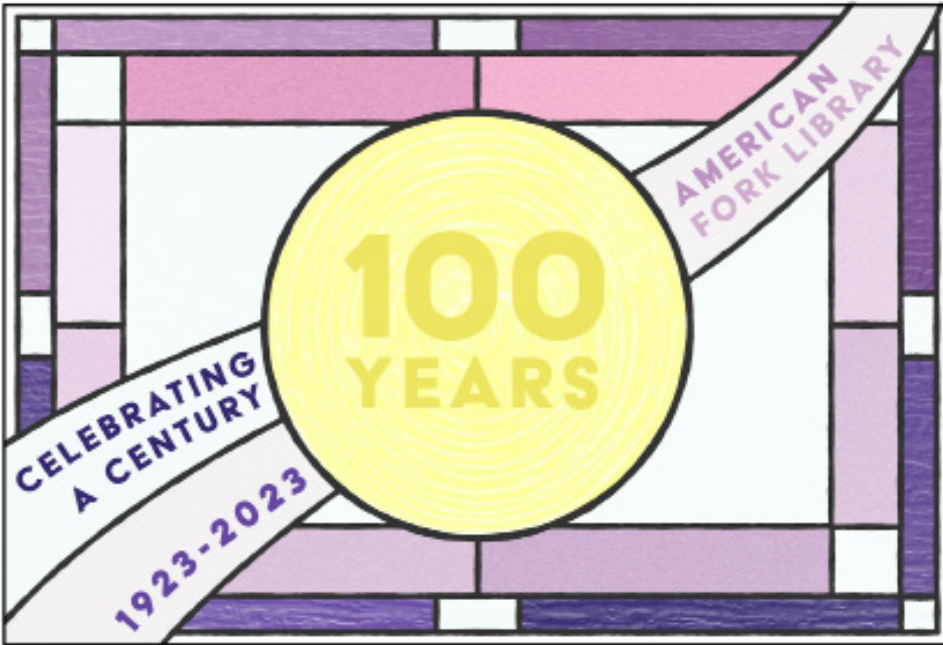


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CELEBRATING A CENTURY With the American Fork Library

By Casandria Crane,
American Fork Library Director

In January 1923, American Fork Library held an open house to dedicate the new library building. This month, we will celebrate that occasion with another open house on January 23 from 6 to 8 pm. We have provided a century of library service to the American Fork community and we look forward to another 100 years!

As we prepare for this event, I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the visionary people who made it possible for American Fork to build a library. Here are just a handful of them:

Andrew Carnegie believed in the power of libraries and his legacy is seen in the thousands of buildings he financed through special library grants. To receive a grant, each town agreed to make the library a free public institution, provide land for the building, and prove they would maintain the library through taxes. 23 Carnegie libraries were built in Utah.

American Fork was the last when it was granted \$10,000 in 1919.

Miss Mary E. Downey visited American Fork in May 1914 in her capacity as Utah State Library Organizer. At that time, there was a petition circulating to apply for a Carnegie Library grant. She spoke at the 2nd ward meetinghouse one Monday evening and her speech convinced the community to apply. An American Fork Citizen reporter described her talk:

No community is educationally complete without a public library. It is the people's college. It fills the gap that now exists in our educational system, offering to both children and parents a chance to continue their education when they are out of school. It reinforces the school, the home, and the church in their efforts to uplift humanity. It is the best kind of substitute for the saloon and the street corner.

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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

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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Celebrating a Century with the Library

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Dr. P.M. Kelly served as Chairman of the Library Board in the 1910's. He showed up at every City Council meeting he could to advocate for the library. He helped gather signatures, find support, apply for the Carnegie grant, and secure land. Dr. Kelly loved books and helped the library director choose titles for the American Fork Library at book sales in

It is a privilege to follow in the footsteps of these forerunners from over a century ago. In 2023, we have 87,078 books on our shelves and 343,000+ downloadable books for check out. Online, a library card allows access to local newspapers, learn a language, watch documentaries, take practice driving tests, interact with animated stories, and more. We offer classes in mental health, English language, writing, computer programming,



Photos showing the progression of the American Fork Library buildings over the years

Salt Lake. He wrote a newspaper article about the history of the library and his pride in being able to contribute to the construction of a library here.

