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* Don’t leave your cooking unattended.

* If using a live Christmas tree, make sure to keep it watered and throw it out after four weeks.

* Inspect decorative lights before plugging them in. Don’t string more than three together. Use clips or hangers rather than staples which can damage the wire.

Making your holidays safer can make them more enjoyable. Following a few safety guidelines will greatly reduce your risk of a fire. Have a safe and happy holiday season this year.


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NEED EXTRA CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
Utah State Treasurer David Damschen, announced that the State of Utah’s Unclaimed Property Division currently safeguards over $35 million in lost or abandoned property from residents and businesses with last known addresses in Utah County. Of that amount, just over $2 million belongs to individuals and addresses within the City of American Fork.

According to the Utah State Treasurers Office, 4,643 last know addresses in American Fork have over $2 million in unclaimed property.

Lost or abandoned property is searchable online at mycash.utah.gov or by calling 801-715-3300. Please check and claim your property today!

“Need a little extra cash this holiday season?” asked Utah State Treasurer Damschen. “We urge you to check mycash.utah.gov or call to see if any of the over $2 million unclaimed property in American Fork is yours and claim it today. Perhaps you moved and forgot you had a utility deposit or overpaid at the eye doctor five years ago. Either way checking to see if you’ve lost property is simple, easy and something everyone should do for themselves, their families and friends - especially this holiday season.”

Along with all states across the nation, Utah adopted the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (1956) – ensuring abandoned or lost property of its citizens is turned over to State government – not kept by companies, employers, service providers and others. Companies with unclaimed properties are required to transfer them each year to state governments.

Examples of unclaimed property include:

- Uncashed payroll checks
- Dormant bank accounts
- Overpaid utility bills
- Forgotten security deposit box contents
- Overpaid Comcast bills
- Utility deposits
- Retirement accounts

If any of these are tied to an old address you no longer use, you could be missing out on cash that belongs to you!

Utah's Unclaimed Property Division currently safeguards a total of $370 million in unclaimed property throughout Utah, with many states across the nation holding higher totals. Lost or abandoned property is searchable online at mycash.utah.gov or by calling 801-715-3300. Examples of such property included uncashed payroll checks, dormant bank accounts, overpaid bills, security deposit box contents and more.

HELPFUL WEBSITE
The 2015 launch of the simplified mycash.utah.gov website and updated marketing campaign fueled a 107 percent increase in Utah’s paid claims volume. The new website makes it easier for residents to search for – and collect – money that might be theirs. In 2015 alone, a record $22.5 million was paid out to owners or descendants of owners who filed claims.

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<td>Provo</td>
<td>$11,632,671</td>
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<td>Orem</td>
<td>$7,850,596</td>
<td>20,425</td>
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<td>American Fork</td>
<td>$2,023,962</td>
<td>4,643</td>
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<td>Pleasant Grove</td>
<td>$1,846,733</td>
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*Not a comprehensive list of all Utah County cities with unclaimed property.
**ANNUAL PASS SALE**

The Fitness Center will be offering a steal of a deal for next year's season passes! On January 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., they will be selling their annual passes for 14% to 23% off. Residents and non-residents can save $100 on a family pass, but their will be discounts on all pass types.

Seniors ages 60+ can purchase their pass for the discounted prices anytime between Nov. 25th and January 14th.

Offer does not include monthly payments or additional discount on sale prices. Contact Fitness Center for more information.

**SKI & SNOWBOARD SCHOOL**

Join the American Fork Recreation Ski or Snowboard Night School to learn a new activity or improve your current skills at Brighton Ski Resort.

**NEW PARKING LOT**

The Fitness Center has completed its new parking lot. This expansion has increased parking by 44 stalls and gives patrons an efficient pick up/drop off lane.

The Fitness Center thanks you for your patience during construction and hopes you enjoy the redesigned parking lot.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE ROTUNDA**

Join the Library for a series of musical Christmas events in their rotunda during the month of December. Visit the Library’s website for more information on these events, as well as many others.

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<td>Young Artist’s Reception for the month-long art show &quot;Songs of the Season&quot;</td>
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<td>Sky Ridge Chamber Choir</td>
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**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

We are holding our membership drive. It’s only $5 to participate.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The annual event will be held at American Fork High School on Saturday, Dec. 3 at noon.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Join us for dinner at the Cracker Barrel, and lights at Salem Pond and Spanish Fork. The cost is $25 per person. We will meet at the Senior Center at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8.

**FITNESS CENTER PASSES**

The Fitness Center will be selling discounted annual passes for seniors ages 60+ anytime between Nov. 25th and January 14th. Discounts include resident or non-resident, individual or couple passes. Contact the Fitness Center for more detail.

Call 801-763-3090 to sign up or get more information.
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<td>Food for Fines</td>
<td>American Fork Library</td>
<td>$1.00 off library fines for each food item. Visit Library website for more information.</td>
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<td>Dec. 1, 6 p.m.</td>
<td>Teen Thing</td>
<td>American Fork Library</td>
<td>Watch <em>Elf</em>, eat pizza and have a white elephant gift exchange. Visit Library website for more information.</td>
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<td>Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m.</td>
<td>Festival of Trees</td>
<td>American Fork High School</td>
<td>Charity Fundraiser. Games, dinner, tree auction, and Santa! See details on the calendar at afcity.org.</td>
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<td>Games &amp; Storytime with Elf. Visit Library website for more information.</td>
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<td>Dec 14, 10 a.m.—12 a.m.</td>
<td>Winter Wonderland Sensory Play Activity</td>
<td>American Fork Library</td>
<td>Children 0-5 &amp; their caregivers are invited to explore a frozen wonderland</td>
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<td>Dec 15, 4 p.m.</td>
<td>Full STEAM Ahead</td>
<td>American Fork Library</td>
<td>Create your own cereal, with a little art and math included. Register online. Visit Library website for more information.</td>
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<td>Dec 15, 7 p.m.</td>
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*City Council* meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays for each month at 7:30 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.