



# Farmington NEWS

*Best Wishes in 2017 from Mayor Talbot and the City Council*

A MESSAGE FROM

*Mayor*  
**JIM TALBOT**



As Santa's sleigh makes its way back to the North Pole along with Rudolph's red nose, we bid fond farewell to 2016. It appears that Old Man Winter has come to us, ready to spread cold and ice on Farmington's winter wonderland.

As I reflect over this past year and the 25 years I have been in Farmington, I take pride in how our citizens have always been known for being good neighbors and watching out for each other. Whether a windstorm, snow storm, or personal tragedy, you have always been there for each other. This unique warm hometown feel helps make us a popular place to live and raise a family. Generations of Farmington families have now grown up and want to stay, along with the influx of newcomers who hear about us.

With growth comes wonderful new things to our city, but also challenges. We want to keep the "hometown" rural feel of Farmington, but also need to provide services for all of our citizens, such as utilities, fire, police, and access to shopping for goods and services. Even though some of these changes are hard for us old-timers, in the spirit of being a good neighbor, you have welcomed newcomers and

embraced the changes that come with new growth and development.

As a city, we have carefully planned years in advance for this kind of growth, keeping the commercial development in certain areas and trying to protect residential neighborhoods the best we can. So, in the spirit of being good neighbors, I am proud of how our citizens have embraced new neighbors, whether business or residential, and made them feel welcome, just as we were welcomed many years ago. I get comments all the time from new residents and business owners praising how considerate and friendly you all are. Thank you for that! No wonder we were named one of the top cities in America to live!

So let's reflect on what happened to Farmington in 2016 and then set our sights on a prosperous and happy new 2017:

Opening of Canyon Creek Elementary School

Groundbreaking for our new high school

The development of a new 43-acre city park

Opening of a new 30,000 sq. ft. gymnasium to house Farmington's city rec indoor sports, including Jr. Jazz basketball, volleyball, pickleball and an indoor track to help us all with our New Year's resolutions.

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## IDENTITY THEFT

We've heard a lot about identity theft in the news over the past few years. It occurs when personal information, such as name, credit card number, driver's license or social security numbers are used by someone other than the rightful owner to commit fraud and other crimes. Identity theft is usually a result of a person unknowingly providing their personal information or login credentials to identity thieves. However, identity-related documents such as credit cards, bank statements, utility bills, etc. may also be physically stolen from vehicles, homes, offices, mailboxes, or directly from victims by pickpockets.

*Several cases of identity fraud have recently been reported by Farmington residents. Farmington police emphasize using precautions to avoid this from happening to you.*

Do not give out more information than absolutely necessary.

Shred bank and credit card statements or any document that contains identifying information.

Close unused or inactive accounts.

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# PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

January is often the time when temperatures fluctuate from moderately warm one week to extremely cold the next. This type of weather can lead to frozen or burst pipes, which often result in damage to property and belongings. There are steps homeowners can take to prevent this from happening.

Keep the heat in your home above 50 degrees • Leave cabinet doors open to allow warm air to reach pipes • It is also a good idea to keep all interior doors open so that heat can flow throughout your home • Allow faucets to drip slightly • Caulk any interior or exterior holes or cracks that exist near pipes • Pipes located in areas that do not have proper insulation, such as basements or attics, may need extra insulation to keep from freezing • Know the location of your water heater and protect that area against the cold • Close your garage and other outside doors • It is wise to keep some water stored for use in case it becomes necessary for public works to temporarily turn off the water supply to your home.

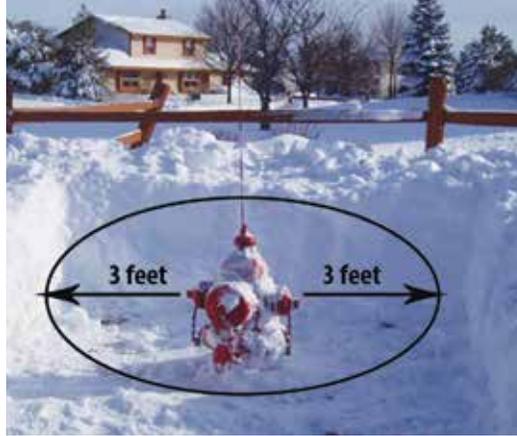
A few preventative measures can help homeowners avoid a lot of repair, cleanup and inconvenience. If you would like more information or advice regarding how to protect your property against frozen pipes, please call Farmington Public Works at 801-451-2624.

