

Farmington NEWS



from our house to yours A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TALBOT

Those of you who know Karen and me, know that Christmas is our favorite time of year. I listen to Christmas music all year long. If you visited the mayor's office, you would find holiday

music playing even in July. One of our favorite Christmas carols is "Silent Night." The message in that beloved carol gives us hope for all mankind. Some of you may be old enough to remember

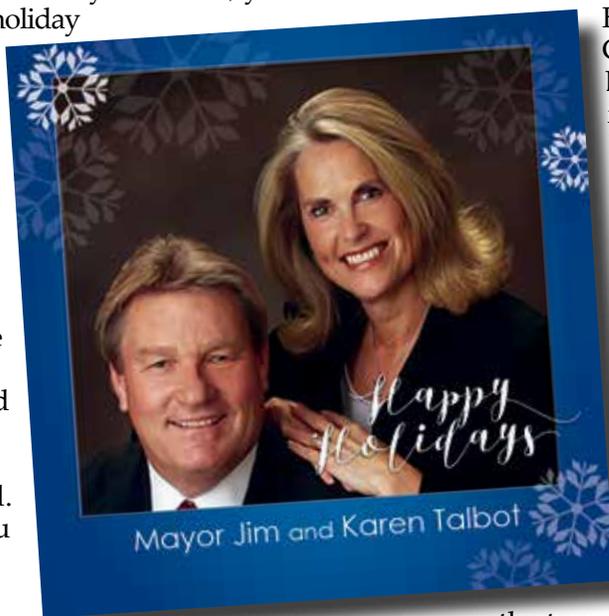
Paul Harvey. He had a phrase he would use after introducing a story of interest—"Now for the rest of the story." Here is "the rest of the story" about the carol that stopped the war. When World War I erupted in 1914, soldiers on both sides thought they would be home to celebrate Christmas. But the men on the fronts didn't get home for Christmas, and many not at all, as the war dragged on four more years, killing

more than 8.5 million men. The "war to end all wars" took a horrific human toll and transformed Europe.

However, on Christmas Eve of that first year of battle, one of the most unusual events in military history took place on the western front. The weather abruptly became cold, freezing the water and slush of

the trenches in which the men were bunkered. On the German side, soldiers were lighting candles. British sentries reported to commanding officers that there appeared to be small lights raised on poles or bayonets. Although these lanterns clearly illuminated the German troops, making them vulnerable to being shot, the British held their fire.

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Mayor Jim and Karen Talbot

COFFEE WITH A COP creating safer communities for tomorrow

Farmington Police Department will host

COFFEE WITH A COP
DECEMBER 17
8:00-10:00 AM
HARMONS GROCERY
IN STATION PARK



If you would like to have a one-on-one conversation with a police officer about community issues, this is your chance. The public is invited to attend this informal event, drink a cup of the beverage of your choice, and share a meaningful conversation with other residents and law enforcement personnel. If you have questions or need more information, please contact

OFFICER BRANDON ERICKSON
801.451.5453
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KEEP YOUR HOLIDAYS MERRY AND BRIGHT

We are in midst of the holiday hustle and bustle once again. *The Farmington Police Department would like to remind you of a few precautions* to take while shopping and celebrating.

Keep in mind that as more people are out shopping, the opportunity for theft increases.

Take your valuables into stores with you. If you can't, make sure to hide them in places out of sight. Lock your car and don't leave spare keys nearby.

Keep purses and bags closed while you are shopping, hold onto them and don't leave them in carts or on counters.

Be aware that people with bad intentions may be watching you and waiting for an opportunity to take your possessions.

Try to be home when online purchases are going to be delivered so that packages don't remain on your porch.

Do not leave gifts where they can be seen through your home windows.

If your holiday celebrations are away from home, hold off on posting photos and information on social media until you return home.

Be a good neighbor. Pay attention to suspicious activity or persons and call the police immediately if you feel uncomfortable.

FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY FORUM

YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN IMPROVING FARMINGTON

Have unanswered questions about Farmington's well-being or other issues pertaining to police work in the community? Do you see value in getting to know the local police officers who work to protect you and your property?

