

Farmington NEWS

FARMINGTON CITY'S WATER UTILITY FUND

PUBLIC HEARING
July 21, 2020
7:00pm at City Hall

Farmington City's Water Utility Fund provides culinary water to Farmington residents and business through two sources. City-owned and operated wells provide over seventy-five percent of the city's water supply with the remainder purchased from the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District. Secondary irrigation water is provided by different entities, Benchland Water and Weber Basin Water Districts, and is separate from the city.

Fees collected from residential and commercial users throughout the city are used for the operations, maintenance, and capital/infrastructure costs of the fund. The user fee rates are approved by the city council and published in the city's consolidated fee schedule. In addition, water impact fees are collected from new developments and applied to the cost of new water infrastructure caused by growth and development.

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FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS

Due to dry, hazardous fire conditions, **NO DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS** or other pyrotechnic devices is lawful in the following areas:

EAST FARMINGTON as shown on the map (page 6).

ALL AREAS of Farmington City within 20 feet of combustible weeds, grasses, trees, shrubs, fences or structures.

FARMINGTON CITY PARKS, unless specifically designated for use of consumer fireworks.

FFD: 801-451-2842

Legal fireworks may be discharged:

**JULY 2-5 from 11am-11pm,
JULY 22-25 from 11am-11pm,
except on July 4 and 24 when hours
are extended to midnight**

CITATIONS will be issued. Violators who discharge illegal fireworks, discharge fireworks in restricted areas, and/or discharge fireworks in a manner that threatens the safety of the community will be subject to maximum fines under the law.

FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON FIREWORKS SAFETY & RESTRICTIONS. GO TO THE CITY WEBSITE farmington.utah.gov.

PREPARING FOR FUTURE TRAFFIC

Farmington City is proactively taking steps to control future traffic through west side residential neighborhoods.

A Roads Open House was held on June 2nd to present information on future interchanges and anticipated increases in Farmington traffic. The city plans to build and upgrade roads east of the D&RG trail to handle traffic loads, promote efficient travel patterns, and avert traffic from residential roads, keeping children and families safer.

To accommodate the improvements, **Burke Lane will be closed between Red Barn Lane and 1525 West until late fall of 2020, except to local traffic.** More information, maps, and illustrations are available online at farmington.utah.gov.



The aging of infrastructure and inflationary costs continually put pressure on the fund's budget. Not keeping up with critical maintenance and replacement of the aging infrastructure represents a costly risk. Steady growth within the city places additional pressure. Necessary expenses have been outpacing revenues. Although costs and required service levels continually increase, the city has not increased residential water rates for ten years (2010).

Earlier this year a professional third-party financial services company studied the fund's finances and provided options and recommendations for wise increases to user fees. The study concluded that the current rate structure fails to cover ongoing, existing operational needs as well as future capacity needs of the fund. Without fee increases, the

fund would experience net operating losses. The study's preferred option was to incrementally increase the water rates by small percentages rather than an initial substantial and burdensome one-time increase. The preferred option included smaller increases annually in the early years of the multi-year plan.

After much deliberation, the city is recommending the first increase be 3% during this calendar year. The city's desire is to increase the fees after a proper public process, including holding a public hearing this summer.

The city's recommended increase is 3%, generally, with fees being rounded to the nearest 10 cent mark. For example, most residents will see a monthly \$.55 increase in base rate.

The public hearing will be held during a 7:00 pm council meeting on July 21, 2020, at Farmington City Hall, 160 South Main Street. 🌳

Public works is excited about street projects planned for fiscal year 20/21, which begins this month. Projects include milling, asphalt overlays, chip seals, high-density mineral bonds, and frictional mastic surface treatments. While everyone loves new roads, the process of getting them is inconvenient and requires patience and caution from citizens. A unified effort will result in safety for commuters and travelers, as well as for crews working to provide better roads for Farmington.

