



# Farmington NEWS

## WATCH YOUR SPEED IN

## SCHOOL ZONES

Each year as the traditional school year begins, Farmington Police Department reminds residents to use caution in school zones. This year the warning is doubly important as hundreds of teenagers will be driving through neighborhoods to the new Farmington High School. **Drivers be aware (and parents warn your young drivers) that the police will increase their patrol and will issue citations for traffic infractions.** Pedestrians have responsibility for safety as well—to use sidewalks, crosswalks, to be alert and respectful of drivers.

Please help the FPD help you. A little effort on everyone's part will help to avert tragedy and allow everyone to arrive safely at their destination.



**APPLICATIONS** are being accepted for

**CROSSING GUARDS,  
PERMANENT PART-TIME**

If you are interested, please contact the Farmington Police Department  
801 • 451 • 5453



June and July are Utah's driest months and our state is already experiencing wildfires this year. Farmington Fire is urging residents to use extreme caution during firework season. Due to weather conditions and the fact that fires were started by fireworks last year,

### **THE DATES WHEN LEGAL FIREWORKS MAY BE SOLD AND DISCHARGED HAVE BEEN SHORTENED IN 2018.**

Please read and abide strictly to the following fireworks restrictions:

Class C (state approved) fireworks may be **SOLD** between **June 24–July 25**

Legal fireworks may be **DISCHARGED** on  
**July 2–5 from 11am–11pm, except on July 4 when hours are extended to midnight**  
**July 22–25 from 11am–11pm, except on July 24 when hours are extended to midnight**

No discharge of fireworks is allowed in Woodland Park or on any undeveloped lot or any adjacent property.

The fire department will increase its staffing level during the permitted fireworks discharge days.

Citations will be issued to those discharging illegal fireworks, discharging fireworks in restricted areas, and/or discharging fireworks in a manner that threatens the safety of the community.

For a map of approved discharge areas within Farmington, go to the city website, [farmington.utah.gov/storage/2016/05/Fire-Restrictions-Pamphlet-2016.pdf](http://farmington.utah.gov/storage/2016/05/Fire-Restrictions-Pamphlet-2016.pdf)



Each spring, Benchland Water District is able to take irrigation water from Shepard Creek, Farmington Creek and all of the smaller Creeks to the south. This water usually will keep up with demand until June 15th. The longest Benchland's canyon water has lasted was July 10th. This year the canyon water flow slowed early and on May 24th the Weber Basin purchased water was turned in. "This is the earliest we have ever begun using our Weber Basin allotment," said Scott Parcell of Benchland Water.

Higher than normal temperatures accompanied by high winds have dried out the landscape. If these patterns continue, Scott estimates having serious water shortages in early September, six weeks prior to the normal irrigation season ending. Benchland uses up to 30 million gallons per day to meet the demand on their system. Farmington City uses about 2 million gallons per day in the culinary water system. The gap between the two is insurmountable.

Residents must begin now to conserve water. Care should be used to save as many watering cycles as possible. Turn off automatic sprinkler systems when there is rain in the forecast. Hand water dry spots rather than run the entire system.

Please go to [weberbasin.com](http://weberbasin.com) for conservation methods and tips. Benchland will be sending out a mid-summer mailer with usage and supply updates.

## THE STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Farmington streets are looking toward a bright future. The transportation utility fee, implemented last February, the new street utility fee, effective this month, and other funding sources, will put Farmington in a position to maintain streets properly. The streets maintenance project consists of three parts:

[1]

**Preventative maintenance** work that consists of slurry seals and chip seals. (35% of budget)

[2]

**Rehabilitative maintenance** that consists of asphalt overlays and rebuilds. (55% of budget), and

[3]

**Routine maintenance** work that consists of patching and crack sealing. (10% of budget).

The city has a list of roads to receive maintenance—some entire streets and some partial streets. City engineers are currently prioritizing the list, putting projects out to bid and selecting contractors.

## FLAG RETIREMENT AND MILITARY TRIBUTE

AUGUST 16  
LEGACY EVENTS CENTER  
151 S 1100 WEST, FARMINGTON  
7:30 PM  
FREE ADMISSION

The 6th annual Flag Retirement and Military Tribute will be conducted by American Legion Post 27. Unfit United States flags will be disposed of in a solemn and spectacular ceremony. The ceremony will include participants from American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, National Guard, Farmington Fire Department, 23rd Army Band, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Unserviceable flags in need of proper disposal may be dropped off at the Farmington Fire Department, 82 N 100 E in Farmington.

