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THE STORMS OF 2012/2013

City Snowplowing Policies & Protocols

Unless you've been out of state, you are aware this has been an unusual snow year. Have you ever wondered how the city prioritizes snow removal efforts when the storms never seem to end? If so, this article may answer your questions.

Typically, the city starts snow plowing near the end of October and, following tradition, this year the first storm came on October 25, 2012. During the 98 days from the first storm until the end of January, the city plowed a total of 33 days (24 hours a day of continuous plowing on the snow days): 1 day in October, 3 days in November, 11 days in December and 18 days in January. It might be worth noting that there was one stretch when plow operators did not have a day off for almost 30 continuous days. February has been just as busy as January and complete data was not available at press time.



A few years ago, the city started a winter shift from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am. This allows for quicker response to extreme weather conditions. City personnel also monitor the National Weather Service forecast, so that extra

people can be scheduled based on the severity of the approaching storm. During prolonged storms, crews are divided in half and work continuous 12 hour shifts until all roads within the city are cleared.

Having a day crew and a night crew makes it possible to have 5 or 6 plows out at any given time. For the period through the end of January, plow drivers worked a total of 842 hours of regular time and 882 hours of overtime. The city's fleet manager also worked more than 12 hours a day during the heavy snow period to keep the intensively used equipment running.

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SPRING CLEANUP 2013

The city council authorized Spring Cleanup 2013 to begin March 25. This service is for residential limbs and branches only.

MARCH 25

South half of the city from 600 North to city limits, including the west Farmington area

APRIL 1

North half of the city from 600 North to city limits, including the Oakridge area

Residents are strongly encouraged to follow the rules outlined in this article so that city streets are restored to order as quickly as possible. **RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Negative consequences may be imposed upon violators. Green waste may not be picked up from the property, leaving the homeowner responsible to have it hauled away. Citations may be issued for illegal dumping, unsafe blockage of public right-of-ways, or public health nuisance. These are just possible examples. City officials do not wish to issue citations, and strongly encourage compliance with the rules.

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Due to the amount of snow, backhoes and a front-end loader were sent out to clear snow in some areas.

This year, the city used a mixture of red salt and white salt. At the beginning of the season, the salt shed (which holds approximately 500 tons of salt) was full. An additional 1168+ tons of red salt and 1342+ tons of white salt were hauled in for a total of more than 2,511 tons of salt. The hauling of salt to refill the salt shed is still ongoing.

Farmington City has 172 lane miles of roads to plow. The 10 plow trucks have plowed a total of 15,378 miles during this time period, meaning that each traffic lane has been plowed an average of 89 times. It is necessary to plow some roads more frequently than others because they are arterials or on hills, but this average number is very telling. A plow operator's job can be frustrating—spending a 12-hour night shift going up and down a road multiple times only to look the next morning and realize that the effort has been buried in more snow.

Farmington City crews will clear snow from priority roads first. Priority roads include those around schools, main arteries and hills. The city tries to have all roads cleared within 10 hours, unless the storm is prolonged. Then, priority roads take precedence and other streets (cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets) are cleared when conditions allow. The first pass of the plow is to open the roads. A repeat pass is made to push the snow back to the curb.

The following are state roads that Farmington City does not plow. The state gets to these roads AFTER state highways are in good order:

- **200 East from Lund Lane to State Street**
- **Main Street from State Street to Shepard Lane**
(Main Street from Shepard Lane to city limits is a city street)
- **200 West from 200 South to I-15**
- **Shepard Lane from Main Street to Hwy 89**
- **Park Lane from Main Street to Union Pacific tracks**
- **State Street from Main Street to 200 West**

City officials thank all those who keep their driveways and sidewalks clear. This helps in emergency responses. They also recognize that residents experience frustrations when snow plows, while removing snow from the road, create mounds of snow in driveway approaches. Unfortunately, the only alternative is to leave roads unplowed or for plows to move at a pace that would impede traffic.

