



FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING

meet your new **YOUTH CITY COUNCIL** (listed in alphabetical order by surname) see page 6 for more information

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In recognition of Memorial Day, American Legion Post 27 and Farmington Public Works will place flags throughout the community to honor those who have served.

Residents are invited to attend a special Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25. The program will begin at noon at the city cemetery, located at 500 East 200 South.

CANIS LUPUS FAMILIARIS PURGAMENTA ET QUISQUILIAE



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BRETT ANDERSON

This message is about D&D. Unfortunately for the true D&D enthusiasts, I won't be addressing the eternal plight of Krusk, the barbarian orc-male, as he and his elf-soldier companion, Tordek, seek to overthrow the evil clerics Jozan and Eberk by using the Potions of Invulnerability and the Flaming Sword of Eternal Conquest. Instead, I will be addressing Dogs and Dumpsters, which are seemingly shrouded in municipal mystery and lore about what is and is not acceptable. So, join me as we venture into the world of canis lupus familiaris and purgamenta et quisquiliae. (And yes, I had to look those up too.)

Canis Familiaris

About three weeks ago, I embarked on a journey with my daughter to “go look” at some puppies in O-town. We were only going to look. That was our stated purpose. Mere observation was the line in the sand. Upon our arrival, we saw a whole kennel full of little puppies—upon which we could look. In no time, looking turned into holding. Holding turned into audible gasps of pure love and excitement (by my daughter, of course). Within minutes, money was exchanged (a very sarcastic thank you to Venmo for forever destroying the old excuse “I forgot my checkbook” and thereby making large purchases so easy to pull off).

Around 1:00 AM, after the new puppy marked (in the way puppies do) his new territories and cried out for someone to play with, I confessed out loud to my wife, “We’ve made a terrible mistake,” to which she astutely reminded me, “No, you made a terrible mistake.”

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She was right (she usually is). Dog ownership comes with responsibilities.

Both Davis County and Farmington City have a leash law. Dogs must be on a leash in all public areas, including parks (even those with big fields), trails, and sidewalks. Davis County Code 6.16.080 states that it is “unlawful for any animal to be allowed to be ‘at large’ as defined in this title.” The Code (which is not more like pirate guidelines) requires “immediate physical restraint,” meaning “a durable restraint device, such as a leash, cage, or other device capable of keeping the animal under physical control.”

Owners are strictly liable if their dogs cause damage or injury to others—dog fights, property damage, bites, scratches, or even a trip-and-fall caused while trying to evade a dog. See Utah Code § 18-1-1 and Davis County Code 6.16.140.

Furthermore, § 6.16.110 of the Davis County Code states that an owner is responsible for the immediate removal of any excreta deposited by their animal. Stated another way: if your dog poops, you must scoop.

Lastly, Farmington Code 11-29-030 limits the number of dogs you can own in certain zones throughout the City.

A Quick Q&A With a Hypothetical Resident

Q! But what if my puppy is cute and so friendly? Do I still need to leash it?

A! She is cute and friendly, but there is a leash law in effect, and it is unlawful to allow that cute, friendly little puppy to roam at large.

Q! Ok, but what if my dog is well trained and always listens to me, and he really likes to run around?

A! I’m sure he is and I’m sure he does, but there is a leash law in effect, and it is unlawful to allow that well-behaved, obedient dog to roam at large.

Q! But what if my verbal commands are equivalent to an actual leash? My word is like Wonder Woman’s magic lasso.

A! Wow. That’s amazing; however, the leash law requires the use of actual, physical leashes to control and restrain your dog.

Q! But what if his excreta is small, like tiny little Tootsie Rolls? Can’t I just leave them?

A! There is an excreta law in effect, and it is unlawful to leave it. Also, if they were deemed the equivalent of Tootsie Rolls, it would arguably be littering to leave them. So either way, please clean it up.

Q! But what if I’m on an outdoor trail?

A! Clean it up. And heaven forbid, please don’t bag it and leave the bag on the trail. That’s even worse.

Q! Then why don’t we have a dog park?

A! We heard you. It is coming. We acquired land for a dog park over by the OG (kid-speak for “original”) Maverik. We are working on it.

In short, they are your dogs. They are my dogs. But they are our parks, our trails, and our sidewalks. Let’s do what we can to make our amenities enjoyable for all of us.

Purgamenta et Quisquiliae

There is a plaque hanging on the pavilion wall at North Cottonwood Commons Park with the inscription “Vitam tuam quasi hortum pulchrorum factorum forma,” which roughly translates to “Shape your life as a beautiful park of good deeds.” It has been a source of pride for all who work and volunteer for the city to have our new park enjoyed by our community residents and visitors.

In addition to all the amazing attractions at the park, there is a state-of-the-art security video surveillance system, the likes of which we have never had before. This system allows us to see the users of this park 24/7 (and yes, it can recognize your face in case you come back at 2:00 am after the park is closed). We have noted that patrons have been incredibly respectful of the facility and have treated the space like it is their own. Because it is: it belongs to all of us.

