

Farmington News

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Five Decades of Community
Support



CITY BUDGET HEARING Slated for June 17, 2008 7:00 pm at City Hall

As required by law, each year cities in Utah must adopt a budget after holding a public hearing to solicit comments and hear opinions from the public. Farmington City officials very much want citizens to know what's being proposed. The budget is an annual financial plan which includes anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures.

The City has four primary fund groups containing approximately 20 budgets. The fund groups are:

1 *General Fund* / the City's operating budget providing such services as police, fire, streets, parks & recreation, operation of its buildings, planning and zoning and administrative services.

2 *Capital Funds* / projected costs for major public works related improvements, buildings, equipment, property acquisitions, etc.

3 *Enterprise Funds* / water, sewer, garbage collection, storm water utility, ambulance services, recreation programs & services.

4 *Debt Service Funds* / debt payments for Public Works building, swimming pool, Community Arts Center, Heritage Park and new Police Station.

This short article cannot do justice even to the City's General Fund. Therefore, citizens are invited to do one or all of the following: (1) go to the City's website at www.farmington.utah.gov and click on "Annual Budget Message for the Tentative Budget" or (2) click on "City Budget" for lengthy details or (3) call Keith Johnson, City Finance Director (939-9204) to schedule an appointment for a City budget orientation session which will be held twice before the June 17 budget hearing.

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Tiffany Arbuckle (pictured above playing the harp) was crowned Miss Farmington at the May 3rd pageant. Named as finalists were Alexandria Mackelprang, Heather Gemperline, Lauren Simonsen, and Nicole Porschatis.



BUFFALO RANCH TRAIL

OPEN HOUSE

June 21, 9:00 am

Yes, it is finally done! We have a new trail in west Farmington, the Buffalo Ranch Trail. This trail is three miles long and loops around Buffalo Ranch. The trail is in a beautiful setting surrounding a 300-acre horse ranch of green pastures and championship stallions. Next to the Great Salt Lake, you can enjoy spectacular sunsets over the lake. To the east you have an unobstructed viewscape with a breathtaking view of snow-capped mountains.

The trail is for walkers, joggers, mountain bikers, and equestrians---everyone but motorized users. The trail surface is of special gravel called "crusher fines" that is firm enough for bikers but soft enough for joggers and horses. The trail users will pass two ponds teeming with aquatic life. Bushes along side of the trail are home to fox, raccoon, and deer.

Everyone is invited to an open house with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and refreshments on Saturday, June 21st at 9:00 am at the trailhead. All are invited to enjoy the trail afterward. To reach the large parking lot at the trailhead, drive west on State Street over I-15 and continue after the bend at the Justice Center down 100 North. If you keep going, you will see the trailhead parking on your left at about 2200 West. Come and enjoy a fun summer hike!



Erla Pehrson
2008 Mother of the Year



Annette Tidwell
2008 Woman of the Year

The very brief details of the Fiscal Year 2009 budget are as follows:

- No property tax increase.
- 50 cents per month increase in garbage collection fees to cover increased fuel and manpower costs.
- \$2.25 per month increase for sanitary sewer. Most of this is a direct pass-through (\$2.00 per month) for sewer line maintenance and sewage treatment by the Central Davis Sewer. The City is adding an additional 25 cents to cover the cost of utility billing and overhead.

Major Improvements

\$325,000 / street resurfacing projects.

\$250,000 / Woodland Park improvements (paid by impact fees).

\$650,000 / Farmington Ranches Neighborhood Park (paid by impact fees and Federal Grant)

\$155,000 / Completion of Phase 2 of Buffalo Ranches Trail funded by Federal grant and Park Impact Fee.

\$3,000,000 / Completion of new Police Station, FY 08 and FY 09 budget years (funded by voter-approved bond proceeds and Police Capital Facilities Impact Fees).

\$4.6 million (approximately) / Begin construction of new City Hall to be completed in 2009-10 fiscal years financed through (1) capital improvement fund reserves; (2) sale of existing building; (3) voter-approved general obligation bond proceeds; (4) interest earnings, etc.