It has been a difficult winter. Thank you for your help and patience as city crews do their best to make our roads safe. 🌱

Leaves, limbs and branches must be stacked at the curb BEFORE beginning collection day

Maximum limb length is 5 feet

No bags or boxes will be picked up

Maximum limb width is 8 inches

Leaves can be left in piles

Each residence is restricted to a pile sized no larger than 10 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4 feet high (the load one 10-wheel dump truck can haul)

Limbs stacked in the same direction allow for increased volume in the pile

Collected materials will be mulched at the Central Davis Sewer District Treatment Plant.

RECORDING SECRETARY JOB OPENING



Farmington City is seeking a Recording Secretary for Planning Commission meetings. The meetings are held in the evening twice a month on second and fourth Thursdays. This person would be responsible to attend meetings, take minutes, and prepare a final draft of the minutes. The starting wage will be \$12.00 per hour. If interested, please contact Holly Gadd at 801-939-8205 or hgadd@farmington.utah.gov. Applications are available online at www.farmington.utah.gov.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Jeffrey Holman has been appointed as the newest member of Farmington's Board of Adjustment. His five-year term began in January. The Board of Adjustment has the responsibility and power to hear and decide zoning appeals and applications for zoning variances. Mr. Holman will join existing board members Mack McDonald, Nathan Hardy, Tyler Judkins and DJ (David) Williams.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2013

March 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
March 7	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
March 19	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
March 20	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall an open discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council member	7:00 pm
March 21	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
March 21	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
March 21	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome

EXTRA GARBAGE DAY APRIL 20TH

Farmington City contracts with Robinson Waste Services to provide an additional garbage day annually. This year, the citywide collection day has been set for Saturday, April 20. Materials should be placed in the regular, roll-out, black container and left at the curb line by 6:00 am. Non-processable waste such as rocks, dirt, appliances, or hazardous waste, etc. is not permitted.

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Main Number.....451-2383
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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.....451-2105
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

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

Farmington City Hall
160 South Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE ON
FESTIVAL DAYS**



DON'T MISS OUT ON
FARMINGTON CITY'S
ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT!
MARCH 30TH!

PARKS & RECREATION

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

THE WIZARD OF OZ

YOUNG PERFORMERS EDITION

WHEN? March 20th-23rd
COST? \$5 in advance \$6 day of show
TIME? 7:00pm every night & 2:00pm on Saturday



FARMINGTON'S GOT TALENT

WHEN? March 9, 2013
COST? \$5 in advance \$6 day of show
TIME? 7:00pm
Register Jan 28th - Feb 22nd

SUMMER ADULT TENNIS LEAGUE

WHEN? June - October
WHO? 18 & up
COST? \$15 per player

Sign up alone or sign up as a team
Register through May 17th

SUMMER YOUTH TENNIS LEAGUE

WHEN? June - August
WHO 17 & under
COST? \$15 per player
Sign up alone or sign up as a team



WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CLASS

WHEN? May 7th-30th
DAYS? Tues & Thurs
WHO? 16+
Must turn 16 by the last day of class
COST? Residents \$120 Nonresidents \$130
TIME? 3:30-7:30pm

Register Feb 4th until full

LIFEGUARD CLASS

WHEN? May 6th - 29th
DAYS? Mon & Wed
WHO? 15+
Must turn 15 by the last day of class
COST? Residents \$120 Nonresidents \$130
TIME? 3:30-7:30pm

Register Feb 4th until full

MARK YOUR CALENDER!

Farmington City Arbor Day ... April 13th

Adult Soccer
Registration ... April 22nd - May 13th

Auditions for the Summer Musical
The Wedding Singer ... April 25th & 27th

Swim Lesson registration ...
Residents April 29th
Nonresidents May 6th

Registration opens April 29 ...
Archery, Summer Tennis,
Art Camp, Swimming & Lifesaving
Boy Scout Merit Badge classes

GROUP GUITAR

WHEN? Mar. 28-Apr. 25,
WHO? 12+
COST? Residents \$45
Nonresidents \$55
TIME? 5:00, 6:00, or 7:00pm

Register through March 28

ART ATTACK

WHEN? March 26th - May 14th
WHO? 5-11 yrs
COST? Residents \$65 Nonresidents \$75
TIME? 4:00-5:00pm (Tues)

Register through March 25th



Officially Listed on the
National Register of Historic Places

In October 2012, three Lagoon rides, which are considered historic properties, were officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service: the Carousel, the Flying Scooter and the Roller Coaster. Among other criteria, this award considers condition, originality, and requires that the ride has been in continuous operation for fifty years.

Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Johnny Mathis, Frankie Avalon and The Everly Brothers. Legends of rock and roll including Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, The Doors and the Beach Boys were among those who entertained Lagoon guests.

The Patio Gardens was converted into a roller rink in the late 70s and today it is the Game Time Arcade.



Lagoon's midway in 1953



In 1953 a fire swept through Lagoon's midway, consuming the roller coaster

Listing on the national register is intended to provide recognition of a property's significance. A major benefit of listing on the register is the availability of tax credits for qualified restoration work, along with other financial incentives that are intended to encourage preservation of historic buildings.

Lagoon has a rich and colorful history. Longtime Farmington residents may remember the Patio Gardens and performances in the 50s and 60s by such luminaries as

Some Farmington residents may remember the fire that swept Lagoon in the 50s, consuming the roller coaster and reducing the Dance Pavilion and Fun House to rubble.

THE ROLLER COASTER, which opened in 1921, is possibly Lagoon's most iconic ride. Over the years, the ride has been called "The Dipper," "The Silver Coaster," "The Giant Coaster," and "The White Roller Coaster." It has received awards as one of only a handful of classic coasters still in operation.

THE LAGOON CAROUSEL

originally opened in 1906 with 45 hand-carved horses and characters with horsehair tails. The housing was rebuilt in the 50s and the carousel moved to the location it still occupies today. In the 60s, a local wood carver was commissioned to carve wooden tails to replace the horsehair.

THE FLYING SCOOTER,

or Flying Aces, was installed in 1941 before World War II. The original canvas rudders have been replaced with metal. It is rare for riders to have the ability to control a ride's trajectory. Lagoon is one of only a few amusement parks that still have such a ride in operation.

Over the decades, Lagoon has been an integral part of Farmington. Congratulations to Lagoon on this significant honor.

FARMINGTON TRAILS

Integration with the Wasatch Range is one of the elements making Farmington an idyllic city. When considering the nonmotorized trails, the number of miles of trails, the variety of trails, the accessibility of trails, and the quality of trails, there is not a city or town in Utah that compares. Trails and open space are readily accessible throughout the city.

Farmington Trails Committee is organized, progressive and devoted to continuously maintaining and improving the trails in and around Farmington. During 2012, over six miles of new trails were completed. Free handouts listing all the trails and giving directions to the trailheads are available at nine kiosks throughout the city or at city hall. For the latest maps, trail lists, descriptions, conditions, ratings, and trail chiefs, visit the city website at farmington.utah.gov/trails.

Big thanks go out to trails committee members, scouts and other volunteers who donate their time and energy to enhance Farmington trails. If you would like to get involved with Farmington trails, contact George Chipman 801-451-6945.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The city's Christmas tree pickup effort was made difficult this year by mounds of snow piled on curb lines. If your tree was missed, put it out for collection during the spring cleanup. To learn when city crews will be in your neighborhood, please refer to the article on page 1.

CENTRAL DAVIS SEWER DISTRICT

The National Biosolids Partnership has certified Central Davis Sewer District's Environmental Management System as meeting all required elements for a quality program. The district is the first program in Utah and the 18th program nationwide to achieve this status.

Central Davis Sewer District is a publicly-owned collection system and treatment plant serving the Farmington, Fruit Heights and Kaysville areas. In the recent past, the district has won awards from the Water Environment Association of Utah for the best operated treatment plant, best operated collection system, outstanding pretreatment program, outstanding safety program and best operated biosolids program. Individual staff members have been awarded honors for outstanding performance in their professional fields and the district has been awarded - three times - the Outstanding Operations and Maintenance Excellence Award by EPA Region 8.



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