

# Farmington NEWS



Mayor Jim and Karen Talbot

## Dear Farmington Residents,

I am humbled as I write to you for the last time as your mayor. It's amazing how quickly the time has flown by since I have been engaged in service to this great community; hard to believe that I have been serving for a total of 17 years:

- 8 years as your mayor
- 4 years as a city councilman
- 5 years on the planning commission

As Karen and I bid you all farewell, we thank you for the great honor of serving the people of Farmington, and we express our great love and respect to all of you as we say goodbye and begin a new adventure of service. We have accepted a mission call for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints immediately following our mayoral term in January and will be gone for 18 months.

Like many of you, when we moved to Farmington 31 years ago, it was a sleepy little town with one stop sign, but a great place to live and raise a family. The only way we could stop change and development would be to ask all of us to stop having children and prevent others from moving to Farmington. That was never going to happen, nor would that have been the right thing to do! The key was to manage growth responsibly and allow enough retailers to give us a tax base to provide services for our citizens such as garbage, police, water, utilities, fire, and first responders. For the past 17 years, we have tried our very best to navigate the growth and development of our city, welcome newcomers, and have a master plan to make sure our decisions were protecting Farmington for future generations. It has taken a village of many—not just city officials—to make this happen. Before I leave, I want to express some important thank-yous and highlight some of the accomplishments made since I have served in office of those in the community, city employees, and elected officials that have made a great impact on the *now* and *future* of Farmington.

1. First and foremost, thank you to the **citizens** of Farmington for who you are—a cut above so many other communities in this country. You are service-oriented, kind to one another, patient, and care about your community and its future. It truly has been an honor to serve as your mayor.

2. Thank you to **Lagoon**. I can't say enough great things about the owners of Lagoon and their willingness to support our city. Lagoon has been a part of Farmington for 125 years and is on 300 acres of our city. I'm grateful to the owners, David and Kristen Freed, for their vision in making Lagoon a world-class amusement park and a venue that we all can be proud of. I appreciate their dedication in making sure their patrons have a great family experience. With high-tech adventure rides like Wicked, Cannibal, and their new "secret ride" experience currently being built

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to open in 2023, Lagoon is a popular spot for locals and visitors throughout the intermountain area.

In addition to providing lots of fun, they continue to give thousands of dollars every year to our city for various activities such as Festival Days and the Easter egg hunt. Thank you, Lagoon, for providing jobs for our youth and a tax base that helps keep our city financially sound.



3. Thanks to **CenterCal**, Fred Brunning and Jean Paul Wardy, the developers of **Station Park** retail and business development, who shared our vision of what could be done. When many others told us this kind of shopping center would not be successful, or even feasible, we went with our own instincts and studies and supported its development. This 60-acre development with over 100 retail businesses and over a million square feet of space is the envy of every city in northern Utah and the surrounding region. We had a vision of a gathering place for families and a unique convenient shopping center for our community and those surrounding us. Our little city took on a great financial obligation and commitment for twenty years and through careful financial planning, it has become an even more successful development than we anticipated. The 20-year debt associated with Station Park was paid off after only nine years—something in today’s world that is unthinkable. Thank you **CenterCal**, for believing in Farmington, and for the great world-class development that you have provided for our citizens. Thank you for the many jobs that you have created along with the significant financial contributions you have made

to the city, which includes our Festival Days firework extravaganza every year. In addition, thank you for helping us make our new softball/baseball complex the gem it is today.

4. Thank you to the **Farmington Parks & Recreation Department** for sharing the vision of our own “field of dreams,” Station Park Fields and Gymnasium on 650 West. “Build it and they will come,” has turned out to be true right here in Farmington. This 46-acre city park was meant for all of us to enjoy—and enjoy it we have! There are many to thank for this development, but a special thanks to Neil Miller, our Parks & Recreation Director, who worked tirelessly to make this a park that will take us into the future. If you

haven’t been there to see and enjoy this park, here are some of the services it provides for our citizens:

- a 32,000-square-foot gym with 3 high-school-size basketball courts
- 6 half courts for our basketball league
- a walking track and exercise equipment above the courts on the second floor to enjoy year-round
- 5 high-school-size volleyball courts
- 10 indoor pickleball courts

We also engineered the architecture of the gymnasium so that the city can expand the facility in the future by an additional 32,000 square feet while keeping the original building intact.

