

Farmington NEWS

Happy Holidays from Everyone at Farmington City

FARMINGTON CITY & UDOT

REACH AN AGREEMENT REGARDING WDC

West Davis Corridor's bisection of West Farmington has long been a matter of discussion and concern. At the October 16th city council meeting, resolution was reached on one area of the highway's impact on the city. A mitigation plan was approved between Farmington City and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for payment and replacement of a community park that will be taken when construction of the highway begins in 2020.

Farmington City has been working with UDOT and local property owners for the past several months to resolve issues created by WDC construction. In the WDC Environmental Impact Statement, UDOT selected the Bangerter Farm parcel to lessen the impact of taking the city park near the highway on 1100 West. This resulted in a public outcry to save the farm. The city agreed and formally asked UDOT to consider a different park site.

The city council placed an agricultural protection area classification on the Bangerter property, which allows the land to remain as a farm for perpetuity.

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Shane Pace meet your new city manager

There's a new face at city hall. Shane Pace, the new city manager, took over the position on November 19th, so by now is fully immersed in representing Farmington. Mr. Pace comes to his position with excellent qualifications, having worked in local government as a utilities department head and in city administration for twenty-eight years. His interest in Farmington is multifaceted. "I'm really excited for this new challenge. Farmington is a strategically-centered community with great transportation corridors, great historical depth on the east and a young, growing population on the west. The city provides great services to its residents. I am also excited about the tremendous sense of team I got during my introduction to the mayor, the council and the department heads."

Look for a more complete introduction to Mr. Pace in a future newsletter.



How grateful we are that over 100 years ago our founding fathers & mothers of Farmington planted the beautiful trees along Main and State Streets.

Farmington's Tree-Lined Streets

One of Farmington's greatest qualities is its tree-lined streets. Based on the wisdom of the old Chinese proverb "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago," Mayor Talbot and the city council have started a tree-lined streets program. This program will give a Farmington resident the opportunity to pay 50% of the cost of trees to be planted in their parkstrip. The city will purchase a limited number of specific species of trees at a bulk discount. Between January 1 and March 1, 2019, trees may be purchased at the Parks

& Recreation office. Trees may be picked up at a later date in the spring, along with helpful tips to make sure that tree lives to a ripe old age for future generations to enjoy. These trees are deeply discounted and MUST be planted by the owner in the park strip in accordance with state and local ordinance. Join with us in 2019 to increase the number of trees along city streets, improving the quality of life in our community.

For answers to questions, please call (801) 939-9224.

FARMINGTON'S Giving Tree

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Santa may not be a window-peeper, but they're out there. Keep your valuables out of sight.

Don't forget the #9PMROUTINE

WDC Agreement continued

The alternative approved by the city council was the purchase of a 17.7-acre parcel of land from the Kelly family, located in the middle of the future business park north of Station Park.

Mayor Talbot said, "I am pleased that UDOT and the Kelly family have worked with Farmington City to come up with a better solution to one of the complicated challenges presented by the WDC coming through our city. No city has been impacted by this highway project as has Farmington, so it is important we work together to lessen those impacts. I also want to personally thank Carlos Braceras, Director of UDOT, for helping get this done."

The mitigation agreement stipulates that UDOT pay Farmington \$4,750,000 for the park impacts done to the city's current 11-acre park located at 1100 West, south of Canyon Creek Elementary School. With these funds, the city will purchase and build the new park, as well as access roads and storm drainage facilities. The agreement also stipulates that UDOT will give back to Farmington any portions of the 1100 West park not taken for the WDC. This adjacent land will create an open space buffer for the residents on the east side of the highway near the old park site. Councilman Brett Anderson, who lives near the 1100 West park stated, "This is a win for the city and the area residents and it took a lot of effort. I hope our citizens realize we took a lemon and turned it into lemonade."

There are additional hurdles to be crossed before the WDC is fully functional. Retired City Manager David Millheim said, "It has taken a lot of effort and cooperation to get this far. I pray that cooperation continues. We still have to get the Shepard Lane connector road done that connects two new interchanges along West Davis and I-15. Without this connector road, we cannot provide access to the WDC for emergency responders and area residents. I am pleased that UDOT, Kaysville, Davis County, the Wasatch Front Regional Council and area legislators are starting to see the importance of this connection getting completed soon."



community park to be taken by the WDC



new community park site



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2018

Dec 4	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 7	FRI	Back to Bethlehem — inter-faith community event Davis County Fair Grounds — admission with a can of food	6:30–8:30 pm
Dec 13	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 18	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 20	THURS	Trails Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Dec 24-25		Christmas Holiday City offices will be closed	

PLANNING COMMISSION POSITION OPEN

The mayor and city council are now accepting applications for one new planning commission member. The term of service shall not exceed 4 years (January 2019 through December 2022). 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 that affect our community. In order to promote representation from all areas of the city, citizens from northeast Farmington are especially encouraged to apply; however, applicants from all areas will be considered.

For those applying to the planning commission, a letter of interest with qualifications should be received by Friday, December 14, 2018, to: Mayor H. James Talbot, 160 South Main, P.O. Box 160, Farmington, UT 84025.

