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Neil Miller
Parks & Recreation Director

Don't miss
**MEET THE
CANDIDATES
NIGHT**

October 23, 2007
City Hall
7:00 pm

Come out to meet the candidates for Farmington City Council. Candidates will share their vision for Farmington and answer questions. If there is a specific question you would like to pose the candidates, you may email those questions to Margy Lomax at mlomax@farmington.utah.gov.

See the insert in this newsletter for candidate statements and a voting precinct map.

Development Impact Fee Hearing

*October 16, 2007
7:15 pm
City Hall*

The City Council will consider approving a new Capital Facilities Plan and Impact Fee Analysis for the following impact fees being levied on new residential and non-residential development:

- Parks & Recreation - Assessed on new residential dwelling units only.

- Storm Water - Assessed on new residential and non-residential development.

- Police Capital Facilities - Assessed on new residential and non-residential development.

- Fire Capital Facilities - Assessed on new residential and non-residential development.

Why do cities assess impact fees? Levying impact fees in high growth areas is very common, not only in Utah but across the nation. The theory behind collecting

the fees is to require new growth to pay for the impacts they cause rather than relying on existing taxpayers to bear a disproportionate share of the cost of growth.

The City has recently completed capital facility planning for public improvements that will be needed to accommodate new growth in the future as well as meet current demands. State law requires both existing and future development to pay their proportionate share of the cost of public improvements.

To view either a summary of the proposed fees or to read the full report, please [1] go to the City's website at www.farmington.utah.gov, [2] stop by City Hall to see the summary and report, or [3] go to the Davis County Library and check out a copy of the study.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

A New Plan to Reduce Speeding in Residential Areas

Mayor Scott Harbertson, the City Council, and Farmington Police Department have developed a strategy for reducing speeding problems in residential neighborhoods.

Traffic safety has long been a high priority for the Police Department. However, frequent requests from residential neighborhoods to resolve speeding problems has prompted the Police to evaluate its response. The Police Department will now:

1. Expand patrol hours in neighborhoods with perceived speed problems.
2. Continue to place the portable radar trailer in problem areas to increase motorists' awareness of the speed at which they are traveling. The trailer also measures average rates of speed of motorists traveling the street where the trailer is parked.
3. Place newly acquired "speed reader" signs in problem areas. Speed reader signs will better allow motorists to recognize and regulate their own behavior. Due to the cost of these signs, only a limited number was purchased. Therefore, they will be moved to different locations as the need arises.
4. Loan a police radar gun to concerned citizens who want to take a proactive approach to speeding in their neighborhoods. The radar guns will allow citizens to forward the license plate numbers of speed

limit violators to the Police Department, who will then issue warnings to violators.

Because the Police Department has limited resources, it is impossible to patrol all City streets at any given time. However, City officials believe improved safety along residential streets will result from the steps mentioned above in discouraging speeding in residential neighborhoods.

If you have any input or comments on these efforts, please email Mayor Scott C. Harbertson at scottharbo@msn.com or Police Chief Wayne Hansen at whansen@farmington.utah.gov.

**Farmington
Fire & Rescue**

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 10
6:00 – 8:00 pm.
Farmington Fire Station
82 North 100 East

**Fun for the
whole family!**



We like to think of the Farmington News as a conversation with friends—especially the monthly feature story, which highlights one of our residents. It's a way for us to get to know each other a little better. Is there someone you believe ought to appear in the Farmington News? If you have any suggestions, please send them (including the name of the person and the reason why you believe s/he would be of interest to the community) to jill@bluepebblepress.com.



In order to protect children on their way to and from school, the Farmington City Police Department is doing much to encourage safe driving in school zones. They need the help and cooperation of citizens who drive through these zones.

School crossing guards have noticed that traffic in Farmington school zones has increased and that many people do not use extra caution, nor do they comply with slower speed limits during certain times of day when children are en route to and from school.

