



# FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING

FARMINGTON'S  
**GIVING TREE**  
MAKE IT A GREAT SEASON  
FOR EVERYONE



You are invited to help Santa bring smiles to the children and families of Davis County by donating items for the Giving Tree. Items can be dropped off at city hall, 160 S Main Street, from November 6th to December 15th during normal business hours.

***You don't need to choose an item from the tree—gift cards, money, and food are always welcome.*** Items should be left unwrapped.

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**COMING IN THE  
NEW YEAR  
WATCH FOR INSTRUCTIONS  
IN THE  
JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

## THE STRENGTH OF COLLECTIVE EFFORT

a message from  
Mayor Brett Anderson

Happy holidays to you and yours. We truly hope that you find time during this holiday season to feel and share peace and joy. Often during this time of year, we find in ourselves an increasing desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others. In doing so, we sometimes become aware of their needs and struggles. Sometimes we ask ourselves, what can I do to make a difference. It can seem daunting for one person to make a meaningful difference. But imagine if 27,000 people came together to make a difference.

When a community joins together, great things can be accomplished. We have seen this in the annual service projects undertaken by our community. We have seen this when we come together following a windstorm. We have accomplished big things together. There is strength in our collective effort to help. Along these lines, we would like to invite you to consider participating in a new program that will make a meaningful and real difference in the lives of others.



At this time of year, it seems like over the course of about two weeks, we switch from running the A/C to cranking up the furnace. For some, this is simply switching from one device to the other without giving it much thought. For others, both the A/C and the heater present a real dilemma, based on the desire for comfort and the cost of running the equipment. There are those in our community for whom the dilemma is real and often they put basic comfort aside because they simply cannot afford it. Right here in Farmington, there are those who suffer in the heat or shiver in the cold because they do not have the ability to pay for that "convenience." There are those for whom even the monthly water bill creates a hardship. Even turning on the water creates financial anxiety.

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## PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

Winter temperatures often fluctuate between moderately warm one week to extremely cold the next—weather that can lead to frozen or burst pipes. There are steps homeowners can take to prevent frozen pipes: keep the heat in your home above 50° • leave cabinet doors open to allow warm air to reach pipes • keep all interior doors open so that heat can flow throughout your home • allow faucets to trickle slightly (a stream about the size of a pencil lead) to keep water moving and alleviate pressure in the system • caulk any holes or cracks (interior and exterior) that exist near pipes to keep cold air out of pipes located in areas that do not have proper insulation • basements or attics may need extra insulation to keep from freezing • know the location of your water heater and protect that area against the cold • close your garage and other outside doors

It's a good idea to keep some water stored for use in case it becomes necessary for public works to temporarily turn off the water supply to your home.

A few preventative measures can help homeowners avoid a lot of repairs, cleanup and inconvenience. If you would like more information or advice regarding how to protect your property against frozen pipes, please call Farmington Public Works at 801-451-2624.

### **WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!**

10-5-101 **ALL-NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED.**  
No person shall park a vehicle on any street within the city during the period from **NOVEMBER 15, THRU THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1:00 A.M. AND 7:00 A.M.** on any day, except for physicians during emergency calls or by permit 14-5-102.

**NOTE: Perpetual offenders may be subject to increased fines.**

Mayor Anderson message continued

To make a difference, and to allow our community to come together to make a real difference in the everyday lives of our friends and neighbors, we are excited to announce a new program. In your upcoming utility bill from Farmington City, you will see several options for coming together as a community to solve real problems. One option is to opt-in to a small monthly increase in your bill, like a \$1 or \$2 increase. So, if your monthly bill is \$84.70, then you will agree to pay \$86.70. Another option is to agree to pay any amount you want on an ongoing monthly basis. You may think, I can give \$5 or more every month to make a difference. The last option, which may be combined with the others, is to donate a lump sum.

