



# COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Truth in Taxation Hearing  
August 15, 2023

## COMMUNITY POLICING CONCERNS

At 2:00 am on May 19th, a call directed emergency personnel to respond to a collision on North Lagoon Drive in Farmington. Minutes later another call came in reporting a rollover in Farmington Canyon. This was followed by a third call regarding another auto accident near the cemetery, and yet a fourth call requesting police attention at a fistfight among juveniles in west Farmington. The biggest problem of the night was that at 2:00 am, only one officer was on duty at the Farmington police department, as is standard operating procedure given limited staffing. One officer and four calls obviously create a workforce allocation problem.

When any police department (or fire department) is stretched thin, a mutual aid request is put out to agencies from other cities, highway patrol, and the county.

In recent years, the reliance on these outside agencies has become significant. Even simple traffic stops between 2:00 and 6:00 am often require a second police officer to help manage the situation. A second officer at that time means outside agencies are responding to these calls because we only have one available officer on staff. We appreciate the responsiveness of our sister agencies, but ultimately that means other taxing entities are subsidizing the bill for our policing at a frequency that, as Farmington grows, is gradually becoming excessive.

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*Farmington's public safety needs, understandably, are not always the priority of these sister agencies, as their top priority is the jurisdiction they are sworn to protect. Dependence on outside organizations for emergency calls is not a long-term solution.*



## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL STANDARD?

In 2018, the FBI conducted a Uniform Crime Reporting study across 13,000 policing agencies nationwide. In that study, the average rate of sworn officers was 2.4 per 1,000 inhabitants. Current staffing at Farmington police maintains one sworn officer per 1,000 inhabitants. On a busy day in Farmington, which is more common than not, the population can more than double from approximately 25,000 residents to over 60,000 people visiting Lagoon and other amenities.

## ADDRESSING EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE COMMUNITY-WIDE

Like the Farmington police, Farmington fire has a demand for resources that exceed present availability. A Farmington fire truck, with lights and sirens engaged, crossed I-15 at Park Lane in response to a call from West Farmington over Labor Day weekend 2022. It was struck by a truck exiting from the ramp at highway 89. Farmington residents are aware of how busy Park Lane is, and it will continue to get busier until the Shepard Lane Interchange is completed in 2025, diverting some traffic away from Park Lane. However, even with the new interchange, Park Lane will pose navigation dangers. As the population of Farmington has spread further west, the fire department's response times have naturally become longer. When compounded with traffic on Park Lane, it creates a situation where precious life-saving minutes can pass before trained paramedics can respond to emergency situations. East-side emergencies can also have slower response times. Back-to-back calls are common, and a crew engaged in a situation on the west side fights the same traffic responding to a call from the east side on their way back.

## A NEW FIRE STATION IN THE WORKS

Mayor Anderson and the city council are concerned about incidents when a resident's worst trauma could be further complicated by medical response issues.

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Three city council seats will be voted upon in the upcoming municipal elections. All have four-year terms. More information will be presented in future newsletters and on social media. So that residents can begin to consider in the months leading up to the election, names of candidates are listed below, in master ballot position order.

### SCOTT ISAACSON

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### LAVERNE SCHRAEDEL

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### RACHEL STUKER

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Farmington City's website election page is found at

[farmington.utah.gov/government/elections](http://farmington.utah.gov/government/elections)

# JULY 2023

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



|            |             |  |   |
|------------|-------------|--|---|
| July 3 & 4 | MON<br>TUES | Independence Day Holiday<br>city office will be closed                             |   |
| July 10–15 |             | <b>FARMINGTON FESTIVAL DAYS</b><br>details in <a href="#">June Farmington News</a> |          |
| July 13    | THURS       | Planning Commission Meeting<br>160 South Main Street                               | 7:00 pm<br>agenda posted at city<br>hall 24 hours prior                                   |
| July 18    | TUES        | City Council Meeting<br>160 South Main Street                                      | 7:00 pm<br>for agenda see<br><a href="http://farmington.utah.gov">farmington.utah.gov</a> |
| July 24    | MON         | Pioneer Day<br>city office will be closed  |   |
| August 15  | TUES        | Truth in Taxation Hearing<br>160 South Main Street<br>see page 1 article           | 7:00 pm   |



