



FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME LIVING



THE RED BLOG

a message from Chief Shelby Willis

STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTION ORDER

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions, coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in Utah, the state forester has determined that measures must be taken to prevent the ignition of forest and rangeland fires. Therefore, pursuant to Utah State Law, Section 65A-8-212, the following acts are prohibited in **all state lands** and **all unincorporated private lands** within the State of Utah until rescinded by the Utah State Forester:

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire is prohibited, including charcoal grills, pellet grills, or ash-producing fuel. Properly shielded gas or liquid-fueled portable camp stoves with a shut-off valve are allowed, so long as there is at least three feet in diameter that is barren with no flammable vegetation.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.

Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition, or other pyrotechnic devices, including exploding targets.

Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.

Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.

This order does not affect private lands within incorporated towns or city limits.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

Persons with a permit or waiver issued by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, specifically authorizing a specified act at a specific location. A waiver does not relieve the permittee of liability if a fire does occur.

Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

Any of the above acts is a violation of state law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. These restrictions will be enforced by county law enforcement.



Introducing CHIEF SHELBY WILLIS New Farmington Fire Department Chief

Farmington City is proud to announce the appointment of Chief Shelby Willis as the new head of the Farmington Fire Department. Chief Willis officially assumed her role on June 23, 2025, bringing with her an impressive legacy of service, leadership, and dedication to public safety.

With twenty-seven years of firefighting experience, Chief Willis's career is marked by excellence and commitment.

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City Bids Farewell to
GREG DAVIS
Retiring September 2025

After an impressive career spanning over three decades, Greg Davis, CPA, is retiring from public service, marking the end of a distinguished tenure in municipal finance and accounting. Mr. Davis dedicated 27 years to Salt Lake City before serving the past 6 years as Finance Director for Farmington City, where his leadership, integrity, and deep expertise left a lasting impact. His retirement this month is met with both celebration and gratitude, as colleagues and peers across the profession honor his legacy of fiscal stewardship and unwavering commitment to public service.

Greg has been instrumental in guiding the city through years of growth, change, and vigilance in fiscal responsibility. Known for his integrity, steady hand, and sharp financial acumen, Greg has overseen countless budgets, audits, and strategic initiatives with professionalism and care. His work has helped ensure that Farmington remained financially strong, transparent, and well prepared for the future.

Greg's impact reaches far beyond his analytical acumen. He has been a trusted colleague, a generous mentor, and a dedicated public servant whose steady leadership and quiet wit have enriched our workplace and our community. Whether offering sage advice or delivering a perfectly timed 'dad joke,' Greg brought warmth and authenticity to every interaction. His unwavering support for the Utah Utes and his thoughtful approach to service have left a lasting impression. As he embarks on a well-earned retirement, we extend our deepest gratitude for his years of outstanding contribution and wish him a future filled with joy, good health, and all the things he loves—preferably far from any spreadsheets.

Congratulations and best wishes, Greg.

a Farmington Treasure

WILCOX HOME

Officially Recognized as
Historic Landmark

*some homes don't just stand—
they tell stories*

The James H. Wilcox Home at 1149 South 200 East in Farmington has been added to the city's Historic Landmark Register for its architectural, cultural, and civic importance. Built in 1890, with parts dating to 1860, it was the residence of Farmington's first mayor and reflects early settlement life. Though in need of restoration, its brick Victorian design and long-standing role as a local landmark highlight its enduring character. The home meets five of seven criteria for historical designation, including ties to key figures and its impact on the city's development.

LEAF COLLECTION ON MAIN STATE STREETS

Public works personnel are gearing up for leaf collection season and wish to issue this reminder:



ONLY leaves from the street trees along State and Main streets are eligible for city pickup. All other homes and all other fallen leaves are the responsibility of the homeowner. PLEASE DO NOT blow these leaves into the street or park strip. Instead, bag and throw away leaves or take them to the land fill.

UDOT worked a good portion of the summer on improvements to Farmington's Main Street and 200 East, also known as State Road 106. Work has included increased accessibility for pedestrians by installing sidewalk ramps at the intersections, milling, and repaving of the street.

Any driver who travels through Farmington can appreciate the upgrade.

Thank you, UDOT

Chief Shelby Willis continued

Her journey has included distinguished service in the United States Air Force, where she honed the discipline and resilience that continue to define her leadership style.

She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South Florida and a master's degree in emergency management from Eastern Kentucky University—credentials that reflect her deep understanding of both the human and operational dimensions of emergency response.

Before joining Farmington, Chief Willis served for two decades at Largo Fire Rescue in Florida, ultimately rising to the position of fire chief. Her move to Utah saw her take on the role of Deputy Fire Chief in Ogden, where she continued to build strong community ties and advance fire service initiatives.

City Manager Brigham Mellor praised the appointment, stating, "Chief Willis is exceptionally bright and highly respected within the fire service. Throughout her career, she has held leadership positions for over two decades."

Chief Willis is also an active member of the State Fire Chiefs Board, where she contributes to statewide efforts to enhance fire and EMS services. Her strategic vision and collaborative spirit make her a vital asset not only to Farmington but to the broader Utah fire service community.

Beyond her professional achievements, Chief Willis is a wife, and mother to an eighteen-year-old son. The family enjoys skiing and snowboarding in Utah's scenic mountains and shares their home with Lucky, a lovable 125-pound German Shepherd who's as much a part of the team as anyone.

Farmington City is thrilled to welcome Chief Shelby Willis. Her leadership, experience, and passion for service promise a bright future for the Farmington Fire Department and the community it protects.

