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FARMINGTON MAIN STREET

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Farmington's Historic
Preservation
Commission Chair



Known for its outstanding old homes dating back from pioneer days and the cherished sycamore trees

lining it, Farmington's

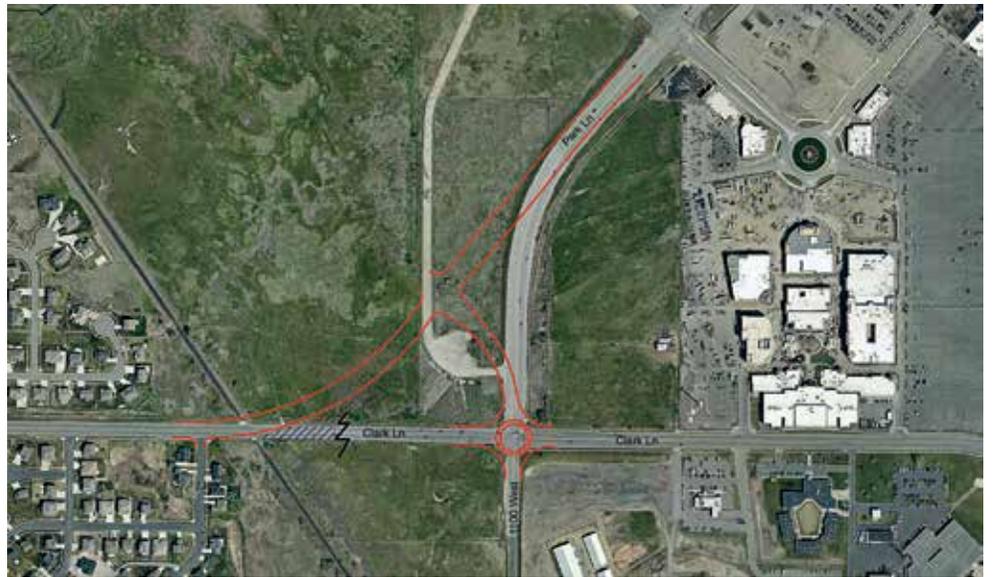
Main Street is a Davis County treasure. Settled by LDS pioneers in 1847, Farmington was first called "North Cottonwood." By 1852, the town's name was changed and it became the Davis County seat. Construction of homes, barns, and businesses on Main Street – then called Park Street – was well underway. The first buildings were constructed of adobe and rock. By 1885 most new buildings were made of brick, with only a very few utilizing wood frame construction.

Main Street was designated to the prestigious National Register of Historic Places in late 2011 as the "Farmington Utah Main Street Historic District." Locally known as the "Sycamore District," it encompasses both sides of Main Street from 200 South to 600 North.

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PARK LANE RECONSTRUCTION

This summer the Utah Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Farmington City, will be reconstructing Park Lane and the intersection of 1100 West and Clark Lane. The purpose of this project is to improve freeway access and provide for current and future west side growth. The adjacent map shows the new configuration of Park Lane, Clark Lane, and 1100 West. Park Lane will now continue to the west and connect to Clark Lane. 1100 West will be realigned and a roundabout



will be installed at the intersection of 1100 West and Clark Lane. Construction activities will begin the week of June 2 and are projected to be completed by the end of September.

Farmington City looks forward to the successful completion of this project and for both the immediate and long-term benefits that this project will provide. We apologize for any traffic delays this may cause area residents this summer. East/west access will never be shut off during construction but there may be momentary closures as needed.

FARMINGTON TRAILS GUIDED BOTANICAL HIKE

While hiking the beautiful trails above Farmington have you ever stopped to admire a wildflower, a plant, or a tree and wondered exactly what you are seeing? Now is your chance to find out.

The Farmington Trails Committee is hosting a botanical hike on Wednesday, June 18, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The hike will be guided by Richard Anderson, Utah State University botanist and Jerry Goodspeed, Associate Professor of Horticulture and Director of Education for the Utah State University Botanical Center. Richard and Jerry are co-authors of the new book "Wildflowers of the Mountain West," the most comprehensive wildflower book covering the Intermountain West. They are outstanding and entertaining educators and will provide information on wildflowers, edible plants, native plants, and poisonous plants that are commonly found along the trails above Farmington. All this information will be presented while taking a hike up the beautiful Davis Creek Trail. Participants will meet at the parking lot by the irrigation reservoir near the Davis Creek Trail Head above Farmington at 5:00 pm. This guided hike is free, but registration is appreciated to accommodate the correct number of participants.

To register, please e-mail Justen Smith, Farmington Trails Committee member and Director of Utah State University Extension-Davis County at: justen.smith@usu.edu. Please register by June 12, 2014.

LORRAINE THATCHER

2014 Mother of the Year

Lorraine Thatcher was born and raised in northern Indiana. She found her way to Utah after joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and serving a full time mission in New Jersey. She moved to Cache Valley and graduated from USU with a degree in elementary education. She taught sixth grade for a few years before meeting and marrying Aaron--her all-time favorite love story. They bought a home in Farmington two weeks before their wedding, and have never regretted the decision. "We can't think of a better place to raise our family." The Thatchers have lived in Farmington for thirteen years.



