

Farmington NEWS



FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL mascot controversy



a message from Mayor Talbot

Farmington City residents for over 20 years have anticipated and looked forward to one day having our very own high school. This new \$90 million school is near completion and scheduled to open this fall. I have toured it, and I've never seen a high school that compares to it. The state-of-the-art design is amazing! Our students will take great pride in their school and have a beautiful, comfortable, and high-tech learning environment, second to none other in the state.

This project is one that has been embraced and highly supported by Farmington residents. As your mayor, I've made it a priority to listen to you, our residents, when you have a concern whether big or small. A big concern brought to my attention by our residents is the controversy over the name of our mascot, the Phoenix. You have stopped me on the street, written emails, made phone calls, and pleaded with me to do something to help change the mascot's name. I've had several meetings with Superintendent Newey and Principal Swanson, and they have been open and supportive of our input. Our most recent meeting was to voice

your concerns on the media frenzy surrounding the choice of the new school's mascot, the "Phoenix" — more in particular the plural of Phoenix which could be, Phoenix, Phoenixes or Phoenixes. Either way you say it or spell it, this mascot has come under crude jokes both locally and on the national scene, claiming the plural pronunciation sounds like "male anatomy." (see youtube videos)

Kyle Fraughton, a Farmington resident whose children will be attending Farmington High School, brought this embarrassing issue to the forefront by starting a petition signed by thousands. This was in an effort to change the name of the mascot so the students of this new school would not be ridiculed by its name.

In the survey filled out by the parents and adults of Farmington and surrounding communities, the overwhelming number one mascot they wanted for the high school was "EAGLES." The students' choice was

the "Phoenix" before being made aware of the controversial ramifications. The Eagle, a great alternative, is a natural mascot for Farmington High since we have visitors from all over the country who come to Farmington to personally witness and take photos of the nesting of eagles at Farmington Bay's Bird Refuge. It's not too late for Davis School District officials to change the name. The eagle is a magnificent, proud bird that is a symbol of freedom and pride throughout America.

In my lengthy discussions with the principal and superintendent, I've stressed that it is our duty as responsible leaders to protect our students in all we do and listen to residents' feedback. I'm sure they will agree that we want our students to start with pride in their school. This includes the mascot, an important part of the spirit and pride of any high school.

School board members and school administration, please:

Don't let the mascot name bring embarrassment upon the students attending this great new Farmington High School or the residents who have supported this school every step of the way.

And finally, let the students and parents from the first ring of the new school bell, take pride in their school and what it stands for — pride that will go on for generations to come.

Davis School District, please change the mascot!

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ARE YOU INTERESTED?



HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Are you interested in having fiber to your home network that offers internet speeds up to 1 Gbps (1 gigabit per second)?

Farmington City is trying to ascertain public interest in this project and needs your response.

Only by hearing from residents can the city plan for the future in a way that meets your preference.

PLEASE COMPLETE A SHORT SURVEY TODAY.

It should take less than 5 minutes. go to the city website:

**www.farmington.utah.gov >
News and Events >
Farmington Broadband Survey**

Answer the questions to the best of your knowledge.

Your opportunity to respond will end on February 28.



PROPOSED STREET UTILITY FEE

**PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018
7:00 PM AT CITY HALL**



Farmington City staff, along with the mayor and city council have been studying the maintenance needs for Farmington City roads for the past several months. Maintenance needs have increased significantly with all the new traffic that is coming to Farmington. Farmington is no longer a sleepy little city, it has grown into a vibrant city with lots of traffic. This was evident last winter when parts of west State Street started falling apart after the heavy winter we had and additional traffic now using that street. The city had to make emergency repairs to overlay the street and to keep it from totally falling apart.

In November, staff presented to the city council what the city has spent on roads, 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 have doubled in the last couple of years with the addition of the gas tax and additional sales tax being levied in Davis County. Total revenues are approaching \$1.2 million per year, but are still far short of what is needed as referenced above.

