



# SPANISH FORK

## PRIDE & PROGRESS

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**SEPTEMBER 2018**

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Sept 4** City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Broadcast live on Spanish Fork 17 and YouTube

**Sept 5** Planning Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Sept 10 & 11** Recycle pick up

**Sept 18** City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Broadcast live on Spanish Fork 17 and YouTube

**Sept 24 & 25** Recycle pick up

### RECREATION CALENDAR

**Sept 3** Spanish Fork Water Park closes for the season at 6:00 p.m.

**Sept 5** Fall volleyball early registration ends (grades 5–9)

**Sept 12** Fall volleyball registration ends (grades 5–9)

**Sept 24** Jr. wrestling early registration ends (Pre-K–Grade 6)

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



Don't forget to tune in this month to watch Spanish Fork High School football and Maple Mountain High School football games live on Spanish Fork 17 and on Youtube.com!

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE RAP TAX

In Spanish Fork City, we take pride in the various recreation, arts, and parks programs and amenities that are available to our residents, from the North Park to the River Trail. As our community continues to grow, our residents' needs will also change. In order to expand the recreation, arts, and parks offerings of Spanish Fork City, residents will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed sales tax called the Recreation, Arts, & Parks Tax, or RAP Tax for short. In preparation for the November Election, here is what you need to know about the proposed RAP Tax.



#### How Much is the RAP Tax?

The RAP Tax is 0.1%, which equals 1 penny for every \$10 spent.

#### How Will the Funds be Spent?

Funds generated from a RAP Tax can only be spent on recreation, arts, and parks. Because the fund distribution will be subject to the recommendation of a Citizen Advisory Committee and approval of the City Council, it is hard to say exactly which projects will receive funding. Regardless, the City has several projects that could be priorities for the RAP tax, including but not limited to:

- All-Abilities Park
- Additional trail connections
- Improved arts programs
- Reservoir amphitheater or stage

#### Voter Information Pamphlet

Spanish Fork City is preparing a Voter Information Pamphlet which will be mailed to each registered voter prior to the election. This pamphlet will include more information regarding the RAP Tax, as well as Pro and Con statements, neither of which may exceed 500 words. If you would like to write either statement for the pamphlet, please contact Kent Clark at 801.804.4520 or [kent@spanishfork.org](mailto:kent@spanishfork.org) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4.

#### How Can I Learn More About the RAP Tax?

For more information about the proposed RAP Tax, visit [www.spanishfork.org/raptax](http://www.spanishfork.org/raptax)

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**PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT OUT**

Spanish Fork Public Safety recently hosted their first Public Safety Night Out. Nearly 1,000 residents visited with Public Safety staff, saw some of their tools and vehicles, and enjoyed free hot dogs and drinks.



Some asked "Why are you doing this?" Residents' interactions with public safety officers are often during traumatic events, such as a fire, medical emergency, or burglary. The Night Out provided a venue for residents and officers to interact in an environment free of the stress of an emergency situation.



Thanks to all those who participated. We look forward to doing this again next year.



**CANYON FIRES**

Spanish Fork Fire and EMS crews have been providing fire suppression, hydration, and nutrition support to those fighting the fires up Spanish Fork Canyon. With the help of representatives from Hydro (formerly SAPA) and residents, our crews were able to deliver much needed supplies to crews fighting the fires.



**HOSPITAL GROUNDBREAKING**

IHC broke ground on the new Spanish Fork Hospital on August 13. Mayor Leifson spoke at the proceedings and even participated in the unique ground-breaking, which was done by horse-drawn plows. Construction on the four-story hospital and three-story medical office building is expected to be completed by Fall 2020.



**LIBRARIES ROCK!**

On September 4, we will begin offering some of our fantastic programs including: Mother Goose Time, Music & Movement, Preschool Pals, ABC KIDS, Bouncing Babies, Curious Kids, Coding Class, Book Club for Mothers and Daughter, and Boyz'n Bookz. To find out the schedule and more information about these programs, please visit [www.spanishfork.org/library](http://www.spanishfork.org/library).

September is library card sign-up month. A Spanish Fork library card gives you access to our wonderful selections of books and movies, and you also get access to audio books, e-books, and movies with OneClickdigital and Overdrive from Utah's Pioneer Library. A card is free of charge to residents of Spanish Fork. Also, if you have lost your library card, you can get a free replacement this month! Come to the library today to sign up for a library card!

**Parenting the Love and Logic Way** Tuesday September 4 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a free four-session course that teaches parents how to raise responsible children and enjoy parenting. Refreshments provided. Please register to attend at [HealthyRelationshipsUtah.org](http://HealthyRelationshipsUtah.org). Subsequent sessions will be on September 11, 18, and 25 at 6:00 p.m.

**Crochet Class** Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Do you want to learn how to crochet? Do you have a project to work on and want to visit with others? This class is for you!

**Living Well with Chronic Conditions** Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.. The Utah County Health Department is offering a free presentation about living well with chronic conditions. Refreshments will be provided. Register for classes at [livingwell.utah.gov](http://livingwell.utah.gov).



**FARMER'S MARKET**

Every Saturday  
July 28—Oct 27  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Center Street in Spanish Fork



*Presented by the Chamber of Commerce*  
(801) 798-8352

**CONTACT US**

Send Questions or Comments for  
the Mayor & City Council to:  
Spanish Fork City Attn: Dear Mayor  
40 South Main, Spanish Fork, UT 84660



## NOTICE TO SPANISH FORK CITY UTILITY CUSTOMERS

State law requires that the City provide an annual disclosure on funds transferred from a utility enterprise fund to any other fund. The City has budgeted a set percentage transfer from each of the Utility Enterprise Funds to the General Fund. The City of Spanish Fork has budgeted for the transfer of 3.5% of each utility's revenues from the utility's retail rate to the general fund as a dividend to Spanish Fork taxpayers. This dividend is the result of the taxpayers' investment in the City's utility infrastructure. These Funds are used each year to help cover costs of important city services like police, fire, library, senior center, parks and recreation, and other city functions. The utility transfer helps keep property taxes low in Spanish Fork. If City utility services were provided by private utility vendors, these dividends would instead be paid to the private investor-owners. Because Spanish Fork taxpayers are the investor-owners, these dividends are used to offset what otherwise would be a significant increase in property tax rates. These transfers are of funds which cannot be defined as reasonable allocation of costs between funds. These amounts will not be repaid.

The amount of the transfers is as follows:	Dollar Amount	% of Expenditures
From the Water Fund to the General Fund.....	\$194,063 .....	2.23%
From the Sewer Fund to the General Fund .....	\$136,362 .....	1.86%
From the Electric Fund to the General Fund .....	\$863,340 .....	3.19%
From the Storm Drainage Fund to the General Fund....	\$77,965 .....	1.23%
From the Solid Waste Fund to the General Fund .....	\$ 69,364 .....	3.31%
From the Broadband Fund to the General Fund .....	\$190,801 .....	2.42%

Spanish Fork City also has a debt obligation that the Electric Fund is making payments on. The Funds are to pay for the Police / Court Building. This transfer is for funds which cannot be defined as reasonable allocation of costs between funds. This amount will not be repaid.

The amount of the transfer is as follows:		
From the Electric Fund to the Debt Service Fund .....	\$ 671,997 .....	2.48%

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 regarding these transfers. On Tuesday, August 7, the transfers from the enterprise funds were approved for the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019.

Thank you for your support and involvement as a customer of Spanish Fork's utilities.