



# FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING

## RIGHTS OF WAY & PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS

It can be an unsettling experience. As you arrive home from work or school, you discover a person digging in the park strip or just behind the sidewalk in front of your house. Perhaps they are from the power or gas company; or they may be from a service provider that you don't even use – like an internet, telecommunications or cable company.

With the recent projects installing fiber in Farmington, there has been an abundance of calls to the city to express concerns about the activities of these entities. But these entities are not hired by the city; they operate independently. And except in very unusual circumstances, they are functioning within the public right-of-way (ROW) or public utility easements (PUE).

The city enters into franchise agreements with providers of public services, including telecommunications companies. These agreements give them access to public ROW and PUEs throughout the city.

We sometimes take for granted our modern conveniences: electricity, gas, water and sewer services. And we can call any number of telecommunications providers if we want access to phone, internet or cable services. These service systems only work because of the rules and regulations that allow them

to be placed, removed, or worked on within the ROW and PUEs.

How far does the ROW extend? In cases of established subdivisions, the limits of the ROW are easily determined because they are drawn on the plat. It customarily encompasses any sidewalk abutting a public road, with another foot or two behind it. Platted lots also have PUEs that extend even further into the property, often as far as ten feet. Historic lots or unplatted parcels may have different circumstances.

Ultimately, if there is a concern with the utility company, it is the responsibility of that utility company to resolve the issue, rather than the city. Their representatives should explain where ROW and PUEs begin as it relates to your property. If their work restoring the ROW is substandard, they are responsible for that, too. If a utility company performs work that you think is outside of the ROW or PUE, it is not a police matter; complaints should be lodged with the utility provider.

While their work and its impact on your home can certainly be an inconvenience, remember that we are all in this together and that all of us bear that same inconvenience for expanded and improved services.



THE BLUE BLOG

a message from Chief Eric Johnsen

I hope you find the blotter information interesting and find an opportunity to discuss with anyone you feel appropriate, but especially our young adults and teenagers. Before we get into it, as a matter of consistency I want to continue to share with you some of our overall stats month to month.

### MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- In total the police responded 1224 calls for service
- Auto Accident – 40
- Traffic Stops - 407
- Adult and or Juvenile Arrests – 61

If you pay any attention to the news it is impossible to not hear a story about problems at the United States' southern border. I worry that too often we believe that is a world away and does not impact us here in Farmington. That would be a mistake. If you have children, please make them aware of what I am about to share with you.

Part of the police budget goes toward contributing to the Davis County Metro Narcotics Task Force. This is a team of officers from around the county that are assigned on a full-time basis to an undercover narcotics division. Farmington does not have enough officers to participate; however we do pay money into the fund that allows this task force to operate.

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## I-15 Environmental Impact Study PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD STILL OPEN

As part of UDOT's mission to improve quality of life through transportation, they are conducting an environmental study along the I-15 corridor between the US-89 interchange in Farmington and 400 South in Salt Lake City. The study addresses issues such as aging infrastructure, travel time, safety, limited connections, and walking and biking improvements.

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Residents of Farmington are invited to help Santa bring smiles to the children of Davis County

by donating items for the angel tree. Items can be dropped off at city hall, 160 S Main Street, from November 6th to December 15th during normal business hours. Items should be left unwrapped. Gift cards, money, and food are always welcomed.

## ADU and I-ADU Registration



As noted in the August newsletter, Farmington City has been permitting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and I-ADUs (interior portion of the home converted into a separate unit) in most neighborhoods throughout the city, as long as they meet the approved ordinances. Per the State of Utah, cities are now required to have an updated list of all ADU and I-ADUs. To accomplish this, Farmington City is asking that all properties with an ADU or I-ADU fill out a form via the QR code above. This includes mother-in-law apartments, basement apartments, detached garages with apartments, etc.

Blue Blog continued

Here are the latest statistics:

YEAR TO DATE (through September)  
the task force has seized:

- 186.33 pounds of Methamphetamine
- 89.26 pounds of Heroin
- 422,666 Fentanyl pills
- 56.02 pounds of Cocaine
- 32.38 pounds of Marijuana (leaf, edibles, wax)
- 688 THC cartridges
- 2.6 pounds of Mushrooms
- \$249,638 in cash
- 131 arrests
- 95 firearms

This should alarm you! While I was writing this, Farmington officers responded to a 25-year-old male who overdosed in the Harmons grocery store bathroom. If you are wondering, yes, officers on scene seized Fentanyl.

