

# Farmington News

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## Message from Mayor Talbot

On behalf of myself and the city council, we wish to express our gratitude and our deep appreciation to the residents of Farmington for a tremendous 2015, and we look forward to an even greater 2016.

As I reflect on the events of 2015, Farmington residents have a lot to be grateful for. As citizens, you passed the General Obligation Bond, allowing our Parks and Recreation programs to move forward in a huge way by paving the path for a new 30,000 square foot gymnasium. This facility will allow our children to play basketball in one location and gets them off the school cafeteria floors where they are now playing. In addition, you passed the RAP (Recreation, Arts & Parks) tax allowing an additional 1/10 of one percent from our sales tax to be added to the funds allocated to finishing our 43-acre park and baseball/softball 4-plex fields on 650 West. Both the gymnasium and park were badly needed and will add to the beauty of our city

and the quality of life for our citizens.

As we look forward to 2016, several other valuable projects, currently under construction within the city, should be completed or close to completion. Here are the key projects you may want to be aware of:

- 30,000 sq ft gymnasium
- New 43-acre park and baseball/softball 4-plex fields
- 70,000+ sq. ft Cabela's
- New elementary school #61
- New Hyatt Place Hotel
- New Mercedes Benz dealership
- U of U 150,000 sq ft Medical Center
- Ascent Headquarters
- New high school

### NEW HIGH SCHOOL

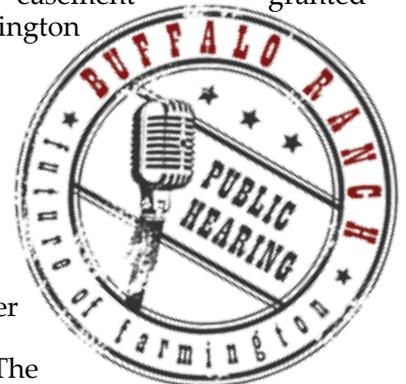
To cap everything off, the passage of the General School Bond allows Davis School District to begin constructing the much-awaited, state-of-the-art Farmington High School. Farmington residents have been planning for this high school to become a reality for over 20 years. This new high school will be a tremendous asset for the city of Farmington and we look forward to its completion in time for school to start in the fall of 2018.

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Buffalo Ranch, a large agriculture/equestrian operation, encompasses some 300 acres west of the Farmington Ranch subdivision adjacent to the sovereign lands of the Great Salt Lake. The property is permanently protected as open space by a conservation easement granted to Farmington City. A

three-mile-long public trail is located on the perimeter of the parcel. The owner of the underlying ground, Viking Real Estate, LLC, is now requesting that the city consider amending its conservation easement to allow for private and/or public development on the property, including, but not limited to residential, recreation, commercial, agriculture, and other uses [note: for a complete list of uses proposed by the applicant, please contact the Community Development Department at City Hall, 160 South Main, or Heidi Gordon, the department secretary at hgordon@farmington.utah.gov, or at 801-939-9214].

City. A



public hearing to consider the request at their regularly scheduled meeting on

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**Ryan Lauck** has been chosen as 2015 **Trails Advocate of the Year**. Ryan has served on the Farmington Trails Committee for four years and made a significant difference. He especially likes mountain trail running, the most rigorous sport of all hikers. If you have met Ryan, you now know



why he is so buff. The Wasatch Back 100 is one of his favorite runs. Each year he organizes a work crew to do improvements to this run. The Great Western Trail east of Farmington/Centerville is part of this run and has received several important trail improvements due to his efforts.

Ryan has become known for his rock work using available rocks to build impressive stairways and retaining walls for our trails. Ryan also organizes a youth service project each year to improve one of our hillside trails. He is an all-around nice guy and enjoys working with youth. Ryan and his wife, Lindsay, live in west Farmington. She is also very athletic and loves hiking the trails. Congratulations to Ryan in receiving this honor. If you see a blur whiz past you on a mountain trail, it is probably Ryan.

## PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

Winter in Farmington can be unpredictable with temperatures that fluctuate from moderately warm one week to extremely cold the next. An often overlooked hazard of cold weather is frozen pipes that may potentially burst, causing damage to property and belongings. There are steps homeowners can take to prevent this from happening.

- Keep the heat in your home above 50 degrees
- Leave cabinet doors open to allow warm air to reach pipes
- Allow faucets to drip slightly to alleviate pressure in the system
- Caulk any interior or exterior holes or cracks that exist near pipes
- Pipes located in areas that do not have proper insulation may need extra insulation to keep from freezing
- Know the location of your water heater and protect that area against the cold
- Close your garage and other outside doors

It is wise to keep some water stored for use in case it becomes necessary for public works to temporarily turn off the water supply to your home.

Often a few preventative measures can help homeowners avoid a lot of repair, cleanup and inconvenience. If you would like more information or advice regarding how to protect your property against frozen pipes, please call Farmington Public Works at 801-451-2624.

Message from Mayor Talbot continued

The district has been working for nearly two years with public input through various committees and special interest groups to design a new high school that will better prepare our children for their future. This high school will also better prepare them for their college education experience. There has been some discussion about redesigning parts of the high school and perhaps delaying the opening past the September 2018 date. You, as residents, should expect the very best for your children and I believe that the professionals hired by the school district to design this school have done just that. I have put my personal approval on this design.

I strongly encourage you to attend the school board meeting scheduled for this coming January 12, 2016, to be held in the Kimball Building at 6pm. Find out just who your school board representatives are and what they are saying about our new Farmington High School. I commend Davis School Board President, Gordon Eckersley, and others who support this layout and design and who, after 18 years, are ready to move forward with your new Farmington High School. The fact that some board members are considering delaying this new school and changing the design is most alarming. We will do our best to continue as planned to move forward with construction.

If you have comments regarding the new high school, send them to our school board representative, Julie Tanner. She is one who is questioning the design and possibly delaying the construction. Her email address is [jutanner@dspdmail.net](mailto:jutanner@dspdmail.net).

The sun is shining brightly on our city. On behalf of myself and the city council, we thank you for being such great citizens and wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

Warmest regards,  
Mayor Jim Talbot

## DRIVE SAFELY a message from the FPD

### Slow Down and Allow Ample Space Between Vehicles

During winter months in northern Utah, snow and ice are major causes of car accidents. Simply by slowing down and leaving ample space between your car and the vehicle in front of you, the chance of accident can be significantly reduced. Following too closely makes driving dangerous under any weather condition, but when roads are slick and visibility limited, it can be extremely hazardous. **SLOW DOWN** and **DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY**. Remember to **GIVE SNOW PLOWS AMPLE ROOM TO FUNCTION SAFELY**. Exhibit patience for other drivers who may not know Farmington routes as well as residents do. Working together, we can make this a safer driving season for everyone.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## January 2016



Jan 5 TUES City Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
160 South Main Street for agenda see  
farmington.utah.gov

Jan 7 THURS Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm  
160 South Main Street

Jan 9 SAT **CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP**   
The following restrictions apply – more detail on Farmington’s  
website. All decorations and tree stands must be removed  
 No flocked trees Crews will only make one pass through  
neighborhoods, so trees must be placed on the curb no later  
than 6:00 am.

Jan 18 MON Martin Luther King Day 7:00 pm  
City Offices Closed for agenda see  
farmington.utah.gov

Jan 19 TUES City Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
**BUFFALO RANCH PUBLIC HEARING** for agenda see  
160 South Main Street farmington.utah.gov

Jan 21 THURS Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm  
160 South Main Street

Jan 21 THURS Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 7:00 pm  
160 South Main Street

Jan 28 THURS Historic Preservation Commission 7:00 pm  
160 South Main Street

### City Information

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### City Operations / City Manager

Dave Millheim  
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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

