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*Artist, Golfer & Code Enforcement
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SPRING CLEANUP BEGINS MARCH 24

The city council authorized Spring Cleanup 2014 to begin March 24. This service is for residential limbs and branches only. Residents are strongly encouraged to follow the rules outlined in this article so that city streets are restored to order as quickly as possible. **RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Negative consequences may be imposed upon violators. Waste may not be picked up from the property, leaving the homeowner responsible to have it hauled away. Citations may be issued for illegal dumping, unsafe blockage of public right-of-ways, or public health nuisance. These are just possible examples. City officials do not wish to issue citations, and strongly encourage compliance with the rules.



Limbs must be cut so that they are no longer than 5 feet or wider than 8 inches.

Limbs and branches must be stacked at the curb in a pile no larger than approximately 10 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4 feet high (one 10-wheel dumb truck load per residence). Stacking limbs in the same direction allows for more volume in the pile.

Debris must be placed at the curb before beginning collection day. Collection trucks will only drive by your home ONCE.

No bags or boxes.

Leaves can be left in piles.

Materials collected will be mulched.

The collection schedule will be as follows:

Monday, March 24—north half of the city, from State Street to the city limits, including the Oakridge area.

Monday, March 31—south half of the city, from State Street to the city limits, including west Farmington.

FLOOD INSURANCE RISK MAPS BEING REVISED IN FARMINGTON

Maps that are used to determine the extent of the 1% annual chance flood in Davis County, including Farmington City, are being revised. These revisions will incorporate changes to the width and location of the Special Flood Hazard Area in the community. Additionally, some base flood elevations will be revised. The revisions could lead to a change in whether an owner is required to obtain flood insurance on a property with a federally backed mortgage.

The city has received the preliminary flood insurance risk maps and the Flood Insurance Study. The state will arrange a meeting to formally present the study results at a meeting in the near future. Following this presentation, the maps will be available for public review. Comments can be made addressing concerns with the maps. A 90-day appeal and comment period will follow. This will be announced by publication in a local paper and on the FEMA website, fema.gov/fhm/bfe.

Appeals and comments will be considered, and necessary revisions to the maps will be made and followed up with resolution letters to the appealing entities. A letter of final determination will be issued and the new maps will become effective six months after that date.

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CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

class begins 3/13



The Farmington City Police Department, in conjunction with other local law enforcement agencies, is offering a CITIZEN POLICE

ACADEMY (CPA)

to the public. This is an exciting opportunity for citizens to get a behind the scenes look at various functions within the police departments, becoming more informed and educated and consequently more supportive of police officers. Those completing the program will have the potential of becoming more productive within their own neighborhoods and communities.

The Citizen Police Academy is a voluntary, 13-week course which will include presentations, lectures, hands-on experiences and field trips. Participants will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 –9:00 pm at the Davis County Sheriffs Office, 800 W. State Street in Farmington. Admission to the program is open to anyone who is at least 18 years of age, has good standing in the community and is a current resident or business owner in Davis County. To participate, you must act now because the class begins on March 13 and pre-registration is required. You can register online at www.co.davis.ut.us/sheriff or by calling the Farmington police station, 801-678-6002. Ask for Stephanie Gonzales, the program coordinator.

WATER HEATER PERMITS

Thinking about replacing your water heater? Before you open your tool box, ask yourself one simple question, "Did I get a permit?" Farmington City can help. Even small home improvement projects may require a building permit. Faulty installations can cause fires, flood damage and other hazards and also force you to make costly repairs when you sell your home. There are many banks, home appraisals companies, future home buyers and title companies that call to see if permits have been taken out on such projects.

WHY DO I NEED A PERMIT TO INSTALL A WATER HEATER?

A permit is required for a water heater because the installation involves work on a home plumbing system, including adjustments to thermal expansion valves, venting, gas piping, temperature and relief valves, seismic bracing straps (earthquake preparedness), combustion air requirements and electrical connections. Faulty installations could cause an explosion and jeopardize the safety of your home and family, including carbon monoxide poisoning.

IF I PLAN TO INSTALL THE WATER HEATER MYSELF IN MY HOME, DO I STILL NEED A PERMIT?

Yes, to obtain a permit as an owner builder you must own and occupy the home in which you plan to install the water heater. The state requires you to fill out an owner builder form that shows you are following the state requirement to do this work yourself. A homeowner may also obtain the permit and hire a licensed contractor to do the installation.

