



Rendering of Proposed All Wheels Park



FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING

GREAT NEWS FOR FARMINGTON STUDENTS



Officer Christian Cole



Officer Kellie Varela

My name is Christian Cole, and I have been a police officer with the Farmington Police Department since 2017. I live here in Farmington with my wife and our three kids. We love this community and are so happy to be raising our family here.

I am excited about my new role as the Farmington High School Resource Officer. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to work at the high school and attend school events with my kids. During that time, I've often thought that I would really enjoy serving as an SRO. The safety of our kids and our community is more important to me than just about anything. I also really enjoy the excitement of sporting events and the energy of the students and staff. We truly have an amazing school in a great city.

I am looking forward to my freshman year as an SRO, and I can't wait to be part of the Farmington High School community. Go Phoenix!

My name is Kellie Varela, and I have been with the Farmington Police Department for 22 years. The majority of that time has been spent serving as an SRO at the junior high and all of the elementary schools here in Farmington.

Being an SRO has given me a unique connection to our community. Those relationships have been one of the most rewarding parts of serving as an SRO, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be involved in the lives of so many students and families.

This year is especially exciting because it marks our first year with a full-time SRO at the junior high school. I am looking forward to spending more time in the classrooms and hallways, participating in school activities, connecting with staff and parents, and building even stronger relationships.

I'm incredibly excited for the school year ahead and for this new opportunity to be a bigger part of the junior high community. Go Huskies!

New ALL WHEELS PARK COMING TO FARMINGTON

Debuting in 1996, Farmington had the first public concrete skate park in Utah. Sadly, while being a part of Utah history, the sport's use of the park has evolved, making the park largely obsolete. The space presently being occupied by the park is also needed by UDOT for the widening expansion of I-15 (starting construction in 2027).

In 2025, the city hired the American Ramp Company, based in Joplin, Missouri, to design a park that will meet today's demand for action sports. Around that time, an opportunity presented itself to make the park "uniquely Farmington-esque" (which might be an understatement).

In January 2026, on one of the only snow days of that winter, a group of Farmington officials and representatives from Lagoon Amusement Park met at the site of the newly decommissioned JetStar2. It was during that visit that Farmington asked the question, "So guys, do you think you can give us the whole rollercoaster?"

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- Lead inventory letters will be mailed to residents in areas that have yet to be inventoried. These are legitimate and need to be completed. Please scan the QR code that will come on the flyer or call the public works office at 801-451-2646 to schedule an appointment.

Lead
Inventory
Letter

GREEN WASTE RECYCLING CARTS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO ALL AREAS OF FARMINGTON

Thank you for your patience over the past few months while the city put green waste recycling into practice. For the pickup schedule, appropriate materials list, and any other information on green waste, please visit the [city website](#).

One
Day
Delay

There will be a 1-day delay in garbage services for the week following the Labor Day holiday.

If your normal day is Monday, garbage services will be on Tuesday, and so on.

All Wheels Park continued



Rendering of the Proposed All Wheels Park

The JetStar2 was a legendary steel roller coaster designed by Anton Schwarzkopf. It debuted at the World's Fair Expo '74 in Spokane, Washington, before moving here to Farmington at Lagoon, where it operated from April of 1976, until it permanently closed in November of 2025. Farmington and Lagoon are synonymous to most Utahns and Idahoans, and so when the opportunity came up to bring a part of the iconic amusement park into our new all-wheels park, we jumped at the chance. Components of the JetStar2 will be reborn as recognizable and rideable features of the new all-wheels park. Unlike skate parks of the past, including our own, this new park will be available for all wheels—scooters, wheelchairs, bikes (BMX and MTB), skateboards, rollerblades, and roller skates. Imagine riding your mountain bike, wheelchair, or other wheels of choice on a real rollercoaster. As your skills grow and permit, you can jump over the Jetstar2 carts or grind the trucks of your skateboard on a piece of 1970 German rollercoaster

steel that has carried millions of riders across its surface during the hot Farmington summer months for 50 years!

In the late Spring of 2026, Farmington was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation (UORG) for park construction. The remaining funds will come from UDOT's purchase of the land they need for the expansion of the interstate. The remaining balance will be paid through park impact fees paid at the issuance of residential building permits and, finally, the Recreation, Arts, and Park Fund.

