

Farmington News

Serving the Residents of Farmington City

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PATIENCE UNDER FIRE

There is a Chinese Proverb that says something like this: "A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials". As we look back on the year 2003 we recognize that, as a city, we have experienced our share of trials. As a community, and as a governing body, our goal is to work tirelessly, to stand strong, to face our challenges, to learn from those challenges and to move forward.

Throughout this year, we have been constantly reminded of the courage and dedication of our citizens, individually and collectively, as they have stood strong in the face of difficult circumstances. Many members of our community, or their loved ones, serve in the armed forces and have endured long separations from family and hometown as they work to keep us and the world safe from those who would threaten our peace and freedom. Closer to home, as we all recall, during this past summer, the safety of our community was severely threatened by a raging wildfire that ultimately scorched nearly two thousand acres of land immediately adjacent to our heavily populated foothills. As I stood at the command center, monitoring the progress of the walls of flames on our hillsides, I wondered when we would receive the first word that homes were on fire and lives at risk. I watched in awe as an army of firemen, policemen, public works crews, sheriff's deputies, forest service personnel, and citizen volunteers stretched their resources and strength to the limits and beyond in the effort to save our community from devastation. While the professional public safety

forces were risking their lives and doing their jobs protecting us, our citizens were working both behind the scenes and sometimes on the front lines, supporting one another, helping neighbors evacuate their homes, bringing needed food and water to the firefighting crews, avoiding panic and staying calm even in the face of great danger. We pulled together, we worked hard, we prayed hard, and faced our challenges head-on.

Fortunately, by some combination of hard work and Divine Providence, we never did receive word of lives being lost or structures on fire. We need only to look to the devastating loss of lives and property in certain communities in Southern California just weeks later to realize how blessed we were in our own wildfire incident.

Incidents like these test us and try us and show us something of who we are as a community and as individuals. After our brush with disaster, I was heartened to witness the sincere expressions of gratitude of our citizens toward their Creator, toward our own valiant firefighters and police officers, and toward the many firefighters, police officers, sheriff's deputies, EMT's, forest service personnel and others who fought the fires and labored side by side with us. With the help of citizen volunteers, we hosted a celebration to pay tribute to those who came to our aid in our time of need. Cicero once said: "Gratitude is not only the greatest of all virtues, but the parent of all others." Certainly, our community demonstrated that it understands, and possesses, the virtue of gratitude.

After the danger has passed, these incidents also give us the opportunity for self-examination and growth. While we are grateful for having escaped a more

South Davis Transit Needs Analysis Community Open House

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004
5— 8 pm
Centerville City Hall
250 N. Main Street**

Your thoughts are needed as we study and plan for the future of transit in South Davis County.

The South Davis County Transit Analysis project provides an opportunity for the public to work with local officials to develop plans for transit. The purpose of this meeting is to gather your thoughts concerning the following:

- Preferred transit modes;
- Potential corridors;
- Convenient station types and locations;
- Service plans that will attract ridership and serve local communities;
- Options to connect Davis County to the region.

You are welcome to attend the Open House any time between 5 and 8 p.m. to view displays and visit with the project team.

A 20-minute presentation will be given at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact your City or Wasatch Front Regional Council project manager, Greg Scott, at 363-4250.

City Information

City Council Members

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City Operations/City Manager

- Max Forbush
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City Phone Numbers

Main Number451-2383
 City Manager451-2383
 Police Department451-5453
 Fire Department451-2842
 Emergency911

After hours emergency:

Davis County Sheriff 451-4150
 Garbage Questions ...451-2624
 Storm Water

Maintenance.....451-2624
 Parks451-2624
 Leisure Services451-0953
 Building Inspection451-2383
 Water Department.....451-2624
 Planning & Zoning451-2383
 Animal Control.....444-2200
 Garbage771-0273
 FAPID.....451-2105
 Weber Water Dist.771-1677

Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. Work Sessions begin at 6:30.

Planning Commission: Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Council chambers.

