

# American Fork city scoop

## NEW YEAR, NEW PORTAL IMPROVES ACCESS TO CITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In an effort to provide a more inclusive and transparent budget, the City of American Fork is pleased to present its Open Budget Portal on its web site, [www.afcity.org](http://www.afcity.org) (under the “Finance” section, or at <https://americanforkut.opengov.com>).

American Fork is one of the first cities in Utah to publicly release its financial data using OpenGov, the website platform/portal that allows residents and staff to have better access to City budgets and actuals.

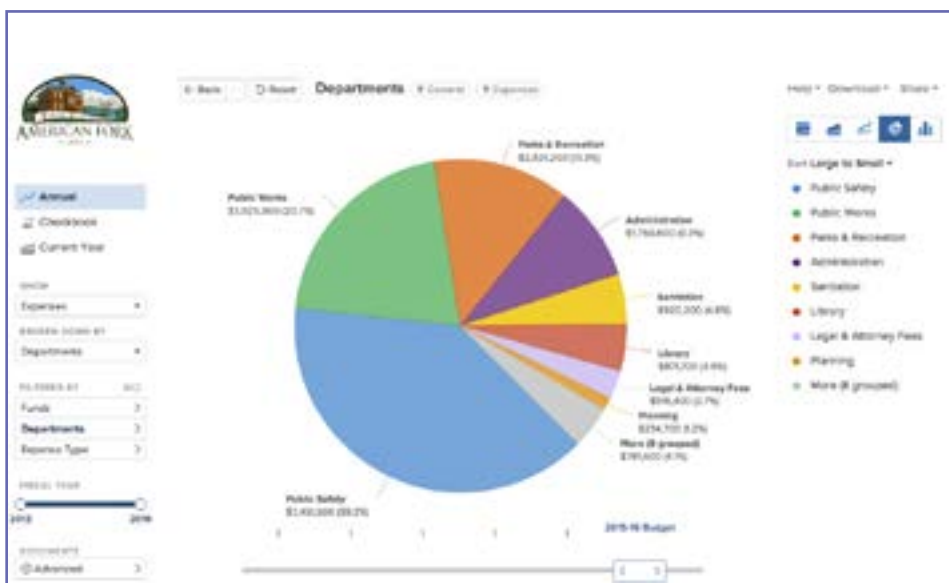
The City partnered with OpenGov to provide the web-based, financial-transparency tool that dynamically presents American Fork revenues and expenses – from multi-year trends to line-item details.

“We hope that this accessibility will strengthen the connection between local government and the community,” said Craig Whitehead, City Manager.

### Getting Started

Go to <https://americanforkut.opengov.com> and try these ideas:

- Explore budgets and historical data in a simple, graphic interface.



Access **OpenGov** at <http://www.afcity.org/152/Finance>, or go to the direct link at <https://americanforkut.opengov.com>.

- Use the “Show” drop-down on the left to select the data that is of most interest to you.
- Use the “Broken Down By” menu select the category from which you want data organized.
- Select the “Filtered By” option to view data filters. These filters allow you to choose exactly the data you want to include or exclude from your graph.
- After selecting “Filtered By,” use the “Search” function within each filter to find what you are looking for. (For example, you can “Filter By” the “Expense Type” and type in “Road” to see

how much the City is spending on road projects.

### Types of Charts Available

There are five different types of visual choices for the data (shown below):



- A stacked percentage graph.
- A stacked line graph.
- A line graph overlaying each trend over time.
- A pie chart to view percentage breakdowns by year.
- A bar chart comparing trends and percentage breakdown.

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## NEW PORTAL

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- Under each OpenGov chart or graph, you can view a table that gives financial detail.

Use the “Help” drop-down in the top right corner to:

- See a “How-To Guide.”
- Go back to the “Welcome Screen.”
- View a “Budget 101” primer with basic information on multi-fund accounting.
- Contact the account administrators via the “Help” drop-down button in the upper right corner, or call the City office for information at (801) 763-3000.

## ANNUAL FITNESS FAIR & PASS SALE

The Annual Fitness Fair and Membership Sale (rates shown to the right) will be Saturday, Jan. 9 for four hours at the American Fork Fitness Center.

During that time, resident/non-resident family memberships will be \$100 off.

We will also be giving out water bottles to the first 200 people attending, plus free balloons, face painting, screenings, massages and body-fat testing.

There will a magician, and prize drawings throughout.

*Note: Fitness Center admission is free all that day.*

## NEW OPENGOV PORTAL Q&A

### Q: What is OpenGov?

A: It is a financial-transparency website that shows government finances over a multi-year period.

### Q: How do I select data?

A: To choose specific data — like a fund, department, expense type, or combination — use the menu on the left-side panel. The “By” menus allow you to specify categories to get to the graphs and table rows you want.

### Q: How do I see the actual numbers within the graph?

A: Hover over any area of the graph to see the actual or budgeted amounts for that period, or scroll down

to see a table with detailed information.

### Q: Can I see the data in a different graph?

A: In the upper-right corner, there are five icons. Select any of these to choose different graph and table formats.

### Q: Can I save data?

A: Yes, there are “Share” and “Download” drop downs in the upper right corner.

### Q: How do I learn more about government accounting?

A: Use the “Help” menu on the top right corner to learn more.