Farmington, Utah

## DEAGLAN BLACKBURN

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Meet Deaglan Blackburn, a leader and hero at his elementary school. At the beginning of the year, Deaglan was new to the school with only one friend that he knew. He has made immense progress through the year, working to improve each day's school experience. He gained a lot of calm and confidence, and has a smile for everyone each day. He loves to share his witty humor with friends in class. Looking toward next year, Deaglan plans to participate in band and orchestra and advanced math. He reads at college level. Congratulations, Deaglan, and thank you for your contributions to your school.

### City Information

Brett N. Anderson, Mayor  
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### City Council Members

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Amy Shumway  
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### City Operations / City Manager

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### City Phone Numbers

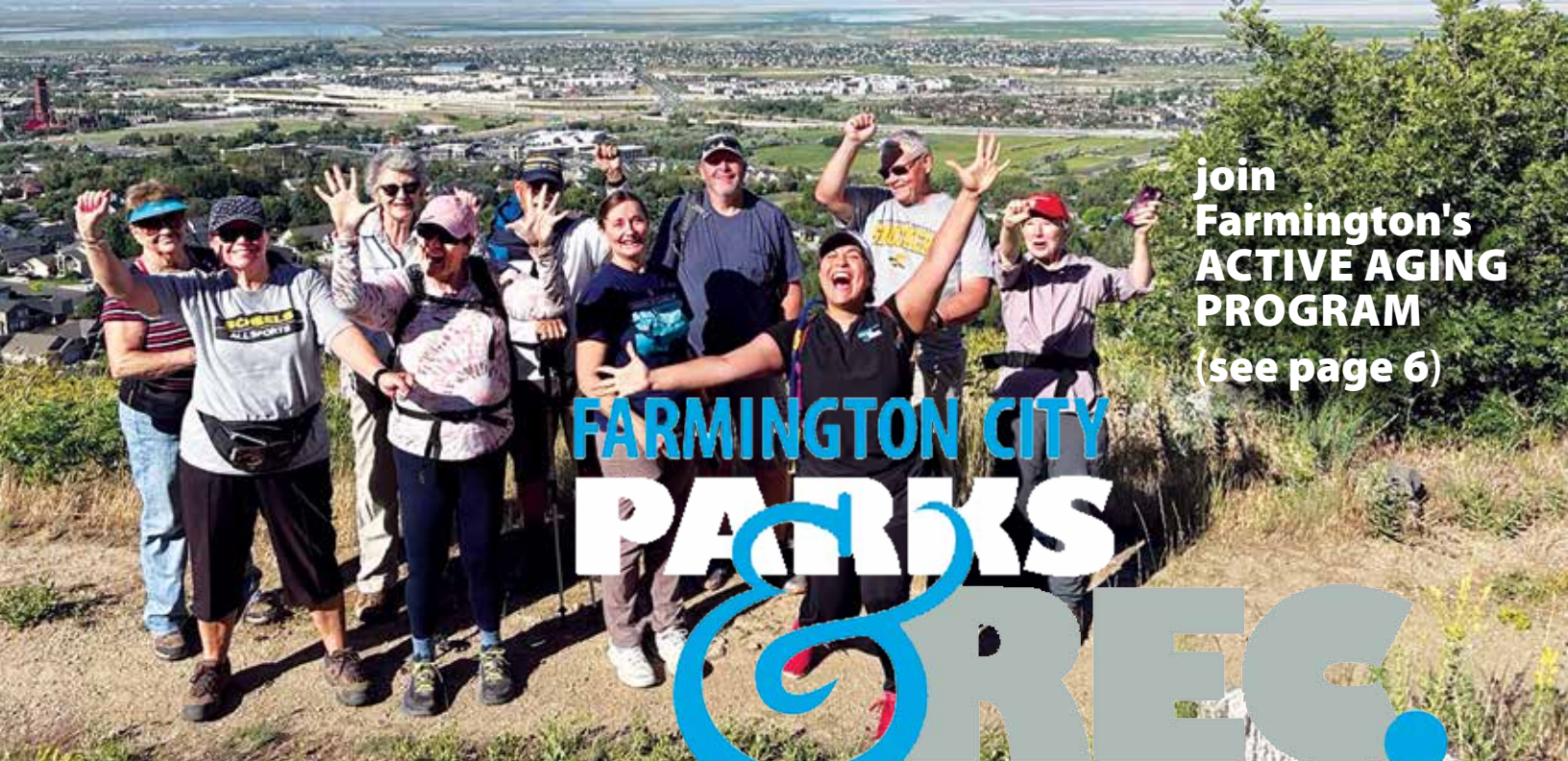
Main Number — 801-451-2383  
Police Department — 801-451-5453  
Fire Department — 801-451-2842  
Public Works Department — 801-451-2624  
Storm Water Maintenance — 801-451-2624  
Parks & Recreation — 801-451-0953  
Building Department — 801-939-9214  
Inspection Hotline — 801-882-8954  
Water Department — 801-451-2624  
Planning & Zoning — 801-939-9215  
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

