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*Contributing to Farmington's
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DOOR-2-DOOR SOLICITORS

What You Can Do To Protect Yourself

Constitutional civil rights case law limits how much municipalities can do in regulating door to door solicitors. A few years ago Farmington, along with several dozen other Utah municipalities, lost a court battle over the solicitation ordinance that was in force at the time, resulting in payment of damages. The court forced the rewrite of the city's solicitation ordinance, giving solicitors greater access to sell their products door to door to potential residential customers. The city's new ordinance does permit the city to do limited background checks, but a solicitation license must be issued upon compliance with the new ordinance. Frequently, the Farmington Police Department receives calls from citizens who want officers to investigate door to door salespersons who have just left the residents' homes. The city is willing to follow through with these complaints, but there are some steps residents can take if they do not want to be bothered by door to door solicitors. Here are some suggestions:

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

*open agenda opportunity for
citizen dialogue with the Mayor*

Would you like the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and a member of the City Council to air a grievance about a city policy or share an idea for making Farmington better? Would you like to ask a question about city operations or plans in an informal setting without feeling the pressure of others looking on? The answer to these questions is that you can. Twice each month, the evening following regular City Council meetings, Mayor Harbertson and a member of the City Council welcome any citizen to show up at City Hall to address their concerns, comments or suggestions. Town Hall meetings are informal and non-threatening. The problem is people have stopped coming to these sessions. The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6th at 7 pm at City Hall.

"To listen well is as powerful a means of communication and influence as to talk well," Supreme Court justice John Marshall once said. Mayor Harbertson couldn't agree more. He believes the best governance occurs within a context of dialogue, within an environment in which ideas can be

freely exchanged, questions asked and forthright explanations offered. Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to speak with their community leaders. The dates and times of the Town Hall meeting can be found in this monthly newsletter under Community Calendar.

Harmons Grocery Announces New Farmington Store at Station Park

Flagship store will anchor 1,000,000 s.f. mixed-use project commencing construction next spring

Harmons Grocery Stores and CenterCal Properties have announced their plans to build a new 68,015 square-foot Harmons flagship store to anchor the 1,000,000 square-foot Station Park project in Farmington. Construction for Harmons and the balance of the project will commence next spring in preparation for a 2011 opening.

This will be Harmons' first store in South Davis County, leading a stellar lineup of tenants that include a 14-screen state-of-the-art Cinemark movie theater with XD, more than a dozen restaurants and a broad selection of apparel, home goods and entertainment opportunities, offering the discriminating shopper an experience unrivaled in the region.

THE NEW FARMINGTON CITY HALL



The new Farmington City Hall, pictured in the artist's conception above, is presently under construction. Having outgrown the current building, the new City Hall was designed and strategically sited to knit together a new city civic district, connecting the Community Arts Center and the City Pool as well as planning on the integration of future city and county development. The new City Hall was designed to accommodate Farmington through build-out. The anticipated completion for phase 1 work is July 2010.

Door-2-Door Solicitors continued

★ The number one protection is to post a "no soliciting" sign at your home's front entry. The sign needs to be a minimum size to comply with city ordinance. Some of these signs are available at no cost to citizens. If residents have posted the sign, solicitors are prohibited from making contact. If a solicitor does knock when a sign is posted simply remind the solicitor of the posted sign. Solicitors are out of compliance when they continue to solicit on a premise where a sign is posted.

★ Residents are not required to allow solicitors into your home. You can say no. If solicitors persist, tell them you are going to call the police if they don't leave the premises.

★ Please check to make sure a solicitor is licensed by Farmington

City. Solicitors are required to wear a city-issued badge which shows their photo, organization name and their registration information with Farmington City. If they are not wearing their badge and will not produce it, ask them to leave, then call the police. 🚓



Mounded snow, garbage cans and parked vehicles can hinder postal workers from delivering mail to your home. During the snowy season, please keep access to your mailbox open for mail delivery.

THE RECYCLING PROGRAM

It's Working ~ Way to Go, Everybody!

Through the first month of operation, there are a few items of information that needs to be shared to make the program as effective and efficient as possible. As of the writing of the newsletter, the volume of recyclables collected has been very, very heavy. Much material is being diverted from the landfill either through incineration at the Waste to Energy Plant and/or through the curbside recycling programs. Way to go, everybody! Here are a few pointers that will help in the collection and handling of the recyclables:

Please place recyclable materials directly into the blue containers. Materials should not be sacked first.

Please, please place containers at the curbside by 6 am on the day of collection. The hauler will not come back if you miss the recycling collection truck. Keep in mind that two different trucks arriving at different times collect two different types of waste—recyclables and regular garbage.

