



Farmington NEWS



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WEST DAVIS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN APRIL

UDOT is currently preparing to construct the West Davis Highway beginning this April. West Davis is a new 16-mile, 4-lane divided highway design-build project. The first phase of construction will connect to I-15 & Legacy Parkway south of Glovers Lane in Farmington, extending west and north, terminating at the future extension of S.R. 193 in West Point. Grade-separated interchanges will be built at Legacy/I-15 connecting these freeways to West Davis. An interchange will be also constructed at 950 North with overpasses located at 650

West, Glovers Lane, and 1525 West. City staff has been working with UDOT, their design engineers, and contractors for the last couple of years to ensure that the city's infrastructure is relocated and protected, local street access is maintained, and that the design and alterations to waterways, floodplains, and drainages match or exceed existing capacities. In future phasing, the highway is planned to extend to 1800 North in West Point. West Davis will include over ten miles of new trail and new trail connections to create a consolidated trail system connecting Emigration Trail to Legacy Parkway Trail.



Aerial of the West Davis UDOT Project

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It's SPRING! Cleanup Time

beginning Monday, April 5th
south half of the city from
600 North to city limits, including
west Farmington area

beginning Monday, April 12th
north half of the city from
600 North to city limits, including
Oakridge area



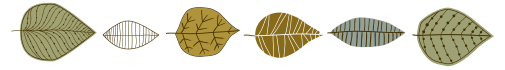
HISTORIC BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES

Benefits of the Historic Landmarks Register

- 1 In recent years, Farmington City updated its ordinances to provide for increased development opportunities and flexibility over and above what is allowed in the underlying zone (under certain circumstances) for owners who agree to preserve and maintain their historic homes and/or resources.
- 2 Technical Assistance and Preservation: The designation results in greater oversight by the city including receiving a required "certificate of appropriateness" from the FHCP for such things as repairs, alterations, relocations, or demolitions.
- 3 Access to Grants: Public and private organizations provide various grant opportunities. (example: Davis County Main Street Façade Grant)
- 4 Federal income tax incentives are available for easements and rehabilitation. Properties such as income-generating buildings may be eligible for Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives.
- 5 Tourism and Education Benefits: Farmington's Historic Downtown Walking Tour, for example, is a great tourism and education opportunity and features many properties on the Landmark Register already.
- 6 Heritage Tourism: traveling to experience the places, artifacts, and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present. It includes cultural, historic and natural resources.
- 7 Education in the Innovation of Local Architecture: Downtown Farmington is dynamic, with alterations to existing structures and construction of new buildings occurring over time.

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FEMA to Assist the City with Costs from Storm Damage



One of the last acts of former President Trump was to sign a major disaster declaration for areas affected by storms. Farmington City, as an entity, received significant damage as a result of the hurricane-force windstorm in September 2020, and is therefore now eligible to receive FEMA assistance. Public infrastructure not covered by insurance, disposal fees, and overtime for emergency personnel and other employees, will now be costs that are eligible for reimbursement.

The September windstorm cost the city over half a million dollars (more when combined with the expenses of the State of Utah, the National Guard, Davis County, and other municipalities that came to Farmington's assistance). That is a big expense for a little city of 25,000 residents. It is equivalent to 15% of the revenue generated by Farmington City property tax. The city dealt with three total emergency mobilization efforts in 2020—Covid in January, earthquake in March, and windstorm in September. All these expenses add up. Assistance from the federal government is greatly appreciated and will keep the burden of remedying the disaster from being left solely to the city's rainy day fund or ultimately Farmington taxpayers.

It goes without saying that the recent past has had its share of challenges. Municipal tax revenue (made up largely of sales tax levy) has been affected by the pandemic. But state and federal assistance programs, in combination with city spending cuts, have allowed the city to balance its budget and continue to provide exceptional services to residents with minimal disruption.

As Farmington's population grows, it is necessary for all residents to follow the collection rules so that the city can continue to provide this service.

