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FARMINGTON WELCOMES PLURALSIGHT



Farmington welcomes Pluralsight, the latest company to move into Station Park. Pluralsight, founded in 2004 by Aaron Skonnard, Fritz Onion, Keith Brown, and Bill Williams, offers an ever-growing library of online training courses for individuals or companies anywhere in the world. "Utah is a booming tech state, ripe with talent. While a majority of the tech companies are located at the southern end of the valley, Pluralsight is excited to help expand technology opportunities to our northern end. Pluralsight's new headquarters is reflective of our empowering culture and we feel it exemplifies the vision of removing barriers and democratizing professional training for people around the world," said Aaron Skonnard.

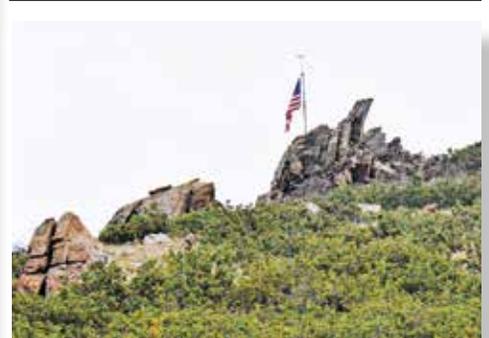
"Farmington is a unique place to live, work and shop. With the development of Station Park and

the future development of a 300-acre business park, Pluralsight will be at the center of a new era of high quality technology development in our city," said Mayor James Talbot. "We appreciate how Pluralsight has embraced our city with their community involvement and generosity. We look forward to a long and healthy relationship as Pluralsight moves forward and their business continues to grow."

City Manager David Millheim added "Farmington is extremely grateful to Pluralsight for locating their corporate office in Station Park. We strongly believe this sends a positive signal to not just tech firms, but other quality office users that Farmington is a great place to live, work and play. We are in the early stages of planning a large office park area to the north of Station Park.

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9/11 FLAG ROCK HIKE



Farmington's traditional Flag Rock hike observance of 9/11 will take place on Thursday, September 11. The public is invited to participate in a morning or afternoon hike that day, hosted by the Farmington Trails Committee. Participants for both hikes should gather at the fire station, 82 North 100 East. The morning hike will begin following a memorial service from 6:45 to 7:03 am. The afternoon hike will leave at 5:30 pm. Depending upon your pace, the hike to Flag Rock and back can take less than an hour. All participants will be encouraged to travel at their own comfortable pace. If you choose to take a leisurely hike, the sunset view from Flag Rock is stunning, but remember to bring a flashlight for the hike down.

Thanks to the Farmington Trails Committee for keeping this tradition alive, providing a way for residents to reflect and remember events of 9/11.

BE SAFE, BE SMART IN SCHOOL ZONES

Once again, the traditional school year is in session and hundreds of children are walking and playing near school grounds. Pedestrian crossings, the link between home and school for many students, are typically supervised for a

period of time before and after school by the Farmington Police Department crossing guards. The guards' purpose is to safely usher students across busy streets. They are in need of help from those who drive through

school zones. In addition to the three following cautions listed below, *be mindful of the two new signal lights on State Street and new left turn lanes.* Be careful, be smart and protect Farmington school children.



BE AWARE

of flashing school speed zones. Even if children are not present, obey the 20 mph law when school zone lights are flashing.

BE AWARE,

you cannot proceed or turn on a green light if the guard is still in the crosswalk. Inattentive driving, talking or texting on cell phones, and driving too fast can put lives at risk. Please be alert and aware as you drive through school zones. Lives depend upon it.

BE AWARE,

you cannot proceed through crosswalk even after the kids have passed in front of your car. You must wait until the crossing guard is safely to the curb.

Welcome Pluralsight continued

Pluralsight's recent opening has already yielded a lot of positive interest in the area. We wish them continued success as they grow their business."

