

Farmington News

Serving the residents of Farmington City

September 2004

RAP TAX INITIATIVE ON NOV. BALLOT

On August 3, 2004, Davis County Commissioners passed a resolution placing the proposed **one-tenth of 1 percent sales tax increase on the November 2nd ballot**. This equates to only one penny for every ten dollars spent. The money will go toward enhancing Recreation, Arts and Parks in Davis County.

This new tax will produce an estimated \$3.2 million in new revenue **earmarked specifically to enhance and expand recreation, arts, and parks in Davis County**.

Recreation and Parks will receive 55% of these revenues, distributed by population to each city in Davis County to enhance and expand their facilities, programs, and services or to work together to create or expand facilities.

Arts and Culture will receive 45% of the funding which will be distributed through a grant application process overseen by a County Commission. Arts groups may apply

for grants for:

1. Operations and Programs,
2. Facility Development and Maintenance;
3. Special Projects, Support for Emerging Organizations, and Technical Assistance.

The RAP Tax Referendum is an opportunity for the citizens in Davis County to help determine the future of our individual communities and Davis County as a whole by ensuring that we have enough recreation for our youth and adults; new parks to preserve the green space of one of the fastest growing counties in the country; and support for cultural facilities, programs, and operations of existing and new arts and cultural organizations.

More information in the October Newsletter

Farmington City Calendar

September

- 1 **Registration for fall classes begins** see page 4 for details
- 1 **City Council Meeting 7 pm City Offices**
- 9 **Planning Commission Meeting** 7 pm City Offices
- 11 **Social Hike 7:30 am** see story under trails on page 4
- 15 **Public Hearing at City Council Meeting** 7 pm City Offices Hearing is to solicit public in put to amend Farmington's FY 2004-2005 Budget. See story bottom of page 2.
- 16 **Family History Class** see page 2 for more information
- 23 **Planning Commission Meeting** 7 pm City Offices

October

- 6 **Fire Department Open House** Fun for the whole family, see page 3 for more information.

Executive Summary

Cities Study State and Local Tax Structure

"For the past several years, local officials and the League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) have been discussing the challenges presented by Utah's state and local government tax structure," said a recent Executive Summary Report from the ULCT Tax Team.

"The League's Tax Team has been meeting regularly since March 2004. The report prepared by the Tax Team reflects the combined ideas of locally elected officials from communities of all demographics."

The finding: "The process will not be quick or tidy, but collectively we can share issues and be able to design a system which meets the dynamic needs of all. One of the first things the Tax Team found is that "one size does not fit all."

"Utah's communities are diverse. A fiscal structure that works well for one may spell disaster for another. While streamlining may work well for some ser-

vices, such an approach does not work well for Utah's tax policy.

"Although municipalities historically relied upon a combination of property, sales, and franchise taxes to finance general fund needs, these funding sources are valued differently by Utah's municipal leaders.

"A range of tools that can be used for different community needs is required" of any tax program.

There are many ideas and areas considered in the report: Economic development vs. revenue generation; what is at stake; citizen needs; service expectations and demands; and time for a change.

Farmington's future newsletters will provide additional information on this subject. But to learn more and to see a full copy of the Executive Summary or report, go to

www.ulct.org.

Off-Road Vehicles Prohibited

No motorized vehicles are allowed on the hillside burn areas from Shepard Canyon south to Steed Canyon except for vehicles that stay on the Farmington Canyon Road.

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Police Department451-5453

Fire Department451-2842

Emergency911

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Davis County Sheriff ..451-4150

Public Works Dept451-2624

Storm Water
Maintenance.....451-2624

Parks451-2624

Leisure Services451-0953

Building Inspection451-2383

Water Department.....451-2624

Planning & Zoning451-2383

Animal Control.....444-2200

Garbage

FAPID.....451-2105

Weber Water Dist.771-1677

Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

Work Sessions begin at 6:30.

