

Farmington News

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Max Forbush
30 Years of Dedicated Service

Farmington City **Making Life Better**



Do you know what municipal services you receive for the taxes and fees you pay to the City? To better inform Farmington residents of the services provided, the newsletter will focus on one municipal service each month.

Snow Removal Service is provided by the City's Public Works Department.

Look and Learn ...

1st Priority Areas

Main arterial streets
Hillsides
Streets around schools

2nd Priority Areas

All other streets

Standard Operating
Procedures/Sequencing

☺☺☺ Streets are opened to two-way traffic until snow stops.

☺☺☺ Cleanup begins - snow is plowed curb-to-curb.

☺☺☺ Dead-end streets and cul-de-sac cleanup are the last areas cleaned.

Did you know ...

☺☺☺ The City's Public Works Department divides the City into snowplow routes. Drivers, with their respective trucks and plows, are assigned to the different routes.

☺☺☺ Snowplow operators remove snow from 150 lane miles within the City. If the snow fall is heavy and prolonged, the operator's main objective is to keep two lanes of the street open for traffic.

☺☺☺ It takes about 10 hours to complete total snow removal operations after the storm ends.

☺☺☺ The City buys a special salt that lasts longer in melting snow which enhances safety for motorists.

☺☺☺ During prolonged snow storms crews work in two different shifts for the sake of keeping drivers alert and the public safe.

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*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
Anne Frank*

Mayor Harbertson and the City Council believe that good governance results from good relationships between elected officials and the citizens who selected them. We recognize that clear communication and mutual understanding are essential to any healthy relationship. That's why twice a month we hold a town hall meeting. We strongly urge Farmington residents to attend. Bring your questions, your suggestions, your vision. Town hall meetings provide an opportunity for productive discussion. Please come! Let's work together to make our mutual home a better place!

FAQ:

What is happening with Station Park?

(look on page 6 for the correct answer)

FARMINGTON CITY COOKBOOK

Don't miss a chance to have your favorite recipe published. All recipes need to be received by January 30. These cookbooks will be on sale at Parks & Recreation building and at all Arts Council sponsored events. Reserve your copies today.

For help in submitting your recipe, please call Parks & Recreation at 451-0953.



Farmington City was recently selected by CGI Communications to serve as the subject of a free promotional video. Our downtown, quality of life, and recreational opportunities are highlighted. Video segments were filmed on-site and emphasize community strengths that are likely to encourage outside interest in business, tourism, and residency. To view the video, go to Farmington's website and click on the link that looks like the icon above.



Making Life Better continued

Citizenship Etiquette & Responsibility ...

To improve safety during and after snow storms, the City reminds residents of the following:

... Do ...

- ... Remove snow from public walks fronting your property within 48 hours after the storm ends. It's your duty!
- ... Drive cautiously and defensively. SLOW DOWN!
- ... Give snowplows plenty of room. Do not follow too closely. Do not pass.
- ... Call Public Works to report problems (451-2624 - daytime or 451-4150 - after hours).
- ... Push or shovel snow plowed into driveways onto the park strips, not back into the road.

... Don't ...

- ... Blow snow into the street once it has been cleared. It could create hazards. ■

Within 48 hours after snow fall stops, citizens are required to remove snow on the public sidewalks fronting their residences. More snowplow information is available on the website.

BINGO NIGHT for SENIOR CITIZENS!

Wednesday, January 23rd, will be a BINGO night for senior citizens. Light refreshments will be served. Community Arts Center
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Admission is free



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP:
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Tree should be at your curb by 6:00 am

Tree over 6 feet tall must be cut in half

Uncover tree if buried in the snow

Crews will only make one pass through the city, so please be ready.

Come Run with Us!

Farmington Festival Days Races
5k - 10k - Half Marathon
Saturday, July 12, 2008

Online Registration Begins
Monday, February 4, 2008
@ www.runnercard.com

*** New this year ***
NO Race Day Registration
Earlier Start Times
Half Marathon 6:30 am
5k/10k 6:45 am
Event Timing managed by Stride Racing



January 2008

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan 5	SAT	Youth Dance / Fund Raiser Community Arts Center	8:30 pm
Jan 7	MON	Pool & park reservations open for residents	8:00 am
Jan 8	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 9	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
Jan 10	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 12	SAT	Christmas Tree Pickup <i>see detail on page 2</i>	6:00 am
Jan 17	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main	7:00 pm
Jan 22	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 23	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
Jan 23	WED	Senior Citizen BINGO Night Community Arts Center	6:00 - 7:30 pm
Jan 23	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main	7:00 pm public welcome
Jan 24	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 26	SAT	Storytelling Festival Community Arts Center	1:00 pm
Feb 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Feb 6	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

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City Manager.....939-9203
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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

For more information on items below, please visit the website or call Parks & Recreation.

NEW - FITNESS CLASS

Sign up for the new fitness classes being taught by Jasmine Sessions, Certified Personal Trainer for Inspire Fitness. All classes will be held at the Community Arts Center.

NEW - FARMINGTON SOCCER

Farmington City will offer a soccer program. Registration will begin in March -- watch for more info.

Enter FARMINGTON SOCCER'S CONTEST to SELECT a NAME, MASCOT & COLORS! Entry forms are available at P&R, City Hall, Farmington area elementary schools, and the scorer's table at Jr. Jazz events. The winner will be chosen at a Parent Input Meeting, January 23rd, and will receive a season's pass to the pool. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to P&R at 451-0953.

CERAMICS

Spring session begins February 6th. Classes will be Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm, ages 4+.

BALLROOM DANCE

Learn the basics of ballroom dance with your partner. Classes begin January 12 at 7:00 pm in the Community Arts Center.

GYMNASTICS

KARATE PLAY ON!

