



Farmington NEWS

SLOW THE FLOW SAVE H₂O

Water used for landscape has the greatest potential for conservation. Park strip areas especially require effort to avoid runoff and water wasted on cement or asphalt. Check your sprinkler heads now and several more times during the summer to make sure spray is optimal. If a sprinkler head is plugged, twisted or tipped at an angle, it can increase run times for all heads on that station. It's also important to adjust sprinkler controller clocks as weather changes during spring, summer and fall.

Water-conserving landscapes start with re-thinking the ways you use and apply water to your plantings. Could you replace a grass area with water-wise plants? Would installation of a drip system work for you? Adding a patio area is also a great way to conserve water.

There is a wealth of information and great ideas for water-wise landscapes on the websites below. Be creative this season and be a leader in water conservation.

- conservewater.utah.gov
- water.utah.gov
- weberbasin.com

STORM WATER COALITION

Farmington City participates with other Davis County cities, businesses, and citizens to educate the public and receive input regarding the responsible handling of storm water. The goal is to reduce pollutants such as silt, sediment, construction waste, fertilizers, pesticides, oils, fuels, trash and debris from entering the storm water system. The Farmington Storm Water Management Plan, which is continually revised to comply with state and federal mandates, can be found on the city website, farmington.utah.gov. Public comment is greatly appreciated and helps Farmington City to be environmentally responsible. Please respond by sending an email to jjorgensen@farmington.utah.gov.

EVERYONE'S DOING IT



Prevent burglary. Get into the routine every night by joining millions of people across the country in following the #9PMRoutine. Remove valuables and lock your vehicles. Secure your garage and house. Report suspicious behavior. Be part of the movement.

THE #9PMROUTINE



Spring cleanup 2020 was a success. Most residents were mindful of the guidelines outlined in last month's newsletter, making the cleanup effort fast and efficient. Thank you!

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

HOW IT'S AFFECTED US

a message from
Shane Pace, City Manager

The coronavirus pandemic or COVID-19 has gripped the nation like nothing since 9-11. As a community, we have been dramatically affected. Because of the current Davis County Health order, families in our community have done their best to stay home and social distance to prevent the potential tsunami wave which could potentially overwhelm the state's health care system. Fortunately, that has not happened. As a city, we have done our best to follow the county order and state guidelines. We have stopped our recreation programs, closed our playgrounds, closed most of our buildings and tried to provide services through other means such as the internet, by phone and teleconferencing. Initially, we canceled public meetings until the governor modified the state's Open and Public Meetings Act to facilitate teleconferencing public meetings. Our essential services such as police protection and fire emergency response continues, but with some modifications to protect our employees from

being infected with the virus. They are wearing personal protective equipment to keep themselves and the public safe. All of these steps are in an effort to play our part to minimize the effect of the virus in our community.

Thank you for your cooperation in following the County Health Department's order. As a city, we have seen great cooperation and many acts of kindness towards others. We have also tried through our parks and recreation programs and social media to provide some fun activities for families such as the "Get Chalking" contest or "Get Out and Hike." We hope these activities and others yet to be released will help decrease the boredom some families might be experiencing having to stay at home. Look for those activities on page four of this newsletter or on the Farmington Parks & Recreation Facebook site.

If you need a service from the city and cannot do it through the city's website, farmington.utah.gov, please call 801-451-2383. You will get a live person who can help you or find another employee to help you. We do not know when the Stay at Home order will be lifted, but we are committed to providing you with the services you need during this time of uncertainty. Good luck and stay safe.



Farmington is rich with people who give of themselves to benefit the community. Linda Smith is one of those people. For the past twenty years she has been organizing sports programs for youth from Brigham City to Salt Lake City. In 2000, Linda started a Top Soccer Program to provide soccer for children with special needs. In 2003, she started a basketball program, registering kids and then finding places for them to play. Around 2011, she started using the Farmington Jr High gym through Farmington City. A few years later, the city began helping her with registration and created the Adaptive Jr Jazz program, reaching many more individuals than Linda had been able to reach on her own. Thank you, Linda, for continuing to volunteer for Farmington City and for positively impacting so many youth through sports.

Something to look forward to .