FREE INSPECTION OFFER

During March, Farmington City will waive the permit fee for water heaters that have been replaced in the past four years. If you have proof that your water heater is less than four years old, the city will conduct an inspection free of charge. You will be required to submit a completed building permit application to the city building department so that inspections can be tracked as evidence that heaters were installed properly. Many recent water heater installations have been done by contractors or owners without inspections. These uncompleted inspections show that the permits have expired and will go into a non-compliance section which could result in future problems and safety issues.

HOW DO I GET AN INSPECTION?

Inspections can be scheduled over the phone at the city inspection hotline: 801-882-8954. For general questions, please call 801-451-2383.

TOWN HALL MEETING
March 19 at 8:00 pm

TOWN HALL MEETINGS are a good opportunity for Farmington residents to meet with Mayor Talbot and city council members to ask questions or make suggestions. These open discussions are held on a quarterly basis. The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19 at 8:00 pm at City Hall. If residents have concerns to discuss with the mayor at other times, an appointment can be scheduled by calling Holly Gadd at 801.451.2383.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2014

March 4	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
March 6	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
March 14	FRI	It's All A Mystery Davis County Library in Farmington The public is invited to It's All a Mystery - a fun evening for families. There will be FREE FINGER PRINTING FOR CHILDREN, stories and games. For more information call the library at 801.451.3030.	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
March 18	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
March 19	WED	Town Hall Meeting in City Hall an open discussion with Mayor Talbot and a city council member	8:00 pm NOTE NEW TIME
March 20	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
March 20	THURS	Farmington Trails Committee Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm
March 27	THURS	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome

ADDITIONAL GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY

Farmington City contracts annually with Robinson Waste Services to provide an additional garbage collection day. This year the extra collection day is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 city-wide. Materials should be placed in the regular, roll-out, black container and placed at the curb line by 6:00 am. Non-processable waste such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous wastes, etc. is not permitted. (See Wasatch Integrated Waste article on page 6 for information on disposal of chemical and hazardous waste.)

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Main Number.....451-2383
Police Department.....451-5453
Fire Department451-2842
Public Works Department.....451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance.....451-2624
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
Building Inspection.....882-8954
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control444-2200
Garbage825-3800
Benchland Water District.....451-2105
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

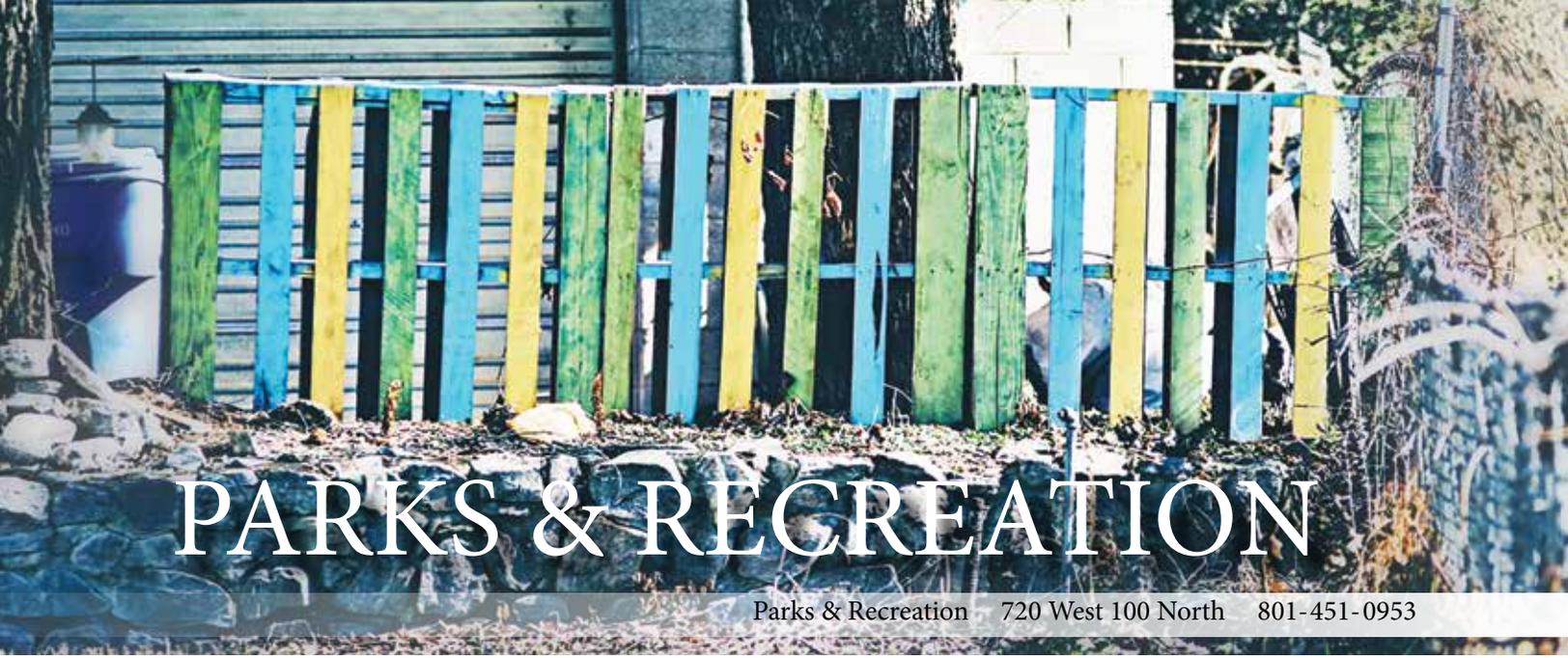
Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency.....911