The containers need to be separated by at least 5' to allow the automatic arms on the trucks to grab and lift the container to the truck where it is emptied.

If you have questions about the collection days or what is recyclable and what is not, refer to the information brochure that was dropped off with the blue recycling container. This information is also on the city website: farmington.utah.gov. When on the home page, click on "Departments", then "Public Works" and finally click on the link that says "curbside recycling program."



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 2010

Jan 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 6	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER	7:00 pm YOU determine the agenda
Jan 14	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 19	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 20	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER	7:00 pm YOU determine the agenda
Jan 21	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 27	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main Street	7:30 pm public welcome
Jan 28	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm

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Fire Department.....451-2842
Public Works Department.....451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance.....451-2624
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
Building Inspection.....451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control.....444-2200
Garbage.....825-3800
Benchland Water District.....482-4929
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency.....911

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130 North Main
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Farmington, Utah 84025



winter ordinances

Farmington City Ordinance states that from November 15 through February 29, no vehicles of any kind may be parked in the street right-of-way from 1:00 am to 7:00 am. Traffic citations will be issued to violators.

Remember, within 48 hours after snowfall stops, citizens are required to remove snow on the public sidewalks fronting their residences. More snowplow information is available on the city website.

PLEASE NOTE:

parking violation fines,
except for handicapped
parking, are now \$25.00



PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 801-451-0953



Spring Soccer

sign-ups begin
February 1st - 26th
check website for more info

Scholarship

Pageant

Miss Farmington Orientation
Sat, February 6
10am - 12pm
@ Community Arts Center
Girls ages 17 - 23 can participate

Questions?
contact Parks & Recreation

Farmington's

Got Talent

Sat, February 27th
Miss Farmington is hosting
talent competition

Cost: \$10 residents
\$20 non-residents
If interested, contact
Ciera Pekarck @ 628-2510

all proceeds benefit the
Children's Justice Center

Storytelling

Festival

"In a Land Far Far Away"
Sat, January 23rd
1pm - 3pm
@ Community Arts Center

Cost: \$1 per child

Local storytellers share stories of
adventures in distant lands

All ages invited

Make & take a fun craft after stories

Willy Wonka

Youth Theater Audition

Sat, January 16th 9am - 12pm
&
Tues, January 19th 6pm - 8pm
@ Community Arts Center

Cost: \$15 residents
\$25 non-residents
\$75 volunteer deposit required

Come prepared to sing 16 bars of
a Broadway song

Questions? contact
Sarah Hale @ 529-2996

Show dates: March 17-20th



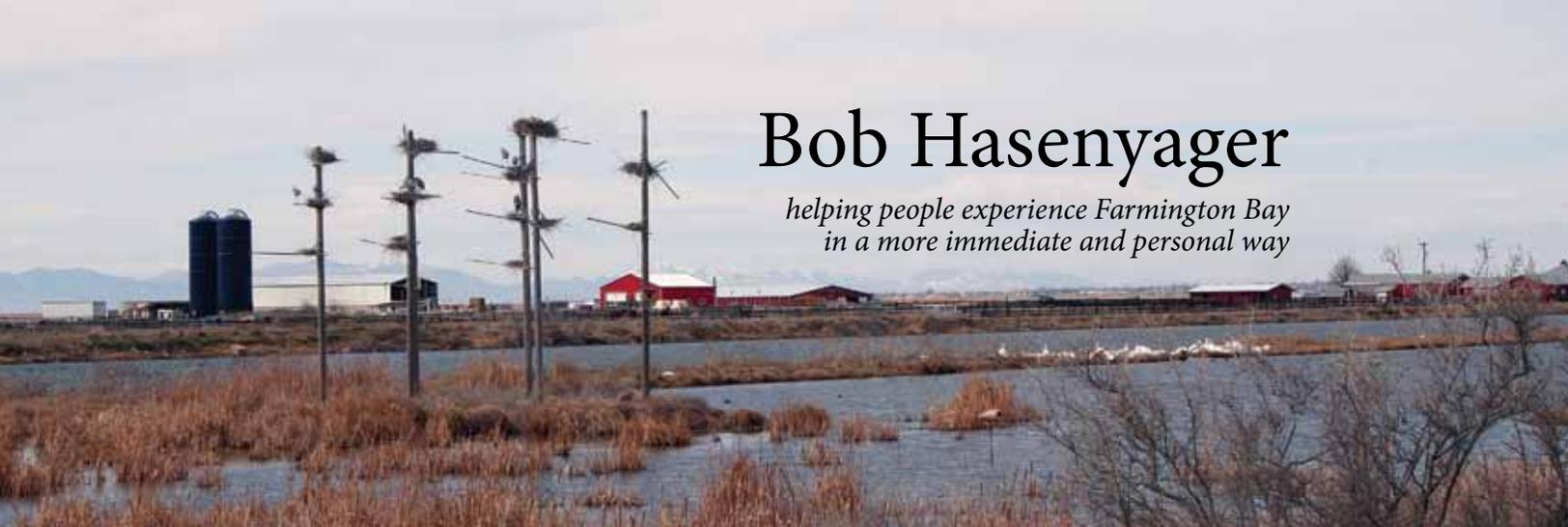
Community Center Classes

Exciting new classes are being offered!