We need a name for this "Rad, Dad, Crashing Pad" so put your thinking caps on and email Mayor Anderson your park name ideas at Banderson@farmington.utah.gov.

Construction of the park will begin sometime in 2027. Thank you to our friends at Lagoon for taking this ride with us! For more info and renderings, you can follow this QR code below.



WATER CONSERVATION REMINDER

As secondary water service is scheduled to be turned off mid-month, please remember that culinary (household) water restrictions remain in effect. We encourage all residents to use water responsibly and conserve whenever possible.

For current restrictions and water conservation tips, please refer to the [city website](#).

Please join in honoring the victims and first responders of September 11th at a solemn **PATRIOTS DAY CEREMONY**.

The ceremony will be conducted by American Legion Post 27 and the Farmington City Fire Department on **Friday, September 11 at 8:00 am** in front of the fire department, 82 N 100 E.



Farmington Fire Department invites the community to its

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Meet Farmington's dedicated firefighters, explore the equipment, and more.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th
5:00-8:00 pm

82 North 100 East
801-451-2842



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Water Department 801-451-2624
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Historical Museum 801-451-4850
Animal Control..... 801-444-2200
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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

September 2026

September 1 & 15	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
September 3 & 17	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
September 7	MON	LABOR DAY city offices will be closed	
September 11	MON	PATRIOTS DAY CEREMONY see page 2 for details	8:00 am
October 5	MON	FARMINGTON FIRE OPEN HOUSE see page 2 for details	5:00 – 8:00 pm
October 17	SAT	EXTRA GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY save the date & watch for more details	

ATTENTION HISTORIANS

In celebration of the opening of Farmington's new westside fire station, the Historic Preservation Commission is seeking to honor the rich history of firefighting service in our community. A display featuring historic photographs, memorabilia, and firefighting equipment will highlight the legacy of the Farmington Fire Department.



New Westside Farmington Fire Station 72
471 N Innovator Drive

If you have photographs, memorabilia, or other items related to Farmington's firefighting history from the past 100 years that you would be willing to share, please contact shansell@farmington.utah.gov.

To learn more about the history of the Farmington Fire Department, visit the [Farmington Fire Department History](#) page on the city website.



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

PLEASE NOTE: The Farmington Gymnasium will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day



to everyone who helped make this summer one to remember at Farmington Pool and North Cottonwood Commons! From cannonballs and splash-filled afternoons to relaxation with family and friends, these facilities were packed with laughter, memories, and plenty of sunshine. As summer winds down, don't forget—

LABOR DAY IS THE LAST DAY BOTH FACILITIES WILL BE OPEN.

Come make one more splash before the season ends.



Basketball K-4th grade
Tennis ages 4-5
Volleyball
Street Hockey

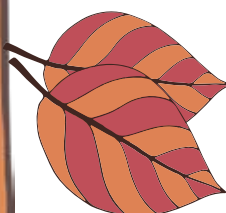


Pickleball Mixer



Pickleball League
Pickleball Clinic

**SAVE \$10
BY SIGNING UP PRIOR TO
THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF
REGISTRATION!**



HELP US RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING YOUTH

Know a young person who excels in school, shows great sportsmanship, and makes a positive impact in our community? Nominate them for Youth Community Member of the Month.

Send nominations by completing the following form:
[Nomination Form](#)

