

Farmington News

Serving the residents of Farmington City

March 2005

From Mayor Dave Connors, Feb. 2, 2005 . . .

The State of Farmington Address



WE, THE PEOPLE . . .

In our school civics classes most of us learned by heart the words of the preamble to the United States Constitution: **WE THE PEOPLE** of the

United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION for the United States of America.

With those words, the courageous men and women who were the Founders of this country, launched an unprecedented social experiment—an institution later described by Abraham Lincoln as a "government of the people, by the people, for the people". We are the beneficiaries of their courage and wisdom, and we are the trustees of their beloved creation. It now falls upon us, as citizens of this great nation, to do our part to promote the cause of liberty and freedom in this Country and throughout the world.

Regardless of our individual political leanings, we cannot help but be moved by what we have witnessed in recent days--the courage of another group of people, located in a land far away from our comfortable shores, who have literally risked life and limb to exercise a right to vote that has been denied to them for decades. A recent Associated Press article quoted one Iraqi voter, Shamal Hekeib, as saying: "I am doing this because I love my country, and I love the sons of my nation. We are Arabs—we are not scared and we are not cowards."

As Americans, we applaud our brothers and sisters in Iraq for their courage and for the reminder they have given to the world of

the longing of the human soul for dignity and honor, for life and liberty, for the right to take charge of one's own destiny. We wish them every success as they pursue their dream of building a free and democratic nation in the Middle East.

In our little town of Farmington, we do not have to risk our lives to vote. We have the opportunity, all of us, to be involved in the decisions that affect our community. Our City meetings are open to the public, our work is done in the light of day, not behind closed doors or in back rooms. We invite and welcome input from all participants in the process--citizens, neighbors, property owners, developers. We strive to give all who come before the City a fair hearing, an opportunity to make their petitions, present their proposals, voice their opposition or otherwise express their views. This is not an idle exercise--this is the very embodiment of the concept of government "of the people, by the people, for the people" envisioned by those who have gone before us. It is all about the process, which sometimes is not pretty, but is vitally important.

We expect, in fact demand, civility in the process. As neighbors, we may have different opinions on matters that come before the Planning Commission or the City Council. That is a good thing; we welcome and encourage reasoned expressions of those diverse opinions. We urge all participants in the process to avoid the temptation to "villainize" the opposition. We are friends and neighbors, who sometimes have differing opinions—but we should present our

differing views with the understanding that we will still be friends and neighbors long after the excitement of the moment has died down. At the end of the day, when all have had the opportunity to express their views, the governing body of the City is obligated to make decisions. It is impossible to please everyone—there are always those who are disappointed in the outcome. Yet we hope that by dedicating ourselves to an open and fair process, even those who do not agree with the outcome acknowledge the opportunities for involvement in the process.

As we review the challenges and opportunities of the past year, we recognize that our community has once again demonstrated that much can be accomplished when we pull together. After the devastating wildfires of the summer of 2003 came the torrential downpours in the spring of 2004 that caused mudslides from the charred hill-

sides to our east. We acknowledge and applaud the efforts of our citizens, who banded together to help their neighbors, of our police officers and firefighters who, as always, responded to the call. And in this particular incident we recognize the quick and decisive action of our Public Works Department, who coordinated efforts throughout many nights to channel the mud and water flows to avoid even greater damage. Again, we lived through a dangerous event with no loss of life or serious injuries. For this, we are thankful as a community to our

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Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

Work Sessions begin at 6:30.

Planning Commission:

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

Farmington City Hall

130 N. Main

P.O. Box 160

Farmington, UT 84025

City Council Meetings	Planning Commission Meetings
Mar. 2 & 16	Mar. 10 & 24
Apr. 6 & 20	Apr. 14 & 28
May 4 & 18	May 12 & 26

Lost Items?

Check at the Public Works Building, 100 N. 720 W.

JOB OPENINGS

Temporary Seasonal Workers

Farmington City is accepting applications for temporary seasonal maintenance workers (March through November). Work will primarily be on the Parks mow and construction crews. Temporary and seasonal employees are considered at-will employees.