Like all durable goods, long-term use requires maintenance and responsibility. One of the park protocols we have had in place in Farmington for nearly two decades is a “pack-in/pack-out” trash policy. In all our parks, patrons are expected to take their garbage with them when they leave. That being said, as a fail-safe measure, we still provide dumpsters at each park for depositing trash if one doesn’t want to take it home. (And no, these dumpsters are not intended to receive large household items like water heaters and mattresses. Just because the dumpsters are convenient doesn’t mean it is lawful to make such “deposits.”)

One question that hasn’t been raised much over the last 20 years—until the new park opened—is: “Why not have on-site trash cans?” The one redeeming trait of Disneyland is the abundance of garbage cans. The word on the street is that Disneyland employs the “30-step rule”—placing a bin roughly every 30 feet—after observing that guests would hold trash for roughly that distance before dropping it. But you get to pay Disneyland no small fee for that luxury.

From the city’s perspective, for a park with no entry fee, there are multiple reasons we don’t keep garbage cans throughout the park.

First, it is easy for a garbage can that is not full to become “blocked.” Think about trying to stuff a pizza box into a small trash receptacle; what often happens is the pizza box is crammed into the top, making people think the can is full. Then, like horseshoes and hand grenades, the next people—while well-meaning—may believe that “close is good enough,” and they leave the trash “can-adjacent.” The result is one strong breeze, as we are apt to have in Farmington, and the trash is spread across the park, making a bigger mess.

Another reason is that garbage cans attract vermin. We have rats, voles, skunks, raccoons, and a wide portfolio of bird species that all love to get at the trash and pull it out of the cans in search of leftovers, which again spreads trash and defeats the purpose of the cans.

Finally, there is the allocation of labor resources. We run a tight ship. We don’t have extra employees to police refuse. During festival days, for example, we have staff whose primary task for that one day is to empty trash receptacles. A comparable-sized crowd is now found on Saturdays and Sundays at our new park. That means we would need weekend staffing to keep trash cans functional. Right now, those employees are used for on-call emergencies and cemetery burials. We simply don’t have the human resources to do weekend park maintenance.

So, we are asking our residents to help us maintain and ensure the durability of our new park. If you “pack it in,” please “pack it out.” And if you need them, there are dumpsters onsite. We love our new park and look forward to years and years of gathering there as a community. 🌱

REMEMBER
Culinary water is not to be used for watering outdoors



NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK ROOTED IN SERVICE, POWERED BY COMMUNITY MAY 17-23

Farmington City Public Works crews are frequently working in the background to advance the quality of life for residents. Whether responding to pipe breaks, facilitating waste pickup, or making roads and sidewalks passable during extreme weather, public works is always there when people need them. This year’s theme, “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community,” acknowledges that the roots of service run deep in public works, where efforts form the foundation of thriving communities, and power the connection between service and the people it supports.





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Building Department..... 801-939-9214
Inspection Hotline 801-882-8954
Water Department 801-451-2624
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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

May 2026

May 5	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
May 7	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
May 18	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	6:00 pm agenda available on the HPC website
May 19	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
May 21	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
May 23	SAT	NORTH COTTONWOOD COMMONS GRAND OPENING 550 Innovator Drive	5:00 pm
May 23	SAT	NEW SPLASH PAD & POOL OPEN 550 Innovator Drive & 142 S Main Street	



SADIE FARNSWORTH

Sadie has earned an impressive list of artistic accomplishments—performing extensively with the FHS choir, competing in Battle of the Bands, and this March proudly representing FHS as a soloist at the Utah State Solo and Ensemble competition.

Last year, she took a big leap and auditioned for American Idol via Zoom. After successfully advancing through every virtual round, she was invited to Nashville to sing for the celebrity judges—an opportunity given to only about 150 singers out of the thousands who audition online. Sadie loved the experience of performing for Lionel Richie, Carrie Underwood, and Luke Bryan. Although she didn't move forward in the competition, she received encouraging feedback, including a "yes" from Luke and what Carrie called an "encouraging no."

If you'd like to hear more of Sadie's music, you can follow her on Instagram at [@sadie_sings77](https://www.instagram.com/sadie_sings77).



PARKS & RECREATION

FARMINGTON



July 6-11th

PARADE REGISTRATION is now open
no registration fee

NON FOOD VENDOR REGISTRATION
is now open

call for LOCAL ARTISTS

call for FD ENTERTAINMENT on July 11th

CELEBRATE the
GRAND OPENING of
NORTH COTTONWOOD
COMMONS PARK

with live music, food trucks,
& family fun activities.

550 Innovator Drive
May 23, 2026 | 5:00 PM

Register Now!

farmington.utah.gov for
FESTIVAL DAYS TOURNAMENTS &
SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

- Archery
- Basketball Clinic
- Chess Wizard
- Fishing Club
- Lego Camp
- Lifeguard Certification Class
- Music in Me
- Pickleball-Youth Camp & Adult
- Super Sport- Youth Camp & Adaptive
- Swim Lessons-Group & Individual
- Tennis Lessons
- Track Camp-Jr. Phoenix

Farmington Swimming Pool
Opens May 23rd @ 2:00 pm

The countdown to cannonballs &
carefree afternoons is on.

