

Farmington News

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FARMINGTON STREET LIGHTING

Farmington City has contracted with Siemens Industry to perform a city-wide street lighting project. The purpose of this project is to provide long-term improvements to the street lighting system and provide substantial operation and maintenance savings to the city. All streetlight heads will be replaced with more energy-efficient bulbs. The new lights will be white in color instead of the amber or orange color and will save on energy costs. The project will be "self-funded" by the savings generated by the reduced energy costs. There are no additional costs to the city to complete the work.

Actual installations for the project will begin in January 2014. Residents can expect to see construction lift trucks throughout the city during the construction phase. It is anticipated that all of the work will be complete by the end of March. City officials will receive daily updates regarding what areas of the city will be impacted. They will also receive weekly progress reports regarding all of work completed in the prior week.

Farmington City looks forward to the successful completion of this project and the long-term benefits it will provide to the city for years to come.

2014 PLANNING COMMISSION

Farmington City's planning commission is an active group of appointed volunteers who work with the city planners and city council to consider issues around building and zoning, land planning, compliance, building permits, and to ensure that growth is regulated. Being a planning commission member is a significant commitment. Thanks to the 2014 commission members for their devotion to Farmington.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Kris Kaufman (new member)

Brett Anderson (chair)

Heather Barnum (new member)

Brad Dutson

Mac McDonald (vice-chair)

Rebecca Wayment (BOA representative)

Kent Hinckley (new member)

ALTERNATES

Michael Nilson (SPARC member)

Karolyn Lehn (new member)

Happy New Year
from everyone at
Farmington City!

2014

*city staff
bids farewell to
mayor harbertson*

City employees wish to thank Mayor Scott Harbertson for his leadership and the relationship he cultivated with the staff. Mayor Harbertson and his wife Kristen, have gone above and beyond to foster a good rapport with staff among all the departments. Endings are followed by new beginnings, and the future is bright. Employees look forward to working with mayor-elect Jim Talbot, who will take office at the January 7, 2014 city council meeting.



The Farmington Trails Committee had another good year. Residents may be interested in some of the details that will be included in the annual report to the city council.

The city has become a more walkable community with a trail now closer to more residents. Every household is within an easy ten-minute walk of a trail. It is estimated that 85% of households are within five minutes of a trail. The close access of these trails is expected to make it easier for the public to use them. Walking is a great exercise for fitness. It is also

a good way to meet neighbors and clear one's mind while enjoying nature.

In 1998 when the trails committee was organized, there were 20 miles of identified trails for non-motorized use in the area. With the addition of 11.9 miles this year, residents now have 123.1 miles to choose from—more than any other city in the state except Moab. There are 60 square miles of area in the Farmington trail system. Farmington is Utah's leader in miles of trail per square mile of trail system.

This year Farmington saw the Rails-to-Trails section to Centerville completed. The Farmington Creek Trail now connects the county fairgrounds to Sunset Campground while only

crossing three streets and a mountain road (in 6.7 miles). Hikers can now reach Francis Peak from Somerset or Farmington Canyon. Residents can hike from south Farmington and stand atop the Steed cliffs where the entire valley is visible.

Five more boys received their Eagle Scout awards due to trail projects. Every household in Farmington received a free master map of all the trails due to the generosity of an anonymous donor. If anyone would like to make a donation where 100% goes to the trails, please contact Farmington City. The wonderful trails committee volunteers, including 55 trail chiefs, make this efficiency possible. The committee thanks all who have supported the trail initiative through the years to help improve the quality of life. HIKING -- Life Elevated!



- January 6th First day residents can begin making parks and pool reservations
- January 13th First day nonresidents can begin making parks and pool reservations

*Pool can be reserved between Memorial day & Labor day, no Sundays.
Reservation times are 7pm - 10pm*

Jan 6th Pool passes go on sale

*Parks can be reserved May 1st through September 30th.
Registration must be done at the Parks & Rec Office, 720 W 100 N*



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 2014

Jan 7	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 9	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 20	MON	Martin Luther King Day City Offices Closed	
Jan 21	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 21	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
Jan 22	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Jan 23	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm

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Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
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Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control444-2200
Garbage825-3800
Benchland Water District451-2105
Weber Water District771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency911

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Farmington, Utah 84025

winter ordinances



Farmington City Ordinance states that from
NOVEMBER 15 through FEBRUARY 29,
no vehicles of any kind may be parked in the street right of way
from 1:00 am to 7:00 am.

Traffic citations will be issued to violators.
Remember that within 48 hours after snowfall stops,
citizens are required to remove snow on the public sidewalks
fronting his/her residence.

More snowplow information is available on the city website.



PARKS & RECREATION

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

For the latest info from Parks & Rec join our text club. Txt the word "REC" to 801-430-9866, 'like' us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/farmington-cityparksandrec, or visit our website at www.farmington.utah.gov

Farmington's Got Talent Audition

Who? all ages
When? Feb 22nd
Cost? residents \$10
nonresidents \$20

Register Jan 27th - Feb 21st to receive an audition time.

