



# Farmington NEWS



## FARMINGTON: HOME OF THE 2021 UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

On the last hole of the day, Josh Creel was feeling a sense of déjà vu. Having to make the long trek from the green after a hard-fought defeat in the 2019 Utah Championship playoffs, he was “determined to not feel that way again.” This time, he didn’t. Creel drained a 30-footer birdie to clinch his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory and earn redemption. The 2021 Utah Championship, presented by Zions Bank, was a monumental event in the tournament’s history – marking the celebration of 30 years of champions. We were thrilled to have fans back on the course with us. Thousands braved the smoky air to cheer on local stars, Danny Summerhays and Patrick Fishburn, and showed a friendly State of Sport welcome to the guest athletes. Aside from some terrific golf, Utah Championship raised money for several local and national charities: Ogden Rescue Mission, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, and Tony Finau Foundation. We’re excited to call Farmington the home of Utah Championship and look forward to next year.

*Audiences and critics agree!*

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*was a smashing success.  
Congratulations and thanks  
to the cast, the crew, and  
to director, Amy Turner.*



Results of the Primary Election for Farmington Mayor are as follows:

- Brett Anderson 1,770
- Rebecca Wayment 1,315
- Bryce Davidson 1,140

The General Election will be held on November 2, 2021.

The October issue of Farmington News will include statements from candidates running for Farmington City Council.

## CROSS CONNECTIONS ARE ILLEGAL

A cross connection is the place in an irrigation or plumbing system where safe drinking water (potable) is or could be connected to any non-potable source. Pollutants or contaminants can enter the safe drinking water system through uncontrolled cross connections when backflow, backpressure, or backsiphonage occurs.

*In Farmington City, cross connections are illegal. If a cross connection is found, water service will be terminated immediately.*

Backflow preventers are mechanical devices designed to prevent backflow through cross connections. However, for backflow preventers to protect as designed, they must meet stringent installation requirements. If you are unsure about the safety of your irrigation or plumbing system, please call Farmington City Public Works at 801-451-2624.

## CULINARY WATER USE ORDINANCE NO. 19

In July, the city council adopted a water supply shortage and drought condition measures ordinance with the intent to protect available culinary water for indoor use, public health and fire protection. Farmington's culinary water supply is not sufficient to provide for outdoor watering as a supplement to or in place of secondary water sources.

*Did you know that Farmington residents use 30 million gallons of secondary water per day? The average consumption of culinary water by residents is 2 million gallons per day.*

It is easy to calculate the dangerous situation that would result if culinary water were used to maintain landscaping and outdoor activities. The city would soon be depleted of drinking water, water to fight fires, etc. According to the newly approved ordinance,

**NO OUTDOOR USE OF CULINARY WATER SHALL BE PERMITTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY.**

## COMPLIANCE TO RESIDENTIAL CODE CAN PREVENT HOME FLOODING

Even though it seems irrelevant right now, residential code requires preparation for flooding. If you have a home or landscape improvement project planned, city ordinance requires that surface drainage be diverted to a storm sewer conveyance or other approved point of collection. Surface water and roof drainage must be graded away from foundation walls. If you have questions about a home improvement project, contact the Farmington City Building Department at 801-939-9214 to ensure compliance.

### FYI

Weber Basin Water and Benchland Water District are shutting off secondary water on September 20th.

## YOU CAN IMPROVE WATER QUALITY THROUGH RESPONSIBLE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Have you ever blown grass clippings and yard dirt into the street? Common thinking tells us that clippings from one residential yard won't be a big deal. But when you and the other 22,846 Farmington residents all do it, it becomes a big deal and here's why:

Grass itself is a pollutant to the storm water system. It contains nitrogen, phosphorus, herbicides, pesticides, and en masse physically reduces capacities of storm drain infrastructure. The storm drain system collects what grass clippings are left on the road, sidewalk, and your driveway. The grass is transported, and in transit concentrated, until it is deposited in a stream. "Stormwater runoff is a leading

cause of nitrogen (N) transport to water bodies and hence one means of water quality deterioration" (Jani et al, 2020).

As the grass begins to decompose, its nitrogen and phosphorus are released for consumption by other plants, mainly the infamous algae. "The combined effort of nitrogen and phosphorus enrichment in water bodies has resulted in accelerating eutrophication and is leading to severity of harmful algal blooms across the world" (Yang & Toor, 2018).

The herbicides and pesticides create environments for insects, native plants, and aquatic species. "Pesticides can contaminate soil, water, turf, and other vegetation. In addition to killing insects or weeds, pesticides can be toxic to a host of other organisms including birds,

fish, beneficial insects, and non-target plants" (Aktar et al, 2009).

