

Farmington NEWS



The Commonality of Community

A MESSAGE FROM
MAYOR BRETT ANDERSON

One of the definitions of the word community is “a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.” The geographical aspect of that definition is objectively verifiable. If your address is within the city limits of Farmington, you are a resident and part of the community. The second aspect of the definition is more subjective. How can we determine if we have a particular characteristic in common? That question depends on the description of the “characteristic” at issue and the metric by which we measure what is “in common.”

Notwithstanding the difficulties of this subjective analysis, I believe we can demonstrate or even create common characteristics when we support other residents and participate in the goings-on in this city. A few weeks ago, many Farmington residents gave up their

Saturday morning to serve their fellow residents in this city. Hundreds of residents (along with our hard-working parks & rec employees) showed up to clean one of our beloved parks. Truckloads of debris, stumps, and branches were removed, and the park was beautified and made safer. What was accomplished in one morning would have taken hundreds and hundreds of hours of work from our parks and recreation department. At the same time, scores of residents showed up to “flip a strip” and load stone cobble into a park strip. The stones were spread and evened out by hand (literally, by hand due to the size of the stones). Again, in one morning, a huge water-saving project was completed. In another part of town, more than a hundred people cleaned out the bed of Farmington Creek. Truckloads of deadfall and underbrush were removed. The collective service given in one morning made our community nicer, safer, more water friendly, and just plain better.

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When dealing with legal issues, Paul believes it is important to remember that real people will be impacted by decisions and that individuals should always be treated with respect and courtesy.



PAUL H. ROBERTS
Farmington City Attorney

The city has reached the point where paying consulting fees for legal counsel is no longer cost effective. So, in September, the mayor and city council appointed the city's first in-house attorney. Meet Paul Roberts. Paul has been practicing the law for fifteen years, most recently as the city attorney for Syracuse.

Paul lives in Layton with his wife and two of his three children—his oldest is away attending college. Paul's interests include travel, hiking, and skiing.

The Blue Blog



a message
from
Chief
Johnsen

To continue our series, so to speak, of telling the Farmington Police Department's story, I am excited to share with you our newly-designed department coin—a "challenge" coin, which is a tradition born within the armed forces community. Branches of the military, as well as specialized groups within those branches design a coin that carries the creed of that particular community. This tradition has become popular over the years in the first responder communities as well. The coins are traded, gifted, and awarded by a member of that community to someone that exemplifies like-mindedness in particular values. It is an honor to receive a coin and a responsibility to hold that coin, thereby committing to the certain values and traditions represented on the coin.

Farmington Police, over the years, has designed and issued a few different versions of our coin. To commemorate the significant event of a change in command, we have designed a new coin.



The story behind our new coin is as follows:

2022 was a historic year for the Farmington Police Department. On June 21st, there was a peaceful change in leadership, something that has not taken place for 21 years. Chief Wayne Hansen retired, and I was sworn in as the chief of police. Hence the "2022" on the front of the coin.

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We thank all of those who organized and participated in these projects.

More so than our shared views or political dispositions, our shared experiences connect us with a long-lasting glue. While throwing rocks into a park strip with other volunteers or hauling tree branches into a front loader, new friendships were made. A weld between us was formed. The significance of differing political parties, of stances on social issues, and of college allegiances (possibly), faded into the background and were replaced by a sense of commonality. It was refreshing. (Imagine what might transpire if our elected officials in Washington DC regularly participated in service projects together. Perhaps they would stop demonizing each other and maybe, just maybe, get something done for the good of the people.)

Instead of slipping jabs into social media postings about how wrong someone else is or how much others are to blame for all the ills affecting society, perhaps what we need are some opportunities to connect as fellow residents. When we see each other as people—even people with different views—the fires of discord begin to wane. When we sacrifice our time to serve others, especially those with different views than ours, those fires get smaller still. And, when we actively support each other, the fires die completely.

So, what do to? Consider these principles. Give someone the benefit of the doubt. Defend instead of attack. Serve, even when it is not convenient. Support, even if it seems insignificant to you. When we do this, we forge a bond of commonality. As we move forward in an ever-increasing contentious society, let's combat that contention by finding new ways to connect. Attend a city play where our residents courageously showcase their talents. Show up at a high school sporting event and support the team, even if your kid isn't playing. Introduce yourself to the patrons or fans next to you. Connect a little. Feel the energy and excitement that comes from supporting a common cause. Hop on justserve.org and make a difference. By doing this, we will create the "characteristics in common" that make us a community. 🌱

All Plants are NOT Created Equal

Late fall and early spring are ideal for planting. If you're thinking about landscape improvements that include adding trees or shrubs, there are great resources to help you search the best varieties:

conservationgardenpark.org/

slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/urban-forestry-suggested-trees/

These are two websites that allow you to search for plants that are appropriate for specific areas, such as park strips, and that have unique qualities like water conserving, deer resistant, salt tolerant, or bloom season. Being mindful of the type of plants you install will promote successful and appealing landscape.

the public is invited to join Farmington City and The American Legion in a special ceremony to honor veterans

VETERANS DAY | NOVEMBER 11TH
11:00 AM
FARMINGTON CITY CEMETERY
500 S 200 E

On **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**,

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.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2022

October 3	MON	Fire Department Open House 82 N 100 E	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
October 4	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
October 6	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
October 8	SAT	Extra Garbage Day see detail on page 2	
October 18	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
October 20	THURS	PRAT Advisory Board 160 South Main Street	6:00 pm
October 20	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
October 24	MON	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda available on the HPC website

Wow! It was a busy summer for P&R

Farmington's impressive parks and recreation system has kept the ever-growing public facilities looking good and functioning well, despite a decrease in staff. You might be interested to see just how used Farmington spaces were this summer. Thank you to the devoted employees who keep the community recreating.