If you need a little escape from the house, take a walk or drive past Regional Park (178 South 650 West). The fifteen-acre 4-plex is still under construction, but the grass has started to pop and completion is getting close. Depending on nature (the weather and COVID), there's a chance play in the park will begin in the fall of this year. Watch future newsletters for announcements of programming at Regional Park – adult and youth sports. The park will give Farmington City the ability to bring both youth and adult tournaments into Northern Utah.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 2020

**UNTIL THE STATE ORDER IS LIFTED, MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY.
CHECK THE CITY WEBSITE FOR LINKS.**

May 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 7	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
May 19	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 21	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
May 21	THURS	Trails Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
May 25	MON	Memorial Day City Offices Closed	
May 27	WED	Historic Preservation Committee 160 South Main Street	7:30 pm visitors welcome

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- 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

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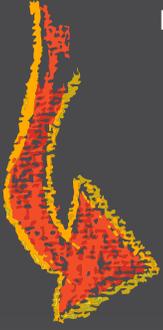


Times of crisis seem to bring out the best and the worst in people. Unfortunately, the corona pandemic has caught the attention of scammers, and although the particulars are new, their tactics are familiar. Scams related to vaccines, test kits, cures or treatments, and air filter systems designed to remove COVID-19 from the air in your home have been reported. If you receive a phone call, email, text message, or letter with claims to sell you any of these items—it's a scam. If you are unsure of a salesperson's motives, check with the Farmington Police Department at 801-451-5453.



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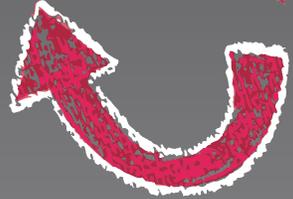
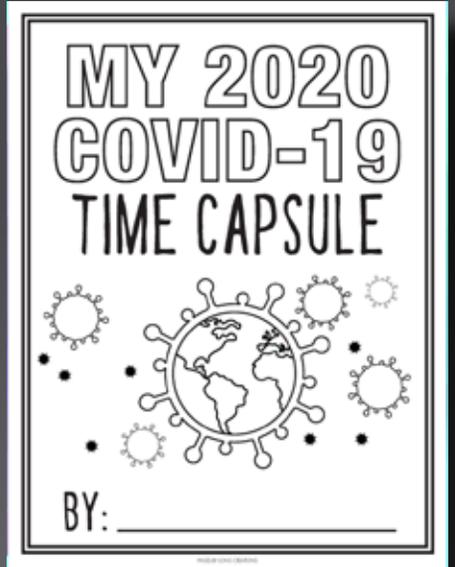
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THE FARMINGTON CITY WEBSITE
OR THE P&R FACEBOOK PAGE

HOUSING FARMINGTON'S GROWING POPULATION

by Glen M. Leonard



Robert and Robina Miller's Bungalow-Craftsman Style home
(Courtesy Utah State Historical Society)

In 1850 the census report for rural Farmington listed 280 people. Three years later, surveyors laid out a town plat of 112 lots, and local leaders encouraged residents to move into the city. George A. Smith visited Farmington in December 1854. "Last January," he wrote in a letter to the *Deseret News*, "this place [the city plat] contained 3 small adobie and 4 log houses.... There are now 27 one story and 9 two-story adobie houses, 33 log buildings, principally with good pine shingle roofs, and several others in progress; and Farmington presents the appearance of a fine town of several years standing."

"There is a good grist mill in operation, just above town," Smith noted. "The town contains 3 blacksmiths, 2 shoemakers, 1 cooper, 2 cabinet shops, and an extensive tannery." He failed to note the clerk, lawyer, gunsmith, and clothier, and did not mention that of 73 persons reporting their occupation in the 1850 census, 57 were farmers. Ten years later farmers still accounted for 78 of 153 reports.

The population grew rapidly over the next twenty years and peaked in 1870 at around a thousand. The net growth between 1870 and 1900 was

only fifty people. In 1913, a group of eighty-four businessmen organized the Farmington Commercial Club to promote industrial growth that would attract investors and new residents. "The city of Farmington needs three thousand additional residents," they announced in an illustrated booklet that featured selected businesses, including photographs of a half dozen classic brick homes that still exist.

The Commercial Club did not get the number of new residents it sought. Farmington's population grew slowly to 1,610 in 1950 and didn't reach the four thousand mark until the late 1970s. Subdivisions appeared first on the foothills, next on available farmland, and in recent years on the lowlands west of the freeway.

A number of Farmington's adobe houses exist today because their owners covered the walls with plaster, rock, or siding and replaced the building's roof. Except for homes of Daniel C. and Susannah Davis and Charles W. and Louise Penrose, none of the log houses have survived. When red bricks made in Bountiful and yellow ones from Kaysville became available, they were used in many classical houses and business buildings that still dot the streets of Farmington. Also surviving are schools, churches, hotels and other buildings constructed of granite gneiss rock in the 1860s and '70s. Wood frame houses became the current solution for contractors when drywall and synthetic materials became available. But what comes next?

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