The community has made our wonderful

FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

feel appreciated and loved. The FPD expresses their deep thanks. They have been humbled by the many cards, goodies and calls. Children and adults have flagged officers down to express appreciation. People have stopped by the station to give personal thanks for the service and safety provided to the city by local law enforcement. Every gesture has made a difference.

Farmington Police Officers are Truly the BEST!



Farmington High School Nixelles express appreciation for Farmington police officers



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meet at Davis Creek Reservoir



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2020

July 3	FRI	Independence Day Holiday City Offices will be Closed	
July 7	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
July 16	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
July 21	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
July 24	FRI	Pioneer Day City Offices will be Closed	
July 29	THURS	Historic Preservation Committee 160 South Main Street	7:30 pm visitors welcome
		Trails Committee 160 South Main Street	will not meet in July



Great news!
According to the SafeWise Team's sixth annual Safest Cities report,
FARMINGTON IS IN THE TOP TEN SAFEST CITIES IN UTAH FOR 2020

FARMINGTON CITY'S SITE PLAN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

is looking for an architect to serve on the committee to provide expertise in the architectural review process. Qualified citizens who are willing to volunteer on an approximate quarterly basis are asked to contact Farmington City Planning & Zoning at 801-939-9214.

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Planning & Zoning ————— 801-939-9214
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WHEN? NOW-AUG 6TH
WHO? 5-15YRS & 18+

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WHEN? AUG 25TH-OCT 4TH
WHO? 3YRS-9TH GRADE

REGISTER NOW-JULY 23RD

FALL BASEBALL

WHEN? AUG 31ST-OCT
WHO? K-6TH GRADE

REGISTER NOW-JULY 31ST

FALL ADULT TENNIS

WHEN? AUG-OCT
THURSDAYS

REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL

FOOTBALL

WHEN? AUG-OCT
WHO? 7-15YRS

REGISTER NOW-JULY 10TH

FALL SOFTBALL

WHEN? AUG 31ST-OCT
WHO? 1ST-6TH GRADE

REGISTER NOW-JULY 31ST

FALL YOUTH TENNIS

WHEN? AUG-OCT
WHO? 5-17YRS

REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL

FLAG FOOTBALL

WHO? K-9TH GRADE

REGISTER NOW-JULY 31ST



RAY WHITE
PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR,
RETIRED JUNE
2020

If it's true that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more, then Ray White is among the happiest. Ray's family history is one of service to the community and he has certainly kept the legacy alive. He remembers being taught by his parents, "Always do a good job, always follow through with things you say you'll do."

Ray devoted a large part of his career to various positions with Farmington City—firefighter, parks supervisor, street superintendent, and finally public works director, the job from which he retired in June of this year. His experience gives him a historical perspective of Farmington. While working as parks supervisor, Forbush and Moon parks were the only two in the city. Now, in addition to large open spaces, small parks dot the local landscape.

Ray remembers the floods of 1983, watching homes pushed off their foundations by mud slides, and the devastation to Farmington residents. "That natural disaster scared me to death, but it was a good learning experience." As a streets superintendent, Ray's winters meant very little sleep. He checked the weather throughout the night so he could get snowplows out clearing the roads at the first sign of snow.

In talking to Ray, it's easy to see why, as an employee, he was a valued asset to Farmington City. He approaches life and work with optimism. "I like having a different challenge every day. In public works, each day presented something new and different." As the director of that department, Ray's responsibilities included the water department, storm drainage, tree trimming (which is a constant effort with Farmington's east winds), roads and snow removal. "The city had three snowplows when I started in public works. If a plow broke, we'd stand on the back and manually sand the hillside streets."

Praise for his crews comes easily. "The public works guys are 100% devoted to the city. No problem. They work long hours, day and night at times. When problems arise they are the go-to guys. They are a great bunch of individuals." And the admiration goes both ways. Co-workers remember Ray for his quality of being a peace maker—he could de-escalate any situation. However, he also liked to stir things up and was known for teasing and creating a good time for everyone. Ray earned respect from those who worked with him and will be remembered by his crews as a great leader.

