



# FARMINGTON NEWS

## MORE TIME FOR LIVING



Parks Department Director Colby Thackeray, who has been with the city for over 20 years, stated, "Hiring great people is the most important part of running an exceptional parks department; the second most important part is resource allocation." Public feedback at events like this allows decision-makers to empirically determine the best way to allocate resources.

### NEXT STEPS in Developing the RICHARDS GRISTMILL

Just after the new year began, Farmington City started to engage with the architectural firm GSBS to develop a master plan for the Richards Gristmill site east of Farmington Pond. On March 27th, the mill property was open to the public to participate in the first open house of this design process. About 100 residents came to the open house and shared their feedback with the design consultants. Volunteers from the PRAT committee were on hand to help answer questions and direct traffic.

"This land belongs to the city, and public input is crucial for the success of the park design. We were lucky the weather held out, and we are so grateful for everyone who showed up and all the volunteer help we received," commented Mayor Anderson after the open house.

*Did you miss this open house opportunity?* Don't worry. There will be two more chances before the end of 2024 to share your thoughts. You can also comment by following this QR code that directs you to the project website set up by the architect.



It has been 10 years since the Recreation Arts and Parks (RAP) sales tax option was passed, which was on the ballot in the 2014 election. 85% of RAP tax revenue is collected from people who are not residents of our community—just here to visit. Yet those revenues are exclusively used for parks in our city and the benefit of our residents.

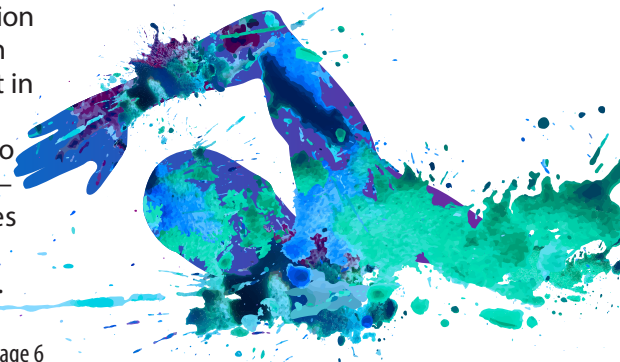
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• CLEANUP



your  
compliance to  
the guidelines made it  
a success

**THE POOL OPENS!**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 25TH**  
**AT NOON**  
**HURRAY!**



## NOTICE OF SEWER SERVICES RATE INCREASE

Effective July 1st, the rate for sewer services will increase by \$10.00 per month. This rate increase, imposed by the Central Davis Sewer, accounts for rising chemical costs associated with state-mandated regulations, increased cost for biosolids handling due to loss of property for roads, ongoing operations and maintenance, and financial stability and capital improvement. If you would like to better understand the reasons behind these changes, Farmington City has put more information on their website.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH  
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BRIGDEN  
SUNDERLAND



### CONGRATULATIONS to the FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Last month, the Farmington Police Department received a generous donation from the Jason W. Read Protect and Serve Foundation. Pictured below is police personnel receiving the donation. Police Chief Eric Johnson said, "Jason was a close friend and partner of mine on the job. He and I worked many graveyard shifts together. He was taken from us far too soon. I am personally humbled by the generous donation from the foundation. Farmington Police Department is extremely appreciative of the donation to purchase equipment that will assist in the protection of life and property during critical incidents. Through the foundation, Jason continues to truly make the world a better place. RIP, my friend."

The Jason W. Read Protect and Serve Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides donations to law enforcement agencies to help protect officers while they are on duty. Donations include, but are not limited to, equipment, training, or funds.



It is my honor to nominate Brigden Sunderland for Farmington City's Student of the Month. Brigden is a resident of Farmington and attends Farmington High School. Our friendship began last year on the football field. Brigden is not only athletically gifted, but more importantly, he always came to practice and games with the right EFFORT and ATTITUDE.

On December 20, 2023, Brigden had a skiing accident, resulting in a broken neck. As news of this tragedy spread, the outpouring of concern and love toward Brigden was simply amazing, and a testament to the type of friend, classmate, and teammate Brigden is.

Brigden is battling every difficult day now with the same EFFORT and ATTITUDE that he put forth on the football field. Brigden is an amazing example of how to accept life's unforeseen challenges and find opportunities in them. We would all do well to be more like Brigden.