Group Guitar Lessons

Who? 12+
When? Jan 16th-Feb 13th
Cost? \$45 residents
\$55 nonresidents

Register now through Jan 15th

Story Telling Festival

When? Jan 18th
Cost? \$1
Time? 12-3pm

Everyone is invited

Miss Farmington Information Meeting

Come find out all about the Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant.

Jan 25th @ 10am

Girls must be at least a junior in High School and younger than 24 years of age on Dec 31st, 2015.

Lifeguard & Water Safety Instructor Class

Registration begins Feb 3rd and will remain open until full.

Spring Soccer

Who? 3yrs - 6th grade
When? April - May
Cost? \$30 residents
\$40 nonresidents

Register Feb 3rd - 28th
\$10 uniform fee

Art Attack

Who? 5-11yrs
When? Jan 7th-Feb 11th
Cost? \$65 residents
\$75 nonresidents

Register now through Jan 3rd

Little Mermaid Jr. Audition

Who? 8-18yrs
When? Jan 9th 4-6pm
Jan 11th 9am-12pm
Cost? \$15 residents
\$25 nonresidents

\$75 refundable parent volunteer deposit
Show is directed by Pamela Jones

J I M T A L B O T

Meet Farmington's New Mayor



"I understand what the planning commission does, what the city council does. I understand how important staff is—how vital it is to have tremendous parks & recreation personnel, public works, fire, police, administration... It really takes everybody to make it complete."

On the 7th of this month, a new Farmington mayor will be sworn into office. Jim Talbot is already familiar to many residents, having served on the city council for the past four years and the planning commission for five years previous to that. He and his wife, Karen, have been Farmington residents for more than twenty years. They raised their four children here. Invested and involved, the Talbots are anxious for this new chapter in their lives. We recently sat down for a conversation with Jim and Karen.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Development has been a big part of Jim's career. He has worked with planning commissions across the Intermountain area and has dealt with city councils and mayors while trying to get projects through. So it made sense when Mayor David Connors encouraged him to consider service on the planning commission. Jim thought that with his experience he could lend something to the commission, and found that

involvement with local government was rewarding to him and fulfilled a need for community service.

Jim is developing a plan for his term as mayor. "Mayor Harbertson has taken me under his wing and has graciously invited me to meetings so that I can be informed and there won't be a large gap as Farmington moves forward. I'm so glad that I have the knowledge I gained from being on the planning commission and the city council." Jim's platform in the mayoral election was "experience matters" and he wants residents to know and feel confidence in their new mayor—in his knowledge, experience and motivation.

Jim's experience in development was beneficial to the planning commission and council as they sought developers for Station Park. "It was very satisfying to play a small part in bringing Station Park to Farmington. I was on the planning commission during the conceptual stages of that project. It's important for us to

help all Farmington retail to be successful."

A LITTLE ABOUT FAMILY

Jim and Karen Talbot met at Brigham Young University. Jim played baseball for BYU and was later drafted to play professionally. Karen was Miss Idaho and first runner-up to Miss America. They both find importance in community involvement and have served wherever they have lived. "I look for opportunities to be of service. You hear that cliché all the time, but it's really true. I want to give back. We have a great city and it's nice to be able to give back however I can." The Talbots have four children, all of whom live in Davis County. Family is important to them and they feel fortunate to have their children close. Their grandchild count is currently nine. "Karen is the thread and the fabric that keeps our family together," Jim says.

ON THE HORIZON

"We will continue to look ahead, make sure we don't get carried away, and plan for this great city to move forward." There are numbers of exciting things coming up in Farmington's near future. Two developments that mayor-elect Talbot mentioned are:

The city has 250 acres set aside for a Class A business park, an undertaking that Jim believes will be one of the main focal areas in the near future.

As covered in the December newsletter, a new Farmington park, roughly 40 acres, is being developed in west Farmington. Jim believes this will be a great addition to the city. "With the growth Farmington is experiencing, this will be important to our quality of life." Plans show the park containing sports fields, picnic areas, open spaces and gathering areas.

So, as 2014 commences, residents welcome new mayor Jim Talbot. It's an exciting time to live in Farmington and it is reassuring to know that our mayor is experienced and dedicated to making our city its best.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Farmington City will pick up Christmas trees on Saturday, January 11. To take advantage of this service, please adhere to the following guidelines. Crews will only make one pass through neighborhoods. Place your Christmas tree on the curb no later than 6:00 am on January 11.

- Place trees near sidewalk
- Remove tree stands
- Crews will not pick up trees taller than 8 feet, so if necessary cut your tree into shorter lengths
- It is your responsibility to keep your tree on top of fallen snow so crews can spot it easily



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