Should anyone want additional details, please call Keith Johnson, Finance Director, to make an appointment. ■



June 2008 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 3	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
June 4	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
June 12	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
June 17	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
June 18	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
June 19	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main	7:00 pm
June 21	SAT	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
June 25	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main	7:00 pm public welcome
June 26	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
June 28	SAT	Composer's Concert in Main Park <i>to participate or for more information call Ruth Gatrell 451-2275</i>	7:00 pm

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- City Manager.....939-9203
- Police Department.....451-5453
- 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

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PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 451-0953

Whitney Dustin, past Miss Farmington, Tiffany Arbuckle, new Miss Farmington, Breanne Patch, past Miss North Cottonwood Canyon



Festival Days ART SHOW

This year will feature a children's art section, as well as an adult section. Children may submit a drawing or painting to be displayed.

Adults may submit mixed media works of art to fill one 3' x 8' table. All work must be framed and be free standing, or have an easel for table display. Framed pieces may be up to 16" x 20". Works will be displayed Friday evening, July 11th and Saturday, July 12th during the Festival Days. Those wishing to participate must email their interest by July 5th to Rosalie.davis@hotmail.com or phone 451-8920. There is no entry fee.

EAGLE'S NEST BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Early registration, Saturday, June 14 at the Eagle's Breakfast at Heritage Park. Regular registration period begins June 16th. Participation fee is \$95.00 (additional \$50 deposit on equipment).

WFFL FOOTBALL

Register for Eagle's Football beginning Monday, June 16th at the P&R Office (address above) Ages: 7-15

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Send your kids out into the wild to explore the nature that lies nearby. Let them spend the afternoon swimming at the pool and playing with newfound friends.

Three dates are being offered:
Friday, June 20,
July 18 & August 15
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
City Main Park & Municipal Pool
Ages: 7-12 years
Cost: Residents \$30/
Non-residents \$35
Register at the P&R Office or
online at farmington.utah.gov

MAD SCIENCE

Designed for ages 6-11
Session 1: June 10-12 & 17-19 from
1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Session 2: July 8-10 & 15-18
from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm.
Register at P&R (address above)

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Come, enjoy a summer musical in Woodland Park with your family!

July 10th, 11th and 16th - 19th
Woodland Park Amphitheater
7:00 pm
\$5.00 per person or
\$20.00 per family of 5

Purchase tickets at the P&R Office,
by phone or online

SUMMER FUN

Camp Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Participant Fee: Residents \$45.00
per child, Non-residents \$55.00
Camp Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 6 - 12 years

Camp Session I Theme: Mystery
June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26
Campers will spend this session
researching a "murder" mystery
through performing experiments
and solving puzzles.

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ORGANIZATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Gordell & Barbara Brown

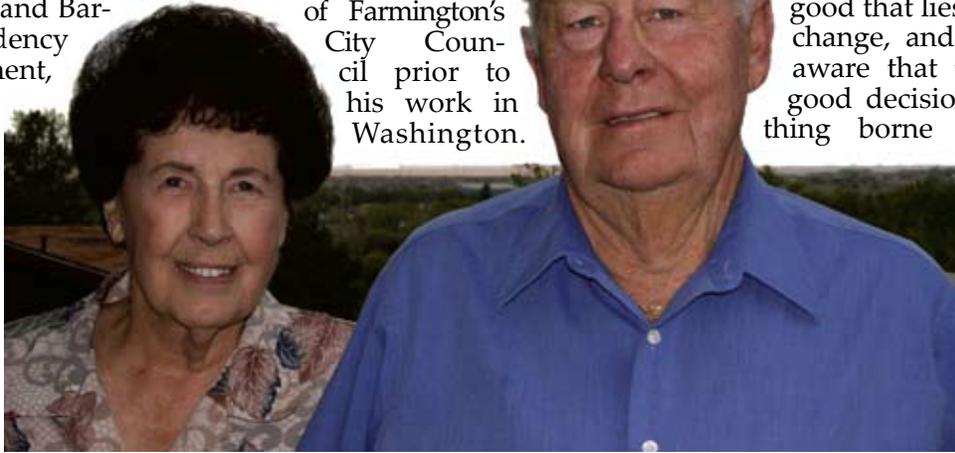
"One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something,"
Henry David Thoreau

Gordell Brown and his wife, Barbara, have never seen the YouTube video featuring the UTA Front-runner train and thanking the Utah Transit Authority for getting more people off the highways. YouTube isn't really Gordell and Barbara's style. But the video's message of gratitude, community involvement, and a problem-solving approach to change are. Like the maker of the YouTube video, Gordell and Barbara have a strong tendency toward civic engagement, and though they haven't been involved in *everything* happening in Farmington, they have been active participants in the community for more than five decades.

