



FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING

FARMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 9TH
6-8:00pm
82 N 100 E
801-451-2842

COOKING SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU



Only one of every three American households have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan, according to a National Fire Protection Association survey.

How many minutes do you think you would have before a fire in your home would become life-threatening? One-third of survey respondents thought they would have at least six minutes, and only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out, according to the survey.

National Fire Prevention Week is celebrating its 101st anniversary. On October 9th, Farmington Fire Department will hold its annual open house to promote this year's campaign, Cooking Safety Starts with You.

InvoiceCloud®

In 2024, the city utility invoice pay system will transition to InvoiceCloud. InvoiceCloud utilizes email, text, and phone to help payers stay on top of their bills, and we think you'll love the change.

Xpress Bill Pay will remain the utility bill pay provider for the remainder of 2023.

While the city prepares to roll out the new system, just sit back and watch future newsletters. You will receive all the information you need as the transition gets closer.



5/K PATRIOT RUN

DATE CORRECTION

On **September 9th**, Farmington community will commemorate Patriot Day by hosting various events and service projects, including a 5K patriot run.

For more information, or to register for the patriot run, go to runsignup.com.

To get involved in other Patriot Day service projects, please visit justserve.org.

Please join in honoring the victims and first responders of September 11th at a solemn **PATRIOTS DAY CEREMONY**.

The ceremony will be conducted by American Legion Post 27 and the Farmington City Fire Department on **Monday, September 11 at 7:00 am** in front of the fire department, 82 N 100 E.

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ATTENTION FARMINGTON CITY BUSINESS OWNERS

The city is improving the way it manages business licenses. As indicated on last year's mailed renewals, **all renewals will be processed online and reminders will be sent via email only.** To ensure that you have a current email on file with Farmington City, please email crowe@farmington.utah.gov, (include your business license number).

As the end of the year approaches, please note that emails from Civic Review, on behalf of Farmington City, are legitimate. It is the new platform being used to manage and renew your license.

FFD Open House continued

- + learn what the department does
- + meet dedicated firefighters see the firetrucks and equipment
- + see live interactive demonstrations
- + tour the historic firehouse
- + learn about fire prevention

The goal of National Fire Prevention Week is to teach children and adults how to stay safe in case of fire, according to www.nfpa.org.

Did you know that National Fire Prevention Week is held during the week of October 9th to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred October 8, 1871. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 people homeless, and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings.



New look to the Blue Blog, and a new type of content, which we hope will inform, educate, and perhaps entertain you. In keeping with the hometown vibe, the blog will now be a monthly police blotter that will report some of the more interesting cases the police department has dealt with in the prior month. I am always available if you have comments or questions. You can reach me at 801-939-9242, or stop by and visit with me in person.

Here we go:

— July 2023 —

Responded to calls - 1507
Auto Accidents - 35
Traffic Stops - 556
Adult / Juvenile Arrests - 64

— July 2, 2023 11:14:50 hours —

Officer Lingsch responded to a domestic dispute. After investigating the incident, Officer Lingsch was able to establish probable cause and one adult male was arrested for Domestic Violence Assault.

— July 5, 2023 17:20:11 hours —

Officer Carey responded to the bus stop at State and Main. Dispatch advised officers of an intoxicated man in the area.

Officer Carey located the man and was able to determine the man was intoxicated to a level that proved to be dangerous to him or another and was arrested and transported to the hospital.

— July 14, 2023 19:42:51 hours —

Officer Boucher responded to a retail theft at Station Park. The subject was apprehended. The subject was arrested for retail theft, possession of drugs and paraphernalia, and 4 active arrest warrants.

— July 23, 2023 15:54:00 hours —

Officers responded to Station Park on a hit-and-run. The subject was located and believed to be impaired. After conducting a DUI investigation it was determined the driver of the vehicle was impaired and was arrested for DUI. The female driver expressed in word and action suicidal ideation and therefore was transported to the hospital rather than booked into jail.

This is a sampling of some of the incidents in Farmington. We hope this blotter will help you be more aware of the types of police activity that goes on in your city.

On **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**, there will be an extra, city-wide garbage collection day. Materials should be placed in the regular,



roll-out black container and rolled to the curb line by 6:00am on the 8th. No non-processable waste such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous wastes, etc. is permitted.

If you observe a **CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION** in your neighborhood, please call the police department at 801-451-5453.



