



FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING



Brigham Mellor, Farmington City Manager

WEST DAVIS CORRIDOR

Commentary by Brigham Mellor, City Manager

In 2016, I worked full time for Syracuse City. In the fall of that year, I attended the monthly Davis County Council of Governments, which is made up of all the mayors in the county. There was a resolution on the agenda related to the West Davis Corridor. Under Robert's Rules of Order, a motion was made by one of the Davis County mayors to support the resolution. It was promptly seconded by another mayor. After the vote was cast, there were fifteen in favor and only one opposed—Farmington City. Audible groans came from the disappointed crowd, shocked by Farmington City's boldness in not supporting the vote unanimously. Amidst the plentiful groans was one laugh—mine.

I laughed because I knew that Mayor Talbot was doing precisely what the Farmington City Council and his

constituency expected of him. Many issues needed to be worked out before the highway was ready to be constructed, and until those issues were worked out, no other city had quite as much at stake as Farmington City. It was certainly uncomfortable for Mayor Talbot, and later for Mayor Anderson, to be standard-bearers for the city in those meetings and others, essentially taking on the role of persona non grata in that "club" of mayoral peers.

Often, politics becomes a showmanship game where claims or statements are made to get attention or headlines. That was not Farmington's strategy for being a "stick in that Great Salt Lake mud" along the route of this highway. The strategy was to be the squeaky wheel, needed to ensure our constituency's interests were looked after. Every city wanted the highway except Farmington. It was a 13-year effort, starting with Mayor Harbertson, and has been the responsibility of mayors and council members until today and beyond.

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For the past year and a half, we have convened a community council. The community council consisted of about 20 members of the community. We met together every other month to discuss the needs, challenges, and successes in our city. We took a deep dive into each department. We analyzed where we are as a city and where we'd like to go.

At this time, we would like to invite you to participate in the community council for 2024. If you are interested, please email me at banderson@farmington.utah.gov. Our next meeting will be in March 2024. We'll meet on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm. It will be an exciting and informative adventure. We'll share what is happening in each of our departments, i.e., public works, police, planning and zoning, fire, finance, parks and recreation, and engineering. We regularly solicit your comments, input and advice. If you are interested, we'd love to join with you as we strive to preserve and enhance all that we love about Farmington.

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Farmington City's ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

is available by clicking the link below.

farmington.utah.gov ACFR FY23 Annual Financial Report



totals for the YEAR OF 2023
police responded to 15646 calls
auto accidents—418
traffic stops—5291
adult and juvenile arrests—671

I hope you find the police blotter information interesting and look for an opportunity to discuss it with anyone you feel appropriate, but especially our young adults and teenagers. The intent of publishing the blotter is to make you more aware of what types of incidents your police department deal with and the frequency. It is important that we all be aware of our surroundings and if something does not look, smell, or feel right, you should have the confidence

to call your police and trust it will be dealt with appropriately. Here are a few interesting incidents FPD dealt with in the past couple of months:

On September 2 at about 10:30 pm, Farmington officers were alerted to subjects in a stolen vehicle evading police and traveling north on I-15. The UHP helicopter was tracking the vehicle from above. The vehicle came to a stop on I-15 at about 1470 south and the driver fled from the vehicle into the adjacent neighborhood. Through the use of STAR 9 (the UHP helicopter) and several officers from other agencies, the subject was located hiding behind a shed in the backyard of a residence.

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Sarah Elliot is an extremely hard-working student. She is kind and caring towards others. Sarah is a student government officer this year, and has really stepped into the role well. Other students know that Sarah is there for them and will go to her with questions.



CITY INFORMATION

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- Parks & Recreation 801-451-0953
- Gymnasium 801-939-9229
- 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 801-451-2105
- Weber Water 801-771-1677

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

Davis County Sheriff ... 801-451-4150
Emergency 911



A wealth of information is available on the city website. Scan the QR code to go directly to farmington.utah.gov.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 2024

On December 29th, in honor of his upcoming retirement, the police department flew the flag that Officer Darin Williams received while serving in Afghanistan. "The flag is just a short story," Darin said. "I first got the flag when I was deployed to Afghanistan in 2004. I flew it in the detention center of US POWs. I carried it to Kandahar and Herat. I had the flag and thought it would be nice to have it flown on my last day as a Peace Officer at Farmington PD."

February 5	MON	SUMMER SWIM LESSONS registration begins for residents	
February 6	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
February 8	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
February 20	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
February 22	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
February 26	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda available on the HPC website



Chief Eric Johnsen with retiring Officer Darin Williams at his retirement celebration, January 16, 2024. Thank you, Officer Williams, for your service to Farmington.

