Every year the Mayor delivers a State of the City address to the Chamber of Commerce and the public. This address is an opportunity to report on the previous year’s successes and what lies ahead for the city. This year Mayor Frost discussed the successes the city enjoyed in 2019 as well as how American Fork City is readying itself for growth in the future. Highlights from this year’s State of the City included:

**A record year for growth.** AF experienced unprecedented growth in 2019 issuing a record 795 building permits which highlights the need for smart infrastructure decisions moving forward.

**Partnerships that make a difference.** Alpine School District has continued fostering healthy, educated, and well-rounded kids through programs like with Shine Alpine and AWARE which help promote mental health and wellbeing to our youth. And with our partnership with our Communities that Care program we are collaborating like never before. Through partnerships like these, AF and ASD are sharing taxpayer resources.

**Readying the Physical Space of our Community.** AF City is currently securing the location for our second fire station. In 2019 the fire station was deemed the ‘the busiest fire station in Utah County’ highlighting the need for the addition station. Other activities include getting ready for growth in the T.O.D area and planning for a public transit circulator that will carry people between the FrontRunner Station and business districts.

**Readying the Infrastructure of our Community.** Plans to update or replace water lines are underway as well as needed roadwork. AF is also continuing to explore the next steps in delivering Fiber to the community.

Visit afcity.org to read the whole address, or watch Mayor Frost deliver it to the American Fork Chamber of Commerce.
President’s Day is on Monday, Feb 17, 2020. It was first Washington's Birthday but was expanded to celebrate all the many great presidents of our past. It was later moved from the Washington’s specific birthday (Feb 22) to the third Monday in Feb as part of the federal holiday act in 1968.

In observance of this holiday all city offices will be closed. But recycling pick up is still scheduled by Republic Services for that Monday, Feb 17.

We’d like to tell you about a new project being implemented in our city called Communities That Care. It's a coalition that is working to prevent youth problems here in American Fork, like drug and alcohol use, suicide, delinquency, etc. CTC helps strengthen communities, families, and the school system, so that we all can do an even better job raising our children and keep them out of trouble. It’s also been proven that youth who come from communities who implement this project are 33% less likely to initiate cigarette use, 32% less likely to initiate alcohol use, and 25% less likely to initiate delinquent behavior. It’s fully supported by Mayor Frost and Police Chief Falslev. We’re really excited about implementing CTC in our own community and are looking for people who would like to be involved and make a difference in the lives of our youth. The time commitment is 1-2 hours a month. If you’d like more information about how you can be involved, e-mail our CTC Coordinator, Ashleigh Nye, at ANye@afcity.net.

One resource that the department provides to the community that many people are not aware of is our Victim Advocate Division. The Victim Advocate’s primary responsibility is to help victims of domestic violence through the court system, obtain protective orders, and provide other resources. An advocate can help obtain counseling and resources for victims of violent crime, sexual assault and child abuse (sexual and physical). The advocate can help a victim obtain reimbursement from Utah Crime Victim Reparations for those who qualify under the statute. One of our advocates has also created a program for victims of identity theft and to help educate members of the community. This has led to a reduction in the number of cases this year in identity theft cases.

The American Fork Police Department currently has one full-time and one part-time victim advocate. We also have several volunteer advocates that have been with the department for several years. In 2020 they helped 682 crime victims, 263 victims of domestic violence, and over 90 child abuse victims. They helped provide a total of 4,106 total victim services and assistance in 2020. The advocates work closely with our prosecuting attorneys and our domestic violence detective. If you have any questions that you feel the advocates can help you with, please contact the police department during normal business hours.

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 Cemetery will begin its winter/holiday clean-up the first week of April. Families will need to remove all decorations from the cemetery before this time, especially any decorations which are placed in the grass area around headstones. Anything remaining during the cleaning will be discarded by cemetery employees. No glass, wire or shepherd hooks are allowed and will be discarded. Thank you for your help.

For more details visit, afcity.org/176/cemetery. For questions call the Cemetery offices at 801-763-3095.
FREE TUTORING

BRYAN McKay EDDINGTON LEARNING CENTER

Need homework help for your student? The Bryan McKay Eddington Learning Center in the American Fork library provides free tutoring for students needing help in reading, math, English and other subjects.

The Center is located in the basement of the AF Library at 64 S. 100 E. It is open Monday—Thursday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. For questions call 801-492-3593.

TAX PREP

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be offering free in-person tax preparation services to seniors in our community on Feb 4, 11, 18, and 25 at the American Fork Senior Center, 54 E Main St. This will be available during center hours, Mon—Fri, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call center for appointments. 801-763-3090.

Additionally, non seniors who qualify can also get help through the VITA program sponsored by United Way. To schedule an appointment visit utahtaxhelp.org.

KNOW THE CODE: Inattentive Driving

Title 10 of our Municipal Code deals with vehicles and traffic. Section 10.04.080 is titled “inattentive driving” and outlines what that means and how it’s enforced.

“A person is guilty of inattentive driving if, while operating a motor vehicle on the streets of American Fork City, that person commits a moving violation (punishable under state law and/or local ordinance) while driving in an inattentive manner.”

In the code “inattentive driving” is classified as driving in a way that evidences a lack of that degree of attentiveness required to safely operate the vehicle” in the current conditions.

The code then offers the following examples of inattentive riving, though it makes it clear these are not the only classifications of inattentive driving:

1. The use or operation of cell phones of electronic devices;
2. The use or operation of computers (including but not limited to laptops, hand-held computers, and organizers);
3. Manipulating buttons, dials, radios, or other accessories;
4. Reading (maps and other hand-held reading material);
5. Eating and/or drinking;
6. Observation of video displays within the vehicle being operated (including dashboard video displays);
7. Attention to personal hygiene (including but not limited to combing or otherwise viewing hair, brushing teeth, applying makeup and/or mascara, putting drops in eyes);
8. Physically attending to passengers of the driver’s vehicle in nonemergency situations; and
9. Sleeping or dozing while operating the vehicle.

Inattentive driving is a separate offense from a moving violation, but is punishable by a fine up to $100 dollars.

How safe is your home from a fire accident? Get the Home Fire Safety Checklist and find out. American Fork Fire & Rescue has put together this free checklist to help residents in AF understand the potential risks that may be in their home. This check list is available on the city’s website at afcity.org/196/fire-safety-tips, or you can pick one up at the Fire Station at 96 N Center St. Below are some items you may not have considered:

· Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from cooking appliance.
· House number is visible from the street both day and night.
· Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
· Furnace and Chimneys are inspected and cleaned annually or as needed.
· There is a solid door between garage and residence.
· Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces and are within 6 feet of running water.
· Light bulbs are the correct wattage for the light fixture.

FIRE SAFETY
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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, Twitter and Facebook.