The Farmington Police Department continually strives to improve community relations. 2017 is going to be a great chapter in that effort. Beginning in January, the public is invited to quarterly police community forums. And **YOU** have the opportunity to select the topic to be discussed. If you would like to learn more about a particular issue or have questions for police officers, please email Farmington Chief Wayne Hansen at whansen@farmington.utah.gov. Then watch the January newsletter announcing the date, location and time for the first FPD Community Forum.

FARMINGTON CANYON ROAD CLOSED EFFECTIVE NOW UNTIL MAY 1, 2017

The National Forest Service would like to make Farmington residents aware that automobiles are prohibited

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WINTER ORDINANCES

City ordinances state that from

**NOV 15TH - FEB 29TH,
NO VEHICLE OF ANY KIND
MAY BE PARKED IN THE
STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY
FROM 1AM - 7AM**

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.

During this holiday season please remember to help families right here in Davis County.

Giving Tree

NOW open for donations at Farmington City Hall

There's still time to make this holiday season a memorable one for children right here in Davis County

Farmington's **GIVING TREE** makes holiday giving easy and effective.

Gifts, gift cards, cash and food donations must be delivered to Farmington City Hall by **Friday, December 16** unwrapped is great

Act today!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2016

Dec 6	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 8	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Dec 22	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Dec 23 & 26	MON	Christmas Holiday city offices will be closed	
Jan 2	MON	New Year's Holiday city offices will be closed	

Farmington City is seeking a

2017 FESTIVAL DAYS CHAIRPERSON

Interested individuals should contact
Stefanie Gallagher at
sgallagher@farmington.utah.gov or 801-451-0953

FARMINGTON YOUTH CITY COUNCIL 2017

The Farmington Youth City Council (FYCC) is a great opportunity for youth to serve their community while getting to know and associate with their peers. FYCC promotes youth citizenship and volunteerism within Farmington. To qualify for the FYCC, you must currently be a Farmington resident in grades 9-11.

Applications are available on the city website, at City Hall or the Parks and Recreation Office. All applications are due by **Friday, January 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm**. Interviews will be held **Thursday, February 2, 2017**. Applicants must be available to interview on that day.

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City Phone Numbers

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- Police Department.....451-5453
- Fire Department451-2842
- 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 Control444-2200
- Garbage825-3800
- Benchland Water District.....451-2105
- Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency911

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season's greetings
FROM FARMINGTON CITY PARKS & REC

PARKS & RECREATION

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

SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM

WHEN? JAN 11th—FEB 15th

WHO? 7th—9th GRADE

REGISTER NOW—DEC 16th

ART ATTACK LESSONS

WHEN? JAN 10th—FEB 14TH

WHO? Ages 5—11yrs

REGISTER NOW—JAN 6th

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WHEN? JAN—MARCH
THURSDAY EVENINGS

REGISTER NOW—DEC 16th

YOUTH THEATER REGISTRATION

"INTO THE WOODS, JR."

WHEN? DEC 12th—Jan 11th

WHO? 8—18yrs

COST? \$20 (residents)

\$30 (nonresidents)

REGISTRATION ENDS AT 5pm on
Dec 11th, **SPACE IS LIMITED**

\$75 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
REQUIRED

GUITAR LESSONS

WHEN? JAN 19th—MARCH 2nd

WHO? 11+

REGISTER NOW—JAN 19th

ADAPTIVE JR JAZZ

WHEN? JAN—FEB

WHO? 6+

REGISTER NOW—DEC 16th



Letters to
santa

WHEN? NOW—DEC 16th

ADDRESS YOUR LETTER TO:

SANTA CLAUS

1 CANDY CANE LANE

NORTH POLE, AK 99705

(don't forget to add your return address)

FARMINGTON PARKS & REC

801-451-0953

720 W 100 N

questions?