PARK, PAVILION & POOL RESERVATIONS 2019

Reservations for Farmington pavilions and lawn areas, including the new pavilion at the Regional Park, begin Monday, JANUARY 7, 2019 at 8:00 am. Pool reservations may also be made beginning that date. Nonresidents can make reservations beginning a week later on January 14th.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE LOCATED AT 720 W. 100 N.

For detail on reservation fees, please visit the city website.



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Parks & Recreation — 801-451-0953
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Planning & Zoning — 801-939-9214
Historical Museum — 801-451-4850
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After Hours Emergency

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FARMINGTON CITY PARKS & REC.

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

2019 parks & pool reservations

when? (residents) jan 7th - 8am
(nonres) jan 14th - 8am
where? farmington parks & rec office
(720 w 100 n)

now reserving new pavilion at the
regional park as well as all
park lawn areas & the pool

Letters to Santa

when? now - dec 15th
address letters to:
santa claus
1 candy cane lane
north pole, ak 99705
deliver letters to farmington
parks & rec (720 w 100 n)

Farmington City jr. High Ski & Snowboard Club

when? jan 9th - feb 13th
who? 7th - 9th grader
register now - dec 14th or until full

Farmington City Youth Ski & Snowboard Club

when? feb 2nd - 23rd
who? 4th - 8th grade
register now - jan 18th or full

Winter Men's Basketball

when? jan 10th - march 14th (thur)
cost? \$350
register now - jan 3rd

Youth Theater Registration 'Pirates of Penzance'

when? now - jan 8th
who? 8 - 18yrs
cost? (res) \$20 + \$75 refundable deposit
(nonres) \$30 + \$75 refundable deposit
auditions will be held jan 10th - 12th

Guitar Lessons

when? jan 3rd-31st
time? (beginner) 6pm
(intermediate) 7pm
register now - dec 31st

Art Attack Lessons

when? jan 9th-feb 13th
who? 5-11yrs
cost? (residents) \$65 - (nonres) \$80
register now - jan 8th

Indoor Pickle League Registration

when? now until full
cost? (residents) \$25
(nonres) \$30

Keep eyes open
for info on
Upcoming Events!!!

This Season, Find a Minute to Look Back

a message from
ALEX LEEMAN,
City Councilman



The story of the Mormon Pioneers arriving in Utah in July 1847 is well-known. Less known is the story of their first Christmas. By December 1847, the number of settlers in the Salt Lake Valley had swollen to more than 1,600, mostly congregated around an adobe-walled cluster of cabins in Salt Lake known as Old Fort. As the first Christmas arrived, there were no stores for shopping, no electric twinkle lights, and no colorfully wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree.

Rather, on December 25, 1847, there was work to be done. Pioneer journals report that families awoke in the morning and set about their usual chores, tending livestock and looking after the 558 children in the community. After a day patching cabin roofs and gathering firewood, the first Christmas was celebrated with songs around a sagebrush evening fire and a meal of boiled rabbit, along with a little bread. The usual flour ration was supplemented with thistle tops, berries, bark, roots and sego lily bulbs. One unidentified girl wrote in her journal: "All had enough to eat. In the sense of perfect peace and good will, I never had a happier Christmas in all my life." [Source: The Improvement Era, Vol. XXIII, No. 11, September 1920, p. 959-60.]

I wonder what the first Christmas in Farmington was like. After arriving in Utah, Hector C. Haight and his brother Isaac drove a herd of cattle north to what would become Farmington in the fall of 1847, leaving their families behind in Salt Lake. That first winter, the Haight brothers lived in a tent near the mouth of Farmington Canyon before relocating near Haight Creek where Hector built a log cabin for his wife, Julia, and three children. It would be another year before the Hights were joined by the Burke, Davis, Grover, Miller, and Smith families in 1848. Unlike the first Christmas in Salt

Lake, I imagine that first Christmas in Farmington was lonely and meager, marked by longing for family and little more than the bare necessities for survival. Hector could not have imagined the Farmington we live in today, home to thousands of families and a hub of commerce and prosperity.

I love the holiday season. I'm one of those people who are out shopping at 5:00 a.m. on Black Friday, and the pace never seems to slow down until December 26. Our family calendar is already full of parties, holiday concerts, and too many family traditions to count.

It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season and forget about what is truly important.

This season, I hope we'll all find a minute to look back on the humble beginnings of our community and be grateful for our circumstances, whatever they may be. As much as things have changed over the past 171 years, the basic ingredients of Christmas joy are essentially the same: surround yourself with family and friends, make sure all have enough to eat, and let "perfect peace and goodwill" fill your home and community.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Saturday, January 12th



When it's time to say goodbye to your natural Christmas tree, Farmington City will pick it up. Put it on the curb no later than 6:00 am on January 12th. Crews will only make one pass through neighborhoods.

Collected trees are used to make mulch. Flocked trees cannot be used and will not be picked up.

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WINTER ORDINANCES

City ordinances state that from November 15 through February 28, 2019 no vehicle of any kind may be parked in the street right-of-way from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. 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.

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