

Farmington News

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Farmington's Youth City Council
New Leadership Sworn In

Dave Petersen
Community Development
Director

SPIF
show pride in Farmington

On Saturday, April 18, many local businesses and religious organizations will be celebrating SPIF. SPIF stands for **SHOW PRIDE IN FARMINGTON**. Instead of holding a city-sponsored project this year, Mayor Harbertson has encouraged service organizations to plan a volunteer opportunity that will benefit Farmington neighborhoods. Watch for and support service projects planned to SPIF.



Thinking ahead, a major city project is planned for Saturday, August 22nd in the Farmington Bay area.

Volunteers will be able to help build foot paths, boardwalks, and canoe trails branching out from a future visitors' center to allow the public a nature experience in this valuable wetland. Farmington Trails Committee will be working with the Utah Wilderness and Conservation Foundation to prepare for this event. More information will be available in upcoming issues of Farmington News.

EMERGENCY Awareness Fair

Bring your family and come to the Emergency Awareness Fair on Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 9:00 am to noon to learn about family emergency preparedness and public safety. The fair will be held at Farmington Junior High, 150 South 200 West. This event is free and has been organized by the city's Emergency Preparedness Committee and other community groups.

Displays and information will be available on a variety of disaster and emergency preparedness topics, including food and water storage, first-aid and 72-hour kits, ham radio, portable heaters and generators, earthquake preparedness, dealing with natural gas and electric utility hazards in an emergency, Dutch oven cooking, and development of family emergency plans. Some vendors will have emergency preparedness products available for purchase.

There will be fingerprinting for child ID kits and information on 911, D.A.R.E., police dogs, SWAT, CSI and Internet safety. There will also be fire safety tips, fire preven-

tion displays and fire extinguisher demonstrations in the parking lot. CERT course information will be available.

Farmington City Emergency Preparedness and the Davis County Citizen Corps will be on hand to talk about Neighborhood Watch, and the CERT and Medical Reserve Corps. Learn about mentoring and other volunteer opportunities.

American Red Cross, Utah State University Extension Service, National Weather Service, the Safe Harbor Women's Shelter and the Family Connection Center will be some of the organizations providing displays.

Family activities will include a rock-climbing wall, courtesy of Utah National Guard, the Davis County Sheriff's mobile command center and LifeFlight. AirMed and Utah Department of Public Safety helicopters will be on display.

For further information, contact Paul White, Emergency Preparedness Manager, at 801.451.5108.

The Simple Convenience of Online Registration

Have you ever wanted to sign up for a sports league or class, but found yourself too busy to get into the Parks & Recreation office? There is a simple and convenient solution. Online registration is just a mouse click away. Next time you or your child decide to register for a class or activity, simply go to Farmington City's website at www.farmington.utah.gov.

If you have never registered before with Farmington City, sign in as a new user. To get a household ID, you will be asked to provide some information: your name, address (residence, not business), telephone (home, work, or cell), names and birth-dates of family members participating. A login ID and user name will be automatically assigned (you can change it later to something of your choosing). With that step complete, you can visit the website and click on your activity of interest, "click here to register" and log in with your new user name and password!

Once you have logged in, you can perform a type search for a specific activity, browse other activities, or even purchase tickets to an upcoming show. Online registrations end at 5:00 pm on the last day of sign-ups for that event.

Give it a try! If you have difficulty, the Parks and Recreation staff will be happy to help you. Just call 801-451-0953 for assistance.

Welcome a new

FARMINGTON CITY YOUTH COUNCIL

The Farmington Youth City Council was created and established for the purpose of "initiating, recommending, planning and implementing activities and programs...which promote and enhance youth citizenship and volunteerism within Farmington City." A new council was sworn in at the March 3rd City Council meeting. Youth City Council members are listed below, along with the officers they elected. Council-woman Paula Alder oversees the youth council. If you would like more information about the council or their activities, please email her at paula@alderfam.com.