## 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 snowfall 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.

HUNDREDS OF TRUCK LOADS OF DIRT HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM WEST FARMINGTON IN PREPARATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL. THANK YOU TO RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ALONG GLOVER LANE, FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

# PARKS & RECREATION

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

## BASEBALL REGISTRATION

**WHO?** 4-18YRS

**WHEN?** APRIL-JUNE (MON-FRI)

**COST?**

T-BALL \$40 (RESIDENTS) \$50 (NONRES)  
SHETLAND \$45 (RESIDENTS) \$55 (NONRES)  
PINTO \$50 (RESIDENTS) \$65 (NONRES)  
MUSTANG \$65 (RESIDENTS) \$80 (NONRES)  
BRONCO \$80 (RESIDENTS) \$95 (NONRES)  
PONY \$110 (RESIDENTS) \$125 (NONRES)  
COLT \$120 (RESIDENTS) \$135 (NONRES)

REGISTER JAN 5TH-FEB 26TH

## SOFTBALL



**WHO?** 4-15YRS

**WHEN?** APRIL-JUNE (MON-FRI)

**COST?**

T-BALL/COACH PITCH 6U  
\$40 (RESIDENTS) \$55 (NONRES)  
COACH PITCH 8U  
\$50 (RESIDENTS) \$65 (NONRES)  
FAST PITCH 10U  
\$55 (RESIDENTS) \$70 (NONRES)  
FAST PITCH 12U/FAST PITCH JR HIGH  
\$65 (RESIDENTS) \$80 (NONRES)

REGISTER JAN 5TH-FEB 26TH

## GUITAR LESSONS

**WHO?** 12+

**WHEN?** JAN 14TH-FEB 11TH (THURS)

**COST?** \$45 (RESIDENTS) \$55 (NONRES)

REGISTER NOW THROUGH JAN 9TH

## SPRING SOCCER



**WHO?** 3YRS-6TH GRADE

**WHEN?** APRIL 19TH-MAY 26TH (TUE-THUR)

**COST?**

ONE SEASON  
\$30 (RESIDENTS) \$40 (NONRES)  
TWO SEASON  
\$54 (RESIDENTS) \$64 (NONRES)

REGISTER FEB 1ST  
ONE-TIME UNIFORM FEE \$10

## 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

## MISS FARMINGTON INFORMATION MEETING



**WHO?** 17-23 YRS

**WHEN?** JAN 23RD (10AM)

**WHERE?** FARMINGTON COMMUNITY  
ART CENTER

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

## EARLY BIRD FAMILY PASS SALE



**WHEN?** JAN 4TH-MAY 6TH

**COST?** \$125 (RESIDENT FAMILY PASS:  
FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY LIVING IN THE  
SAME HOUSEHOLD UP TO 5 MEMBERS.  
EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER IS \$10)  
\$45 (RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL PASS)

