WHEN PUBLIC AND POLICE SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, ALL BENEFIT

By Mayor Brad Frost

A few weeks ago I attended American Fork City’s annual Night Out Against Crime event. Night Out Against Crime is a national event held in towns and cities across America with the purpose of strengthening police-community relations. In American Fork we had residents, businesses, food trucks, and our police all together. There were craft stations, bicycle tracks, a dog show, fun games, and lots of free stuff. We even had a dunk tank where people lined up for an hour to drop me in water. I loved every minute of it!

Our City’s Night Out Against Crime event was loads of fun. But it was also educational. Residents were able to meet our police officers and learn about the tremendous resources they provide to our community. They learned about the equipment police use to stay safe, the technology used to stay ahead of the curve, and the training they undergo to keep everybody protected. It was a wonderful night of learning and bonding.

The Night Out Against Crime events are just one example of how our police department is an integral part of our community. Our police are invested in keeping people safe, not just from crime but from accidents, health issues, and even from loneliness. As officers are typically first on scene, they must be ready for anything. In addition to law enforcement, our police officers sometimes act as medics, counselors, therapists, mentors, and friends. Our officers train to be proficient in many of these roles so they can better serve our community.

Our police department does more than just patrol the streets. American Fork City police

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have a social worker to help with mental health issues, a victim advocate for domestic violence, and resource officers and a Communities That Care coordinator to connect with and help our youth. Our officers understand that police work is no longer one dimensional. Instead, our police have adapted to be the resources that our citizens want and need.

With all that is expected of officers it’s no surprise to hear they are not always perfect. Even if they were, they would still face formidable challenges when making decisions based on imperfect or incomplete information. Many calls to which officers respond are rapidly unfolding where time is of the essence, and they don’t have the luxury to analyze every potential solution, outcome, and subsequent repercussion. Officers are trained to think critically, take in as much of their environment as possible, and make the best decision with the limited information they have.

We want and expect officers to learn from every mistake, big or small. But it’s easy to armchair quarterback people’s actions where hindsight is 20/20. It’s important for society to not just analyze the decisions an officer made, but the conditions in which those decisions were made.

In addition to the immense pressure to keep people safe while not making any mistakes, our officers are also often subjected to the worst society has to offer. Like a sponge they absorb all the bad so that our residents can feel safe and secure. With that sort of work environment people can run the risk of becoming hardened. Yet American Fork’s officers are warm and engaging. That is because there are many times when officers also get to see the best in society - most often when citizens come together in a critical incident to save an individual’s life or to support an officer who is in danger. These moments give me and our officers hope and sustain them through the rougher times. I would also like to acknowledge our officer’s families, who themselves must sacrifice, not knowing on a daily basis where their family member in law enforcement is or what dangers they may be in.

One of my charges as mayor is to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community.

**9/11 National Day of Service**

September 10

Help us unite in acts of kindness and service for the 9/11 National Day of Service on Saturday September 10, 2022.

We encourage you to find some type of service activity you can perform on this day in our community. Whether you get together with neighbors to clean up a park, donate food to a food bank, make a blanket for kids in the hospital, or some other act of kindness that you choose, it is all welcome!

Go to [justserve.org](http://justserve.org) to find service projects happening in American Fork on Sept. 10th. Here are just a few examples of how to get involved:

1. Lions Park Playground Beautification
2. Park and Ride Trash Cleanup
3. Greenwood Park Playground Beautification
4. Easton Park Tree Ring Project
5. Rotary Park Tree Ring Project
6. Rotary Park Playground Woodchips
7. Chipman Park Playground Beautification
8. American Fork Cemetery Cleanup
9. Meadowview Park Playground
10. Legacy Park Tree Ring Project
11. Blood Drive
12. Pretty Princess Sewing Project
13. Stitches and Knots Quilt Project
14. American Fork Jr High Service Project

**AF PHOTO CONTEST**

Show Us What You Love About American Fork

Each Friday on our City FaceBook, Instagram, and Twitter pages, we have been posting a photo that highlights our city in some unique way. Now we want YOU to share what you love about living in American Fork too! Take a photo that shows us why you love where you live and submit it to our #FunFotoFriday Photo Contest. Winners will have their photo featured on our City social media accounts on Fridays.

To read the rules and submit a Photo, Visit: [americanfork.gov/PhotoContest](http://americanfork.gov/PhotoContest)

**Road Work**

The city water line Segment 3 project is underway on 200 South and 200 East. Closures will be in place as the work progresses.

Updates are posted to the Capital Projects page on our website each week under the 36" Water Line Replacement Segment 3 heading. [americanfork.gov/projects](http://americanfork.gov/projects)
Metering Project Update

The American Fork Pressurized Irrigation (PI) Metering Project Phase 1 is well under way! To date there have been over 1,300 meters of the 3,400 installed in this phase.

To learn more about this citywide project, visit americanfork.gov/PImeters.

AF Notify

Know what’s happening in AF, when it’s happening. Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for AF Notify today!

Visit americanfork.gov and click on the “AF notify” icon to get started. If you’ve already created an account, be sure to log in and make sure your information is up to date. You will receive time-sensitive messages for topics you specify via text and email.

American Fork Fiber Internet

American Fork City has conducted several resident surveys to gauge the interest of high speed fiber internet for our city. The message has come back loud and clear: you want it!

For those interested in learning more, please attend our Town Hall Meeting regarding our proposed citywide subscription-based fiber plan. The Town Hall will be held on September 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Historic City Hall, located at 31 Church Street, American Fork City.

More information will be made available after September 20th.

SIMPLE TIPS FOR RECYCLING

ONLY place these items in the recycling container

- Flattened Cardboard
- Paper
- Metal Cans
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- Plastic Bags & Wrappers
- Clothing & Shoes
- Tools & Food Toys
- Electronics & Batteries
- Medical Yard Waste
- Diapers
- Scrap Metal

Learn more at RecyclingSimplified.com

Keep it loose: Never put recyclables in containers or bags.

AMERICAN FORK FIBER INTERNET

Fiber Town Hall
September 20, 2022

Youth Sports Registration

Youth Basketball registration is now open!

Registration Fees:
- 1st-3rd Grade - $45
- 4th Grade - $50
- 5th-6th Grade - $60
- 7th-12th Grade - $85

Non-Residents (Alpine, Highland, Cedar Hills etc.) pay an additional $20 fee.

Due to gym space at the high school, 10th-12th grade teams will be limited.

For more information and to register, go to americanfork.gov/basketball.
Wasatch Show Band’s 4th Annual

BIG BAND DANCE NIGHT

PROFESSIONAL DANCE LESSON INCLUDED

9.30.22
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