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## PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY EXPANSION COMPLETE

Since 2002, the Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments have shared a building. As Farmington has grown and citizen interaction with the departments has increased, so has the need for additional space. One entrance caused confusion for residents needing to conduct business with Public Works or with Parks and Recreation. Public Works employs 16 full-time people and during the summer temporary workers increase that number significantly. Up to six employees shared an office. Consequently, the decision was made to expand.

Using cash from the fund balances in the water, sewer, garbage and storm drain funds, a 3000 square foot expansion was recently completed. The cost of the much needed expansion and storage was entirely paid in cash from these utility funds. The expansion has given Public Works a separate entrance, a reception area, seven new offices, expanded lunch room area and a

storage/work room. Additionally, a 6400 square foot storage area is now complete with five bays, two of which are heated. This will allow the city to store more vehicles, equipment and garbage cans indoors and out of the weather. Residents conducting business at Public Works or Parks and Recreation will enjoy the convenience of additional parking. City personnel feel the improvements will allow them to better serve customers of the two departments.

Next time you drive by the Public Works building, notice the asphalt trail and green way that connects the building to Station Park. Landscaping has been used to create a buffer in front of the public works yards. Note the two large rocks placed along the trail and among the trees. One of the rocks came out of Oak Lane while public works crews were making improvements along that street and the other was found in the cemetery.



## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TALBOT



The city council and I would like to invite all those of you with a spirit of service and a little free time to volunteer for something to make our community an even better place. We occasionally have openings on the Planning Commission or other city committees. The trails committee is always looking for people willing to keep the trails safe and clutter free. Thousands of people enjoy the benefits of using the trails. Festival Days organizers are always looking for volunteers with willing hearts and hands. Farmington residents and the community at large enjoy Festival Days events each year. It takes many people working together to keep these efforts going. In addition to opportunities on a city committee, local schools are always looking for reading or math tutors for those students (our kids) who may need a little extra help. Sometimes the best opportunities are the simplest, like picking up litter in the park or the vacant lot down the street or coaching a youth recreation team. We would encourage all those who want to give a little something back to look for such an opportunity, whether small or large. We all enjoy the blessings of living in a great city with good neighbors.

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# TRIMMING LOW-HANGING BRANCHES

## Urban Forestry Ordinance

Low-hanging branches, when weighed down by snow and ice, can become obstructive and dangerous, particularly to snow plows, garbage trucks, and mail delivery vehicles. With the coming of winter, it becomes imperative that residents comply with Urban Forestry Ordinance 11.42.108. This ordinance states that it is the responsibility of property owners, or persons occupying a home, to prune trees that exist on that property. Specifically it states that trees should be pruned in a manner that they will not obstruct or shade street lights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians on sidewalks, obstruct vision of traffic signs, or obstruct view of any street or alley intersection. It is also the property owner's responsibility to prune trees on the public right-of-way, or park strip, adjacent to their property. The minimum clearance of any overhanging branches should be 8 feet high above the sidewalks and 13 feet over the street.

Please take time to observe the trees and shrubs for which you are responsible. Trimming branches that are out of compliance will improve safety for drivers and pedestrians in the city. It will also help public works crews do their job more thoroughly and efficiently.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FARMINGTON EL STUDENTS

Farmington Elementary students won the food drive competition for the third year in a row.

Since 2011, the Farmington Fire Department has challenged local schools to donate cans of food at the annual Fire Department Open House & Life Safety Fair. Farmington Elementary (home of the Roadrunners) will keep the travelling trophy for another year. All local schools combined raised over 680 pounds of canned food with Farmington Elementary accounting for 290 of those pounds. Congratulations Farmington Roadrunners! Chief Smith said this year's open house was the best attended thus far, with an estimated 1,700 – 2,000 visitors. Thanks for your support.

The City of Farmington &  
American Legion Post 27-Farmington  
will present a Veterans Day Program  
November 11th  
11am @ the Farmington  
Cemetery Veterans Memorial,



## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

200 East 500 South ■ the public is invited

## NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT LADDER TRUCK DELIVERED



On October 30, a brief ceremony was held to place the new Pierce 116' Articulating Platform Truck into the station. This ladder truck was acquired based on a formal hazard assessment performed in 2011 by newly appointed Fire Chief Guido Smith. An apparatus committee was formed and charged with identifying the best manufacturers and trucks. Following aggressive negotiations, the city council approved the purchase of a fully-warranted demo ladder truck capable of meeting the changing dynamics and growth of Farm-

ington. The city had collected an approximate \$600,000 in impact fees to offset the cost of the \$1,350,000 truck. In the end, the purchase was negotiated for \$1,000,000, leaving only \$400,000 to be financed after applying the collected impact fees.

Future operators of the truck will receive extensive training and certifications. The new ladder truck (Truck-71) will be placed in service mid-spring 2015. An "in-service" celebration will be open to the public. Watch future newsletters for an announcement of the celebration date.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## November 2014



Nov 5	WED	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Nov 12-15		Youth Theater Production Annie, Jr	For more info see page 4 or visit the city website
Nov 13	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Nov 18	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Nov 20	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Nov 27	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Dec 2	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov

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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

## Park Lane to Receive Sign/Signal Upgrades

# NOTICE



UDOT is installing new overhead signs and traffic signals on the Park Lane and I-15/US-89 interchange. In addition, crews are restriping the interchange with new lane markings. These new signs, signals and lane markings are designed to improve the flow of traffic and make it easier for drivers to navigate through the interchange. The work began late October and will continue into late November. Drivers can use Clark Lane to State Street as an east-west alternate to cross I-15. For the latest construction updates, visit [www.udottraffic.utah.gov](http://www.udottraffic.utah.gov).