Farmington City Hall
160 South Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

FESTIVAL DAYS GRAND MARSHAL

Nominations for 2014 Festival Days
Grand Marshal
are now being accepted.

The deadline for submittals is
Friday, March 28, 2014. Forms are available
on the city website or at the P&R office
(720 W 100 N) or City Hall (160 S Main).



PARKS & RECREATION

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

FARMINGTON'S GOT TALENT

when? March 8th
cost? \$5 in advance
\$6 at the door

SPRING ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

who? ages 17 & up
cost? residents \$35
nonresidents \$45

registration remains open until class is full

SPRING YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

who? 5 to 16yrs
cost? residents \$35
nonresidents \$45

registration remains open until class is full

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.

when? March 19th-22nd
cost? \$5 in advance
\$6 at the door

7pm nightly &
2pm matinee on the 22nd

SUMMER ADULT TENNIS LEAGUE

who? 18 & up
cost? \$15

register now through May 16th

SUMMER YOUTH TENNIS LEAGUE

who? 17 & under
cost? \$15

register now through May 16th

YOUTH ART LESSONS

who? 5 to 11yrs
when? now through March 28th
cost? \$65 residents
\$75 non residents

LEGO CAMP

cost?
residents \$120
nonresidents \$150

4 separate workshop dates in June & July

registration starts March 17th

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 19TH - EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 14TH - MAY 2ND
ADULT SOCCER REGISTRATION

APRIL 28TH - SIGNUPS FOR ARCHERY, MERIT BADGES, TENNIS, TRACK & FIELD BEGIN

SIGNUPS FOR SWIM LESSONS
APRIL 28TH - RESIDENTS
MAY 5TH - NONRESIDENTS

LIFEGUARD & WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CLASS

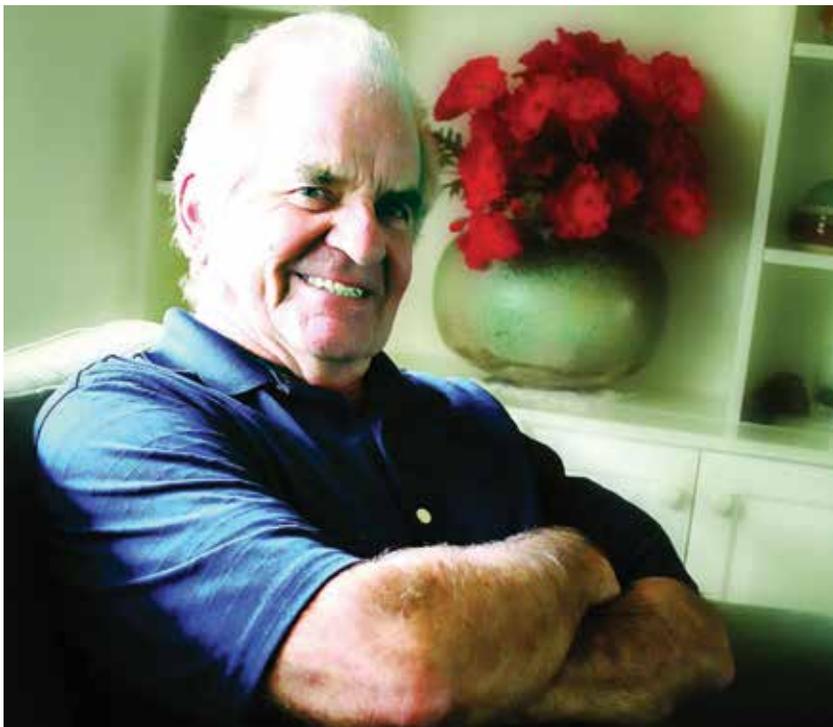
register now
space is limited!

