

# Farmington News

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*Farmington City Mayor 2006-2013*



## THE ELECTION



Farmington City held its municipal election on November 5 for the positions of mayor and three city council seats. 2,205 votes were cast in this election. There is a total 10,783 registered voters. The candidates elected to office are listed below.

## 40-ACRE COMMUNITY PARK COMING TO FARMINGTON

JAMES <b>TALBOT</b>	DOUG <b>ANDERSON</b>	JOHN <b>BILTON</b>	BRIGHAM <b>MELLOR</b>
			
<i>Mayor 4-year position</i>	<i>City Council 2-year position</i>	<i>City Council 4-year position</i>	<i>City Council 4-year position</i>

Mayor Harbertson and the city council are pleased to announce that the city has recently taken major steps to develop a large 40-acre park in Farmington. The future park site, centrally located for easy access by all city residents, will be the largest park in Farmington (see map on page 2). Many years ago the city bought 20 acres with a community park in mind. Recently another abutting 20 acres was purchased. Additional negotiations are underway with property owners in the immediate area to acquire a few more parcels. The actual site is on the west side of 650 West and east of Farmington Creek and the Legacy Events Center near Station Park. The completed park will include numerous ball fields, some of which will be lighted to allow for evening play. Restrooms, pavilions, parking,

*James Talbot ran unopposed and received 1,841 votes. Votes received by city council candidates were as follows:*

KRISTEN HARBERTSON: 1075	JEFFREY STEELE: 1093
DOUG ANDERSON: 1082	BRIGHAM MELLOR: 1173
	JOHN BILTON: 1391

*A big thanks to all the poll workers who helped the election process to go smoothly.*

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times. Until recently, parents of young athletes might go to three or four different locations throughout the city on the same day as their kids participated in recreation programs.

concession stands and trail connections to multiple trails will surround the site.

Mayor Scott Harbertson stated, "I never thought we would be able to get this started before I left office. The stars have aligned and I am grateful that the city council has had great vision for the area which will serve us for generations to come."

Park development efforts are moving forward now because the city, in partnership with Davis School District, built temporary fields on school district property in 2012. Commonly referred to as the Bus Barn Park, these play fields are located where the school district hopes to build a high school in the fall of 2018. Farmington City is being proactive with the new park site because when the high school is built, the city will lose the play fields that recreation programs are currently using.

The city's soccer programs are growing at a very fast rate as more and more families move into the area. Farmington area baseball leagues have won many state championships over the past several years and have difficulty scheduling fields. These and other growing recreation programs compete for field space and

Mayor-elect Jim Talbot said, "This is big. I am a huge baseball fan and Farmington has needed a large central park for many years. I feel lucky to have been involved in some of the planning for this while on the city council. I know how much effort it has taken to get us to this point, and as Farmington's mayor, I will get to be involved in seeing this park built. With the community's support, we will see the whole thing finished in the next few years and well before the high school opens."

The first phase of the park will include some trail connections, storm drainage facilities, soccer fields and a large parking lot. It will also include the build-out of 650 West on the west side of the road to allow for better access to the park site. The city hopes to complete final design for the entire park area by the end of 2014, including some parcels that may be added to the current 40 acres.

One of the unique things about this project is that the city partnered with a charter school, which will pay for much of the initial infrastructure improvements and fields needed for the first phase of the park. The school will be located on the most northerly five acres of the parcel and will serve approximately 550 students, grades

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*Farmington residents are invited to stop by and visit with*

## SCOTT and KRISTEN HARBERTSON

at an **Open House**  
**Monday, January 6th**  
 3:00-7:00pm  
 City Hall - Community Room

*light refreshments will be served*

## LEAF PICKUP

*leaf pickup will continue on State and Main Streets for residents who rake fallen street tree leaves to the curb.*

## WINTER ORDINANCES

Farmington City Ordinances state that from November 15 through February 29, no vehicles 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.