On August 30, 2023 several Farmington Police officers responded to Station Park on what was initially reported as possible shoplifting. After a few hours of fantastic police work, officers arrested multiple subjects and during that arrest seized over 600 Fentanyl pills. These pills were packaged for distribution and the subject admitted he came to Farmington with the intent to sell some of those pills.

Please talk to your children about the dangers of illicit drugs and the life-altering effects they have. Always, always, always call us if you think something suspicious is going on. Our community can only stay safe if we collectively keep watch.

Next month the BLUE BLOG will feature a story on the newest member of our department. Her name is **Liberty** and she is adorable!



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH Genevieve Foster

Genevieve is an amazing student. She is exceeding all academic requirements for a 4th grader. She is a dancer and an athlete. She likes to explore nature by hiking with her family. She is kind and always willing to help other people in the classroom—a dream student that every teacher would love to have.

Genevieve is changing the world every day with her knowledge, her kindness, and her willingness to try new things without being afraid of failing. She has a great work ethic and, even with her busy schedule, completes all assigned homework.

## Winter Parking Ordinance

Winter parking goes into effect on November 15th, which means that vehicles should be off streets from 1:00am until 7:00 am. This allows snowplows to safely clear the streets. (Farmington City Ordinance – 14-5-010: ALL NIGHT PARKING)

If you see any vehicle on the street during these times or have concerns, please contact the police department at 801-451-5453.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A BACKFLOW DEVICE ON CULINARY WATER HOSE BIBS. ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?**



## Public Works invites you to a BACKFLOW DEVICE OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 28th  
2:00–6:00pm  
Public Works Office  
720 W 100 N

**LEARN ABOUT THE NEEDS, RISKS, AND OPERATION OF BACKFLOW DEVICES. PUBLIC WORKS STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**



# CITY INFORMATION

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160 South Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025

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[mayor@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:mayor@farmington.utah.gov)

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## CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Main Number ..... 801-451-2383  
Police Department ..... 801-451-5453  
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](http://farmington.utah.gov).



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## November 2023

November 2	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
November 11	SAT	VETERANS DAY CEREMONY Farmington Cemetery 500 S 200 E	11:00 am details page 6
November 14	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
November 16	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
November 23 & 24	THURS FRI	CITY OFFICES CLOSED Thanksgiving Holiday	
November 27	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on the HPC webpage

## LUNCH WITH THE MAYOR



A picture really is worth 1000 words.



720 West 100 North  
801-451-0953

[farmington.utah.gov/parks-rec/](http://farmington.utah.gov/parks-rec/)



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PARKS & RECREATION

FARMINGTON

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

PARK & POOL RESERVATIONS  
JAN 8TH (RES) &  
JAN 15TH (NONRES)

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATIONS  
BEGIN IN FEB



LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS?

FARMINGTON POOL SEASON PASSES GO ON SALE DEC 1ST!

PROGRAM REGISTRATION SEASON

PROGRAM	REGISTRATION	SEASON
YOUTH BASKETBALL INDIVIDUAL/TEAM	REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL	JAN 16TH
ADAPTIVE BASKETBALL	REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL	JAN 8TH
ADULT BASKETBALL	REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL	JAN 9TH
SKI AND SNOWBOARD	REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL	WED OR SAT
PICKLEBALL LEAGUE ADULT	DEC 4TH (RES) DEC 5TH (NONRES)	JAN 9TH-FEB 15TH TUE-THUR
WRESTLING CLINIC K-6TH GRADE	REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL	JAN 9TH-FEB 1ST

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING SPRING REGISTRATION DATES!

**A**DULT BASKETBALL  
**A**DAPTIVE BASKETBALL · **V**OLLEYBALL CLINIC  
**A**DULT VOLLEYBALL · **A**DULT PICKLEBALL  
**Y**OUTH FISHING · **B**ASEBALL  
**S**OFTBALL · **S**PRING TENNIS · **S**OCCER

WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

'TIS THE SEASON

Letters to Santa & Christmas with Santa



# Meet the Candidates

## FARMINGTON CITY ELECTION 2023

On Election Day, three Farmington City Council positions will be decided. All have four-year terms. Candidates are pictured below in master ballot position, along with their unedited campaign statements.