Mrs. Emily Forbes Foster served as American Fork Library Director before, during, and after the completion of the library building. For decades, the Library had consisted of 500+ books that were continually relocated to various homes and schools. Mrs. Foster was instrumental in applying for the grant and establishing the collection in the new Carnegie Library. Under her leadership, the number of library books increased to over 14,000 when she resigned in 1932.

budgeting, gardening, cooking, crafts, yoga, and others. We host concerts, performances, writing conferences, health fairs, and art shows. Library staff programs include storytimes, service clubs, reading challenges, Dungeons & Dragons, suicide prevention, tutoring, karaoke, movie nights, trivia games, book clubs, with more creative ideas to come.

Please join us for our Open House on January 23, 2023, Celebrating a Century to see how the library began and ways we continue the founders' inspiring vision today!

Library Open House
January 23, 2023

FIBER

PRE-REGISTRATION



Pre-registration for the American Fork City Fiber Network is open. Please let us know that you're interested in getting fiber internet at your address by visiting:

americanfork.fibertomycity.com

Pre-registration is for residents and businesses in American Fork City. There is no cost or commitment to pre-register now and no cost to have the fiber internet connection installed during the project construction phase.

When you pre-register for fiber, you indicate your interest in having fiber internet at your location. As the design phase progresses, we'll take those pre-registrations into account when planning the build out locations of the network.

All contact information you provide will be used for fiber network communications only. Learn more about the American Fork fiber network at americanfork.gov/fiber.

What you Need to Know About Snow Removal

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. The following are some reminders about 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.

PLOWING PRIORITY

Street plowing priority is based on the roads classification and usage intensity. Roads that receive top priority are heavily-used arterials and collectors, roads critical to public safety and schools, and roads deemed higher risk roads, like ones with a steep grade.

USAGE OF SALT ON ROADWAYS

Salt is used only at intersections, on hills, in school zones or limited areas where it is deemed necessary.

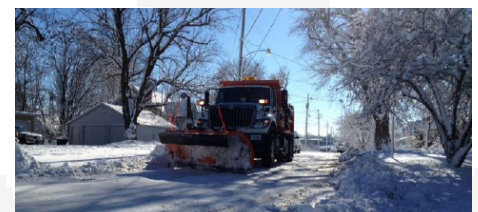
FIRE HYDRANTS

The Fire and Rescue Department has asked

that you help keep fire hydrants clear of snow so they are viewable and useable.

MORE INFORMATION

To view our entire Snow Removal Ordinance as well as the plowing priority map, please visit americanfork.gov/snow.



