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Community Fire Planning for the Wildland-Urban Interface

To reduce the risk of forest fires this summer in the vicinity of Steed Canyon, east of 200 East, a committee has been formed to determine what actions need to be taken. One of the highest risks is the buildup of fuel wood near homes adjacent to forested areas. The first project is to reduce the fuel by removing dead wood and thinning trees in the mouth of Steed Creek Canyon. A group from the Young Singles Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints provided the volunteer labor for this project. Another project under study is to move the fire break road between Steed Creek and Davis Creek Canyons onto US Forest Service property to provide better emergency access. The Farmington Fire Department has also offered to conduct lot assessments at no charge to residents concerned about fire danger. Contact Richard Love at 451-2842 or rlove@farmington.utah.gov to sign up. If you would like to participate in upcoming projects or become involved in the planning process, contact Leon Stanger, Committee Secretary at 451-7947 or stanger62@msn.com.

Recycling Survey Results



City Council to Look at Volunteer Recycling Option, Not Mandatory

The results of April's recycling survey as to whether Farmington should start a mandatory residential curb-side recycling program represent 60% favoring the proposal, 33% opposing the proposal and 7 % being indifferent. These results beg the question: "What is the City going to do now?"

Mayor Harbertson and all City Council Members have gone on record opposing the idea of mandatory residential curb-side recycling on those who oppose the proposal. The Mayor and City Council do, however, support offering voluntary residential curb-side recycling for those who want to sign up for the service.

The City is investigating the feasibility of offering a City-sponsored and City-invoiced program conditional on an adequate number of households signing up for the service. Discussions have begun with Robinson Waste Collection and Rocky Mountain Recycling to offer a program that gives customers a price break

by requiring a minimum number of customers before the service is started. Presently, the magic number for the project to work is at least 1500 customers out of the 4500 city residential customers. The City will announce a curbside recycling program when it is developed. Again, it will likely be dependent on significant interest of residential customers.

The surveys contained a lot of written comments. The opinions were strong on both sides—those in favor and those opposed. The Mayor and Council were made aware of the general description of written statements. They want citizens to know they have considered your thoughts and want to address the recycling need without forcing compliance.

Some of the comments received clearly illustrate a lack of understanding on the recycling issues. On page 2 find facts that pertain to recycling:

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Upcoming City Elections

Recycling Survey continued

Have you ever had a desire to run for an elected office? If so, here is an opportunity to do so. Elections will be held this year for the office of Farmington City Mayor and two City Council Member seats. The term of office is for four years. The filing period begins July 1 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on July 15.

To qualify as a candidate you must:

- 1) Be a resident of Farmington City for at least 12 months immediately preceding the date of election;
- 2) Be a registered voter; and
- 3) Be a citizen of the United States.

To file as a candidate a "Declaration of Candidacy" form must be filed with the Farmington City Recorder at 130 North Main Street. This form is available at the City Recorder's office at the City Hall or on the city's website at www.farmington.utah.gov.

If more than two candidates file for the office of Mayor and/or if more than four candidates file for the office of City Council, a Primary Election will be held on September 15. The General Election will be held November 3. If you would like more information, please contact Margy Lomax, at 939-9205 or at mlox@farmington.utah.gov.



Project Description

The I-15 EXPRESSLink project will add an express lane in both directions on I-15 from 500 North in Salt Lake City to the I-215 ramp in Davis County. In order to accommodate the new width of the freeway, bridges at Beck Street, U.S. 89, and 1100 North will be replaced. The bridges at 800 and 1100 North will be replaced by one bridge at 1100 North. This project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2010.

I-15 Closure

I-15 will be CLOSED in both directions between I-80 and I-215 from midnight, Friday, May 8 until 5:00 am, Monday, May 10.

Ramps Closures

Additional impacts associated with this project include consecutive southbound ramps closures. All northbound ramps, Beck Street, and 600 North will remain OPEN until Fall 2009 when widening activities will switch to the other side.

Beginning April 25 the following ramps will be closed until Fall 2009:

- ⊙ Southbound 2300 North on and off-ramps.
- ⊙ Southbound U.S. 89 on-ramp to I-15.
- ⊙ Southbound 900 West on and off-ramps.