Also, remember that within 48 hours after snowfall stops, citizens are required to remove snow on the public sidewalks fronting their properties. More snowplow information is available on the city website.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## December 2013

Dec 3	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 7	SAT	Christmas with Santa Community Arts Center	1:00-5:00pm
Dec 12	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Dec 17	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 18	WED	Town Hall Meeting at City Hall an open discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council member	7:00 pm
Dec 24 & 25		Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed	
Jan 1		New Year's Holiday City Offices Closed	

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### City Phone Numbers

Main Number.....451-2383  
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.....451-2105  
Weber Water District.....771-1677

### After Hours Emergency

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

Farmington City Hall  
160 South Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025

## CHRISTMAS GARBAGE COLLECTION

Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year and there will be no garbage collection that day. So, if your collection day is Wednesday, put your garbage and recycling bins on the curb by 6:00 am Thursday, December 26. Robinson Waste Collection will do Wednesday routes on Thursday or Friday.



*Want to help someone less fortunate?*

Lend a hand at the Annual Frodsham  
**Community Christmas Party**

### Dec 21st

Volunteer time, donate food or gently used items.  
Wrapped gifts will be distributed.

Donations can be dropped off in advance @  
230 E 1700 S Farmington or for more info call  
Barbara Frodsham @ 801-451-0608.



# PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 801-451-0953

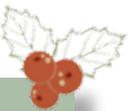


## Letters to Santa

Don't forget to drop off your letters before the 20th  
Letters should be addressed to:

**SANTA CLAUS  
1 CANDY CANE LANE  
NORTH POLE, AK 99705**

Please be sure to put your full name and address in the return address location



## Upcoming Events

**Jan 18**

Storytelling Festival

**Jan 25**

Miss Farmington Info Meeting

**Jan 27-Feb 2**

Farmington's Got Talent Audition registration

**Feb 22**

Farmington's Got Talent Audition

**Feb 3-28**

Spring Soccer Registration

**Feb 3**

Lifeguard & Water Safety Class Registration  
*Register until class is full*

## Christmas with Santa



Join us for fun crafts and a chance to have your picture taken with Santa

...DEC 7th...

Pictures will be mailed, free of charge, to participants



## Art Attack

**Who?** 5-11yrs  
**When?** Jan 7th-Feb 11th  
**Cost?** \$65 residents  
\$75 nonresidents

Register now through Jan 3rd

## Group Guitar Lessons



**Who?** 12+  
**When?** Jan 16th-Feb 13th  
**Cost?** \$45 residents  
\$55 nonresidents

Register now through Jan 15th

Over the past eight years, Farmington residents have come to know and appreciate the quiet strength of outgoing mayor, Scott Harbertson. In a recent conversation we had with the mayor, he talked about his motivation, his goals, and his plans for the future. We hope you enjoy.

***What motivated you to run for mayor eight years ago?***

A group within the city was looking for a candidate and called me and asked me to run. They were persistent and convinced me to at least meet with them to hear why they wanted me to run, which I did. After the meeting I talked to my wife, Kristen, and she thought I should do it. My dad and brother thought I should do it. I love service, I love to serve, but I hadn't done that in a community sense to any extent. I thought if I were elected, I could serve my community and that I should give it a try. And that's how it all started.

***Once elected, how did you formulate your agenda?***

The first year I was in office I decided to put together what I called a vision committee. The vision committee was made up of residents from different quadrants of the city, an idea given to me by City Manager Max Forbush. We met together five or six times. Members expressed what they liked about the city, what was important to them, how they saw the city in ten years, and what we needed to do to get there. Together we formulated a vision of what was important for Farmington; and it gave me marching orders, I felt, to check off and accomplish these things that were important to the citizens. When I ran the first time, my slogan was "for the people," and that's what I wanted all along—for the people to have a listening ear in government. I gave accessibility to everything I did. My phone number is on my business card and I've taken almost every phone call because I wanted residents to have the ear of the mayor.

Another grassroots initiative was town hall meetings. The first year and a half at each meeting the room would be chock-full of citizens. We'd go through each person's issues and I'd write them all down. After a time, we cut town hall meetings from twice to once a month because the attendance had dwindled down. Some nights no one came—their concerns had been addressed.