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Fire Department	801-451-2842
Public Works	801-451-2624
Storm Water	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	801-451-2105
Weber Water	801-771-1677

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

Davis County Sheriff ... 801-451-4150
Emergency 911



A wealth of information is available on the city website. Scan the QR code to go directly to farmington.utah.gov.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2023

September 4	MON	Labor Day city offices closed	
September 5	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda city website
September 7	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
September 8	FRI	ARUP BLOOD DRIVE Community Arts Center 129 South Main Street	12:00–5:00 pm
September 8	FRI	COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE LDS Church Building 79 South 1525 West in Farmington	4:00–8:00 pm
September 9	SAT	FARMINGTON PATRIOT DAY 5K 178 South 650 West see page 1 for registration details	8:00 am
September 11	MON	PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY 82 N 100 E free to the public	7:00 am
September 19	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
September 21	THURS	PRAT ADVISORY BOARD 160 South Main Street	6:00 pm
September 21	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
September 25	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on the HPC webpage
September 29	FRI	US FLAG RETIREMENT & MILITARY TRIBUTE watch social media for details	
October 9	MON	FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE 82 N 100 E free to the public	



FARMINGTON CITY PRESENTS
YOUTH THEATER

Annie Jr.

AUDITIONS SEPT 7 & 9TH
SHOWS NOV 15-18TH

720 West 100 North
801-451-0953

farmington.utah.gov/parks-rec/

PARKS & RECREATION

FARMINGTON

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPORT	REGISTRATION	SEASON STARTS
YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC	NOW UNTIL FULL	SEPT 16TH GAMES ON SAT
YOUTH CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE	NOW UNTIL FULL	OCT 23RD PRACTICES GAMES ON SAT
YOUTH TENNIS AGES 4 & 5 (INDOOR)	NOW UNTIL FULL	OCTOBER 4TH WEDNESDAYS
JR JAZZ K-4TH GRADE	NOW UNTIL SEPT 15TH	NOVEMBER 1ST
JR JAZZ 5TH-12TH GRADE	OCTOBER 2ND	JANUARY
ADULT ACTIVE AGING PICKLEBALL LEAGUE	OCTOBER 2ND	OCTOBER 23RD
SKI & SNOWBOARD	NOVEMBER 6TH	WINTER 2024 SATURDAYS

Veterans Day Program | watch for more information to come

"The Foreigner" Dinner Theater | October 12th-14th & 19th-21st
tickets on sale now

"Annie Jr." Youth Theater | November 15th-18th
tickets on sale October 1st



Farmington's Affordable Housing Strategies

by Roger Child
Farmington City Council

Farmington is a great place to raise families. My wife and I had the privilege of moving to Farmington 33 years ago as newlyweds and raising our five children here. We purchased our first home in Farmington and, like many, moved only a few blocks to purchase a second home as our family grew. Living in Farmington was the American dream. Unfortunately, this American dream is out of reach for most young couples. Home prices in Farmington have followed the national trend of rapid increases. Starter home prices in Farmington exceed \$500,000 for the simplest of fixer-uppers, with condominiums and townhomes starting at \$500,000 with most approaching \$800,000. Rents have also increased tremendously to exceed \$1,400 per month for most one bed/one bath apartments—if you can find them. Most apartment complexes in Farmington are approaching full, leaving few of the lower-priced units available. Rental rates for apartments have reached as high as \$4,000 per month for a two bed/two bath unit.

Most young couples find it difficult to even afford rent in Farmington. To pay \$1,400 per month, a couple should make a minimum of \$56,000/year and more realistically \$70,000/year to afford a moderate-priced apartment. Purchasing a home is out of the question for most young

couples. To purchase a starter-priced home of \$500,000, a couple should make \$165,000. The average household income in Farmington, per the US Census, is \$130,000 which does not come close to purchasing a home in Farmington. Based on income alone, most Farmington residents could not start over here.

Farmington, along with much of the state, has a housing affordability crisis. To combat this crisis, the State of Utah requires each municipality to have a housing affordability strategy. This strategy must incorporate 3 to 5 different strategies to provide affordable housing to moderate-income residents. This is defined as “housing occupied or reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household income equal to or less than 80% of the median gross income for households of the same size in the county in which the city is located.” If a municipality does not comply with this requirement, the state will not provide funding for roads and sales taxes. Additional fees will be required of noncompliant cities of \$250/day (jobs.utah.gov/housing/affordable/moderate/index.html). A little more than 45% of Farmington’s General Fund revenue comes from sales taxes, so it is paramount that we comply with this state requirement. I am pleased to say that Farmington is in full compliance with this law. Some of the strategies

that we have adopted are 1) Zoning and permitting of apartments, 2) Affordable housing impacts on new development, 3) Transfer of Development Rights (TDR’s), and 4) Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).

The strategy that Farmington City residents can benefit most from is the ADUs. The city council has of late made it possible for most of the residential units within Farmington’s municipal jurisdiction to have an ADU. An ADU is an additional rental unit on an owner-occupied property. This would include a basement apartment, an apartment over a garage, or a freestanding cottage on the property. There are several city regulations that must be adhered to, plus other regulations outside of the city such as HOA and CC&Rs. However, it is very achievable. There are many of these units within Farmington. It is critical that the owner lives on the property to preserve the family-friendly, high-quality neighborhoods that we have grown to love. It is hard to police compliance to these laws from the city perspective without hearing from residents. If there is a concern, please feel free to contact our code enforcement officer at 801-939-9215. It is through these ADUs we can give a jump start to young couples with more affordable housing.



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