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Station Parkway Park Lane Village

City officials strive to keep residents fully informed of happenings in the community. You may have noticed changes north and south of Park Lane in the vicinity of the Station Park Development. There is positive news to report:



STATION PARK STATUS:

The development of Station Park is coming about incrementally, but is definitely happening. Building permits for a 68,000 square foot Harmon's Grocery Store and 52,000 square foot Cinemark 14-screen movie theatre will be issued sometime in mid to late summer 2010 with openings scheduled for Spring/Summer 2011.

STATION PARKWAY CONSTRUCTION:

This roadway extends north from Park Lane to Burke Lane. Over burden is being placed on top of the dirt constructed roadway to allow settlement for a couple of months. Full completion with asphalt and curb and gutter is estimated for mid-September 2010. Once completed, this roadway will open up the area between the old D&RGW Railroad right of way and the Union Pacific Railroad right of way. This area is master planned for mixed use development, which will hopefully diversify and improve the city's tax base over the long-term.

PARK LANE VILLAGE:

This development is a 328-unit apartment complex located on the north side of Park Lane and adjacent and west of the Union Pacific Rail corridor. This will be the city's first transit-oriented development and will be located within 200 yards of the Front Runner Station. Construction will begin in late spring/early summer. The development will be nicely landscaped and will feature a clubhouse and covered parking.



On April 3rd, despite the chilly morning temperature, more than 500 kids, their parents and grandparents gathered at Main Park to participate in Farmington's annual Easter egg hunt. Thanks to the Youth City Council and Parks and Recreation staff, 10,000 eggs were filled and scattered. And thanks to Lagoon's generosity, no one left empty-handed.



Farmington's urban forest was enhanced on Arbor Day thanks to Miss Farmington, Ciera Pekarcik, and a group of boy scouts celebrating 100 years of scouting.

Miss Farmington Contestants



Annika Tye



Ashleigh Hefner



Gillian Klundt



Julianne Wirthlin



Marissa Bowen



Whitney Hasenyager

This year's Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant will be held at the Community Arts Center on Saturday, June 5 at 7:00 pm.

Each of the six contestants will choose a platform based on community service. The contestant selected as Miss Farmington will promote public awareness of her chosen social issue throughout her reigning year. In addition to her platform, Miss Farmington spends a year supporting the community, sponsoring events and serving as a role model to Farmington youth.

Last year, \$6,000 in scholarships were awarded to Miss Farmington and other contestants.

The Miss Farmington Pageant is preliminary to the Miss Utah and Miss America pageants.

Thanks to Ciera Pekarcik, the reigning Miss Farmington, for her efforts toward the platform "Find Yourself Through Service." She has encouraged the youth of Farmington to grow and learn about themselves through acts of service.

Look for information on how to purchase a ticket on www.farmington.utah.gov.

A **Culinary Water Rate Increase** will be the topic of discussion at the **TOWN HALL MEETING** on Wednesday, May 19th, 7:00 pm at City Hall.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 2010

May 4	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 5	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall an open discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council member	7:00 pm <i>you</i> determine the agenda
May 13	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
May 14	FRI	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Farmington Bay Trail and Boardwalk	9:00 am
May 18	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 19	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall TOPIC: Culinary Water Rate Increase	7:00 pm
May 20	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
May 26	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main Street	7:30 pm public welcome
May 27	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
May 31	MON	Memorial Day City Offices Closed	

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- 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
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BSA

The following excerpts are taken from a letter received by Mayor Harbertson and Council Members from Boy Scouts of America officials:

“As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates our 100th anniversary, we thank the City of Farmington for its help in providing Eagle project opportunities for the boy scouts in the Farmington Bay District. These young men provide valuable service to the community and receive great support and encouragement from city personnel.”

“...there are 1,769 boys registered in the four groups of Scouting in Farmington and over 835 volunteer leaders. Additionally, there were 81 Farmington young men who achieved the Eagle rank during 2009. The service involved in these projects totaled more than 4,000 hours with a monetary value of approximately \$16,000.00...”

PARKS & RECREATION

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

*Interested in signing up for a class?
Starting dates and more detailed
information can be found online or
by calling the Parks & Recreation office.*

Festival Days

5k/10k & 1/2 marathon
Please register now @
Parks & Recreation office or online.

Visit our website for a full lineup of
Festival Days activities @
www.farmingtonfestivaldays.com

Miss Farmington Pageant

June 5th @
Community Arts Center. 7:00 pm
Tickets sold at the door

Archery

Times: 1:00 - 1:45 pm
Tues, Wed, & Thurs
Cost: \$30.00 residents
\$40.00 non-residents
Choose from 5 sessions
Come to Woodland Park & learn the
basics in this beginners course.

Fall Dinner Theater

Farmington City is looking
for a director for a production
that will take place in October.
Please contact Sarah Hale
if interested @ 801-529-2996



Kids Karate

Times: 5:15 - 6:15 pm
Tues or Thurs
Cost: \$30.00 residents
\$40.00 non-residents
Dragons Eye Martial Arts in Bountiful

Tennis Lessons

Ages 5 - 10:
Now offering a quickstart class.
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Ages 11- 16:
Please provide your own racquet.
Cost: \$35.00 residents &
\$45.00 non-residents
Choose from 4 sessions.

Adult class:
Saturdays June 12th, 19th, & 26th or
July 10th, 17th, & 31st
Cost: \$35.00 residents &
\$45.00 non-residents
Visit Farmington's website
for the entire class schedule & times.