Mayor Talbot and the city council believe that Farmington is a great place for locating additional high tech companies as well as national businesses. Mayor Talbot said, "As we move ahead with the city's plan of developing a 'class A' business park, our attention will naturally turn to other aggressive national companies that would complement Pluralsight. We appreciate the effort of those who were instrumental in bringing this great company to Farmington, and we look forward to many more quality companies locating with us in the future. Welcome aboard, Pluralsight." 🌱

PLEASE NOTE:

Benchland Water District has announced that water will be shut off for the season on October 1, 2014.



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 debris plugs the vacuum hose. If you do not live in these areas, do not rake your leaves into the street. More information is available on the city website. Your help and cooperation is appreciated.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2014

Sept 4	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Sept 11	THURS	Flag Rock Hike Meet at the Fire Station, 82 N 100 E	6:45 am & 5:30 pm
Sept 16	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Sept 17	WED	Town Hall Meeting in City Hall an open discussion with Mayor Talbot and a city council member	8:00 pm
Sept 18	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Sept 18	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Sept 25	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome

• MISS FARMINGTON ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY
October 24th from 6:30pm-8:30pm
Farmington City Community Arts Center

• CORI CONNORS CHRISTMAS CONCERT &
LETTERS TO SANTA

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Building Inspection.....451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control.....444-2200
Garbage825-3800
Benchland Water District.....451-2105
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After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the latest Parks & Rec info
• text 'REC' to (801) 430-9866
or
• visit the farmington city website

PARKS & RECREATION

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

Art Attack Session 3



Who? 5-11yrs
When? Sept 23rd-Oct 28th
Cost? Residents \$65 Nonresidents \$75

Register Aug 18th-Sept 19th

Group Guitar Lessons



Who? 12+
When? (session 1) Sept 10th-Oct 16th
(session 2) Oct 23rd-Dec 4th
Cost? Residents \$45 & Nonresidents \$55

Register now

Jr Jazz

Who? K-4th grade
Cost? Residents \$45 & Nonresidents \$55

Register now through Sept 12th

Volleyball League



Who? 4th-12th grade
Cost? Residents \$25
Nonresidents \$30

Register now-Sept 12th

Volleyball Clinic

Who? 1st-5th graders &
6th-9th graders
Cost? (1st-5th grade)
Residents \$25 & Nonresidents \$30
(6th-9th grade)
Residents \$50 & Nonresidents \$55

Register now-Sept 12th

Jr Jazz

Who? 3rd-4th grade girls and
5th grade+ girls & boys

Cost? Residents \$50 &
Nonresidents \$65

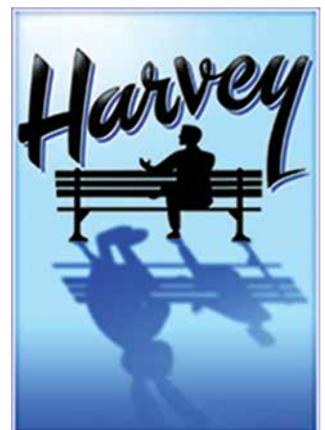
Who? 7th-12th grade girls & boys

Cost? Residents \$55 &
Nonresidents \$75

Register
now-Oct 17th



Dinner Theater Performance of



When?
Oct 8th-11th
Cost?
\$18 advanced
purchase
only

**Tickets go on
sale
Sept 2nd**

BOB AAMODT

"If you want something from life, you need to cultivate, plan, care for and work for the reward."

Bob Aamodt is a local boy. He grew up riding his bicycle around the Compton Bench neighborhoods. So when the opportunity arose to purchase a Farmington building for his business, he didn't hesitate. "I wanted to buy an office somewhere between here and Layton. One day I was just driving by and saw a for-sale-by-owner sign in front of the old Grover home. I envisioned what it could be, how it could function as an office." Bob



Bob Aamodt

bought the property and began the tedious process of decisions and approvals--whether to refurbish or raze the decrepit structure, whether to go with a farmhouse white frame feel or use rock, etc. In the end, Bob came up with plans to use the existing foundation to build the all-rock addition that Farmington residents now admire. "Every aspect of the project was challenging."

