

Farmington News

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Begins March 24, 2008

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Storm Sewers & Maintenance

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Love of Community

Annual Spring Cleanup March 2008

The annual spring cleanup for collecting tree limbs and branches from residential areas begins March 24, 2008. Collection trucks will only drive by homes once, so it is important to place your trimmings at the curb line before your scheduled collection day. Please note and adhere to the following rules, which will be strictly enforced:

RULES

- Green waste collection only
- Limbs and branches must be stacked
- Maximum length is 5 feet
- Maximum diameter width is 8 inches
- Maximum quantity from any one property is one 10-wheel dump truck load
- No bags or boxes
- Leaves can be left in piles
- Material must be placed at the curb before beginning collection day

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday, March 24, 2008

North half of Farmington from State

Street north to city limits, including Oakridge area

Monday, March 31, 2008

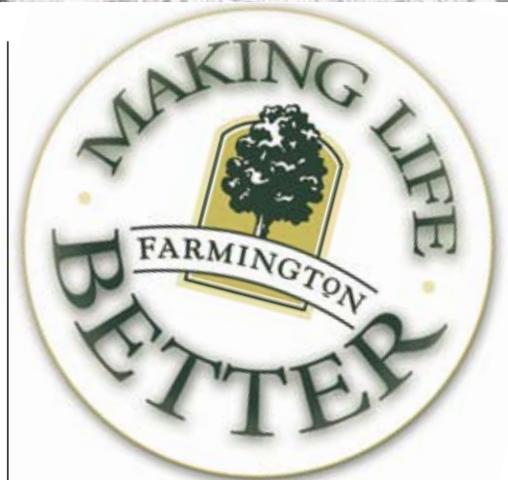
South half of Farmington from State Street south to city limits, including West Farmington area

Street sweeping will be done after spring cleanup is complete.

Collection material is mulched at the Central Davis Sewer District Treatment Plant.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION SERVICE FOR GARBAGE CONTAINERS

On Saturday, April 12, 2008, there will be an extra day of automated garbage collection. Farmington City's contract with Robinson Waste Services provides for this city-wide, annual service. Materials should be placed in the regular roll-out black container and positioned at the curb line by 6:00 am on the above date. No non-processable waste, such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous waste, etc. is permitted.



Storm water management -- the third in a series of articles devoted to increasing residents' understanding of the ways Farmington City is making life in this community better.

- Snow Removal
- Streets
- Storm Water Management
- Fire Protection Services
- Police Protection Services
- Parks & Recreation & Cemetery Services
- Planning, Zoning & Building Code Services
- Garbage Collection/ Culinary Water Services
- Administrative Services

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Farmington City Council awarded the construction contract for the new Farmington Police Station to Ascent Construction. Construction is scheduled to begin in March, with completion by the end of 2008. Woodland Park will remain open during construction.

[2] fund deficiencies in the system; and [3] pay for compliance of Federal regulations. This fee is going up \$1.00 per month per customer in the near future to better cover the cost of funding the deficiencies in the storm water system.

PThe City hired a Storm Water Management Official to enforce local, State and Federal laws pertaining to controlling pollution in stream channels. The main focus of enforcement presently is to control erosion and the tracking of mud on City streets.

CThe City purchased a street sweeper that sweeps streets from 4 to 6 times per year. The cost for this service is paid by both the monthly storm water utility fee and by builders who create a significant amount of mud tracking onto City streets. During the first year of operation, more than 500 tons of sediment and debris were hauled to the landfill, rather than letting it fill up storm water piping and stream channels.

DThe City has developed a Storm Water Master Plan and a companion Capital Facilities Plan with attendant storm water impact fee schedule. These plans allow the City to allocate revenues from impact fees and storm water utility fees to pay for their proportionate share of storm water piping and related facilities that prevent flooding. The cost of constructing storm sewer facilities over the next 20 years is estimated to be over \$15 million. Of this amount, developers' direct costs are estimated to be \$9.6 million, developers' payment of impact fees amount to about \$4 million, while "deficiency" costs to the system will amount to \$1.5 million. This expense will be paid by the storm water utility fees collected from all residential and non-residential property owners in the City. ■

FAQ

Why is my water bill inconsistent from month to month?

