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HISTORIC BUILDINGS & SITES ORDINANCE

Farmington City Ordinance

It's a wet night in Farmington, but still. The mountains feel peaceful, even reverent as they rise into the slow white falling of late winter snow. Along Main Street, the sycamores' heavy branches spread wide and solid, dark and old. The snow they carry glistens almost silver in the dim light thrown from streetlamps and porches. A man in a red coat shovels slush from his driveway. He looks natural, as if he were part of the scene, as if he would be there forever. There's a goodness about it all—the mountains, the trees, the houses, the people. It's the kind of goodness that feels like home. Home matters to Farmington residents. It's a feeling that comes from the layering of past and present, of landscape and living that defines our community. It's a feeling residents want to preserve for our children and our children's children. The Historic Buildings and Sites ordinance will help in the effort to keep the feeling of home alive through the generations to come. After years of working to establish a solid historic



preservation ordinance, Farmington City adopted the ordinance in August of 2008. Its passage allows the city to establish both a Historic Sites List and a Historic Landmarks Register. Alysa Revel, head of Farmington's Historic Preservation Commission, explains that a "historic resource is any building, structure, object, site, or district known to have historic value," and the Historic Sites List is a "comprehensive inventory of all known historic resources within the city." Landmarks are different, Revel explains, in that their designation results from a step-by-step process. First, an Intensive Level Survey (ILS) is completed to ensure the resource is historically, culturally, or architecturally significant. Then the resource is nominated, after which it must be approved by both the Farmington City Historic Preservation Commission and the City Council.

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... and the AWARDS go to

Each year the Bountiful Elks Lodge, in cooperation with officials from Davis County cities, honors community leaders. One outstanding person is recognized for contributions to their field and to the citizens in their city. Those honored from Farmington this year are:

... Citizen of the Year ...

Robert (Bob) Hasenyager

... Police Officer of the Year ...

Corporal Joel Knapp

... Firefighter of the Year ...

Matthew (Biff) L. Robinson

Mayors and chiefs will join the individuals to be honored at a special event January 26, at 7:00 pm, Bountiful Elks Lodge, 544 N 400 W, West Bountiful.

Congratulations to the winners. Farmington is lucky to have you!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

from
everyone
at
Farmington
City





the FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING gets a much needed face lift

The Fire Department Building, shared with the police department until the completion of their new building, has received a much needed interior upgrade. Modest remodeling and updating have made the building on 82 North and 100 East more efficient and appropriate for Farmington firefighters.

SNOW REMOVAL from PUBLIC SIDEWALKS

City officials are asked all the time why the snow removal from public sidewalks is not enforced. Farmington has well over 100 miles of sidewalk. Snow removal enforcement through citations would be a never-ending battle. Failure to enforce could create unwanted liability exposure to the city, creating a financial burden on all taxpayers. Years ago, the City Council shifted the responsibility for snow removal solely on abutting property owners, occupants, lessors or agents. This means those who fail to shovel the abutting public sidewalk within 48 hours expose themselves to lawsuits should someone slip and fall and injure themselves. It is the duty of those residing in the abutting

homes to clear the walks, not Farmington City.

City officials urge Farmington residents to exercise good citizenship and clear their abutting walks in a timely manner. You are also encouraged to take care of public walks on abutting properties that are vacant or are occupied by individuals who may not be physically able. Farmington is a walkable community and public sidewalks are used and enjoyed by many. It is frustrating and dangerous to traverse stretches of sidewalk that are hazardous. Please perform your public duty by carefully observing Farmington's snow removal ordinance.

"8-2-107(3). Snow Removal. It shall be the duty of the owner, occupant, lessor, or agent of any property abutting on any sidewalk to remove or cause to be removed from such paved sidewalk all hail, snow or sleet falling thereon, within a 48-hour period after the hail, snow or sleet has ceased falling."

Several benefits result from acceptance as an historic landmark, a primary one of which is greater legal protection for the resource. In short, the Historic Sites List recognizes the city's historic homes and other places, while the Historic Landmarks Register protects and preserves the city's most significant historic landmarks. Already, the ordinance enabled the creation of the Clark Lane National Historic District, located on State Street between 200 and 400 West, as a historic resource on Farmington's Landmarks Register. For more than 100 years, residents have been traveling the streets of Farmington, telling their friends or children about what happened 15 or 25 or 50 years before. Behind every brick laid is a story, behind every door a human heart. The Historic Buildings and Sites ordinance will help to preserve the resources that keep those tales alive. ●

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for
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The following comment was submitted on Farmington City's website. Perhaps you'll agree.

