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election results

A general election was held on November 3, 2015 for three city council positions. All three positions will be four-year terms beginning January 2016. Voters had the ability to vote by mail-in ballot prior to November 3rd or to vote at the Community Arts Center on election day. Voter turnout was impressive at near 44%. All ballots have been tallied and the results are:



**Doug
Anderson**

2511 votes



**Cory
Ritz**

1914 votes



**Brett
Anderson**

1911 votes

Congratulation to the winners. And a big thanks to all the candidates for their desire to serve the city and for their professional, organized campaigns. Farmington residents had a tough task in voting for only three of the candidates. Thanks also go to the poll workers who helped the election day process run smoothly.



On behalf of Farmington City, my wife Karen and I would like to extend a most cordial Merry Christmas to all our

citizens and a joyous holiday season.

Again this year, beginning November 30 and ending December 11, the city is participating in a program that will benefit those in our community and throughout Davis County whose families are living in poor conditions and could use assistance as they get their lives back on track.

Please take the time to drop by city hall and participate along with us in this year's "Giving Tree" holiday experience. A Christmas tree will be decorated with the needs of children that will be chosen by you and given

as gifts during this season. Last year, your generous gifts and financial contributions helped more than 700 children enjoy the Christmas season. Each child received two gifts along with stockings, a hat and gloves. Again this year, the Giving Tree will benefit a Davis County non-profit organization called Family Connection Center. The mission statement of their organization is to "empower families to overcome abuse and poverty to attain self-reliance."

FCC has two distinct sectors: Family Support and Community Action. The Family Support sector has the vision of strengthening families and child abuse prevention. Programs include: Crises/Respite Nursery Centers, In-home Parent Education, and Therapy.

FCC's Community Action programs include: Food Bank, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Assistance, Circles and Sub for Santa.

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coffee WITH A COP

Farmington Police Department is an integral part of this community and most residents have a cordial relationship with the local officers, recognizing that we all rely upon police personnel to enhance a safe and peaceful environment. However, for many, contact with law enforcement happens only during emergencies or emotional situations. Those settings are not always the most effective times for relationship building between officers and residents.



In an effort to build their relationship with the community, the Farmington Police Department is hosting a **Coffee with a Cop** event where the public can meet some of the local officers in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues and drink coffee—or the beverage of your choice. The event's purpose is to allow law enforcement to break down barriers as they enjoy a relaxed, one-on-one interaction with community members "one cup at a time."

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Officer Brandon Erickson at 801.451.5453 or berickson@farmington.utah.gov.



HOLIDAY SAFETY MESSAGE



Chief Hansen and the Farmington Police Department would like to extend wishes for a safe and happy holiday. They would also like to remind all residents that the chances of a safe season are enhanced when a few precautions are taken. As the city grows and people around the region come into Farmington, crimes of opportunity are becoming more frequent. Along with increased numbers of holiday shoppers, comes greater opportunity for criminals to break into cars or commit purse snatchings. Be smart, think through your actions, and take steps to discourage a crime from happening to you. Thefts from cars can occur anytime—at random times of the day and on different days of the week. Following are some tips to help you discourage criminals from adversely affecting your holiday shopping experience:

- * Do not leave purchases or valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked
- * Put packages in the trunk or out of sight or take them directly home
- * Conceal other items that might attract attention, such as phones, purses, CD cases, cash
- * When possible, park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas
- * Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a store or business or house
- * Do not leave any keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage or in hide-a-key boxes
- * Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home
- * Personal identification documents or credit cards should never be left in your vehicle

Police are also concerned about the increased reports of deliveries from UPS, FedEx and the US Postal Service being stolen from doorsteps or mailboxes. Retrieving packages and mail as soon as they are delivered is the safest practice, but that is not always possible. Consider the following tips:

- * Have packages delivered to a location where they can be received in person, such as a trusted neighbor's house
- * If your employer allows it, consider having your packages delivered to work
- * When purchasing online from a large retailer, have your package delivered to the local store for pickup
- * Request specific drop-off times when you know that you will be home to receive the package
- * Ask that the package be placed on a back porch or even beside the front porch where it is not visible from the street
- * Signs of activity or people at home often discourage would-be thieves
- * Communicate with your neighbors and stay alert to what's going on in the neighborhood

Police officers would like all residents to have a safe holiday season. Being mindful and taking a few simple precautions can reduce your risk of becoming a target.

Kaysville & Farmington Bicycling & Walking Open House



December 8, 2015
5:00-8:30 pm

New Kaysville Library
215 N Fairfield Road

Everyone is invited

(seniors, adults, kids, bicyclists and non-bicyclists)

www.WalkBikeKF.com



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

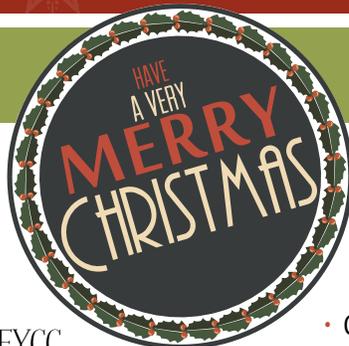
December 2015

World Market opened on November 5 in Station Park. This specialty retailer will give Farmington residents another source for shopping locally for home decor and seasonal imported foods and beverages.

