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Randy West
Flag Rock Trail Master



TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



As development has come to Farmington, the mayor and city council have been forward thinking in managing growth in a way that promotes walkable communities within the city. The trail system ties the city together and is part of a county-wide and regional trail system. New housing developments and Station Park are located central to the Legacy trail and the D&RGW trail, giving them great bike and pedestrian access. As anticipated, the additional growth has resulted in increased traffic of all types.

In response, the city council has approved improvements to enhance safety for automobiles, bicyclists and pedestrians. Payment for these improvements will be assisted by CenterCal. Projects include:

STATE STREET & THE 1-15 OVERPASS:
SIGNS & LANE MARKINGS FOR
BICYCLISTS

STATE STREET & 650 WEST:
CROSSWALK PAINTING & SIGNS

CLARK LANE BOTH EAST & WEST OF
STATION PARK THEATERS:
CROSSWALK PAINTING & SIGNS

INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY ASPHALT IN LIEU OF
PERMANENT SIDEWALK BETWEEN CHASE BANK &
650 WEST



Drivers of vehicles are encouraged to be aware of bicyclists and pedestrians in these new crosswalks and to slow down and stop as needed so that everyone will be able to travel safely.

FIRE & RESCUE OPEN HOUSE

The **FIRE & RESCUE OPEN HOUSE** is Wednesday, October 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Farmington Fire Station (82 North 100 East).

You and your family are invited to come and enjoy treats, take a ride in a fire truck and see the lifelight helicopter.

Donations of canned food items for the Food Bank are welcomed.

Farmington has the newest & greatest water show fountain in the state!



Check out this link:
<http://youtube/jmWSt-h7GkA>

SAFETY REMINDERS FOR DRIVERS



Once again, it's that time when the traditional school year begins and hundreds of children are walking and playing near school grounds. Pedestrian crossings, the link between home and school for many students, are typically supervised for a period of time before and after school by the Farmington Policy Department crossing guards. The guards' purpose is to safely usher students across busy streets. They are in need of help from those who drive through school zones. Here are a few reminders:

- **BE AWARE** of posted flashing school speed zones. Even if children are not present, obey the 20 mph law when school zone lights are flashing.
- **BE AWARE**, you cannot proceed through a crosswalk even after the kids have passed in front of your car. You must wait until the crossing guard is safely to the curb.
- **BE AWARE**, you cannot proceed (turn) on a green light if the guard is still in the crosswalk.

In previous years there have been close calls. Inattentive driving, talking or texting on cell phones, and driving too fast can put lives at risk. Please be alert and aware as you drive through school zones. The crossing guards and our kids' lives depend on it.

9/11 Memorial Service and Hike to Flag Rock

The public is invited to join in a memorial service on Tuesday, September 11. Hosted by Fire Chief Guido Smith, as well as the Farmington Trails Committee and Geocachers, the memorial will begin at 6:30 am at the Farmington Fire Station (82 North 100 East). At 6:45 the academy bell, atop Davis School District's Kendall Building, will ring once to signal the time when the first World Trade Tower was struck by a plane. Following a moment of silence and some remarks, the flag will be lowered to half mast. At 7:03 another toll of the bell and moment of silence will commemorate the strike of the second tower.



The 9/11 memorial service will be followed by hikes to Flag Rock, one around 7:05 am and another at 6:05 pm. Participants for both hikes should gather at the fire station. To hike up to Flag Rock and back takes some hikers less than an hour and others four or more hours. All participants will be encouraged to travel at their own comfortable pace. Evening hikers should bring flashlights, as it will be dark on the way down. It is a stunning sight to watch the sun set from Flag Rock.

This will be a day to reflect and remember and allow the healing process to continue. Participation promises to be well worth the time and effort.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2012



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Main Number.....451-2383
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.....451-2105
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

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

Farmington City Hall

160 South Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

Sept 3	MON	Labor Day City Offices Closed	
Sept 4	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Sept 6	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Sept 18	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Sept 19	WED	NEW Fire Engine Ceremony/Celebration Farmington Fire Station (82 North 100 East) details on page 6	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Sept 19	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall an open discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a city council member	7:00 pm
Sept 20	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Sept 20	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Sept 26	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome

what and where am I?

How well do you know the art and architecture - the physical structures that give our community its character? Test your powers of observation. Can you identify the location of the architectural feature to the right? Check your accuracy with the answer on page 6.





PARKS & RECREATION

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

Fall Youth Theater Auditions
"Peter Pan"

When? Sept 6th & Sept 8th
Who? 8-18 yrs

Little Tykes

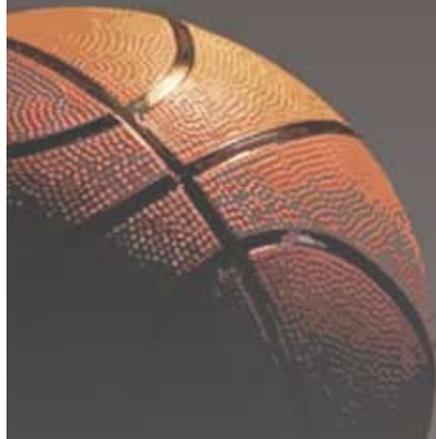
When? Oct-Dec
Who? K-12th grade

Register Aug 13th-Sept 21st

Jr Jazz

When? Jan-March
Who? 3rd-12th grade

Register Sept 24th-Oct 19th



Dinner Theater
"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

When? Oct 10th-13th
Time? 7pm
Where? Community Arts Center

Pre-purchase tickets \$18

Volleyball Clinic

When? Sept 15th-Oct 6th
Who? 1st-9th grade

Register Aug 13th-Sept 7th

Fall Youth Theater:
Nov 14th-17th

Men's Basketball:
Jan-March

Cori Connor's
Christmas Concert:
Dec 1st-3rd

Christmas with Santa:
Dec 8th

Group Guitar Lessons

When? Sept 13th-Oct 7th (session 1)
Oct 18th-Nov 15th (session 2)

Who? 12+

Register now through Sept 21st

Volleyball League

When? Oct 27th-Dec 7th
Who? 4th-12th grade

Register Aug 13th-Sept 21st

Art Attack

When? Sept 11th-Oct 2
Who? 5-11

Register now through Sept 10th

UPCOMING EVENTS

For complete details on classes offered, please visit the city website or call parks & recreation.

