



FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING

IF WE BUILD IT . . .



by Mayor Brett Anderson

From the movie *Field of Dreams*, we learn the phrase, "if you build it, they will come." In the film, Ray Kinsella boldly

plows his corn fields and builds a baseball diamond. When he finished the new diamond, they came as promised.

Well, here's another saying, coined right here in the Farmington newsletter, "if you say you're going to build it, you better do it, because they want to come." This phrase is not nearly as catchy. It doesn't roll off the tongue. It feels like something a candidate might say about the situation at the border. But all that aside, it's time to say it out loud for all the city to hear. *"Farmington, we're going to upgrade and remodel the pool."*

That felt both exciting and weighty to say. We've been investigating the options for several years now. If we say it, we better do it.

First, a little history: In the fall of 1995, the voters of Farmington approved a \$750,000 bond to construct a municipal swimming pool.

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General Plan Update COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

HELP BRING FARMINGTON'S
FUTURE INTO FOCUS

Farmington is a city proud of its past and optimistic about its future. The city is strategically planning for the future with an updated General Plan, which brings the community's vision for tomorrow into focus. We are hosting a community open house so you can learn more about the General Plan update. We look forward to seeing you there.

WHAT IS THE GENERAL PLAN?

The General Plan is a high-level, official guide for the future of Farmington. It contains overall goals and policies that help guide the city to achieve a desired vision. **The recommendations in the General Plan provide direction for managing and guiding future growth and development.** As the region around Farmington changes, revisiting the General Plan ensures it remains relevant and captures community priorities. **Your voices help identify priorities for Farmington's different neighborhood areas and are an important part of the General Plan update process.**

WHAT WILL WE LEARN AT THE OPEN HOUSE?

Come learn more about Farmington's planning context and three focus initiatives that provide a framework for the draft of the General Plan Update. The focus initiatives take past planning efforts and current efforts and align them with what we have heard and learned from the community so far about priorities for



the General Plan. They reflect the range and diversity of viewpoints about planning for Farmington's future.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE OPEN HOUSE?

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Farmington City Hall – Community Room
160 S. Main Street
Farmington

HOW CAN I KEEP INFORMED ABOUT THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE?

To keep informed, scan the QR code or go online at: <https://arcc.is/OfDmqf> to learn more about the General Plan update.



If We Build It continued

In July 1996, the Farmington City Council rejected eleven bids and finally accepted a construction bid for \$879,000. I know, in today's dollars that amount might cover the emotional price paid by a beleaguered dad, who after "contently" waiting in lines all day, once again waits in line for what seems like a day to buy a few churros and a handful of bottled waters in a certain (insert "air quotes") "magical" kingdom sponsored by a red trousered mus musculus—but I digress. With the accepted bid, the construction started in the summer of 1996. The pool was slated to open by Memorial Day of 1997.

The pool opened as planned. It was well used. Early reports claimed it made about \$13,000 in the black for its first year of operations. Daily admission to the pool was \$2.50 and \$1.75 for seniors and children under four. A few other factoids for the first year's operations: 398 family passes

were sold; 19 individual passes were sold; 364 goggles were sold, along with 3,200 churros and 912 ice cream sandwiches. (In 1996, the population of Farmington was about 11,817 people.)

We are grateful for the pool and the cool refuge it provided on those hot summer days; however, long gone are the days when a city could build a municipal pool for \$879,000. The pool house needs to be upgraded and expanded. The actual size of the pool needs to be significantly increased. Today, the population of Farmington exceeds 26,000 people. We are literally knocking on the doors of tripling our population from the time when the pool was originally built. To borrow a phrase from today's youth, the current pool is cooked. You get no rizz from plunging down a 7-foot slide. We need bigger and better and more.

Below are conceptual drawings for the remodel.

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Farmington City Public Works NEEDS YOUR HELP

The city is required by the EPA to provide an inventory of all homes build prior to 1989 with lead and copper service lines. Need help? No worries. Public Works staff is happy to come to your home and check your pipes for this information. It will take only a brief visit.