Dec 3	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Dec 8	TUES	Bicycling & Walking Open House Kaysville Library	5-7:00 pm
Dec 15	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 17	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Dec 24	THURS	Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	
Dec 25	FRI	Christmas City Offices Closed	
Jan 1	FRI	New Year's Day City Offices Closed	

FARMINGTON YOUTH COUNCIL 2016

The Farmington Youth City Council (FYCC) is a great opportunity for youth to serve their community while getting to know and associate with their peers. FYCC promotes youth citizenship and volunteerism within Farmington. To qualify for the FYCC, you must currently be a Farmington resident in grades 9-11. Applications are available on the city website, at City Hall or the Parks and Recreation Office. All applications are due by Friday, January 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Interviews will be held Thursday, February 4, 2016. Applicants must be available to interview on that day.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Farmington City will pick up Christmas trees on **Saturday, January 9, 2016**. To take advantage of this service please adhere to the following rules:

- Crews will only make one pass through neighborhoods, so your natural tree must be placed on the curb no later than 6:00 am on January 9.
- Clear snow away so that your tree sits on the surface.
- Discarded trees are used to make mulch, so flocked trees cannot be used and will not be picked up.

City Information

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Dave Millheim
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City Phone Numbers

Main Number451-2383
Police Department.....451-5453
Fire Department451-2842
Public Works Department.....451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance.....451-2624
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
Building Inspection451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control444-2200
Garbage825-3800
Benchland Water District.....451-2105
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency911

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

PARKS & RECREATION

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

Interested in reserving a Farmington park or the pool for next summer?

Farmington residents will be able to make reservations starting Jan 4th @ 8am

Nonresidents will be able to make reservations starting Jan 11th

To make reservations, please visit the Parks & Rec Department

Reservations must be made in person

BASEBALL REGISTRATION COMING IN JANUARY

Farmington City Parks & Recreation combines efforts with Farmington Area Baseball League (FABL) to coordinate recreation baseball (4 years to 18 years old) and softball (5 years old to Jr. High). Registration will begin in January with Farmington City Parks & Recreation.

FABL will continue to run All-star teams after recreation baseball ends. Keep an eye out for registration dates and more information in the January newsletter and on the city website, www.farmington.utah.gov.

ART ATTACK LESSONS

Who? 5-11yrs

When? Jan 26th-March 1st (Tues)

Cost? \$65 (residents) \$75 (nonres)

Register now through Jan 23rd

YOUTH THEATER AUDITIONS "Hairspray Jr"

Who? 8-18yrs

When? Jan 7th (4-6pm) or
Jan 9th (9am-12pm)

Cost? \$15 (residents) \$25 (nonres)

\$75 refundable volunteer deposit required

GUITAR LESSONS

Who? 12+

When? Jan 14th-Feb 11th (Thurs)

Cost? \$45 (residents) \$55 (nonres)

Register now through Jan 9th

CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA

Who? Everyone

Where? Community Arts Center

When? Dec 5th (1-5pm)

Mark your calendars!

Santa is going to be in Farmington for one special night & he wants to see you!

LETTERS TO SANTA

Where? Parks & Rec Department

When? Nov 30th-Dec 18th

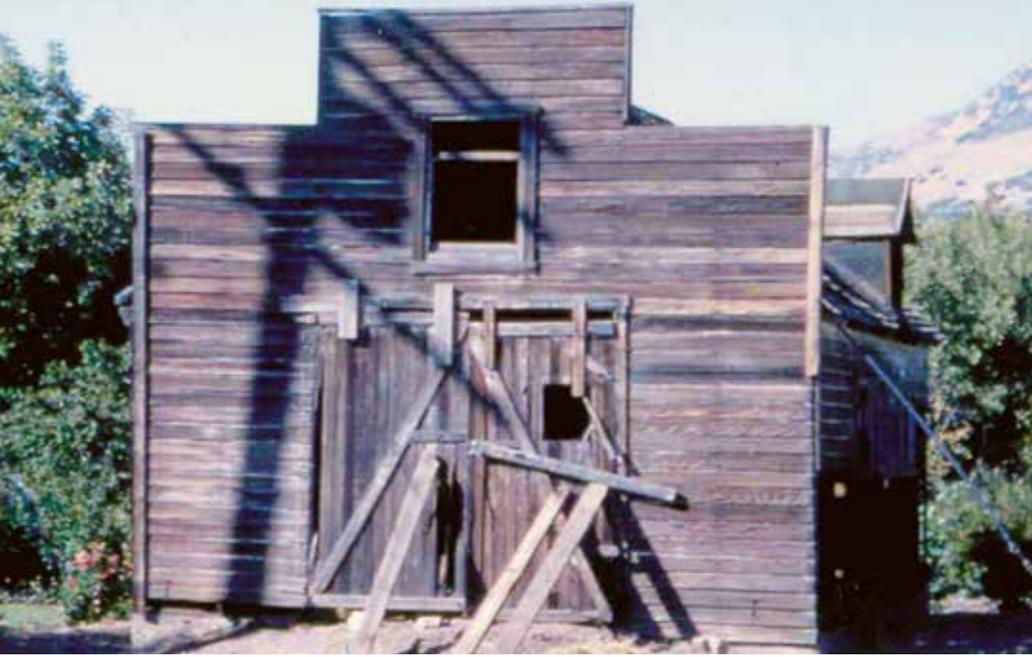
Please address envelopes to:
Santa Claus
1 Candy Cane Lane
North Pole, AK 99705

