



Spring Town Times May 2026

Mayor's Corner by Paul Penrod

As May begins, our city government welcomes two new city council members appointed last month: Jim Baker and Stan Soper. We appreciate them volunteering to serve on the council. We had eight candidates, all well-qualified, apply to fill the vacancies, and it was a hard decision for the council to narrow the field to just two.

Spring City has been awarded a \$249,000 Community Development Block Grant to be used in the 2027 program year. The money will go towards our park playground upgrade. The city government is now looking at bid packages for different types of playgrounds, layouts, and styles. We feel fortunate to receive this grant.

The inaugural Spring City Father's Day Weekend Car Show will be held on June 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Spring City Park, 45 South 100 East. In addition to seeing cars of all types, families can enjoy a variety of other activities. Awards will be given for various categories of cars. There will be raffle prizes in addition to a quilt raffle. Food trucks will be on hand. Vendors of arts and crafts will be showing and selling their wares. For the children, there will be bounce houses, face painting, and Hot Wheels races. To register for the car show, contact recorder@springcityutah.gov or call 435-462-2244.

Finally, as always in May, Spring City will host Heritage Day on May 23. This great event will bring hundreds of visitors to town. This year, the home show will include some homes that have never been on the tour before. Tickets for the home show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 6-15; children under 6 get in free.

The DUP will have its usual bake sale in the Old City Hall Museum on Main Street; goods will be available from 9 a.m. until they are sold out. An artisan market will be found from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Old School gym next to the Spring City Art Gallery. The following will be on display to admire and buy: antiques, handcrafted items, homemade goods, books, jewelry, handmade salves and ointments, and possibly other items. Other artisans will be selling their wares along Main Street.

There will be the usual framed art sale and the Art Squared auction, when visitors can bid to own some freshly painted art by local artists. There will be free concerts at the Old Rock Church. Something new this year will be a group from the Mountain Man Rendezvous on the grounds behind the Post Office next to the Old Jail. They will be demonstrating their skills and sharing lore.

Planning and Zoning Commission News

The Planning and Zoning Commission met April 29. At 6 pm, prior to the meeting, a public hearing was held to answer any questions regarding the proposal by Jones & DeMille Engineering for the master transportation plan for Spring City. When the hearing was over, the planning and zoning meeting began. The commission approved the opening of a farmers market on Heritage Day on Paul Penrod's private property. Penrod has also applied for a home business license to open a coffee and gift shop there.

One subdivision was finalized after the zoning administrator, Craig Paulsen, approved its last details. Paulsen also approved a new house being built. Another subdivision and important items were discussed. The commission realized it would be helpful to have a master form for any signs that need to be placed on Main Street. Jim Baker will help with the design. Our liaison to the city council, Michael Broadbent, proposed an additional work meeting so that members of the planning and zoning commission would be better informed about the city codes.

Spring City Community Doings by Jane Hawkes

Senior Dinner. The May senior dinner will be held Wednesday, May 20, at 5:30 pm in the Old School Community Center ballroom. The menu will be Indian curry lentils with coconut lime rice (not spicy), naan bread, cucumber salad, and chocolate pudding cups for dessert. The cost is \$7/plate. Please RSVP to Jane at 707-673-7548 by NOON Monday, May 18, so that she can let the cook know how much to prepare. Our entertainment will be the talented magician/pianist Tyce Walker (who is going on a mission in June).

New Cook Needed. Abby, our wonderful senior dinner cook, who has literally served us extremely well for the last year and a half, has asked to be released from duty starting in August, or earlier if possible. Therefore, if you

know anyone who would like to be our cook, please let Jane know by calling 707-673-7548.

CERT Classes. If you would like to attend future CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes, please contact Corey Krebs at 801-358-4807.

Community Wildfire Council. Local residents concerned about how to deal with wildfires are invited to join the CWC (Community Wildfire Council). If you are interested in being on this council, call 707-673-7548. You can visit <https://utah-hmm-utahdnrhub.hub.arcgis.com/> for more information, lot assessment, permission form, and mitigation form.

Community Skills Classes

All members of the public are invited to attend monthly classes to increase their knowledge and personal and family resilience.

Date	Time	Topic	Teacher	Place
May 7	7 pm	City Council		New City Hall
May 14	7 pm	Survival Gardening in Sanpete County 2026: Growing Food When the Water Runs Low	Panel Discussion	Old City Hall
May 21	7 pm	What To Do When It's Too Late to Prepare	Keith Chandler	Old City Hall
May 28	7 pm	First Aid Skills for All Ages	Regina Hess and Mike Broadbent	Old City Hall

Funk Lake Legacy Project Announced

These days, people living in Sanpete County know it as Palisade Park, a state park in the hills just east of Sterling, Utah. What many don't know is that the 70-acre reservoir in the park was created by an early Sanpete pioneer named Daniel Buckley Funk. The lake used to be known as Funk Lake or Funk's Lake from 1875 to 1999, when the state of Utah made it into a state park.