Get Informed

For more information, email expresslink@somers-jaramillo.com, visit www.udot.utah.gov/expresslink or call toll free 1-888-556-0232.

▪ **The City will make no money on recycling.** The market for recyclables is way down at present. Any money paid by the recycling company would be used to reduce the cost of collection and hauling. The City will not do a recycling program to increase its operating revenues.

▪ The City's Governing Body authorized the study to determine the level of public interest before considering any policy changes. They wanted to hear from you. **THEIR DECISION WAS NOT PRE-CONCEIVED.**

▪ **Putting recycling dumpsters around town does not work.** It doesn't significantly reduce the waste stream, and it would cost the City money to have the recyclables hauled away. The City tried this option before at the Foxglove Shopping Center (Smith's) and it didn't work. The other negative of recycling dumpsters is they become eyesores and are time-consuming and expensive to keep clean.

More than **anything**, thanks to all of you who took the time and interest in responding to the survey. 🍎



Kennan Sparks was honored by Mayor Harbertson and the City Council on April 21, 2009. Kennan is a Farmington Jr. High student and winner of the State Geography Bee. He will be going to national competition in May.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 2009



May 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 6	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
May 14	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
May 19	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 20	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
May 21	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
May 25	MON	Memorial Day City Offices Closed	
May 27	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main Street	7:30 pm public welcome
May 28	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

Garbage collection will be delayed by one day for the
MEMORIAL DAY holiday (Monday, May 25).
This only happens on 6 holidays each year.

... a good rule of thumb, *when in doubt, put it out*

On May 21, Mayor Harbertson signed a proclamation declaring May as **Foster Care Month**. Another proclamation was approved, sponsored by the Elks Club, setting the first week of May as **Youth Week**, a time to honor America's young citizens.

PARKS & RECREATION

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

FARMINGTON POOL OPENS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

EARLY BIRD SEASON POOL PASSES

On sale for residents until May 15
\$125, up to 5 people in the same household

LIFEGUARDING CLASS

For individuals who want to become Red Cross Certified Lifeguards. Participants must be at least 15 on the class start date

Class dates May 12,13,14,19,20 & 21

Time 4:30-9:30 pm

Cost \$120

Pre-test required

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

Class dates May 26, 27, 28 & June 2, 3, & 4

Time 4:30-9:30 pm

Cost \$120

Pre-test required

SWIM LESSONS

Sign-ups begin April 27 for residents, May 4 for non-residents

SWIM LESSONS will run on

Mondays-Thursdays in 2-week sessions beginning June 8.

8:00 - 8:40 am

8:45 - 9:25 am

9:30 - 10:10 am

10:15 - 10:55 am

11:00 - 11:40 am

ARCHERY

Sign-ups begin April 27

Ages 7-14

Cost \$30/ \$40 for residents/ non

Times offered:

3-3:45 pm or 4-4:00 pm

TENNIS

Sign-ups begin April 27

Ages 7-17

Cost \$30/ \$40 for residents/ non

4 different sessions available

YOUTH TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sign-up deadline May 10

Cost \$10, includes t-shirt

Boys and girls ages 12-18

Tournament June 25- July 11

MAD SCIENCE

Sign-ups begin April 27

Ages 6-12

Cost \$75/ \$85 for residents/ non

Sessions begin in July

SWIM LESSON SESSION DATES

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

FOOTBALL

Sign-ups begin June 6 through July 2

Cost \$115 + \$50 deposit/ residents

\$140 + \$50 deposit / non-residents

Ages 7-15

EAGLE FOOTBALL BREAKFAST

June 6, 8:00 am

Heritage Park

\$3/ person or \$10/ family

Registration will be available

New 2009 merchandise available

EAGLE FOOTBALL COACHING

Applications online

Due June 26

SUMMER FUN

Sign-ups begin April 27

Ages 6-12

Cost \$50/ \$60 for residents/ non

Time 9:00 - noon Tuesdays & Thursdays

Two sessions offered

SOCCER

Sign-ups for the fall season begin June

8 through July 2

Season begins in mid-August

Cost \$35/ \$50 for residents/ non

\$10 uniform fee

Ages pre K - 6th grade

WATCH FOR THE NEW ADULT WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE AND YOUTH CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE BEGINNING THIS FALL

DON & KAREN SIMS

a presence of optimism and vitality

"There was a lot of flooding and the creek overflowed on Sunday... we went home and found 13 to 14 inches of water in the basement... the mudslide hit the next day."