In retirement, Ray and Valerie plan to spend more time with each other and their two children. "I've already been camping twice," Ray reports. It's clear that satisfaction, optimism, and happiness will follow the Whites wherever they go. Big thanks to Ray for his devoted and successful career. Farmington is a better place because of him.

LOOK TO THE
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COUNTY!

July 4, 2020

DAVIS COUNTY
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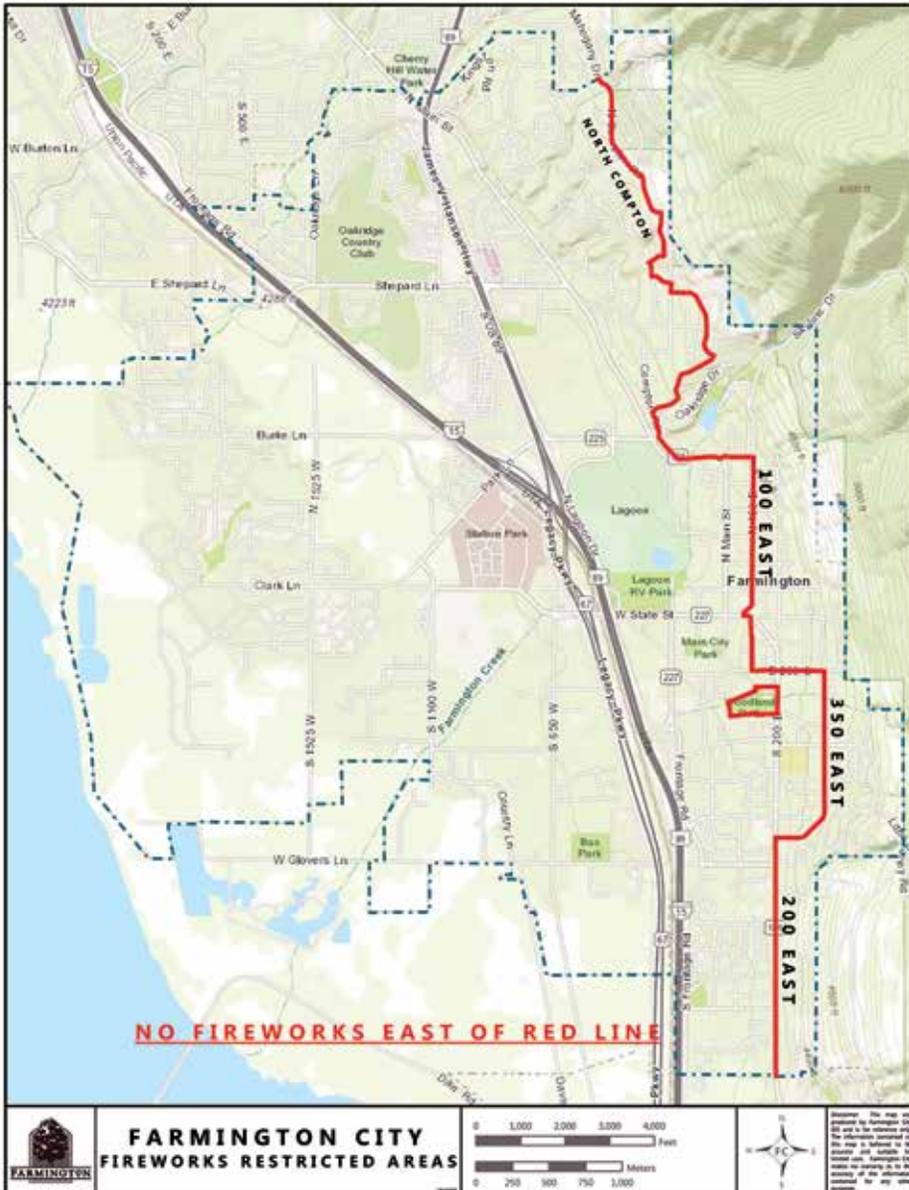
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