## DID YOU KNOW?

IF YOU NEED YOUR WATER TURNED OFF AT THE STREET, YOU MUST CALL ONE OF THESE NUMBERS:

Do not allow anyone other than a city employee to turn your water off at the street. If you hire a plumber to repair a water problem inside your house, call public works to schedule city crews to shut your water off. It is ideal to give them ample time to locate the meter or valve and make sure the water is off prior to the plumber's arrival. This could also lower your plumbing bill. Meters and valves have been broken by unauthorized people. This often requires the city to turn the water off to a whole street in order to repair the damage. Property owners can be held responsible for the damage caused by unauthorized persons turning meters or valves off or on. Public works has an on-call employee available 24 hours a day for emergencies. After hours, call Davis County Sheriff's dispatch.

# FIRE HYDRANT ACCESSIBILITY



The Farmington Fire Department would like to remind you to keep fire hydrants accessible. Every second spent shoveling hydrants during emergencies delays fire suppression and rescue activities. Look for the hydrant nearest your home and make sure that it is accessible. It is in all of our best interests.

Remove snow and ice

Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work (about 3 feet)

Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

If you are unable to remove snow from your hydrant and need assistance, please contact the Farmington Fire Department at 801-451-2842.

## DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED WITH KEYS IN THE IGNITION.



## STOP.

By leaving an unattended car idling, you are inviting a thief to steal it. Never leave keys or possessions in your car when you're out of sight. Car theft is often a preventable crime if you take the proper precautions.

On a cold winter morning, it seems like a good idea to let your car idle to warm up before putting it in gear. To save time, you leave the car idling while you put on your coat and grab your lunch from the fridge. It's so much more comfortable to climb onto warm seats. And the defroster has done its job too, so you can see clearly through the windshield.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

1 Until the end of February, no vehicle of any kind may be parked in the street right-of-way between 1:00-7:00 am. Traffic citations may be issued to violators

2 Within 48 hours after snowfall, citizens are required to remove snow from the public sidewalks fronting their property.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Farmington City will pick up Christmas trees on Saturday, January 14, 2017. To take advantage of this service, please adhere to the following rules.

Crews will only make one pass through neighborhoods, so your tree must be placed on the curb no later than 6:00 am on January 14.

Clear snow away so that your tree sits on the surface.

After pickup, trees are used to make mulch. Flocked trees cannot be used and will not be picked up.

Public Works Office 801-451-2624

Davis County Sheriff's Dispatch 801-451-4150



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## January 2017

Jan 3	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 5	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 14	SAT	Christmas Tree Pickup see rules and guidelines on page 2	
Jan 16	MON	Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed	
Jan 17	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 19	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 19	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 26	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission City Museum, 110 North Main Street	7:00 pm

### GOOD NEWS !

Farmington City has put city codes and ordinances online. This information is now completely accessible so that residents never need to wonder or be uninformed. To access them, simply go to [farmington.utah.gov](http://farmington.utah.gov) > Departments > City Recorder > Municipal Code



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### City Phone Numbers

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

### After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150  
Emergency .....911

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160 South Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025



Mayor Talbot and the city council are pleased to bestow the title of 2016 Trails Advocates of the Year on two outstanding residents, Amy Shumway and Todd Argyle. The Farmington Trails Committee published a new trails guidebook this year, a feat that wouldn't have been possible without the countless hours devoted by Amy and Todd. Ever willing to promote the cause of Farmington trails, the two advocates have played a vital role in helping beginners and experienced hikers to enjoy Farmington's beautiful mountain and valley trails. If you see Amy or Todd, be sure to thank and congratulate them on this well-deserved honor.



# PARKS & RECREATION

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

## PARK & POOL RENTALS

When? resident / Jan 9th at 8 am  
nonres / Jan 17th at 8 am  
Where? P & R Office (720 W. 100 N.)

## FARMINGTON'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS

When? Feb 25th  
Cost? res \$15/nonres \$25  
Registration? Feb 6th—24th  
Competition will be March 11, 2017

## SPRING ADULT TENNIS

Session? April 13th—May 18th  
When? Thursdays  
Who? Ages 18+ years  
Registration? Jan 30th—until full

Sale

## EARLY BIRD FAMILY POOL PASS

When? Jan 9th—May 5th  
What? Resident Family Passes & Resident Individual Passes

## GUITAR LESSONS

Dates? Jan 19th—Mar 2nd  
(no class on Feb 2nd)  
Ages? 11 & up  
Registration? Now—Jan 19th

## SPRING YOUTH TENNIS

Session? April 11th—May 18th  
When? Tuesdays or Thursdays  
Who? Ages 5—16 years  
Registration? Jan 30th—until full

## SPRING SOCCER

When? April 18th—May 25th  
Days? Tuesday—Thursday  
Who? 3 years—6th Grade  
Registration? Jan 30th—Mar 3rd