For these reasons, the city has decided to look at implementing a street utility fee, just as the city does for storm water and other utilities. This fee would be added to all customers' monthly utility bills. The proposed fee for residents is \$3.00 per month, with commercial accounts increasing significantly in some cases, depending on the trip generations for the square footage and for the type of commercial use.

Farmington City is planning to hold a public hearing on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm as part of the normal city council meeting before deciding whether or not to approve this fee. Individuals, residents and business owners are welcome to come and voice their opinions on this matter.

BIG THANKS

to the outgoing
2017

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

"The city expresses appreciation to all the youth council who served in 2017. Samuel Marston, the Youth Council Mayor, and all of the officers went above and beyond and were amazing!"

"Best wishes to those who are graduating from high school. Good luck in all your pursuits."

Emily Pace
Youth Council Advisor



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 2018

Feb 6	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Feb 8	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Feb 19	MON	Presidents Day City Offices Closed	
Feb 20	TUES	Public Hearing: Street Utility Fee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Feb 20	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Feb 21	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission City Museum 110 N Main Street	7:30 pm
Feb 22	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Feb 22	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm

Mayor Message continued

If you are reading this and would like to express an opinion, go to our Farmington website,

farmington.utah.gov. Go to

[News and Events](#). Click on the button.

State whether to *"change mascot"* or *"keep mascot."*

Include your name, address, and whether you are a student, parent, or concerned citizen.

Thank you.

GO FARMINGTON HIGH!

Mayor Talbot 🌲

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 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



The **FARMINGTON TRAILS** Facebook page was created about five years ago. It's a place where you can read about and share the trail happenings, your experiences and pictures in

and around the Farmington Utah area. 534 members currently participate.

If you're interested in Farmington trails, this might be a good source of information and enjoyment for you. Just go to FaceBook, *Farmington Trails* and click *join group*.

DUE TO JR. JAZZ, THE FARMINGTON GYMNASIUM HAS LIMITED AVAILABILITY IN THE EVENINGS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE TO FIND OUT IF COURT TIMES ARE AVAILABLE. 801-939-9229

FARMINGTON CITY PARKS & REC.

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 801-438-9533



Early Bird Passes pool passes
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Softball

WHEN? APRIL—JUNE (M—F)
WHO? 3—15YRS
DAYS? MON—FRI
REGISTER NOW—FEB 16TH

Baseball

WHEN? APRIL—JUNE (M—F)
WHO? 4—18YRS
DAYS? MON—FRI
REGISTER NOW—FEB 16TH

Spring Flag Football

WHEN? APRIL—JUNE (SAT)
WHO? K—12TH GRADE
REGISTER NOW—FEB 23RD

Water Safety Instructor Class

WHEN? MAY 1-24 (TUES/TH)
WHO? MUST TURN 16 BY
LAST DAY OF CLASS
TIME? 3:30-7:30 PM
REGISTER NOW—APR 20

Lifeguarding Class

WHEN? APR 30—MAY 23 (MON/WED)
WHO? MUST TURN 15 BY
LAST DAY OF CLASS
TIME? 3:30—7:30 PM
REGISTER NOW—FEB 23RD

Guitar Lessons

WHEN? MAR 1ST—29TH (THURS)
WHO? 12+
REGISTER NOW—MAR 1ST

Art Attack Lessons

WHEN? MAR 6TH—APR 24 (TUES)
NO CLASS ON MAR 20TH & APR 3RD
TIME? 4PM
WHO? 5—11YRS
REGISTER NOW—MAR 5TH

Adult Spring Tennis

WHEN? APRIL 10TH—MAY 15TH (TUES)
APRIL 12TH—MAY 17TH (THURS)
WHO? 18+
REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL

Youth Spring Tennis

WHEN? APRIL 10TH—MAY 15TH (TUES)
APRIL 12TH—MAY 17TH (THURS)
WHO? 5—16YRS
REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL

"Aladdin Jr" Performance

WHEN? MARCH 21ST—24TH
TIME? 7PM & SAT MATINÉE 2:00 PM
TICKETS ON SALE FEB 15TH
COST? \$6 IN ADVANCE
\$7 AT THE DOOR
WHERE? COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Miss Farmington Family Dance