Eric Johnsen, Chief of Police



### WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

#### LANDSCAPE LAWN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Farmington residents qualify for lawn replacement incentives of \$2.50 per square foot. This is offered for any area of a yard. The program requires taking out lawn and replacing it with water-wise plants and drip systems. Plant requirements are based on the areas being changed, but plants are required in all areas outside of the park strip. To learn how to apply, go to the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District website: [weberbasin.gov/Conservation/Rebates](http://weberbasin.gov/Conservation/Rebates)





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Public Works ..... 801-451-2624  
Storm Water ..... 801-451-2624  
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](http://farmington.utah.gov).



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## May 2024

May 7	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on <a href="#">city website</a>
May 9	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
May 21	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on <a href="#">city website</a>
May 23	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
May 27	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda available on the <a href="#">HPC website</a>
May 27	MON	MEMORIAL DAY city offices will be closed	

mark your calendar now for July 8—13 detailed info in the next newsletter



## HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS

To ensure better and the most up-to-date communication, the city is asking that all HOAs fill out this no-cost application via QR code. This will provide current contact information for board members, management groups, etc. Any questions can be directed to Carly Rowe at 801-939-9215 or via email at [crowe@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:crowe@farmington.utah.gov).



**Gymnasium** | **Parks & Recreation Office**  
**294 S 650 W** | **720 West Clark**  
**801.939.9229** | **801.451.0953**



Farmington's capable and energetic recreation staff make a big difference in the lives of residents. Look below at all the sports programs managed and coordinated by this group. Programs run from sunup to sundown, and these people are present to ensure that things go smoothly for participants. Pictured above, (front left to right) Allison Dunn, Emme Paget, Linda Weeks, and Sam Howell; (back left to right) Jeff Sackolwitz, Tia Uzelac, Sylvia Clark, and Taylor Jensen. If you need help with a specific program, (or you'd just like to say thank you) the table below will help you know who to contact.

**PARKS & RECREATION**  
**FARMINGTON**

NAME	CONTACT INFORMATION	SPORTS
Linda Weeks Gym Manager Recreation Manager	<a href="mailto:lweeks@farmington.utah.gov">lweeks@farmington.utah.gov</a> 801.939.9279	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Pickleball</li> <li>· Adult Volleyball</li> <li>· Gym Reservations</li> <li>· Indoor Tennis 4–5 year olds</li> <li>· Volleyball Clinics coed K–9th grade</li> </ul>
Jeff Sackolwitz Recreation Coordinator	<a href="mailto:jsackolwitz@farmington.utah.gov">jsackolwitz@farmington.utah.gov</a> 801.939.9296	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Flag Football</li> <li>· Adult Softball</li> <li>· Adult Soccer</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz K–Wed</li> <li>· 7th grade boys</li> <li>· 7th–9th grade girls</li> <li>· High School Team–Wed</li> <li>· Archery</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz 2nd boys/1st boys</li> <li>· 5th–6th grade girls</li> </ul>
Emme Paget Recreation Coordinator	<a href="mailto:epaget@farmington.utah.gov">epaget@farmington.utah.gov</a> 801.939.9226	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Youth Soccer</li> <li>· Youth Volleyball League</li> <li>· Youth Tennis Lessons</li> <li>· Ski and Snowboard</li> </ul>
Taylor Jensen Gym Assistant Manager Program Coordinator	<a href="mailto:tjensen@farmington.utah.gov">tjensen@farmington.utah.gov</a> 801.939.9228	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Adult Basketball</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz K–Tues</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz 1st/2nd girls</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz 3rd grade boys</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz 5th–6th grade boys</li> </ul>
Sam Howell Recreation Coordinator	<a href="mailto:showell@farmington.utah.gov">showell@farmington.utah.gov</a> 801.939.9291	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Youth Baseball</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz 4th grade boys</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz 8th–9th boys individual</li> <li>· High School Individual</li> <li>· High School Team–Sat</li> <li>· Super Sport</li> <li>· Jr. Jazz 1st grade boys</li> <li>· 8th–9th grade Team division</li> <li>· Fishing</li> </ul>
Allison Dunn Recreation Coordinator	<a href="mailto:adunn@farmington.utah.gov">adunn@farmington.utah.gov</a> 801.939.9278	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Youth Softball</li> <li>· Adaptive Baseball</li> <li>· Active Aging Programs (ages 65+)</li> <li>· Community Classes</li> <li>· Outdoor Field Reservations</li> <li>· Adaptive Basketball</li> </ul>
Tia Uzelac Events Coordinator	<a href="mailto:tuzelac@farmington.utah.gov">tuzelac@farmington.utah.gov</a> 801.939.9293	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Special Events</li> </ul>
Sylvia Clark Pool/ Business Manager	<a href="mailto:sclark@farmington.utah.gov">sclark@farmington.utah.gov</a> 801.451.5179 / 801.939.9295	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Swimming Pool</li> </ul>