Must be 18 years old. Starting wage is \$7.25 per hour. Apply at the Public Works building, 720 W. 100 N. For questions, 451-2624.

Applications will be accepted until Fri., Mar. 11, 2005.

Spring Cleanup

Residential tree limbs and branches only.

Spring Cleanup begins Mar. 28, 2005

Pickup Schedule:

Monday March 28: Needs to be out by March 27. South half of the City from 600 North south to City limits including west Farmington area.

Monday April 4: Needs to be out by April 3. North half of the City from 600 North north to City limits including Oakridge area.

Rules

Must be stacked, maximum length 5 feet. Maximum width 8 inches.

Restricted to one 10-wheel dump truck load per residence.

Material must be placed at the curb **before** beginning collection day.

Collection trucks will only drive by your home **once**.

No bags or boxes. Leaves can be left in piles. When bagged or boxed they can not be processed and will not be picked up.

Disposal: Material is mulched at the Central Davis Sewer District Treatment Plant. You may contact them at 451-2190 for availability of mulch to purchase. ***These rules will be strictly enforced.***

Sat. April 16 is the City-wide extra garbage pickup date.

Scouting for Food March 26

Boy Scouts in Farmington will be handing out bags for Scouting for Food a week before the pick up date of **March 26**.

Please fill your bag with food and place it on your front porch.

Scouts will begin collecting food at 9:30 am on **March 26**.

Please help those in need.

Public Hearing Scheduled

March 16, 2005 7 pm City Offices

The Mayor and City Council are inviting public comment regarding a recently-completed study paid for by UDOT to add an I-15 interchange at Shepard Lane. Farmington asked Regional and State Transportation officials to determine the final location and conceptual design of where the Legacy North Highway will intercept I-15. This hearing is being held to present ideas generated from that study, receive input, and to present a preferred location to UDOT.

A map illustrating the location and design of a potential interchange is available for public review at City Hall and on the City's website at www.farmingtonut.com.

UDOT and the Wasatch Front Regional Council have always planned a connection to the proposed Legacy North Highway somewhere in the south Kaysville/north Farmington area. Kaysville City's approval of residential subdivisions next to I-15 reduces the likelihood of a future north Legacy/I-15 connection in their city. Farmington officials are concerned that future southbound North Legacy traffic would create gridlock conditions at the newly-constructed Park Lane interchange without a direct connection to I-15.

Moreover, the City is in the process of re-evaluating its Master Transportation Plan for the area with the aim of adequately sizing and locating major collector routes north of Park Lane and west of I-15.

Emergency Awareness Fair

March 26 Farmington Jr. High
10 am to 2 pm

- ▶ Learn how to safeguard your home
- ▶ Find out what Emergency Preparedness District you belong to.
- ▶ Where do I go in Case of an Emergency?
- ▶ Where do you take your pets in time of Emergency?
- ▶ Meet the Earthquake lady, and see her demonstration
- ▶ Guest speakers every 20 minutes.
- ▶ Learn about getting out of debt.
- ▶ How to build a 72-hour kit?
- ▶ Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Class at 11 am.

Farmington City Events Calendar March 2005

- 2 City Council Meeting 7 pm. City Offices
- 10 Planning Commission 7 pm City Offices — Proposed
- 16 City Council Meeting 7 pm. City Offices
- 18 & 19 Young People's Recreational Theater, "Blather, Blarney and Balderdash" 7 pm with a matinee on Sat. at 1pm Community Arts Center
Tickets \$3/person or \$10/family of 5
- 24 Melissa Lewis and Marcia Bennett with the Utah Symphony Community Arts Center from 7 to 8:30 pm
- 24 Planning Commission 7 pm City Offices — Proposed
- April 1 & 2 Annual Dinner Theater, Community Center. See story p. 4.

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Creator and to those who joined with us in responding to the threats. After the mudslides we continued our efforts to work with the US Forest Service, and with other County, State and Federal agencies to increase the level of protection from these challenges. We are working with these agencies and others to make improvements to the firebreak road to enhance our ability to prevent future wildfires from threatening our City. We were successful in obtaining funding to build detention basins above North Compton Road, and we were able to accelerate the process of making improvements to our storm drainage system. In the fall and winter of 2004, when the heavy rains came, all of the local news media sent reporters and video crews to the Farmington foothills expecting to report once again the mudslides they had witnessed in the spring. Fortunately for us, they were disappointed. Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, they declined my invitation to report on the progress that had been made.