I have served on the City Council for four years and as Farmington's Mayor Pro Tem for the past two years. I am an attorney in International Law at the Kirton McConkie law firm and a certified mediator. As a Council member, I respect and listen to citizens, study the issues thoroughly and enjoy using my 42 years of legal experience to offer clarity, insight and common sense. I stood up to developers who sought excessive financial concessions from the City for the North Station Business Park. I helped resolve complex lawsuits, which provided funding for a new City Park. Among many accomplishments, our City Council acquired the historic Richards Grist Mill to preserve our unique heritage and open space, and funded construction of a new west-side fire station—both without bonding or raising taxes. My wife, Eva, and I have lived in Farmington for 18 years and Davis County for 38 years. We raised our family in Centerville, where I was Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission and on the Board of Adjustment. I invite you to visit my website [VoteforScott.org](http://VoteforScott.org) or [Facebook.com/Scott4Farmington](https://www.facebook.com/Scott4Farmington). SCOTT STANDS UP FOR FARMINGTON! RE-ELECT SCOTT!

Scott Isaacson



Rebecca Wayment



I've proudly called Farmington my home for 15 years, where I've raised five daughters and immersed myself in this wonderful community. Serving and enhancing our city has been the most fulfilling part of my journey. Over the past decade, I've passionately advocated for the arts, parks, open spaces, trails, responsible development, and small businesses. Maintaining Farmington's small-town charm amid growing urbanization pressures is my paramount concern. As a City Councilmember, I pledge to represent the residents' concerns at city meetings, foster collaboration, and support initiatives that secure Farmington's future while preserving its unique charm, vibrant community and safe neighborhoods. My background includes a Masters in Public Administration and extensive experience in city planning and community development. Working harmoniously with fellow City Councilmembers, the mayor, city staff, state legislators, and residents is essential to keep Farmington the best place to call home. I am looking forward to serving the amazing residents of this community and dedicated to preserving and enhancing our beloved community's quality of life.

Dr. Roger Child, PhD, has spent 30 years in developing cities. His experience includes single family housing, multi-family housing, office parks, mixed-use developments, industrial parks, and ecclesiastical buildings. His experience extends across multiple states and more than 70 different countries. He has brought this international experience home to Farmington, serving 3 years on the Planning Commission, including 1 year as Chairman. He has also served 2 years as an appointed City Councilman. Dr. Child has a PhD in Metropolitan Planning with an emphasis in Urban Economics. He has written papers on affordable housing, coauthored textbooks on planning statistics, and taught university level classes. This experience together with his undergraduate degrees in Finance and Economics with a Master of Business Administration provides him with the skillset to ensure the city is fiscally responsible and founded on good economic principles. Dr. Child and his wife, Lori, have lived in Farmington for 30+ years raising their 5 children in a great community. Dr. Child desires to preserve Farmington as a great family friendly environment. Like the trees that line Mainstreet the character and values of Farmington run deep and need to be preserved.

Roger Child



Rachel Stuker



I am a devoted mother of four children and have lived in Farmington city for five years. As I moved with my family to several different states and cities before landing in Farmington, my opinion of what makes a strong family community has evolved to a desire to contribute and serve in a strong family community. I love this city and all it offers, and want to continue to increase the support and amenities for young families as the city continues to grow. I have been blessed to see my parents serve in different capacities like state legislature, nursing board at the University, parent teacher organizations and many more. They have taught me the importance of giving back to your community and contributing time and effort to make it a better place to live. Farmington city has so many families like mine, where the children outnumber the adults in the home and roots are just beginning to grow. I am running for city council to ensure that the city our children live in continues to enrich their lives and that we can find more opportunities to build a strong family community.