2023 Garbage & Recycle Calendar



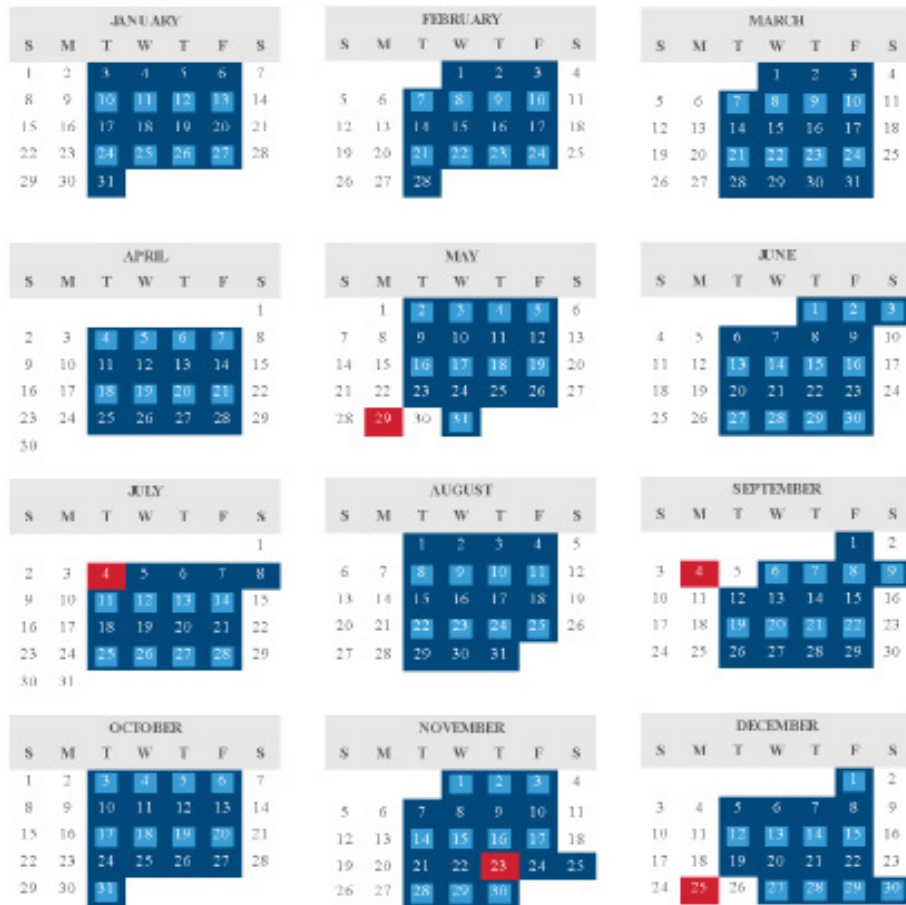
Christmas Tree Dropoff

Republic Services will be offering free dumpster service exclusively for disposing of Christmas trees. The dumpsters will be located at the City's salt dome lot on 236 E 200 N from December 26th through January 10th. The dumpsters will be accessible Monday through Thursday, 7a.m.—6 p.m. Only undecorated, real trees without lights, tinsel, flocking or attached stands will be accepted.



■ Holidays
 ■ Recycling & Waste
 ■ Waste Only

Please visit americanfork.gov/garbage for a printable calendar and zone/route map.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY by Brad Frost

As a mayor I feel it's important our residents have all their basic needs met. Our police and fire operate 24-7 in our community to keep our residents safe. Our engineers and inspectors make sure all homes and businesses built are safe for occupants. Our public works ensure clean water is available for everyone. We make sure residents have a way to remove their trash, sewer, and storm water. These systems are complex with thousands of miles of pipe covered by tons of material in both public and private spaces. Does every aspect of our city work perfectly? Certainly not. But we more than meet standards and continually work to improve. One of the basic utilities we spend the most money on are our roads, which take the greatest beating from use and development than any other service. Like in all cases, it's still a work in progress, and we will continue to make great strides and

improvements.

In addition to the basic infrastructure that builds our physical community, there is also social infrastructure we provide that builds our sense of community. Social infrastructure is something that an entire community enjoys, including children and seniors alike. While these things are not required to keep a city running, they are essential to help unite our community together and foster a feeling of harmony, satisfaction, and improved quality of life. For some, just knowing these events are taking place, even if they don't participate, is enough to give them a sense of community.

As mayor of American Fork, I also feel it's important to be the very best steward of our taxpayer's dollars. Waste is unacceptable and we need to try our hardest to be as efficient and as lean as possible. As someone that sees the day-to-day operations, I feel we are running lean and efficient, with plans to be even better. *Do More with Less* is our proverbial mantra within our City. Of course, that doesn't mean everyone will agree with our spending choices. I can have one resident

tell me we are wasting too much money on a specific service immediately followed by a different resident saying we aren't funding that same service nearly enough. Both think the city is currently making the wrong decision and both have diametrically opposed views on the direction the city should go. Sometimes this can be difficult to manage but it's what we signed up for and we would much rather hear our residents' opinions than not. It's people's input that help us make the best possible decisions for the greatest good.