ANNUAL FESTIVAL DAYS 5K/10K/HALF MARATHON & FLAG ROCK RACES

Registration for the races will open on March 15, 2014. Register at active.com. You may visit Farmington's website for a link to the registration. The races will take place on Saturday, July 12. Space is limited.

True or false: Farmington City prohibits any display of merchandise within ten feet of a public road.

Well, you may not know, but Ralph Gibbons does. Ralph is the Code Enforcement and Weed Abatement Officer for Farmington City. We hope readers will enjoy learning a little more about him.



RALPH GIBBONS

living a full life

Ralph and his wife Nadine have lived in Farmington for fifty years. Twenty-nine of those years Ralph spent teaching art at Bountiful High School, Ben Lomond High School in Ogden, and finally at Farmington Junior High. Although he has been retired for 17 years, his students still remember and greet him when he's out and about. It takes a minute to register when Ralph sees that those students who were teens when he taught them now have children of their own.

Ralph has a full life and enjoys many things. He has been a sports enthusiast all his life. These days he is an avid golfer. Ralph and Nadine often get away to warmer weather in the winter, but this year they stayed close to home to watch their granddaughter perform with the U of U gymnastics team. When he's not busily involved in playing or watching sports, Ralph likes to spend time painting and says watercolor may be his favorite medium. Ralph's paintings are colorful and expressive and frequently depict the places where he has spent time.

Thirty years ago Ralph learned about an opening with the city for a Weed Abatement Officer. "Farmington was a lot smaller then. There were a lot of open lots on the east side of the freeway and mostly open space on the west side. But the problems

are not much different today. Everybody wants to live around neighbors with nice yards, people who keep things up."

When Ralph retired from teaching, the city approached him about taking on the responsibilities of the Code Enforcement Officer. "The code enforcement keeps me busy year round. Weed abatement starts heating up mid-May and lasts through the summer."

"I can't think of a time that a complaint was received that I didn't follow through and do something about it. Over the years I would estimate about 90% compliance. A lot of people don't realize they are in violation and quickly resolve the issue once they are informed. Code enforcement protects citizens. Enforcement also protects the city."

One year Ralph received a call from a resident complaining that his neighbor was keeping a couple of emus. Ralph drove to the reported address to find a six-foot fence surrounding the property. "Everything was quiet. I don't go onto people's property, but I stood there for a minute and all of a sudden 'pop'-- up came two heads above the fence. Emus. So I took a picture. I try to be fair with everybody, try to follow up every complaint that is received."

A friend of Ralph's from Colorado came to visit last autumn. As they drove down Main Street his friend said, "What a charming street." As they drove further his friend commented, "What a clean little city." Ralph explained that because Farmington City enforces its ordinances, he plays a part in keeping the city clutter-free from signs posted on phone poles, excessive junk cars parked in neighborhoods, barking dogs, too many cats, etc. Ralph and his friend drove out to Station Park and his friend exclaimed, "Wow, what a great mall. You guys have everything." Impressed, his friend later looked up Farmington City on his Ipad and asked, "Did you know that CNN Magazine named Farmington one of the best small towns in the country?"

"Nadine and I moved to Farmington when the population was around 4,000 people. We've had city employees and elected officials who know what they're doing. It was a nice place to live then and it's still a nice place to live. That doesn't happen by accident."

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WATER METERS ARE FARMINGTON CITY PROPERTY

Did you know that your water meter or shut off valve is the property of Farmington City? Tampering with city meters or valves is a prosecutable offense. Residents, even professional plumbers, are not authorized to work with water meters or shut-off valves and should call the Farmington City Public Works Department to resolve such matters. Incorrect handling of the meter/valve can result in flooding your home or property. So, if turning off your meter or valve becomes necessary, remember to call Public Works at 801-451-2624.

Residents are responsible to keep meter box or valve lid areas accessible. Spring yard clean-up is a good time to clear away any debris that may be blocking your meter or shut-off valve.



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Flood Insurance Risk Map continued

Farmington City residents are encouraged to contact the Farmington City Planning Department to see if the preliminary flood insurance risk maps are available for viewing. Planning office personnel can help you determine if your property will be affected by any changes in the maps and can take your comments and concerns to the state. You can reach the planning office by calling 801-939-9212.

This is not a city project, but Farmington City is assisting FEMA by getting the word out to property owners who may be affected.



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The recycle center at Wasatch Integrated Waste Management will accept all "acceptable household chemical and hazardous waste" from Davis County residents at no charge to the resident. A list of what qualifies as acceptable can be found on their website, www.wasatchintegrated.org. The recycle center is located at 1997 East 3500 North in Layton.

To place an ad, contact:



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