The pickup is solely for residential limbs and branches. The following rules will be strictly enforced:

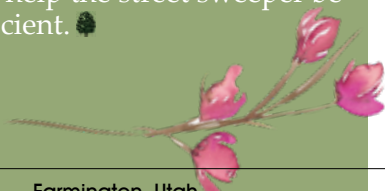
- Limbs must be cut so that they are *no longer than 5 feet or wider than 8 inches*.
- *Limbs and branches must be stacked* at the curb in a pile *no larger than approximately 10 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4 feet high*. Stacking limbs in the same direction allows for more volume in the pile.
- Material must be placed at the curb *before beginning collection day*.
- Collection trucks will *only drive by your home ONCE*.
- *No bags or boxes*.
- Leaves can be left in piles.

Materials collected will be mulched at the Central Davis Sewer District Treatment Plant.

Street sweeping will be done after spring cleanup is completed. Because they will plug the vacuum hose, the sweeper cannot pick up limbs or twigs over 6 inches long.

After the cleanup is complete, please rake the limbs and twigs from your gutter and throw them in your garbage can.

This will help the street sweeper be more efficient. 🌿



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2021

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| March 2 | TUES | City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street | 7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov |
| March 4 | THURS | Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street | 7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior |
| Mar 17 | SUN | Happy St. Patrick's Day  | |
| March 16 | TUES | City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street | 7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov |
| March 18 | THURS | Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street | 7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior |
| March 18 | THURS | Trails Committee 160 South Main Street | 7:00 pm public welcome |
| March 24 | WED | Historic Preservation Committee 160 South Main Street | 7:00 pm agenda available on the HPC website |

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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&R
IS HIRING FOR
SEASONAL JOBS
APPLY ONLINE
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P&R is looking for contract workers to help maintain city park restrooms and pavilions from April–October.

This contract would include locking/unlocking restrooms morning and evening and keeping them clean and maintained.

Cleaning supplies provided by the city. Compensation is a set monthly salary that varies by park. For questions or more information, email Colby Thackeray, Parks Superintendent

cthackeray@farmington.utah.gov



On Saturday 4/17, there will be an extra garbage collection day. The collection day is city-wide. Materials should be placed in the regular, roll-out black container and rolled to the curb line by 6:00 am on the 17th. No non-processable waste such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous wastes, etc. is permitted.

LIFEGUARDING
Class One



When? May 10th-26th
Time? 3:30-7:30pm (Mon/Wed)
Who? 15+

Online and in classroom work
Register now-April 16th
or until full



LIFEGUARDING
Class Two

When? May 31st-June 5th
Time? 3:30-8:30pm (Tues-Fri)
7:00am-6pm (Sat)
Who? 15+

Online and in classroom work
Register now-May 21st
or until full

SUMMER
REGISTRATION
BEGINS
APRIL 26TH@8AM!

more info
to come

WATER SAFETY
Instructor Class

When? May 11th-27th
Time? 3:30-7:30pm (Tues/Thurs)
Who? 15+

Online and in classroom work
Register now-April 16th
or until full

YOUTH SPRING TENNIS

When? April-May
Tues or Thurs

Register now until full

ADULT SLOW PITCH
SOFTBALL

Where? new Station Park fields
When? April-June
Who? 18+
Cost? \$400

Register now-April 1st

due to
Covid,

FARMINGTON CITY
WILL NOT BE HOSTING
AN EGG
HUNT THIS
YEAR :(

CERTAINTY AND CIVIC CHARITY

by Brett Anderson,
City Councilman



Certainty and conviction are emotions that humans have held for years. While such emotions can be a motivating force for good, they can also prove divisive and corrosive. When our certainty blinds us to any political or ideological position that differs from our own point of view, the emotion can prove destructive.

In 1796, a postal coach was traveling between Paris and London. Five individuals robbed the postal coach and killed the two postal inspectors. Four of the five robbers were seen eating together at a tavern near the scene of the crime. Several residents of the village observed the men and later testified about their guilt.

Two of the workers at the tavern claimed to recognize two men as part of the group of robbers. They identified a man named Lesurques and another named Guesnot. Lesurques was a 35-year old, married, father of three children. He was financially well enough off, given his income from the army. Lesurques was in town the day of the robbery, as he was accompanying his friend Guesnot to pick up some papers in town.