I meet regularly with our city council, other mayors, and even our state legislatures. We discuss and tackle issues together, always trying to come up with what's best for our respective residents. I ask residents everywhere to also work with these people, know who they are, and understand what they do for you. We are all working together to make this a community. Looking beyond your home at those around you and getting involved in ways to help them is what community, is all about. I hope all residents realize that "community" is more than just an event, but all the basic needs that make that event possible too!

Celebrate Utah's Birthday
history.utah.gov



Utah History Month kicks off on January 4th in honor of Utah's Statehood Day.

JANUARY 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Date & Time	Event & Location	Details
January 2	New Year's Day, observed	City offices closed for the holiday.
January 2-9	Membership Pass Sale - AF Fitness Center	Buy passes in person at the Fitness Center or online at americanfork.gov/fitness .
January 3; 4pm	City Council work session - Administration Building	See the agenda at: americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center .
January 3-31; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, various times	Winter Story Time begins - Library, Children's Activity Room	Preschool Pals: 9:30 & 10:30. Toddler Tales: 10 & 11am. Bouncing Babies: 9:15 & 10am
January 4, 11, 18, 25; 6-8pm	<i>Parenting the Love & Logic Way</i> - Library	Four week session on Wednesdays. Register at healthyrelationshipsutah.org .
January 10	Last day of Christmas tree disposal dumpster - Public Works salt dome lot 236 E 200 N	Free Christmas tree disposal. Real trees with NO decorations are accepted.
January 16	Last day of Senior Membership Pass Sale - AF Fitness Center	Buy passes in person at the Fitness Center or online at americanfork.gov/fitness .
January 17; 4pm	City Council work session- Administration Building	See the agenda at: americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center .
January 19; 7pm	Organization Class - Library Community Room	Learn how to organize like a pro with Vicki Winterton.
January 20; 1:30-3:30pm	Senior Center Membership Fair - Senior Center	2023 membership, displays for classes and groups, Fitness Challenge, upcoming trips.
January 21; 4-6pm	Gen Z Generosity Service Club - Library Teen Zone	Teens 12-18 are invited to make beanies and tie blankets for refugee families.
January 23; 6-8pm	Celebrating a Century Library Open House - Library	Celebrate the past, present, and future of the Library! Giveaways, treats, and entertainment.
January 24; 7pm	City Council Meeting - Historic City Hall	See the agenda at: americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center .

Know What to Throw: Trash & Recycling Simplified

American Fork City contracts with Republic Services for trash and recycling collection. Please follow the guidelines for what can and what cannot be thrown away in the trash and recycling bins.

Items that are too large, too heavy, or not allowed will not be picked up. The City provides three annual dump passes free to residents of properties in American Fork City. These passes allow entrance to North Pointe Solid Waste at 2000 W 200 S, Lindon.



DO

- ✓ Put bins on the street before 7am
- ✓ Put bins on the street within 2 feet of the curb
- ✓ Put bins at least 4 feet away from all other objects
- ✓ Break down cardboard boxes 
- ✓ Call Republic Services at 801-924-8500 if your bin was missed
- ✓ Call American Fork City Utility Department at 801-763-3000 for help with damaged or broken cans or changing the number or type of cans
- ✓ Recycle cardboard, paper, aluminum, steel, plastics #1-7 
- ✓ Clean recyclables before putting in the bin
- ✓ Get a free dump pass for larger items/loads at the Administration Building

DON'T

- ✗ Glass in recycle bin
- ✗ Styrofoam, food waste, green waste, textiles in recycle bin
- ✗ Hazardous waste in either bin
- ✗ Electronics in either bin
- ✗ Large yard waste (like branches, rocks, other heavy and large items)
- ✗ Household trash in the recycling bin
- ✗ Overload either bin
- ✗ Plastic bags and wrappers in recycle bin
- ✗ Put recyclables in containers or bags

