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2007-2011

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Congratulations to the Winners!

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125 Year Anniversary

Robert Arbucke
Former Farmington Mayor

Farmington News

STRATEGIC PLAN



Since 2007, Farmington City leadership has adhered to a vision labeled "going from good to great." This vision, also known as the city's strategic plan, was recently updated to provide direction for the next few years. The direction takes the form of macro goals, with specific sub goals to achieve the macro goals. The goals included in the plan ensure Farmington stays on the outlined path to progress and continues to be a "great" community.

The sub goals are more specific plans of action that help achieve the each macro goal. Only the macro goals are listed and explained in this article. For more information regarding the entire strategic plan, please visit the city's website at www.farmington.utah.gov.

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10K Overall Top Ten

Jason Nance	33:49
Conner Mantz	35:14
Andrew Aposhian	37:30
Ayisha Mitchell	40:51
Phillip Baker	41:36
Katie Swanson	42:03
Shaun Moffitt	42:09
Steve Petty	42:44
Anna May	43:23
Jim Quist	44:02

5K Overall Top Ten

Brayden McLelland	16:58
Mitchell Rasmussen	18:15
Ed Everhart	20:25
Logan Dolatowski	20:44
Lizzy Rasmussen	20:46
Jaden Lake	21:25
Trent Brown	21:25
Ryan Cleghorn	21:48
Daniel Toney	22:00
Ron Graham	22:01

Half-Marathon Overall Top Ten

Ben Van Beekum	1:15:39
Daniel Kerns	1:26:45
Christopher Frame	1:27:49
Wayne Harris	1:28:18
Mikal Epperson	1:28:27
Pete Petersen	1:30:15
Zac Marion	1:30:21
Zach Schofield	1:32:13
Jeff Jacobs	1:32:13
Matthew Vance	1:32:26

Flag Rock Run Overall Top Ten

Toby Johnson	1:11:24
Matt Swanson	1:12:46
Jeffrey Johnson	1:18:11
Kel Tuttle	1:18:27
Kirk Barker	1:18:29
Wade Hill	1:21:21
Scott Snow	1:21:55
Charles Hunsaker	1:22:07
Wendy Rasmussen	1:22:17
Laura Jorgenson	1:22:36

*more Festival Days winners will be listed in the September newsletter,
or check the city's website at www.farmington.utah.gov*

Strategic Plan goals and brief descriptions:

Develop a quality, unique, diversified, and stable tax base while maintaining balance of rural/city life and small town historical ambience

In 2009, CNN's The USA Money magazine rated Farmington city as the 14th best small town to live in. City leadership realizes that Farmington is one of the best communities in the state and in the nation. Continued development in designated areas will add to the stable tax base, allowing other areas of the city to maintain their historical ambience.

Preserve and enhance the historic ambience of downtown as a community hub or "gathering place"

Farmington management works to promote downtown Farmington as a gathering place by revising development plans for areas near the Main and State Street intersection. The completion of the new Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Children's Justice Center, and county library will contribute to making downtown Farmington a "gathering place."

Promote historic preservation in "old Farmington" and citywide

Farmington has a rich history stemmed in Pioneer ancestry. Farmington's historic fieldstone homes were highlighted in an article in the May/June 2011 edition of Zions Bank's community magazine. In addition to a historic downtown walking tour, the city plans to develop a Master Historic Preservation Plan for the city.

Sustain and enhance Farmington's quality of life, sense of community (connectivity), friendliness, and security

To achieve this goal, city leadership has set goals to create unity by promoting cultural arts/special events, tree planting within the community, improving lighting in specific areas, and other specific goals within the community.

Foster and encourage "great" city governance

City governance does not occur solely within the walls of City Hall; it includes civic participation from citizens. To achieve this goal, the city encourages civic participation by maintaining a fair and friendly electoral process, maintaining affordable city services, utilizing technology to improve city operations, and promoting positive aspects of the city. In addition, city leadership hires and retains competent and high quality employees.

Provide for future city facilities, equipment, and resources

City leadership meets regularly with each department head to obtain long-term goals and needs for the departments in order to be aware of needed purchases and plan the budget accordingly. This goal will also be achieved by pursuing federal grant funding for certain departments' personnel needs, completing a Capital Improvements Facilities plan for equipment, etc., and studying the current circumstances of city-owned areas.

