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FARMINGTON CITY CELEBRATES

Residents of Farmington turned out to enjoy Festival Days in numbers higher than ever before: over 1200 for breakfast and 450 for dinner. There were a record 80 entrants in the parade and 60 booths at the carnival. Beginning

with a flag ceremony and ending with a free concert in the park, it was a delightful day of celebration for all the Farmington community to enjoy.

Thanks to all who worked to create another successful Festival

Days--building on the traditions of the past.

Listed below are some of the fastest people in Farmington. Find a complete list of race winners and times at www.farmington.utah.gov.

5K WOMEN OVERALL

- 1st Becky Burnett
- 2nd Kirsten Zesiger
- 3rd Lizzy Rasmussen

5K MEN OVERALL

- 1st Darrell Phippen
- 2nd Kyle McKenna
- 3rd Douglas Clark

WHEELCHAIR CHAMPION

Meg Hendlemen

10K WOMEN OVERALL

- 1st Lisa Frischnecht
- 2nd Allison Payne
- 3rd Wendy Rasmussen

10K MEN OVERALL

- 1st Taha Mamood
- 2nd Jacob Hillyard
- 3rd Pete Peterson

BIKE RACES

- 45+ Jeff Fry
- 30-44 Tyler Servoss
- 15+ Travis Adams
- 11-13 Matthew Lerdall
- 9-10 Kannon Servoss
- 6-8 Austin Jung
- 5 and under -- all winners!

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OTR Hearing

Original Townsite Residential
by Council Member Larry Haugen

A public hearing is set before the Planning Commission to consider changes to the text of the Original Townsite Residential (OTR) Zone. The hearing will be held at the City Offices, 130 North Main, on Thursday, August 10 during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., or as soon after as business permits. The public is invited to attend and offer written and/or oral comments.

Background

The OTR zone, approved by the City Council on July 16, 2003, represented a significant "downzone" for most of the central Farmington area. Many residents felt that downtown had more than its share of duplexes and other rentals, and steps were needed to ensure that the area remains a predominantly single-family residential neighborhood.

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The previous zone designations allowed for duplexes, triplexes, quadruplexes, public uses/utility installations, condominium/planned unit developments, apartment dwelling groups, hospitals, day care centers, and even some professional offices. Meanwhile, none of these uses are permitted in the OTR zone. Single-family residential is the primary use in the OTR zone, but basement apartments (secondary dwellings) are still allowed as long as the owner of the property lives in the main part of the building.

The OTR zone also provides more flexibility in that it allows an owner greater use of his/her property. Downtown is characterized by lots larger than those in many other areas of Farmington. However, on average the lots are narrower, and because much of this area was created before the City's first zoning ordinance in the 1950s, setbacks applied to other areas of the City sometimes don't make sense in the original townsite. Hence, the OTR provides "exceptions" to conventional lot width and setback standards.

Few formal subdivisions exist in central Farmington, and restrictions that are privately enforced and guide the quality of development elsewhere in the community do not exist downtown. In 2003, some residents voiced the need for additional criteria that would provide the same protection homeowners get in normal subdivisions. Therefore, the City Council adopted a few design guidelines as part of the OTR,

even though it is not a historic preservation zone. The quality of development since 2003 has been extremely high.

Changes

In early 2006, additional citizen input created the need to once again re-evaluate the OTR zone text. As with most new legislation, some wording in the existing text needed to be fixed. The Mayor and City Council established a steering committee to offer recommendations for changes. Recommendations are now complete. If adopted, the intent and purpose of the OTR zone will remain the same, but certain review and approval processes will change. For example, the OTR zone regulates the placement of garages. In certain circumstances, such building plans must be approved by the Planning Commission. This represents a step most property owners elsewhere in Farmington do not have to take. The revision would ensure that all such requests will be reviewed by staff. In a couple of instances the committee is recommending that "exceptions" become standards, thus decreasing building permit review time while maintaining flexibility. In two cases, design guidelines were quantified in an effort to reduce subjectivity. Front yard fence standards were modified, and second story addition standards were clarified.