Now let’s take a closer look at the outside of our park facility:

- 21 soccer fields
- 4 baseball/softball fenced and lighted fields
- 2 playground areas
- 8 outdoor lighted pickleball courts

- 2 community pavilions for gathering and eating
- 1 outdoor basketball court
- 2 outdoor half courts
- 2 restrooms and a storage shed

Another accomplishment of Parks & Rec this past year has been the expansion of Forbush Park, the home of our Festival Day activities, by adding a half acre. The improvement has made all the difference for this downtown park. Over the next couple years, we have plans to rebuild our municipal pool by doubling the swim area and adding swim lap lanes and surrounding the pool with a lazy river for all to enjoy.

**New city park.** The city will be building a new 17-acre city park within the new projected business park that will house:

- 3 football fields for our city football programs
- 8 additional lighted pickleball courts
- 6-station workout area
- restrooms
- trails
- pavilion for gathering and eating

5. Thank you to the **U of U Medical Management and Gordon Crabtree** for seeing the need to add the beautiful and convenient medical facility at Station Park. This 14-acre development with 133,000 square feet of space has been an important addition to our city and the U of U has been a great neighbor to us. They donated funds for the horses you see in the roundabout at Station Park and money towards the pickleball courts.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## December 2021

Dec 7	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 16	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
Dec 16	THURS	Trails Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Dec 21	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 23 & 24	FRI	City Office Closed for Christmas Holiday	
Dec 29	WED	Historic Preservation Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda available on the HPC website
Dec 31	FRI	City Office Closed for New Year Holiday	
Jan 3	MON	2022 Park Reservations Open for Residents P&R Office 720 West 100 North	8:00 am see details below
Jan 8	SAT	Christmas Tree Pickup	see details page 6

### 2022 PARKS & POOL Reservations Opens Monday, January 3rd

Fill your 2022 with get-togethers!

Reserve Farmington PAVILIONS, LAWN AREAS and SPORTS FIELDS,  
including the new pavilion at Regional Park.

**When:** Residents—January 3rd beginning at 8am  
Nonres—January 10th beginning at 8am

**Where:** Parks & Recreation Office, 720 W 100 N

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON**

And don't forget to reserve your PRIVATE POOL PARTY!

Residents: \$500 / Nonres: \$600



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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

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



### Christmas Tree Pickup

Saturday, January 8th

see details on page 6





**FARMINGTON CITY**  
**PARKS & REC.**

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

**LETTERS TO SANTA**

**SANTA CLAUS**  
**1 CANDY CANE LANE**  
**NORTH POLE, AK 99705**

**DROP LETTERS @**  
**FARMINGTON**  
**PARKS & REC BUILDING**

LOOKING FORWARD TO  
**2022**

**SWIM POOL PASSES**

SEASON/INDIV/PUNCH PASS/SENIOR  
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE JAN 3RD

