



Farmington News

May 2006

Kris Birch Named Farmington Woman of the Year



Kris Birch was named Farmington Woman of the Year at a luncheon May 6 at the Oakridge Country Club.

Kris was nominated by Whitney Rose Dustin. "Kris tutors teenagers in the area for the ACT Test and is a great example of what many women look up to," said Whitney.

Kris is a counselor for adolescents that are in need of help with drugs and who have other problems and concerns. She is a great example for her positive nature and caring for other people.

"She is an outstanding and amazing woman in our community," said Whitney.

4th Annual Community Emergency Preparedness Fair Saturday, May 20 9 am to 12 Noon Community Arts Center

Individual and family emergency preparedness are paramount given the vulnerability of Farmington to natural and manmade disasters. The City has had more than its share of flooding, mudslides, foothill fires, and high winds.

Like all communities along the Wasatch Front, Farmington is also vulnerable to earthquakes. **PLEASE** schedule time to attend this year's fair to be held in the City's Community Arts Center located at 120 South Main next to the City's main park.

BE PREPARED

City Council Now Tuesday Night

Farmington's Council meetings are the first and third Tues. of the month. Meetings begin at 7 pm, with a 5:30 pm work session. The meeting schedule is as follows:

May 16 June 6 & 20 July 11

Planning Commission dates will continue to be the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Mayor's Corner

City's Changing Tax Structure

Since the first of the year I have had quite an education, not only on the overall government process, but more importantly on the complexity of what's involved in running a city the size of Farmington. Currently, the City Council and I are working through the budget process of allocating and analyzing where and how your tax dollars and other City revenues will be spent next fiscal year. Believe me when I say we are blessed to have a great City staff running a very tight ship. Can there be improvements, new ideas or better ways to make City revenues go further? Yes! And that is the process we are committed to during this year's budgetary sessions.

A significant portion of the dollars budgeted for City services (i.e. police, fire, ambulance and public works) comes from the City's share of sales tax dollars distributed on a statewide basis. Fifty percent (50%) of the local share is distributed by population and fifty percent (50%) by point-of-sales (citizens' supporting Farmington businesses).

The city property tax dollars in the mid-80's and 90's paid 80% to 85% of city services with less reliance on sales tax revenue to cover municipal services. Today, that percentage has changed with property tax dollars covering only about 40% to 45%. These numbers are statewide averages, but Farmington City follows that trend. (Source: Utah League of Cities & Towns) Moreover, a City that does not diversify its tax structure places more dependence on residential property to pay for municipal services. Residential property yields 45% less property tax revenue than non-residential property of equal value. Retail property yields both the higher property tax and the "point-of-sales" portion of the sales tax. For this reason, Farmington's elected officials in recent years have sought to change its planning and development strategies in order to diversify its tax revenues. The City is trying to do this and maintain the "quality-of-life" characteristics Farmington residents want. It's no small chore!

Spring Cleanup Questions

I have been asked a number of times in the past few weeks – "Why is spring cleanup done so early the year? Can't you move it back a couple of weeks to allow us to get more done and out on the curb? Well, those are great questions and ones that I ask myself each year as spring rolls around. The reasons it is done during the last part of March and first part of April are:

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- Leisure Services451-0953
- Building Inspection451-2383
- Water Department451-2624
- Planning & Zoning451-2383
- Animal Control444-2200
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Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. Work Sessions begin at 5:30.

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
May 3 & 16	May 11 & 25
June 6 & 20	June 8 & 22
July 11	July 13 & 27

NO garbage collection on: **Memorial Day**
July 4th
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas

Federal Storm Water Regulations & City Ordinance Prohibit Dumping of Landscape Materials within City Streets

Those citizens who are in the process of or who are planning to landscape their yards, please be aware that it is against Federal and local laws to place/dump landscaping materials in City streets. Although this is a common practice, it is illegal and offenders run the risk of receiving a citation.

The material is often left for days or weeks which not only adversely affects the attractive nature of Farmington’s neighborhood, but more importantly, contributes significantly to contamination storm water which flows into the City’s storm sewers and stream channels. As property owners arrange to have landscaping material delivered, please make sure the material is placed on the lot and not within the street right-of-way.

WANTED

Farmington Fire Department

is accepting applications for Fire-fighter/EMT’s.

1. Applicants must live within the city limits.
2. EMT’s and Fire 1 preferred, but not required.
3. Applications available at the Public Safety Building, 82 N. 100 E.

Leisure Services

is seeking a Permanent part-time Secretary. This position would work varying hours occasionally with main hours worked in the afternoon.