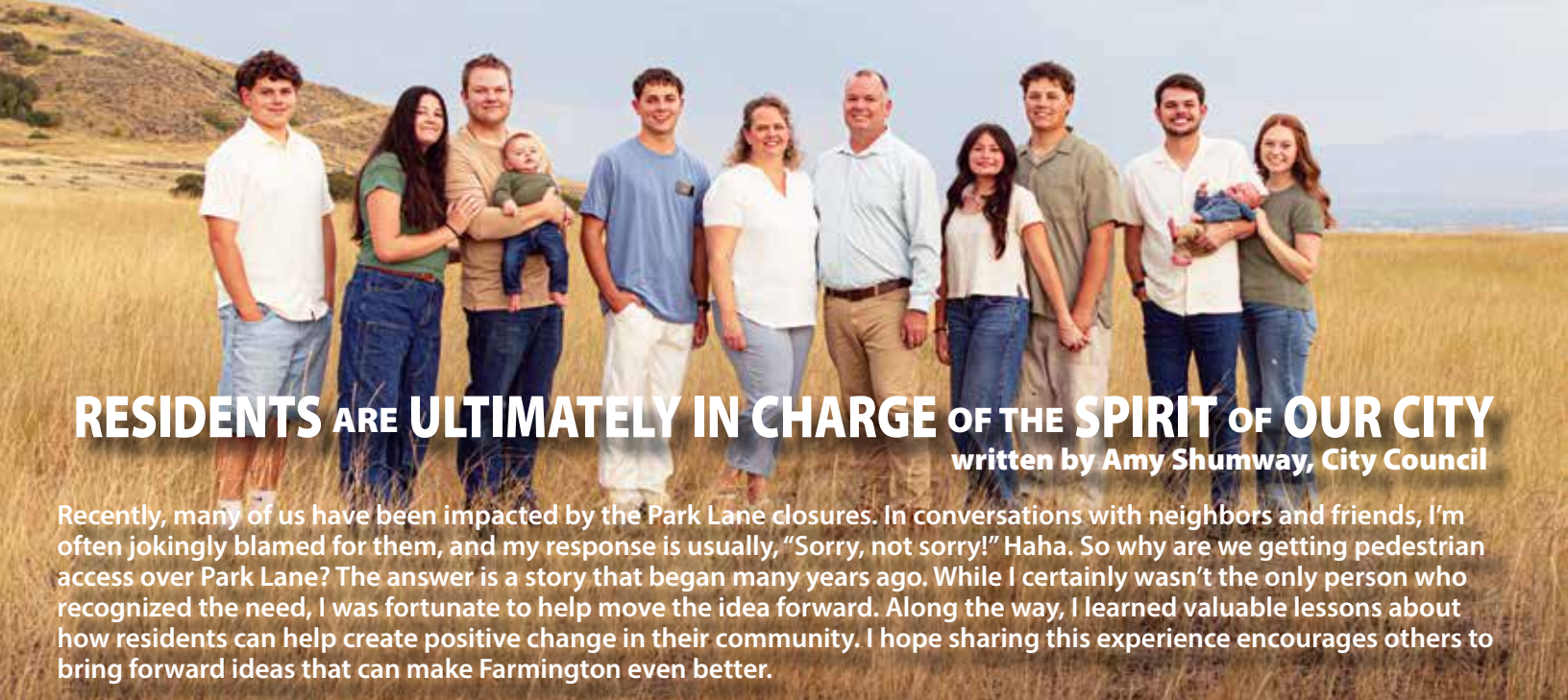
FARMINGTON PARKS & RECREATION

Do you have a talent you'd love to share with the community? The city is looking for talented performers and musical groups to showcase their skills at upcoming city council meetings.

Whether you're a solo artist, a band, a choir, a dancer, or any other type of performer, we welcome participants of all ages to take the spotlight and share their passion.

Ready to shine? Contact Tia at ttrevino@farmington.utah.gov to learn more and sign up for a performance opportunity.

We can't wait to see the amazing talent our community has to offer!



RESIDENTS ARE ULTIMATELY IN CHARGE OF THE SPIRIT OF OUR CITY

written by Amy Shumway, City Council

Recently, many of us have been impacted by the Park Lane closures. In conversations with neighbors and friends, I'm often jokingly blamed for them, and my response is usually, "Sorry, not sorry!" Haha. So why are we getting pedestrian access over Park Lane? The answer is a story that began many years ago. While I certainly wasn't the only person who recognized the need, I was fortunate to help move the idea forward. Along the way, I learned valuable lessons about how residents can help create positive change in their community. I hope sharing this experience encourages others to bring forward ideas that can make Farmington even better.

Back in the summer of 2012, my boys and I set a goal to ride 100 miles. That might not seem like a lot, but my boys' ages were 10, 8, 6, 4, and 1 at the time. So it wasn't a small task. We live by Oakridge Country Club, so getting to the family-friendly bike trails on the west side was a big feat. I didn't feel comfortable riding over the old Shepard Lane overpass, even though we did it once or twice. That experience got me thinking about how amazing it would be to have pedestrian access over Park Lane. I started talking to neighbors, and all seemed to agree it was needed, especially to connect FrontRunner and Station Park with Lagoon. I had no idea what to do, so I started asking questions of city, county, and state representatives who would listen. I collected 400 signatures from neighbors and local bike users and approached the city with my ideas.