I love Farmington and think it is one of the most beautiful cities, but I feel there is something distracting from its beauty. I hate to drive around and see all of the garbage cans and recycling cans in front of homes. People should put containers in their garages or in back or to the side of their houses when it is not pick up day. I wonder if people just don't think about how it looks. I think we all should be accountable for how our dwelling areas look. Thank you.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 2010

Feb 2	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Feb 3	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall <i>OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER</i>	7:00 pm YOU determine the agenda
Feb 14	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Feb 16	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Feb 17	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall <i>OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER</i>	7:00 pm YOU determine the agenda
Feb 18	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Feb 24	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main Street	7:30 pm public welcome
Feb 25	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm

♥♥♥ just a few more weeks to go

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.

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City Phone Numbers

- Main Number.....451-2383
- City Manager.....939-9203
- Police Department.....451-5453
- 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

Farmington City Hall

130 North Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

IMPORTANT REMINDER

City ordinance requires dog owners to keep their pet on a leash in neighborhoods and in recreational areas.

Your compliance is appreciated.



PARKS & RECREATION

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

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE & WEIGHT LOSS

Feb 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th @ 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Dragon's Eye Karate
2268 N 640 W, Bountiful

Fee: \$60 per session

Each class includes a can of mace & instructions on how to use it.

FARMINGTON'S GOT TALENT

Feb 5th @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Competition will be held in the basement of the Community Arts Center

Fee: \$10 residents
\$20 non-residents

Each group/individual will have three minutes to show off their talents. Each act should have only minor setup.

Feb 27th @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
15 semi-finalists will be narrowed down to 3 who will compete for prizes.
Admission: \$5

All proceeds benefit the Children's Justice Center
Contact Ciera Pekarck with questions @ 628-2510

SOCCER SIGN-UP

Feb 1st - 26th



Pre Kindergarten - 6th grade

Cost for spring: \$30 residents
\$40 non-residents

Cost for spring & fall:
\$54 residents
\$64 non-residents

Check online for more information

KARATE

Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd or
Feb 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th
@ 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Dragon's Eye Karate
2268 N 640 W, Bountiful

Fee: \$35 per session/residents
\$45 per session/non-residents

MISS FARMINGTON SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT ORIENTATION

Community Arts Center
Feb 6th @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Girls ages 17 - 23 may participate
Contact Parks & Recreation for more information.

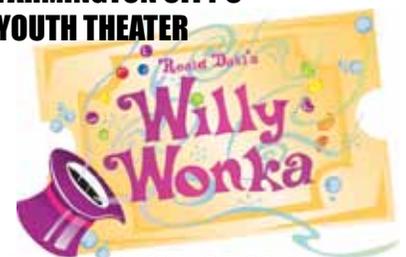
Check Farmington website for more information on new classes being offered!

Ballroom Dance
Creative Arts & song
Guitar
Ceramics
Watercolor & Art classes
Martial Arts

Volunteers Needed!

- ♥ If you would like to help with Farmington Festival Days, please contact Sarah Hale @ 529-2996
- ♥ If you would like to help with Miss Farmington Pageant, please contact Stephanie Gallagher @ 673-2393

FARMINGTON CITY'S YOUTH THEATER



March 17th - 19th @ 7:00 pm
March 20th 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Community Arts Center

Admission: \$5

Dressing the Living . . . and the Dead

This story is drawn from information to be used in a new Farmington history being prepared by Glen M. Leonard.

On a Sunday in early March 1886, Farmington carpenter Henry L. Hinman received an urgent message. "I was called before breakfast to go and see Job Welling," Hinman wrote. "I went and found him dead." The next day Hinman invited Erastus F. Rose and Oliver Lee Robinson to help make a coffin and burial box for Tuesday's funeral.

Five months later, Robinson died, and Hinman built a coffin for his friend. This time he did more. "I have helped to wash and dress O. L. Robinson's corpse and attended the funeral and helped to carry him to the meeting house and then to the cemetery," Hinman wrote. Between February and September Hinman recorded eight deaths. He made six of the coffins.