We realize that we cannot predict the future; we do not know when another difficult challenge will come our way. I can assure you, however, that our dedicated firefighters and police officers, our emergency preparedness coordinators, our tremendous Public Works Department, our entire City staff and the governing body are doing everything we can do, within our resources, to be ready to face any challenge that may come.

We have other challenges unrelated to Mother Nature that we must address. As we have discussed, and promised in prior years, we have continued our efforts to determine the future fiscal requirements of the community and to identify appropriate sources of revenue to reduce the need to rely on residential property taxes to provide funding for vital City services. Recently we celebrated the completion of several major state highway projects and the relief from the related constant construction activities of the past several years. With the completion of these projects in mind, this past summer, after a

lengthy public process, the City Council adopted an amended general plan to guide, and give us the opportunity to control development around the proposed commuter rail station west of the new Park Lane interchange and in the US 89 corridor. There is still much work to be done and public involvement in the process is vital. We cannot turn back the clock and pretend that change will never happen—but we can do everything possible to ensure that new development is not inconsistent with the values we cherish as a community.

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One of those values is our commitment to preserve our heritage and our history. In 2004, after years of dedicated effort by our Historic Preservation Commission, we opened a Farmington History Museum at the site of the historic "Tithing Office" adjacent to our current City Hall. We encourage all to visit the Museum and be reminded of our roots as a community.

We also completed construction of our new Community Arts Center and the re-configuration of the Main City Park, with new boweries, an outdoor stage and a relocated Rose Garden. We appointed members to a new Farmington Arts Council to promote development of a variety of cultural programs for the youth and adults of our community. We completed and dedicated the new trail underpass at Main Street near 6th North that now connects the popular Lagoon Trail to the Farmington Pond Trail and on up through Farmington Canyon. We have also begun the design work for another underpass at the western end of the Lagoon Trail that will ultimately allow safe trail access from the foothills to the Great Salt Lake, with a future connection to the proposed Legacy Parkway trail system. Our active Trails Committee is the envy of surrounding communities, whose leaders wonder how we are so lucky to have such dedicated and public-minded citizens willing to spend so much time and energy to promote the development and maintenance of a well-planned and comprehensive trail system. This is also true as to our Plan-

ning Commission, our Board of Adjustment, our Leisure Services Board, our Historic Preservation Commission, our Youth Council, our Arts Council, our Festival Days Committee, our Pioneer Christmas Committee, and the many other committees, commissions, boards and willing volunteers whom we count on every day. On another front, we are moving forward to finalize an agreement with the School District that will accelerate development of playing fields, trails and open space at the site in southwest Farmington that will someday in the future see the construction of the proposed Farmington High School.

These and other accomplishments are a tribute to the vision and forward-thinking of our citizens, and to the dedicated efforts of our City staff, Planning Commissioners and City Council Members who are committed to turning these dreams into reality.

We have much to do, the bar is constantly being raised, the challenges are constantly changing. I am reminded of the words of the noted 19th century playwright, Henrik Ibsen, who, commenting on the concept of liberty, stated:

“He who possesses Liberty as something already achieved, possesses it dead and soul-less. . . One of the qualities of liberty is that, as long as it is being striven after, it goes on expanding. Therefore, the man who stands in the midst of the struggle and says, “I have it,” merely shows by doing so that he has just lost it.”

The same can be said of the process of building a community. We cannot allow ourselves to become complacent; we cannot declare we are satisfied with our current situation and try to stand still. We must move forward; we must continue to dream; we must continue to plan; we must continue to do what is necessary to make those dreams come true.

It is my hope and desire that as a community we work together to address our concerns, to preserve our heritage, to prepare for the future, and to continue to make this a place we are all proud to call home.

Mayor David M. Connors



Leisure Services Department

Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am—12pm & 1pm—5pm Located at 720 W 100 N. 451-0953

Visit us at www.farmingtonut.com

Leisure Services Advisory Board Members Needed

Farmington City is seeking individuals that would be willing to volunteer on the Leisure Services Advisory Board.