Farmington City Hall

130 N. Main
 P.O. Box 160
 Farmington, UT 84025

City Council Meetings	Planning Commission Meetings
Feb. 4 & 18	Feb. 12 & 26
Mar. 3 & 17	Mar. 11 & 25
Apr. 7 & 21	Apr. 8 & 22

Farmington

Parking Restrictions

Residents are reminded that there is **NO** parking on City streets **between 1 am and 7 am each day** during the restricted period which ends on the last day of February.

Tickets will be issued to those who are not in compliance.



Snow Removal

Residents are reminded of their responsibility to remove snow on the public sidewalks fronting their residences, within 48 hours after snowfall stops.



Art Display

Kathy Smock is displaying her cross-stitch art at the City offices during normal business hours.

Others wishing to display their art should contact Rebecca Mann at 451-5654.



Human Services

Volunteer Coordinator Wanted

The Mayor and City Council recently reorganized several community councils. In the process the City created a new volunteer position: The Human Services volunteer Coordinator.

As our City continues to grow, ideas, helps and opportunities are provided and the City needs someone willing to volunteer time to organize and coordinate the many need help requests. Work would include organizations wanting to do service projects, Boy Scout Eagle Projects, etc.

Interested residents should write a letter of interest to

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 130 N. Main Street
 Farmington, UT 84025



House For Rent

City Owned: 4 bedroom, 2 bath, small backyard, Contact Leisure Services at 451-0953.

2002-2003 Farmington City Highlights

- Install concrete trail improvements through Farmington Ranches.
- End of Volunteer Fire Department & beginning of part-time firemen/City employees.
- Completion of new 200 East pump house and well
- Lobbying of UDOT to move forward with Burke Lane/Shepard Lane Interchange improvements.
- Intense lobbying begins for preferred on-off ramp design.
- Development of Farmington City "Strategic Action Initiatives for 2002-06".
- Completion of new Public Works/Leisure Services Building.
- Completion of Fire Station expansion.
- Complete remodeling of old Farmington Tithing Office for City museum.
- Begin work on new downtown OTR zone concept.
- Annexation of 443 acres in northwest Farmington area.
- City Council creates new Technology Committee to evaluate City owned fiber optics infrastructure.
- City Council expands level of fire protection services.
- Public approves issuance of bonds for Heritage Park, Community Center and other City-wide park projects.
- City is awarded LWCG Grant for \$180,000 to be used for Heritage Park.
- City receives about \$12,000 in emergency preparedness grants.
- City Council/Planning Commission form Economic Development Committee to begin study of potential land uses in Burke Lane area.
- City buys property for Main Park expansion.
- Creation of Special Improvement district to install decorative street lights, curb, gutter, sidewalks, decorative fencing and water & sewer improvements.
- July 10, 2003, Farmington foothills wildfire and successful response.
- City lobbies UTA for Farmington Commuter Rail Station.
- Retain Ross Consulting Services to complete market analysis of potential commercial uses at Burke Lane area.
- Complete west Shepard Lane sidewalk and fencing improvements.
- Begin re-seeding and re-vegetation in fire area to prevent future mudslides.
- Completion and opening of Heritage Park, water park, and picnic boweries.
- Adopt storm water management plan with Best Management Practices.
- Approve revised Emergency Operations Plan.
- Approve Cultural Arts Council.

2004-2005 Miss Farmington Orientation

Feb. 7, 2004
 Young Women Ages 17-23
 Please plan to attend **11 to 12 Noon** at the Leisure Services Offices 100 N. 720 W.
Last Year Scholarships and Gifts given totaled more than \$8000

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Cont. State Of The City Address

serious fate, we would be foolish not to take the opportunity to review the events that transpired and our response to those events in order to learn what worked well and what did not work so well. Immediately following our wildfire crisis we asked all of our city departments to review and report so that we could glean valuable lessons while the memory of the events was still clear. We are committed to following up on those reports and strengthening our ability to respond to crises in the future. I have the utmost confidence in our city employees who are the best of public servants and who clearly have the interests of our citizens and our community at heart.

