



# infrastructure

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As the new chief of police, I am often asked about my job. The opinion is frequently expressed, "what a bad time to be a police officer." *Nothing could be further from the truth.* I believe *that* feeling stems from a national narrative that is inaccurate, especially as it relates to being a police officer in Farmington. I have spent considerable time teaching high school and coaching football. An idea I promote to kids is, *know who you are and don't leave it up to others to define you.* I have challenged Farmington police officers to tell OUR story rather than let others who have their own motives control our narrative.

So, with that soon to hit the streets in your neighborhood, you will see a change to the Farmington police car graphics. A police officer's car is their office. An officer spends 10 hours per shift in their car. It is incredibly important that the car be set up to be efficient, dependable, and comfortable. Like the police badge, patch, and challenge

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In past months, Farmington News has kept readers informed on new infrastructure coming to Farmington. These projects have been strategically planned to improve existing and future traffic congestion while considering potential impacts to the natural and built environment. The question asked is always, "What direction will result in the best future for Farmington residents?"

The Shepard Lane Interchange will cross over I-15 and Union Pacific and UTA tracks, creating improved connections to local roads and more options for Farmington drivers. As you have likely noticed, parts of the West Davis Corridor are taking shape.

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It is fascinating to watch the formation of the flyover bridge on the east frontage road.

These highways will reduce congestion and improve safety on I-15, US-89, and of particular interest to Farmington, on Park Lane.

As these roadways take form, Farmington City is planning the next phase. Additional infrastructure is needed to complete the traffic system framework. RJT Construction has been awarded the bid to build over two miles of road in northwest Farmington. This will allow the city to take full advantage of the Shepard Lane interchange and the West Davis Corridor, connecting the two, as well as laying the groundwork for a new business park. (see illustration page 1)

The new roads are being built to manage as many as 30,000 drivers per day, although the average traffic count is projected at closer to 12,000. RJT was awarded the bid for just under \$23 million. The total cost of the project, including detention basin construction and wetland mitigation, will be \$26 million. Farmington City development fees, Davis County Council of Governments, and Wasatch Front Regional Council will fund the project.



PRAT is moving forward in its preparation of a master plan. Consultant proposals were received, reviewed, and interviews are now underway. The committee anticipates the announcement of a contract this month.

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.



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coin, there is symbolism on the car and a story to be told. In the coming months, I will highlight the meaning behind the symbolism of each of these, but for September let's begin with the graphics on FPD cars.

**American Flag**

This represents the freedoms this country was founded upon and for which so many have sacrificed. *Freedom does not come free and must never be taken for granted.* You might ask why the flag is backward. The flag is represented as charging forward, which is what officers bravely do when they are called upon.

**Thin Blue Line**

This symbolism has recently been falsely politicized. The idea stems from the British while fighting in the Crimean War during the 1850s. They considered themselves the "thin red line" between the enemy and their citizens. Police have adopted this idea and it is applicable to Farmington. There are approximately 28,000 residents (not including visitors to Lagoon, Station Park, or the fairgrounds) and only 25 officers. Your *Farmington police officers are truly a thin blue line protecting your property, safety, and freedoms.*

**Black and White Color Scheme**

Through the years, police cars have traditionally been black and white. I honor that tradition by incorporating the black and white theme. Black and white is also synonymous with right and wrong or good versus evil. The FPD honors the traditions of policing, but we also recognize the need to learn and evolve. The subdued gray stars and stripes represent the idea that *things are not always black and white, but sometimes gray.* For this reason, I believe policing now more than ever needs to possess *empathy, compassion, and common sense.*

So now you know the symbolism and the story behind Farmington police cars. I hope you all will join us in taking pride in them and even help tell our story.



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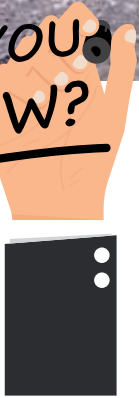
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## September 2022

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Historically, the number of water pipe leaks averages **5** per month. This year; however, there have been **37** through the end of July. Pipe breakage is often exacerbated by extreme heat or cold. Other contributing factors are: the age of pipes, corrosion on metal pipes, rocks around pipes, and the quality of materials used when the pipes were installed. **Big thanks** to Farmington City Public Works Water Department for the quick response times and the professional work that keeps inconvenience to residents at a minimum.

September 5	MON	Labor Day city offices will be closed	
September 6	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see <a href="http://farmington.utah.gov">farmington.utah.gov</a>
September 8	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
September 15	THURS	PRAT Advisory Board 160 South Main Street	6:00 pm
September 20	TUES	City Council Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see <a href="http://farmington.utah.gov">farmington.utah.gov</a>
September 22	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hours prior
September 26	MON	Historic Preservation Commission 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda available on the <a href="http://HPC website">HPC website</a>

## Farmington's Historic Plaque Program

Farmington now offers a historic plaque program for owners of structures built between 1850 and 1950. The plaques are 9"x13", high-quality aluminum, and will feature the build date, address, city logo, and a brief description of the building's architectural or historical significance. Plaques will cost just \$100.00 and can be mounted directly onto a home, fence, or post. The commission is happy to assist property owners research the site's history. Those interested in Farmington's Historic Plaque Program can order their plaque online at <https://farmington.utah.gov/i-want-to/learn-history-of-farmington/historic-marker-program/>. Questions about the plaque program should be directed to Commission Chair David Barney at [dbarney@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:dbarney@farmington.utah.gov) or 801-706-7512.