It's September. The time when evening is dark and the air is chill, when the Farmington mountains become a patchwork of orange and brown. September is Randy West's favorite time to walk the Farmington trails, although he loves to do it the other eleven months as well.

Randy West has lived near mountains his entire life, 42 years of which have been in Farmington. His grandparents, Jesse and Alice West, moved from Pleasant Grove to Farmington in 1913 to work at Miller Floral. They soon purchased 82 acres of land on Compton Bench and planted barley, alfalfa, and orchards of fruit trees. Water diverted from Farmington Creek fed all the farmlands in that area. Remnants of the old concrete diversion gates can still be found today above Farmington Pond. Beginning at a young age, Randy worked on his grandfather's farm, and working with his grandpa he learned many valuable lessons. He remembers with clarity the summer of 1962, the summer when Jesse taught his grandson the importance of the mountain and water that flowed from it. 1962 was the worst drought for this area in recorded history. Everyday Randy drove with his grandpa up Farmington Canyon to measure the amount of waterflow. As August arrived, a team of farmers and ranchers traveled into the canyon tops to strip rocks, logs, grasses—anything that would impede the flow of water to the valley. Randy remembers, "Sadly, I watched a beaver dam blown to pieces with dynamite, but water was needed down below." It was the summer of 1962 that Randy really got to know Farmington Canyon, heard stories told of old miners, learned that the present-day road up to the canyon was built during the depression years of the 1930s. "My grandpa taught me to move at a pace where I could take in my surroundings as I worked, to watch for snakes, skunks, squirrels, deer, plants and rocks. He taught me that everything has a purpose and it is up to us to find it."

Randy learned well to take in his surroundings. "The most interesting thing I have learned while hiking is that the mountainside is ever changing." He remembers seeing a tarantula crawling backwards into a hole and covering the opening with a rock; a red fox pushing through the brush to avoid him. He has

seen the stems of wild rose bushes grow eight inches in two days. "I love watching rain wash the air, vegetation, rocks and ground with a refreshing newness." Randy notices sego lilies blooming in late May and early June—thousands if the spring is wet and just a few dozen if it is dry; dragonflies darting here and there to catch small bugs in the early morning; cougar, elk, deer and moose tracks in fallen snow; a thick layer of frost that sparkles when the sun's first light strikes. "It all goes back to my grandpa who told me to look around, smell the air, listen with eyes closed, touch, enjoy the moment. It is up to you to grasp your surrounds."

Randy moved back to Farmington in 1995 after a period of time living in western Colorado. He turned his attention to keeping in shape by hiking up and down the hillside, but that soon became too repetitive. So one day he pushed farther up the mountain to Flag Rock. At the rock was a stick with a t-shirt attached to it. Childhood memories of hiking the mountain flooded his mind. He remembered hiking the mountain with friends and the ritual they had of leaving something behind, a sign that they had been there. On Flag Day that year, Randy took a small American flag and placed it at Flag Rock, fastened to a fiberglass pole. That was the beginning of a permanent American flag at Flag Rock. When the World Trade Center tragedy occurred in 2001, Randy decided a larger flag was needed. The flagpole from the old, two-story Farmington Elementary was cut into 6-foot sections with sleeves. The 60-pound sections were carried to Flag Rock, assembled, and adorned with a 6 x 10 foot

RANDY WEST



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flag. With GPS, it was determined that the top of State Street to Flag Rock is the height of the fallen World Trade Center buildings.

Appropriately, Randy is the trail master for the Flag Rock trail. He honors his grandpa as he shares his knowledge and appreciation of the mountains with experienced and beginning hikers alike. "I love sharing the mountain with people or animals—domestic and wild." Farmington is fortunate to have an active trails committee and devoted trail masters. Thank you, Randy, for respecting Flag Rock and for protecting and sharing the Flag Rock trail.

If you would like to experience Flag Rock, the public is invited to hike that trail this month on 9/11. See page 2 for details.

Farmington's getting a **NEW FIRE ENGINE**
and residents are invited to a welcoming
celebration and ceremony!

The Farmington Fire Department would like to say
"THANK YOU" by inviting you and your family to
participate in spraying down, drying off and pushing of
the new engine into the station. At that time it will be
placed into service for 911 calls.

Cake & refreshments provided!

Date: Wednesday September 19

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

Location: Farmington Fire Station (82 North 100 East)

This fire engine is the first of its kind in Davis County,
specifically designed to meet the needs of Farmington
and its east-side, year-round interface challenges.

what and where am I?

The new Children's Justice Center
building is completed. It is located
in the southeast corner of the county
complex.

Did you know that Harmons at Station Park has a
FREE BIKE VALET SERVICE?

*Check it out the next time you're biking the
D&RGW or Legacy trail.*



Attention Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans:

In an effort to express heartfelt gratitude
to Utah's honorable servicemen and service-
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