Finally, its physical mass reduces capacities and restricts flows. This limits the effectiveness of the engineered storm water infrastructure, increasing the risks of flooding.

The good news— this is preventable. Local water can be preserved, and public storm drain infrastructure can be protected if you simply blow grass clippings back onto your lawn. "Grass clippings returned to the lawn provide up to 25 percent of your lawn's total fertilizer needs (Starbuck, 2020).

Manage your yard responsibly as a neighbor, steward of the environment, and as a resident of Farmington.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2021

Sept 6	MON	Labor Day city offices closed	
Sept 7	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Sept 9	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
Sept 21	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Sept 23	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
Sept 23	THURS	Trails Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm public welcome
Sept 29	WED	Historic Preservation Committee 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda available on the <a href="#">HPC website</a>

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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

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160 South Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025

Around the city, ornamental plant beds have been beautiful this summer and it's thanks to a group of schoolteachers who, when not in the classroom, work part-time for Farmington parks.

**WAYNE MADSEN, ALAN TURPIN,  
BRYAN HUNT, and JAY MERRILL**

met through their common employer, Davis School District. While most of the year their time is devoted to teaching social studies, math and science, for over 20 years the group of teachers has gained a love for designing and maintaining plant beds, much to Farmington's benefit. The teachers are back to working with students now, but the city thanks them for making Farmington a more beautiful place during summertime.





# FARMINGTON CITY PARKS & REC.

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## VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

WHEN? SEPT-OCT  
WHO? K-5TH GRD &  
5TH-9TH GRD

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## JR JAZZ REGISTRATION

WHEN? OCT-DEC  
WHO? K-4TH GRD

REGISTER NOW-SEPT 17TH

## MUSIC IN ME

WHEN? SEPT 13TH-NOV 29TH  
DAYS? MONDAY  
WHO? 3-11YRS

REGISTER NOW-SEPT 8TH



## CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

WHEN? OCT-DEC  
WHO? 3RD-12TH GRD

REGISTER NOW UNTIL FULL

FOR UPCOMING EVENTS,  
PLEASE SEE THE  
FARMINGTON CITY  
WEBSITE.



# Life's SIMPLE LESSONS



a message from  
SHAWN BEUS,  
Farmington  
City Councilman



Life's simple lessons often come in small and painful ways. For example, until recently I thought most everyone experiences a brain freeze like me. Of course, ice cream, popsicles, or snow cones helped get a lot of people through this balmy and smoky summer. But I almost always get a brain freeze when eating cold treats because my exuberance overrules my memory. I thus make two common fallacies: first, I'm simply in too much of a rush to truly enjoy and savor the moment; and secondly, I assumed everyone experiences the same things in the same way I do.

I dug into the brain freeze issue a little more, and depending on the source, 20% up to 60% of people do not experience brain freeze. And it is not the brain that actually hurts; rather, it's those of us with a sensitive trigeminal nerve that signals pain to the brain after rapidly constricting blood vessels due to the cold treat. The Mayo Clinic suggests to avoid brain freeze, to not eat cold food or drinks—well, that's not going to happen. The alternative is, of course, to slow down. Regardless, I'm jealous of the roughly half of people who don't experience the sensation of a vice grip on your forehead after five sugary-cold licks or slurps.

Which reminds me that we all benefit when we slow down and enjoy the little things in life. Like most, I'm guilty of thinking life will get better when some future event happens, like kids growing old enough to stop making messes. But wise people insist that these are the good days with kids at home. The opposite of slowing down is obviously speeding, like on roads, which is one of the top concerns citizens have (and rightfully so). Speeding, along with tailgating and distracted driving puts people at so much more risk of injury, yet there is something to that compulsion to want to get somewhere as quick as possible or ahead of that other person. It makes so much more sense to slow down, drive more safely and not rush around at the risk of hurting yourself or others. Let's keep our neighborhoods safer and get more out of life by slowing down.

As to my second brain freeze-related error, assuming everyone experiences what I do: though it is trite, it helps me when I remember that you never know what pain someone else may be experiencing. It is easy to rush to judgment without thinking about someone else's perspective or immediately jump to a conclusion that someone has bad intentions. Jacky Handey said that we should all walk a mile in someone else's shoes—"that way, you'll be a mile away and have their shoes." But in all seriousness, empathy for others in all situations helps us understand the feelings and perspectives of others and we can use that understanding to better guide our actions.

Life seems most enjoyable by avoiding brain freeze errors when we slow down and consider the perspective of others. And hopefully any brain freeze pain subsides just as quickly as it starts. Now, who's ready for ice cream?

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