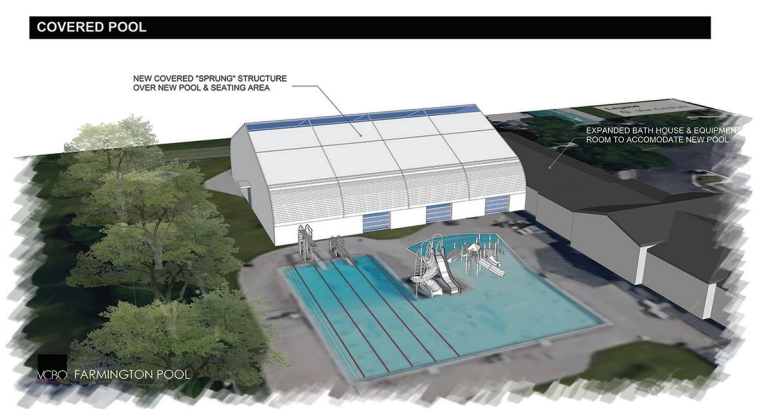
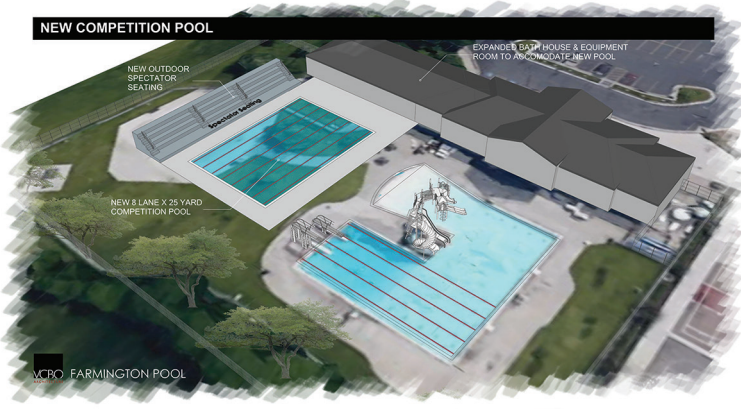
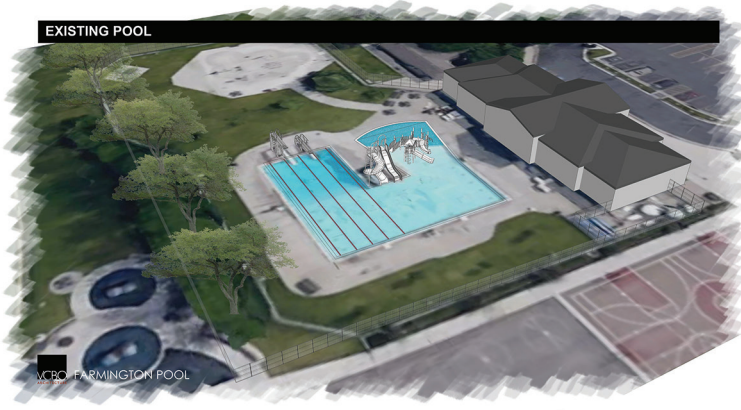
If you have not completed this, PLEASE CALL PUBLIC WORKS

at **801-451-2624** to schedule a home visit to determine the material of your service line.



WINTER ORDINANCES BEGIN November 15th

Please have vehicles off the streets from 1 a.m. until 7 a.m. This will allow snowplows to safely and effectively clear the streets.





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Fire Department 801-451-2842
Public Works 801-451-2624
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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

November 2024

Mayor Anderson cut the ribbon in celebration of the grand opening of Innovator Drive and Maker Way at North Farmington Station. Pictured above left to right: Planning Commissioner John David Mortensen, Shawn Sulawesi (RJT Construction), Planning Commissioner Joey Hansen, Mayor Brett Anderson, Kent Anderson (Director of Community and Economic Development Davis County), Councilmember Melissa Layton, Greg Nelson, Councilmember Amy Shumway, Jill Jones, Planning Commissioner Kristen Sherlock, Councilmember Scott Isaacson, Councilmember Alex Leeman, City Manager Brigham Mellor, Planning Commissioner Frank Adams.