Stunt Acting Class

Times: 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Wednesdays
Cost: \$35.00 residents
\$45.00 non-residents
If you want to learn how to be in the
movies, this is the class for you.
Taught by the best in Utah,
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Dragons Eye Martial Arts in Bountiful
Session starts in May

Summer Fun

Ages 6-12
Times: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Cost: \$50.00 residents
\$60.00 non-residents
Choose from 4 sessions

Creative Arts song & Dance

Ages pre K:
Tues @ 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Ages 5-10 (boys):
Wed @ 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
Ages 5-10 (girls):
Tues @ 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
Cost: Each session is
\$40.00 residents
\$50.00 non-residents
Choose from 2 sessions
beginning in June.
Registration starts now & goes
until May 28th.

Farmington Pool opens May 29th

Early Bird passes are still available
to Farmington residents
until May 14th.

Swim Lessons Signups

Times: 8:00 am, 8:45 am, 9:30 am,
10:15 am & 11:00 am
Cost: Preschool & Parent/Tot
\$25.00 residents
\$30.00 non-residents
Levels 1- 6
\$30.00 residents
\$35.00 non-residents
Choose from 5 sessions

Mark Your Calendar Now
July 5-10



If you would like to be in the Festival Days parade or be a vendor, please signup on the Festival Days' website, www.farmingtonfestivaldays.com, or contact the Parks & Recreation office.

THE FLOODS OF 1923

From a history of Farmington being prepared by Glen M. Leonard

Farmington's residents knew about sudden summer downpours and rising creeks. Area canyons had spewed forth rushing waters several times since July 1847, when Brigham Young's pioneer company first witnessed "a very heavy shower" in Emigration Canyon followed by "a tremendous roaring." Thomas Bullock was there when "suddenly a rise of about 3 feet of water rushed in a perfect head down the Canyon, washing away the bridges we had made."

Margaret Hess saw the dark clouds moving toward Farmington from the southwest at dusk on August 13, 1923. She was

fixing food for a choir picnic that evening at Lagoon. Just outside the resort Arnold and Marjorie Christensen and their three children were living in a tent near Big Creek while Arnold worked a summer job. A half mile into Farmington Canyon, four Salt Lake Boy Scouts had set up camp in a picnic area. Farmington native Wealthy Clark Wright and her husband of ten months, Walter, camped nearby.

As Ed Southworth walked down the canyon from his father's mine,

he stopped to talk with the campers. The thunderstorm struck as Southworth reached the top of the ridge on the Rudd Creek trail. Heber John Sessions remembered that "the first crash of lightning



Cleanup crews and observers at the Sixth North bridge over Big Creek

struck Mary [Clark] Bennion's barn and fire completely destroyed it." Margaret Hess heard other sounds. "All of a sudden a terrible rumbling noise north of us started with the downpour of rain and that terrible rattling and crashing sound, like the whole mountain was being washed down the canyon."

Southworth watched as muddy water, brush, and rocks pushed their way down the canyon. He saw the people at the picnic grounds washed away. Southworth hurried

into town to alert rescuers. The water rose a foot above the Union Pacific rails and was knee-deep at Lagoon. Mud and debris buried the main road up to five feet deep at Steed Creek and Davis Creek in Farmington and Ricks Creek in Centerville. Floods also wracked the town of Willard, in Box Elder County.

The six campers died in the flood, their bodies buried in debris. Searchers looked for three days to find the last of them. The flood collapsed the Christensen tent and carried its four occupants downstream. Arnold Christensen rescued his wife, who had a broken leg, and two of the children. When told that the youngest child was still missing, the exhausted father collapsed and died. Clarence Robinson was one of dozens who joined in the search for survivors. He pulled the widowed Nettie Pebley from a mass of driftwood, and then swam back into the water and rescued two-year-old Margie Christensen.

Within days, investigators knew what caused the Farmington Canyon flood.

First, they said, fires over several years had laid bare the canyon's watershed. Second, debris had formed several dams as high as fifteen feet. Rushing waters backed up behind each barrier, and then broke through them one by one and pushed the debris forward, sweeping the canyon clean. According to one specialist, "A quarter of a century will elapse before accumulated deposits will cause another flood."

Photo credit: Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah



FARMINGTON BAY TRAIL AND BOARDWALK TO OPEN THIS SPRING!

The newest addition to the Farmington trail system will be open for the public this spring - a mile and a half trail looping through the wetlands of Farmington Bay. Trail features include bridges over Farmington Creek and across a large pond, a winding boardwalk through a marsh filled with birds, two large observation decks covered in camouflage netting to allow observation of water fowl in their natural habitat.

Beginning in May, the public can enjoy the Farmington Bay wildlife without getting their feet wet. The gentle slopes and ample width of the boardwalk easily accommodate wheelchairs and strollers. Benches are placed throughout the nature preserve, inviting people to linger and take in the sights and sounds.

The trail was funded and built by the non-profit foundation Utah Wildlife in Need and by volunteers, students, members of the Farmington Trails Committee, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and the Farmington and Davis County Public Works Departments. Over 2,500 hours of labor were donated. Bob Hasenyager, Farmington's Citizen of the Year, and George Chipman, Farmington's Trail Committee Chairman, planned and supervised the operation. Funding and discounted materials were provided by too many sponsors to mention here. A special thanks goes out to them.

The trail will be formally dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 14th at 9:00 am during the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival.

To reach Farmington Bay, drive west on Glover Lane in Farmington (925 South). Just a block short of the radar dome look for a paved road heading south toward a parking lot and two classrooms. The Farmington Bay Nature Center Trail is open weekdays until 5:00 pm. Some areas are closed at various times during the year to avoid disturbing birds during their nesting season.

Bring a book or binoculars and come to relax in nature's surroundings.



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