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BOND PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT

The Farmington City Council recently adopted a resolution approving the sale of \$2.5 million in General Obligation Bonds. Voters authorized the City Council to issue these bonds in the November General Election. The low bid on providing the financing is 4.04%. The new Police Station will be located adjacent to Steed Creek and 200 East near Woodland Park. The City has secured the services of Daniels Edwards Architects to design the building. It is hoped that this first project is completed, a remodel of the existing Police/Fire Station will be undertaken to provide living quarters to firemen so that the Fire Department can provide 24-hour service seven days per week. Currently, the Fire Department is only providing fire and emergency response from the Station 18 hours per day, six days a week. It is exciting to be making changes that will enhance the quality of life for all Farmington residents. Thank you for your support!

City Council authorizes issuance of \$2.5 million in General Obligation Bonds to finance a new Police Station and remodel of the Fire Station

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You are Invited to a Social Walk at Buffalo Ranches Saturday, May 5th 8:00 am go to www.farmington.utah.gov for more details



Visioning Statements & Strategic Plan 100 Measurable Goals

Some time ago the Farmington News announced the appointment of a Visioning Committee and their completion of six visioning statements. The theme for this exercise was entitled Farmington City's Vision - 2007-2012: Going from Good to Great. Recently the City Council and executive staff completed a list of long-and short-range goals associated with each visioning statement. In all, approximately 100 measurable goals were developed. If you would like to take a close look at the goals set by the Governing Body of the City and the City's executive staff, please check the website at farmington.utah.gov, then click on Government, Strategic Plan.



Lunch-with-the-Mayor

Check the website to see all Lunch-with-the-Mayor photos.

Kim Holmgren Cannon has been selected as **Farmington City Woman of the Year** Kim will be honored May 26th at the **Miss Farmington Pageant**

MISS FARMINGTON PAGEANT
Saturday, May 26th at 7:00 pm
Davis High School
\$5 tickets available at the door

Commuter Rail / Station Park

Progress Report

City officials have been advised by UTA that the commuter rail should be operational early in 2008. Unfortunately, a road from Park Lane into the commuter rail station will likely not be finished until mid-to late 2008 because of timing issues for encasing an existing Weber Basin irrigation pipe. The Bureau of Reclamation's irrigation line cannot be out of service during the irrigation season, which began April 15 and will end October 15. So, although the commuter rail station itself will be completed, it will not be usable until the road into the station is open. Meanwhile, CenterCal Corporation has not yet closed with the owner of the 64+ acre parcel where the Station Park commercial mixed use development will occur. Further announcements on the commencement of construction of that project will be forthcoming.



Dyer's Woad

Dyer's Woad is a noxious weed and alien invader. Anyone is authorized to pull Woad to help preserve natural plants on mountainsides and fields.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that a *fire hydrant meter* is required before taking water out of a fire hydrant? Meters are available to rent through the City. The Water Department is asking for your help. Hydrants are being damaged by improper use. If you notice someone taking water out of a fire hydrant, please call Public Works at 451-2624 x 5.



RELAY FOR LIFE

June 8 & 9

Relay for Life is a two day walk against cancer to celebrate and remember those whose lives have been altered by or lost to cancer. For more information, please call Jennifer Smith at 915-7779.

City Council Passes Solicitation Sales Ordinance

The City Council recently passed a new Solicitation Sales Ordinance which regulates door-to-door residential sales solicitations. It clearly specifies the time and manner in which home sales can be solicited. Much time and effort by City attorneys and staff have gone into the structuring of this ordinance, which balances residents' interests with those of businesses. Residents should not be subject to commercial fraud or deception, nor to high pressure sales practices; but businesses do have a right to solicit door-to-door.

Farmington City, along with other cities in Utah, was sued in August of 2004 in the U.S. District Court by Pacific Frontier, Inc. (Kirby Vacuum Cleaners) for having a licensing scheme which they claimed denied solicitors their constitutional rights. This lawsuit has now been settled, and the new ordinance is the result. The Solicitation Sales Ordinance enables the Police Department to conduct and evaluate background checks on solicitors, but the City must now issue the license more quickly. Also, the amount of the bond to be provided by each solicitor has been greatly reduced.

If you do not want any solicitors coming to your home, a "No Soliciting" sign must be placed in a conspicuous place near the entrance to your home, i.e., front window or door. This alerts the solicitor that s/he is not welcome. If the solicitor ignores the sign and makes contact anyway, you can then call the Police at 451-5453 and report the solicitor for trespassing.

If you would like a "No Soliciting" sign to place in your window, please stop by the City Hall and pick one up at no charge. If you are interested in reviewing the complete text of the ordinance, please contact the City Recorder at 939-9205.