(look on page 6 for the answer)

■ FARMINGTON ■ SEEKING ASSISTANT CITY PLANNER



Farmington City is accepting applications for an Assistant City Planner. Full-time position with excellent benefits. Minimum qualifications: B.S. Degree in Urban Planning or related field. Download a full job description and application at www.farmington.utah.gov/home.jobs.html. All applications and resumes must be received by March 10, 2008, 5:00 pm, at Farmington City Hall located at 130 North Main Street, Farmington, UT 84025. For additional inquiries please call 939-9215.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Did you know . . .

- The City maintains nearly 50 miles of storm sewer pipe located throughout the City.
- Federal and State laws require the City to file for a permit every 5 years to dump storm water into any natural stream channel or lake. (These are claimed by the Federal government to be receiving waters of the United States.)
- For the permit to be issued and authorization given by the Feds, the City must prepare and implement a "Storm Water Management Plan" using "Best Management Practices" (BMPs) to prevent and control pollutants from entering the storm sewer system. The plan contains measurable goals to meet specific objectives. In consequence of the plan and permit, the City initiated the following action steps which are now ongoing:

A \$6.00 per month storm water utility fee is being charged to [1] maintain the storm water system;

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2008



Photographed above is the amount of green waste collected in the 2007 Farmington City spring cleanup.

Mar 4	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Mar 5	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
Mar 13	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Mar 14	FRI	Youth Dance Community Arts Center	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Mar 17	MON	Farmington Fall Season Soccer <i>registration begins</i>	
Mar 18	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Mar 19	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
Mar 20	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main	7:00 pm
Mar 22	SAT	Easter Egg Hunt Main Park	10:00 am
Mar 24	MON	Spring Cleanup begins in North Farmington <i>see page 1 for schedule & rules</i>	
Mar 26	WED	Senior Citizen Night Community Arts Center	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Mar 26	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main	7:00 pm public welcome
Mar 27	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Mar 31	MON	Spring Cleanup begins in South Farmington <i>see page 1 for schedule & rules</i>	

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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

"Through the Looking Glass"

A Youth Theater Production
April 10-12th
Community Arts Center
Tickets \$5 advance, \$6 at door
Purchase at P&R or online

Ballroom Dance Class

Dancing & Refreshments
March 28th, 7:30 pm
Community Arts Center

Youth Dance

March 14th, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
Community Arts Center
Sponsored by the Youth City Council and Miss Farmington Contestants. Cost will be \$3.00, proceeds go to Children's Miracle Network.

Senior Citizen Night

March 26th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Community Arts Center
Admission is FREE

Jr. Jazz surveys have been handed out and can be turned in to P & R. If you did not receive a survey and would like to complete one, they are available online. All survey participants will be added to a drawing for a special prize. If you have questions, please contact Rich at 451-0953.

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, hosted by the Youth City Council, will be Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 10:00 am. Due to construction, the location has been changed to Main Park. Children age 12 and under are invited to participate.

Farmington City Soccer

Boys & Girls 5-12
Fall 2008 Season registration begins March 17th

Soccer Clinics

April 19th & May 24th
Registration begins March 17th
Taught by Jeremy Everts, clinics are designed to incorporate basic, intermediate, and advanced skills into the abilities of each player (ages 5-18)

Girl's Softball

Ages 5-14, Registration goes through March 14th, late registration March 15-21st

NOW HIRING: The Farmington Pool is now accepting applications for

Lifeguards

Front Office Staff

Water Safety Instructor

Assistant Pool Manager

Water Aerobics Instructor

Job descriptions and applications are available at Parks & Recreation or online.

- **Arts & Crafts**
- **Adult Drawing**
- **Introduction to Painting**
Beginning March 3rd, ages 6+
Teacher, Tonia Cronen, has knowledge of mixed media, watercolor, oil painting, photography, and art & drawing fundamentals.

Partner & Play

Classes begin March 4th
Bring your little ones to participate in an interactive and fun setting that will increase your child's social skills and create multiple learning opportunities for both you and your child.

Ongoing classes include:

Ceramics

Clogging

Karate

Yoga

Call P&R or go online for more info

NOW HIRING: The Parks Department is now accepting applications for

Seasonal Workers (age 18+)

Wages begin at \$9.00/hour
Applications are available at Parks & Recreation or online.

WANTED: Event Coordinator for the Festival Days Art Show

The show will include children's selections. Interested? Contact Stephanie Paget at 682-9918.



RULON & TAUNA HOMER

Rulon and Tauna Homer preferred the silhouettes of trees on the horizon to the Legacy Highway that now splits the skyline. They preferred watching birds dip and scatter into a sunset. They preferred quiet-- and living in a space so open they could ride their horses uninterrupted from their pasture to Farmington Bay.