ANNIE PRODUCTION

CLASS YOGA

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

"Amazing Animals" and "Incredible Journey"
January 26, 1:00-3:00 pm
Community Arts Center

\$1.00 per child. Refreshments and make-n-take book provided. To participate or for more information, contact spaget@farmington.utah.gov

announcing the 2008 ARTS SEASON

Some favorites include "Sweetheart Serenade", "Nunsense" & "Music Man." Season tickets only available until the end of January. Many packages are available--something you can enjoy all year!

"SWEETHEART SERENADE"

Back by popular demand, "Sweetheart Serenade" Dinner Theatre. February 6, 7, 8 & 9. Tickets will sell out quickly, so get yours today!

Don't miss SENIOR CITIZEN NIGHT

An opportunity to break from the routine and enjoy an evening together with some of Farmington's most distinguished citizens! BINGO night, January 23rd at 6:00 pm, Community Arts Center - see details on page 2

GUITAR

Cori & John Connors return to share their talents with students interested in guitar lessons.

YOUTH AUDITIONS for "Through the Looking Glass" will be January 24 from 6-8 pm and January 26 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Parents need to be present. Audition materials are available at P&R after January 14.

DANCE INTO THE NEW YEAR!

Youth dance for 8-12th grades
8:30 - 11:30 pm
Community Arts Center

Tickets:
\$3 at the door
\$2 if purchased from YCC member

All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society

POOL & PARK RESERVATIONS

Open to residents January 7
Open to non-residents January 14

Prices for pool rentals:
Residents \$150 Deposit, \$250 User Fee (deposit is non-refundable, but will be applied to the price of the pool rental)
Non-Residents \$150 Deposit \$350 User Fee (deposit same as above)

Max Forbush chuckles. "Before you promise anything, let's get together with the Mayor and see what we can do. I'll give you a call back later today or tomorrow," he says, as he hangs up the phone.

"I often ask myself, 'why did I get into a position like this where conflict resolution is a part of everyday life?'" Max reflects, still smiling. "But my mother taught me how to deal with difficulties and not hold hard feelings against anyone."

In large part because of Max Forbush's genuine concern about people and his commitment to protecting the public's best interest, differences in Farmington rarely escalate into intense conflicts. Discussing competing views with Max generally feels far more like a conversation between friends than it does an argument between adversaries.

But Max is quick to deflect any praise: "People talk about how it takes a village to raise a child. Well, I believe it takes a community to develop a town. Responsibility for governance of a city really begins with its citizens, and the citizens of Farmington desire excellence. What a community becomes is a reflection of its people and its leaders. I feel very honored to have worked in Farmington, for the people and for several mayors and city councils."

During Max's 30 years as City Manager, he has watched Farmington grow from 3,500 people to nearly 18,000. Such constant growth, especially in a pioneer town committed to preserving its heritage, can create conflict because it necessitates change—especially when change

is expensive. Yet while some cities suffer from contention in the face of change, Max has observed that Farmington residents repeatedly rise to the occasion. "They're not timid about expressing their opinions, but that's because they care about Farmington."

"Growing cities have a hard time making ends meet," Max explains. "Generally, revenues lag behind growth, and for that reason,



Max Forbush, Farmington City Manager
"I feel very honored to have worked in Farmington, for the people and for several mayors and city councils."

Farmington has had to do a number of bond issuances. I am proud of the fact that the City has had 7 or 8 bond issuances [during my tenure] and every one of them has passed."

He attributes this uncommon willingness to residents' ability to be "forward thinking." He quickly adds, "Such support is also indicative of the trust citizens place in their elected officials. Farmington has been blessed with bright and

competent mayors and city councils." Whether for needed improvements or for repairs after a natural disaster, Farmington residents rally. Most recently, Max applauds voters' decision to fund a new police station. Before that, the swimming pool, public works building, community center and major park improvements have won residents' support. And periodically, flooding, mudslides or fires have created an urgent need for community sacrifice.

Max is quick to appreciate the spirit of sacrifice, something he learned for himself as a boy. The youngest of 11 children, he watched his siblings pitch in to help his mother and the family after his father died. "We learned how to work and work hard," Max recalls. "And we learned how to spend our limited money wisely."

His strong sense of fiscal responsibility has a continual bearing on decisions Max makes as a city manager. "I learned to be frugal. Some people might say I'm tight. But really I'm just frugal," Max says with a shrug and a smile. "When it comes to working to make things better for

the community, I take it very seriously."

Max believes there's a real difference between a good community and a great community. His vision and hope is that "we can continue to make Farmington a great community."

To Max Forbush — thank you! Farmington is a better place for your 30 years of dedicated, progressive service.

FARMINGTON CITY ORDINANCES

Please remember Farmington City Ordinances state that from November 15 until the last day of February, no vehicle of any kind may be parked in the street right-of-way from 1:00 am to 7:00 am.

Traffic citations will be issued to violators.

FAQ ANSWER:

Station Park will be a mixed use project consisting of over 700,000 square feet of retail and office tenants as well as a residential component. Opening in late 2009 through early 2010, Station Park will be a mixture of some traditional, larger shopping center tenants with a town center/village area composed of up-scale tenants, a state of the art movie theatre and quality sit-down and casual restaurants. The Village area, being over 300,000 square feet, will include significant public spaces developed with extensive landscaping, lighting, outdoor seating and recreation areas.

Because of the unique nature of Station Park it's expected that the project will serve customers from throughout the greater Salt Lake metropolitan area, and especially communities north of Salt Lake to Ogden. Proximity to the new UTA Commuter Rail Station will provide the opportunity for customers to utilize public transit to and from the project.

Sitework on Station Park will begin in the Spring of 2008 and construction of buildings will start at the end of 2008 and continue through 2009 and early 2010.

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