Lorraine and Aaron Thatcher and family

Lorraine's mother passed away before she married. "Because of this I feel I have had more than my share of great women (be they married or single, those with children and those without, old, young, and in

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COFFEE WITH A COP

Farmington Police Department is an integral part of this community. All residents rely upon police personnel to enhance a safe and peaceful environment. Yet the majority of contact law enforcement has with the public happens during emergencies or emotional situations. Those settings are not always the most effective times for relationship building with residents. Some community members hesitate to approach law enforcement on the street.

In an effort to build their relationship with the community, the Farmington Police Department is hosting a new national initiative called COFFEE WITH A COP 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. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the

department's work in Farmington City neighborhoods. Coffee with a Cop will allow law enforcement to break down barriers and enjoy a relaxed, one-on-one interaction with community members. Police personnel hope during this event the community will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know the officers. There will be no agenda and the officers will be happy to discuss anything those in attendance wish to discuss.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members "one cup of coffee at a time."

COFFEE WITH A COP

hosted by the
Farmington Police Department on

June 19th
8am - 10am

Smith's Food and Drug
1316 North SR89 in Farmington
in the deli area



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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 2014

June 3	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
June 5	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
June 17	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
June 18	WED	Town Hall Meeting in City Hall an open discussion with Mayor Talbot and a city council member	8:00 pm
June 19	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
June 19	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
June 26	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
July 1	TUES	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov

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Public Works Department.....451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance.....451-2624
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
Building Inspection.....882-8954
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

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160 South Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

Register now for the following events!

- 5k/10k/Half Marathon & Flag Rock Races
early registration now-July 10th
 - Little Miss Farmington
register now-June 13th
 - Vendor Booths
register now-July 3rd
- 2nd Annual Motorcycle Ride
early registration now-July 9th
 - Parade Entries
register now-July 3rd





PARKS & RECREATION

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

FALL SOCCER SIGN-UPS

who? 3 yrs-6th grade
cost? residents \$30
 nonresidents \$40



register now
 through June 20th

HERSHEY'S TRACK MEET

who? 9yrs-14yrs
when? June 7th
time? 8-8:45

don't forget
 to sign up your
 little fishes for



SWIM LESSONS

for more info on swim lessons
 and other parks & rec info
 please visit the
 farmington city website

SUMMER PRODUCTION OF ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

when? July 29-August 4 (not on Sunday)
 7pm
where? Community Arts Center
 (not at Woodland Park this year)
cost? \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door

CHEERLEADING CLINIC

who? 3yrs-12yrs
cost? \$35



register June 16th-18th

ARCHERY

who? 7-15yrs
cost? \$40

register until full

FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

who? 7yrs-15yrs
cost? residents \$115+\$50
 nonresidents \$150+\$50

register June 16-July 18

SUMMER ADULT TENNIS

who? 18 & up
cost? residents \$35
 nonresidents \$45

register now
 until class is full

LEGO CAMP

who? 5-10yrs
cost? residents \$120
 nonresidents \$150

register until full

SUMMER YOUTH TENNIS

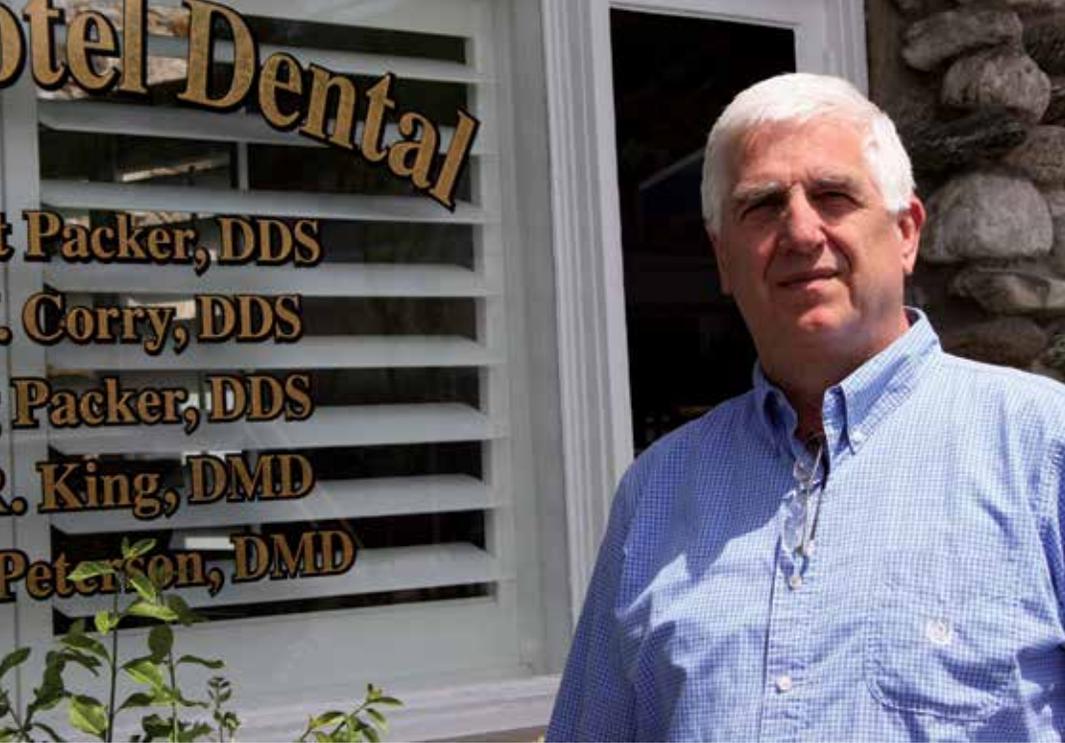
who? 5 to 17yrs
cost? residents \$35
 nonresidents \$45