Linings for the coffins were made by Farmington's skilled seamstresses. One of those women was Ortentia White Leonard. She developed her abilities out of necessity. During the four years her husband was a missionary in India she took in laundry and sewing. Ortentia kept busy hand sewing dresses, temple clothing, and burial clothes for a half century. Joining Ortentia were seamstresses Ellen Cheney (Miller), Clarissa Miller (Stayner), and Louisa Leavitt Haight. These four women also laid out the dead and dressed them in a small shop north of the Rock Meetinghouse.

Some of Farmington's seamstresses pursued dressmaking as a part-time business. One such group included eight women who worked together making women's clothing. They were Elizabeth Hughes Cottrell, Sarah France (Robinson Hinman), Emma Holmes Welling, Ortentia White Leonard, Clarissa "Clara" Miller Stayner, Mary

Millard (Robinson), Ellen Walton (Williams), and Rose Walker (Chaffin). This group also taught sewing classes in their dress shop.

In 1889, Dorothy "Dora" Watson Robinson and Mary Elizabeth Cowley Brown opened their own business in a shop at 79 North Main



Early seamstresses (l-r): front: Mary Millard Robinson, Ellen Walton Williams, Rose Walker Chaffin; middle: Emma Holmes Welling, Ortentia White Leonard, Clarissa Miller Stayner; back: Sarah Angeline France Robinson Hinman, Elizabeth Hughes Cottrell. (Farmington Historical Museum)

Street. A sign above the entrance defined their offerings as "Millinery and Ladies' Furnishings."

In most census records, women reported their primary work as "Keeping House." In 1880 they mentioned other occupations. Lorinda Robinson, 59, who led out in Farmington's silk industry, was "Silk Manufacturing." Minnie A. Potter, 22, and Mary E. Smith,

20, were involved in "Dress Making." Ruth Oviatt, 71, was "Weaving [Rugs]." Clarissa Miller, 21, said she was a "Seamstress," and Margaret Leonard, 44, worked as a "Milliner."

As dresses became more available in stores, more women turned to millinery—the making, trimming, or selling of women's hats. By 1900 millinery shops were operating in Salt Lake, Ogden, and every town in between. Competing with the specialized shops were mercantile stores such as Sheffield's in Kaysville and the Golden Rule (later J. C. Penney's) in Bountiful. These stores offered new hat styles every spring and fall. Eventually the local hat shops closed.

Similarly, Kaysville mortician John Barton and Holbrook Brothers in Bountiful offered professional services in preparing bodies for burial and making and lining coffins. Their businesses replaced the home-made offerings of the carpenters and seamstresses of early Farmington.

In the 1920s, classes in dressmaking, fall millinery, and spring millinery were once again available

to Farmington's young women, this time through the Farm Bureau auxiliary. Eva Van Fleet supervised projects in Farmington, and Nora Anderson taught separate classes in north Farmington. In August the young seamstresses and milliners displayed their pieces at the annual Farm Bureau Day at Lagoon. That tradition continues today at the Davis County Fair through the work of 4-H Clubs.

SEASONAL JOB OPENINGS

applications now being accepted

Parks Maintenance
Trail Maintenance
Swimming Pool

job descriptions and applications
can be found online or by calling the
Parks & Recreation Office 451-0953



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WEST DAVIS CORRIDOR EIS PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

UDOT and the Federal Highway Administration are initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to study and make a decision on a potential transportation corridor in western Davis and Weber Counties. This is the next step following the North Legacy Corridor Study completed in 2001. Public participation is key to the success of the study. UDOT invites the public to attend any of the three public open houses listed below from 4:30 to 8 pm.

Tuesday, February 23, 2010
Syracuse High School
665 South 2000 West, Syracuse

Wednesday, February 24, 2010
Legacy Events Center
(Davis County Fairgrounds)
151 South 1100 West, Farmington

Thursday, February 25, 2010
West Weber Elementary School
4178 West 900 South, Ogden

For more information, please contact
877-298-1991, westdavis@utah.gov, or
visit www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis.



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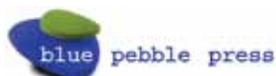
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