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## FARMINGTON CITY

### .1 % Increase in Sales Tax for Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) Election Proposition

#### Argument in Favor

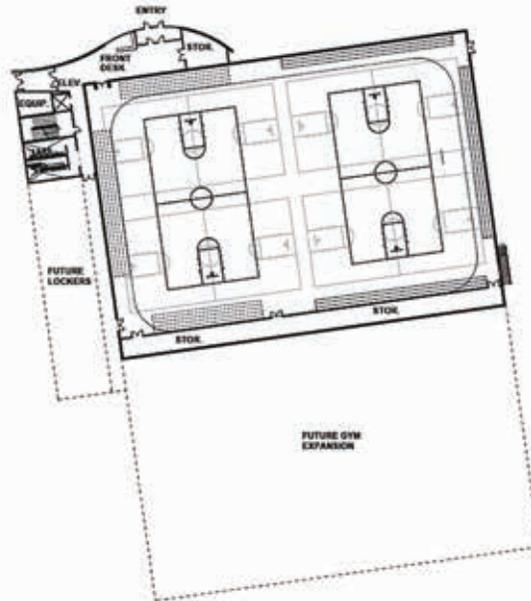
#### Argument Against

**F**armington City is proposing to build a gym with two full size basketball courts and a new 43-acre park with soccer and football fields, bowery, playground area, and a four-plex softball/baseball complex. These facilities are necessary for the city to maintain and enhance the recreational programs that are currently being offered.

With Davis School District hoping to start construction of the high school in the spring of 2016, the city needs to replace the soccer and football fields that are currently being used on that property. Along with these fields, there will be a softball/baseball four-plex built in the new park. This will allow the city to expand the baseball program and offer softball leagues for the first time. Offering softball leagues for all ages will greatly enhance the recreational programs.

The park will cost around \$5,000,000. The city has some money saved, but the majority will

have to come from other revenue sources. The proposed RAP tax would increase the sales tax rate in Farmington by .1%--from 6.5% to 6.6%. This would raise around \$2,000,000 over a 10-year period. A revenue bond for around \$1,700,000 would be issued with the proceeds being used to build the park. The revenue bond would be paid off over the 10 year period with the proceeds from the RAP tax that will be collected. With the new growth of Station Park, this is a great time



**F**armington City is proposing to build a 43-acre park. The RAP tax would be used to pay revenue bond payments over the 10 years of the RAP tax proceeds. This money would be used to help build the first phase of a park, which would include soccer and football fields as well as a softball/baseball four-plex. The RAP is an increase of .1% on sales tax and would cost all the people who shop here in Farmington. This would

hurt some individuals who might be on fixed incomes and who are struggling financially. This extra amount added at the register might deter people from shopping here

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# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 5th-11th

The annual Fire & Rescue **Open House** is **Wednesday, Oct 8th** from 6:00-8:00 pm at the **Farmington Fire Station** (82 North 100 East)

You and your family are invited to come and enjoy treats, take a ride in a fire truck, and see an air medical helicopter.

Donations of canned food items for the Food Bank are welcomed.

## 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 these types of materials plug the vacuum hose. If you do not live in these areas, please do not put your leaves in the street. More information is available on Farmington's website. Your help and cooperation is appreciated.

## extra garbage day!

On Saturday, October 11, Farmington residents will be provided an extra garbage collection day.

Garbage will be collected from black roll-out containers positioned at the curb line by 6:00 am.

Non-processable waste such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous waste, etc. is not permitted.



## FALLEN OFFICER HONORED

On September 10th, a plaque was added to the grave of Donald Perry Jenson, a Davis County Sheriff's Deputy killed in the line of duty. Olive Jenson Lenox, Donald's widow, is a Farmington resident. The sheriff's office expresses appreciation to Farmington Public Works employees who assisted in placing the marker next to the headstone.





# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## October 2014

Oct 2	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Oct 5-11		Fire Prevention Week	see page two for more information
Oct 7	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see <a href="http://farmington.utah.gov">farmington.utah.gov</a>
Oct 8-11		Dinner Theater Presentation of Harvey	see website for more information
Oct 21	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see <a href="http://farmington.utah.gov">farmington.utah.gov</a>
Oct 23	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Oct 24	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Oct 30	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome

### City Information

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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



*be sure to keep your eyes open for exciting activities & events coming your way!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CORI CONNORS CHRISTMAS CONCERT & LETTERS TO SANTA

For the latest Parks & Rec happenings join our text club by texting keyword 'REC' to (801)430-9866 or visit the city website

# PARKS & RECREATION

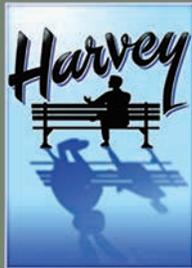
Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 801-451-0953

## YOUTH THEATER ANNIE, JR

WHEN? Nov 12th-15th  
COST? \$18 advanced purchase only

Tickets go on sale Oct 13th  
\$5 in advance, \$6 the day of show

## DINNER THEATER PERFORMANCE



WHEN? Oct 8th-11th  
COST? \$18 advanced purchase only  
Tickets go on sale Sept 24th

## GROUP GUITAR LESSONS

WHO? 12 yrs+  
WHEN? Oct 23rd-Dec 4th  
COST? Residents \$45 & Nonresidents \$55  
5 weeks of lessons in total