Planning Commission:

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

Farmington City Hall

130 N. Main

P.O. Box 160

Farmington, UT 84025

City Council Meetings	Planning Commission Meetings
Sept. 1 & 15	Sept. 9 & 23
Oct. 6 & 20	Oct. 14 & 28
Nov. 3 & 17	Nov. 11

Lost Items?

Check at the Public Works Building, 100 N. 720 W.

Farmington News Briefs



Museum Board & Historic Preservation Commission Openings

There are openings for Farmington Museum Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please send a letter of interest to

Mayor David Connors
130 N. Main
Farmington, UT 84025

"I Can Read" Volunteers Needed

Farmington Elementary School is looking for volunteers to assist

with their "I Can Read" literacy program.

To be part of this valuable and rewarding experience, or for more information, call Heidi Poulter at 451-7034.



Family History Class

Farmington's Family History Center, is presenting "Where Do I Begin When I Have Nothing" on **Thurs., Sept. 16 at 7 pm at 272 N. Main in Farmington.**

The presentation will be by **Starr Hailey Campbell**, a member of the Utah Genealogical Association.

Lot At Heritage Park For Sale

Farmington is accepting sealed bids on the residential building lot located on the northwest corner of the park at approximately 1200 W. Oakridge Park Dr.

Bid deadline is Sept. 14 at Noon
Specifications and more information can be viewed on the City Web page www.farmingtonut.com or by visiting the City Offices, 130 N. Main.



New Garbage Collection Carrier To Assign New Routes In October

Farmington has contracted with **Robinson Waste Service** for garbage hauling services. Some areas of town may be assigned a new collection day. New routes will be announced in the October Newsletter.

Our new hauler may be in some areas earlier than before so remember **Robinson crews begin the day at 6 am.** Please have cans out in time so you won't be missed. In order for the new automated system to run smoothly, please adhere to the following regulations:

1. Do not overload containers. Additional containers are available through the City by calling 451-2624

2. Place containers 6 feet apart from each other and away from mailboxes, parked cars, fences, etc.

3. Please bag grass. When grass and leaves are placed in the bottom of the can, they often stick, and the driver cannot tell if the can empties completely.

4. Unacceptable items include: Rocks, dirt, concrete, hazardous material such as batteries, paint, oil, chemicals.



Eagle Scout Projects

Farmington City is happy to be of assistance to Scouts working toward their Eagle Scout Awards. There is a need in the City for the service Eagle projects provide.

We have however, some concerns about Eagle projects. Neil Miller, the Parks Superintendent, is responsible for approving all projects. The following rules have been developed to help Neil and the Scout.

- ? The Scout must have an idea and plan for a project outlined, not just an idea.
- ? Only the Scout should contact Neil at Public Works at 451-2624—not mom, dad or Scoutmaster.
- ? The City cannot accommodate emergency situations, like two weeks before the 18th birthday.
- ? At the time of project approval, the Scout's outline and plan must list any supplies the Scout would like the City to provide.
- ? The City, while wishing to be accommodating, must have ample time to analyze the project and plan ahead. Neil's work schedule is extremely busy, so plan early.

Public Input Is Solicited At A Public Hearing To Amend Farmington's FY 2004-2005 Budget 7 pm, Sept. 15, City Offices

Amendments are necessary to make adjustments in light of unexpected grant revenues and sales tax revenues. Most of the expenditures from additional revenues will be capital related. For more information, check the Web site at www.farmingtonut.com or call Keith or Max at 451-2383.



Safety First Driver's Take Care

As school begins and children are catching busses and walking to school, drivers, please be aware of speed, school zones and children.



Beginning early this fall, Farmington residents who have cable TV and those with Internet access can tune into **Davis Cable 17**, a cooperative effort television station. The Channel is sponsored by the Davis Chamber of Commerce, Davis County Government, and seven cities, including Farmington.

The Channel will feature local talent, city information, legislative updates, local sporting events, parades, the arts, business information, weather, etc.

Businesses wishing to sponsor community information, organizations needing to get educational and societal information to the citizens within Davis County, will have opportunities to reach local individuals.

