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Photo credits Doug Sims

FARMINGTON RECOGNIZED

Farmington City has been ranked the 14th best place to live in America, according to CNN Money Magazine. While Farmington residents don't need to be told what they already know, the validation is still fun to hear. In the magazine's

CNN Money

list of 2013 best small towns, Farmington is described as a friendly town tucked snugly against the base of the Wasatch mountains. Safe, quiet, fun, and outdoorsy charm are among adjectives used to describe the city. The magazine article states, "What's more, Farmington's taxes are low, yet the town is in excellent financial shape." The article also quotes Mayor Harbertson, "We are not surprised. We have known for a long time that Farmington is a great place with great people. My hat is off to the residents, elected officials, and city staff who deserve this national recognition."

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



The beginning of the traditional school year marks a time when hundreds of children are walking and playing near school grounds. Pedestrian crossings, the link between home and school for many students, are typically supervised by crossing guards for a period of time before and after school. The guards' purpose is to safely usher students across busy streets, which they can only do with the cooperation of motorists. When driving through school zones, motorists are reminded to:

- **BE AWARE** of 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 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 or turn on a green light if the guard is still in the crosswalk. 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. Lives depend upon it.

CITY ISSUES WEST DAVIS CORRIDOR EIS COMMENTS

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, has completed their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Davis Corridor. The EIS evaluates transportation needs through the year 2040, while considering community and environmental concerns in the West Davis and Weber areas. UDOT has provided Farmington City with a 1400-page document outlining their preferred solution. The document is accessible to the public on UDOT's website, utah.gov/westdavis.

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Farmington's tradition of hiking to Flag Rock in observance of 9/11 will take place once again on Wednesday, September 11. The public is invited to participate in a morning or afternoon hike that day, hosted by the Farmington Trails Committee. The morning hike will begin at 6:30 am and the afternoon hike will leave at 4:30 pm. Participants for both hikes should gather at the fire station (82 North 100 East). Depending upon your pace, the hike to Flag Rock and back can take less than an hour. All participants will be encouraged to travel at their own comfortable pace. If you choose to take a leisurely hike, the sunset view from Flag Rock is stunning, but remember to bring a flashlight for the hike down.

Thanks to the Farmington Trails Committee for keeping this tradition going and providing a way for residents to reflect and remember the events of 9/11.



When you bring canned food to donate at the Fire & Rescue Open House you're participating in a contest for the local elementary schools. Donated food is placed in a barrel marked with the elementary school of your choice: Eagle Bay, Endeavour, Farmington, Knowlton, or Reading. The barrels are taken to the food bank where each one is weighed. The pounds of food donated are divided by the number of students attending that elementary school. The school with the highest number is declared winner for a year and awarded a traveling trophy. Last year's winner was Farmington Elementary, which collected 581 pounds of food. Way to go!

D&RGW TRAIL TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Good news! You might have noticed activity on the D&RGW trail. The last three miles of the 22-mile trail are under construction, with an estimated completion date around mid-October. Until completion, the trail is closed to the public. There is an extremely narrow construction zone, making it difficult for work crews at best, and impossible with interference.

Please support the effort toward timely completion by staying off the trail's 3-mile construction zone. It will be a dangerous area during construction and parents are asked to instruct children to remain off the trail until the project is finished. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fire & Rescue Open House

Wednesday, October 9th
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 fire truck and see an air medical helicopter.

*Donations of canned food items for the Food Bank are welcomed.
(read the Did You Know article for details)*

PARK LANE RESTRIPIING PROJECT

A major restriping project is planned for the Park Lane overpass to add a traffic lane in both directions and a dedicated turn lane into Station Park. UDOT estimates completion of the project in late fall of this year. Motorists will be impacted for a few weeks, but a short period of inconvenience will result in improved traffic flow and safety for those who use Park Lane. Please use additional caution and reduced speeds while driving through the work area.