I'll be honest, I had no idea how the city runs or how projects like this get started. I didn't know what a city manager did and had never attended a city council or planning commission meeting. Dave Millheim, city manager at the time, asked me to present my ideas to the planning commission. From there, the ball started rolling—very slowly. I joined the trails committee, which helped me better understand city government and key community leaders. I also became involved politically as a state and county delegate and later participated in an active transportation study for Kaysville and Farmington. The study identified barriers for bike and pedestrian users and helped secure funding for projects that made our city safer.

In the meantime, I started a Facebook page called Build the Bridge. It helped raise awareness and get people talking about the project. I posted updates and progress reports. At times it was slow and painful, but I stayed persistent. When my boys wanted to have a lemonade stand, we decided instead to bake and sell homemade bread. We donated \$1 from every loaf sold to Build the Bridge. It became a game, and our fastest time was selling 15 loaves in 35

minutes. Over a couple of years, we sold 1,000 loaves and presented the city with a check as seed money for the project. We knew we could never fund it ourselves, but we kept it in the public eye and showed how much the community wanted it. A local news station even featured our efforts.

After a couple more years of meetings with engineers and support from President Stuart Adams, Farmington City staff, and UDOT, the project was connected with the new North Station Interchange and funding was finally secured.

Now comes the part everyone recognizes: the construction of the bridge. The pedestrian bridge has seemed to take a long time,

but the North Station Interchange needed to open before Park Lane could be closed for tunnel construction. Now the tunnel is in and progress is moving more quickly. We're excited to have the project finished

this fall and enjoy the benefits of this new connection to trails throughout Farmington.

So why do I share this experience? I was an ordinary mother and wife raising five boys. Every day felt like survival mode. I took an idea and ran with it. Many small steps have led to this project

and a more connected city. I encourage anyone with a great idea to bring it forward. You never know what can happen. Anyone in the community can make a positive difference. We as residents are ultimately responsible for the spirit of our city. How we act and what we do can have a profound impact on our own lives and on those around us. One of my favorite quotes is from Brad Wilcox: "Don't let the world change you when you were born to change the world." The world is a big place, but let's start in our own homes, neighborhoods, and online by being a little kinder and working a little harder to make Farmington an even better place to live.



DAY OF SERVICE

9.12



LAGOON TRAIL CLEAN UP

Farmington's Trails Committee is organizing a Lagoon Trail cleanup on Saturday, September 12, from 8:00–11:00 am. As a thank you, volunteers can enjoy a free pancake breakfast from 10:00–11:00 am. If you'd like to join Farmington's Day of Service, meet at the Rock Church parking lot (300 N Main Street). Bring gloves, pruners, rakes, and wheelbarrows, if you have them. You can register through JustServe.com. Questions? Contact demar.b.riley@gmail.com.



EXTRA GARBAGE PICKUP

is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th at 6:00 am sharp. Watch for more details in the October newsletter.



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MORTUARY & CREMATORY
Farmington: 801-447-8247



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

Lagoon
www.lagoonpark.com



This Suicide Prevention Month, make meaningful connections. Reach out to friends, family, and those you haven't heard from in a while.

Talk, text, listen, repeat. Not sure what to say? Someone is always available to walk you through it at 988. It's a free call or text, 24/7.

#SuicidePreventionMonth
#YouAreNotAlone

LACE UP FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL FARMINGTON ROTARY SCARECROW 5K



Kick off the autumn season on Saturday, September 26, 2026, by joining the Farmington Rotary Club for our signature Scarecrow 5K Trail Run at the USU Botanical Center in Kaysville. Dust off your favorite scarecrow attire—costumes are highly encouraged. Every participant receives a custom T-shirt and finisher medal.

Stick around after the race from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for the grand opening of the Scarecrow Walk, featuring food trucks, live music, kids' activities, and community booths. Proceeds support Farmington High School student scholarships and local youth programs. Register today at Webscorer.com/Scarecrow5k or visit USU/botanicalcenter/events/scarecrow-walk/5k.

To place an ad, contact:



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