Davis Cable Channel 17 is a (PEG) Channel or a Government access channel which will provide educational, community interest, voter education, and school information. According to FCC rules **Davis Cable Channel 17** cannot advertise products, or services.

"This is an exciting concept," said Mayor Connors. "We hope this cable channel and the City web page will provide our citizens with pertinent information."

The City web page, while still under design, has meeting agendas, Leisure Services activities and registration, the City Newsletter, and information on trails and parks.



West Nile Virus Update

**David S. Hale, City Council Member
and DCMA Board Member**

Davis County is reported to have the third case of West Nile Virus in the State of Utah. The case is reported to be a 5 year-old child in east Layton. The other two human cases were in Box Elder County and Salt Lake County.

These two cases had travel history to Arizona during the incubation period of the sickness. Arizona is experiencing an extremely high incidence of the West Nile Virus this year (especially in the

Phoenix area). The Davis County child is reported to have been exposed and bitten while in the Spanish Fork area during a fire works display.

Davis County Mosquito Abatement District is reacting to the report as though it was in Davis County. Davis County Mosquito Abatement has several sentinel chicken flocks which are tested weekly. The District also tests mosquitoes trapped and tested weekly throughout the county. We have had no positive tests for West Nile virus from any of these testing sites. In an effort to prevent an outbreak in Davis County, the abatement District has stepped up its spraying efforts. Since the tarsalia mosquito is a prime carrier, the District is targeting this insect. The goal is to reduce the number of tarsalia mosquitoes caught in traps to 1/2 of the average number caught over the previous 5 years.

As an example, the average number of tarsalia mosquitoes trapped over the previous 5 years in the month of July was 893. During July of this year the number of tarsalia mosquitoes trapped was 400. Davis County Mosquito Abatement District is also preparing to do an urban aerial spray of the entire Davis County area if we have a serious outbreak and the Davis County Health Department issues a health alert. If this alert is issued, then the Mosquito Abatement District will bring in a fixed wing plane to spray all of Davis County.

The Mosquito Abatement District reminds citizens that the tarsalia mosquito bites after dark. The wearing of long sleeves/pants and the use of sprays containing DEET is the best deterrent if you have to be out after dark. Davis County citizens can call the District for special neighborhood spraying the night prior to outside events (544-3736).

The District will also provide, free of charge, mosquito larvae eating fish for ornamental ponds, etc. The season for mosquitoes will be largely over when the weather turns colder, usually about the middle of September.

Annual Dinner Theater Oct. 21-23 "A Hangin' at Sinimin City"

This year's dinner is at the new Community Art Center and will be a real treat. The play, "A Hangin' at Sinimin City" is a western for the whole family.

Bring the kids and enjoy a western barbecue dinner as well as singing and dancing in the play.

The play will be produced by the Farmington Arts Council. "We have been thrilled with the numbers of volunteers who have helped with the many events we've had this year. Of course we are always looking for any volunteers who would like to help with individual events," said Toni Asay, Chair of the Farmington Arts Council.

To help, contact Toni at 451-5137 or email her at toniasay@hotmail.com.

Plan now to attend
Farmington's Annual
Pioneer Christmas
Nov. 18, 19 & 20
Davis County Fairgrounds



It's an exciting time with an exciting group of concessionaires with gift ideas, tasty foods, entertainment, and a special activities for children.

Do you have time to volunteer? Call Pat at 451-5052 or Kathy at 451-6747



October Fun

Farmington Fire & Rescue
Annual Open House
Wednesday, Oct. 6
6 pm to 8:30 pm
Fun for the whole family!!
Farmington Fire Station
82 N. 100 E.



"Improving the quality of trails and life"

Farmington Trails Committee

TRAIL NEWS

Fun Hike: The public is invited on another fun hike on our Farmington trails. These have been popular events with a chance to get acquainted with our excellent trail system and to meet new people in the process. The next social hike will be on **Saturday, September 11th at 7:30 am** to hike up Hornet Canyon. Meet at the far east end of 200 S. Park near where the pavement ends. Bring sunscreen and plenty of water. We will be back well before noon.

