

WEST POINT CITY

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

West Point Officials

- Erik Craythorne, Mayor
- Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Jerry Chatterton, Councilman
- Andy Dawson, Councilman
- Kent Henderson, Councilman
- Jeff Turner, Councilman
- Kyle Laws, City Manager

City Council Meetings:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

6:00 PM Administrative Session

Planning Commission Meetings:

2nd & 4th Thursdays

6:00 PM Administrative Session

Meetings subject to cancellation

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

2019 Utah State Legislative Session

Every year at the end of January, the Utah State Legislature starts their Legislative Session. This is a very busy time for our local representatives with hundreds of bills being drafted, debated, and pushed through our democratic process. The purpose of this month's newsletter is not to educate you or refresh your memory on that process; rather, I would like to explain how cities like West Point interact with our elected leaders on the State level. No matter the year, most of the important decisions made at the State Capitol are focused on money and the State budget. Yes, State Representatives address issues that are important to the health, safety and welfare of all of us who live here, but make no mistake: it all comes down to funds and the budget; administrators of education, transportation, infrastructure projects, etc., all try to lobby for more money. The Legislative Session only has a 45-day window, so you can imagine there are some very late nights and long days trying to get all of the State business done in that time-frame.

So why do local elected leaders get involved on the State level? There are many reasons cities and counties across Utah pay close attention to the Legislative Session each year.

Like other programs in the State, cities too are looking for monetary resources from the State to help with local needs and road projects. We also pay close attention to potential bills that will affect our communities, *especially* when they mandate that a city must comply with a State regulation and doing such will cost the city money, rather than the State. The term used for this is an "unfunded mandate."

This year, you will hear a lot about affordable housing and what the State may or may not do to address this growing issue along the Wasatch Front. There is a delicate balance between legislation that should come from the local level as opposed to legislation that comes from the State. This will be a hot topic this year as each group will try to encourage each other to "stay in their own lane." State leaders think they know what is best, but in many cases, local leaders are more sensitive to the needs of their individual cities and the people who live there. This won't be the last time you will hear the words "affordable housing" in the next few months and coming years; it will be a hot topic as we all try to find the right land use tools for better, more efficient ways to address growth.

West Point City is a member of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. The ULCT was created in order for cities across Utah to work collectively together to lobby and make sure cities' best interests are represented in legislation that affects our communities. If I were to go down and fight a bill myself, I might get a few of our local Representatives

to listen, but with the majority of the cities in Utah working together, legislators pay attention and we can usually get some mutually beneficial results from our State leaders. Each Monday during the 45-day session, our City Manager and I go down to the Capitol for what they call a Legislative Policy Committee meeting. At these meetings we discuss, in detail, any proposed legislation that directly affects cities and towns across the State. We take positions on most of those and direct our full-time lobbyists to work with the State sponsors of the bills to either help them get it enacted or try to get it revised, or even dropped, if it is bad legislation for the cities. I enjoy being part of the process and representing the needs of our area and making sure our voices are heard, and I am particularly excited for this year's session: The Speaker of the House, Representative Brad Wilson, is a Davis County resident and the President of the Senate, Senator Stuart Adams, is also a Davis County resident. Consequently, I am optimistic the needs of Davis County will be a top priority and we need to take advantage of the leadership we currently hold in both the House and the Senate.

If any of you would like to get more information on this year's session and bills that deal with our community, go to www.ulct.org and hit the Legislative Advocacy tab. All the information on proposed bills, bill tracking, etc., will be at your fingertips!

- Mayor Erik Craythorne



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS

If you would like more information about the activities listed on this page please contact

Shelby Sargent @ 801-614-5347 or email ssargent@westpointcity.org

YOUTH COUNCIL

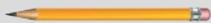


Youth Council Officers attended Local Officials Day at the Legislature at the State Capitol. They attended workshops, activities and a luncheon with Governor Gary Herbert.