COMMUNITY CENTER WELL

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Life is a progress, and not a station." The same can be said of a city. Growth and change within a city bring vitality and opportunity. Although it may sometimes be uncomfortable for residents, growing pains are a necessary reality if a city is to progress. One of the growing pains that comes with population is the building of infrastructure.

Additional culinary water needs came as a result of growth within Farmington, making it necessary for the city to drill a new well. The Community Center Well, located just north of the Community Arts Center, was completed last spring.

The new well drilling was successful in supplying the additional water needed. However, water produced by the well is intermittently less desirable than the water to which residents are accustomed. There have been reports of slight discoloration or of a peculiar odor or taste in the water. Please be assured that the water has been repeatedly tested and is completely safe for use, well within state and federal requirements. City officials are aware of the well issues and are busily working on solutions. A water engineer has been retained by the city to administer target testing of the well water so that the problem can be dealt with based on facts. Labs, engineers and other specialists working on the well water issues have been directed to collect data and finish their work as quickly as possible.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2013

Photo credits Chad Smith

Sept 2	MON	Labor Day City Offices Closed	
Sept 3	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Sept 12	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Sept 17	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Sept 19	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Sept 26	THURS	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall an open discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a city council member	7:00 pm
Sept 26	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Sept 26	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome

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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

THANK YOU TO PUBLIC WORKS CREWS

The Oak Lane water project is complete and residents are very pleased that their street's beauty is not just skin deep. As reported last month, public works crews removed and replaced asphalt and portions of curb, gutter and sidewalk; removed boulders that had worked their way to the surface; and replaced water mains and services. Residents were appreciative of the considerate, timely way the work was accomplished, so much so that they provided a "thank you" barbecue lunch for the city employees who were involved in the project.

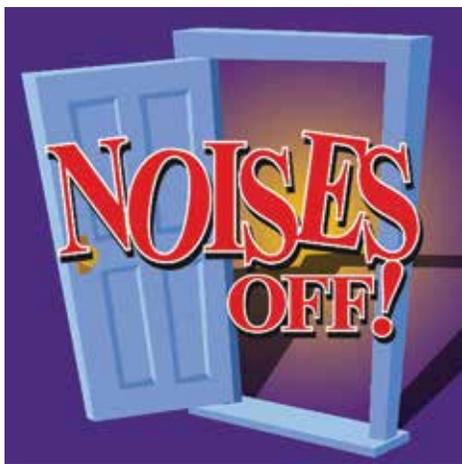
Big thanks to Farmington Public Works for going above and beyond to save the city money while providing excellent work. (see photo on page 4)



PARKS & RECREATION

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

Farmington's Public Works Department pictured above walking on newly completed Oak Lane



volleyball league

Who? 4th-5th grade, 6th-7th grade, 8th-9th grade & 10th-12th grade
 Where? Farmington JHS
 When? Oct 26th-Dec 14th
 Cost? Residents \$25
 Nonresidents \$30

Register now-Sept 20th

dinner theater

When? Oct 9th-12th
 Cost? \$18

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Ticket includes dinner, dessert, & show

group guitar lessons

Who? 12+
 When? Sept 5th-Oct 3rd
 Cost? Residents \$45
 Nonresidents \$55

Register now-Sept 4th

volleyball clinic

Who? 1st-5th grade & 6th-9th grade
 Where? Farmington JHS
 When? Sept 21st-Oct 12th
 Cost? (1st-5th) Residents \$25
 Nonresidents \$30
 (6th-9th) Residents \$50
 Nonresidents \$55
 Register now-Sept 13th

want to know the latest Parks & Rec news?

text "REC" to 801-430-9866
 'like' on Facebook at [facebook.com/farmingtoncityparksandrec](https://www.facebook.com/farmingtoncityparksandrec)
 or visit farmington.utah.gov

little tykes basketball

Who? K-2nd grade
 When? Oct 22th-Dec 12th
 Cost? Residents \$45
 Nonresidents \$55

