American Fork City is looking into building another fire station to better serve residents and businesses, while still lowering the city’s debt. It would help protect key facilities like the Utah State Developmental Center, the Mount Timpanogos Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the American Fork Hospital.

This fire station would also include a small section to allow training, staging, and practice for the city’s police department.

**WHY THIS IS NEEDED?**
In light of the rapid growth in our city, American Fork hired Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) to evaluate our current and future fire and rescue needs to ensure we continue to provide adequate public safety coverage for our residents. They looked at staffing levels, call volume, and response times and recommended that our city build a new fire station immediately to maintain the necessary service levels for our community. The study determined that our current station can cover about 70% of our community within the nationally recommended four- to six-minute response time. But with the growth that has occurred since the study was done, that percent will likely decrease unless we build another fire station.

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**MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY**
The 4th annual Member Appreciation Day for members of the fitness center will be on Monday, Aug 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Please come and enjoy games, raffles, prizes, bounce houses, and obstacle course, swimming, and a barbecue! Barbecue starts at 6 p.m. and is first come first serve.

For questions call 801.763.3080 or visit afcity.org/fitness.

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**CONTACTS**

**OFFICE NUMBERS**
- ADMINISTRATION 801-763-3000
- PUBLIC WORKS 801-763-3060
- LIBRARY 801-763-3070
- FITNESS CENTER 801-763-3080
- SENIOR CENTER 801-763-3090

**NON-EMERGENCY**
- POLICE 801-763-3020
- FIRE & RESCUE 801-763-3045

**ON-CALL/AFTER-HOUR NUMBERS**
- WATER/PRESSURIZED 801-404-1253
- SEWER/STORM DRAIN 801-404-7167
- STREETS 801-404-1255
- GARBAGE 801-924-8500
- STREET LIGHTS 800-814-4311
- PARKS 801-404-1257

You can also report a concern on the City website www.afcity.org
Office (ISO) rating, which is used to determine how safe a city is. ISO ratings are 1-10 and, like golf, the lower the score the better. Currently American Fork has an ISO rating of 2, which puts us in the top 1% of the State. Without another station to maintain our fire suppression coverage we risk slipping in our ISO rating, which would affect how much people pay for insurance in our area.

Another reason American Fork City is considering a section station is to manage heavy call volume. American Fork’s current fire station, Station 51, is the busiest in Utah County. In 2018 AF firefighters handled 3,182 calls. The next highest station in northern Utah county has less than half the calls of our station. A new fire station increases effectiveness by reducing the chance of our firefighters being busy when another call comes in.

**HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?**
The estimated cost for another fire station is about $7.5 million, which can be covered without increasing our city’s debt payments. The city considers this the best time to build a station because we will soon be retiring the debt payments for our current fire and police stations. With the current debt retiring and the addition of a new fire station, the city expects an estimated net decrease of $500,000 to our annual debt payments.

The city would pay for this using a General Obligation (GO) Bond. This bond, considered the least expensive method for funding municipal projects, requires voter approval.

**WHERE WILL FS 52 BE LOCATED?**
ESCI and the City are looking at placing the fire station in the northeast part of the city, near the State’s Developmental Center. This is strategic for a number of reasons. First, higher elevation allows for faster response times. Ambulances and fire trucks are big and heavy and can travel more quickly downhill then uphill. Second, this location will leverage the soon-to-be-added Murdock Connector, allowing the equipment and personnel from FS 52 to reach the northwest part of town within the recommended four- to six-minutes, currently not possible with our existing fire station. Third, this location allows the city to provide better coverage to several facilities service most frequently by our firefighters, including the State Developmental Center, the Mt. Timpanogos Temple, and the AF Hospital.

**WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?**
American Fork City’s Mayor and City Council have been discussing this for some time, beginning with ESCI’s presentation back in 2017 and agree that this is an important need for our city. As such this General Obligation Bond will be on the next ballot for you, the resident, to vote on. Ballots will be mailed out to registered voters starting Oct 15 in preparation for the Nov 5 election. If you have not already done so, please register to vote at vote.utah.gov. If the bond passes, the city plans to begin construction Jan 1, 2020 (weather permitting) and complete construction by January of 2021.
UPSTART

UPSTART is a free, technology-delivered kindergarten readiness program that will give your child a fun start in reading, math, and science (with a focus on reading) in just 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week. UPSTART has been proven effective and has been used by thousands of families across Utah.

This program has been available to for some time in American Fork through the Waterford group. To learn more, or to pre-register, please call 1-800-669-4533 or visit www.waterfordupstart.org.

TALK SHOP WITH A COP

In today’s technology-driven world, it is important to understand that our cell phone and online communications can have a significant impact on others, and are therefore regulated by law.

Electronic communication harassment encompasses a variety of negative communications, and includes the following: making repeated contact by means of electronic communication with the intent to intimidate, threaten, harass, or frighten regardless of whether a conversation ensues; using electronic communication to taunt the recipient in a manner likely to provoke a violent or disorderly response; using an electronic communication to threaten injury or damage to a person or property; and posting personal identifying information of another person on a public online site without their consent with the intent to threaten or disrupt the other person’s electronic communication.

To avoid violating the electronic communications law, an individual should be careful when sending texts, e-mails, etc., especially when upset or angry. When a spouse or cohabitant is involved in the communication, the domestic violence laws also apply. If you have been a victim of this type of communication, please contact us.

You are encouraged to contact the police department if you have any questions; e-mails may be sent to policetalkshop@afcity.net. Depending on the number and type of questions received, your question may be answered via the city newsletter, e-mail or phone call.

TUTORING

The Bryan McKay Eddington Learning Center will reopen for the school year on Wed, August 21st. The center is open Mon through Thur from 3 to 6 p.m. We have drop in tutoring for students K-12 in our Homework Help Room, or students can schedule to read with a tutor each day, get help with math, English, or other subjects. We also have scheduled tutoring times for students who need one on one with reading.

As always this is a free service to the community. Please call 801-492-3593 to schedule a tutoring time.

The Utah County Fair will be taking place Aug 14—17 at the Spanish Fork Fair Grounds and will include bull fighting, monster trucks, and a demolition derby. Visit www.utahcountyfair.org for a complete list of events and to purchase tickets.
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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<td>Summer Reading Pool Party</td>
<td>American Fork Fitness Center</td>
<td>Close out the summer reading program with a pool party!</td>
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<td>Adult Craft Class</td>
<td>American Fork Library</td>
<td>Make decorative bottles. Contact Library for details.</td>
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<td>Aug 6, 6 p.m.</td>
<td>Night Out Against Crime</td>
<td>Robinson Park</td>
<td>Visit with our PD and see learn what they do, look at equipment, and dunk an officer</td>
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<td>Food. Fun, &amp; Reading</td>
<td>American Fork Library</td>
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<td>Monday Movie Night</td>
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**City Council** meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Details about these, and other city and community events, are also listed on [www.afcity.org](http://www.afcity.org), Twitter and Facebook.