## FARMINGTON'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS

**WHEN?** FEB 20TH

**COST?** \$10 (RESIDENTS) \$20 (NONRES)

REGISTER JAN 26TH - FEB 19TH  
COMPETITION WILL BE MARCH 5TH

## ART ATTACK LESSONS

**WHO?** 5-11YRS

**WHEN?** JAN 26TH-MARCH 1ST (TUES)

**COST?** \$65 (RESIDENTS) \$80 (NONRES)

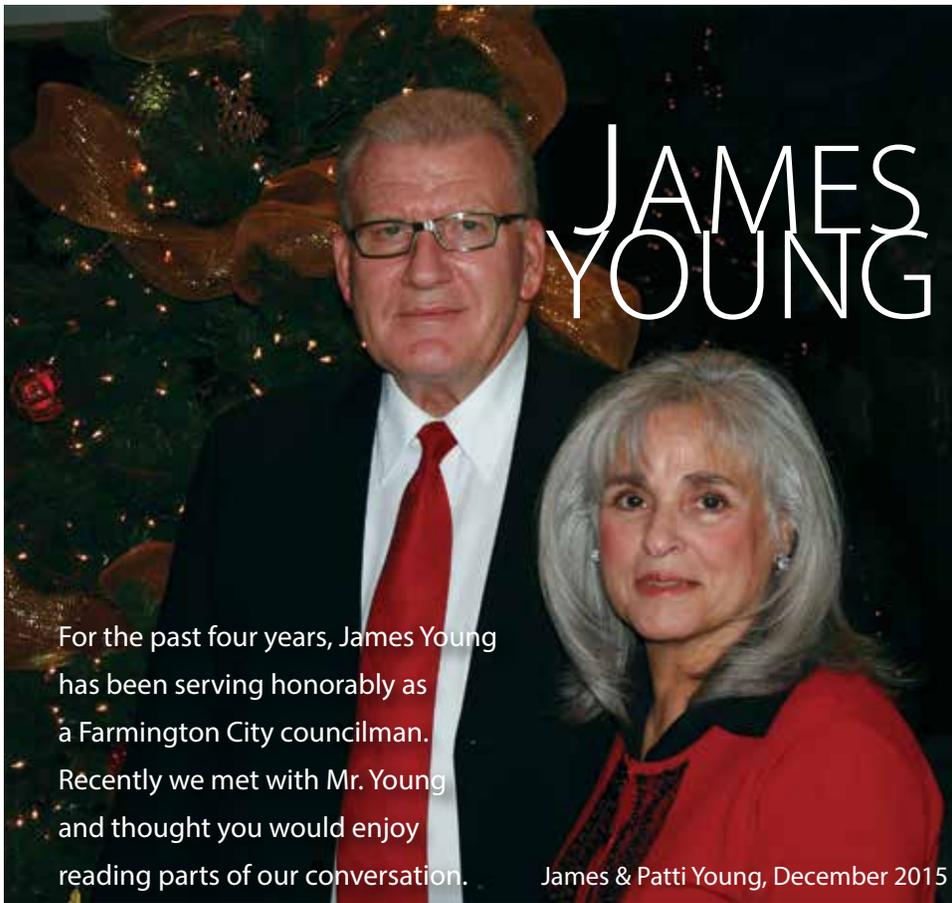
REGISTER NOW THROUGH JAN 23RD

## RESERVE A FARMINGTON FACILITY PARKS • POOL • COMMUNITY ART CENTER

FARMINGTON HAS GREAT FACILITIES  
AVAILABLE FOR RESERVATION.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE ONE OF THE  
CITY PROPERTIES DURING 2016,  
RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY GOING TO  
THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE  
(720 W 100 N) BEGINNING:

MON JAN 4TH FOR RESIDENTS  
MON JAN 11TH FOR NONRESIDENTS

REQUESTS FOR RESERVATIONS BY PHONE  
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



For the past four years, James Young has been serving honorably as a Farmington City councilman. Recently we met with Mr. Young and thought you would enjoy reading parts of our conversation.

James & Patti Young, December 2015

### **What motivated you to run for Farmington City Council?**

Community service is just a part of who I am. From an early age I was fascinated with current events and public policy. I loved history and government classes and was on the debate team in high school and college.

### **What prior experience did you have that helped you as a city councilman?**

My whole adult life has been punctuated by experiences in public service. At seventeen I enlisted in the Air Force and served 4 years, first in Vietnam, then Japan and Korea. Later in college I was appointed student representative to the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. I was also nominated by a professor and selected as a congressional intern during the Watergate era. My congressman felt it was such an historic time, he gave me a pass to the Watergate hearings and encouraged me to attend often. I became acquainted with many of the political personalities of that era. After my LDS mission, I received a Master of Public Administration from BYU. From there I spent 23 years in city management in several

communities. At one time I was city manager of Riverdale, Utah while simultaneously serving as city councilmember in South Weber. When we moved to Farmington in 2006 and settled in, one of my first impulses was to get involved in the community. I applied and was honored to be selected to serve on the planning commission. After a few years, this sort of naturally evolved into an interest in serving on the city council.