I love living in Farmington. We moved here in 2002 and Farmington has enhanced the quality of life for me and my family. On the city council I have worked to ensure the safety of our community. I have done this by being the liaison with first responders to better understand their needs. I am an advocate for you and have on several occasions been able to help resolve safety concerns by listening to you and working with the city to get it resolved. Farmington has over 150 miles of trails. I served on the trails committee for three and half years and love all the different kinds of trails that we have access to. I am an advocate for trails and open space because they encourage healthy lifestyles. With patience and persistence I have pushed for pedestrian access over Park Lane. The project is now funded and we should see construction start in 2024! Please visit my website [www.amyshumway.com](http://www.amyshumway.com) to learn more about my journey. See you on the trails or pickleball courts! Vote for Amy!

Amy Shumway

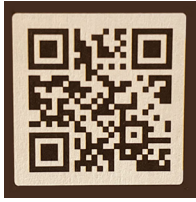


LaVerne Schraedel



My main motivation for running is to contribute to the community with no personal agenda for the city. I do, however, have the desire to listen, hear, understand and advocate for the people of Farmington about the issues we face here and to address them constitutionally. I stand strong in my commitment to serve the people of Farmington in those ways and to encourage transparency as a city government. I'm confident my contribution as a member of Farmington City Council will be welcomed and valuable because the same principles I will uphold in office, have upheld our nation, and will do the same for households and families, when applied. I have met Mayor Anderson, City Manager Mellor and a few of the incumbents and am thrilled to possibly be serving with such honorable people. I love our God, my family and our Farmington and pledge to serve them well. I look forward to meeting each of you. To arrange a group meeting, please go to my website to learn more. [laverne4citycouncil.org](http://laverne4citycouncil.org)

People who live along and use the corridor were asked to give feedback during October at online and in-person open houses and hearings. **The public comment period will be open until November 13, 2023.**



If you desire to provide feedback to UDOT regarding I-15, you can contact the study team by scanning the QR code. Alternate ways to get information or provide comment are listed below:

- Phone: 385-220-5797
- Email: [i15eis@utah.gov](mailto:i15eis@utah.gov)
- Website: [i15eis.udot.utah.gov](http://i15eis.udot.utah.gov)
- Join the Facebook group to stay up to date: [www.facebook.com/groups.udoti15eis](https://www.facebook.com/groups.udoti15eis)



## Business License Renewals

Business license renewals will be emailed on November 16th. To avoid a late fee, please pay your fees as soon as possible. Our new system, Civic Review, will allow you to easily update information that may have changed. To ensure your email on file is correct, please contact Carly Rowe at [crowe@farmington.utah](mailto:crowe@farmington.utah).



Welcome **BOARD WALK DENTAL** to Farmington



## YOUTH CITY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

Applications for Farmington Youth City Council will be accepted beginning November 6th. Use the QR code or for more information, go to the city website, [farmington.utah.gov/youth-city-council/](http://farmington.utah.gov/youth-city-council/). Please contact Emme Paget if you have questions at [epaget@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:epaget@farmington.utah.gov) or call 801-939-9226.

# VETERANS DAY

you are invited to a special ceremony  
**NOVEMBER 11th @11am**  
Farmington Cemetery  
500 South 200 East  
**the FHS senior choir will perform**



## SEEKING PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

The mayor and city council are now accepting applications for up to two new planning commission members. Anticipated seats to be filled will include a regular position with a term of service which shall not exceed 4 years (January 2024 through December 2027) and an alternate position which serves in the absence of a regular commissioner with a term of 1 year (January 2024 through December 2024). The planning commission is a seven-member board that meets twice a month to review, provide recommendations, and make decisions regarding planning and zoning issues that affect our community. For those applying to the planning commission, a letter of interest with qualifications should be received by Friday November 17, 2023 by 5 PM via email to [crowe@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:crowe@farmington.utah.gov).

## LEAF COLLECTION ON STATE and MAIN STREETS



The treasured sycamore and ash trees along State and Main streets are an integral part of Farmington's identity and a point of pride for us all. And because they are, the city provides the service of picking up leaves in the following areas:

- Main Street from 100 S to 500 N
- ◆ State Street from 400 W to 300 E
- ◆ 200 W from State to 200 S
- 400 N from Main to 100 E

The sweeper will be in these areas on a regular basis. Limbs and twigs cannot be picked up. Please do not put these types of materials at the curb. They plug the vacuum hose.

If you do not live in the areas listed above, you are responsible to collect and dispose of the leaves on your property. Please do not put your leaves in the street.



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