



# FARMINGTON NEWS

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## RENEWAL OF RAP TAX ON THE NOVEMBER 5TH BALLOT

One would see many listed rates and options if one perused UTAH CODE TITLE 59, CHAPTER 12—SALES AND USE TAX ACT. One of the items listed is “CZ = botanical, cultural, zoo tax.” According to the State of Utah, this is a sales tax levied by local cities or counties to fund parks and recreation programs. In Salt Lake County, they call it ZAP (zoo, arts, and parks); in Layton and Ogden, it is called RAMP (recreation, arts, museums, and parks); in Farmington, it is called RAP (recreation, arts, and parks). Regardless of the acronym ZAP, RAMP, or RAP, it is the same: a one cent tax for every \$10 spent in the city (except for grocery items and gas). The RAP will only remain in place if Farmington residents vote to renew the levy every ten years through a ballot initiative — it has been a park revenue source in our city since November 2014, when our citizenry adopted it for the first time. All purchases within Farmington, whether made by

residents or visitors, have funded local park and recreational amenities through the RAP tax. To keep collecting this tax in Farmington, it must be renewed on the November 5th ballot.

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## ACTIVE AGING POTLUCK FOR SENIORS 60+

DELI SANDWICHES PROVIDED



MASTER PLAN FOR FUTURE TOM OWENS PARK SITE

On Monday, October 21st at 12:00 noon, bring your favorite treat to share and come to the Community Arts Center (120 S Main Street) for a fun lunch with the active aging community.

Please RSVP to hold a spot by scanning the QR code or calling



801-939-9299 or emailing [bchoate@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:bchoate@farmington.utah.gov).



The RAP tax revenue can only be used for parks and recreation. What has the money been used for over the last ten years?

- **Regional Park** debt service (this debt obligation has been paid off)
- **Gymnasium** debt service (this debt obligation has been paid off)
- The **Farm Mountain Bike Park**

If the RAP tax is approved on the November 5th ballot, what will it be used for over the next ten years? The mayor and council have identified the following potential uses:

- Improvements at the recently acquired **Rock Mill property** (future Tom Owens Park)
- **Pool upgrades**
- **Park upgrades**
- **New trails and trail improvements**
- **Museum improvements**
- Subsidize **recreation programs** (rather than taking money from the city's general fund)

- Subsidize the **Active Aging Program** (which now has over 650 participants)
- **Dog park**
- **Community garden spaces**
- Funding the **arts** (plays, murals, performances, concerts or other cultural activities)

These new options exist because debt obligations previously covered by the RAP tax have been paid off. Over the past ten years, over 66% of the RAP funding has come from community visitors rather than residents. In Davis County, only West Point, Sunset, and Fruit Heights do not levy a RAP tax – every city in Weber, Salt Lake, Summit, Wasatch, and Morgan counties has voted to collect this \$0.01 tax on every \$10.00 in sales.

The RAP tax will appear on the ballot in this November's general election. All voting residents are invited to cast their vote and help decide whether to re-authorize the RAP tax. 🌳



As a cherished member of the Farmington Youth City Council, Sarah has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication in everything she undertakes. Her commitment to excellence is evident not only in her work on the council but also in her ability to lead by example. Sarah is one of the first to step forward when help is needed, consistently volunteering her time and energy to serve her community. Her regular attendance at city council meetings highlights her responsibility and dedication to civic engagement. Moreover, Sarah's kindness and respect toward everyone she encounters are qualities that set her apart as a remarkable young leader.

In addition to her service with the youth city council, Sarah is also an active member of her high school's cross-country and track teams. Her ability to balance athletics, academics, and community service is a testament to her discipline and time management skills. Her thoughtful approach to helping others, combined with her unwavering commitment to doing what is right, makes her truly deserving of any recognition she receives. Sarah exemplifies all the qualities that a true leader should possess: integrity, compassion, dedication, and a willingness to serve.

You may have noticed the Sycamore trees along Main Street struggling this year due to a fungal disease called anthracnose. To address this, Farmington City is removing dead and affected limbs. If improvement is not noticeable next spring, a fungicide treatment will be implemented.



## GENERAL PLAN UPDATE | YOUR VOICES HELP BRING FARMINGTON'S FUTURE INTO FOCUS

Farmington is updating the General Plan and over 300 people have provided input to help guide the process. THANK YOU! Your voices help identify priorities for Farmington's different neighborhood areas and are an important part of the update process. Community members have participated by taking the online survey or stopping by the General Plan booth at Festival Days.

Scan the QR code or go online at: <https://arcg.is/0fDmqf> to learn more about the General Plan, see a summary of the community survey results, and keep informed about the update.





# CITY INFORMATION

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Main Number ..... 801-451-2383  
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Fire Department ..... 801-451-2842  
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

## October 2024

October 1	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on <a href="#">city website</a>
October 3	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
October 7	MON	FARMINGTON FIRE OPEN HOUSE 82 North 100 East—see details page 5	5–7:00 pm
October 12	SAT	EXTRA GARBAGE DAY see details page 6	6:00 am
October 15	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on <a href="#">city website</a>
October 15	TUES	SECONDARY WATER SHUT OFF users are encouraged to shut off the valve AFTER water is no longer available in the system	
October 17	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
October 28	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda available on the <a href="#">HPC website</a>

# LUNCH WITH THE MAYOR

OCT 2    JAN 8    MAR 5  
NOV 6    FEB 5    APR 2  
DEC 4

Lunch with the Mayor is a great program where select students, nominated by their teachers for reaching goals, are treated to a healthy lunch and an opportunity to hear counsel and encouragement, and interact with Farmington City leaders.