S I D E W A L K R E P A I R

The City is willing to share 50% in the cost of replacing sections of sidewalk, within a public street right of way, in need of repair. The cost per square foot for removal and replacement is \$7.00. This amount also covers the cost of disposal of old concrete. The property owner's share would be \$3.50 per square foot. The City has retained the services of a qualified contractor to remove and replace damaged sections of sidewalk. If you would like to participate in this program, please call the Public Works office at 451-2624 x 5. A City representative will meet with you to inspect and mark those sections of sidewalk you want replaced. There is a limited amount of money budgeted for sidewalks, so if you are interested, please call quickly.

May 2007

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Photograph courtesy of Glen Leonard

May 1	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 1- May 25		Early Bird Discount Pool Passes Leisure Services 720 West 100 North	
May 2	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
May 10	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 15	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 16	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
May 17	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main Street	
May 24	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	
May 25	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
May 26	SAT	Miss Farmington Pageant Davis High School	7:00 pm
May 26	SAT	Swimming Pool Opens Passes available at Leisure Services or online	
May 28	MON	City Offices Closed	
June 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov

Farmington is an uncommonly beautiful city. We are fortunate to call it home. Let's show our community spirit by picking up litter and helping to maintain public areas. Thank you!

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City Phone Numbers

Main Number.....451-2383
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Fire Department.....451-2842
Public Works Department..451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance.451-2624
Parks451-2624
Leisure Services451-0953
Building Inspection.....451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum..... 451-4850
Animal Control444-2200
Garbage825-3800
Benchland Water District...482-4929
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

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

Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Work Sessions begin at 5:30 pm.

Planning Commission

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Farmington City Hall

130 North Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

LEISURE SERVICES

For detailed information on all classes and performances, visit www.farmington.utah.gov or
Leisure Services 720 West 100 North 451-0953 x 4

Early Bird Pool Pass

Tuesday, May 1 - Friday, May 25
Individual Season Pass \$45
Family Pass (5 members) \$125

2007 Swim Lesson

RESIDENT REGISTRATION:
8:00 am
Monday, May 7th (Internet ONLY)
no telephone registration is available
Swim Lesson Fee: Resident \$30.00
Swim Lesson Fee: Non resident \$35
Registration: Open
8:00 am
Monday, May 14 - Friday, May 25
Leisure Services Office
WALK-IN REGISTRATION AT THE
POOL BEGINS Saturday, May 26
during pool business hours

Archery: This beginning course will teach students Basics of Archery including technique and safety.
Ages: 7-14
Cost: \$30 per person

Summer Fun in the Park:

Daily activities are offered. Kids will play inside the Community Arts Center and in the City Park on Main Street.
Ages: 6-12
Cost: \$45
Time: 9am - 12pm
Session 1: June 5 - 28
Registration: May 7 - June 1
Session 2: July 10 - Aug 2
Registration: May 7 - July 6

Chinese Cooking: Instructor Meiling Dawson is an expert in adapting Chinese cooking techniques to the available ingredients and to American tastes.
Ages: 16 and up

Yoga: No matter what your age or fitness level may be, there is no better way to learn the basics of yoga.
Ages: 16 and up
Cost: \$30.00 for six class punch pass

Mad Science: An exciting summer of Educational & Entertaining Science!
Ages: 6-11
Cost: \$55.00 per child
Session 1: June 19-28
Registration: May 7 - June 15
Session 2: July 17- Aug 2
Registration: May 7 - July 13

Gymnastics: Learn the basics of balance beam, bars, tumbling and vault.
Ages: 5 and up
Cost: \$25.00

Photo Management: Discover 7 fast and easy ways to organize your photos.
Date: May 10, 2007
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Cost: \$7.00

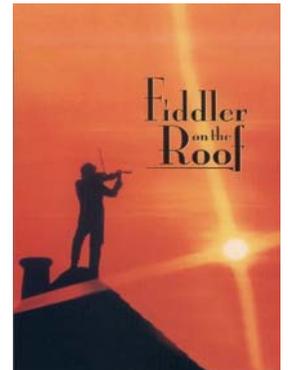
Tennis:
Ages: Pee Wee
Ages: 8 to 11
Ages: 11 and older
Cost: \$30



"Fiddler on the Roof"

Summer Musical Theatre
Performances
July 12, 13, 19,
20 & 21
8:00 pm
Woodland Park

Tickets are \$5.00 per person, \$20.00 for a family ticket (up to 5 immediate family members)



Purchase tickets at Leisure Services or at www.farmington.utah.gov

Artists interested in having their artwork displayed in the Festival Days Art Show should contact Leisure Services or Linda Wallace at 447-3580 or lindajowallace@msn.com.