November 1 – December 9		HOLIDAY DONATIONS ACCEPTED 160 South Main Street	during business hours
November 7	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
November 11	MON	VETERANS DAY CEREMONY Farmington City Cemetery	11:00 am
November 12	TUES	GENERAL PLAN OPEN HOUSE 160 South Main Street	6:00–8:00 pm
November 12	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
November 21	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
November 25	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda available on the HPC website
November 28 & 29	THURS FRI	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY city offices will be closed	

You are invited to join
Farmington City and
American Legion Post 27

Monday, November 11, 2024
Farmington City Cemetery
500 S 200 E
11:00 am





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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2025
 PARK AND POOL
 RESERVATIONS BEGIN
 JANUARY 6TH FOR RESIDENTS
 JANUARY 12TH FOR NONRESIDENTS



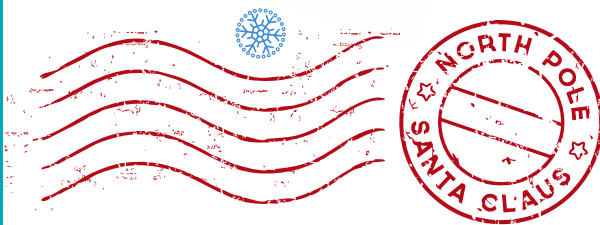
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 AGES 18-64 \$2.00

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 FARMINGTON



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 North Pole, AK 00001

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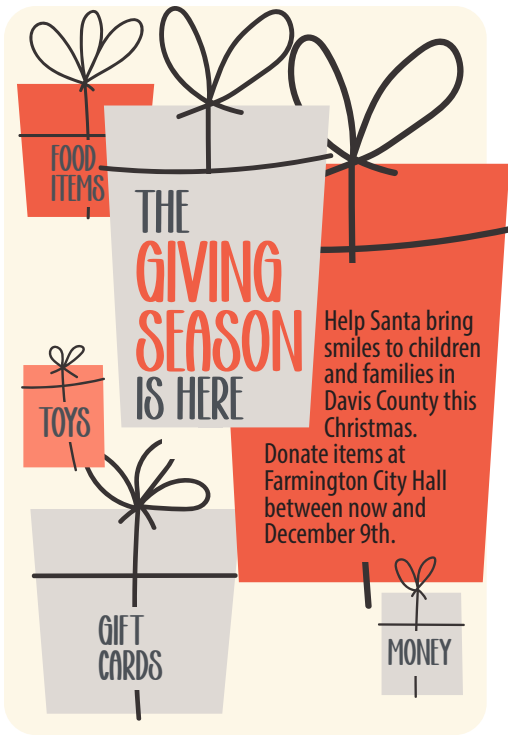
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 City Hall, or the
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If We Build It continued

The anticipated construction cost exceeds eight million. There are options to cover this purchase price. We can bond like the city originally voted to do back in 1995. We can use RAP tax money to defray part of the cost, assuming the RAP tax proposal passes this November. We can raise funds (fund raisers and donations). The city has assets (real estate) which could be sold to pay for the pool. Funds generated from those activities can be (and should be) specifically earmarked for the pool. We are interested in hearing your opinions on the pool. What do you want? What amenities do we need? Slides? Diving boards? Lazy river (I say yes to that)? Concession stand? Free ice-cold Diet Coke on a direct pipeline from McDonald's HQ (that was my pipe

dream, admittedly)? A small jumbotron to show the cannonball of the day? Your general feelings about a bond versus saving for future construction versus selling city holdings, or some combination of the three? Price for residents versus nonresidents? Price for single passes versus family passes? Are you interested in an all-city pass for the pool and the gymnasium? This is Farmington's pool. We *want* to hear from you. We *need* to hear from you. Please share your opinion with me or a city councilmember. Our email addresses are on page 3.

And now we feel it's time to quote the immortal words of Hamilton Porter— "Cannonball!" We're jumping into this project. We're going to make a huge splash. Farmington, let's remodel this pool! 🌱



THE BLUE BLOG

a message from Chief Eric Johnsen

SEPTEMBER 2024 POLICE STATS

In total, police responded to 1078 calls for service
 Auto Accidents — 59
 Traffic Stops — 329
 Adult and/or Juvenile Arrests — 35

In light of a pressing topic, we are taking a break from the "interesting incident" section. I want to inform you of a growing problem in the city that we need help with and that may influence your Christmas shopping. The topic of e-bikes is becoming more and more concerning. In the spring, we will have a more in-depth article, but prior to the Christmas season I want to share some information so you can be more informed before making a potential purchase.

