



FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING

RANDOM QUESTIONS FROM *YOU* ABOUT FARMINGTON

Hello Farmington. We hope you are having a great summer. We just held Farmington Festival Days. It was hot, it was fun, it was hot, and it was great. We'd like to thank our tireless Farmington employees who spent countless hours making Festival Days an amazing experience for all of us.

On the afternoon of Festival Days, I took the opportunity to ask residents to ask me any random, Farmington-related question they might have. For some questions, I had an answer. For other questions, I'm still looking and researching.

So, for your reading enjoyment and information, here are some of the questions and answers (in no particular order):

WHAT IS THE BEST PIECE OF FARMINGTON HISTORY?

Farmington is one of the first three cities settled in Utah in 1847: Salt Lake City, Bountiful and Farmington. In the



MAYOR BRETT ANDERSON

kids' vernacular, Farmington is "OG," or something like that.

WHAT IS IN THE TIME CAPSULE IN CITY HALL?

In 2010, the city placed a time capsule in the lobby of city hall. The time capsule will be opened in 2060. I have no idea what is in there. I secretly hope there is a Hostess Twinkie or DingDong from Dave Petersen (Planning and Zoning Director), to see if it's still edible after all of these years.

WHEN ARE WE GETTING A BIGGER POOL, AND WHAT ABOUT LAP LANES?

We have plans to expand the recreational pool. We even have conceptual designs.

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IMPORTANT TO KNOW

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Random Questions continued

What we are dealing with is timing and funding. We need to finish the new park and then we can start working on the schedule and funding for the pool renovations. Regarding a lap lane pool, we have had conversations with Davis School District and with Kaysville City about possible partnerships. The cost of a legitimate lap lane pool is very expensive and any solution will require a partnership. In all likelihood, any possible solution will be orchestrated and steered by the school district and then Farmington will need to decide if it can allocate resources to this amenity.

**HOW MANY CHICKENS CAN YOU HAVE AND
CAN YOU HAVE A ROOSTER?**

Farmington City Code 11-29-010 through 11-29-030, contains the "regulations for the keeping of animals in all areas of the city." First of all, "[a]ll animals must be kept and maintained in such a manner so as not to degrade (below a reasonable standard) the health, safety, noise, odor or sanitation environment of persons dwelling on neighboring lots." In short, your animals cannot become a nuisance to your neighbors. Next, subject to certain rebuttable presumptions about maintaining the animals (11-29-030(d)), for a regular ½ acre lot, a homeowner can have two (2) dogs or two (2) sheep or two (2) goats or four (4) cats or eight (8) ducks or eight (8) turkeys or eight (8) geese or twelve (12) chickens or twelve (12) rabbits or twelve (12) pigeons, or any equivalent combination. Notice all of the "or's". It's kind of like animal algebra. I'll let you do the math. And, if you have a rooster (assuming, without deciding, that a rooster is a chicken), please remember that it is subject to the noise regulation.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR COW GETS ON THE
ROAD IN THE CITY?**

You'll have to get it off of the road. Also, there are state laws that govern liability for livestock on highways. If you are up to it, you can go read Utah Code 41-6a-407.



WHAT ARE THE MUSEUM HOURS?

The Farmington City Museum, located at 110 N. Main Street, is open Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Come on out and see the awesome history of this city.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST DOG IN FARMINGTON?

I have no idea, but I suspect the dog was hungry. That was a long walk across the plains. Hector Haight was one of the first settlers in Farmington. It is reported that he moved into the area with his wife Julia and his three children, so maybe the first dog was owned by the Haight.

WHO PUT THE FLAG UP ON FLAG ROCK?

According to my research, Randy West and a friend placed the flag on Flag Rock in Farmington, Utah, on September 11, 2002. He did this to commemorate the 9/11 attacks and to honor those who perished and those first responders who lost their lives trying to save others. We are grateful for his thoughtful approach to help us remember our freedoms and the first responders who bravely run into harm's way to rescue us and keep us safe. Take that hike if you haven't tried it yet. It's worth it.