Ceramics:

Ages: 6-14
Fee: \$40

Karate:

Class Time: 3-8yrs at 4:30-5:30pm
9-15yrs at 5:30-6:30pm
16-Adult at 6:30-7:30pm
Cost: \$30.00

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION begins May 1st. 7 years old through 8th grade. Register online or at Leisure Services.

ATTENTION FARMINGTON FAMILIES

Believe it or not, FESTIVAL DAYS is right around the corner: SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2007
REMEMBER TO GET YOUR PARADE ENTRY STARTED.

Submit candidates for Grand Marshall to Kathleen Rodriguez at retiredarmymom@msn.com by May 15th.
Please include name, phone number, and the reason this person should be considered Grand Marshall.

It's partly what J Golden Barton describes as a "beautiful canyon breeze on a warm summer night and nice and crispy on a January morn" that holds his heart in Farmington. It's partly the fact that as a boy he watched the city grow from 500 to 900 residents. It's partly the years he spent helping his father as he managed Miller Floral. It's partly his poignant memory of gold and blue stars and purple hearts in the windows of Farmington homes during WWII, symbolizing killed or missing or wounded family members. And it's partly his fond recollections of going down to Lake Park on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. "We'd walk or ride our bikes out Burke

Lane, which at that time was an extension of Gentile and wound its way out to the Lake Park. It was a great place to play," J Golden reminisces.

For J Golden, Farmington is home. It has been since 1928, when his parents brought him from the hospital where he was born to their home between the County Courthouse and the Rock Hotel. And after spending 60 years in neighboring communities within Davis County, when J Golden returned to Farmington in 2002, he was thrilled to be back.

It's easy to pay tribute to someone like J Golden. But rather than recounting his many accomplishments, we thought we'd share one of his many wonderful memories: "In 1938, when I was 10 years old,

the boys in the 5th & 6th grades in Farmington decided to challenge the boys in Bountiful to a football game. We had practiced football in the only place you could play football in Farmington, which was on a large grassy area behind the courthouse. We played there

kind of took the shock. They were very quick to invite a group of us protestors to their next City Council meeting to find out what was bothering us to the point that we had to go on strike. As a result there were lights put on the tennis court and the Farmington ball park was mowed (it was allowed to revert to an alfalfa field each year after baseball season). We played the first youth league football game with kids from Bountiful who bicycled up. They arrived with about 8 pair of shoulder pads and 6 helmets. We knew we were in trouble because we only had one pair of shoulder pads and one helmet. Plus, they were bigger than us because we had to go clear down to the third grade to get enough boys to make a team. They pretty well waxed us 56 to nothing. That was the first inter-league football game played in Farmington. I was the captain and I guess you could say the coach, because I was the one who had put the game together."

J GOLDEN BARTON

"People don't choose Farmington, Farmington chooses people."



everyday after school for many years. But one day the sheriff came and chased us away, saying our footballs were hitting the windows of the county workers and bothering them. I didn't think that was very fair, so I gathered about 10 boys. We trimmed our bike wheels with colored paper and rode through the town with signs saying THIS TOWN UNFAIR TO BOYS.

About the third or fourth round in front of the courthouse, a photographer from the newspaper came and took our picture. The next evening the picture was in the paper with the story of how a group of young Farmington boys have gone on strike. My phone rang off the hook. We didn't understand the different governmental organizations, so it was the Farmington town fathers, not wanting bad publicity, who

J Golden smiles as he recalls the game, and quickly adds, "I have now been coaching little league football for 38 years. I've coached my own kids and my grandkids for the past 5 years. I have a great grandson who will probably play this year if I decide to coach. I am a youth coach and I love it."

To J Golden, it seems that "People don't choose Farmington, Farmington chooses people." If so, then those of us whose lives or whose children's lives he has touched are deeply grateful that Farmington chose J Golden.

FAQ:

Has Farmington City considered a recycling center?



The City of Farmington recognizes that an environment as beautiful as ours is worth protecting. When citizens express concern about environmental issues, we listen with strong interest. One such issue is recycling, and some residents have inquired about the possibility of adopting a curbside recycling program. We appreciate the suggestion and have considered such a program. However, we believe our current approach to recycling is not only more cost efficient, but also equally if not more environmentally effective. Currently, Farmington's solid waste is managed by Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District, a special service district responsible for disposal of all solid waste generated in most of Davis and Morgan Counties. More than 50 percent of the waste generated in Davis and Morgan Counties during 2006 was recycled and diverted from the landfill. As Nathan Rich, Executive Director of Wasatch Energy Systems, explains, "I am often asked why we don't have curbside recycling in Davis and Morgan Counties. Curbside recycling systems simply cannot match the performance and cost effectiveness of the integrated waste management system which we already have in place." The City believes the best policies result from dialogue. Thank you for allowing us to respond to your questions.



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