UTAH STATE STATUTE: 41-6A-1115.1

These are the highlights:

An individual under 16 years old may not operate a class 3 electric assisted bicycle.

An individual under 14 years old may not operate an electric assisted bicycle with the electric motor engaged on any public property, highway, path, or sidewalk unless the individual is under the direct supervision of the individual's parent or guardian.

An individual under eight years old may not operate an electric assisted bicycle with the

electric motor engaged on any public property, highway, path, or sidewalk.

The owner of an electric assisted bicycle may not authorize or knowingly permit an individual to operate an electric assisted bicycle in violation of this section. (Parents, you are ultimately criminally culpable.)

DEFINITIONS OF E-BIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

Utah Law defines an electric assisted bicycle (e-bike) as a traditional pedal bike with an electric motor that:

Has a power output of no more than 750 watts

Has fully operable pedals and permanently affixed cranks

Can be operated with the electric motor

Is Classified as a class 1,2, or 3 e-bike

Class 1: Pedal-assist e-bike with a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph

Class 2: Throttle-assisted e-bike with a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph

Class 3: Pedal-assist e-bike with a maximum assisted speed of 28 mph

Notice that nowhere in the statute does it address the electric motorcycles that we are increasingly seeing on the street and operated in many cases by those who are not 16 years old, not licensed drivers, and do not have a motorcycle endorsement.

We are not trying to be the fun police, but simply trying to keep everyone safe-- motorists, pedestrians, and operators of the above mentioned bikes. Please help us help you keep your kids safe.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Renewal Time

Business licenses will expire on December 31st for the following:

- Commercial
- Mobile
- Daycare/Preschool

To renew, you will want to ensure that your email is up to date. You will receive an email from civic review 45 days prior to expiration to start the process.

Please note that failure to renew can result in your license being inactivated, late fees & additional penalties outlined in city code.

Questions can be directed to Carly Rowe at crowe@farmington.utah.gov.

If your business has closed since last renewal, please request a closure when you receive the email, or contact our office asap to avoid renewal charges.

HELPFUL TIP: prior to renewal and to ensure efficient timing; please verify that your business name and/or dba is showing an active status via the State of Utah website (<https://businessregistration.utah.gov/>) and that your TAP number is valid for Farmington City, if you collect sales tax. (example: 99999999-999-STC).



FALLEN LEAF COLLECTION

As leaves continue to fall, remember that you are responsible to collect and dispose of the leaves on your property. *Please do not put your leaves in the street.*

FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONG STATE & MAIN STREETS:

- Main Street from 100 S to 500 N
- State Street from 400 W to 300 E
- 200 W from State to 200 S
- 400 N from Main to 100 E

The city sweeper will come by on a regular basis, at least 1-2 times per week, from October through December. Please only put leaves out, as limbs and twigs cannot be picked up and will clog the hose.



PLANNING COMMISSION RECRUITMENT

The mayor and city council are accepting applications for a new planning commission member, to serve as an alternate commissioner for 2025. The term of service for alternates is one year and can potentially morph into a full-term (4 years, ending in 2029).

The planning commission is a seven-member board, along with two alternate commissioners, who meet twice a month to review, provide recommendations, and make decisions regarding planning and zoning issues that affect our community.

If you are interested in learning who is currently on the planning commission and what they do, please visit: <https://farmington.utah.gov/city-government/planning-commission/>

For those applying to the planning commission, a letter of interest with qualifications should be received by Friday November 15, 2024 by 5 PM. Applications should be emailed to Carly Rowe at crowe@farmington.utah.gov. Interviews with staff and Mayor Anderson will be conducted in the weeks following.

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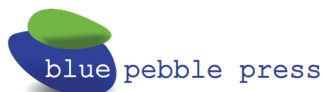
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