FYCC Officers

Mayor: *Mareille Jewett* / Director of Youth Citizenship: *Alexis Wiscombe*
Chair of Publicity: *Makenzie Court* / Director of Volunteerism: *Emily Wahlstrom* / Historian: *McKenzie Madsen* / Treasurer: *Marissa Brown*
Secretary: *Elli Slagowski* / Parliamentarian: *Tasha Fernley* / Sergeant at Arms: *Adam Creager*



FYCC Members

Adam Barlow
Sarah Bilton
Marissa Brown
Becca Burnham
Makenzie Court
Adam Creager
Kara DeCoursey
Tasha Fernley
Sydney Gibson
Haley Harbertson
Ashleigh Hefner
Mareille Jewett
McKenzie Madsen
Jessica Mansell
Nick Mason
Layne McKenna
Jessica Memmott
Cait Miller
Alexa Nelson
Tanner Phillips
Megan Reeder
Kara Riley
Elli Slagowski
Rebecca Smith
Matt Swanson
Alexon Tiem
Emily Wahlstrom
Emily Welch
Melissa Welling
Alexis Wiscombe

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 2009

April 7	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
April 8	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
April 11	SAT	Youth City Council Easter Egg Hunt Main Park for children 12 or younger	10:00 am
April 15	WED	Summer Musical Auditions Community Arts Center	6:00 - 9:00 pm
April 16	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
April 18	SAT	Summer Musical Auditions Community Arts Center	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
April 21	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
April 22	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
April 22	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main Street	7:30 pm public welcome
April 23	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
April 30	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm

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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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS FAIR

sponsored by the
Children's Justice Center
April 25 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Community Arts Center
For information, call
Teresa at 725-2876 or
Melinda at 927-7530

april 18 additional garbage collection day

Farmington's automated garbage collector will empty roll-out black containers positioned at the curb line when they pass through neighborhoods. Non-processable waste, such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous waste, etc. is not permitted.

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 451-0953

Upcoming summer program signups beginning April 27 . . . check the city website for more information

ARCHERY . . . SUMMER FUN . . . TENNIS . . . MAD SCIENCE CLASS

Miss Farmington Signups

April 4
10:00 am
Community Arts Center basement
for contestants between 17-23
years of age

Easter Egg Hunt

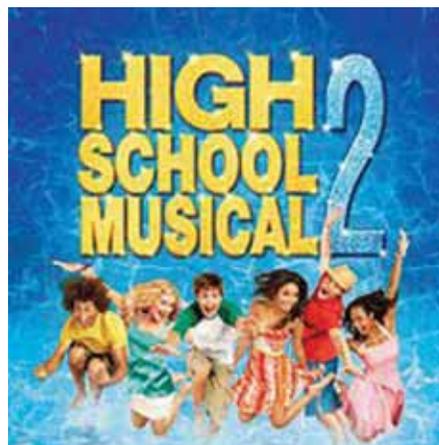
sponsored by the
Youth City Council
April 11
10:00 am
Main Park
for children 12 and under

Ballroom Dance

April 3 and 17
7:30 - 10:00 pm
Community Arts Center

Festival Days

will be the week of
July 6-11
Volunteers are needed
Those seeking involvement are
encouraged to contact Sarah Hale
at 801.529.2996 or the P&R Office



Swim Lesson Signups

April 27, 8:00 am for residents
May 4, 8:00 am for non-residents
Swim lessons will run in 2-week
sessions beginning June 8
Monday-Thursday mornings
40 minutes long

- Session #1 June 8-18
- Session #2 June 22-July 2
- Session #3 July 6-16
- Session #4 July 20-30
- Session #5 August 3-13

Early bird season passes now on
sale for residents only until May 15
\$125 for up to 5 people in the same
household

Summer Musical Auditions

April 15, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
April 18, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Community Arts Center basement
for anyone 8 years to adult

This summer's musical will be
High School Musical 2
Watch for more information in
upcoming issues of Farmington
News

Lifeguarding Class

for those who want to become a
Red Cross Certified Lifeguard
Participants must be at least 15 by
the class start date
May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21
4:30 - 9:30 pm \$120
Participants must pass a pre-test

Water Safety Instructor Class

May 26, 27, 28, June 2, 3, 4
4:30 - 9:30 pm \$120
Participants must pass a pre-test

~Ongoing signups~

CERAMICS . . . ARTS & CRAFTS . . . PLAY ON

One generation plants the trees;
another gets the shade.
--Chinese proverb

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



DAVE PETERSEN

As a young boy, Dave Petersen looked forward to the new Bountiful phone book every year, but not so he could find the numbers of friends or favorite girls. Instead he awaited the new city map—a subject of fascination. He'd highlight new streets and compare them to highlights he'd made on previous maps. As a teenager, he'd cruise the streets of Bountiful on his motorcycle, checking out new housing and commercial projects and noticing how city development merges with the lay of the land.