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JR JAZZ BBALL 7TH-12TH GRD BOYS TEAMS	OCT 3RD-NOV 4TH	JAN-FEB
DINNER THEATER PERFORMANCE PAJAMA GAME	TICKETS ON SALE SEPT 1ST	OCT 6TH-8TH & OCT 13TH-15TH
YOUTH THEATER AUDITIONS THE MUSIC MAN JR	SEPT 8TH-10TH	SEPT-NOV
YOUTH PLAY PERFORMANCE THE MUSIC MAN JR	TICKETS ON SALE OCT 1ST	NOV 16TH-19TH
WINTER INDOOR PICKLEBALL LEAGUE	SEPT 5TH-UNTIL FULL (RES) SEPT 6TH-UNTIL FULL (NONRES)	OCT-DEC





by Scott Isaacson,  
Farmington City Council



# Farmington's Heritage and History

*Farmington is unique. Here are some random facts about our town. For long-time residents, some of this may be old news, but Farmington is always welcoming new neighbors who may not be as familiar with this special place.*

Farmington is located at approximate latitude 40.98; approximate longitude -111.9 in case you ever get lost!

Although little is known about the original Native Americans who lived here, it is almost certain that they enjoyed hunting and living in this area, with its five free-flowing streams and fertile soil.

Soon after the Mormon pioneers arrived in Utah in 1847, Hector C. Haight traveled north from Salt Lake City to graze cattle, eventually building a log cabin and settling his family in the area. Other settlers followed over the ensuing years, naming the town North Cottonwood.

In 1852, the territorial legislature picked North Cottonwood as the Davis County seat and officially named it Farmington.

The Children's Primary Association of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was first organized here on 11 August 1878 in the still-standing "rock church" on Main Street.

Farmington really was a great farming area, providing many kinds of fruits, vegetables and even flowers (Farmington was once known for its roses) for the rest of the area.

Of course, Farmington is well known as the site of Lagoon. Lagoon was originally named Lake Park Resort and was once on the shores of the Great Salt Lake. Later in the 1890s, it was moved to its present site and renamed Lagoon.

From 1963 to 1973, the Beach Boys performed at Lagoon at least twelve times. The Beach Boys even recorded a song about Lagoon in 1965! Part of the lyrics to "Salt Lake City" are:

*Salt Lake City we'll be coming soon  
There's a park near the city, yeah  
All the kids dig the Lagoon now  
It's full of all kinds of girls  
And rides and we'll be flyin' there  
soon now  
And girl for girl  
They've got the cutest of the  
Western states, yeah*

Farmington was the birthplace of O.C. Tanner and of Latter-day Saint apostle, LeGrand Richards.

Farmington has over 150 miles of trails.

Just south of Farmington is Farmington Bay. Doppler radar picks up bird migrations so dense they look like clouds over the bay at certain times of the year. There are approximately 50 different kinds of mosquitoes out there. (And no, the mosquito is not the official Farmington bird.)

As of the 2020 Census, Farmington has 24,591 residents.

Farmington is very young, with about 44% of our residents under 18 (compared with 29% in the rest of Utah.)

Farmington is very well educated, with 98% of our residents high school graduates and 48% with a bachelor's degree or higher degree.

Farmington's land area is 9.896 square miles, with a population density of 2,484 per square mile.

Farmington has two official historical districts: Farmington Main Street and Clark Lane. Please visit: <https://farmington.utah.gov/i-want-to/learn-history-of-farmington/> to learn more.

*Even though there are not many farms left in Farmington, we continue to honor the heritage and history in the way we work together in good times and times of crisis. Instead of growing peaches and potatoes, our main "crop" is our children and grandchildren and the values and strong foundation that our community helps to create for them.*



Do you know the difference between **zeroscape** and **xeriscape**?

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However, until the reservoirs return and the Great Salt Lake begins to rebound, water will be a restricted commodity. *Weber Basin Water Conservancy District is mandating that water districts shut off secondary water mid-September.* Keep up the good work. Our best chance of making a difference comes by working together.

**zeroscape** = a landscape design made up of dirt or gravel with essentially no plants in it

**xeriscape** = a style of landscape design requiring little or no irrigation or other maintenance, used in arid regions

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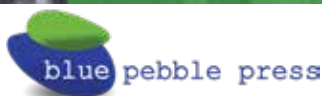
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