Upcoming Events

- Miss Farmington
- Information Meeting
- Spring Tennis
- Spring Soccer
- Farmington's Got Talent
- Lifeguard & WSI Classes

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH(S)

by Glen M. Leonard



It was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who in 1842 created the classic profile of a village blacksmith: “a mighty man . . . with large and sinewy hands” and arm muscles as “strong as iron bands.” Longfellow’s hero worked hard from morning till night and attended church each Sunday. He set an example for others through his “toiling, rejoicing, and sorrowing.”

For more than a century Farmington’s diligent blacksmiths—nearly three dozen of them—served local patrons and emigrants passing through. They made iron tools, plows, harrows, scythes, axes, and many other items. Of the first dozen who came to Farmington in the 1850s only five remained in the 1860s. They were Ira Oviatt, Telemachus Rogers, John Earl, Whitford Wilson, and James Udy.

Blacksmiths learned their trade as apprentices. Ira Oviatt’s father, Benjamin, a Baptist circuit

preacher, felt blacksmiths were undesirable people. So, Ira learned the carpenter’s trade first. Then his father approved training with a blacksmith “who did not indulge in the ‘hilarious’ cup.” Presumably whisky was not a problem in Farmington. But in the 1860s Bishop John W. Hess reprimanded blacksmiths for working on Sunday. They explained that California-bound emigrants couldn’t wait for repairs or shoeing. A year later, Hess softened his expectations. He said “he did not want to be too strenuous [or strict] but did not want as much Sunday work as there was last year.”

Ira Oviatt trained two sons in blacksmithing. Ira worked in Farmington from 1852 until his death in 1868. Soon afterward his son Dee built a home and shop at 183 East State Street. Lewis Oviatt served patrons in south Farmington from a frame shop across the road from the cemetery. A strong east wind in November 1895 left standing only his anvil and the brick foundation of a forge. Oviatt rebuilt the shop with brick walls.

By 1917 automobile repair shops were beginning to replace the smithies. Lewis Oviatt sold his shop and found work in Emory County. Ill health forced Augustus Dahl to sell the shop he built in 1911 across from the courthouse. Soren Neilson worked there until his 1931 retirement. Meanwhile, Dee Oviatt’s shop served three subsequent owners following his death in 1887. The first was James Baird, a Centerville blacksmith who trained apprentice B. H. Roberts. When Baird moved to Syracuse in 1897, Joseph Johnson moved in and kept busy until the early 1940s, when he hired on at

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Hill Field. Clarence Sorensen, an experienced acetylene and gas welder in Wyoming, moved into Johnson’s shop in 1943. Sorensen died in 1978, the last of Farmington’s village blacksmiths.

For fiscal year 2014-2015, FCC provided over 11,000 individuals with services.

Our community has always been a special and unique place to live.

Farmington citizens have always been up to the challenge to help where possible. Please join all of us in supporting the Giving Tree this year. Your efforts will allow our community to change the lives of our families in need.

May you all experience what this special season is about as you generously give your gifts to those in need.

From our home to yours—Merry Christmas and may the warmth you generate by giving be with you this season and in the coming New Year.

Holiday wishes,
Mayor Jim Talbot

NEW GYM UPDATE

Basketball enthusiasts young and old are looking forward to the new Farmington gym opening. This facility will add a great new dimension to city recreation and the ability to meet residents' recreational interests. Parks & Recreation personnel are excited to host an open house to introduce the new gym to the community. Please look for detailed information about the open house in the January newsletter. Also look for rules and regulations, as well as pricing for use of the facility.

WINTER ORDINANCES

City ordinances state that from November 15 through February 29, 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. Also, remember that within 48 hours after snow-fall stops, citizens are required to remove snow from the public sidewalks fronting their property. More snowplow information is available on the city website.

Thank you for compliance to these ordinances. Together we can help make this season safe for pedestrians and drivers.

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Sat-Sun: 10AM-9PM*	Equipment & rental \$4
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Holiday rink hours vary, please contact Concierge Services for additional information.
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