ESSAY CONTEST

“Why I Love My City”

Essay Contest Sponsored by:
West Point Youth Council



This contest is sponsored by the West Point City Youth Council to encourage all West Point Residents to recognize how fortunate we are to live in our town and to express their appreciation and pride in West Point City!

Contest guidelines and applications are posted on the City website and available at City Hall. Essays must be returned no later than **February 20th by 5:30 PM**. Every essay must have an attached contest application found online or you can pick one up at City Hall.

Essay winners will be notified by phone and announced at the City Council meeting on March 5th at 7 PM. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners!

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5 City Council 7 PM	6	7	8	9
10	11 Senior Lunch @ 11:30	12	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents Day City Hall Closed	19 City Council 7 PM	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Planning Commission 7 PM		

JUST FOR SENIORS

Each month West Point City holds a lunch for Seniors 55 and older. The cost is \$2.00 per person and both residents and non-residents are welcome!

This month's lunch will be on:

Monday, February 1st @ 11:30 am

The menu for this month is:

Soup & French Bread

Cake for dessert

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT

Please call City Hall by February 7th at (801) 776-0970

To view the 2019 Senior Lunch Calendar, visit the City Website under the Community Affairs Page.



If you know anyone who is returning home from a deployment please contact Shelby Sargent at ssargent@westpointcity.org so we can spotlight them!

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

BASKETBALL STANDARDS IN THE STREETS

During the early spring months, especially when the snow starts to melt on the curbs and the streets, we see an increase in the number of basketball standards set out on curbs so the City street can be used as a basketball court. This practice presents a serious danger both to the young people playing basketball and to the vehicles driving there.

West Point City Code Chapter 12.05.30 states:

“It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, construct or maintain any building, structure or obstruction, any part of which shall extend on, over or beneath the property platted or dedicated to the city for street or sidewalk purposes, or to obstruct travel thereon in any manner, except as herein provided.”

Please be aware of this dangerous practice and thank you for helping to keep West Point a safe and pleasant place to live!

Please call Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Dopp with any questions!



Miss West Point Pageant

All young ladies ages 14-21 who reside in West Point are invited to register for the Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant!

Contestants for Miss West Point must be ages 17-21 and winners will receive a tuition scholarship to their choice of university!

Contestants for Miss Junior West Point must be ages 14-16. Entry forms are available at City Hall, and the registration fee is \$30.

Orientation will be held at the West Point City Hall on Thursday, April 18th from 8-9:30 pm. The Pageant will be held on Saturday, June 8th at Syracuse High School. For more information, contact City Hall or visit the City website under Community Affairs & Events!

SNOW REMOVAL IN WEST POINT

2017-2018 SEASON STATS

77
HOURS SPENT
=
\$2,000
IN WAGES

170
GALLONS OF FUEL
=
\$510
FUEL COST

35
TONS OF SALT
=
\$1,000
SALT COST

SNOWPLOW FACTS:

- Plow blades cost \$1,100 each and only last 2 ½ storms
- It takes 7 trucks/drivers about 11 hours to plow the City from a 3 in. storm
- A 6 in. snowstorm adds about 30% more time and money

WARNING!

DO NOT SHOVEL/BLOW SNOW INTO THE STREET

Piles of snow on roads **create frozen bumps** that contribute to car crashes AND ARE **DANGEROUS FOR OUR DRIVERS IF THE PLOW HITS ONE!** They also have the potential to **create draining problems**, drifting **sight obstruction** and **hindered accessibility**.

Plus, those piles **slow the work West Point plows** have to do in the wake of a storm.

DAMAGE TO SNOWPLOWS FROM SNOW BLOWN IN THE STREETS COST THE CITY MORE THAN \$4,000 LAST YEAR!
YOU MAY BE FINED!

WHO DOES WHAT?