The law requires drivers to go no faster than 20 mph through
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2007



Oct 2	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Oct 3	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
Oct 10	WED	Fire & Rescue Open House Fire Station 82 North 100 East	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Oct 11	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Oct 16	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Oct 16	TUES	Impact Fee Hearing 130 North Main Street	7:15 pm
Oct 17	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
Oct 18	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Oct 23	TUES	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Oct 23	TUES	Meet the Candidates Night 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Oct 24	WED	Public Flu Shots by County Health Department shots given at 130 North Main Street <i>for more info call Vener DeFriez at 451-3392</i>	2:00 - 6:00 pm
Oct 24	WED	Farmington Senior Night Community Arts Center	6:00 - 7:30 pm
Oct 25	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Nov 6	TUES	Election Day see insert for voting precinct map	

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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...482-4929
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

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

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



PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 451-0953

PARKS & RECREATION CLASSES

(additional details at www.farmington.utah.gov)

-  Beginning Guitar
-  Intermediate Guitar: John, John & Bob
-  Jr Jazz Basketball--Boys & Girls Divisions
-  Ceramics
-  Photo Management (last chance)
-  Gymnastics
-  Karate

Parks & Recreation announces **BALLROOM DANCING** classes once a month. Classes will generally be held on the weekend, so it will be a great opportunity to get out with your spouse or friends for a date night. The first class will be held on Saturday, Oct 20, 7-10 pm in the Community Arts Center basement. Classes will last 30-45 minutes, leaving a couple of hours for you and your partner to discover the joy your grandparents still feel when they reminisce about the old-time country dances. Pre-register for classes online or at Parks & Recreation. Class fee is \$5.00/ couple per month for those pre-registering by October 19. At door, price will be \$8.00/ couple.

Parks and Recreation, together with the Youth City Council, presents **SENIOR NIGHT**, an opportunity for seniors to get together and enjoy a program put on by youth in Farmington City. Programs can include; talent shows, skits, singing, and games. Programs will be followed by light refreshments. Senior Night will be held one evening a month from 6:00 - 7:30, the first on October 24 at the Community Arts Center. Admission is FREE! All seniors are invited to come and enjoy an evening of entertainment. Bring your friends!

If you have a youth group interested in performing at Senior Night, please contact Rich Taylor at 451-0953.

Miss North Cottonwood presents: **MOONLIGHT MONSTER DASH** a 5k/10k walk/run for Farmington families.

Saturday, October 20, 8:00 pm

Races begin at Farmington Pool

Prizes will be awarded for:

- most decorated stroller
- best family theme
- most creative costume

\$15/person pre-registration price
\$20/person day of event

Register at Parks & Rec, Oct 1.
Proceeds will be donated to non-profit family organizations.

(bring a flash light)

THE RUTH GATRELL SINGERS

will perform October 20 at 7 pm in the Community Arts Center - Free of Charge. Come listen to a choir consisting of women from Davis County singing original music written by the conductor, creator and long time resident of Farmington Ruth Gatrell. The theme of the night will be "Very Important People."

Tickets are on sale now for **DINNER THEATRE featuring "BLITHE SPIRIT"** October 10-13, 7:00 pm, with a 1:00 pm matinee on October 13.

Dinner Menu:

Prime Rib with Yukon Gold Baked Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans with Almonds, Green Salad, Baci Roll, Cheesecake

WANTED: A director for next year's Summer Musical Theatre "Music Man". Please contact spaget@farmington.utah.gov if interested.

Miss Farmington Concert Series **CORI CONNORS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

December 3, 7:00 pm
Community Arts Center
Tickets will go on sale October 22, online or at Parks & Recreation.

"I used to grow grass for a living, now I grow young men and women," Neil Miller comments, reflecting on his promotion from the Farmington Parks Director to the Director of Parks and Recreation. Having just completed a busy summer season during which Parks and Recreation depends heavily on temporary employees, Miller has had ample opportunity to work with teenagers, many of whom start their first job with his department. Unlike some who might find overseeing 20-25 teenagers more frustrating than rewarding, Miller appreciates the value of each worker and enjoys watching kids learn to be responsible for themselves and their community.

Engaging with others in a supportive, positive manner is something Neil learned in part from a junior high teacher, in part from his family. When 8th grade gym

instructor Garry Stokes sought Neil out and asked him to play ball, saying yes was easy. "I started playing sports and stuck with it for years," Neil recalls with obvious enthusiasm. He had plenty of opportunity for improvement, as he and his five brothers were often involved in some sort of game, from two-man baseball to 3-on-3 basketball. Looking back, Neil can see the vital role community played in helping him recognize and build on his talents.

That's a lesson he lives by, both in his personal and his professional life. For Neil, community means the kind of closeness that comes when "people... care for each other through good times and bad times and [when] people know each other." Though the rapid growth in Farmington is changing the small-town feel of the city, Neil believes it isn't changing the community impulse of residents.