### **Are there actions you took on the city council that stand out in your mind?**

We had so many exciting opportunities as a city over the past half dozen years. Probably the most notable were the decisions that led to the development of Station Park. I don't think people completely understand what an arduous process it is to bring to fruition such a huge development. It takes years and hundreds of hours of dedicated effort by employees, planning commissions and the mayor and council to make things like this happen. Because of increasing commercial success, we are able to do so much more for the community than we could have dreamed of previously.

### **What parts of being a councilmember did you find most enjoyable?**

In local government you can often see the results of your efforts. This is very satisfying. Another is the close association with men and women of goodwill on the city council and the city staff. I will miss that association. We do not have the contention or ill will that we sometimes see manifested in other communities. Farmington has a history of electing men and women of great character and capability. Brett Anderson continues that tradition.

### **Is there something about city government that you wish Farmington residents understood better?**

Two things. First, we are often asked about taxes. Most of your taxes are not from Farmington City where there has been little change over the last 20 years, but from a combination of various levies from Davis County, Davis School District, the library, and other special service districts. Second, the services we all enjoy do not happen in a vacuum. Every day and many nights, police, fire, water, maintenance workers and sometimes elected officials are working hard and often long hours to make sure we are safe—our water is safe, our waste is disposed of, our streets repaired, and our parks clean and green. As you encounter these employees, please thank them. It will mean a lot.

### **What message do you have for residents?**

Old timers say, "Farmington is the place where heaven touches earth." That has certainly been our experience. You have made it so. You are at the heart of it all. Location helps, but it is you that makes Farmington the heartwarming place everyone wants to come home to at night. We know our homes and children are safe here. We know our neighbors are looking out for us. Keep caring for one another and, especially, keep freedom's light burning bright. May God shed his grace on thee and, wherever we are, you will always be.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as business permits, at city hall located at 160 South Main Street. The public is welcome to attend and provide oral and/or written comments.

The Farmington Ranches Subdivision and Buffalo Ranch are situated on what was a farm owned by the Wheeler Machinery Company consisting of approximately 719 acres in total property. The Boyer Company acquired the land in the late 1990s with hopes of developing 450 residential lots. The city approved a 20 percent density bonus (by agreement), or an additional 90 lots (540 lots total), in exchange for the developer setting aside approximately 400+ acres of open space to be preserved in perpetuity by conservation easement. Most of this open space is the Buffalo Ranch property (approx. 300 acres), and the remaining 100 acres is located within and in close proximity to the Farmington Ranches Subdivision. In its review as to whether or not to amend a large portion of the conservation easement(s), the city council will consider the original intent as to why the easement was established in the first place. Public input is important as part of the decision process related to the request.

a message  
from your  
**Parks &  
Recreation  
Department**



**Thank you** from the Farmington Parks & Recreation staff for the support you have offered to our programs over the years. Our successes are dependent on the community and their participation.

There are some great things to anticipate in 2016. Here's a little sneak peak of some of the upcoming changes:

- Starting baseball in conjunction with Farmington Area Baseball League (FABL)
- Farmington City is running the recreation side of the league, with FABL stepping in after the regular season is over to manage the all-star teams
- Softball for girls aged 5 years to junior high
- The new gymnasium will be opening in the spring
- Soccer fields, now located where the new high school will be built, will move to the new park at 1100 West Glover Lane.
- New slides are installed at the pool for the upcoming swim season.

We look forward to an active and safe 2016, full of a variety of sports and activities. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We love what we do and strive to do it well.

**ATTENTION  
BOY SCOUTS**

Boy scouts interested in earning a Personal Finance Merit Badge should contact Rock House Financial located at 630 N Main in Farmington, 801-447-4200. A free, 12-week course will begin January 21 from 4:00-5:00 pm and will run each Thursday for 12 weeks. Space is limited to the first 16 scouts registered.



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