Together we have faced many other challenges this past year. We have continued to endure major highway construction that disrupts our normal travel patterns and is often noisy and dusty. Again, from this challenge, from this dust and inconvenience, we are striving to find ways to reap benefits for our community by promoting wise use of land immediately adjacent to newly built highway interchanges. We are working to encourage development of appropriately designed and appropriately located business parks and retail stores that will allow our citizens to work and shop closer to home and help develop a tax base that will reduce our dependence on residential property taxes to fund city services. We are committed to carrying on these efforts in an open and public arena. In fact, we have received valuable input from many of our citizens throughout this process and will have many opportunities for additional public input in the coming year.

We continue to actively support the expansion of transportation options for our community. We have worked closely with UTA to position Farmington as a preferred stop on the commuter rail line that is scheduled to be operational within a few years. We have also joined with UTA, the County and the other cities in South Davis County to fund the study of a possible extension of UTA's light rail or a similar BRT system into South Davis County. We continue to support the construction of the Legacy Highway as one component of a multi-faceted approach to improvement of transportation options in Davis County.

We celebrate the wisdom of our citizens in their overwhelming endorsement of the efforts to continue to improve and upgrade the recreational and cultural opportunities in our community. We have an active and dedicated Trails Committee that works very hard to promote the establishment and development of a trail system in our community that helps us maintain a feeling of connectedness and openness as further residential development inevitably occurs. We have completed and dedicated the new Heritage Park in the Oakridge area and made significant improvements to the main City Park in the downtown area, to South Park and to other public open spaces. We are nearing completion of the construction of our new Community Center that will enhance our ability to host and promote community cultural events and other worthwhile activities.

Over this past year, our dedicated city staff has continued

to work hard to improve and upgrade our public services and infrastructure. Much of our progress in these areas is not readily apparent to our citizens because these services are only noticed when they encounter problems. For example, the years of effort and expense dedicated to improving our water supply and water distribution systems, with the drilling of a new well, construction of new reservoirs and upgrading of transmission lines, was critical to our ability during this summer's wildfire crisis to provide sufficient water pressure to the firefighters who were battling that blaze. Five years ago we would not have had the capacity in our system to meet the extraordinary need we experienced during that episode. We have expanded the fire-station, increased funding for our fire protection services and outlined options for further enhancement of fire protection services in the future. We have purchased new vehicles for our police officers and hired our first full-time female police officer. We have continued our efforts to revise the zoning in the downtown area to help preserve the charm and diversity of that historic downtown area. We have initiated regular coordination meetings with the Davis County Commission and the Davis County School District to ensure the best possible coordination and cooperation between the City and those entities whose headquarters are in our community.

As we address the issues that face our city, we will need to exhibit continued patience. Many of the issues we face are not easily resolved. Reasonable minds can differ on the approach that should be taken to address these difficult issues. We have always encouraged and welcomed public input into our deliberative process. Often, during our city council meetings, as we open the floor for debate on particularly sensitive issues, I remind those present that we have a tradition in this city of being respectful of each other's views and civil in our debate, no matter how firmly held our opposing opinions might be. We embrace and applaud that tradition, and will adhere to it as a governing body.

In conclusion, notwithstanding the many challenges we face, we have made progress, and we are committed to continuing to make progress in the coming years. As we address the future needs of the community, we will miss the wisdom of our colleagues, Council Members Bob Hasenyager and Ed Johnson, who have led by example and contributed untold hours of service to the citizens of Farmington during their tenure on the Council. We welcome new Council Members Rick Dutson and Sid Young and look forward to the fresh views they will add to the governing body. We applaud the work of our city staff, working under the direction of city manager, Max Forbush. Together, and with your support, we will work hard, we will stand strong, we will face our challenges head-on, we will learn from our challenges and constantly improve our public services, we will move forward.