Welcome, Chief Willis—we're honored to have you on board. 🌳





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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

Dispatch 801-298-6000
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

September 2025

September 2 & 16

TUES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
160 South Main Street

7:00 pm
agenda on
[city website](#)

September 4 & 18

THURS

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
160 South Main Street

7:00 pm
agenda posted at
city hall 24 hrs prior

September 22

MON

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
160 South Main Street

6:00 pm
agenda available on
the [HPC website](#)



THE BLUE BLOG

a message from Chief Austin Anderson

Recently, Farmington police officers stopped a vehicle for driving without insurance. Inside were a mother and her 12-year-old daughter. The mother explained their difficult situation—her husband, a semi-truck owner/operator, hadn't received a paycheck in over three months due to a lack of work. The family had just been evicted from their apartment and was now living in a camping trailer.

Officers verified the mother's account through her daughter and a FaceTime call with the father. It quickly became clear: this was a family facing a crisis, not criminals looking to break the law. The father shared that despite his efforts, he didn't qualify for state assistance due to his business's "earning potential"—a technicality that left them without support. He hadn't eaten in three days saying his priority was ensuring his children had food.

In many departments, this encounter could have ended with a citation and an impounded vehicle. Our officers chose differently. They made a decision

grounded in empathy and humanity—doing what was right, not just what was legal. Just because we can doesn't always mean we should.

Understanding the gravity of the situation, our officers connected the family with our department chaplain, who later met with them personally, took them grocery shopping, and helped provide much-needed support.

Every call we respond to is unique. Every decision we make carries weight. This moment won't show up in a crime report or statistical analysis, but it's a powerful example of the quiet, often unseen impact law enforcement can have in a community. While we strive for accountability and professionalism in all we do, it's these human moments that truly define our role. This is just one of many unseen "statistics" that reflect the heart of policing in Farmington and our commitment to making a difference each and every day.

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PARKS & RECREATION

FARMINGTON

PLAN AHEAD FOR WINTER FUN!

PROGRAMS FILL UP FAST—
REGISTRATION BEGINS ON THE
FIRST MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH

SCAN
BELOW
TO
JOIN



REGISTER THE
FIRST MONDAY OF
OCTOBER

YOUTH BASKETBALL
YOUTH & ADULT ADAPTIVE
BASKETBALL

REGISTER THE
FIRST MONDAY OF
NOVEMBER

YOUTH MUSIC IN ME
ADULT & SENIOR PICKLEBALL
YOUTH SKI & SNOWBOARDING
YOUTH TENNIS
ADULT VOLLEYBALL

REGISTER THE
FIRST MONDAY OF
DECEMBER

ADULT BASKETBALL
YOUTH TENNIS

**THANK YOU, FARMINGTON,
FOR A GREAT SUMMER OF RECREATION**

North Cottonwood Commons—coming soon!



ALEX LEEMAN,
City Council

If you've traveled Innovator Drive northwest of Cabella's recently, you've likely seen a massive construction project well underway. This fall, the city will be thrilled to announce the opening of a brand-new community park—North Cottonwood Commons. This isn't just another green space; it's a thoughtfully planned oasis blending more than 11 acres of recreation, relaxation, and entertainment.



What You'll Find at the Park

Visitors can enjoy an array of amenities, including:

Playground & Splash Pad

The tallest playground slide along the Wasatch Front, and an impressive splash pad and water play area where kids can cool off all summer.

Ninja Warrior Course

Test your speed and strength against your friends on Farmington's first ninja warrior course.

Amphitheater

A beautiful open-air venue for concerts, performances, and community events, with more than 150,000 square feet of lawn to spread out a blanket and enjoy the show.

Sports Courts

Basketball, pickleball, nine square, ping pong, cornhole, and more for active fun and friendly competition.

Walking Trails & Open Spaces

Scenic pathways and garden, with areas devoted to native meadowgrass and enhanced wetlands where Shepard Creek flows through the area.

Enjoy picnic areas, hammocking, swings, and a fire pit with your family.

This park will feature more than 150 new trees planted to create shaded areas and enhance the natural beauty of the space. A mix of flowers and native landscaping will provide seasonal color, shade in the summer, and vibrant foliage in the fall.

Art that Celebrates Farmington and a Name that Celebrates Our History

One of the park's most unique features will be a public art installation at the northwest corner of the park symbolizing Farmington's famous tree-lined Main Street and the deep family roots that define our community.

Why North Cottonwood Commons?

North Cottonwood was Farmington's original name when the community

was settled in 1847. North Cottonwood was renamed Farmington in 1852 when it became the county seat of Davis County. North Cottonwood Commons is a nod to our history and a reminder that this land belongs to the whole community.

More Than a Park—A Gathering Place

This park was designed with community in mind. Whether attending a summer concert, enjoying a family picnic, or playing an evening game under the lights, the park will be a central hub for connection and celebration—like the city's backyard where people go to play, watch a concert, enjoy the walking paths, visit food trucks, or sit on a bench swing and read a book.

Stay tuned for more details about the opening date and event schedule.



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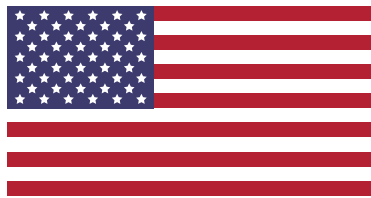
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On **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH**, there will be an extra, city-wide garbage collection day. Materials should be placed in the regular, roll-out black container and rolled to the curb line by 6:00am on the 11th. Non-processable waste such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous wastes, etc. are prohibited.

DAY OF SERVICE

9.13



WOODLAND PARK 8:00 AM
check the city website for details

GRAND OPENING

SEPTEMBER 17 | 5:30-7:30 PM

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO THIS **FREE** COMMUNITY EVENT, CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF WESTERN SPORTS PARK!

- EXPLORE THE COMPLEX**
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MEET COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES
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