## ART ATTACK LESSONS

Session? Jan 10th—Mar 3rd  
Who? Ages 5—11 years  
Registration? Now—Jan 6th

## MISS FARMINGTON INFO MEETING



When? Jan 28th  
Who? Girls age 17—23 years  
(Must be at least a junior in high school and cannot be 24 years of age or older on Dec 31, 2017)  
Time? 10:00 am  
Where? Community Art Center (120 S. Main Street)

## YOUTH THEATER AUDITIONS INTO THE WOODS JR.

Registration? Now until Jan 11th  
Registration ends online and in person at 5:00 pm  
(Space is limited. Nonresident registration will only be accepted the week of auditions if space is available)

## BASEBALL

When? Monday—Friday  
Season? April—June  
Ages? 4—18 years  
Registration? Jan 3rd—Feb 24th

## SOFTBALL

Season? April—June  
When? Monday—Friday  
Who? Ages 4—15 years  
Registration? Jan 3rd—Feb 24th

Who? 8—18 years  
Season? Jan 12th—Mar 19th  
Cost? res \$20, + \$75 refundable volunteer deposit  
nonres \$30, + \$75 refundable volunteer deposit  
(participation fees will only be eligible for refund up to the day before auditioning)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

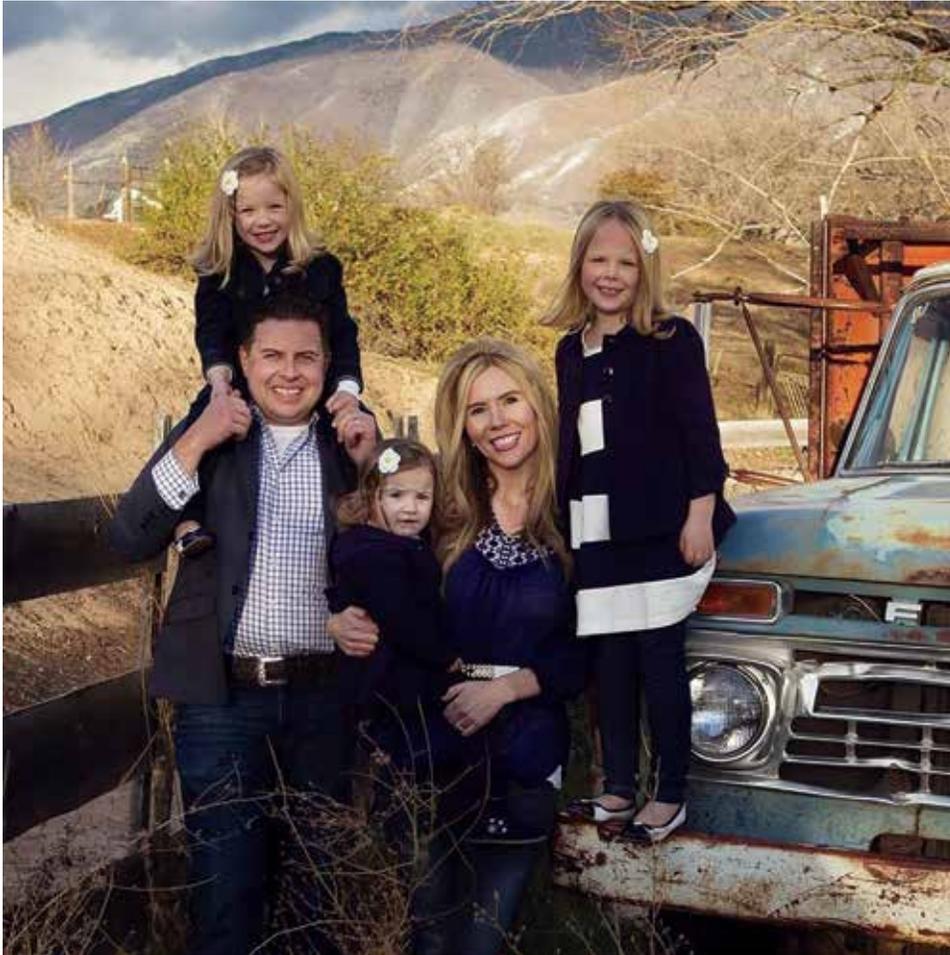
- Lifeguard & WSI Classes

## INFO

FOR THE LATEST PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS join our text club by texting the word "REC" to 78619, 'like' us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/farmingtoncityparksandrec](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtoncityparksandrec), or visit our website at [www.farmington.utah.gov](http://www.farmington.utah.gov).