Register now-Sept 13th

men's basketball

Who? 18+
 When? Oct 3rd-Dec 13th
 Cost? \$390 per team
 Time? Thursday nights (new night)

Register now-Sept 13th

Please note that the season has moved up to a new time of year.

upcoming events

Junior Jazz
 Registration Oct 7th-12th
 &
 Oct 25th
 Miss Farmington Halloween event

Miss Farmington,
Miss Utah, and
on to the
Miss America Pageant

CIERA PEKARCİK



Ciera Pekarčík, in her own words, is a small town girl. But she exemplifies the saying that big things come from small places as she prepares to compete in the Miss America pageant.

On a whim, Ciera decided to try out for Miss Farmington and in 2010 she won the title. Along with the glitz and glamour of competition, she learned about herself and what she wanted in life. Through service she became a well-rounded individual with a vision for her life. After four years of competition and personal development, Ciera was able to capture the title of Miss Utah 2013. On September 15, in Atlantic City, New Jersey,

Ciera will vie for the title of Miss America.

Ciera became an advocate for struggling children in the community. With a platform of "Child Sexual Abuse: Recognition and Recovery," Ciera has worked with the Children's Justice Center. She recalls that at this year's fundraiser, "A little girl had been through the center and was eagerly looking at the donation jar. She reached into her pocket and held out her beloved 50-cent coin. I leaned down to talk with her, and upon realizing how attached she was to the coin, encouraged her to keep it. She said, 'Will this help the sad kids become happy like me? Then I want you to take it.' This selfless act brought tears to my eyes and filled

me with such joy knowing we are making a difference in our community with our cause. It was a confirmation that everyone can make a difference. I am so honored and humbled that I have been given the necessary tools through the Miss America program to enact change."



If you would like to know more about Ciera, check out her video at www.missamerica.org/video-contest/contestants/utah.aspx. Farmington wishes Ciera the best as she competes for Miss America.



LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES

Davis County Health Department is offering free community workshops to help those with diabetes learn a variety of self-management tools for maintaining active and fulfilling lives.

Upcoming workshops:

Friday, September 13, 10:00 am – noon

Davis Hospital's Diabetes Care Center of Utah
2132 N 1700 W, Ste B150

Layton (basement level of Bitner Medical Office Building)

Tuesday, September 17, 10 am – noon

Lakeview Hospital
630 East Medical Drive

Bountiful (first floor boardroom through main entrance of hospital)

For more information or to register for a workshop, call Jessica Hardcastle at 801-525-5087.

WDC EIS Comments continued

Farmington officials recognize that the West Davis Corridor will have impacts on city residents no matter where it goes, and have given residents the opportunity to be informed and to submit comments throughout the process. The city has studied the document in depth, retaining legal counsel and a traffic consultant as part of the process. A formal, detailed response has been issued. As the process continues, residents should be assured that city officials are taking every viewpoint into consideration. The city strongly disagrees with some of the analysis in the EIS and those issues are detailed in the city comments provided to UDOT. All residents are encouraged to read the city comments, which can be found on the city website, www.farmington.utah.gov.

Community Center Well continued

Residents can help; in fact public assistance is a must in identifying and fixing the problem. When culinary water has a foul odor, is noticeably unclear, or has an offensive taste, residents are asked to go to the city's website and complete a short questionnaire. Residents are asked to submit a response daily, if necessary. Analyzing questionnaire data will enable the consultant to provide the city with information needed to provide the highest water quality possible.

Please be patient while the city stretches and grows. City officials hear your comments and care about your quality of life. They are taking well water concerns seriously and are addressing the issue methodically and efficiently. The questionnaire is accessible at www.farmington.utah.gov.



New Farmington Communities—Fall 2013



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FALL CELEBRATION

At The Station Saturday, September 21

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7 pm - 9 pm ECLIPSE Concert

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Costa Vida

GAP

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