In the true sense of the Chinese proverb above, Dave Petersen lives for shade. As Farmington's community development director, city planner, zoning administrator, and floodplain administrator, Dave is continually planning. When he makes a decision, he thinks as much of his grandchildren as his children, as much of their

children as of them. Dave Petersen sees the future of Farmington as well as anyone can. We hope you enjoy a little of the conversation we recently shared.

The context surrounding Farmington is changing rapidly. Coupled with our natural landscape, I imagine that makes planning a bit daunting. Is there something about our city government—its character or vision—that makes dealing with such challenges in a constructive manner possible, even likely?

Dave: Farmington is a very progressive city, willing to try new things. I think it's a misnomer that only people who are not conservative are willing to try new things. They know what they want.

Progressive?

Dave: As far as planning, Farmington has been very progressive. They hired their first planner back in 1986, long before neighboring cities hired their first planner. It was important to them, very important.

How does that progressive attitude show up in terms of what residents see or experience?

Dave: We've had a lot of firsts in our city. We were the first city, from my understanding, to have a sand volleyball court when that was the craze. We were the first city to actually have an open-space ordinance on the books, conservation as an ordinance. That was so cutting edge.

And has that ordinance made a difference?

Dave: We've had some very good things occur because of that ordinance. For example, it requires developers to set aside a certain amount of open space when developing their subdivisions if they want to get a reasonable density [of lots]. And it has helped us get trail easements, detention basins and park property.

The trails are an important part of what Farmington is, aren't they?

Dave: Our trails committee is wonderful. They're so dedicated, always doing something. Our trails map is unbelievable compared to the communities surrounding us, and compared to the Salt Lake County communities. We're not a rich community in terms of a tax base. We don't have cash to offer developers. But because of the open-space ordinance, we can offer developers an increased number of lots instead of cash. So we're getting such things as trails and open space areas as we go, and hopefully thirty years from now future citizens will be glad we did so.

Trails do distinguish us from surrounding communities, don't they? How is Farmington unique in other ways?

Dave: Another thing that is indicative of Farmington trying new things is the sound wall and the way it was done. You can go to other communities, it doesn't happen. It took the city well over a year and a half to get it approved.

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your dog when using
public areas

Dave Petersen continued

That wall makes a big impact on quality of life. Our leadership does really care about the residents.

Dave: They really do. Another thing is our downtown. It's different than other downtowns. We have an institutional downtown and a residential downtown, very few businesses, which has a different feel than our counterparts. People love living downtown because at five o'clock it is a quiet residential neighborhood. It's calm and peaceful, and the weekends are wonderful.

Yes. When friends or family come to visit, they always comment on Main Street. It gives our town an identity.

Dave: We have a strong identity. If you live in Salt Lake County, when you're out of state and somebody asks you where you live, 95 percent chance you say Salt Lake City. There's nobody from Farmington that when asked where they live, they say Salt Lake.

Right. Residents like the feel and rhythm of Farmington, I think. The landscape contributes to that.

Dave: The other thing about Farmington is creeks. We still have our natural riparian habitats along those creeks, which is really good. And then there's Farmington Bay, what a unique thing. We have National Forest Service property on our east and Farmington Bay on our west. What a setting!

It is.

Dave: Our city leadership really tries hard to get it right [when they make decisions that balance development with landscape]. And the people in Farmington do take pride. It's a great place to be a planner. I have colleagues come up to me all the time and say, "Wow. What would it be like to work for a city council and planning commission that actually get along?" It's been a great place.

Thanks, Dave, for your commitment to generations of Farmington residents.

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