## APPLICATIONS REQUESTED

FOR

## CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The city is now taking applications for a city council vacancy created by Brigham Mellor who is stepping off the council for employment reasons effective July 22, 2018. Under Utah Code, the council is to take applications and select a replacement within 30 days of the effective date of resignation. Open meeting interviews with those who apply will take place at a city council meeting scheduled for August 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm at city hall.

The city council anticipates making a selection decision at that time after public interviews are conducted. If you are interested in applying, you must be a registered voter and a resident of Farmington for twelve months immediately preceding the date of the interviews. Application packets are available at city hall. Declarations of candidacy from interested citizens are due to Holly Gadd, City Recorder, by 5:00 pm on July 20, 2018. Please contact Holly at 801-939-9205 if you have additional questions. Please note—whichever is selected for this position will have to stand for election in November 2019 if they wish to continue service on the council.

## FARMINGTON BELIEVE FESTIVAL DAYS

Monday, July 9—Saturday, July 14  
check the website for complete detail

- Little Miss / Junior Miss
- Food Trucks at the Park
  - Movie at the Park
    - Tennis
  - 3-on-3 Basketball
    - Pickleball
  - Charity Motorcycle
    - 5K / 10K Race
  - Breakfast at the Park
- Festival Days Parade—Glen Leonard GM
  - Festival Booths and Entertainment
    - Free Ice Cream at the Park
    - Concert at the Park
      - Fireworks

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## July 2018



July 4	WED	Independence Day City Offices Closed	
July 9-14		Farmington Festival Days	see website for complete details
July 17	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
July 19	THURS	Trails Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
July 19	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
July 24	TUES	Pioneer Day City Offices Closed	
July 26	TUES	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:30 pm



a message from the  
**FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Farmington Police Department reports an uptick in attempts to scam residents out of money. **NO** police agency in Davis County will contact you by phone and ask you to pay a fine. If you receive one of these phone calls, **DO NOT** respond to their requests; gather what information you can and contact Farmington Police. If you receive something in the mail, bring the paperwork to the Farmington Police and we will help you determine its authenticity.

Phone calls or mail correspondence from a lottery organization asking you to pay a fee or tax before you can claim your winnings are **NEVER** legitimate. Please do not fall victim to these scams. Contact police immediately.

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### City Phone Numbers

- Main Number — 801-451-2383
- Police Department — 801-451-5453
- Fire Department — 801-451-2842
- Public Works Department — 801-451-2624
- Storm Water Maintenance — 801-451-2624
- Parks & Recreation — 801-451-0953
- Building Department — 801-939-9215
- Inspection Hotline — 801-882-8954
- Water Department — 801-451-2624
- Planning & Zoning — 801-939-9214
- Historical Museum — 801-451-4850
- Animal Control — 801-444-2200
- Garbage — 801-825-3800
- Benchland Water District — 801-451-2105
- Weber Water District — 801-771-1677

### After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff — 801-451-4150  
Emergency — 911

Farmington City Hall  
160 South Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025



If you are ever unsure about whether something is a scam, please contact Farmington police. They will be happy to help you.

**801-451-5453**  
**286 S 200 East, Farmington**

# FARMINGTON CITY PARKS & RECREATION

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

## DINNER THEATER AUDITIONS -FOREVER PLAID-

WHEN? AUG 9TH & 11TH  
WHO? 18+  
TIME? TIMES WILL BE ASSIGNED  
AFTER REGISTERING  
WHERE? COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER  
120 S MAIN STREET IN FARMINGTON  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL AUG 9TH

## FOOTBALL

WHEN? AUG-OCT  
WHO? 7-15YRS  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL JULY 13TH



## LEGO CAMP

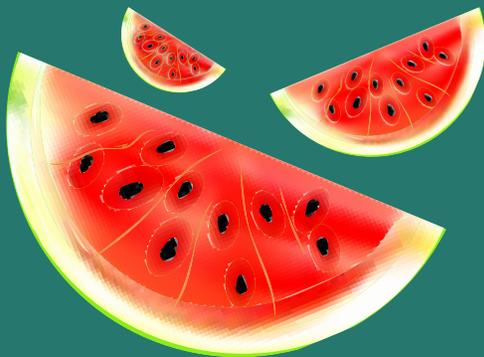
WHEN? JULY-AUG  
WHO? 5-6YRS/7-12YRS  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL

## FLAG FOOTBALL

WHEN? AUG-OCT  
WHO? K-9TH GRADE  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL JULY 13TH

## FALL BASEBALL

WHEN? AUG-SEPT  
WHO? 4-12YRS  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL JULY 6TH



## TENNIS LESSONS

WHEN? JULY-AUG  
WHO? 5-15YRS / 18+  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL



## ARCHERY

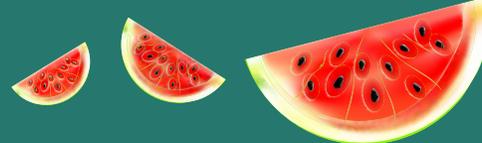
WHEN? JULY-AUG  
WHO? 7-15YRS  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL

## FALL SOCCER

WHEN? AUG-SEPT  
WHO? 3YRS-6TH GRADE  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL JULY 6TH

## SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

WHEN? JULY 31ST-AUG 6TH  
TIME? SEATING BEGINS @ 6:30PM,  
SHOW @ 7:00PM  
WHERE? WOODLAND PARK  
300 S 200 E IN FARMINGTON  
TICKETS ON SALE JULY 1ST



## SUPER SPORT

WHEN? JULY-AUG  
WHO? K-6TH GRADE  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL

## GROUP & PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

WHEN? JULY-AUG  
REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL  
GROUP SESSIONS STARTING  
EVERY OTHER WEEK  
PRIVATE LESSONS STARTING  
EVERY WEEK

# HILLS & VALES

## DUST AND MUD

by Glen M. Leonard



The late Newell Hess (1900-1980) remembered when the roads in Farmington were nothing but dirt. "There were not any improved roads," he said. "In the summer the dust was several inches deep and during the wet season the mud was deeper than the dust had been during the summer. And then when the mud froze solid and the land was covered with snow, the wagons and buggies were laid aside and bob sleighs and cutters were used for transportation."

Early in 1898, Farmington City and Davis County worked together to minimize dust and mud problems inside the city plat. Hired help hauled 440 loads of gravel to improve Main Street from State Street to Fifth North. The county set some guidelines: The gravel should be "fine," the policy read. "Do not put stones on the roads." Once the gravel was leveled with shovels and rolled tight, workmen filled the gaps with sand. A year later they created a "hard gravel road" on State Street. After a decade of wear, the city's road supervisor ordered another 21 loads of gravel to strengthen those two streets.

If you head north on Centerville's Main Street, the road turns and drops rapidly as you cross the boundary into Farmington. Then it climbs to a point at Davis Creek (near Glover's Lane) before a

gradual decline to the cemetery, another slight rise, and a final decline and sharp turn into town. Driving north on Main Street is a gradual climb to Hess Hill (Fifth North), followed by a sharp turn and sudden decline. Newell Hess noted that "North Farmington is just a series of hills and hollows. It was a hard pull for a team to pull over the top of them, especially if it was muddy or the dust

was deep." The first rise is Old Shop Hill (900 North), the site of James Udy's blacksmith shop. Next comes Moon's Hill, home to several Moon families. North of that (at 1400 North) is King's Hill, named after orchardist Thomas King. Next comes Sjoblom Hill (at Somerset Road). Hess said it was "impossible to drive [a loaded wagon] directly over the top of the road as it was then." The final swale is Sand Hill (now Cherry Hill). "Owing to the sandy condition," Hess said, "this was a really tough pull to get up over the top."

The problems with mud and dust, steep hills and deep vales were resolved when the federal government funded the cross-country Lincoln Highway. Before the "concrete gang" could lay the cement,

Farmington's hills were lowered and the road widened. In July 1916, the Davis County Clipper reported, "Extensive improvements are being made on the state road.... Some deep cuts are being made and heavy fills in the hollows." Many of the exposed cuts to the hills remain visible to this day. The thick concrete road survives as well, hidden under layers of black asphalt.



The deep cut at Sjoblom's Hill is just south of the entrance to Somerset Street.

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