Trail Walking Benefits: With the emphasis on dieting in the public eye, it's easy to forget the importance of exercise in weight loss. A fast food meal averages 1200 - 1400 cal (burger, large fries and soda). That would take ~ 9 miles of walking to burn off! Keep in mind for many of us fat reduction is the goal and in this regard it is not the speed that matters but the duration. Walking even at a slow pace for 60 minutes continuously is more effective than a 20 minute run.

Take advantage of the resources in our community. Farmington has over 30 miles of trails ready for use and for everyone to enjoy whether walking, hiking, biking or horseback riding. Regular exercise is vital to maintaining one's health with benefits far reaching—not only for weight loss but diabetes prevention/control, blood pressure, arthritis, stroke and heart disease prevention, mental well being and many more. Join the Farmington Trails Committee for our social hikes monthly or if you prefer to explore on your own, the 2nd edition of the Trail Guide can be purchased at the Farmington City office. Sally Tan MD

Guide Re-Printing – The popular trail Guide booklet has been re-printed now featuring two new trail segments with associated maps and an updated foldout master map. Available at City offices and the Leisure Services Building.

Bandanas – A cloth bandana is now available that has a full color map of the points of interest in Farmington and all the trails shown. Wear one with pride.



Leisure Services Department

Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am—12pm & 1pm—5pm
Located at 100 N. 720 W 451-0953

CLASSES FOR ALL REASONS



Partners N Play

Register: Aug. 30 - Sept. 10
Class Dates: Sept. 14 - Oct. 15 Ages: 2-5 Fee: \$15
Class Days: Tues. & Thurs. Time: 10-10:45 am
Place: Farmington Pool Lobby 142 S Main

Gymnastics

Register: Aug. 30 - Sept. 10 Class Dates: Sept. 11 - Oct. 9 Class Day: Sat.
Time: 10-10:45 am Ages: 5 and up Fee: \$25
Place: North Davis Gymnastics, 249 S Main, Layton

Art

Register: Aug. 30 - Sept. 10 Fee: \$30
Class Dates: Sept. 14- Oct. 12 Ages: 6 and up
Class Day: Tues. Time: 4 - 5:30pm
Place: Leisure Service work room, 720 W. 100 N.



Yoga

Register: Aug. 20 - Sept. 10 Class Dates: Sept. 16 - Oct. 21
Class Day: Thurs. Time: 8:30 - 9:30 pm Ages: 16 and up Fee: \$30
Place: Farmington City Pool, 142 S. Main

Scrap Booking Jump Start

Register: Aug. 30 - Sept. 10 Class Dates: Sept. 14 - Oct. 5
Class Day: Tues. Time: 6:30-9:30 pm Ages: 12 and up Fee: \$45
Place: Farmington City Leisure Service work room, 720 W 100 N

Youth Volleyball

Register: Aug. 30 - Sept. 10 Day: Sat.
Place: Farmington Jr. High
Fee: \$35 (includes "T" shirt)
Ages 9-11 Sat. 9-9:45 am
Ages 12-14 Sat. 10-10:45 am Play begins Sept. 25



Little Tykes Jr. Jazz

Register: Sept 6-17 Ages: Co-ed grade 1 & 2
Fee: \$28 and up depending on package bought
Place: Game play is at Farmington Jr. High When: Wed. night

For more information on how to register for programs online, please contact the Leisure Services Office at 451-0953

These items are available at the Leisure Services Offices

For Rent

POPCORN MACHINE
\$25 rental fee & \$50 deposit

PICNIC PAK
\$15 rental fee & \$25 deposit

PORTABLE VOLLEYBALL SYSTEM
\$50 deposit

SNOW CONE MACHINE
\$25 rental fee & \$50 deposit

STEEL HORSE SHOES
\$15 rental fee & \$25 deposit



Need fishing tackle and poles? We have just what you need to rent for FREE!