# PARKS & RECREATION

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



## CORI CONNORS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FARMINGTON 'S CHRISTMAS TRADITION



(concert tickets are sold out)

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Address your letters to Santa

SANTA CLAUS  
1 Candy Cane Lane  
North Pole, AK 99705

then drop them in a designated mailbox at the Parks & Recreation office (720 W 100 N). P&R will pay the postage and send letters for you!

Be sure to put your full name and address on the top left corner of the envelope.

Drop-offs will be accepted Dec 1st -19th, M-F from 8am to 5 pm.

## youth theater ANNIE, JR

Nov 12th-15th

**Tickets on sale now!**

\$5 in advance \$6 day of show

DID YOU KNOW FARMINGTON HAS A TXT CLUB?

For the latest info about parks & rec text keyword 'REC' to (801)430-9866 or visit the city website

MARK YOUR CALENDAR... THIS JOLLY MAN IS HEADING OUR WAY!



Dec 6th 1-5pm  
Bring your family & come visit with Santa at the Community Arts Center

# FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS

*You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.*

— Winston Churchill

Shauna Knighton, looking for information on her husband's grandfather, who was a former Farmington firefighter, contacted the Farmington Fire Department. She did not know then that she was about to discover one of her passions, one that would lead her to embark on a new adventure.

For the past year, Shauna has been acting as the Farmington Fire Department's historian. In response to all the interest she has received during research, Shauna plans to publish a book on the Farmington Fire Department.

Shauna's book will contain many interesting facts and stories from the past. For instance, in 1907, ordinance was written and Farmington's first fire department was formed. Downtown business owners and prominent men near town were appointed by the city council as volunteer firefighters. Two hundred feet of fire hose was purchased, as well as materials to build a hose cart. Two dollars was paid to any citizen who allowed the fire department to use their horse to pull the fire cart.

Shauna spends 30-50 hours a week researching city council minutes, newspaper articles, pictures, anything she can find to put the pieces together and verify the fire department's history. If you would like to speak to Shauna or contribute information on the fire department's history, please call the Farmington Fire Department.



**SHAUNA KNIGHTON**  
Volunteer Fire Department Historian

## MICHAEL PLESS

Volunteer Chaplain



*"My work as a volunteer chaplain is not a religious focus, it is a spiritual focus."*

Pastor Michael Pless provides emotional first aid as the volunteer chaplain for Farmington Fire Department. He has formed a relationship with other local city and county fire and police departments and respects the role they play. "I am available to help anyone in the community who desires the assistance of a clergyperson to help them handle tragedy."

Michael served as a Salt Lake City police officer for five years. With his background as a first responder in law enforcement, Pastor Pless has personal experience in the challenges they face. "Being there to help people is the rewarding part of what I do. It can be a private discussion, praying with someone--just being there for them."

The most difficult experience Pastor Pless recalls was to assist in delivering a message that there had been a death resulting from a traffic accident. "Dealing with death is always difficult."

The chaplain provides a vital service to the fire department and citizens of Farmington. If you would like to know more about Michael Pless or if you would like to contact him, please call the Farmington Fire Department.

I would encourage you to contact your local school official or a city council person or myself if you need some ideas on where we could put your talents to productive use.

## THANKSGIVING GARBAGE COLLECTION

... when in doubt, put it out ...

The schedule for garbage and recycled waste collection will change the week of Thanksgiving. If your normal collection day is Thursday, place your containers at the curb on Friday morning even though the trucks may not come by until Saturday.

## ANNUAL LEAF PICKUP

With fall approaching, this policy reminder goes to city residents, particularly those living along State and Main streets. Farmington City will pick up leaves in the following areas:

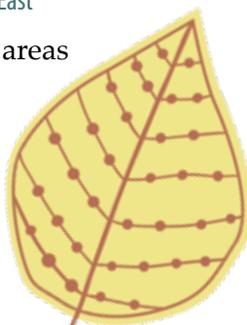
Main Street from 100 South to 500 North

State Street from 400 West to 300 East

200 West from State to 200 South

400 North from Main to 100 East

The sweeper will be in these areas on a regular basis. Please do not put any sticks or twigs over 6 inches long in the gutter, as such plugs the vacuum hose. If you do not live in these areas, do not put your leaves into the street. More information is available on our website. Your help and cooperation is appreciated.



## FARMINGTON CITY 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.

## A SUCCESSFUL FIRE SEASON

Chief Guido Smith and the fire department want to recognize all of those within the community who exercised fire safety this summer. Using caution during the fireworks and camping season helped protect Farmington from fire incidents and resulted in one of the lowest dollar-loss seasons in many years. A BIG thank you to active, responsible community members who participated in fuel reduction programs and notified local authorities of dangerous or unsafe activities involving fire.



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