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Message from MAYOR TALBOT

Seems that lately every Farmington vista includes new construction. With the UTA commuter rail station, I-15, Highway 89 and Legacy Highway, Farmington is easily accessed and has become a very popular destination. New restaurants, retail stores, hotels, medical facilities and more are underway. In addition to the rooms available at the Hampton Inn, a Hyatt Place is scheduled to open at Station Park in the spring of 2016. Newly constructed dental and medical offices around the town are now seeing patients. Opening in the fall of 2016, Station Park will be home to a state of the art University of Utah medical campus.

The commercial and institutional growth provide needed and desired services and products for the residents of Farmington, as well as diversity to the community. They also eliminate the necessity for residents to continually drive to Salt Lake or Layton. The increased tax base creates revenue for the city to provide needed services, including public safety and public works, parks and recreation, etc. and allows Farmington to be a full-service community.

Challenges accompany growth. The city council and I are carefully considering all aspects of the issues at hand and have the best interest of Farmington and its residents at the center of every decision.



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.

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

ANNUAL LEAF PICK UP

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.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

11/11@ 11am

Farmington City and American Legion Post 27-Farmington are honored to present a Veterans Day program

Wednesday, Nov 11th

Please join us in honoring our local veterans

**Program will be held at the Farmington City Cemetery
200 East 500 South**

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

FARMINGTON CITY GIVING TREE



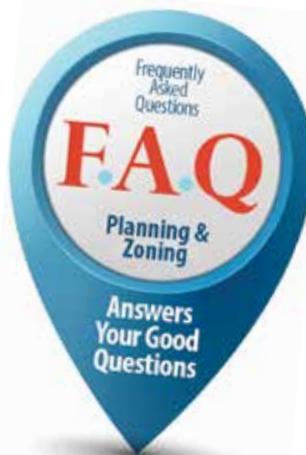
Farmington City is excited to host the second annual Giving Tree. In collaboration with Family Connections Center, the program was created to give residents the opportunity to help children in Davis County who are suffering from poverty and/or abuse. The Giving Tree will be on display at city hall during December. Watch the December newsletter for more details about the program and how you can get involved in making Christmas 2015 memorable for children who may otherwise go without.

Planning & Zoning Questions

Few things embody the American experience more than property rights and the longing for a sense of place. Residents of Farmington, similar to everywhere else in the country, are passionate about their property and community. The city's General Plan tries to guide present and future growth. The Zoning Ordinance, which includes a zoning map, is one of the city's primary tools to implement the General Plan.

The Planning Department administers the Zoning Ordinance. This department fields a number of calls and emails daily; frequently asked questions (FAQ), in no particular order, include the following.

- Where is the West David Corridor (WDC), and when will UDOT determine the preferred alignment?
- What future plans does the City have for my neighborhood?
- What is my property zoned?
- What can I do with my property? What are my building setbacks?
- How wide can my driveway be?
- What about fences on corner lots? Please clarify the zoning ordinance.
- Are basketball standards allowed in the street?
- Animal questions: Roosters, are they allowed? How many dogs? Can one obtain a kennel license? What about bees?
- Can one place a sign in the Park Strip?



If you have a question about your property rights, the Planning Department has the answer and is happy to assist you. Please call 801-451-2383.

Lunch with the Mayor



Lunch with the Mayor is a program that focuses on helping students succeed. Elementary school teachers select students who have reached goals and achieved their personal best to have lunch with Mayor Talbot and the police and fire chiefs. Students and their principals are treated to a healthy lunch and an opportunity to hear counsel and encouragement and interact with Farmington City leaders.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 2015



Nov 5	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Nov 11	WED	Veterans Day City Offices Closed	
Nov 11	WED	Veterans Day Program Farmington City Cemetery	11:00 am
Nov 17	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Nov 19	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Nov 19	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Nov 26 & 27	THURS	Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	
Dec 1	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov

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Police Department.....451-5453
Fire Department451-2842
Public Works Department.....451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance451-2624
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
Building Inspection.....451-2383
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

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 first thing Friday morning even though the trucks may not come by until Saturday.

Holiday Gift Donations

Davis County Health Department's Senior Services is holding a gift drive to help make the holidays a little brighter for senior citizens who may be isolated or who do not have the financial resources to celebrate this year.

For more details or to receive your gift request contact Amy Mikkelsen at 801-525-5075 or email amikkelsen@daviscountyutah.gov. Gift request will not exceed \$50.

