



*Farmington*



NEWS



## STREET UTILITY FEE

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFECTIVE JULY 2018**

Last February, Farmington News reported that Mayor Talbot, the city council, and city staff were studying the increased traffic in Farmington and the need for road maintenance. Further, the article reported that staff had presented the council with data on roads maintenance expenditures, a ten-year forecast of needs, and the amount of revenues available. For

a number of years there has been a shortfall in what has been needed to maintain the city roads properly. The next ten years show a mean shortfall of around \$670,000 per year, with the high years' shortfall at almost a million dollars. The amount of revenues has doubled in the past couple of years with the addition of the gas tax and additional sales being levied in Davis County. Total revenues are approaching \$1.2 million per year, but are still far short of what is needed.

Following a public hearing on February 20, the city has decided to implement a street utility fee, just as it does for storm water and other utilities. This fee will be added to monthly utility bills at \$3.00 per month for residents. Commercial accounts may increase significantly in some cases, depending on the trip generations for the square footage and for the type of commercial use. The street utility fee will go into effect July 1, 2018 and will appear on August utility invoices.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

*2018  
Miss Farmington Royalty*



*Jessica Abendroth,*  
MISS FARMINGTON (LEFT)

*Brittany Stewart,*  
FIRST ATTENDANT (RIGHT)



## Don't Introduce Water into the Sanitary Sewer System

Non-culinary water sources that enter your home or property, such as groundwater, rainfall or sprinkler irrigation, are not intended to be introduced into the sanitary sewer system. Introducing this water into the sewer system overburdens the Central Davis Sewer District and forces the treatment plant to spend additional time and money to treat excess water it was not designed to treat. Some homeowners have illegally drained excess water into the sewer system and caused sewer water to back up into their neighbor's homes.

**Building code allows sump pumps to be installed, but states that excess water must be pumped to the yard or an approved drainage. Farmington City allows sump pumps to drain into the curb and gutter and eventually to the storm drain.**

*If you have a pump that is discharging into the sewer, please redirect it to a legal means of drainage.* If you are unsure of how to accomplish this, call

Farmington Public Works  
801.451.2624 or

Farmington Building Inspection  
801.451.2383.

Recently, the Farmington Trails Committee unveiled a new program dubbed "Adopt-A-Trail" aimed at getting local businesses involved and committed to maintaining, sustaining and beautifying our fantastic trail system. The Adopt-A-Trail program allows for a business, group or family to choose a section of trail that they commit to "maintaining" with the trails committee 2 to 3 times per year. Adopters can also choose a level of sponsorship from a Bronze (no money, just a pledge to maintain a section of trail) all the way up to a Platinum sponsorship (\$1000+ per year). Each level of sponsorship allows for various degrees of recognition from signage at the trailheads to a mention in our local newsletter and more.

Our two inaugural Adopt-A-Trail sponsors were local businesses, Payroc (Gold Sponsor) and Vista Outdoors (Platinum Sponsor). The past month Vista Outdoors met with the Trails Committee on their section of sponsored trail by Farmington Creek to kick off the hiking season with a trail maintenance and clean-up effort. We also had a chance to sit down with Tracy Porter, head of the activities committee at Vista Outdoors and

# Adopt-A-Trail

## A BRAND NEW PROGRAM IN FARMINGTON

asked her some questions about their decision to Adopt-A-Trail:

**Q:** Tell us a little about Vista Outdoors and the activities committee.

**A:** Vista Outdoor is a leading global designer, manufacturer and marketer of consumer products in the growing outdoor sports and recreation markets. Our headquarters are in Farmington and we employ more than 5,000 skilled workers worldwide. Our activities committee is a volunteer group with representatives from each department aimed at creating a fun and engaging place to work.



Vista Outdoor Activities Committee

**Q:** What made you decide to join the Adopt-A-Trail program in Farmington?

**A:** Vista Outdoor's mission is to "bring the world outside," so adopting a trail was a natural expression of that goal.

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# FARMINGTON

## BELIEVE

*Farmington Festival Days 2018*

### JULY 9-14



# June 2018 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
June 7	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
June 9	SAT	FFD 's Fire Wise Open House 82 North 100 East	10:00 am-2:00 pm
June 19	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
June 21	THURS	Trails Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
June 21	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
June 28	TUES	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:30 pm

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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



Farmington Fire Department

# ANNUAL FIREWISE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 9  
10:00—2:00  
Farmington Fire Station  
82 N 100 E



Please join us for a fun and informative day at the FFD's Annual FireWise Open House. Enjoy displays, fire truck rides, children's activities and educational information on how to better prevent wildland fires in and around Farmington.