CHECK THE FARMINGTON CITY

WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL

INFO

PARK & POOL RENTALS

WHEN? JAN 9th (residents)
JAN 17th (nonresidents)

WHERE? FARMINGTON PARKS & REC OFFICE

720 W 100 N

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON

BICYCLE CRAZE

by Glen M. Leonard



BICYCLING BIGWHEELERS, circa 1887

Bicycles as we know them today emerged gradually in Europe. French inventors in the late 1860s created the large-wheeled “velocipede.” It was made of iron and wood, with pedals attached to a large front wheel. Before long, the British “penny-farthing” bicycle, or “high-wheeler,” was being used by groups for leisure

Farmington residents in the 1890s could choose from hundreds of bicycle models built by dozens of short-lived American companies. They could order by mail or buy from dealers in Bountiful and Salt Lake. Widely advertised models included the Cleveland, the Victor (“Remember one thing about excellence in pneumatic

tires”), the Acme Roadster, “The Indestructible” Maywood, and the Monarch (“King of the Road”). Browning Brothers in Salt Lake and Ogden offered five brands ranging from Ramblers (\$100) to Featherstone’s List (\$35 to \$75). Most companies offered a “step-through safety bicycle” for women. All of them created new models every year, a marketing tool adopted by automobile companies.

rides. Improvements included a rear-wheel drive, wire-spoked wheels, and solid rubber tires. The “high-wheeler” was hard to drive. It was replaced by safety bicycles, first made in England in 1885. The invention of pneumatic tires three years later minimized the bumpy ride of the hard rubber tire and ushered in the bicycle craze of the 1890s which spread through Europe and the United States.

At least one Farmington resident bought a high-wheeler cycle before production ended in 1893. The Davis County Clipper reported in May 1894 that “Mr. Meadows, leader of the brass band, had quite a fall from a run-a-way bicycle (not a safety) last Sunday. His face was pretty badly scratched and bruised.” Even the safety bicycles of the 1890s were subject to occasional accidents. Injuries, if any, were minor.

The arrival of automobiles ended the bicycle craze of the 1890s. Yet its cultural and economic influence was significant. It influenced women’s clothing styles and supported emancipation efforts. An observer in the 1890s noted that cycling to work would soon cause suburbs to expand. That observation rings true today. A new generation has embraced biking for leisure, commuting, and recreation, such as bicycle touring, mountain biking, physical fitness, and bicycle competition. The “Tour of Utah” that passed through Farmington in August, the Family Bike Race during Farmington’s Festival Days, and local cyclists in tight-fitting outfits seen routinely pumping along our streets, all suggest that we, too, live in a time of bicycle craze.

Message from Mayor Talbot continued

Even more amazing, British officers saw, through binoculars, that some enemy troops were holding Christmas trees over their heads with lighted candles in their branches. The message was clear: The Germans, who celebrated Christmas on the eve of December 25th, were extending holiday greetings to the enemy.

Within moments, the British began to hear a few German soldiers singing a Christmas carol. It was soon picked up along the German line as soldiers joined in harmonizing. The words were these: "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" British troops immediately recognized the melody as "Silent Night, Holy Night" and began singing in English. The singing quickly neutralized hostilities and, one by one, British and German soldiers began laying down their weapons to venture into no-man's land separating the two sides. So many soldiers on both sides ventured out that superior officers were prevented from objecting. An undeclared truce erupted and peace broke out. That night, enemy soldiers sat around a campfire. They exchanged small gifts—chocolate bars, buttons, badges, and small tins of processed beef. Men, who only hours earlier had been shooting to kill, were now sharing Christmas festivities and showing each other family snapshots. The truce ended just as it had begun, by mutual agreement. After a truly "Silent Night," at 8:30 a.m. on December 26th, the war was on again. (From the December 2007 Signs)

"Silent Night," the carol that briefly stopped World War I, is among the most recognizable Christmas songs and one of the most popular pieces of holiday music. During December, it can be heard in malls, churches, concert halls, and in your homes. I hope when you hear it you will join with Karen and me in giving thanks for the wonderful gift of freedom that we enjoy in America and right here in Farmington. May we too think of this example and have peace and good will towards all this Christmas season. From our house to yours—
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mayor Jim & Karen Talbot

Canyon Road Closed continued

from using the Farmington Canyon road without special permit effective now until May 1, 2017. Winter maintenance is not provided on the canyon road and adverse weather conditions represent a significant danger to motorists. Violators may be fined up to \$5,000.



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