Copies of the recommendations made by the committee are available at the City's Community Development Department at 130 North Main. ■



Farmington City Trails Network

Ever want to enjoy an escape from your usual routine and return to nature, even if for only a little while? The Farmington City trails network includes three existing and two future trail segments designed to allow pleasant strolls through natural settings in the center of our city. You can get that "out of the city" feel while remaining right inside it. The existing Urban Nature Walks are: (1) the Farmington Creek trail from State Street to Farmington Pond; (2) the Shepard Creek trail between North Compton and Kensington, which includes a connection to 1400 North one block east of Main Street; and (3) the Steed Creek trail from Woodland Park to Joy Drive (a loop walk is possible here).



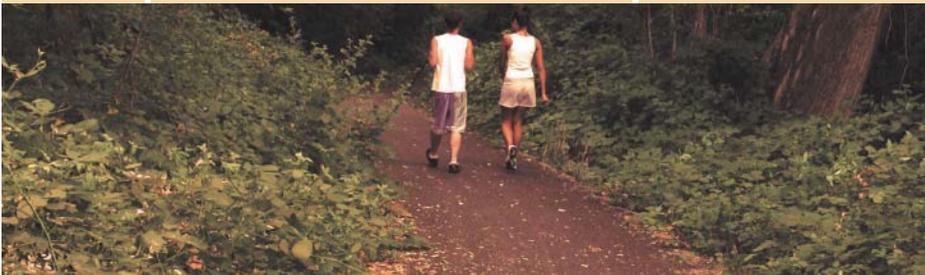
Trail Underpass on Main Street

Maps and trail descriptions are available on line at www.farmington.utah.gov (parks and trails link). Booklets can be purchased at the City Offices, Maverik on Shepard Lane, and Chevron by the Farmington branch library. ■

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August

Tues 1	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see www.farmington.utah.gov
Wed 2	Town Hall Meeting: <i>An open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Thurs 3 - Sat 5	"Into the Woods JR" Summer Musical Theatre Woodland Park	8:00 pm tickets available at Leisure Services Office
Fri 4 - Sat 5	Relay for Life Shepard Park	6:00 pm Friday - 9:00 am Saturday call 1-800-234-0533
Thurs 10	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see www.farmington.utah.gov
Tues 15	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see www.farmington.utah.gov
Wed 16	Town Hall Meeting: <i>An open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Wed 16 - Sat 19	Davis County Fair	davisfair.com
Thurs 17	Auditions for "Arsenic & Old Lace" Community Arts Center -120 S Main	7-9:00 pm call Leisure Services
Thurs 17	Farmington City Trails 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Thurs 24	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see www.farmington.utah.gov
Mon 28	Little Tykes Jr. Jazz Registration Begins	8:00 am call Leisure Services
Mon 28	Youth Volleyball Registration Begins	8:00 am call Leisure Services



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Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

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

Public Meetings

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

Planning Commission

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

Farmington City Hall

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Leisure Services



Looking Forward to Fall...

- Chinese Cooking
- Art for Youth
- Gymnastics
- Karate
- Ceramics
- Partners 'n Play (preschool program)
- Yoga
- Anger Management for Youth

WANTED:
site
supervisor for
Jr. Jazz
Basketball

WANTED:
volleyball
instructor



Into the Woods JR
Summer Musical Theatre
Woodland Park
August 3rd, 4th & 5th @ 8:00 pm
*tickets will be available at
Leisure Services or on-line*

Babes in Toyland
Youth Theatre Auditions
September 28th & 30th
Community Arts Center
*come prepared to sing and
read from a script*

Arsenic and Old Lace
Fall Dinner Theatre Auditions
August 17th 7-9:00 pm 18+
Community Arts Center
*come prepared with a few
memorized lines*

Youth Volleyball Registration begins

August 28th for 2 weeks
\$35 fee includes t-shirt
Class begins Saturday,
September 2nd

*This program is ideal for
those beginners who
want to learn basic skills.*

Little Tykes Jr. Jazz Basketball
Register August 28th - September 8th
Grades 1 & 2
\$40 fee includes jersey & game ticket
\$28 fee does not include jersey or ticket

Farmington is seeking volunteers to serve as Assistant Emergency Preparedness Coordinators to work with Paul White who is the City's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Persons selected will help further and/or enhance City preparedness programs including organizing the annual City emergency preparedness fair, enhancing and expanding the CERT and other preparedness programs and assisting in the training of District, Area and Neighborhood Coordinators. Submit letters of interest to Mayor Scott C. Harbertson.