**FARMINGTON CITY  
PARKS**

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

**& REC.**

**Music in Me Singers  
Summer Camp**

When? June 18th–22nd or  
July 10th–12th  
Who? 5–11yrs  
Register now until full

**Tennis Lessons**

When? June-Aug sessions start every other week  
Who? 5–15yrs / 18+  
Register now until full

**Archery**

When? starts June 4th  
Who? 7–15yrs  
Register now until full



**Football**

When? Aug–Oct  
Who? 7–15yrs  
Register now until July 13th

**Flag Football**

When? Aug 26th–Oct 14th  
Who? K–9th grade  
Register now until July 13th

**Super Sport**

When? June–Aug sessions start weekly  
Who? K–6th grade  
Register now until full

**Youth Sports Clinic**

When? June 8th–29th  
July 27th–Aug 17th (Fridays)  
Who? 2–12yrs  
Register now until full

**Summer Art**

When? June (3 sessions)  
Who? 5–11yrs  
Register now until full

**Lego Camp**

When? sessions in June/July/Aug  
Who? 5–6yrs/7–12yrs  
Register now until full

**Boy Scout  
Merit Badges  
Swimming &  
Lifesaving**

When? June–Aug (Saturdays)  
Register now until full

**Fall Baseball**

When? Aug 20–Sept  
Register now until July 6th

**Fall Soccer**

When? Aug 20th–Oct 4th  
Who? 3yrs–6th grade  
Cost? \$40 residents \$50 nonresidents  
Register now until July 6th

**Group & Private  
Swim Lessons**

When? June–Aug  
Register now until full  
Sessions starting every  
other week





# *Let's Be Neighbors and Friends at the End*

A MESSAGE FROM CITY COUNCILMAN CORY RITZ

Heidi and I moved to Farmington in 1995, choosing this community as the place to raise our family. We were captured by the feel of West Farmington as we drove the few streets there with white rail fences and pastures. The quality of the schools, quality of life, and ability to raise our family in a place of peace and comfort were what drew us here. The tree-lined Main and State streets with historic neighborhoods could, and still do, help eliminate stress just by driving along them on the way home. We had Acres market, Trailside convenience, Kmart, and Smiths to provide for our needs. Farmington had all that we had desired during a two-year search for where to build our home. If I could have closed the gate after us on the way into town it would have seemed the thing to do.

Farmington has not stayed static, locked in 1995, or any year previous or since. It has continued to grow. Many thousands of homes have been built since then, with the accompanying new neighbors, probably each secretly wishing to close the gate after them on the way into Farmington. In support of all of us, additional businesses have sought to add to our network of support and supply. Many of the old original landowners have, for varying reasons, decided to sell their property—usually to developers, residential or

commercial. This has been their right, both as sellers and buyers.

For 19 years it has been my privilege to be involved in serving Farmington as citizen committee member, planning commission member, and city councilman. Over that time, we have obviously seen much growth and change. Not all of this has been welcome, or even what was initially envisioned. Most, however, has been well planned and implemented, even through some rough spots. There are many things I can point to and say this is a credit to those who have been involved in guiding this process of change. The things that have not gone as planned can be laid at the door of “no one is perfect.”

One thing I have noticed over the years of service is a change in the quality of our civic interactions. We see this in national and state politics, and unfortunately here at home as well. For years, our Farmington leaders have been able to conduct the city’s business in a cooperative manner, with civil and constructive input from residents and committees. Of late, the tenor of public dialog has deteriorated. We have seen more negative interactions, even among council and commission members. We have experienced councilmen being shouted down in a public meeting, slander, innuendo, even threats

of violence. This has all happened in public meeting as well as in the electronic sphere. Some of our Farmington neighbors have also experienced similar actions via the social media sphere. This is not right, fair or acceptable. This is Farmington, and we are better than this. What has been occurring is not worthy of our community. In a recent sales meeting I held for my staff, the challenge was given to “Act with Intention.” That is to say, don’t just take life as it comes to you, but take control and give direction to your actions and your life results. I think this holds true for the citizens of Farmington as well. We should all get more involved in our community, while being responsible and positive. We do not have to be ugly or tear down others to make our point. We can influence others, and change the direction we are all moving through positive and constructive interchange. Get involved! Go to meetings where you can have input. Apply to serve on a committee, or run for office. Please do all of this while remembering that at the end of the day we are all neighbors and friends, trying to do what is best for our community within the law. If we choose to do so, we can all have a part in moving our community forward in a positive manner, and still be neighbors and friends at the end.



Are you bothered by solicitors? Do solicitors ring your doorbell even though you have a "no soliciting" sign? According to Farmington City ordinance, **solicitors MUST wear a badge with picture ID and a Farmington logo.** When solicitors do not produce this badge, they are in violation and you can call the police at 801-451-5453.

To learn more about this and read [Farmington City code](#), go to the city website.

Adopt-A-Trail continued

Getting our team outside and working together within our community seemed like a fantastic way to build unity within our group as well as support the community where we live and work.

Q: Aside from "giving back to the community," what benefits do you see from being a part of this program?

A: Vista Outdoor is invested in conservation of our natural areas, and we strive to operate in an environmentally responsible way. Trail work is a fun and worthwhile way to get our people outside, working together, building friendships and trust in their teams. The Farmington trail system is a wonderful amenity that allows our employees to bike to work, take walks in the afternoon and enjoy the beauty of this area. We are happy to do our part to help with the maintenance of this extensive and valuable resource.

Q: What would be your suggestion to other businesses who are considering joining the program?

A: #GetOutside, as a team, a department or a corporation. Trail maintenance is a great team-building tool, and a pleasant, productive way to spend an afternoon.

The Farmington Trails Committee couldn't be more excited about our new Adopt-A-Trail program. Farmington has over 140 miles of trails, second only to Moab in the entire state! With our ever-growing trail system and growing population, it is more important than ever to involve our local community in helping to preserve and maintain this fantastic asset we all can enjoy! For more information on our Adopt-A-Trail program or to sign up please visit [www.farmingtontrails.org](http://www.farmingtontrails.org).



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