WEST POINT CITY

CITY STREETS & TRAILS

REMOVAL TIMELINE
BEGINS AT SNOWFALL OF STORMS PROJECTED TO ACCUMULATE 3" OR MORE

RESPONSIBILITIES:
APPROXIMATELY 60 LANE MILES & 6 MILES OF TRAILS

PRIORITIES:

1. MAJOR ROADS
2. COLLECTOR ROADS
3. RESIDENTIAL STREETS
4. CUL-DE-SACS
5. TRAILS



UDOT

STATE ROADS

REMOVAL TIMELINE
KEEP AT LEAST ONE TRAVEL LANE IN EACH DIRECTION OPEN IN STORMS THAT ACCUMULATE AT LEAST 1"/HR

RESPONSIBILITIES:
•300 N* •1800 N •2000 W
• 4500 W •SR-193
*3000 W TO 4500 W

PRIORITIES:

1. PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL
2. MINOR ARTERIAL
3. URBAN COLLECTOR



HOME OWNER

RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALKS

REMOVAL TIMELINE
REMOVAL REQUIRED WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER END OF SNOWFALL

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF & ALONG THE SIDES OF HOME
- ADJACENT MAILBOXES
- ADJACENT FIRE HYDRANTS

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WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL



West Point Military Memorial Committee

Howard, Chair

801-825-7221

Marv, Co-Chair

801-825-5321

The word 'deployment' might have differing meanings to those in the different services, but for families it has always been equally distasteful; the separations have varied little over the years. The Army and Marine deployments, while generally not now in division strength, have always been the longest, frequently for as long as a year or more. The Air Force seldom sends into battle zones wing-strength organizations, but will deploy smaller tactical or strategic groups. I am more familiar with the deployments I experienced while on active duty in the Navy.

Our training-deployment cycle was a 24-month duration, with the last six months spent operating in the Western Pacific. Three carrier battle groups were routinely assigned to the Seventh Fleet which rotated with one covering the north, central, or south Pacific and with two carriers at sea at all times. However, the six months in WESPAC were only the culmination of the previous 18 months of training. The new cycle began as the previous one ended. Pilots and crews scheduled for transfer to other assignments left the squadron and new pilots, some fresh from the training command and others more experienced, arrived and began the task of familiarization with each other, the aircraft, and squadron doctrine. Over the next 18 months, the new arrivals went through a series of short deployments and schools: there was the three-week instrument refresher course and flight test, survival school, special weapons school, and countless one, two, and three-week deployments to develop skills in conventional weapons delivery. The final short deployment was one week aboard ship for carrier qualifications (to be carrier-qualified a pilot was required to complete a minimum of six carrier landings, in type, annually). Then came the big one when we would move the air group aboard ship and head west to the Pacific for six-plus months.

While this was my experience, there are many more unique to each different service. But the one factor common with all deployments, then and now, was the fact that while we were away for the training and the operational deployments, the families were at home, awaiting our return, with some left waiting for one who would never return.

The purpose in building the Military Memorial was to remember the military personnel who did some of the duties described above, but we should also remember the sacrifices, the real sacrifices, of those left at home.

ATTENTION Retired or Active Service Members!

If you have been or currently serve in our armed forces and do not have your name engraved on our Military Memorial Wall, PLEASE let us know!

New engravings and corrections will be done each spring and fall and we would love to be able to recognize all of our West Point residents for their service.

Please call Marv Drake at 801-825-5321 or call City Hall at 801-776-0970 and ask for Shelby or Casey!

RECREATION

Most recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or stop by City Hall to fill out a registration form.

Some activities require in-person registration at City Hall.

Contact Kelly Ross @ 801-529-3352 or Shaun McBride @ 801-916-6056 for more information on rec activities & sign-ups.



JR. JAZZ
UTAH JAZZ GAME NIGHT:
MONDAY, MARCH 4TH
vs.
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS
7 PM



SPRING SOCCER
REGISTRATION:
JANUARY 28TH - MARCH 4TH
COST: \$40
PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE
BOYS AND GIRLS



BASEBALL
REGISTRATION:
MARCH 1ST TO APRIL 9TH
COST: PRE-K THRU 2ND GRADE - \$40.00
3RD GRADE THRU JR. HIGH IS \$50.00