1:** Recycling pickup

**Saturdays in August:** Farmers Market, 8am-1pm Center Street

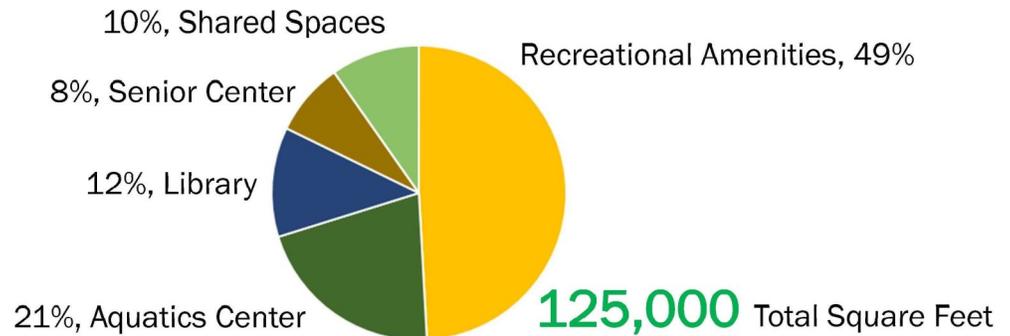
**LIFE CENTER PROPOSED IN SPANISH FORK**

Have you heard that the city is investigating the feasibility of building a combined Library, Senior Center, and Recreation Center with indoor pools? This is in response to identified needs at the Library and Senior Center, as well as repeated calls from residents requesting that the city build a recreation center with an indoor pool. In 2007, the City conducted a Parks Recreation Survey. In this survey, residents told Spanish Fork City their #1 and #2 most desired facilities were an indoor pool and recreation center.

In order to address this request, the Mayor formed a Citizen's Committee to assist in the feasibility study, and the City hired an outside consultant to facilitate the process. The committee has been studying the issue

since early March. Among other things, the committee has studied possible locations, amenities, funding sources, and costs. The Committee members were asked to discuss this topic with their friends and neighbors to determine what the community wants. The Committee members have been diligent in this assignment and have shared the feedback that they obtained from the community.

The Citizen Committee has developed a concept they call the Life Center. The Life Center would serve everyone in the community from infants up to senior citizens by providing opportunities for recreation, learning, and socializing. The Life Center would be a gathering place where the community can come together.



The proposed Life Center would be nearly 125,000 square feet with the following amenities:

**FITNESS CENTER**

- Basketball court
- Pickleball & Volleyball courts
- Racquetball court
- Spin Room
- Aerobics Studio
- Fitness Studio
- Indoor Track
- Weights
- Cardio
- Playground
- Day Care
- Outdoor Trails

**AQUATICS**

- Lazy River
- Diving board & Climbing Wall
- 25 Meters 25 Yard Pool
- Program /Teaching Pool
- Therapy Pool
- Children's Play Area

**LIBRARY**

- Drive-up Book Drop
- Self Check-out
- Public Computer Lab
- Teen Reading Area
- Children's Reading Area
- A/V Collection (Bigger space for Blu-Rays and DVDs)
- 3 Large Program Rooms
- 2 Study Rooms

**SENIORS**

- Commercial Kitchen
- Multi-purpose Hall with Stage
- Lounge
- TV & Reading Rooms
- Wellness Center
- Ceramics
- Arts & Crafts
- Game Room

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## LIFE CENTER CONTINUED

In order to build this facility, residents would need to vote on and approve a General Obligation Bond that would increase property tax. A bond question could be placed on the November ballot by the City Council for residents to vote on.

The bond is currently estimated at \$39,250,000 to build the Life Center. If approved, the bond would increase property taxes on the average home by \$16.82 per month. The average home in Spanish Fork has an assessed market value by Utah

County of \$202,174. Currently Spanish Fork's has the lowest property tax rate in Utah County.

Residents are invited to an information meeting on Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 pm at Larsen Elementary School, 1175 East 300 South (Flonette). Additionally, feedback can be given via this short survey: [surveymonkey.com/s/2sbcbfkb](http://surveymonkey.com/s/2sbcbfkb)

More information about this project can be found at [www.spanishfork.org/lifecenter](http://www.spanishfork.org/lifecenter)

## BUILDING PERMITS FOR FENCES

The Building Inspection Division would like to help residents avoid the need for any costly corrections by reminding you that Building Permits are required for the construction of fences and accessory buildings. Building Permits to construct fences and small accessory structures are issued by Spanish Fork City free of charge. Issuing permits will allow the City to verify that fences and sheds are in a permitted location and all of the requirements in the Municipal Code are being met prior to construction.

Apply for Building Permits for fences, accessory structures or other construction

work online at [www.spanishfork.org](http://www.spanishfork.org). Look for the **citi<sub>serve</sub>** logo to direct you to the appropriate applications. Staff members are prepared to answer all of your permit questions at 801.804.4540.



## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

All Summer Reading Programs and activities will end August 8. The library is excited to have you join them for fun-filled story times beginning August 31. The library will

also be offering a new class, "Building Blocks for Parents". Check the library website or ask at the library for more information.

SPANISH FORK/SALEM AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**FARMER'S MARKET**  
**SATURDAYS**  
**JULY - NOVEMBER**  
 8AM TO 1PM  
 CENTER ST. - SPANISH FORK

### RECREATION CALENDAR

**August 5:** Men's Flag Football early registration ends

**August 10:** SF Friday Nights Lights Co-ed Softball Tournament registration ends

**August 21:** High School Flag Football early deadline (Grades 10-12)

**August 24:** Jr. Gridiron Football early registration ends. Space limited (Grades 1-2)

**August 28:** Jr. Gridiron Football registration ends

**August 28:** High School Flag Football registration ends

Register for youth sports at [reconline.spanishfork.org](http://reconline.spanishfork.org) or at the Recreation Office located at 775 North Main Street

### 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.

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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.