In the spring of 1983, Utah was ravaged by a series of floods, landslides, and debris flows, creating almost 250 million dollars in damage. Farmington, one of the cities most affected by the disaster, is a perfect example of what experts call a debris flow. The event began with a land failure at the top of Rudd Canyon, and quickly turned into an emergency situation. Karen and Don Sims, along with others in a five block radius, were shocked as they watched devastating mudslides destroy their house and envelop their property. The effects were so disastrous, in fact, that the place where the Sim's house used to stand has been turned into a retention basin to avoid future events of the same nature. But a simple description

of the disaster hardly captures the essence of the moment.

The Sims, who are long time residents of Farmington, were cleaning up from the previous day's flooding when they first realized something was terribly wrong. "I heard this sound," Karen remembers, "like big vehicles were rolling down the mountainside." Don and Karen quickly decided to pack all of their seven children into the car and evacuate, leaving their home and all their possessions behind.

Karen immediately went into the house to find her children, and as she prepared them to leave, she saw a clump of locust trees not too far from her house being lifted from the ground by the enormous power of the debris flow. "After that all I could see was the faces of my children. It was like tunnel vision,"

Karen remarked. And she knew she had to get them out. As the family drove away,



Mark Your Calendar!



**Farmington
Festival Days
July 6-11**

watch for a complete festival schedule in the June issue or on the website

one of their sons remembers looking back to see the mud rip their house from its foundation and toss it into their neighbor's yard. Luckily, the entire family made it out safely. "The house went down," Don says, "but the home was in the car." And to Don and Karen, that was all that mattered.

Like so many other families in Farmington after the disaster, Don and Karen Sims now see the debris flow as a learning experience, and a time the community united for a common good. "It was such a good experience with the neighborhood. The way the people just came together. You really knew each other; you were really in there helping each other. It was a great experience in the long run."

Don and Karen managed to turn an episode that could have been permanently crippling into an opportunity to grow and learn, and today their presence in Farmington enriches the community and provides a spirit of optimism and vitality. ●



IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR
MOTOR REV'N
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2009
**FARMINGTON
FESTIVAL DAYS**

JULY 11, 2009
10K 6:30 AM
5K & 10K 6:45 AM

Registration is now open at:
active.com

HALF MARATHON • 10K • 5K

In person registration is available at:
Striders in Layton



Farmington City Parks & Recreation Office (Not City Hall)
NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION

Water Conservation Activities

Saturday, May 9th 10:00 -11:00 am - free class

"Colorful Perennials"

Wednesday, May 20th 6:30-7:30 pm - free class

"Healthy Landscapes with Proper Watering"

Saturday, June 6th 11:30-12:30 am - free class

"Larry Sagers' Favorite Plants"

For a full class schedule and other water conservation information go to weberbasin.com.

Classes are located at
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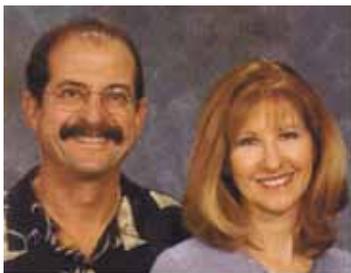
\$45 first child, \$41 additional family members

Session 1 • June 8-19	8:00 - 8:45am	Levels 1
Session 2 • June 22-July 3	8:45 - 9:30am	2,3,4,5
Session 3 • July 6-17	9:30-10:15am	
Session 4 • July 20-31	10:15-11:00am	
Session 5 • August 3-14	11:00-11:45am	

CALL 801-244-5077 to register

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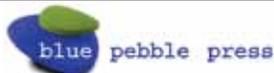
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*Free Entrance does not include Rides, Lagoon A Beach Waterpark, Games, X-Venture Zone Attractions, Parking, Special Events or Private Openings. **FRIGHTMARES** is not included. Offer expires September 20, 2009.

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