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P O Box 160  
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Join Farmington's ACTIVE AGING PROGRAM (see page 6)

# FARMINGTON CITY PARKS & REC.

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

Register Now

**Fall Flag Football**  
Register now until July 28th

**Fall Adult Softball**  
Register July 5th-Aug 9th

**Fall Youth Softball**  
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**Fall Soccer**  
Register now-July 17th

**Fall Baseball**  
Register now-July 17th

**Fall Youth Tennis Lessons**  
Register now until full

**Fall Volleyball Co-ed League**  
Register now until full

**Fall Volleyball Women's League**  
Register now until full

**Volleyball Youth League**  
Register now until full

**Volleyball Clinic**  
Register now until full

There is still time to sign up for



## Festival Days Programs

**Festival Days Pickleball Tournament**  
July 13th-15th  
Register now until full

**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**  
July 13th  
Register now until full

**Chalk Art Contest**  
July 12th  
Register now until full

**5k-10k Run**  
July 15th  
Register now-July 14th @ 9pm

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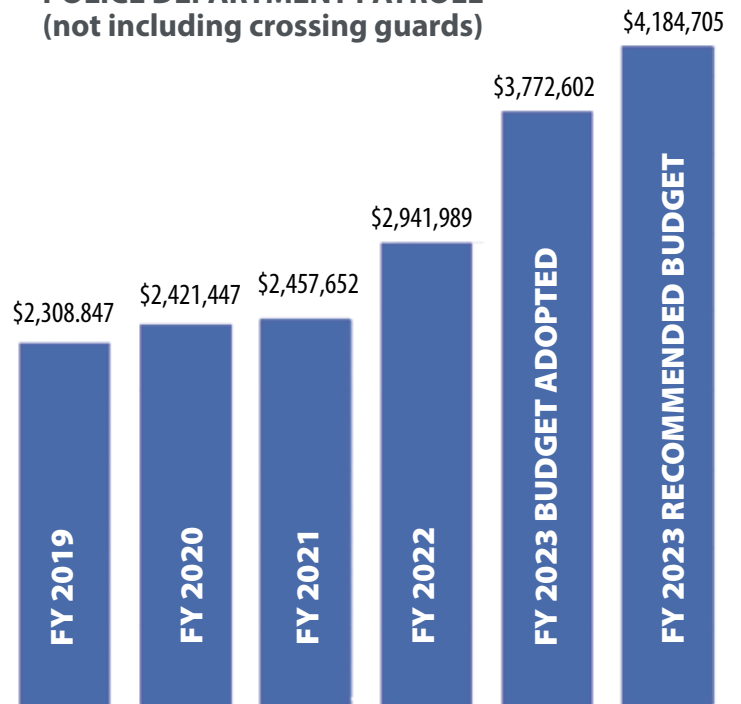
The solution is Station 72, a new west-side fire station located at the intersection of the newly rerouted 1525 West and Innovator Way, the new arterial road connecting Park Lane and Shepard Lane (presently under construction). The new fire station, currently in the design phase with Blalock Architects selected as the architect, will be primarily paid for through impact fees imposed on new real estate development north of Station Park, set to occur in the coming decade. A single ambulance costs over \$300,000, most fire trucks exceed \$500,000, and a single ladder truck costs over \$1.5 million. This equipment and personnel will necessitate a different, publicly financed revenue stream.