"New people want to know what's going on and [they want] to help out. People...want to donate time. [As many as] a dozen projects have come about as the result of volunteers. Good people make it good to live in Farmington. Just a lot of good people."

Whether he's assigning tasks to a mowing crew of local teenagers or negotiating priorities with city officials, Neil sees the positive. It's a perspective that's grown out of a job at the cemetery that initially brought Neil to work in Farmington. "I've dug graves for 20 years," he explains. "I don't get upset about as many things as I used to. You don't know if you'll have a tomorrow. [I've learned to] enjoy the day." Because Neil's enjoyment translates into patience and an excellent work ethic, the entire community benefits from his insight.



NEIL MILLER

**FARMINGTON'S
PARKS &
RECREATION
DIRECTOR**

School Zone Safety continued posted school zones at certain times of the day. It also demands that drivers stop at crosswalks when a crossing guard is helping children cross the street.

Crossing guards report that they witness daily violations by drivers who are in a hurry, distracted, or simply willing to take the chance that they won't hurt anyone by going too fast or not stopping when a crosswalk is occupied. This is occurring in spite of the fact that school zones and crosswalks are well marked by flashing lights, orange cones, and a big red stop sign.

Please drive responsibly, especially through school zones. Remember, you should not proceed through a crosswalk if:

- the children or the guard are not safely to the curb;

- the guard is still standing on the crosswalk after children have passed in front of the car; or

- a guard is standing on the crosswalk with or without a child present.

To protect our children, Farmington City Police will issue citations to those who violate laws regarding school zone and crosswalk safety. Citations may even be issued when violations are reported by a crossing guard. Thank you and drive safely! ■

W A N T E D
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[Trails Committee](#)
[Parks & Recreation](#)
[Planning Commission](#)
 PLEASE CALL CITY HALL
 IF INTERESTED.

PLEASE NOTE:
 Farmington Christmas will not be held this year. Parks & Recreation hopes for an increase in community volunteerism in the future so that the event can be resumed.

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Joel Cook

We need a city council that will think of "Farmington First." My signs have pictures of a family, a tree and a horseback rider.

The safety and happiness of my family is everything: Improve business tax base for Police and Fire Departments and reject detrimental outside influences.

The tree symbolizes Farmington's heritage: Protect and preserve our tree-lined streets and promote consistent and beneficial growth.

The horseback rider symbolizes freedom: Protect our personal interests and preserve the reasons for moving to Farmington.

I believe my education, training, experience and abilities would raise the bar. Please vote for Cook and "Farmington First."



Rick Dutson

We live in a wonderful city and I am grateful to have served Farmington for the past four years as a City Council Member. We have had many challenges, and I believe my input and experience have helped resolve problems and create opportunities.

Critical issues facing Farmington now and in the future include the development of Station Park; the appropriate alignment of the Legacy corridor through Farmington; the development of parks and trails to support our new neighborhoods and integrating these new residents into our city. I ask for your support on November 6.

Please visit my web-site www.rickdutson.com.



Cory Ritz

As a Farmington resident, I have met many of you at sports, school and community events. As a Planning Commissioner during the last 6 years, I have earned a reputation for being open-minded, honest, and fair. You deserve to know what I stand for:

RELIABILITY: I act with consistency and integrity.

RESPECT: I listen respectfully, and reasonably consider all opinions.

RESOURCEFULNESS: I seek the best solutions-- which are not always the easiest or the most obvious.

Please vote RITZ, to work together for a City Council that represents all Farmington citizens with integrity and character.

For more information, visit: www.Coryritz.com.



Carmen Samuelson

I have a single goal, and that is NO COMPROMISE when it comes to the issues that affect our city adversely. I will base City Council decisions on FARMINGTON FIRST.

Farmington is too small a community to have east Farmington and west Farmington issues. Every issue impacts the entire city, whether it is a zoning change in north Farmington, a Legacy connector road in west Farmington, a long anticipated park in the Farmington Ranches or Clark Lane safety issues.

I share the vision of most Farmington residents of a Farmington with the look and feel of a historical and rural community, with the realization that we welcome development that can provide adequate financial security and services that our city wants and needs.