PARKS & RECREATION

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



*Cori
Connors
Christmas
Concert*

*Cost? \$20 advanced purchase
preferred seating or
\$15 general seating
\$20 day of the show
general seating only*

*Where? Farmington
Community Arts Center*

*When? Dec 4th, 5th & 7th @
7:30pm*



Christmas with Santa

*Who? Everyone
Where? Community Arts Center
When? December 5th @ 1-5pm*

*Mark your calendars!
Santa is going to be in town, but
only for one special night.*

Upcoming Events

Letters to Santa

Dec 1st-18th

Park & Pool Rentals

*Jan 4th (residents)
Jan 11th (non-residents)*

Guitar Lessons

Jan 14th-Feb 11th



BYE BYE BIRDIE

Youth Theater

*Who? all ages
Cost? \$6 in advance/\$7 at door
Where? Community Arts Center
When? Nov 18th-21st @ 7pm
Sat matinee @ 2pm*

Tickets on sale now!

want updates
on upcoming events

text the word "REC" to
78619,

'like' us on Facebook at
facebook.com/
farmingtoncityparksandrec,
or visit our website at
www.farmington.utah.gov

Doctor Steven Meek

and Utah Medical Outreach



Doctor Steven Meek is a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology with a successful practice in Davis County. Chances are a number of Farmington News readers were assisted into this life by Dr. Meek. He and his wife Shauna raised their family in Farmington and have contributed their time and talents to making their community a better place. Recently, Dr. Meek was given special recognition by the Rotary Club for his work, particularly his work in Latin America. And, although we could talk about any of the interesting facets of Dr. Meek's life, it is that work upon which this story will focus.

In the 90s, Dr. Meek and an associate went to Mexico and drove from little clinic to little clinic offering to do surgeries. Dr. Meek explained that, "A lot of those small clinics were run by the Catholic Church. When they heard that we were from Utah, they were concerned that we had a different motive. It's been fun to gain their confidence over the years."

That simple beginning has developed, built up, and resulted in what is now called Utah Medical Outreach, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing medical, surgical and humanitarian services to needy children and families in Central America. What began as a couple of surgeons is now a team of medical professionals and relevant volunteers who

visit Guatemala semi-annually, supplying medical services. During a typical one-week visit, eight to nine hundred patients are seen and up to seventy surgeries are performed. "It's a lot of work. It's fun."

Over the years, an efficient system has been developed. Everything needed to perform surgeries and provide specific services is stored in Guatemala. With the assistance of a Guatemalan couple, villages are identified where an acute need exists. Locals are paid to haul the equipment to the village and upon arrival the team of specialists sets up a MASH hospital. "We don't even need electricity.

We bring in generators when necessary. The only qualification for our patients is simply to show up. People climb in the back of a truck and travel three or four hours to see us."

Political turmoil often exists where the Utah Medical Outreach team visits. They are very careful in choosing

villages. "We've switched locations at the last minute, but in the twenty-five years we've been doing this in Mexico or Guatemala we have never had to cancel. We've never had any violence."

"A lot of our people go once and fall in love and then go over and over. I don't think we're different or special. Tons of people serve. You learn to love the people you serve. You network. People hear about what you're doing. They want to get involved."

Many members of the group speak the language and have experienced living in Latin America, mostly through serving LDS missions. Utah Medical Outreach doesn't ask for money or donations. They ask those who are able to pay and quite a few can pay for themselves. For those who can't, the doctors pay the difference.

On their latest trip, which was at the end of October, the Utah Medical Outreach team included anesthesiologists, general surgeons, facial plastics, EMTs, ophthalmologists, and foot specialists as well as nurses and scrub techs.

Dr. Meek recalls one trip when he performed four emergency C-sections. "Just as I ask my patients here, I asked, "What are you going to name your baby?" The responses: "Well, what's your name?" I know that at least two of those babies are named after me. I've considered making up a cool name so not too many kids in one village have the same name."

If you would like to read more about Utah Medical Outreach, visit their website at utahmedicaloutreach.org.



photos courtesy Utah Medical Outreach website

Planning Commission

Positions Open



The mayor and city council are now accepting applications for Planning Commission members. Residents in southwest Farmington are especially encouraged to apply, but the city will accept a letter or resume from any other person interested in serving on the commission. Term of service is 4 years (January 2016 through December 2019).

The Planning Commission is a seven member board which meets twice a month to review, provide recommendations, and make decisions regarding planning and zoning issues which affect our community.

For those applying for the Planning Commission, a letter of interest with qualifications should be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 4, 2015. Address the letter to:

Holly Gadd
Farmington City Recorder
P.O. Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

earn it. keep it. save it.

volunteer to guide others through the tax maze

United Way of Salt Lake and dozens of community partners are sponsoring a volunteer tax help program. Getting taxes done can be challenging and expensive, but Earn It. Keep It. Save It. provides families with free tax preparation assistance and the resources to help improve financial stability. Last year, 963 Utah volunteers donated just a few hours a week to help save 20,659 households over \$4.4 million in tax preparation fees. No experience is needed to volunteer and volunteers can choose from 80 locations close to home. An exciting perk for volunteers is the ability to learn how to prepare their own taxes and those of family and friends for free. Volunteer at UtahTaxHelp.org



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