register now
 until class is full

ART CAMP

who? 5-11yrs
cost? residents \$65
 nonresidents \$75

two sessions offered
 register now until full



Dr. Berrett Packer

and the story of

Rock Hotel Dental

The Rock Hotel is of historic significance to Farmington. Located at 88 East and State, the original structure was built in 1850 by Thomas Hunt. For the past nineteen years, the building has been known as Rock Hotel Dental, owned by Dr. Berrett Packer.

Berrett Packer was born and raised in southern Idaho, moving to Farmington when he finished dental school in 1974. He started his career and in 1978 purchased the practice of Dr. Dean Floyd and moved his office to the building across the street to the east of the Rock Hotel.

The Rock Hotel had been used for various businesses, had been vacant for periods of time, and in 1995 went up for sale. Looking from a window in his dental office across the street, Dr. Packer observed groups of people being shown through the old, dilapidated building. Understanding its historic value and potential, Dr. Packer purchased the building and began working with an architect to design a new dental office. After about six months they were able to come up with a plan that worked. That was 19 years ago. "It was a great move, right in the middle of town where I wanted to be."

Now housing the practice of five dentists, a hygiene program, and

thirty employees, Rock Hotel Dental is a busy and familiar part of Farmington.

Reminiscing about his years in dentistry, Dr. Packer recalls some interesting experiences. "Early on, the jail was just up the street. It didn't have facilities to take care of inmates, so when one of them had a toothache, they would be brought over for treatment." After examining one inmate, Dr. Packer



described the work that needed to be done on the aching tooth. The man said he didn't want needles or numbing, and expressed his wish to have the tooth pulled. Dr. Packer explained that it was a savable tooth and tried to convince the

man that he would regret losing the tooth as he got older. The discussion went back and forth for some time, but the inmate insisted on extraction and refused numbing. Dr. Packer's plea, "Please don't make me do what I'll have to do without numbing you," was to no avail. Over the next half hour, the large, lower molar was removed without numbing. "The gentleman never screamed out, but tears streamed down his face all through the procedure."

These days, Berrett Packer is cutting back on his hours in the office, just a bit. He spends as much time as possible with his six children and sixteen grandchildren, all of whom live nearby. "I can see any of my grandchildren within five minutes." Once he is able to wean himself from the practice, Berrett hopes to serve an LDS mission with his wife, Kathie.

"Farmington has been a great place to live, a great place to raise children. This will be forty years that I have practiced dentistry. Doesn't seem like forty, feels more like twenty. The community has been great. Farmington is a wonderful place to live and to practice."



2014-2015 MISS FARMINGTON ROYALTY

Miss Farmington • **Kenzley Hess**
 First Attendant • **Kennedy Gregson**
 Second Attendant • **Hailey Johnson**

Farmington Main continued

Prior to this designation, Farmington City had only one nationally recognized district, the Clark Lane Historic District on west State Street, accepted to the National Register in 1994. In addition, 8 individual buildings throughout the city's historic downtown have been accepted to the National Register in the last several years. These designations are an honor for both the buildings' owners as well as for the entire city as it shines a spotlight on Farmington's strong commitment to its heritage. Part of a statement issued by the Farmington City's Historic Preservation Commission regarding National Register recognition reads: "Farmington's historic charm is our trademark. It's our 'draw.' It's what sets our city apart and makes it a unique and special place to live. It is a source of community pride. Residents and leaders alike know it is important to recognize and celebrate historic resources."

On a practical level, Main Street's National Register designation means that property owners within the district can take advantage of state and federal tax credit programs to financially assist them in maintaining their buildings. And when the properties go up for sale, these designations provide an effective marketing tool by helping sellers connect with buyers on the lookout for historic buildings.

A walking tour of Farmington's historic downtown, including the Main Street Historic District, is available at the Farmington City Hall and the Farmington Historical Museum. For more information on the benefits of a National Register listing or preservation issues in general, contact FCHPC Chair, Alysa Revell, at alysa_revell@yahoo.com.

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Lorraine Thatcher continued

between) step in and mother me in her place." Lorraine's relationship with these motherly role models has also helped her to develop a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to live amongst so many amazing women. "I have relied heavily on their examples to teach me the things I feel my own mother would have taught me and walked me through. I feel blessed to have so many great examples."

During the hardest or most monotonous days, Lorraine sometimes asks herself what else she would rather be doing. "I can honestly say the answer is always the same. I would do exactly what I'm doing--raising a family."

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