A full job description can be obtained either at www.farmington.utah.gov or at the Leisure Services Office located at 720 W. 100 N. Job will remain open until filled.

Special Events Coordinator

The City is recruiting for a contract employee (paid position) to work with the City volunteer Festival Days Committee and Farmington Christmas Committee and to be the Adult Coordinator for the City’s Youth City Council program. Hours vary depending upon event and time of year.

A full job description can be obtained either at www.farmington.utah.gov or at the Leisure Services Office located at 720 W. 100 N. Job will remain open until filled.

Please Help Our Street Sweeper

Our street sweeper needs your help. Please do not put any sticks or twigs over 6 inches long in the gutter. If the sweeper picks up anything longer than 6 inches it plugs up the vacuum hose and requires the sweeper to stop to unplug the hose. This causes delays in our sweeping schedule. Please keep trees trimmed and basketball standards off of the streets so the sweeper can do a more efficient job. We appreciate your help and cooperation.



Legacy Highway Open House & Progress Report on Commuter Rail & Station Park

WHERE: Community Arts Center
May 25th 5 to 7 pm

If you want to know about Legacy Highway, with its accompanying landscape, unique visual features and 14-mile trail system, plan to attend a special Open House sponsored by UDOT’s Legacy Team. They will be at the Community Arts Center, 120 South Main, between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 25.

The commuter rail, now under construction, is scheduled for use in the summer or fall of 2008. A station platform is now under construction on the west side of I-15 east of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and just north of the City’s Public Works/Leisure Services building. Representatives from Utah Transit Authority (UTA) will be present to discuss their commuter rail plans for the Farmington area.

CenterCal, a California development company, is partnering with Rick Haws for development of “Station Park” – initially a 60-acre mixed use development – located between Clark and Park Lanes. Development representatives will be present at the Community Arts Center to present their latest plans on how a generous mix of retail with office and housing will fit together into one of Utah’s first “Transit Oriented Developments”.

City officials invite the public to come and see what is planned and happening on the City’s west side. You’ll be surprised!

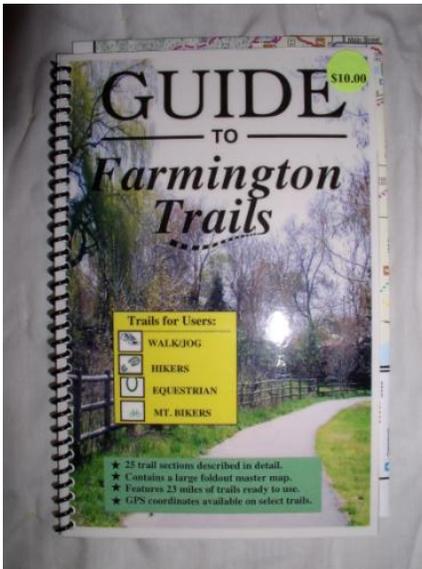
*Plan Now To Attend
The Miss Farmington 2006
Pageant*

*Sat. May 6 at 7 pm at
Davis High School*

*General admission is \$5 at the door.
Special Fitness portion begins May 6
at 6:30 pm and tickets are
available only from the contestants for
this part of the program.*

SPRING DISCOUNT ON TRAIL BOOKLET

To celebrate the arrival of Spring and to give a nudge to those who have not yet purchased their Trail Guide booklet, the Farmington Trails Committee announces a 30% discount in the cost of the ever popular "Guide to Farmington Trails" booklet.



The normal \$10 cost will be reduced by \$3 to only \$7. **This offer is only good during the month of May 2006** and only at the Farmington City offices or the Leisure Services Building. Simply show this announcement in your Newsletter to receive the discount.

With over 23 miles of non-motorized trails in the Farmington area to enjoy there is a rich variety of trail experiences that await you. It is time to get on the trails and get into shape. **Hooray for Spring!**

Mayor's Corner Continued

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(1) The process currently takes two weeks for the Public Works crew to complete. If the City were to move the pick-up dates to start around the middle of April, it would take an extra two weeks to complete the process and put the City's Public Works crew behind schedule in their normal spring maintenance work.

(2) More importantly, the cost of the service would more than double. The City puts \$30,000 into the budget to fund this service. That amount covers the expense of collection and chipping (grinding) which occurs at the Central Davis Sewer District plant in west Kaysville. Farmington is able to provide this service inexpensively because the material is ground up into wood chips and used in the sewer treatment process. The City and Central Davis Sewer District split the cost. Hauling cost is less because of the close proximity. Central Davis Sewer District can handle only two weeks worth of yard waste.

(3) If spring clean took longer, excess tonnage would have to be trucked to the Burn Plant and be subject to expensive tipping fees.