Some of the strengths the city of Farmington has to help accomplish these goals include:

- Balance of rural/city life
- Small town historical ambience
- Trees/Main Street/parks
- Good city employees/government
- Sense of community
- Quality of life
- Public Works department
- Mountainside/trails
- Cultural and community events
- Friendly town

With the above strengths Farmington has, city leadership feels confident that by adhering to the city's strategic plan, Farmington will grow and progress and continue to be one of the best communities in the state.

To avoid long lines it is recommended that you vote at the polling location for your area. However, if for some reason that is not possible, you may vote at either location.

Please vote at the Legacy Events Center if you fall in one of the areas below:

FA1
FA2
FA3
FA4
FA11

Please vote at the Community Art Center if you fall in one of the areas below:

FA5
FA6
FA7
FA8
FA9
FA10



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2011

Aug 2	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Aug 11	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Aug 16	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Aug 17	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall <i>An open discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council member</i>	7:00 pm
Aug 18	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Aug 22	MON	Back to School Best Wishes to all Farmington Students for a Successful Year	
Aug 24	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Aug 25	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm

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Fire Department451-2842
Public Works Department.....451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance451-2624
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
Building Inspection.....451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control444-2200
Garbage825-3800
Benchland Water District482-4929
Weber Water District771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency911

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*Festival Days is just another
reason Farmington
is such a great place to live.*

*Thanks to those who
joined in the fun!*





PARKS & RECREATION

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

AUDITIONS

please note some of the dates have changed due to V&A

DINNER THEATER

"You Can't Take it With You"

Who? Women ages 18-50 &
Men ages 18-70

When? Aug 18th (7:00-9:00pm) &
Aug 20th (9:00-11:00am)

Please be prepared with a short monologue and also be ready to read from the script. Resumes appreciated.

Rehearsals will be Tues, Thur, & Sat
Show dates will be Oct 26th-29th

FALL YOUTH THEATER

"Alice in Wonderland"

When? Sept 8th (4:00-6:00pm) &
Sept 10th (9:00am-12:00pm)

Please be prepared to dance and to do a reading. Also come prepared with 16 bars of an upbeat song.

GUITAR

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FARMINGTON'S FRIGHTMARE FUN RUN

When? October 1st
Times? 8:30am-costume contest
9:00am-5k
9:45am-kids k
Cost? \$20-5K
\$15-kids k

Register now thru Sept 23rd & get your t-shirt



VOLLEYBALL

CLINIC

When? Sept 24th-Oct 15th
Times? 11am-12pm (1st-5th grade)
9am-11am (6th-9th grade)
Days? Sat

Register Sept 24th-Oct 15th

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

When? Oct-Dec
Days? Sat
Who? ages 4th-12th grade

Register Aug 16th-Sept 24th



BASKETBALL

LITTLE TYKES

When? Oct-Dec
Days? Tues (kindergarten)
Wed (1st grade)
Thur (2nd grade)

Register Aug 22nd-Sept 23

JR JAZZ

When? Jan-March
Days? Varies
Who? ages 3rd-12th grade

Register Sept 26th-Oct 21st

When? September 2nd-30th
Times? 5:00pm (beginners)
6:00pm (intermediate)
7:00pm-advance

*Register
Aug 2nd-Aug 27th
or until full*



ROBERT ARBUCKLE

In 1985, Robert Arbuckle assumed the role of mayor immediately after being elected. Upon doing so, he quickly realized the degree to which his personal life was intertwined with that of Farmington more generally. From the quality of streets to the noise level of neighborhoods to the aesthetic atmosphere of the town, the personal lives of residents bear the mark of decisions made by public officials.

His eight years as mayor have given him an insightful perspective on some of the challenges Farmington faces today. We thought residents might enjoy a few of Robert's reflections:



*"The simple truth is that you can understand a town."
Brenna Yovanoff*

Rapid development and issues like the Legacy Highway have made these somewhat tumultuous times for the city of Farmington. Were things a little quieter when you served as mayor?

Well, the city was in seven major legal issues. We were able to settle all seven of them.

Really? Can you explain? What were some of the issues?

The City Council had approved 200 apartments just south of the junior high school. That's when somebody came to me and said, "You've got to run."

So you strongly opposed the apartment complex?

Two hundred apartments would have meant that 10 percent or more of the population of Farmington was living down there. They've got a lot of business development there now, which is fine. But I don't even know if we have 200 apartments anywhere in the city now. Back then we probably had 4500 people in the city. Currently, it's probably around 19,000.