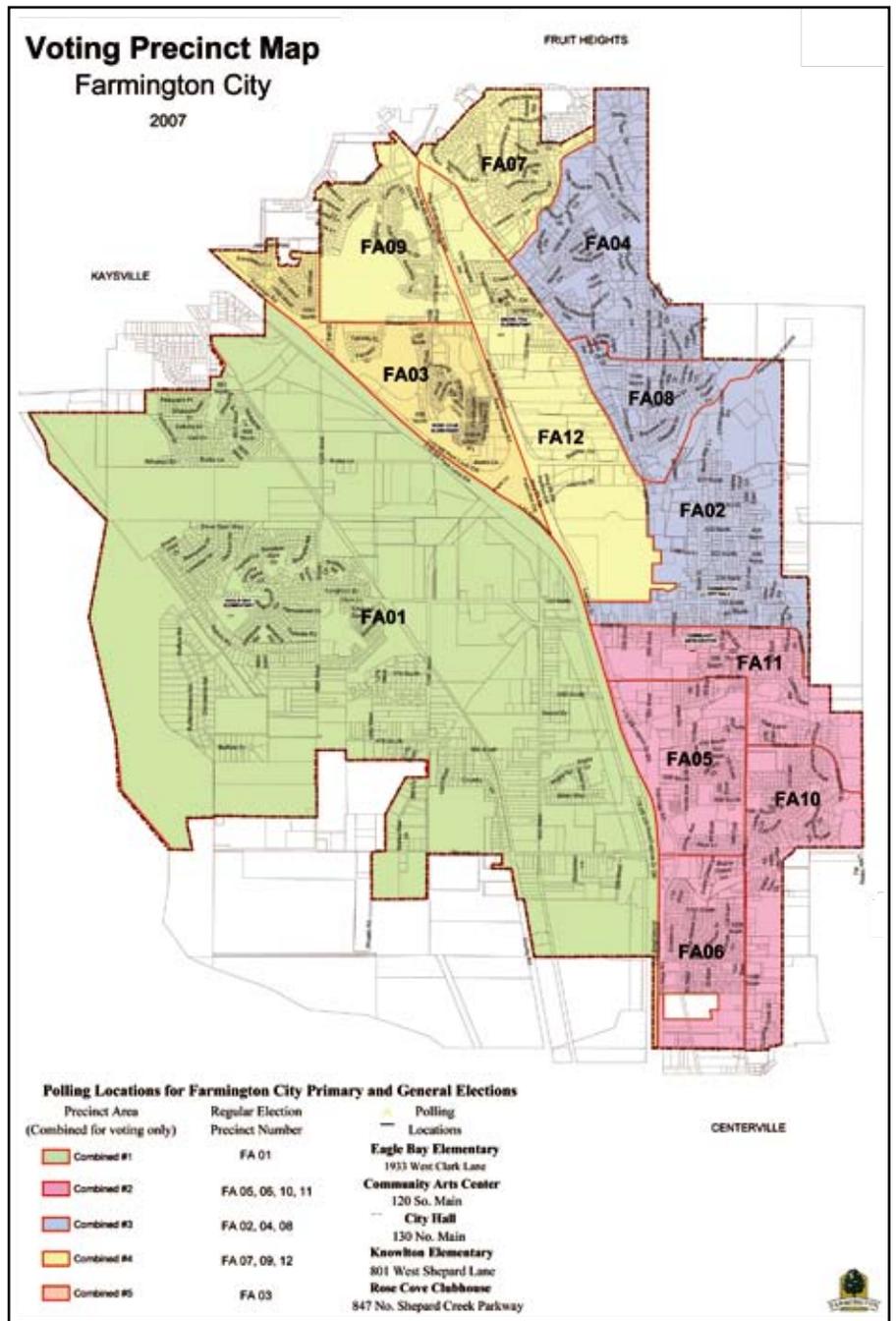
My contact information is 451-9782 or cell 309-0306 or email carm5150@aol.com.



James H. Taylor

I l o v e Farmington and, with the exception of a mission and military service, I have spent my 66 years living here. My career was in

AeroSpace Engineering and as a national director of the US Air Force Association. The most important issues in Farmington are the explosive growth, the divisions this growth is creating, the abuses by some developers, and the problems associated with this infernal Legacy feeder road. If you elect me, I will work diligently and honorably to represent you on the City Council in addressing these problems. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our dear Farmington.



Sid Young

My family and I love living in Farmington. I am running for a 2nd term on the Farmington City Council because I would like to continue serving the residents of this beautiful community. As a public servant, I am very committed to actively listening to input on all issues and carefully evaluating the facts in order to make the best decisions for Farmington and its residents. I want to help make decisions that will see Farmington preserved as the quaint, beautiful, well-run City that it is, and also see it grow and improve for an even better future.