

American Fork

city scoop

CITY ASKS FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON MAIN STREET VISION AND UPGRADES

The City of American Fork, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), is currently evaluating options to enhance Main Street from 200 East to 200 West.

On Oct. 21, the City will hold a public open house from 6 to 8 p.m., at the American Fork Senior Center, 54 E. Main Street to get citizen input. All residents are encouraged to attend.

“We want Main Street to be a place that is pedestrian and cyclist friendly, with year-round activities for families to enjoy,” said Craig Whitehead, City Administrator.

“For the past two months, we have worked closely with area business representatives, our Beautification Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, City staff, the City Council, UDOT and MAG to develop a concept of what Main Street could become. Some of the things we hope to add are things like a splash pad in Robinson Park, new shops and additional restaurants.”

This is the next phase of a plan originally developed several years ago. This study includes recommended street lighting updates, plantings at intersections and other stylistic features.

“Transforming Main Street will take time, but we believe this plan will balance traffic on US-89 while creating an inviting downtown, said Adam Olsen, City Planner. “And we want to hear from as many residents as possible.”

The study and proposed budget are scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving. For updates, go to www.afcity.org or follow the City’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AmericanForkAFC) or Twitter (@AmericanForkAFC).

EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCT. 10

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3 with polls opening from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Candidates on the ballot are as follows:

Council member
(three positions open)
Robert Shelton
Allen Simpson
Brad Frost
Kevin J. Barnes

Early Voting will begin on Oct. 20, 2015 at the American Fork Library. The schedule is as follows:

10/20 - 10/23
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

10/27 - 10/29
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

10/30 - Noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.afcity.org or www.vote.utah.gov.

WEBSITE STARTS LIVE STREAMING

A few months ago, the City's web site, www.afcity.org, was upgraded. It now features:

- Online bill pay;
- Calendar of events (some sections allow you to make reservations at City facilities);
- A module that allows you to sign up to receive e-mail notifications of jobs, City meetings and events;
- A "Report a Concern" that allows you to make help requests online, rather than calling; and
- Current events and election information (such as the Mayor's recent address on how American Fork is not among the highest-taxed cities).

And starting Oct. 13, residents will be able to watch live streaming City Council meetings. The link to the meeting will be on the home page under "live streaming."

Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS

needs volunteers for one hour, once a week. Volunteers must use their own vehicles to deliver lunchtime meals to homebound seniors.

For information, visit www.mountainland.org or call (801) 229-3821.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCT. 5 THROUGH 9

National Fire Prevention week is Oct. 5 through 9.

"National Fire Prevention Week started back in 1871 after the great Chicago Fire," said Fire Chief Kriss Garcia. "That event, which took place the first week of October, left 100,000 homeless and 17,400 structures destroyed."

According to Garcia, since then the country has come together in a unified effort to promote fire prevention awareness that week.

Some events include:

- Tuesday, Oct. 6 – VIP media tour of the Fire Department (call for an appointment)
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Public Open House, Fire Station, 96 N. Center St., 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 8 – Winners of the Elementary school coloring contest are announced.

For information, to get a smoke detector, or to schedule a tour or event for your family or civic group, contact, (801) 763-3045.

SPORTS REGISTRATION: REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON FOR FALL

Youth Basketball

Deadline is Nov. 12

for 3rd through 12th grade

Resident Cost

1st and 2nd Grade: \$30

3rd and 4th Grade: \$40

5th and 6th Grade: \$50

7th through 12th Grade: \$75

Non-Residents pay an additional \$20

Men's Basketball

Registration is open through Nov. 6 or until full.

Men's 5 vs 5 basketball

Monday Evenings

Games at AF High School

Fee: \$675

League consists of 10 season games followed by a season ending tournament.

Skiing/Snowboarding Lessons

Deadline is Jan. 1, 2016

Cost (Transportation and Lessons) is \$215 at Brighton Ski Resort, Night Lesson, on four Saturdays: Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Boys and Girls ages 10 and up. Includes charter bus, two-hour ski or snowboard lesson, and all night lift pass for each night. Bus leaves at 2:15 p.m., lessons are from 4:30-6:30 p.m., returning around 10 p.m.

Average of eight students per class based on skill level (all skill levels welcome).

Equipment rentals and food are not included. Helmets are strongly recommended.