WHEN? FEB 10TH
TIME? 7—10PM
COST? \$5 PER FAMILY
WHERE? COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Farmington's Got Talent Auditions

WHEN? FEB 24TH
WHO? ALL AGES
REGISTER NOW—FEB 23RD

Farmington's Got Talent Competition

WHEN? MARCH 10TH
TIME? 7PM
TICKETS ON SALE FEB 26TH
COST? \$6 IN ADVANCE
\$7 AT THE DOOR
WHERE? COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

MEET FPD'S OFFICER JEREMY HORNE, OFFICER CANNON HESLOP, AND RISO

Currently, twenty officers make up the Farmington Police Department, with five new hires in the past year. Recently, we had the opportunity to sit down with Officer Heslop (left) and Officer Horne (right) and Riso (center) to talk about law enforcement and the K-9 program in Farmington. We thought perhaps you would be interested to share a bit of the conversation.



Officer Horne has been with the FPD since September 2017. "I worked for the highway patrol for almost ten years. Toward the end of that time I was assigned to Davis County and had a chance to interact with a lot of local agencies. I was interested in being a part of the community and working in a more diversified law enforcement environment."

Officer Heslop joined the FPD in 2014. "This is the first law enforcement agency I've worked for. Since I was a little kid I wanted to be a cop." Officer Heslop is the handler for Riso, the FPD K-9.

Riso was trained by a former Davis County Sheriff and is a certified law enforcement K-9. For the first two years of his life, Riso lived in a kennel with a bunch of other dogs. He has been with Officer Heslop for six months. "His single purpose right now is to find narcotics. We've done a number of sniffs. Riso is useful to

us and to other agencies. He can find stuff that there is no way an officer could ever get to. He is a great tool to have," states Officer Heslop.

Officer Horne says, "Drugs are in every community. Growing population and other factors play into the problem. It's something we have to stay on top of and deal with on a very regular basis, but Farmington has nothing to be overly concerned about."

Both officers agree that residents can help reduce crime in Farmington by not creating the opportunity to be victimized. The majority of burglaries and thefts are a result of open garage doors, unlocked cars, and generally being negligent with property. Officer Horne advises, "Be a good citizen. Watch out for your neighbor. If you see something suspicious, call us. It's amazing how much those things can deter crime."

When asked about future plans, both Officers Heslop and Horne made it clear that Farmington is a great place to work. Officer Heslop says, "We have a good work environment at the FPD and a supportive administration. Our chief, our lieutenants and our sergeants make it a really good place to work." Officer Horne adds, "It is a great department, but Farmington is also just a great place to work. It's a great community. The citizens wave to us, talk to us... most of our encounters are very positive. That's something you don't get as a police office in a lot of communities. We hope residents know that we are their police force. They are who we work for. We enjoy the encounters and knowing what's going on. Don't be afraid to come and talk to us."

Thank you to Officers Heslop and Horne for their proficiency and professionalism in protecting Farmington. They are truly two of the FPD's finest.

Trails Advocate
of the Year

2017

**CHUCK
RICHARDS**

Chuck Richards (not Roberts, as it appeared in the January newsletter) is the Trails Advocate for 2017.

Chuck, a retired HAFB engineer, is over all the Farmington trails chiefs. He is hands-on with engineering the trails. Farmington is indebted to Chuck for his devotion to the trails.

Sincere apologies for stating his name incorrectly last month.

**only a FEW MORE WEEKS to go
WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE**

No vehicle of any kind may be parked in the street right-of-way from 1:00–7:00 am, whether it's snowing or not.

Also, it is your responsibility to remove snow from the public sidewalk fronting your property within 48 hours after snowfall stops.

**WEBER BASIN WATER
REBATE OFFER**

So far this year, Utah is receiving below-average precipitation. To help combat anticipated low water levels, Weber Basin Water is offering two new rebate programs: **TOILETS** and **COMMERCIAL SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS**. For more information and to apply for a rebate, go to weberbasin.com.

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www.lagoonpark.com



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PARKS & REC EVENTS

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