Current Number of Parks	13
Acres of Parks	105
Maintained acres of Parks	174
Current Number of Pavilions	10
Pavilion Rentals	273
Playgrounds	10

In a typical year, P&R seasonal staffing totals 18–19 people.	
Mow Crew	6
Trails Crew	3–4
Gang Mower	1
Project Crew	4
Gardeners	4

In 2022, P&R had only 11 seasonal employees to manage and maintain parks and outdoor facilities.	
Mow Crew	6
Gang Mower	1
Gardeners	4

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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





FARMINGTON CITY
PARKS & REC.

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

PARKS & POOL
Reservations

sport	registration	season
jr jazz basketball 5th-12th grade [individuals]	sept 26th-nov 4th	jan-march
jr jazz basketball [teams]	sept 26th-nov 4th	jan-march
[adaptive] jr jazz basketball	sept 26th-nov 4th	jan-march
ski & snowboard club	oct 3rd-dec 30th	feb-march
[winter adult] basketball league	oct 10th-jan 3rd	jan-march



*mark
your
calendar!*

January 9th • residents can reserve parks & pool
 January 16th • nonresidents can reserve parks & pool
 reservations must be made at the Parks & Rec office

KURT LINDORFF

see the curvature of the Earth. He knows how it feels to be in the midst of an enemy who wanted to take his life.

These days, Kurt can go on tropical vacations and not imagine the enemy around him. But there were times in Kurt's post-Army life when he'd hear a thunder clap and drag the people around him to the ground because for a moment he imagined it was an artillery shell going off.

For civilians, it's unimaginable to think of going through such experiences and then returning home to settle into an everyday life. And Kurt admits that it's challenging. "When you take a life, it hurts you. Maybe not today and maybe not tomorrow, but eventually it catches up with you." He has worked hard to

be mentally healthy. Kurt and his wife Kris have a great family. He has productive work, friends, and recreation—a meaningful life.

Kurt and our many Farmington veterans are in the unique position of knowing they put everything on the line for America. We thank them for the life we too often take for granted. Thank you for your service.

**CHOICES
THAT
MAKE
THE
DIFFERENCE**

Guns were a big part of Kurt Lindorff's growing up. His father was a gun expert and taught Kurt from a young age to use and be responsible with weapons. By the time he was a teen, Kurt was a recognized skeet shooter, winning national and even international competitions. So when he graduated from high school, it seemed like a natural next step to join the armed services. That choice led to a twenty-three-year career in the Army.

During his time in the service, Kurt experienced things the rest of us only see in the movies. He knows what it feels like to move through chest-high water at night and bump into a spider as big as his face. He knows what it feels like to lay silently in a field watching the enemy camp while rats run over his legs. He knows what roasted rat tastes like (and acknowledges it might be an improvement over Army food). He knows what it feels like to jump from a plane flying at an altitude so high he could



The Flag in the background is symbolic of our nation of laws, constitutional rights and freedoms.

The Badge is a symbol of trust given to us as officers by you the citizenry and a reminder that it is imperative that we build and maintain that trust.

The Eagle on the back of the coin is symbolic of our freedoms that we protect for all.

Trust and Respect is our ethos and basis of our vision statement.

Character, Honor, Courage, Commitment are our core values. Character is to have high moral standards and is symbolized by the laurel wreath; Honor is to do what is right and is symbolized by the medal hanging from the eagle's beak; Courage to show strength in the face of adversity is symbolized by the shield shape of our badge, and Commitment to peace is symbolized by the olive branch in the eagle's talons along with the arrows, which represents our commitment to peace by force if necessary.

The Blue Circle around the badge represents the "thin blue line."

Una Stamus is above the eagle and is a Latin phrase we adopted as our ethos years ago: **WE STAND AS ONE**. We help, encourage, support, defend, and hold each other accountable for all our actions.

I hope you enjoyed the story behind our coin and look forward to upcoming blogs telling the story behind our patch and badge. 🌿




Russon
MORTUARY & CREMATORY
Farmington: 801-447-8247

The majestic 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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This is a GREAT time to clean dirt and debris from your curb and gutter.

In the fall, as precipitation increases, dirt will wash into storm sewer drains, creating problems and unnecessary expense.

Our amazing 2023 Season!



Roald Dahl's **Matilda** THE MUSICAL
42nd STREET

SOMETHING ROTTEN!
A Very Musical Comedy

Jekyll + Hyde

Wings Berlin's **WHITE CHRISTMAS**

Season ticket pricing from \$87.50 to \$149

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for show details and to purchase tickets

OR
CALL OUR BOX OFFICE AT **801.298.1302**

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