January 7, 2004

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Leisure Services Department
 Serving the area in recreation, aquatics, arts and special events
 Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am—12pm & 1pm—5pm
 Located at 100 N. 720 W 451-0953

Classes

Partners -N- Play

Registration: Feb. 16-27
 Class date: Mar. 1—31
 When: 10-10:45 am
 Days: Mon. & Wed.
 Fee: \$15 per person
 Ages: 2-5 with parent

Art Class

Registration: Feb. 9-20
 Class Date:
 Feb. 25- Mar. 24
 When: Wed.
 Time: 4—5:30 pm
 Location: Farmington City
 Leisure Office
 Fee: \$35/person Ages: 6+

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Registration: Feb. 2 - 13
 Class date:
 Feb. 14 - Mar. 6 When: Sat.
 Time: 8 am - 12 Noon
 Location: Leisure Office
 Fee: \$25/person
 Ages: 16 and up

Main City Park & Community Center Open House

March 5
 Tours and ribbon
 cutting: 11 am to 1 pm
 Open House and Tours
 4 pm to 6 pm

Gymnastics

Registration: Feb. 2—13
 Class Date:
 Feb 14—Mar. 3
 Time: 10—10:45 am
 Day: Sat.
 Fee: \$25 per person
 Ages: 5 and up
 Location: North Davis Gym-
 nastics
 249 S Main in Layton

Farmington City Calendar FEBRUARY

- 4 **City Council Meeting** 7 pm City Offices
- 7 **Miss Farmington Orientation:** 11 to Noon, Leisure Services 17
 Offices. Young Women 17-23, see article, page 2
- 17 **Pool Applications** taken from 17 to Mar. 5
- 18 **Community Open House: Transit Needs Analysis** 5—8 pm at
 the Centerville City Hall, 250 N. Main Street
- 18 **City Council Meeting** 7 pm City Offices
- 12 **Planning Commission Meeting** 7 pm City Offices
- 26 **Planning Commission Meeting** 7 pm City Offices

Note: Waste-to-Energy Facility Hours through are 7 am to 5 pm



Chinese Cooking

Registration:
 Feb. 9 - 20
 Class Date: Feb 25- Mar. 17
 When: Wed.
 Class A 6:30 - 7:30pm
 Class B 7:45 - 8:45pm
 Location: Farmington City Leisure
 Office Fee: \$35 per person
 Ages: 16 and up

Taking Care of Me

Register Feb. 9-20
 Class date:
 Feb. 21 - Mar. 13
 When: Sat.
 Time 9 am - 10 am
 Location: Farmington
 Leisure Office
 Fee: \$40 per person
 Ages: 10-17

Yoga

Registration:
 Feb. 16- 27
 Class date: March 4
 - April 8
 When: Thursday
 Time: 8:30 - 9:30pm
 Location: Farmington City Pool
 lobby (142 S main)
 Fee: \$ 30 per person
 Ages: 16 and up



Manners Make a Difference

Registration: Feb. 2—13
 Class Date:
 A Feb. 14—Mar. 6
 B Feb. 19—Mar. 11
 Time:
 A 10:30—11:30 am Sat.
 B 5:30-6:30 pm Thurs.
 Fee: \$30 per person
 Where: Leisure Services
 Office
 Ages: A 6-10 B 11-17

Coming Soon: Visit Leisure Services at
Farmingtonut.com

Leisure Services Job Openings

Contact Leisure Services at 451-0953

About the following Job Openings

Job descriptions with pay rate available at Leisure Services Office.

Open until Filled

- Swimming Pool Building Custodial Contract
- Community Center Building Custodial Contract
- Community Center Temporary PT Security Position
- Recreation Assistant PT seasonal

COMMUNITY CENTER USHERS

The Cultural Arts Council is looking for adults to serve as Ushers during Community Center events. If you are interested, please call Leisure Services 451-0953.

SOUND AND LIGHTING TECHNICIANS

Leisure Services is in need of people who would like to learn how to work the lighting and sound systems in the new Community Center. Individuals will be paid when they work, but must complete a certification course. If interested, contact Leisure Services at 451-0953.

Pool Applications available beginning Feb 17 close March 5

Applications and descriptions available at
 The Leisure Services Office

**Due to construction issues and the need to ensure
 events run smoothly, the new Community Center will
 not be available for rental until Thurs., Apr. 1, 2004.**