This board meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Board members serve a three year term.

This is an Advisory Board only and helps provide information to the City Council to assist them in establishing guidelines and policies for the City.

This board also assists the Leisure Services Director in advising prices for various programs and facilities as well as providing various assistance in special needs that develop for a growing City.

Interested applicants should send a short letter addressed to Mayor David Connors at PO Box 160, Farmington UT 84025.

The letter should include your name, address, how long you've lived in Farmington City and a short sentence of why you are interested in serving on the Leisure Services Board.

For more information, please call Viola Kinney at the Leisure Services Department at 451-0953.

"Blather, Blarney and Balderdash" Young People's Recreational Theatre!

Fri. & Sat. evenings Mar. 18 & 19 at 7 pm
with a matinee on Sat. at 1pm Community Arts Center
Tickets \$3/person or \$10/family of 5

WANTED

Local Crafters/Artists Concessions at the Festival Days Celebration July 9

Before you know it, July 9 will be here and with it Festival Days. This year the committee's emphasis is on inviting local crafters/artists/businesses to occupy the concession booths during the three- day celebration.

Plan your inventory now for selling during this exciting event. This is summer's fun time of the year.

To sign up or for questions, email Julie Harper at

julieharper@comcast.net

Early Bird Swimming Pool Discounts

The Farmington City Swimming Pool is offering

LATE WINTER DISCOUNTS to Farmington Residents **ONLY** who possess a 2004 season pass.

These prices are good only at the Leisure Services Office from **Mon. Apr. 4 to Fri. Apr. 29 for Farmington Families or Individuals who still have their 2004 Season or Punch pass picture ID Cards.**

The discount is
Farmington Resident Individual Season Pass \$35,
Family Pass (up to 5 family members) \$90,
Punch Pass Cards: 10/punch - \$25, 20/punch \$45;
Lap/Aerobics Punch Pass Cards 10/punch-\$15, 20/punch-\$30.

The APRIL Late Winter Discount is ONLY for Farmington 2004 Season pass Holders who do not need to have new passes issued.

New Farmington Residents or Farmington residents wishing to purchase 2005 passes can pur-

chase **EARLY BIRD** passes beginning, Mon. May 2 and ending on Fri. May 27.

Prices for the 2005 Season passes are: Farmington Resident Individual Season Pass \$45, Family Pass (up to 5 family members) \$100, Punch Pass Cards: 10/punch - \$25, 20/punch \$45; Lap/Aerobics Punch Pass Cards 10/punch-\$15, 20/punch-\$30.

Please bring in all individuals who wish to have a pass at the same time. Pictures are taken when passes are purchased.

Please be patient as we use this time to train our new front desk staff on how to operate the equipment.

REGULAR SEASON FEES

All regular season fees begin on Sat. May 28 when the pool opens at 10 am for the 2005 season.

The Farmington City Swimming Pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

These fees ARE NOT available on the internet or at the swimming pool, ONLY at the Leisure Services Office located at 720 W. 100 N.

Please join us for a special edition of . . .

"An Evening with the Arts"!

Thurs. Mar. 24 from 7 to 8:30 pm

Community Arts Center

Farmington's own **Melissa Lewis and Marcia Bennett with the Utah Symphony**

will be performing a mix of musical styles on the violin & piano.

An evening not to be missed. \$3/person suggested donation

Looking Ahead

◆ **Dinner Theatre** is coming so mark your calendar now!

Fri. & Sat. evenings Apr. 1 & 2 and Apr. 8 & 9.

Sit back, enjoy a delicious dinner and watch comedy theatre come alive!

Call Leisure Services at 451-0953 for reservations.

Ticket prices for dinner & show are \$11/ person.

◆ **Musical Review** coming up on April 16, 7 pm

Community Arts Center

◆ **Summer Musical Auditions for "Sound of Music"**

Thurs. April 14 from 6 to 9 pm & Sat. Apr. 16, 9 to Noon
at the Community Arts Center

Nominations for "**Woman of the Year**," are due April 8.
Drop off candidate information at the City Offices by April 8.