# Newly Elected Commissioner **RANDY ELLIOTT**

*"Thank you so much to the citizens of Farmington for your vote of confidence. The highest turnout of voters came from Farmington. I look forward to working with you."*



**COMMISSIONER RANDY ELLIOTT WITH HIS WIFE JULIA AND THREE DAUGHTERS**

Randy Elliott has deep roots in Farmington, a love of the land and the people. He is fourth generation Farmington. Having farmed and worked alongside his father and neighbors, Randy grew up loving this area. Although he doesn't farm and ranch like he used to, he is still attuned to the seasons and thinks of working the soil, planting, and of growth each year as spring comes around.

In the 1920s, Randy's great grandparents decided to sell their beautiful home in the avenues of Salt Lake City and purchase a little farm in Farmington.

At the time they couldn't have known that the Great Depression was right around the corner and that the farm would save their family. Four of their eight children, including Randy's grandfather Walter Elliott, moved to the farm, and all eight lived off its proceeds from time to time. Randy's cousins have magical memories of sleeping in the barns or in the cornfields—having no idea they were poor, just that life on the farm with cousins and lots of family was a fun way to grow up. As the economy improved, the children moved from the farm. Walter and his sister, Ethel

Hight, made Farmington their home.

Randy remembers one time when he and his father were out fixing a fence on their property near the Davis County Justice Center. His dad happened to be wearing an orange shirt. Cars drove slowly by, watching them work as they passed. Soon a Farmington police vehicle drove by, slowing to a near stop to get a good look at the two men. It finally occurred to them that, with the orange shirt, Randy's father looked like someone dressed in jail clothing, and the passersby might have mistaken them for escaping prisoners. The color of work clothing was selected more thoughtfully after that.

Randy has a wide array of personal and professional experience. He has three daughters, the oldest of whom attends Farmington Elementary--the same school Randy attended as a child. He met his wife, Julia, on the internet—an eHarmony success story. Although he has remained involved in ranching and farming, he has also gained an education, worked for Senator Mike Crapo in Washington D.C., and started a home rehab business. Two years ago, Randy's father decided to retire and move to St. George, which motivated Randy to devote less time to ranching and farming and more time to affecting Davis County's future as an elected official.

Those deep Farmington roots played a part in motivating Randy to run for Davis County Commissioner. He plans to participate in identifying issues and needs and developing strategies to meet the county's goals and objectives; to set priorities for the county; and to accomplish work on behalf of the people he serves. When he decided to run for the office of commissioner, Randy started attending commission meetings and learned what he'd need to know to be effective in that capacity. He introduced himself to county officials and developed a good relationship with other commissioners. Randy looks forward to working full-time for the people of Davis County, being accountable to the public. "It's not an ego thing for me. I'm down to earth. I want to be a good commissioner."

The opening of —

- Vista Outdoors world headquarters
- Cabela's 72,000-sq. ft. store
- The U of U's new 150,000-sq. ft. medical facility
- The Hyatt Place hotel with its 100+ rooms to help accommodate those visiting our great community
- A world-class auto dealership, Mercedes Benz of Farmington
- Several new retailers in Station Park, including many popular restaurants, making our town a wonderful place to dine and shop for many, many years to come.

It was a very active year in Farmington history, and I want to personally thank all those who worked tirelessly to make it all happen, including our incredible Farmington City employees.

As the dust begins to settle on 2016, I look forward to a wonderful and progressive 2017 for Farmington. I am especially looking forward to the new construction of a 4-plex facility to accommodate baseball and softball programs at our Farmington city park. As the year progresses, I will keep you informed each month of other important happenings in our city.

Good luck to you with your New Year's resolutions. Once again I am setting a goal to lose 20 pounds—hard to do with all these great new restaurants! I'm grateful to be your mayor and am honored to serve the citizens of Farmington. Thanks for being such great neighbors to each other. You are the best. The new year is a time to move forward with optimism for good things to happen to us all. We wish you peace, prosperity, and happiness in 2017!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Talbot

Identity Theft continued

Retrieve delivered mail and packages as soon as delivered or have sensitive mail delivered to a post office box.

Be aware that thieves may be watching you with the intent of snatching your purse or wallet or bags.

If you have suspicions that your credit card has been compromised, call your bank or credit card company immediately.

If you suspect that your driver's license number or social security number are being used by someone other than yourself, call the Farmington Police Department. 801-451-5453.



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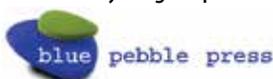


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JANUARY 2017  
RECYCLING CALENDAR

JANUARY 2017				
MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Have you forgotten whether your recycling schedule is a red or a blue week? Go to [farmington.utah.gov](http://farmington.utah.gov) > Departments > Public Works > Curbside Recycling Program (lefthand column) > Farmington Curbside Recycling Map



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