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

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

**FUN & EDUCATIONAL HIKING & WALKING**



scan the QR code for info on the hiking club

**FARMINGTON PARKS & REC INVITES YOU TO JOIN TOUR GUIDE TIA FOR TREASURED TRAILS & WONDER WALKS**

**ALL ADVENTURES LOCATED RIGHT IN, OR NEAR OUR COMMUNITY.**

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE SEE FARMINGTON CITY WEBSITE



**COME SEE KEN KLINKER'S HAND CARVED PUMPKINS!**

**OCTOBER 21ST-25TH**  
 in the **CITY HALL** Community Room.

**Hundreds of pumpkins will be set up in Ken's front yard beginning October 1st. (1288 S Cannon Drive in Farmington).**

**WHEN?**  
 THURSDAYS (8AM)

**COST?**  
 8-17 YRS  
 \$1.50 (RES) & \$2.50 (NON)  
 18+  
 \$2.00 (RES) & \$3.00 (NON)

**WHERE?**  
 MEET @ FARMINGTON GYM PARKING LOT

**UPCOMING ADVENTURES INCLUDE**

FARMINGTON BAY,  
 ROCK MILL,  
 ANTELOPE ISLAND,  
 FREEDOM HILLS, CEMETERY,  
 &  
 VIETNAM MEMORIAL



## BUSINESS LICENSES

Friendly reminder that all commercial, mobile and daycare/preschool business licenses will begin renewals mid-November. Please ensure that your email is up to date by contacting Carly Rowe at 801-939-9215 or [crowe@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:crowe@farmington.utah.gov). All renewals will be completed via civic review.

## 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).



### INTERESTING INCIDENT:

On July 6th, Officer Mokofisi responded to a call of RETAIL THEFT that had occurred sometime prior. Loss prevention provided video footage and other pertinent information regarding a theft of product that totaled almost \$2000 in value.

Later that same day, Officer Mokofisi was again dispatched to the same area for what was described as a THEFT IN PROGRESS. Officer Mokofisi and other officers from both Farmington and Davis County Sheriff's office arrived in the area.

Officer Mokofisi learned from the loss prevention officer that the same suspect he was investigating earlier in the day had returned and again stolen property from the store. The suspect was located and apprehended in a vehicle trying to flee from the scene.

In this circumstance the suspect was apprehended, and after a search warrant was executed on her vehicle, over \$12,000.00 of stolen property was recovered. The items came from multiple stores at Station Park.

While this incident may not be the most exciting, it is important to understand the impact to our community and to each of us economically. Retail theft is a huge problem. Often these incidents expose our officers and the public to imminent danger due to the subsequent behavior of the suspect while being apprehended. What we don't often consider is the financial cost to us as consumers. According to Capital One, "Utah lost \$654 million in revenue due to retail theft in 2022. The State of Utah lost out on \$31.7 million in retail sales tax dollars due to retail theft (Capital One, 2022)."

You don't have to be a retail store owner or an economist to realize these costs are being passed on directly to us as consumers. As always, if you see something, say something!

Source: <https://capitaloneshopping.com/research/shoplifting-statistics/#ut>

**AUGUST 2024 POLICE STATS**

In total, police responded to 1207 calls for service (41% increase over prior month)

Auto Accidents — 65  
Traffic Stops — 380  
Adult and/or Juvenile Arrests — 41

## Farmington Fire Department Open House

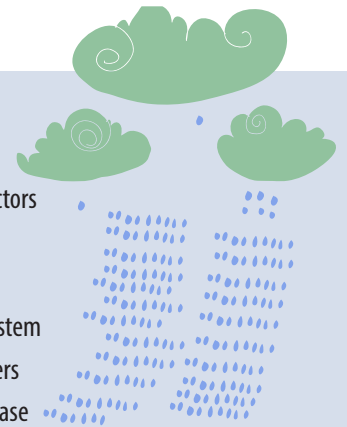
### SMOKE ALARMS Make Them WORK For You!™

Farmington Fire Department invites the community to its annual open house. Meet Farmington's dedicated firefighters, explore the equipment, and more.

Monday, October 7th  
5:00–8:00 pm  
82 North 100 East  
801-451-2842



Farmington City is committed to water conservation, implementing smart irrigation controllers in 2002, and now utilizing one of the most advanced systems available. These controllers adjust watering schedules based on factors like plant and soil type, slope, and real-time weather data to ensure plants get just the right amount of water. Occasionally, you may notice sprinklers running during a rainstorm. This happens because there is a delay in the system recognizing the rain and shutting off, but it will adjust accordingly. Sprinklers running during the day are likely maintenance staff checking for issues. Please report problems by emailing [parksandrec@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:parksandrec@farmington.utah.gov) or calling 801-451-0953.



If you haven't completed the LEAD SERVICES LINE INVENTORY, please call public works at 801-451-2624.



On **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**, 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 12th. Non-processable waste such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous wastes, etc. are prohibited.



**Do You Want to Pay for Disposing of Someone Else's Trash**

Park dumpsters are provided for the convenience of park patrons. Recently, there has been an increase in improper use, where individuals are disposing of items that clearly are not related to park activities. This misuse leads to extra, unscheduled pickups, which add unnecessary costs to the city, and ultimately to citizens. Please report any instances of illegal dumping by emailing [parksandrec@farmington.utah.gov](mailto:parksandrec@farmington.utah.gov) or calling 801-451-0953.



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