These donated funds will be segregated and allocated into a separate account or fund. They will then be used to entirely pay for or defray the utility costs of those in our community who simply cannot afford to pay them. For example, these funds can be used to cover the most basic costs of water and sewer. This is a need-based program. The city will administer these funds and they will only be used to assist those who lack the financial wherewithal to cover their own basic expenses.

We invite you to participate in this program. If you have ever wondered how you can help, this is how. This program is 100% voluntary. But I believe those are the best kinds of programs. I invite you to come together as a community to be part of a solution in the everyday lives of our friends and neighbors. There is power when a community comes together. We are excited to unveil this program that will tap into our combined capacity to create ongoing solutions to real problems--right here in Farmington. Here in our town, we take care of each other. Thank you for your consideration in participating in this new program. We can do this!



**THE BLUE BLOG**

a message from Chief Eric Johnsen

Thank you to all of you that have given me feedback regarding the Blue Blog, I will work hard every month to provide you information that helps you better understand your police department and the activities we are involved in. This month I have a special introduction of the newest member of our department.

Please welcome Liberty. She was born on July 13, 2023. She is a mix of Belgian Malinois and Australian Shepherd. The combination of her breed is becoming popular in the service dog world because of the potential of high drive, intelligence, and athleticism. Liberty is already demonstrating high scores in all of these areas.



Liberty and Officer Dane Hanson

Liberty is assigned to Officer Dane Hanson as her handler. Officer Hanson has been with FPD for over four years and has always hoped to be assigned to a K9 specialty position. She will be primarily trained in tracking. There is often a need to locate people in Farmington, whether it is a suspect trying to avoid apprehension or a lost child. Liberty will provide an invaluable service to your community. After she has been adequately trained and proven to be capable in tracking, we hope to train her in narcotics detection as well.

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## CITY INFORMATION

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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

December 2023

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

December 5	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
December 7	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
December 8 & 9	FRI SAT	CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA sign up on the P&R web page	
December 25 & 26	MON TUES	CITY OFFICES CLOSED Christmas Holiday	
January 1	MON	CITY OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Holiday	

## THE FUN SHOT

### BASKETBALL SHOOTING COMPETITION

FOR 5-12TH GRADERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH

12:00-3:00 PM

FARMINGTON GYM

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP



SAT  
1-13-24

Farmington City will pick up natural Christmas trees on Saturday, January 13th. To take advantage of this service, here's what you need to do:

- Place trees on the curb by 6:00 am on January 13th. Crews will pass through neighborhoods *once*.
- Cut trees into 6-foot lengths.
- Clear snow away so that trees are on the surface and visible.

Collected trees are used to make mulch. Flocked trees cannot be used and will not be picked up.

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PARKS & RECREATION

FARMINGTON

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

**FARMINGTON  
POOL  
SEASON  
PASSES**  
ON SALE NOW

**SWIM  
LESSON  
REGISTRATIONS**  
BEGIN IN  
FEBRUARY

**REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL**

**Tennis**  
For 4 & 5 year olds

January 17th – Feb 21st

Wednesdays  
12:00 or 1:45 pm class

**Volleyball League**  
For adults

January 8th – women  
January 12th – coed

Monday nights —  
women's comp & rec leagues  
Friday nights — coed

**Ski & Snowboard  
Program**

Feb 10th & 24th.  
Mar 2nd & 9th

Brighton Resort

**Pickleball League**  
For adults

begins  
January 9th, 10th & 11th  
(Tues, Wed, or Thurs)

6 week program  
90 minutes by skill level

**Pickleball League**  
For seniors

watch for more info

mail to:

**SANTA CLAUS**  
1 Candycane Lane  
North Pole, AK 00001



drop letters in the **LETTERS TO SANTA** mailbox at the  
P&R Office, City Hall, or the Farmington Gym





by Scott Isaacson,  
Farmington City Council

# Creating Meaningful Memories

At Christmastime in the small town where I grew up, the Soroptimist Club, a volunteer women's service organization my mother belonged to, organized a toy drive for children of families in need. Our garage was the designated collection spot for the toys. I was about 10 years old. Imagine what it is like to see my own garage brimming with Christmas toys! There, club members repaired bikes, dressed dolls, wrapped gifts, and boxed them for delivery.