## OFF TRACK SUPER SPORT

WHO? K-6th grade  
WHEN?  
week 6: Oct 7th-10th  
week 7: Oct 21st-23rd  
week 8: Oct 28th-30th  
COST? \$20 a week

Register now through the start of each session  
(registration on the day session starts must be done at the Parks & Recreation office)

## JR JAZZ

WHO? 3rd-12th grade  
COST?  
Residents \$50 & Nonresidents \$65  
(3rd/4th grade girls, 5th/6th grade girls & boys)  
Residents \$55 & Nonresidents \$75  
(7th-12th grade girls & boys)

Register now-Oct 17th

## ART ATTACK SESSION 4

WHO? 5-11 yrs  
WHEN? Nov 9th-Dec 9th  
COST? Residents \$65 Nonresidents \$75

Register Oct 1st-Oct 31st

## miss farmington 6TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 24th from 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Farmington City Community Arts Center

# FARMINGTON CITY

Argument in Favor of a \$6,000,000  
General Obligation (G.O.)  
Bond Election Proposition

Farmington City is proposing to build a gym with two full size basketball courts and a new 43-acre park with soccer and football fields, bowery, playground area, and a four-plex softball/baseball complex. These facilities are necessary for the city to maintain and enhance the recreational programs that are being offered.

With the growth that is occurring in the city there is high demand for basketball, volleyball and other indoor programs. It is necessary for the city to have a gym that will accommodate these programs. The city is currently using five different schools to play Jr. Jazz basketball, four of which are on cafeteria floors in elementary schools. The junior high is the only actual gym floor that is being used. Over the last seven years, participation in the basketball program has increased by 180% and in volleyball by 453%. Due to the lack of gym space, the men's basketball league had to be canceled this past year. The city does not want to place caps or limits on programs. The proposed gym would eliminate the need for caps and would enhance some of the programs such as adult basketball, volleyball leagues, pickleball, and many other programs. In addition, there would be an indoor track available to be used year round.

With Davis School District hoping to start construction of the new high school in the spring of 2016, the city needs to replace the soccer and football fields that are currently being used on that property. Along with these fields, there will be a softball/baseball four-plex built in the new park. This will allow the city to expand the baseball program and offer softball leagues for the first time.

The gym will cost around \$5,000,000 and the park close to the same amount. The majority of these funds will have to come from new revenue sources. The city currently has a G.O. bond for parks and recreation, for which property taxes are already being collected. This bond is scheduled to be paid off in 2016. The existing property tax revenue stream could stay in place with new bonds being issued. With the existing G.O. bond, residents would only see their property taxes go up by around \$8.00 per year per \$100,000 home value for the new G.O. bonds. The current amount being paid is around \$12.00 per year per \$100,000 home value. The total cost of the new \$6,000,000 G.O. bond would roughly be \$20.00 per year per \$100,000 home value. G.O. bonds are the lowest cost to the city, as they have the lowest interest rates available. The \$6,000,000 bond would allow the city to build the gym and the new fields needed at the park.

Without the G.O. bond passing, the gym would not be built and the park would have to be built over several years and may not be available until after 2016. This would negatively affect all of the recreational programs that the city currently offers.

# FARMINGTON CITY

Argument Against a \$6,000,000  
General Obligation (G.O.)  
Bond Election Proposition

Farmington City is proposing a G.O. bond to pay for a new gym and part of the development of a 43-acre park. The city already has a G.O. bond that will be paid off in 2016, after which property taxes would drop roughly around \$12.00 per year per \$100,000 home value. If the General Obligation Bond was to pass, it would increase property taxes by roughly \$8.00 per year per \$100,000 home value. That would be a total of roughly \$20.00 per year per \$100,000 home value added to everyone's property taxes in Farmington. For the average home value of \$291,000, it would be a total amount of around \$58.00 per year, which would be around \$21.00 more than what the current amount is for the G.O. bond payment. This could be difficult for those on a fixed income or who are struggling to meet their current financial obligations. If the bond passes, everyone who owns property within the city will pay the increase whether or not they use the facilities.

Another argument against the proposition is that Farmington City could build a smaller gym and build the park over time. This would require less resources and the city could build some of these facilities as funds become available. It would not be such a burden on property owners if these improvements were done over many years.

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Argument in Favor of a .1 % Increase in Sales Tax for  
Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP)  
Election Proposition continued

to implement a RAP tax rate increase in the sales tax rate, as sales taxes are growing and the city will benefit from the increases in sales taxes. Around 50 to 60% of all sales generated in the city are paid by people who live outside of Farmington. The RAP tax is another way of raising needed revenue to build the park and spreading the burden of constructing these facilities to more than just property owners of the city. This added revenue source will greatly help in the construction of the new 43-acre park. It will allow the city to build soccer and football fields, along with the softball/baseball four-plex in the first phase of the park. This will greatly enhance the city's recreational programs and ensure that the current programs remain strong.

Without the RAP tax increase, the park would have to be built over several years and may not have all the amenities that the city wants for recreational programs. This would negatively affect all of the recreational programs that Farmington City currently offers and would require the city to place limits on enrollments in various programs.

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Argument Against a .1 % Increase in Sales Tax for  
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Election Proposition continued

in Farmington. People who live outside of Farmington and shop here would be paying for facilities that they might not ever use.

Another argument against the proposition is that Farmington City could build the park over time, build it as funds are available. That way it would not have any effect on shoppers if these improvements were done over many years.

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