HOW ARE THE TREES DOING ON MAIN STREET?

That is a great question. They are aging. We are in the process of hiring an arborist to help us ascertain the age, health, and anticipated lifespan of our beloved trees. Then, we will develop our tree replacement plan to ensure that the streets of Farmington always stay lined with trees for generations to come.

**WHAT WATER LINES ARE THE CITY
REPLACING NEXT?**

We just finished replacing water lines on Main Street.

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Emergency 911



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available on the city website.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 2025

August 5 & 19	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
August 7 & 21	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
August 25	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	6:00 pm agenda available on the HPC website

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2025

The upcoming municipal elections in Farmington City will include the mayoral seat and two city council positions, each with a four-year term. More details will be shared in future newsletters. In the meantime, to help residents begin considering their choices, the candidates are listed below in master ballot position order.

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FESTIVAL DAYS
*Contest winner photos are placed
throughout the newsletter,
but ALL participants were winners.
Thanks, everyone, for the fun events.*



FESTIVAL DAYS PICKLEBALL RESULTS

	Seniors 60+		3.0 Mens		2.5 Mixed
Gold	Ron Harris/ Flint Brown	Gold	Jacob Jensen/Jacob Jensen Jr	Gold	Beckham Jensen/Claire Biddulph
Silver	Kathy & Gordon Wilkey	Silver	Jesse Johnson/Kasidy Olsen	Silver	Dawn Christiansen/Clay Christiansen
Bronze	Laura Petit / Denise House	Bronze	Jorge Quinones/Jake Baker	Bronze	Madison Fawcett/Turner Fawcett
	2.5 Womens		3.5 Mens		3.0 Mixed
Gold	Marty Austin/Paige Bell	Gold	Wade Berrier/James Taylor	Gold	Wade Berrier/Natalie Warner
Silver	Marlene Kay/Shauri Forbush	Silver	Charlie Campbell/Kevin Gunnell	Silver	Cindy & Kelly Bryson
Bronze	Cherie Anderson/Wendy Miller	Bronze	Kurt Warren/Robert Gilchrist	Bronze	Robert & Aki Rich
	3.0 Womens		4.0 Mens		3.5 Mixed
Gold	Jodi Fuls/Megan Williams	Gold	Daniel Neff/Derek Larson	Gold	Chelsea and Chris Clark
Silver	Suda Castelli/Eden Shipp	Silver	Travis Allen/Todd Allen	Silver	Wade Berrier/Natalie Warner
Bronze	Sandra Hartvigsen/Jolene Larson	Bronze	Marcus Sommer/Brady Nelson	Bronze	Nathan & Carrie Rigby
	3.5 Womens		4.5 Mens		4.0 Mixed
Gold	Nancy Taylor/Corrine Benhard	Gold	Matt Thornblad/Caden Peterson	Gold	Ashlie Heiner/Andrew Warner
Silver	Jamie West/Jolene Larsen	Silver	Dustin Adamson/Jason Charles	Silver	Emily & Marcus Sommer
Bronze	Sandy Kingston/Krista Johnson	Bronze	Jeff Stewart/Daniel Neff	Bronze	Christina O'Donnell/Gordon Nico
	4.0 Womens		5.0 Mens		4.5 Mixed
Gold	Jadee Hallman/Camille Miles	Gold	Nicholas Peterson/Mike Kelley	Gold	Shannon Garber/Nate Bullard
Silver	Jamie West/Jolene Larsen	Silver	Matthew Allen/Kaihe Allen	Silver	Bonnie Norske/Tim Nguyen
Bronze	Christina Whittier/Ashley Heiner	Bronze	Ryan Brenchley/Mike Faux	Bronze	Marcus & Emily Sommer
	4.5-5.0 Womens				5.0 Mixed
Gold	Megan Wilcox/Ashli Houston			Gold	Kaihe Allen/Aline Morales
Silver	Kira Hellewell/Nyla Smith			Silver	Kristi Jarman/Nick Peterson
Bronze	Cheyenne Davis/Kim Mudrow			Bronze	John Busch/Tara Stewart