The wages for sworn officers have increased by 50% since the last property tax increase over a decade ago (see graph below). The price of equipment and gear has likewise increased at an alarming rate.

## PUBLIC SAFETY – FOCUSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE PROPOSED

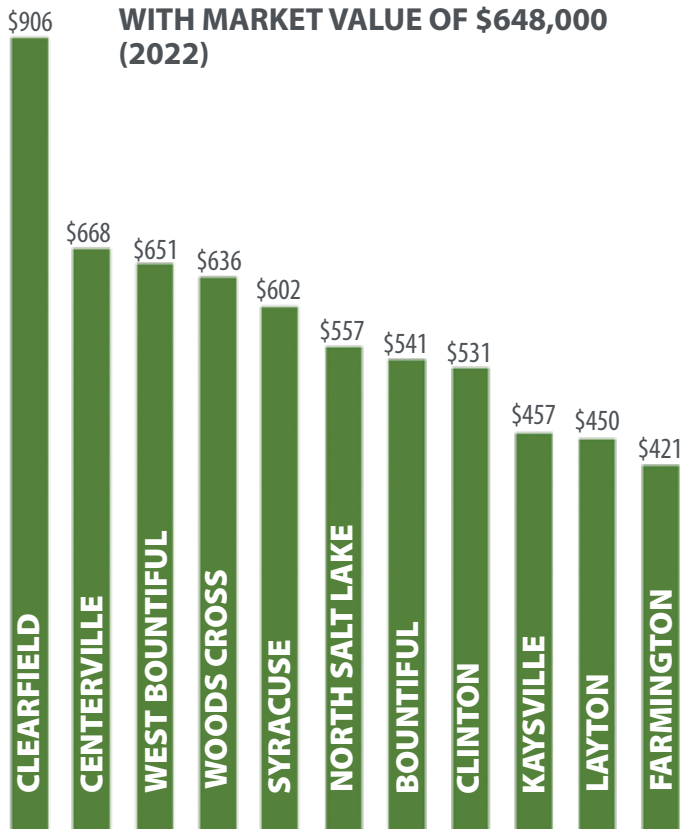
The primary revenue source for funding the police and fire departments in Farmington is property tax. As noted in last month’s newsletter, property taxes do not increase with rising property values.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL (not including crossing guards)



Farmington City proposes a 3.4% tax increase across all property taxes levied. This means the average resident will pay an additional \$10 monthly for public safety. The tax revenue will be directly spent on the police and fire departments.

## PROPERTY TAX ON HOMES WITH MARKET VALUE OF \$648,000 (2022)



## COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

If passed, every penny collected via this tax increase will go toward public safety operations in Farmington with the intention of keeping residents, families, and property safe.

**All residents are invited to attend a Truth in Taxation Hearing on August 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Please come with your thoughts and concerns, and feel free to share them with your elected municipal representatives.**

Please reach out to the Farmington City Manager, Brigham Mellor, with any questions (see directory on page 3).



**JULY 3RD:**  
REGULAR SCHEDULE

**JULY 4TH-7TH:**  
ONE DAY DELAY

**JULY 24TH-28TH:**  
REGULAR SCHEDULE



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