The Library is getting new carpet!

Since the current Library building opened in April 2000 we’ve had over 3 million visitors! Our carpet is showing the wear and tear of that many visitors and it’s time for some of it to be replaced.

For the safety of all our visitors, the Library will be closed November 11-30

- No items will be due during the closure
- The outside book drops will be open to return items
- OverDrive/Libby will be available as usual
- Library email will be monitored for questions
During the winter months, we tend to spend more time at home with our family and loved ones. AF Fire wants to make sure you are safe in your homes during winter by following these tips.

**HAVE YOUR FURNACE CHECKED**
We recommend hiring a professional to come and inspect your furnace annually. It is always better to know when something is not working properly than to have it abruptly break down in those cold winter months when you need heat the most.

**CHECK YOUR CHIMNEYS AND VENTS**
Fireplaces produce creosote, which builds up over time and has the capability of igniting. If your family uses a fireplace often, you most likely need an annual chimney inspection to make sure there are no hazards capable of starting a fire. When burning wood, use dry seasoned wood, which produces more flame and less smoke.

**BEWARE OF CANDLES**
Although candles can smell great and be relaxing, they can be easily knocked over by kids or pets. Only light candles when you are alert and able to watch them, blowing them out whenever you intend to leave the room.

**SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS**
You always want to double check that your smoke detector batteries are fresh and will last you through the winter. Always place smoke alarms in the kitchen, bedrooms, and the laundry room. It’s also best practice to have a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home.

**BEWARE OF SPACE HEATERS**
These devices require a good amount of space to be used without creating any fire hazards. Just like fireplaces, children and pets should not sit closer than three feet in front of a space heater. Avoid placing heaters near curtains, tablecloths or flapping fabrics. Always make sure your space heater has an automatic shut off switch, which forces the heater to shut-off as soon as it reaches a dangerously high heat level.

American Fork Fire & Rescue wants to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. If you have any questions regarding winter fire safety related items you can contact us at 801-763-3045.

**EVENTS FOR SENIORS**
The American Fork Senior Center will be holding their annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 7 at noon. The dinner will be at the American Fork High School. The event will be $5 per person, paid at the door. Please also bring your membership card.

Also in December the Senior Center will go on their annual Christmas lights tour where they will visit the Salem pond and Spanish Fork Christmas lights. The event will begin at on Wed, Dec 11, at 4 p.m. with dinner at the Cracker Barrel followed by the light tour.

Those interested in attending an event are encouraged to sign up at the center. For questions call the Senior Center at 801-763-3090.

Talk Shop with A Cop

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Domestic violence can affect individuals from all walks of life, genders, races, education levels and economic statuses. Utah’s Cohabitant Abuse Act is designed to protect anyone who is abused or targeted by a spouse, former spouse, anyone related by blood or marriage, anyone who has a child in common, and anyone who resides or has resided in the same residence.

Domestic violence is a real issue, even in our community. Officers are frequently called to instances ranging from a verbal argument to assaults and aggravated crimes against an individual. Domestic violence may include protective order violations, stalking, and other crimes. AF police has a detective who specializes in domestic violence and a victim advocate that can offer access to available resources and help victims understand the court process. You do not have to wait until you are a victim of domestic violence to contact our team to discuss your circumstances.

The American Fork Police Department has partnered with Utah Valley University to develop a series of videos that can be watched in the privacy of an individual’s home or at other locations. These videos are found on the city and police social media sites and on the police department’s page at afcity.org. If you need assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact the department.

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.
American Fork City strives to provide timely, efficient and cost effective snow and ice removal. Each storm or weather event produces different variables that affect how we respond with our snow removal equipment. We work hard to clear snow, but it is not the policy of American Fork City to maintain bare pavement on City streets. City code Chapter 10.36 of the city code discusses parking regulations for purposes of snow removal.

**PARKING ON THE STREET**
In accordance with City ordinance, no parking is permitted on City streets from Nov. 1 to March 31, when a measurable amount of snow has fallen and the street has not been plowed since the snowfall. This includes state owned roads through town, such as 100 E. (Alpine Highway) and State St. On those snowy days, citations will be issued for vehicles and/or trailers that remain parked within the right-of-way during these months. (Ordinance No. 93-10-30). Additionally, Utah Code 41-6a-1408 is in effect year round and specifies that a car, truck, trailer, boat, RV or other vehicle cannot be left upon a roadway in excess of 48 hours. It also specifies that a vehicle cannot be left on private property in excess of seven days without the permission of the owner.

**PLOWING PRIORITY**
Street plowing priority is based on the roads classification and usage intensity. Those streets identified as primary such as arterial and collector roads, and deemed to be in the minimum network needed to provide basic transportation for public safety, schools, or steep grades will receive priority. These streets will be plowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, when weather conditions warrant, or if there is three inches or more snow accumulation. After major storms, when conditions have moderated, and when Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets have been cleared, street personnel will clear cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets as soon as possible. Please note that there are certain streets in the City which are private roadways, or are owned and maintained by UDOT that are not plowed by City personnel.

**PLOWING STREETS CURB-TO-CURB**
In order to facilitate multi-lane traffic, it is the practice of the City to plow the widest section of the road possible on Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets. Those streets identified as Priority 3 and Priority 4 will be maintained with one travel lane in each direction. This work requires a number of passes by the plows which create a windrow that can become a problem in blocking driveways and mailbox locations. Residents are encouraged, when possible, to wait until the snow plows have completed their work before clearing driveways and mailbox access. This will minimize the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway should additional plowing be required. Please be aware that it is in violation of City ordinance to deposit snow or ice onto a sidewalk or vehicle travel lane. A map with plowing priorities is online.

**USAGE OF SALT ON ROADWAYS**
Salt is used only at intersections, on hills, in school zones or limited areas where it is deemed necessary. Temperature, storm duration and intensity affect the effectiveness of the salt and the ability of snow plows to clear streets. When temperatures dip below 19 degrees, salt becomes ineffective in melting snow and ice. It is not economically feasible to salt all streets as a routine practice.

**SUBDIVISIONS AND CUL-DE-SACS**
In subdivisions and cul-de-sacs, our plows focus on keeping one travel lane in each direction passable.

**FIRE HYDRANTS**
The Fire and Rescue Department has asked that you help keep fire hydrants clear of snow so they are viewable and useable.

**IN SUMMARY**
Our street department personnel work hard to keep you safe as they clear snow from the 120 miles of road within our City. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work together within this great community of ours. To read our entire Snow Removal Ordinance, and additional related details, please visit [http://afcity.org/268/Snow-Removal-Guide](http://afcity.org/268/Snow-Removal-Guide). You can also call 801-763-3050.

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**FALL REC PROGRAMS**

**YOUTH BASKETBALL**
Registration Deadline: November 13. Registration will be limited and may fill prior to the deadline for 10-12th grade. Check out our basketball webpage for dates, team formation, and other information. [afcity.org/recreation](http://afcity.org/recreation).

**SKI/SNOWBOARD NIGHT LESSONS**
Registration Deadline: December 27. Program will be held on Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 at Brighton Ski Resort. Includes bus transportation, 2 hour lesson for all levels, and night lift pass for each night. [afcity.org/recreation](http://afcity.org/recreation).

**NOW HIRING**
LIFEGUARDS
Apply at afcity.org or check out the fitness center Facebook page.
# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**City Council** meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays for 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.