Dave Petersen
City Planner and Community Development Director

DAVE PETERSEN'S RETIREMENT Marks the End of an Era

After more than three decades of shaping Farmington's growth with vision, wisdom, and heart, Dave Petersen is retiring from his role as City Planner and Community Development Director. His retirement marks the end of an era—and the beginning of a well-earned adventure beyond city hall.

Dave began his tenure in 1994, when Farmington was still a small, largely rural community. Over the years, he helped guide the city through incredible transformation, ensuring that growth was thoughtful, sustainable, and always aligned with Farmington's unique character. His fingerprints are on every part of the city—from the trails we ride and walk, to the neighborhoods we call home, to the vibrant town center at Station Park.

But for Dave, city planning was never just about maps and ordinances—it was about people, community, and preserving what makes Farmington special. A passionate advocate for historic preservation, Dave worked tirelessly to protect the city's heritage, honoring its roots while preparing for the future. Whether preserving a pioneer-era structure or advocating for the protection of a historic street alignment, he reminded us that the past is not just behind us, it's part of who we are.

Over the years, Dave sat through more late-night city council and planning commission meetings than anyone could count, calmly guiding conversations, answering questions with poise, and helping to navigate some of the city's most complex decisions. His steady presence in those sometimes long and lively meetings and his ability to keep a cool head (even after 10 p.m.) was nothing short of notable.

Of course, no reflection on Dave would be complete without mentioning his very clear stance on billboards. Let's just say he never met one he liked. His good-natured (but unwavering) dislike for signage clutter became a legendary part of planning meetings—prompting many a chuckle and more than a few inside jokes over the years.

Dave will be deeply missed by both colleagues and community members for his well-timed “nuggets of knowledge”—those insightful facts, historical anecdotes, or zoning tips that left people wondering, “How does he know that?” His deep expertise, paired with a calm and approachable demeanor, made him not only a mentor but also a trusted guide through periods of growth and transition.

Outside the office, Dave leads a rich and well-rounded life. He's an avid cyclist, frequently seen riding through Salt Lake and Davis Counties. A devoted family man, he's a husband, father of four, and proud grandfather of eight. He also finds joy in the simple pleasures of his morning routine—reading the obituaries and comic section of the newspaper over breakfast.

As he transitions into retirement, Dave looks forward to more time with his family, long road trips with his bag of Ruffles chips, leisurely bike rides, and uninterrupted mornings with his newspaper in hand (and his afternoon nap of course). Though his daily commute may be over, the mark he's left on Farmington will remain for generations.

From all of us—thank you, Dave. Your vision, humor, and heart have made our city a better place. Enjoy every mile of the road ahead.

Random Questions continued

This was an expensive, but much-needed infrastructure overhaul. Those water lines were nearly 100 years old. We replaced the 4-inch cast iron pipes with 12-16-inch PVC pipes. The water will flow and it will be clean. Thank you for your patience. There are other sections in town that likewise have very old pipes, and everything that comes with very old pipes (e.g., leaks, breaks, and residue build-up). We are on a mission to replace those old pipes. We have a map. We have a plan. The next sections we are eyeing are on Compton Road (from Park Lane up to 1100 North), then on 200 East from State Street down to 200 South, and maybe a section on 300 North.

As always, if you have questions, please let us know. You can email me or anyone on the council. If we don't know, we'll do our best to investigate and get you an answer. Enjoy the rest of your summer. May the sun feel warm, may the smell of BBQ always waft in your general direction, and may every mosquito, within city limits, find nothing ever to bite. 🌿



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