Big Thanks

Deep appreciation goes to outgoing planning commissioners, **Mike Plaizier, Larry Steinhorst, and Erin Christensen.** Thank you for your efforts and dedication in keeping Farmington a wonderful place. Welcome to new commissioners, **Kristen Sherlock, Joey Hansen, Spencer Klein, and Brian Shepherd.**



PARKS & RECREATION

FARMINGTON



720 West 100 North
801-451-0953

farmington.utah.gov/parks-rec/

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS SEE THE CITY WEBSITE

currently enjoying **WINTER SPORTS**

- JR. JAZZ FOR 5TH-12TH GRADERS
- ADAPTIVE BASKETBALL LEAGUE
- ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
- PICKLEBALL LEAGUES
- TENNIS FOR 4 AND 5-YEAR-OLDS
- SKI AND SNOWBOARD PROGRAMS

UPCOMING SPRING SPORTS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- BASEBALL • SOFTBALL
- ADAPTIVE BASEBALL • SOCCER
- FLAG FOOTBALL • TENNIS

ADULT PROGRAMS

- BASKETBALL • COED SOFTBALL
- ADAPTIVE BASEBALL

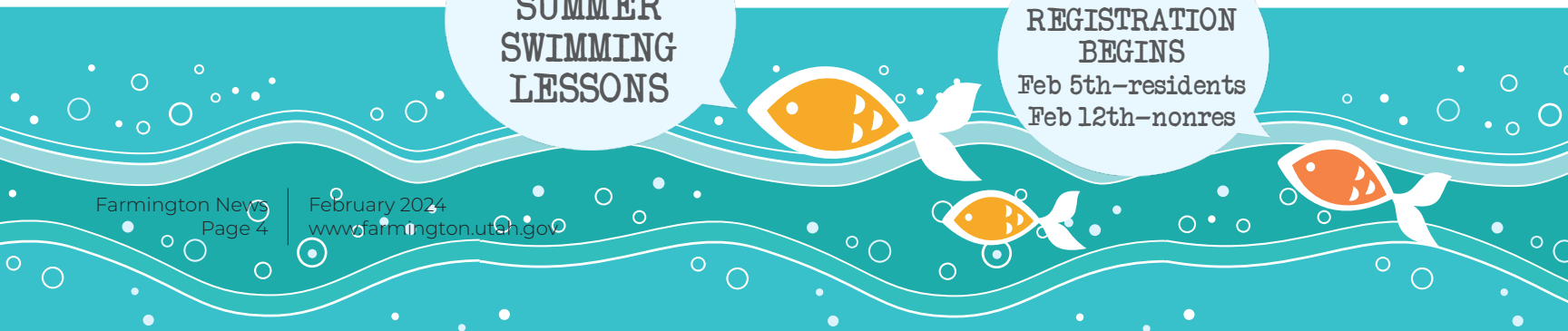
REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 5TH

- YOUTH VOLLEYBALL COED CLINIC
- ADULT VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL LEAGUES

it's time to get ready for **SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS**

REGISTRATION BEGINS
Feb 5th-residents
Feb 12th-nonres



Dec 2023), and will be completed in the next couple of years. I would be remiss if I failed to mention bread has been baked and sold by councilwoman Shumway, specifically to raise money and, more importantly, political will for this pedestrian crossing.

I have been incredibly fortunate to witness Farmington’s leadership from multiple angles regarding this monumental project. You couldn’t have imagined better continuity and unity in looking out for Farmington’s (your) interests. I have been a part of all this for over a decade. Still, rarely, if ever, in the driver’s seat – I feel my role is to document the historical nature of something that could easily be overlooked and undervalued by the community. All our city leaders have had different approaches because of differing personalities. Still, all achieved some fantastic things that we will benefit from for the next 177 years due to those selfless efforts.

Of course, we must give credit to Mayor Anderson, our present city council, Mayor Talbot, Mayor Harbertson, Doug Anderson, John Bilton, Cory Ritz, Rick Dutson, Dave Millheim, Shane Pace, Cindy Roybal, Shawn Beus, Jim Young, Randy Elliott, Rebecca Wayment, Eric Isom and all the “Save Farmington” volunteers and residents for their mobilization and efforts. Farmington boxes above its weight class with staffing and consultants. In particular, Dave Petersen (Community Development Director) and Chad Boshell (Assistant City Manager/City Engineer), thank you for watching out for Farmington City every day. 

The subject was taken into custody and no serious injuries were sustained by anyone involved.

These types of incidents are happening more frequently and are the exact reason we now have Liberty in training to track these individuals and more quickly take them into custody.

