

# Farmington News

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## GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS



Calvin Coolidge once said "collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery." Farmington City officials couldn't agree more. At the same time, the city recognizes that it takes money to complete projects of great value to residents. So, the perennial question: how are your tax dollars being spent?

Two recent public works projects illustrate that Farmington City's creativity and spirit of teamwork saves taxpayer dollars — an estimated 700,000 dollars overall in this case.



Station Parkway Road Construction

### FARMINGTON CITY/ BENCHLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT EQUALIZATION RESERVOIR/ STATION PARKWAY ROAD PROJECT

By pooling resources and making use of existing materials, the city and the irrigation district have been able to bring the Farmington City/Benchland Irrigation District Equalization Reservoir/Station Parkway Road Project to near completion. The equalization reservoir, located on the city's northeast bench, required the excavation of large amounts of material. With permission from the U.S. Forest Service, this material was then transported and used to build Station Parkway.

The reservoir will provide greater capacity and better service to Farmington residents, while Station Parkway will create an area for economic development and a broadened tax base.

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## LARRY A. GREGORY 1946-2010

Chief Larry A. Gregory passed away at home on September 23 from cancer. City officials extend their sincere condolences to Larry's wife, Meledie, their sons and other family members for their great loss. Larry will be missed by city firefighters, city officials and employees.



Larry A. Gregory

Chief Gregory served as Farmington Fire Chief for 15 years, during which time the fire department experienced tremendous change: the start-up of ambulance service, an accelerated push for firefighter and EMT certifications and the acquisition of quality fire trucks and other emergency response equipment.

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Larry Gregory continued

The number of part-time firefighters increased, along with the professionalism of the department. During Chief Gregory's tenure, an addition and extensive remodel to the fire station was made.

Chief Gregory was the Incident Commander on several large fires and emergency response situations including the 2003 and 2007 foothill fires, and the 2004 mudslide event. Mayor Harbertson, members of the City Council and City Manager, Max Forbush, express deep appreciation for Chief Gregory's dedicated service. "Chief Gregory sacrificed much of his family and personal time for Farmington and the fire service. He loved Farmington, as exhibited by his selfless service during the past 15 years," says Max Forbush.



Come to **Town Hall** on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm

Mayor Harbertson and a City Council member will lead an open discussion on the topic

## Where Do Your City Taxes Go?

All Farmington residents are invited

Getting the Most continued

### FARMINGTON CITY/ DAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINT FUNDING ON BASKETBALL COURT AT FARMINGTON ELEMENTARY/ PARKING AREAS NEAR CITY HALL

Completing projects with multi-use capability is another way of saving tax dollars. The new outdoor basketball court is one such project and will be used by elementary school students when school is in session and by the public as a new recreation facility. The outdoor court will enhance City recreation programming.

The parking lot at the rear or south of City Hall is another multi-use resource. It will be used by both the Davis School District and the city for public events as needed. The district's parking needs occur during hours when city demand is low. Conversely, the city's demand peaks during summer months when the pool is open.

Collaborative planning efforts are good news for residents. We hope you enjoy our new resources!



Basketball Court and Parking Areas

## LEAF PICKUP SERVICE

*Autumn is a second spring  
when every leaf is a flower.*  
~Albert Camus

Autumn is upon us and along with it comes the work of picking up "flowers" from lawns and sidewalks. Farmington City takes responsibility for picking up collected leaves from areas along State and Main streets as follows:

- Main Street from 100 S to 500 N
- State Street from 400 W to 300 E
- 200 W from State to 200 S
- 400 N from Main to 100 E

The sweeper will be in these areas on a regular basis. Please do not put any sticks or twigs over 6 inches long in the gutter, as such debris plugs the vacuum hose. *If you do not live along one of these areas, please do not rake your leaves into the street.* More information is available on the city website. Farmington Public Works appreciates your help and cooperation. Thank you.