Farmington is one of the few cities in Davis County that still continues to offer this service to its residents, and will continue to do because of Central Davis Sewer District's willingness to accept the yard waste materials and pay part of the cost of grinding it into wood chips.

Please contact me with your concerns or issues, I am always willing to listen.

Mayor Scott C. Harbertson

Autumn Glow Senior Activity Center
81 E. Center Street Kaysville 544-1235

May brings flowers and fun at
Autumn Glow Senior Activity Center
Monthly movie special; Kaysville Theatre the 3rd Tuesday of
every month at **10 am, just \$1** One extra buck gets you a drink
and popcorn, **seniors only.** **Monthly dance** will be on Friday
May 19, 7-9 pm \$3 per person.
Medicare D help still available, with appointment.
Antelope Island BBQ- May 19 10-2
Plus much, much more from Organ Lessons to Pinochle.

American Legion Farmington Post 27

*Come join the post, Thurs. May 11 at 6:30 pm in the Davis
County Courthouse either in the County Clerk's Conference
Room, or the County Commission Meeting Room.*

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT CITY BUSINESS . . .

Access the City's Website @ www.farmington.utah.gov



Leisure Services Department

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

Visit us at www.farmington.utah.gov

“Godspell JR,”

This best loved musical by two-time Academy Award-winner Stephen Schwartz will be performed by the **Farmington City Arts Youth Theatre** May 5, 6, 12, & 13 at 7 pm at the Community Arts Center, 120 S. Main.

Godspell Junior is a groundbreaking and unique reflection on the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance and love, and featuring the international hit "Day By Day."

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Leisure Services Offices or online at farmington.utah.gov.

Composers Concert sponsored by the Farmington City Arts Council coming up on Sat. June 17, 2006. If you would like to participate in this event, please call Leisure Services at 451-0953.

Sign up for Summer programs starts May 8 at 8 am

Register now at www.farmington.utah.gov for the following classes. *There's something for everyone.*

Young People Theatre

Fee: \$45 per person

Scout Archery

Fee: \$30 per person

Art Adventures

Fee: \$64 includes a supply fee

Tennis

Fee: \$30 per person

Ceramics

Fee: \$45 per person

Mad Science

Fee: \$50 per person

See our web site for dates and times and other programs

Mayor's Open Forum/Town Hall Meeting Schedule

Mayor Scott C. Harbertson and a member of the City Council will be available to meet and discuss citizen-related issues, concerns, comments, or suggestions. The next meeting time is from 7 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesday,

May 17

July 12

September 6 and 20

November 8 and 22

June 7 and 21

August 2 and 16

October 4 and 18

December 6 and 13

2006 Swimming Lesson Registration

RESIDENT REGISTRATION: 8 am, Mon., May 8 (Internet ONLY) Swimming Lesson Fee: Resident \$30 per participant

OPEN REGISTRATION: 8 am, Mon., May 15 (Internet ONLY) Sorry No Telephone registration is available.

Swimming Lesson Fee: Non resident \$35 per participant per class

WALK-IN REGISTRATION: 8 am, Mon., May 15 through Fri., May 26 at the Leisure Services Office located at 720 W 200 N

WALK-IN REGISTRATION BEGINNING Sat., May 27 at the swimming pool during pool business Hours.

Swim Lesson Sessions are as Follows:

•Session 1 June 5 - 15

•Session 2 June 19 -29

•Session 3 July 3,5,6,7,10 - 13 (No Class on the 4th)

•Session 4 July 17 - July 28 (No Class on the 24th)

•Session 5 July 31 - August 10

Class dates are normally Mon. through Thurs. allowing a make up day on Fri. for inclement weather

Volunteers Wanted

Board Members

Farmington City Arts Council is looking for board members to fill two (2) vacancies each for a 3-year term. If interested, please contact Leisure Services at 451-0953.

Event Volunteers

The Farmington City Arts Council is looking for Producers, Directors and Event Coordinators for upcoming Arts Council sponsored events. If interested, contact Leisure Services at 451-0953.

Youth City Council Adult Advisor

Volunteer Youth City Council Advisor needed. The Youth City Council is seeking an energetic adult to help guide the Youth City Council in monthly events and meetings. Interested individuals may submit a letter of interest at the Leisure Services Offices or call 451-0953.

Archery Instructor

Archery instructor needed. For more information call 451-0953 ext. 4

For More Information on events, meetings, citizen volunteer activities, programs, arts, trails, Leisure Services activities or other City questions, visit

www.farmington.utah.gov
or watch Davis Cable Channel 17