When reflecting upon his successes, Bob is quick to remember the life lessons he learned from his parents, David and Shirley Aamodt. He recalls his childhood home on Compton Bench and the small grove of cherry trees in the yard. His parents told Bob and his brother Dan that money made from selling cherries was theirs if they provided the labor. Bob remembers, at age nine or ten, going with his mother to the Davis County Bank on the corner of State and Main to open a savings account. "My heart swells with thanksgiving to mom and dad, as I now recognize all the important lessons we learned in that orchard."

Each year the brothers started picking cherries in June, as soon as they were ripe. They used metal buckets fashioned with wire hangers to loop onto a ladder or preferably a branch. "A bucket would hold 10 to 12 pounds of cherries, so it took two trips up to fill a lug. If you were lucky, you would have a few extra pounds to start the next lug. A lug was a fruit box that would hold 20 lbs. We would carefully weigh each lug and dad and mom insisted that we always put an extra pound or two in each lug. They said this was for shrinkage or dehydration. They also insisted that we picked the cherries with the stem on them. We didn't like this policy because it was far more convenient and fast to pick them without stems. We learned, however, that the stems were an important sign to the final purchaser as to the freshness of our product. Picking cherries in those days meant talking and sharing. High in the leafy treetops, we would have all kinds of discussions

ranging from our plans for summer camp, dreams, aspirations, politics, girls, etc. This was before the time of ipods and electronic devices, so the only way we had to amuse ourselves was talking. Well, not the only way...we would also have cherry fights, paint our faces and bodies in 'war paint' and other diversions. But mostly, we were all about picking cherries."

"One year, when the cherries were played out, I remember riding our bikes down to the Lagoon swimming pool. It was hot work and all the neighborhood kids had been talking about going swimming while we picked. The pool was a common haunt for all the kids in Farmington, almost daily for most...but we didn't go during cherry season. Lagoon boasted that you could 'swim in water fit to drink.' It was a gigantic pool with a 40-foot metal slide, high dives and a 10M platform. It also had an expansive shallow end that started ankle deep and slowly got deeper. On this particular day, I recall that it was hot and we were finished with the cherries. Exhausted from the previous two weeks, I waded into the shallow end with a few friends. We laid on our backs in the cool water of the shallow end, looking up at the clouds, philosophizing about life and commiserating the difficulties of, while celebrating, a job well done. I had never felt such satisfaction before in my life. That feeling of a 'job well done' has stuck with me and motivated many of my endeavors in life."

Bob is hosting an open house on September 12 from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Anyone who has driven by and admired the old home is welcome to stop in and take a tour of the interior. Recently the city council approved the building to the Farmington City Historic Landmarks Register. On September 12, a plaque will be placed in front of the building and the open house will celebrate a kind of re-opening.

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you
know



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TOWN HALL MEETING

September 17
8:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Farmington residents are invited to bring comments, concerns and questions to the September Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Talbot and a city council member will be present to discuss issues with those in attendance.

Fire Prevention Week is coming up
October 5 -11

There will be an **OPEN HOUSE** at the
Farmington Fire Station
Wednesday, October 8

Look for more info to come



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HISTORIC GROVER HOME OPEN HOUSE

Enjoy a taste of local history on Friday, September 12th from 1 to 6 pm, when the Walter Grover home will be open for public tours. Located at 630 North Main Street, this iconic Farmington rock home was built c.1880 by 19-year-old Walter Grover for his mother, Elizabeth Walker Grover. Elizabeth was a pioneer of 1856 and the 6th wife of Walter's father, Thomas Grover, one of

Farmington's earliest settlers. The building was used as a residence until just a few years ago. Because of its odd setting in the "island" between Main/660 North and North Compton Road, the building was left in a threatened position following its last sale. The current owner, Bob Aamodt, is a Grover descendant and has beautifully restored the rock cabin and has given it a new use as an office for his financial consulting business. The building was approved by the city council to the Farmington City Historic Landmarks Register in May 2014.

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