- *guitar with Cori Connors
- *art & watercolor classes for adults & children
- *creative arts song & dance
- *ballroom dance
- *martial arts (www.tigercranemartialarts.com)



check Farmington website for more info



Bob Hasenyager

*helping people experience Farmington Bay
in a more immediate and personal way*

The sun rising over Farmington Bay is one of nature's most beautiful local phenomena. Light shimmers across the early morning still of the water; and cattails stand proudly, their brown tufts catching the first rays of the rising sun. Perhaps most intriguing, however, are the eagles. More than content to spend their winters in this intricate ecosystem, they come to Farmington in mass migration. Beginning to appear as early as December, the eagles of Farmington are highly anticipated each year. Their numbers skyrocket during January and February, creating a marvel that is not only amazing to observe, but also very unique to the climate and environment of Farmington Bay. It is no wonder, then, that Robert Hasenyager has dedicated much of his life to protecting it.

In the first few months of each year, over 200 species of birds migrate to the Farmington Bay area and make their home among the bulrushes, cattails, and brackish marshes. This annual event is one Robert Hasenyager has always cherished, and one he hopes all Farmington residents will appreciate and observe. His efforts can be traced most clearly through the Nature Center he helped to establish. As explored in the February 2009 issue of Farmington News, over 4000 elementary to high school age students pass through the center's doors each year and leave with a new understanding and respect for Farmington's wetlands. This year,

however, Robert is anxious to share something new—a 1300-foot boardwalk tentatively scheduled for completion on Eagle Day, February 13. Robert believes the boardwalk will soon become the most beautiful and convenient way to observe Farmington Bay. This 1.3 mile loop will be accessible to everyone and will trace a route through the bay prime for viewing Farmington's winter eagles, and other birds and animals residing in the delicate bay ecosystem. Reaching completion of the boardwalk has not been an easy journey because building it was not a business venture. Since it will be open for all, the biggest profit it will generate is the education and enjoyment of Farmington residents. And that is just the way Robert wants it. He sincerely hopes the efforts of everyone from scouts to local businesses to volunteers will be appreciated as people experience the bay in a more immediate and personal way than has been previously possible. After years of sharing his passion for wetlands and waterfowl with people, Robert is quick to recognize the way nature is best shown gratitude: people finding a new love and knowledge of the beauty around them.

Since moving to Farmington in 1982, Robert has contributed enormously to the survival of the environmental integrity of the community of Farmington. Serving on the city council and city planning commission, working for the Utah Division of Wildlife

Resources and in his current position as Executive Director of Utah Wildlife in Need, Robert has been dedicated to keeping Farmington the beautiful place it has always been and always deserves to be. Robert has worked not only to preserve the area to which the eagles habitually migrate, but also to raise community awareness so that the residents of Farmington can enjoy this unique gift of nature. You can read more about Utah Wildlife in Need on their website, www.uwin.org. If interested, you can find a link there to make a donation that will help with the trail and boardwalk.

Visit the soon-to-be-opened boardwalk and experience the beauty and vitality of Farmington Bay.



SEASON POOL PASS



**Farmington residents
\$125 for a family of 5**

special early bird price
ends May 15th

reserve a FARMINGTON FACILITY

Farmington has a variety of great parks and facilities available for reservation by the public. On Monday, January 4, the staff at Parks & Recreation began taking reservations from Farmington residents for the 2010 season. Nonresidents, commercial groups and church groups may begin to make reservations on Monday, January 11.

Listed below are reservable facilities:

Baseball fields at South Park,
Main Park & Shepard Park

The Community Arts Center

Park boweries at Shepard East
and/or West, Heritage Park, Main
Park North and/or South, South
Park(skateboard park) and
Woodland Park

Swimming Pool

Tennis Courts at Mountain View
or Shepard Lane

Volleyball Court Rentals at
Shepard Park or Woodland Park

Reservations must be made in person at the Parks & Recreation office, 720 West 100 North, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Phone reservations are not accepted.

For prices and other detailed information about reserving a facility, visit Farmington's website. Go to:

www.farmington.utah.gov -- then click
Parks & Recreation -- then click
Reservations

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