SEEKING:
A CERAMICS INSTRUCTOR

Leisure Services has detailed information on the above positions & registrations. Please call 451-0953 extension 4 or visit us on the internet at www.farmington.utah.gov



STEED CREEK FIRE

THE RESPONSE

by Rich Love

At 11:21 pm on Saturday, July 8th, the Farmington Fire Department was dispatched to a possible fire in Steed Creek Canyon east of the cemetery in south Farmington. Fire Department personnel responded and found a working brush fire approximately 1-2 acres in size burning on the east side of the firebreak road. The fire was growing rapidly and winds were picking up. A plan was put into action to keep the fire from crossing the fire break and encroaching on the community.

Help was called in from neighboring departments in order to control the blaze. Fire fighters from South Davis Metro, Kaysville, Layton, Clinton, North Davis Fire and Syracuse responded and worked throughout the night to control the fire. After many tense hours and several close calls, fire personnel were able to contain the fire east of the fire break, thus saving many homes from possible disaster.

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GORDON & TONYA CRABTREE

Though Gordon Crabtree and his wife Tonya have only resided in Farmington for three years, their vision, spirit, and commitment are characteristic of what's best about our community. Shortly after the Crabtrees moved into the Farmington Ranches development, Gordon became president of that area's Homeowners' Association. Despite the fact that his position is very time consuming and strictly volunteer-based, Gordon doesn't hold back. He recognizes that "some of these things you don't really have time to do," yet he observes that "you just have to jump in to get people working together." He devotes himself to the task of bringing homeowners together with appropriate government officials to address the complex issues involved with the speed and size of development in West Farmington. Not only is designating space for a public park high on his priority list, but also ensuring a high standard of beauty and safety while protecting the surrounding wetlands.

Gordon's seven years with the Salt Lake City Olympics equipped him well to deal with complicated and stressful public issues. As managing director of finances for the Olympics, Gordon worked closely with Mitt Romney, whose diligence and leadership he greatly



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admires. While most Olympic endeavors record a net financial loss, the Salt Lake City Olympics generated a \$100,000,000 surplus, an achievement Gordon attributes in part to Romney's clear priorities, problem-solving and motivational skills.

Gordon is currently serving as the chief financial officer of the University of Utah's hospital and clinics. Helping to oversee 5,000 employees and a \$700,000,000 budget is intensely challenging, but Gordon welcomes any challenge that enhances the community in which he lives.

Gordon and Tonya have seven children, all of whom live within a half hour of their Farmington home. Somehow Gordon balances his incredible workload, his family, and his home. Reflecting on this in his usual humble way, he admits that he's "done a few things right." Farmington residents who recognize the degree of his contribution can only smile at the understatement. ■

(Steed Creek Fire continued)

When it became clear that the city was no longer in danger, the fire was turned over to the US Forest Service, who continued to battle it throughout Sunday and were eventually able to contain and put the fire out.

The Fire Department would like to thank all agencies involved, especially Farmington Police, Mayor Harbertson, City Council Members Rick Dutson and David Hale, and the City Manager, who made themselves available to the citizens in a support role throughout the entire incident. ■

Comments from the Mayor:

We are blessed in our community to have such dedicated part-time firemen who serve because they are committed to Farmington. Hats off to Captain Rich Love, incident commander on the fire, and to all of Farmington's Public Safety Team. ■

**Veteran
Grave Site Discrepancies**

On May 26, Farmington's Post 27 of The American Legion assisted our cemetery sexton personnel in decorating veterans' graves with American flags. During the decoration, we noted that some veteran grave sites were designated incorrectly. When the American Legion list is compared to cemetery records, discrepancies are apparent.

Both the City of Farmington and Post 27 of The American Legion want to ensure all veterans are identified and our respective lists are complete and consistent. If anyone is aware of a veteran's grave that is not properly identified, please notify John Sheets at 451-9370 or by e-mail via website www.post27.org.



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