***Was the responsibility as mayor eye opening?***

Oh, my word. The first year and a half as mayor I did not even go into my business. Basically, I had



**SCOTT HARBERTSON**

Farmington City Mayor  
2006 - 2013

to learn the acronyms, the jargon; I had to learn the ordinances—it was such an education. I attended 8-10 meetings a day. My brother said, "You just dive into this and I'll take care of the business." My wife was just floored one day when she heard me talking to a citizen on the phone. She said, "You're using words you've never used before. Where did you learn all this stuff?" It's been great, so much fun.

***You have devoted much time to your responsibilities as mayor. How has it affected your family?***

At the time I was elected, my kids were late teens and getting married. Now they are starting to have families of their own. I have missed a lot of family gatherings, birthdays and things. My kids and grandkids want me there. That is one of the reasons I stepped back.

***How will the experience of having been the mayor affect you going forward, your future?***

I would like to stay involved in the community in some type of service. I will be more involved in the activities that go on around the city. I will be more in tune with what's on the city council agendas from here on out.

***Are there things that happened while you were in office that you are particularly proud of?***

City hall, the police station, the remodeling of the fire station, three new parks built, Station Park—so many things have happened. Those are all big things that so many people were involved in. I really wanted something to happen that would affect someone's life or help them in a personal way. A fun thing has been the Lunch with The Mayor program. Over the past eight years, we've had 1,500-1,600 kids who have participated. It's a chance for the two chiefs and I to meet with

elementary school kids and give them some help and guidance as city leaders. The other day I was going through the Zupas line and there was a young man there, a teenager. He looked up and said, "Mayor Harbertson! I remember when I went to lunch with you. That was the neatest day." He remembered the story we told. I wish that was something I could have done for every youth in the city.

People have commented that my legacy will be all of the development that has happened, residential and commercial. I thank them, and yes, those things happened during my tenure, but there were many people behind these projects. The city staff has been incredible to work with, to steer things and to make sure we're crossing all our t's. I don't know how many ideas came from citizens at city hall meetings. Simple things, sometimes, things that residents see and we were able to fix and improve the community. People should feel like they can go to the mayor and the council to express their concerns. There were very few times that we weren't able to resolve the issues brought to town hall.

All year long, as the mayor, I attended different conferences, different events, golf tournaments etc. and I was given things, some pretty cool things. I put all the items I got into a great big box. At the end of the year, Kristen and I took everything out and wrapped them into seventy gifts. At the Christmas party for city staff we had a raffle. I picked a number and that person could come up and select a gift. The next person could either pick a new gift or steal someone else's gift. After a while it got pretty wild, everyone running everywhere. A lot of fun things were started over the past eight years.

Being the mayor has been a great experience and I have loved working for the residents of Farmington.

K-9. Groundbreaking for the school and phase one park improvements will occur in mid-December with construction completion planned for August of 2014. The city will get three soccer fields and a large joint-use parking lot built by the charter school at no cost to taxpayers. The city council has earmarked the funds from land purchase for the school to be used for future development costs of the remaining portions of the park. More information on the new school or enrollment questions can be answered by going to the charter school's website, [www.AscentUtah.org](http://www.AscentUtah.org).

City Manager Dave Millheim said, "Schools and parks make for very good neighbors because if done right, like we are doing in this case, we share parking lots and fields and the public gets the benefit through lower costs with better facilities."

There will be some minor construction headaches along 650 West as the road is widened and park improvements are begun in 2014. The city recognizes that this large, active play park will impact residents in the immediate area of the park as it builds out. Some neighbors who border park boundaries are being offered purchase options. City officials want to honor the continued commitment to residents of Farmington to build a large community park on a site planned for many years. This site is anticipated to be a permanent home and anchor for the quality recreation programs we all enjoy.

## FARMINGTON YOUTH CITY COUNCIL & ADVISOR

The Farmington Youth City Council (FYCC) is a great opportunity to serve the community while getting to know other young people in the community. FYCC promotes youth citizenship and volunteerism within Farmington. To qualify for the Youth City Council, you must currently be in grades 9—11 and a Farmington resident. Applications are available on the city website, at City Hall or the Parks and Recreation Office. All applications are due by January 10, 2014 at 5:00 pm. The term will begin March 2014.

The city council is seeking a volunteer advisor to work with the FYCC, an adult who enjoys working with youth leadership. If interested in this opportunity, please call City Hall at 801.451.2383.

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## FARMINGTON

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