Of course, five decades ago, there wouldn't have been a YouTube video. Nor would there have been a commuter train. But Farmington is in a state of transformation, and the fact that the Front-runner parking lot is increasingly full only makes evident the degree and the speed of change. While many residents simply experience change as it happens, accepting a new highway or commercial development as the way it is, Gordell sees more. He is aware that policies underlie the evolution of a community, and those policies are the result of decisions, decisions that reflect the values of those who decide.

The former state director of Utah's Agricultural Stabilization Service, a position that propelled him into a federal job in Washington, DC as Director of Conservation and Environmental Protection in the Department of Agriculture during the Reagan Administration, Gordell has seen his share of policy making. During his time in DC, he helped to draft policies regarding soil and water conservation on farms. He tried to persuade others to embrace practices of minimum tillage in an effort to reduce soil erosion. He worked with the Forest Service to manage methods of harvesting timber. Perhaps more than any other single thing, he increasingly recognized the difficulty of balancing competing interests and preserving a way of life seemingly at odds with strong currents of change.

On a smaller scale, he had experienced the same challenges as a member of Farmington's City Council prior to his work in Washington.



Both experiences taught him an important lesson: "You can't please everybody all the time, and you just have to do the best you can." For Gordell, sitting back and watching things happen is not doing the best he can. His experience in agriculture has kept him close to the land. His family, as well as his military and church service, has kept him close to the people. Gordell finds hope in that relationship. When land and community resources are managed in a way that reflects what matters to people, good decisions get made.

Gordell has experienced many such good decisions. For example, through his work with the Lion's Club, he learned how the close involvement of community members gives rise to policies that are good for everybody. He remembers the '60s and '70s, when the "Lions did it all." The old Fiesta Days, obtaining the property where the City Park is now, helping to procure federal money to aid in the purchase of Woodland Park—the Lions were actively involved in all of these efforts to build a stronger, more cohesive community. As the "City got bigger and started getting grants, the people just faded out. They weren't needed any more."

For Gordell, people are always what's needed. The changes Farmington faces are inevitable and dramatic, but he's not one to believe that change in itself is bad. He has seen firsthand the power for good that lies in directed change, and he is fully aware that the fruit of good decisions is something borne over time.

While he misses the orchards and open fields of the Farmington he knew a couple of decades ago,

Gordell appreciates the new neighbors and opportunities the changes have introduced to the community. As for the Fronrunner train, Gordell believes "eventually it'll pay off."

Thank you to Gordell and Barbara for your many years as active, devoted residents of Farmington. The community is better for your service!

watch for details in the July newsletter



a few things to look forward to:

**MOVIE NIGHT
IN THE PARK**

**3 ON 3 BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**

KID'S PARADE

Vendor & Parade Applications available
online at

www.farmington.utah.gov,
due at the P&R Office by
July 1, 2008.

Question? 451-0953



**Davis Weber East-West Transportation
Study Open House**

Come give your input at a public
open house, hosted by the Utah
Department of Transportation in
cooperation with the Wasatch Front
Regional Council.

Davis County
Wednesday, June 11
4:30 – 7:00 pm
Clearfield City Offices
55 South State Street, Clearfield

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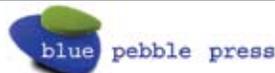
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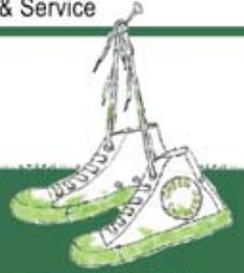
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