Rulon and Tauna remember well the day they signed on for the long haul in Farmington. On the strength of a handshake, Hap Robinson was willing to sell the Homers two acres of land for \$13,200. From that moment, they've called west Farmington home.

Seven children and more than thirty years later, the Homers still love their homestead, but they lament the fading of rural rhythms and simpler days. Now principal of Davis High School, Rulon is a daily witness to a rapidly evolving culture, and while he appreciates the inevitability and value of change, he doesn't mind admitting he often feels a certain sense of nostalgia. It's a feeling Tauna shares. For the Homers, the question isn't how to resist change, but rather how to keep what's best about the past alive in the present.

Recently, we spoke with the Homers about their childhood and their love for this community. We hope you enjoy sharing a few of their memories:

Jill / So, you had both completed master's degrees. It seems the whole world was open to you. You both

grew up in Idaho, right? Why did you settle in Farmington?

Tauna / We moved to Farmington because it felt like Idaho. It felt close to home. There weren't any stoplights. And it stayed that way for a long, long time.

Rulon / We've loved Farmington. We couldn't ask for more.

Jill / Some people want to settle in an environment different from the one they grew up in. You wanted the opposite. You must have enjoyed your childhood.

Rulon / Oh yes. We lived next to the railroad tracks in Montpelier. My father worked for the Union Pacific Railroad. We spent a lot of free time hunting and fishing. There were wonderful opportunities we had to do that and to be together and to have fun together. For us to get up on a Saturday morning and drive over to Thomas' Fork and jump shoot some ducks or climb a mountain and try to find a deer, I loved that part of my life.

Jill / Did you live in a neighborhood? What was it like?

Rulon / In the neighborhood I grew up in, everybody was a part of your life. Wherever you ended up, whatever home you were in when it was lunchtime, they fed you. Whatever

home you were in when it was supertime, they fed you.

I remember once siphoning a tank of gas out of my grandpa's pickup. My cousin Denny and I didn't have any gas and wanted to go hunting. So we were in his backyard siphoning some gas out of his pickup, and the neighbor came by and saw us, and he turned us in to Grandpa.

Everybody told everybody. It was a neighborhood. We raised everybody's kids. My mom baked a lot of bread and cookies, and kids loved to come over on the day that she cooked.

Jill / Quite a different world in many ways, wasn't it?

Tauna / Very. You know, in Dubois, there were no girls' sports programs at school. I was a bit of a tomboy, so at recess I'd go out and play with the boys. Whatever sport was in season—basketball, baseball, football.

We used to have to wear dresses to school. It was like being killed! One time, the principal, who was also the superintendant, called my mother and said, "Your daughter has taken off her petticoat and left it under the tree so she can play football. Will you do something about that?" (Hearty laugh.)

It was a different world, but we had fun.

Jill / So you settled in Farmington, raised your children, and loved your students and your lives. Is there any bit of wisdom you'd be willing to share with our readers?

Rulon / Well, there's a kind of cowboy wisdom I trust: Gotta ride the horse you draw. It means, take what you're given and make the most of it. You have to maintain the integrity of what it is you're about. I believe attitude is everything. It makes all the difference.

Thanks to Rulon and Tauna Homer, for the many years of service to the students of Davis County, for their warm neighborliness, and for their embodiment of the traditional values that make Farmington such a good place to call home!

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Farmington WOMAN OF THE YEAR is awarded as an expression of gratitude for meaningful community service. To nominate a candidate, please submit a letter of recommendation with a description of why the person would make a good candidate.

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO CITY HALL

Deadline: March 30, 2008

Questions? Contact tysuephillips@aol.com

WHITE RIBBON WEEK

INTERNET SAFETY

Guest Speaker: Dan Gray, Child Psychologist, Director of LifeStar Network Program

Parents' Meeting
Wednesday, March 5th
7:00 pm
Farmington Elementary

If you have questions, please contact Breanne Patch, Miss North Cottonwood, at 678-0085.

FAQ: Answer

Residents are allowed 5 thousand gallons of water usage each month for the minimum charge of \$13.50. Meters are read every other month (March, May, July, September & November), with no reading in January due to weather. The allowed usage is subtracted from the reading and residents are charged for the additional usage.

Monthly charges:

Quantity used	Unit Price
0 to 5T	\$13.50
6T to 13T	\$1.65/thousand
14T to 24T	\$1.95/thousand
25T to 49T	\$2.20/thousand
50T or more	\$2.40/thousand

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