# THE RED AND BLUE BLOG



In February, several Farmington Fire employees, along with representatives from neighboring agencies, participated in an emergency drone class geared toward receiving the 14 CFR USA pilot certification. In the event of a search and rescue or large fire, the city will have access to multiple unmanned aircraft pilots with the ability to navigate broader areas and provide quicker response times for first responders.

## Calling all **FORMER** and **RETIRED FARMINGTON FIREFIGHTERS**

Please join the Farmington Fire Department at a **FESTIVAL DAYS CELEBRATION AND BARBECUE**.

Contact Mandice Stokes at 801-451-2842 or [mstokes@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:mstokes@farmington.utah.gov) for more information.

Over the past few weeks, Farmington Fire has hosted several Weber State University student ride-alongs as part of their EMT programs. With a ride-along, students are given an opportunity to work with seasoned medical professionals, gaining new insight and hands-on training for their future careers. The partnership has been very successful. Many of the students are also actively pursuing their Firefighter 1 and 2 Certifications.

### MARCH 2024 POLICE STATS

In total, police responded 924 calls for service

Auto Accidents — 44

Traffic Stops — 349

Adult and/or Juvenile Arrests — 34

had active warrants for his arrest. In plain view to officers was drug paraphernalia. Ultimately, all occupants of the vehicle were arrested. Several bags of marijuana were located in the car, as well as a loaded handgun. An NCIC check of the handgun revealed that it was stolen. During the investigation it was discovered one of the occupants was unlawfully in possession of someone else's credit card.

This case is another example of excellent police work by Officer White. The next time you are tempted to be annoyed by officers making traffic stops for what might seem trivial, remember that often times those routine traffic stops lead to the removal of guns, drugs, and people from our community that otherwise might do us harm.

We made it through another winter, and spring seems like it has finally decided to stay.

My message this month would be to all of the high school-age drivers. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL!**

Sunshine and warmer weather seem to put an extra skip in our step. Don't let this cause you to be careless or reckless on the roadways and turn exciting, memorable events like graduation, trips, and sporting events into tragic events. I don't want to be a downer, but please be safe in all of your upcoming activities.

Chief Eric Johnsen

### INTERESTING INCIDENT:

On March 13, at about 11:30 pm, Officer White stopped a vehicle in the vicinity of Smith's grocery store because the vehicle did not have a license plate visibly affixed to the rear of the car. Upon making contact with the driver, Officer White was told the driver did not have a driver's license or vehicle insurance. He was told none of the occupants of the car had a valid driver's license.

During the course of the traffic stop it was discovered the driver of the vehicle



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Cafe	CAFFE TORINO
Greek	SANTORINIS

This month, and throughout the summer, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District offers classes such as **HOW TO INSTALL AND RUN DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, POLLINATOR PLANT FAVORITES, WHY PLANTS MATTER IN YOUR LANDSCAPE, LOW-WATER PLANTS FOR NORTHERN UTAH**, and more. Use the QR code or go to [Weber Basin Water's website](http://WeberBasinWater.com) to participate.



The RAP local option sales tax will be on the ballot for renewal this November. Should it pass, it will play a significant role in bringing the vision of this Richards Gristmill Park design to fruition.

For more information related to the RAP tax and its present allocation please call 801-939-9224. 🌱

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To participate in this opportunity contact  
Taylor Jensen  
Asst Gym Manager  
O | 801.939.9228  
C | 385.602.2110



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