Are your hands tied, though? If someone owns the property, can the city really control how s/he chooses to use it?

Here's an example. There was a service station planned at the top of Shepherd's Lane, where Advanced Health is. The people didn't like it. They didn't want a service station there. I really didn't blame them. But the

developer said, "Well, you can't stop me. This is one of the highest and best uses. We own the property." So we said, "Fight us then." You know, that's what the federal government does too. They say, "If you think you can beat us, then fight us." Cities can take that kind of attitude to keep people out. Cities can get beat. But if you don't want something, you can fight it.

So how much control does the mayor actually have over the final decision to allow an apartment complex or a service station to build?

You've got to understand. The mayor doesn't manage the city. The mayor doesn't even have a vote. The City Council runs the city. And the city manager. The mayor is a figurehead, but he doesn't even vote. I mean, I was in eight years or so, and I may have had five votes. The mayor only votes if there's a tie.

Still, being mayor is significant. Where does a mayor's real influence lie?

The mayor is involved with the other mayors and the county commissioners. I sat on the sewer board for eight years. I was chairman of the burn plant board for a number of years. In those days, that's where the big money was spent. Back then, the city was a 2 million dollar budget. Now it's like 7 million. But I signed 50 million dollars worth of bonds on the burn plant, back in New York. So that's where the big money was in those days. [And,

too], the city manager is hired by the mayor with the advising consent of the city council. You have an influence on how the meetings go, and on how the discussions go. That's where your influence lies.

So, why did you come to Farmington and did your reasoning affect your vision as mayor?

I came because it was rural. It was not Salt Lake City. It wasn't Ogden. It wasn't Bountiful. I came for the slower pace. While I was in office, we tried to influence the size of the lots. We tried to influence the prominent buildings in the city. It was in my term that the council got a little carried away about having rock on any major building in the area. [But I believe] a city is formed to help people come here and enjoy it. I didn't think we're here to keep people out. I thought we were there to make it good so people could come.

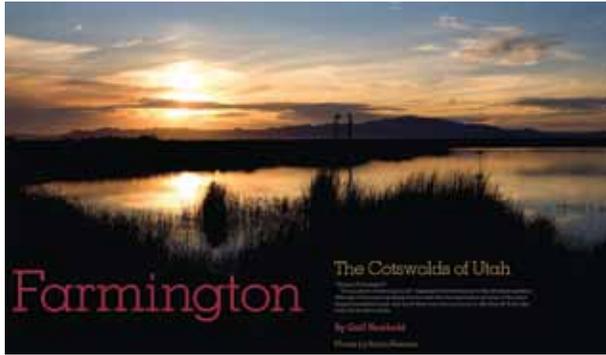
So, what is it you love about serving in city government?

Cities are different. They're not as political. They're nonpartisan. You do what you can, do what you think is best for the city.

From the fights he would fight, to the dreams he would pursue, to the bottom lines he would accept, Robert gave his all to the city of Farmington. In so doing, he created a better home for each of us. Thanks, Robert, for your years of service.

**a PROCLAMATION
of GRATITUDE and THANKS
to LAGOON**

Lagoon has been a Utah landmark for over a century, attracting generations of visitors to its amusement park, swimming pool and water slides, live entertainment and zoo. It has been a major part of the history of Farmington, surviving the Great Depression and a disastrous fire in 1953. Mayor Harbertson and the City Council have expressed gratitude on behalf of all city residents in a formal proclamation, adopted at the City Council meeting on July 19, 2011. You can read the proclamation in its entirety on Farmington City's website.



Farmington has been recognized in Zions Bank's Community Magazine, a regional lifestyles publication focused on travel, health, food and finance. To read the full article, go to zionsbank.com/pdfs/community then click on the May/June issue.

NEW MAPS on the WEBSITE



The city has developed a new interactive mapping application that citizens can use to look up zoning information, land use, subdivisions, trails, buildings, parcels, and garbage days. Please take a moment to check it out and give us feedback! You can send comments and suggestions about the map to support@farmington.utah.gov. This new mapping application was developed to help answer common questions and reduce the time it takes to look up zoning and land use information online. It also reduces the time and cost associated with printing paper maps. Users will find the map easy to use since it is built on the popular Google Maps application. You can view the map at farmington.utah.gov/map.php.

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