Daniel Funk settled in Sanpete County in 1849, helping to establish the settlement of Manti. Born in Pennsylvania in 1820, he met and married Mariah DeMille in Quincy, Illinois, in 1841. In 1843, he joined the LDS Church, and he and his little family went with the Saints to Utah in 1848, where he was sent to help settle Manti. In Manti, he farmed, but he also operated a water-powered grist mill and shingle mill. Always thinking about how to use the natural resources, he made ochre, vermilion, and yellow paint from the local clays. He also took saleratus from the beds southwest of Manti and refined baking soda from it, which he then sold.

Funk was concerned that the hard-working Saints didn't really have much in the way of recreation to renew their spirits and bodies. He talked to Brigham Young about constructing a lake in Sanpete County, where the people could go fishing, boating, and swimming. The reservoir could also be used for irrigation. Young encouraged him to try it, but to work with the local Indian tribe to be sure that he obtained land from them fairly.

Funk approached Chief Arapeen and his tribe. He explained how he would dam Six Mile Creek and create a lake. They thought he was crazy because it seemed to them he was trying to make water run uphill. But they gave him a deed to the land he wanted, and he began work with his sons. In 1873, Funk succeeded in diverting water from the creek into Arapeen Valley. At first, the water just soaked into the parched ground, but by 1875, Funk had a lake of 75 acres with a depth of 20 feet.

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DUP News and History by Cherrie Barrow Jones

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers will have our last camp meeting on Monday, May 4, for the 2025-26 year. Our next meeting will be on September 14, 2026. We will meet in the ballroom of the Old School Community Center at 11:00 a.m. The lesson will be “International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers” given by Carla Nelson. There will be a potluck luncheon afterward, so bring along a dish to share.

Heritage Day is Saturday, May 23, which means it is the day for *our annual BAKE SALE*. How grateful we are for the yummy baked goods that members of the DUP and of the community donate each year. We will be in the Old City Hall museum on Main Street to receive donations at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to a fun day meeting many guests from out of town eager to buy a sweet treat.

Many people do not know this, but all the proceeds from the bake sale go to improving our three museums in town. Among other things, we have been able to upgrade floor coverings, windows, and doors with the money we earn, and we have other needs still to take care of. So we really appreciate all who donate goods and all who buy them.

Our museums will be open on Heritage Day. Come visit the Old City Hall on Main Street. While you are there, see the Old Jail in the Pioneer Park behind the Old City Hall, which has many activities for children. The Old School Museum at the Old School Community Center (City Hall) also has many interesting artifacts from the pioneer era.

The first Heritage Day Home Tour began in 1984. The DUP had purchased the condemned 1899 elementary school in order to save the beloved old school. They formed a restoration committee and work began. After receiving several grants, they knew they needed more funding, so the community organized a weekend of activities on Memorial Day weekend, and these included the first Heritage Home Tour. It has now grown to welcome guests from all over the state and beyond.

The goal of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers is to honor those who have gone before, remembering their lives and teaching lessons of faith, courage, fortitude, and patriotism. Spring City is a wonderful place to live, and we hope to preserve our heritage.

Funk Lake Legacy Project, Continued

(Continued from page 2) He stocked the lake with fish, and he made several row boats. Dancing pavilions were built on the shore and on the lake. Pioneer settlers enjoyed the lake as a way to rest from their labors and relax a bit with friends and families. Eventually, he built a steamboat to cruise around the lake. People could ride for 10 cents and enjoy the tooting of the steam whistle.

Funk died in 1888 at the age of 67 while taking a load of lumber from Manti to the lake to make further improvements. Efforts are underway to honor him for creating this lovely recreation area in central Utah by building a

gazebo at Palisade Park with a memorial plaque honoring Daniel Funk. Citizens and business leaders in Manti and Sanpete County, along with Funk descendants, are joining to raise funds for this memorial.

A legacy event honoring Daniel Funk will be held August 8, 2026, at 11 a.m. in Manti City Park, 101 N 300 W. Legacy supporters who contribute \$50—\$499 will be named on a plaque. Legacy Builders who contribute \$500 or more will be named on a separate plaque. Businesses contributing \$500 or more will be specially recognized at the event. We hope people of Sanpete County will attend.






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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FULL MOON	2 Kentucky Derby
3	4 Star Wars Day DUP Monthly Meeting	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 City Council 7PM	8	9
	11	12	13	14	15	16 Preakness Stakes
17	18 Planning and Zoning Deadline	19	20 Utility Bill Due Date Senior Dinner	21	22	23 Heritage Day See Friends of Historic SC website or newsletter
24 BLUE MOON 31	25 CITY OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day 	26	27 Planning & Zoning Meeting 6:30p	28	29	30



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our fallen heros.
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that we are free.

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Come and check it out!