**BBALL & SOFTBALL**

WHEN? APRIL-JUNE  
REGISTER JAN 18TH

**SPRING SOCCER**

WHEN? APRIL-MAY  
REGISTER JAN 24TH

**SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL**

WHEN? APRIL-MAY  
REGISTER JAN 10TH

**LIFEGUARDING CLASSES**

WHEN? MAY-JUNE  
REGISTER FEB 1ST

**SPRING YOUTH TENNIS**

WHEN? APRIL-MAY  
REGISTER FEB 7TH

**SWIM LESSONS**

WHEN? JUNE-AUG  
REGISTER APRIL 25TH

**WSI CLASS**

WHEN? MAY  
REGISTER FEB 1ST

**ADULT CO-ED SOCCER**

WHEN? JUNE-JULY  
REGISTER MARCH 28TH

**JR PHOENIX TRACK CAMP**

WHEN? JUNE  
REGISTER MAY 2ND

**SPRING YOUTH TENNIS**

WHEN? MAY-JUNE  
REGISTER FEB 1ST

**SUMMER YOUTH TENNIS**

WHEN? JUNE-AUG  
REGISTER MAY 2ND

**SUMMER SUPER SPORT**

WHEN? JUNE-AUG  
REGISTER APRIL 25TH

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REGISTER MAY 2ND

**SUMMER YOUTH TENNIS**

WHEN? MAY-JUNE  
REGISTER FEB 1ST

**SPRING YOUTH TENNIS**

WHEN? JUNE-AUG  
REGISTER MAY 2ND

**SUMMER SUPER SPORT**

WHEN? JUNE-AUG  
REGISTER APRIL 25TH

**TACKLE & FLAG FOOTBALL**

WHEN? AUG  
REGISTER MAY 31ST & JUNE 6TH

**FALL SOCCER**

WHEN? AUG  
REGISTER JUNE 6TH

**FALL BBALL & SOFTBALL**

WHEN? AUG  
REGISTER JUNE 6TH

**FALL YOUTH TENNIS**

WHEN? AUG  
REGISTER JULY 11TH

**JR JAZZ**

WHEN? OCT-DEC  
REGISTER AUG 8TH

**SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**

WHEN? FEB-MARCH  
REGISTER NOV 8TH



6. Thanks to **Davis School District** for helping us get the long-anticipated Farmington High School. Thanks to our citizens who passed the bond to build it. This state-of-the-art high school had been anticipated for many, many years and opened in the fall of 2018. What exists today is a 405,000-square-foot high school that resides on nearly 46 acres at 548 W. Glovers Lane. The building can hold up to 2,077 students and is expected to last the community until at least 2093. The technology, design, and latest teaching methods are preparing our students for careers, colleges, and life.

7. Thank you to **STACK Development** for sharing the vision to help sustain our city financially for many years to come. The development of a Class A business park will be a perfect fit for the land use and for employees using the Farmington Frontrunner Station. The North Farmington Station Business Park will become a reality starting in the next 18 months. You will see it begin rising north of Cabela's on the acres that border I-15. This new development will be a continuing strong tax base for the city moving forward. It is anticipated that there will be roughly 1.5 million square feet of office space, attracting companies from all over America here to do business. Included within the park will be

additional housing to create a work, live, and play environment. Thank you, Stack Development, for believing in this site and for being our partner in making this dream a reality.

8. Thank you to all the **planning commissioners** I have had the pleasure to work with, and for your dedication to the shaping of our city.

9. Thank you to the wonderful **city council** members I have labored with and whom I will never forget. Thank you for your loyal support and for



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doing something that a lot of other city councils never experience, working together while becoming friends in the sculpturing of this beautiful city.

10. Thank you to the two **city managers** I have been able to work with and learned to love—Dave Millheim

and Shane Pace. The two of them have safeguarded the city and helped it run smoothly. Thank you for your friendship and loyalty.

11. Thank you to all the **department heads and employees** that keep this city running smoothly. They have all our interests in mind and work tirelessly to keep us safe. They've been an inspiration to me and have become my true, dear friends whom I will never forget.

12. A special thank-you to all **my family** who have knocked your doors during election campaigns, held signs on street corners urging you to vote for their dad and grandpa, and who have been there with their support and love. I LOVE YOU ALL!

To my best friend and the love of my life, **Karen**. Thank you for believing in me and supporting and protecting me throughout these many years of service. I owe you everything!

Many of you know just how much I love the Christmas season. I have Christmas music playing all year long here in my mayor's office. To quote the title from one of my favorite Christmas movies starring Jimmy Stewart— "It's a Wonderful Life." I want you all to know that it really has been a wonderful life here in Farmington.

I leave you with Farmington City in good hands, financially sound,

beautiful, safe, and one of the greatest places to live in America. May the future remain bright as we move forward and may all of you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Mayor Jim & Karen Talbot*



THERE'S  
STILL  
TIME



FARMINGTON'S  
*Giving Tree*

The Giving Tree is on display at city hall and there is still time for you to make this holiday season memorable for a Davis County child living in poverty and/or abuse.

Bring a gift, gift card, cash or food donation by **Friday, December 17th** so deliveries can be made in time for Christmas.



## Christmas Tree Pickup

Farmington City will pick up natural Christmas trees on Saturday, January 8th. To take advantage of this service, here's what you need to do:

- Crews will only make one pass through neighborhoods, so have trees placed on the curb by 6:00 am on January 8th.
- 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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[www.lagoonpark.com](http://www.lagoonpark.com)



## A Christmas Gift to Remember

THE PLAY  
THAT GOES  
WRONG

JAN 14 - FEB 12

BORGERS • HUNNERTEDY'S  
*Cinderella*

MAR 11 - APR 9

*Big Fish*

JUN 17 - JUL 18

JOSEPH AND THE  
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR  
DREAMCOAT

AUG 5 - SEP 3

*Bright Star*

SEP 23 - OCT 22

**E!f** The Musical

NOV 16 - DEC 17

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for more information.



REMEMBER: No parking on the street between 1-7am now through February.  
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