**Davis County Health Department is offering flu shots** to the community at a special Health Clinic held at City Hall on Monday, October 25 from 3-6:00 pm. The charge for shots will be \$25 and the cost for the mist is \$30. The shot also includes the swine flu so only one shot is needed this year. Most insurance cards and Medicare will be accepted.

## Farmington Fire & Rescue OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 13  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Farmington Fire Station  
82 North 100 East

**Fun for the  
whole family!**



Applications for Fire Chief are now being accepted. Closing deadline for the position is October 29, 2010. Please check the city's website for more details.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## October 2010

Oct 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Oct 6	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall <i>OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE MAYOR &amp; CITY COUNCIL MEMBER</i>	7:00 pm YOU determine the agenda
Oct 14	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Oct 19	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Oct 20	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall <i>TOPIC: WHERE DO YOUR CITY TAX DOLLARS GO?</i>	7:00 pm
Oct 20-23		Dinner Theater "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" Community Arts Center <i>see page 4 for details</i>	
Oct 21	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Oct 27	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:30 pm public welcome
Oct 28	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm

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 Fire Department.....451-2842  
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 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.....482-4929  
 Weber Water District.....771-1677

**After Hours Emergency**  
 Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150  
 Emergency.....911

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**EARLY VOTING** will be held at the Davis County Courthouse beginning Tuesday, October 19 and continuing through until Friday, October 29. The hours will be 12:00 - 4:00 pm each day except for Friday, October 29, which will be 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. All registered voters will be mailed a postcard informing them of their polling location for the General Election. For other early voting site locations or for additional information, please contact Davis County Clerk 801-451-3589 or [www.davisvotes.com](http://www.davisvotes.com).



# PARKS & RECREATION

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

## "ART ATTACK"

Who? ages 5-11  
When? Nov 2nd-Dec 14th  
Time? 4:00-5:00pm

Register until Oct 29th  
or until full

## DINNER THEATER



### "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"

**When?** Oct 20th-Oct 23rd  
**Time?** 7:00pm (seating begins @ 6:45)  
**Where?** Community Arts Center  
**Cost?** \$18 per person (includes dinner & dessert)

Please call Sarah with any questions @ 451-0953

## LIFE SKILLS

### Basic Nutrition/Cooking

Who? ages 7-17 with an adult  
When? Nov 3rd-Dec 15th  
Time? 5:30-6:30pm

### Basic Sewing/Mending

Who? ages 7-17 with an adult  
When? Nov 3rd-Dec 15th  
Time? 7:00-8:00pm

Register until Oct 29th  
or until full

## PRACTICAL PARENTING

Who? 18+  
When? Nov 2nd-Dec 14th  
Time? 6:30-7:30pm

Register until Oct 29th  
or until full



### Fall Youth Theater

**When?** Nov 10th-13th  
**Time?** 7:00pm

**Where?** Community Arts Center  
**Cost?** \$5 per person or  
\$20 per family

## "PIRATES OF PENZANCE JR."

## BASKETBALL

### Jr. Jazz

Who? 3rd-12th grade  
When? Jan-March  
Register Oct 4th-29th

### Men's

Who? 18+  
When? Jan-March  
Register Nov 29th-Dec 10th

## RUTH GATRELL SINGERS' "GRATITUDE" CONCERT

When? Wednesday, Oct 6th Time? 7:00pm Where? Community Arts Center

## HALLOWEEN EVE

Miss Farmington is hosting a Halloween Eve party. There will be games and crafts and all sorts of Halloween-related fun. Free for Farmington kids.

**Friday, October 29**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Community Arts Center**

*a fun way for  
Farmington kids to  
celebrate Halloween*



## BEGINNING WATERCOLOR

Who? 8+  
When? Nov 2nd-Dec 14th  
Time? 6:00-7:00pm

Taught by Barbara Gustavison  
Register until Oct 29th  
or until full

# SOLVING THE SUGAR SHORTAGE

*This story is drawn from information to be used in a new Farmington history being prepared by Glen M. Leonard*



Plowing Up Sugar Beets on the George Leonard Farm, 1927

Arthur Stayner, the emigrant son of an English ship captain, is known as the father of Utah's sugar industry. Stayner was eighteen when he came to Utah in 1853. He married Emma Turner three years later and the couple moved to Farmington, where he took up farming.