There was a small-town newspaper (younger people can ask grandparents what those were) that printed "Letters to Santa" local children had submitted. On Christmas Eve, one of these letters to Santa caught my mother's eye. A little girl wrote that her father was in jail, and they didn't have much. She asked for a doll for herself and for

toys for her brother. Underneath the heart-wrenching letter, the newspaper editor had printed that because of the Soroptimist's project, this little girl and her brother would receive gifts. My mother checked her list of families that had received gifts. The girl's family was not on it. Our garage was empty—there were no more donated gifts to give, and it was too late to buy anything.

My mother explained to me and my two younger sisters that she wanted to take some of the presents that my parents had for us and give them to this family. I don't recall that I had a choice in the matter. I also don't know how she did it, but my mother found the little girl's address. I vividly recall going on Christmas Eve with my mother and sisters to the girl's home

in a humble trailer park, bringing a box containing some of the presents that had been meant for us. When I saw the family's situation and reaction, it created a deep and meaningful memory of Christmas.

I cannot recall what presents I got for Christmas that year, or frankly most years of my childhood, but I will always remember the year we gave some of our gifts to others.

Farmington is a great place to raise our children. I hope that this year we can find opportunities to create these kinds of lasting memories for them as we celebrate this season. The year we gave was much more meaningful and memorable for me than all the gifts I received. That may be an overused cliché, but a truth, nonetheless. Merry Christmas to everyone!

## HOME OWNER ASSOCIATIONS

To ensure better and the most up-to-date communication, the city is asking that all HOAs fill out this no-cost application via QR code. This will provide current contact information for board members, management groups, etc. Any questions can be directed to Carly Rowe at 801-939-9215 or via email at [crowe@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:crowe@farmington.utah.gov).



801-451-7999  
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## FARMINGTON COMMUNITY OF HEROES BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, December 28  
9 am - 3 pm  
U of U Farmington Health Center

Sign up to donate blood. Save a LIFE today!



Go to [UtahBlood.org](http://UtahBlood.org) or call  
801-584-5272 for an appointment.

## ADU AND I-ADU REGISTRATION



As noted in the August newsletter, Farmington City has been permitting ADUs and I-ADUs 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. This includes mother-in-law apartments, basement apartments, detached garages with apartments, etc. To accomplish this list, the city is asking that all properties with an ADU or I-ADU fill out the form via this QR code.

## BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

Business license renewals have been emailed. To avoid a late fee, please pay your fees as soon as possible. If you do not renew by December 31st, you will be non-compliant. The city's new system, Civic Review, will allow you to easily update information that may have changed. Should you have any questions, please contact Carly Rowe at 801-939-9215 or via email at [crowe@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:crowe@farmington.utah.gov).

## YOUTH CITY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS DUE 1-9-24



Applications for Farmington Youth City Council are now being accepted until end of business on January 9, 2024. 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.



### Blue Blog continued

We are using training techniques that we believe will instill in Liberty social characteristics that will allow her to also serve in a community relations purpose and be a service dog that all of you can be proud of and excited to see when the opportunity allows.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Farmington Police Department. We will be working hard to keep you and your loved ones safe, knowing this time of year always presents interesting challenges in public safety.



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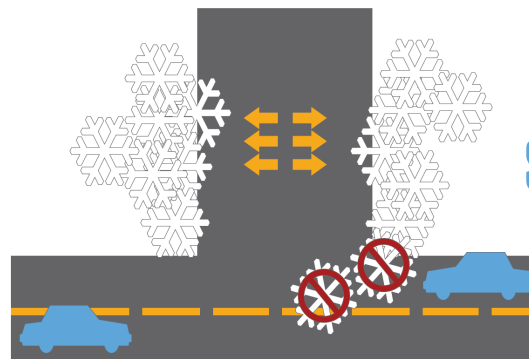
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