## FITNESS CENTER SALE RATES: JAN. 9, 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. ONLY

	AMERICAN FORK RESIDENT			NON-RESIDENT		
	Regular Price	Sale Price	Savings	Regular Price	Sale Price	Savings
Individual	\$235	<b>\$195</b>	\$40	\$275	<b>\$235</b>	\$40
Student	\$130	<b>\$105</b>	\$25	\$160	<b>\$135</b>	\$25
Couple	\$340	<b>\$265</b>	\$75	\$400	<b>\$325</b>	\$75
Family	\$420	<b>\$320</b>	\$100	\$480	<b>\$380</b>	\$100
Senior Individual	\$130	<b>\$105</b>	\$25	\$160	<b>\$135</b>	\$25
Senior Couple	\$235	<b>\$195</b>	\$40	\$275	<b>\$235</b>	\$40

## DE-CLUTTERING IN THE NEW YEAR CAN ALSO PREVENT FIRE RISK

This time of year many people are starting the New Year with resolutions. They are resolving to get in shape, eat better, maybe take more trips.

Another common resolution is de-cluttering and organizing your home. How many times have you started and then get stuck or give up?

De-cluttering can help with a lot more than you think. Not only does being more organized help you in your day to day life, it can also help you stay safe.

Keeping your house de-cluttered can lower your risk of falls, fires and damaging the structure. With just a few simple things you can reduce your clutter.

Stop the flow of incoming clutter and throw out things you don't use.

Even if you just commit to 15 minutes a day, you can accomplish your resolution of having a clutter free, organized home.

For more information on clutter and fire safety go to: <http://www.afcity.org/190/FireRescue>.

## AVOIDING ROAD RAGE

You can never be too safe when it comes to driver awareness. These days, some drivers can be aggressive and even angry. It's smart to be cautious so tempers do not escalate.

The Police Department recently received a report of an aggressive driver who almost caused a traffic accident by illegally passing a fellow motorist on the left-hand side.

After exchanging vulgar hand gestures, the aggressive driver followed the other motorist until they stopped. The angry driver got out of his vehicle, opened the other driver's door, and screamed profanities for a time before leaving.

According to the American Safety Council, 66 percent of traffic

fatalities are caused by aggressive driving, and over a seven-year period, 218 murders and 12,610 injuries were attributed to road rage.

As you drive, keep in mind that the safety of you, your passengers and others out on the road is of the utmost importance.

Do not to respond to aggression directed at you, and refrain from escalating situations with verbal threats or obscene gestures. Do not pursue the driver, but document the license plate and get a description of the vehicle if you can.

Please call (801) 763-3020 to report dangerous or aggressive drivers, and allow officers to handle the situation.

## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

The City works to provide timely, efficient snow and ice removal. To help us do our job, please remember these five tips:



**1. Avoid Street Parking.** Per City ordinance, parking is NOT permitted on City streets from Nov. 1 to March 31.

**2. Trust us – we will get there.** When there is a significant snowfall quickly, the City prioritizes shoveling according to road classification and usage intensity. (School and business paths are plowed before low-traffic residential, for example.)

**3. Please don't dump snow from your property on City roads and rights-of-way.** City ordinance prohibits snow or ice removed from private property from being deposited in public rights-of-way.

**4. We don't salt everything.** Salt is only used at intersections, on hills, in school zones or other areas deemed necessary. In subdivisions and cul-de-sacs, our plows focus on keeping a travel lane in each direction passable.

**5. We will give you a ticket.** We don't want to do it, but citations will be issued for vehicles that remain parked within the right-of-way, per Ordinance No. 93-10-30.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Event	Location	Details
Jan. 4, noon	Swearing-in of new City Council members	City Hall, 31 N. Church St.	Recently elected City Council members are Kevin Barnes, Brad Frost and Rob Shelton.
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Table Time Art Group	City Hall, 31 N. Church St.	For all art classes, see our on-line <a href="#">Community Calendar</a> under "Visual Arts Board"
Jan. 7, 7 p.m.	Teen Thing, "Learn to Communicate Effectively"	American Fork City Library, Gardner Community Room	For information go to <a href="http://www.afcity.org/library">www.afcity.org/library</a> .
Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Annual Fitness Center Membership Sale	American Fork Fitness Center	See pg. 2 of this newsletter for pricing, or visit <a href="http://www.afcity.org/Fitness-Center">www.afcity.org/Fitness-Center</a> .
Jan. 12, 4 p.m.	Magic Show	American Fork City Library, Gardner Community Room	Presented by the Utah Valley Magic Academy
Jan. 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Board Game Night	American Fork City Library, Gardner Community Room	All ages welcome. Feel free to bring your own games.
Jan. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. & Jan. 21, from 6 to 7 p.m.	Timpanogos Chorale Auditions	Call (801) 874-1455 for a location and to sign up.	For information, go to <a href="http://www.timpanogoschorale.org">www.timpanogoschorale.org</a> .
Jan. 16 & 23, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Discover the World of Watercolor	City Hall, 31 N. Church St.	Art supplies are provided.
Jan 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m. to noon	S'now Time for Art	American Fork Fitness Center, Room No. 3	Children's Art Class
Jan. 21, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Full STEAM Ahead	American Fork City Library	Online registration required at <a href="http://www.afcity.org/library">www.afcity.org/library</a> . Class is for kids ages 8 to 11.
Jan. 21, 7 p.m.	Create! Cooking Class	American Fork City Library, Gardner Community Room	Sponsored by the USU Extension Service.
Jan. 28	One Book, One American Fork, Mistborn Event	American Fork City Library	Learn about metal art and make a pendant. Ages 16 and older, free. Online registration is required.

City Council meetings are held each month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Agendas, information, and City and Community events are listed on our on-line calendar at [www.afcity.org](http://www.afcity.org), or follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