Because sugar was imported in freight wagons, it was a costly item in early Utah. Many families used less expensive sweeteners, made by boiling turnips, carrots, pumpkins, or red beets.

In the early 1850s, Brigham Young formed a company to process sugar beets. Salt Lake farmers grew the beets, but the Sugarhouse factory couldn't find the right chemistry to create white sugar. Utahns turned to locally-made sweet sorghum syrup or sugar cane molasses made by squeezing out the plant's juices in a sugar mill and then boiling it in large pots.

Stayner urged farmers to grow new strains of sugar cane suited to Utah's soil. In Farmington several men sought permits to set up water wheels on local streams. In June 1863, county commissioners granted Truman Leonard the right to use water from Shepard Canyon. They cautioned him not to interfere with irrigation turns. In September, Ezra T. Clark set up a water-powered molasses mill on Big Creek. Nearby, John Leavitt turned his mill with horse power.

The demand for molasses increased dramatically in 1868. Permits to set up water wheels on Farmington streams were issued to Frederick Coombs, Abraham Rose, and John Wilford Steed, Sr. Much of the molasses was sold to railroad construction crews. Charles Bourne's mill kept Z.C.M.I. supplied. By 1870 only three molasses mills were operating in Farmington. Their annual production was nearly 5,500 gallons.

Arthur Stayner continued to encourage the commercial production of sweeteners. "I am told that some of you are paying a bushel of wheat for four pounds of sugar," he wrote in 1884. Instead of raising wheat, he argued, farmers should grow sugar cane. Stayner promised to find men to build factories. The territorial legislature promised \$5,000 to any one who could produce 7,000 pounds of sugar from locally grown crops at a profit. Stayner claimed the prize, which paid for the machinery he bought to process sugar cane.

Stayner then began promoting beet sugar. With the support of church and civic leaders, in 1891 the Utah Sugar Co. built its first factory, in Lehi. When a factory opened in Layton in 1915, Davis County farmers, including some in Farmington, began raising sugar beets.

Even with local sugar available, some Farmington residents continued to make and sell sugar cane molasses. James Udy built a molasses mill on Shepard Creek in 1902. Eli Manning had a mill in his creamery. Charles Smith and his son-in-law L.M.Parrish were still making molasses in 1914, around 400 gallons each fall. They owned one of the last molasses mills in Davis County.



Two Men Topping Sugar Beets



## the straight scoop

It's not just considerate to keep your dog on a leash or within a fenced yard- it's the law. And although your furry friend is adorable, what it leaves behind in public areas is not. City ordinance requires dog owners to pick up and dispose of animal waste. Please be responsible and keep our city beautiful and safe for everyone.

# WASATCH INTEGRATED waste management district

Farmington residents are invited to visit Wasatch Integrated's new recycling drop-off center at the Davis Landfill in Layton. There is no charge for recyclable items.

- Cardboard
- All types of paper
- Plastic #1
- Plastic #2 (natural)
- Plastic #2 (colored)
- Aluminum
- Steel cans (food)
- Glass (NO brown)

The new facilities incorporate two solar panels and a windmill. The solar panels produce approximately 7,363 kilowatt hours of energy every year and the windmill produces approximately 4440 kilowatt hours of energy each year (with a wind speed average of 12 mph). The facility is heated using methane collected from the landfill.

The recycling Drop-Off User's Guide, Household Hazardous Waste Brochure, map to Wasatch Integrated's facilities, and other useful information can be found on the web site, [www.wasatchintegrated.org](http://www.wasatchintegrated.org) or call 801.614.5600 for more information.

To place an ad, contact:

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