REGISTER NOW for
swim lessons — group & individual



P&R is tackling the
drought one stone at a
time—with a brand-new
ROCK GARDEN.

Swing by the
Farmington
Gymnasium to see how
cool "dry" can be
and add your own
masterpiece to the mix.



a message from Farmington's

POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRYPTOCURRENCY FRAUD

PROTECT YOURSELF. DON'T BECOME A VICTIM.



Did you receive a notification/phone call, email, or text message from a law enforcement agency, telling you to pay bail, a fine, or that you missed jury duty?

- Law enforcement will NOT request money over the phone or via cryptocurrency.



Were you encouraged to send cryptocurrency to repair a virus on your computer?

- This is a SCAM



Did you receive a notification/phone call, email, or text message from your bank/credit union, directing you to withdraw and send money via cryptocurrency at an ATM?

- This is a SCAM



Are you in a relationship with someone online who you've never met and they are asking you to send them cryptocurrency?

- This is a SCAM



Is this cryptocurrency transaction questionable in any other way that makes you feel uncomfortable?

NEVER SEND MONEY/ CRYPTOCURRENCY TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW

CONTACT FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO REPORT FRAUD AND PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

Non-Emergency: 801-298-6000



THE RED BLOG

a message from Chief Shelby Willis

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MORE GOOD DAYS, TOGETHER

Mental Health Awareness efforts continue to grow in importance, and in 2026 the focus is clear: creating communities where people feel supported, understood, and empowered to seek help. The purpose behind these initiatives remains steady—fighting stigma, educating the public, advocating for supportive policies, and ensuring that individuals living with mental illness feel seen and valued.

This year, Mental Health America (MHA) centers its campaign on the theme “More Good Days, Together.” The message is simple but powerful: improving mental well-being is easier when people feel connected. The theme encourages meeting individuals where they are—emotionally, socially, and culturally—and emphasizes that both personal goals and community support play a role in creating better days.

THE SYMBOL OF AWARENESS: GREEN

Green continues to serve as the recognized ribbon color for mental health awareness. It represents renewal, hope, and strength—qualities that reflect the journey toward mental wellness. How You Can Get Involved Raising awareness doesn't require grand gestures. Small, meaningful actions can make a real difference.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Personal experiences help break down stigma. If you feel comfortable, share your mental health journey using the hashtag #MyMentalHealth. Your voice may be exactly what someone else needs to hear.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Knowledge empowers both individuals and communities. Explore resources like the 988 Partner Toolkit, attend local mental health events, or participate in workshops that deepen your understanding of mental health challenges and support systems.

SUPPORT OTHERS

Connection is at the heart of this year's theme. Reach out to friends, family members, or coworkers who may be struggling. Promote mental wellness in your workplace by encouraging open conversations, advocating for supportive policies, or simply checking in on colleagues.

TAKE A MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING

Online mental health screenings are a simple, private way to better understand your emotional well-being. They can help you identify areas where support might be helpful and guide you toward next steps.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 17 – MAY 23

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week™ to celebrate EMS professionals and the important work they do in our nation's communities. Agencies across the country work together to safeguard the health, safety and well-being of our communities. National EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day front line lifesaving services. **Thank You** to all of you who provide lifesaving care to our community every day.



HOA REGISTRATION

Farmington City wants the ability to easily stay connected with your **HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION** when important updates or questions arise. If your HOA hasn't registered yet, please take a moment to complete the free HOA registration. This will give the city your most up-to-date contact information.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://app.civicreview.com/application/651333717db1d0facbb799c9>

It only takes a few minutes and will ensure the right people receive important city information.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Carly Rowe at crowe@farmington.utah.gov.

WHAT IS THE FYCC?

The Farmington Youth City Council (FYCC) offers an exciting chance for young people to step into leadership, make a real impact, and strengthen the community they call home. As a member of FYCC, youth work together to promote service, citizenship, and volunteerism throughout Farmington—while also building friendships, developing confidence, and gaining hands-on experience in local government.

From planning community events to participating in service projects, FYCC members play an active role in shaping the future of their city. It's a place where ideas matter, voices are heard, and young leaders grow.

The FYCC is comprised of students currently in grades 9–11 who live in Farmington. Thanks to the youth who are willingly serving Farmington City.

Want information about **SECONDARY WATER?**
For the most efficient, accurate answers, contact:

WEBER BASIN WATER

weberbasin.gov
801-771-1677

or

BENCHLAND WATER DISTRICT

benchlandwater.com
801-451-2105

Horses * Western Events * Rodeos

Workshops Clinics



385-888-4858 * 37 North Buffalo Road

The 2025 **WATER QUALITY REPORT** can be found on the city website, or by [clicking here](#):



Lagoon
www.lagoonpark.com



801-451-7999
www.farmingtonutsuites.hamptoninn.com



Registration is now open for the **28th Annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival**, taking place May 14–17. We are honored to welcome Kevin Karlson—renowned birder, photographer, and author—as our keynote speaker, where he will deliver his farewell address. This is a rare opportunity to engage with a true icon in the birding community.
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