On October 2, Officer Shepherd responded to a call related to a scam that is all too often successful in fraudulently obtaining money. The scammer called a resident of Farmington and claimed to have a warrant for the resident’s arrest. The scammer demanded that money be sent via a Money Pac gift card or the resident would be taken to jail. Unfortunately, the victim in this case did not call the police until after the money had been transferred to the scammer.

THE POLICE WILL NEVER MAKE THIS TYPE OF PHONE CALL TO YOU. IT IS ALWAYS A SCAM. IF YOU GET A PHONE CALL OF THIS NATURE PLEASE CALL THE POLICE BEFORE YOU SEND ANY MONEY.

On December 20, Officer White was on patrol traveling west on Park Lane. At the intersection of Park and Clark, Officer White was almost struck by an oncoming car that ran a red light. He attempted to make a traffic stop on the car; however, it fled from him into the Station Park shopping area. Officer White observed the vehicle driving erratically through the shopping area, even causing pedestrians to run from the area for fear they would be struck by the car. Officer White made the decision to stop pursuing the vehicle due to the danger it was imposing on the public. He pulled to the side of the road and provided the vehicle information to dispatch. The same vehicle was located by Sergeant Hansen a short time later, parked on the side of the road by Farmington Pond. Sergeant Hansen attempted to make contact with the driver, but the car sped away again.


I drove down that highway this week for the first time. I don’t see a lost cause in the effort; I see four pedestrian crossings where most cities have none. I see a scenic byway that will never have billboards. I see berms, trailheads, and even sledding hills out there that would not have been possible without political influence. The interchange at the 950 North/Kaysville border would be further north – Farmington would have had no access without leveraging influence and a strong empirical case made. The road system that leads away from the WDC and will connect to the I-15 Shepard lane interchange was made possible by 11 million dollars in legislative appropriations supported by our state elected officials Senator Stuart Adams and former Representative Tim Hawkes. Those same elected officials helped us negotiate the settlement of condemnation of easements and a park that will make millions of dollars for recreational improvements possible in West Farmington along the corridor and in a new park in the coming years. The state is giving back to Farmington half the land they took from Glovers Park. What started as an adversarial relationship with UDOT became cordial and one of mutual respect. Our elected officials and Eric Isom, our lobbyist, helped us take what was unavoidable proverbial lemons to make lemonade at the extremely dangerous pedestrian crossing of Park Lane at I-15. It is a \$20 million project that UDOT is taking on as a part of our negotiated settlement for the WDC. The project is designed, the construction contract has been awarded (as of



Through great police work, and in conjunction with detectives, the driver of the car was identified, located, and charged with several traffic violations, including felony evading. It is interesting to note that the subject had a criminal history, including several similar incidents, along with a drug and weapons history.

I am incredibly proud of the way this incident was dealt with by all the officers involved. These incidents are

dangerous and require cool, calm, and collected police officers to ensure the public is not harmed during police attempts to apprehend offenders.

Farmington is an incredible community, and all of us at Farmington Police Department are honored to serve and protect you! 



Jennifer Oriz, Utah Historical Society Director, Tom Owens, and Spencer Hall, Board of State History Vicechair

TOM OWENS

**RECIPIENT OF
UTAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
2023 OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Tom Owens received the Utah Historical Society's 2023 Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of his positive contributions to the history of Utah, specifically for his preservation of the 163-year-old Richards Gristmill and surrounding green space. Tom was honored in a private ceremony at the Governor's Mansion on January 8th (see photo above).

The gristmill has remained a stalwart symbol of Farmington since 1860. Owens sold the seven-acre site to Farmington City earlier this year.

Developers have made offers to purchase the property over the years, but Tom chose to work with city officials to sell it to Farmington, with the agreement that it be preserved as open space for future generations.

The breathtaking views and quiet solitude surrounding the mill and its adjoining structures will be combined with Farmington Pond Park to create the new Tom Owens Park.



BUSINESS LICENSES

Please note that commercial, mobile & daycare/preschool business licenses will continue to accrue late fees until paid for and renewed. Four reminders have been sent prior to the expiration in December. In addition, a letter was sent to those businesses that have not begun the renewal process. Please contact Carly Rowe if you have any questions, at crowe@farmington.utah.gov or at 801-939-9215.

Late fees are as followed:

February 1st: Renewal fee + 50% of renewal fee

March 1st: Renewal fee + 75% of renewal fee

April 1st: Renewal fee + 100% of renewal fee

last month of
**WINTER
ORDINANCES**

Winter ordinances end on February 29th. 😊
Until that date, no vehicle of any kind may be parked in the street right-of-way from 1:00am to 7:00am. Traffic citations will be issued to violators.

Within 48 hours after snowfall stops, citizens are required to remove snow from the public sidewalks fronting their property. More snow removal information is available on the city website.



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