Despite the pleas of innocence by Lesurques and Guesnot, the tavern workers remained certain that their recollection was correct. Eventually, Guesnot provided a strong alibi to corroborate his innocence. The charges against him were dropped. Lesurques was not as successful. He was convicted and executed.

But here's the problem: between 1796 and 1804, the eyewitnesses identified a total of thirteen robbers

for the five-man job. Seven of those thirteen men (including Lesurques) were convicted and executed—for a crime committed by a mere five men.

Even with common core math, 7 does not equal 5. But the eyewitnesses were convinced of the correctness of their position. And so it is with so many "hot button" issues these days. The certainty that many feel about their respective positions has reduced their willingness to listen and learn. People can be so convinced that their position is correct and beyond debate that opposing views are ignored or, worse yet, that the proponents of the opposing view are demonized.

There is, indeed, a place for certainty and conviction. The local drill team needs to believe they can win the championship again (congrats, by the way, to the Farmington High School drill team). A wrestler needs to believe that he or she can pin the opponent (another congratulation to our first high school girls wrestling team who recently competed at the state tournament). Even our local corporate executive and entrepreneur has to believe in his or her company's products/services. Your elected officials have to believe that their decisions are in the best interest of all of the people of Farmington, and not their own personal views or agendas. And notwithstanding the

certainty and conviction, there must also be room for understanding and charity. When our certainty closes our ears and minds to greater understanding, the emotions stymie progress and foment discord. For the great civil contract of America to work, we have to accept that not everyone thinks as we do or sees what we see. Just because they see it differently, doesn't make them bad, uneducated, or less worthy of our respect and dignity.

There are often multiple points of view to consider. Often our point of view is based on our experiences, education, heritage, faith, upbringing, gender, education, socio-economic status, etc. For instance, from a particular vantage point some people may describe a quarter as a circle with the face of George Washington. From a different point of view, others may describe it as a circle with the image of an eagle, while others may describe the quarter as a rectangle with a lot of lines. All are correct. When we only fixate on the image from our point of view, we'll remain convinced that we are correct and all other points of view are wrong.

The solution is civic charity. A willingness to listen. A desire to understand. An acceptance that there are other points of view that differ from ours. Civic charity and tolerance begin at the local level because it is here that the issues touch us more directly and immediately. Implementation of this solution starts in our very neighborhoods. As we collectively recover from the pandemic, we can also make strides in recovering from the civic discord that is also plaguing our society. Take some extra time to get to know your neighbors a little better. Not the ones you are already friends with. The other ones. You know who they are. And they know who you are. Better yet, do something kind for them. Acts of service build bridges. They are your neighbors, after all. When we truly start to see, hear, and understand each other, that's when we'll progress. Of that, we can be certain.



8 Market Benefits/Property Values: Properties designated with local historic districts appreciate at rates greater than the local market overall, as well as faster than similar, non-designated neighborhoods. Findings on this point are consistent across the country. Moreover, recent analysis shows that historic districts are also less vulnerable to market volatility from interest rate fluctuations and economic downturns.

9 Official Recognition: A historic designation means that your property or neighborhood is recognized by the city as a key component of the community's architectural heritage. 🌳



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West Davis continued

The project will also utilize quiet pavement material, downward-directed lighting only at interchanges, and a low-grade profile. Construction is anticipated to be complete by spring 2024. For more information and to sign up to receive email updates, visit westdavis.udot.utah.gov.

Individuals 65+ may now receive their Covid-19 vaccination. Eligible residents should go to the [Davis County website](#) to schedule an appointment or call 801-525-4900 for help scheduling.



NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK
March 21-27



In recent months, there has been an increase in poison exposures, due in part to more people at home and increased use of household cleaners, disinfectants and hand sanitizer during the pandemic. Please take the time to inspect your home for any medicines or household products, such as detergents, cleaning products, pesticides, and fertilizers that may not be stored properly, and correct the situation immediately. Always store medicines and household products up high, away and out of sight from children.



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