MAIN STREET *BOO-SINNESSES* CATCH THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

It's Autumn, and there's magic in the air. Trees are turning colors, kids are deciding on the costumes, and decorations are adorning porches.

Downtown, you will notice something different this year. Main Street businesses can compete to see who can make the most original scarecrow display. Prizes will be awarded.

And don't forget to Main Street Trunk or Treat, sponsored by Doug Smith and the American Fork Chamber of Commerce. This

year it will be on Friday, Oct. 30, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., instead of on Halloween (Saturday) to give businesses that close on the weekends the chance to participate.

On that day, the Farmer's Market at Robinson Park (from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) will also have holiday events and entertainment.

Businesses that want to participate should contact Kristin Page, American Fork Chamber Director, at chamber@afcity.net or call (801) 756-5110.

CONSTRUCTION CLOSURES AND DISRUPTIONS

Several road closures are scheduled near 900 W. during the coming weeks to accommodate construction activities and paving.

920 North: closed at 900 West intersection on Wednesday, Sept. 30, and Thursday, Oct. 1; also closed from Monday, Oct. 5, to Friday, Oct. 9

980 North: closed at 900 West intersection from Monday, Oct. 5, to Friday, Oct. 9.

900 West: street closed from 700 North to 1120 North on Monday, Oct. 12, Tuesday, Oct. 13, and

Wednesday, Oct. 14 for final paving and striping.

Contact the project team with any questions or concerns at (801) 980-0199 or 900west@afcity.net

*Please note that all construction is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

For daily and weekly road closures, and construction updates, follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/AmericanForkAFC) or Twitter (@AmericanForkAFC).

CONTEST ENTRIES DUE OCT. 17

The Mary Kawakami Scholarship, *America Our County* Speech Contest entries are due Oct. 17. The contest is open to junior and senior high students in North Utah County.

Contestants must give an original speech, and they may not have won first place in any speech contests during the past 12 months.

Speeches must be two to three minutes, and will be judged on content, presentation, creativity, grammar and timing.

Winners must present the speech at the awards ceremony. First and second place winners must also present at the City's Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Send entries to: Janice Mayne, c/o Jaime Ward, 5861 Victoria Ln., Highland, UT 84003.

Speech Contest
Oct. 24, 9 a.m.
AF City Hall

Awards Ceremony
Nov. 7, 11 a.m.
Library Rotunda

Veteran's Day - Nov. 11,
11 a.m.
AF Tabernacle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Event	Location	Details
Oct. 1, 7 p.m.	Teen Thing, for ages 11-16	American Fork Library, 64 S. 100 E., Gardner Community Room	Get spookily creative making Halloween-altered books.
Oct. 7, noon to 1 p.m.	Meet the Candidates, Chamber of Commerce luncheon	American Fork Hospital Conference Room, 170 N. 1100 E.	All business owners are invited. Chamber members are \$15, others are \$20.
Oct. 12, due by 9 p.m.	Scary Story Contest sponsored by the American Fork Friends of the Library	American Fork Library, 64 S. 100 E.	For information, go to www.afcity.org/library .
Oct. 15, 7 p.m.	Create! Cooking Class	American Fork Library, 64 S. 100 E., Gardner Community Room	This month's class is on Autumn soups.
Oct. 22, 4 p.m.	Full STEAM Ahead (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)	American Fork Library	Monthly online registration is required at www.afcity.org/library . This class will be "Spy Science."
Oct. 2, 9, 16 23 and 30	Happy Valley Farmers Market	Robinson Park	Come enjoy fresh produce, crafters, entertainment and family activities.
Oct. 24, 8 to 10:30 a.m.	Meet the Candidates, free Pancake Breakfast	American Fork Hospital Conference Room, 170 N. 1100 E.	John Dougall, Utah State Auditor will be the mediator for this event.
Oct. 21 and 28, 4 p.m to 5:45 p.m.	Expecially for Teens	Historic City Hall	
Oct. 24 and 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Adult Watercolor Class	Historic City Hall	Picture Perfect Landscapes
Nov. 2, 7 p.m.	American Fork Symphony Autumn Concert, "Classical Masterpieces"	American Fork High School	Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3 to 18, and \$15 for a family.
Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Caregiving Conference and lunch	Orem Friendship Center, 93 N. 400 E., Orem.	The topic is Alzheimers. Register via (801) 224-3804. or e-mail to carepartners@mountainland.org by Nov. 4.

