MAYOR’S MESSAGE

“Talking Trash”
Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District

At our last City Council Meeting, a representative from the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District presented important information to the Council and those in attendance about the Waste Facility and its future. I would like to give you all a summary of that presentation for my message this month.

Wasatch Integrated is a special service district that is owned and operated by Davis and Morgan Counties and 15 additional cities that are primarily in Davis County. The only city in Davis County that is not part of the District is Bountiful City, as they have their own landfill. Each year, 295,000 tons of waste enters the system, and considering the District serves about 300,000 residents, quick math tells us that just under one ton of waste is produced by each resident every year. As many of you know, from 1987 to 2017 Wasatch Integrated operated the Davis Energy Recovery Facility; during its 30 years of operation, almost 3.5 million tons of waste was processed and burned. Being able to process that amount of waste added an additional 15-20 years onto the life of the Davis County Landfill. Currently, the Davis Landfill part of the District has about 25-35 years of capacity and offers convenient self-haul options to residents, green waste recycling, household hazardous waste disposal, and a recycling program. Before the Energy Recovery Facility (aka “burn plant”) was closed in 2017, about 50% of the waste that would have been headed to the landfill was able to be diverted. Now that the burn plant has closed, a different solution had to be created to get our diversion rate back up and to preserve the life and convenience of our local landfill.

The approach moving forward will add a couple of new components. The first of these is the construction, which is already underway, of a new transfer station to haul some of the incoming waste out to a regional landfill in Utah County. The second component is materials recovery, which is the recovering of valuable items from the waste and selling them. Just last month, the Board of the Waste Management District, which I am a member of, voted to move forward with construction of a $20 million Mixed Wasted Processing facility. This processing facility will remove the valuable items from the waste so they can be sold and/or reused. The processing facility and transfer station, as well as the production of engineered fuel from the waste, coupled with green waste recycling will bring our diversion rate back up to about 50% and preserve the valuable landfill space we have. One may wonder why we don’t just fill up the landfill to capacity and then transfer the rest of the incoming waste to a regional landfill, but having the convenience of the landfill for self-haul options, recycling, and reuse opportunities is a great asset for the residents in the District. Once we get to the point where all the waste does have to be transferred, disposal costs will go up dramatically. Having this diverse approach will help keep costs low, help us be as responsible as we can with our waste disposal, and allow for many years of having a local landfill. As with all things, building the new mixed waste processing facility doesn’t come without a cost - effective July 1, 2019 the household fee will increase by $2.00 per month.

One interesting fact that was brought up at this meeting is that the District receives about 80 mattresses a day. Within the last few months, Wasatch Integrated teamed up with Lafarge Holcim in Croydon (a ready-mix concrete supplier) and is now removing the metal out of the mattresses and shredding them into small pieces. The shredded mattresses are then taken to the cement plant and turned into ash that goes into the cement mix. This partnership has enabled a lot of mattresses to be diverted from the landfill, again adding to its life span.

Look for more information in coming months on the progress of the transfer station as well as the mixed waste processing facility.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne
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, March 18th @ 11:30am

The menu for this month is:
- Chefs Salad & Rolls
- Bundt Cake for Dessert

You must RSVP to reserve a spot
Please call City Hall by March 14th at (801) 776-0970

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

Last month, the Youth Council Officers attended the Local Officials Day at the State Capitol and had the opportunity to meet with Representative Mike Schultz and Utah State Senate representative Jerry Stevenson. They were also able to listen to informative seminars and inspirational speakers.

Our Youth Council will be filling eggs for the West Point City Annual Easter Egg Hunt held on April 20th at Loy Blake Park at 10 AM SHARP.

Youth Council Applications for 2019-2020 will be available this month at City Hall!
West Point City Ordinance 8.15.030(B)(22) is intended to prevent the accumulation or inoperable and unregistered vehicles, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles and/or vehicle parts in residents’ yards, driveways, side yards or City streets.

Inoperable vehicles are defined as “unregistered vehicles for operation on public roads by the State of Utah or any other state that has expired over a period of four months, or vehicles that are wrecked, damaged, or otherwise lacking in essential parts or equipment for safe and lawful travel on public roads.”

Any inoperable or unlicensed vehicle must be removed from your property, or stored in a completely enclosed structure or behind a six-foot opaque fence.

Please direct any questions to Bruce Dopp, West Point Code Enforcement Officer, at 801-776-0970 or visit our website at http://www.westpointcity.org/code-enforcement.htm.

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**Water Conservation**

The Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company has asked all residents to please adjust your watering based on the weather and strive to only water your yard based on its ‘need.’

The 2018 water season was less than normal, and the summer was hot and dry. This year the Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company continues to encourage efficient use of the water and conserve where possible.

The typical Utah household will use twice as much water outside as necessary. We encourage all users to reference the State website for their weekly watering guide.

The Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company requires meters on all new secondary water services and have begun to retrofit existing services with meters. They are sending water use reports to those with a meter in an effort to better educate the end user and better manage our limited water resources. Please contact meters@davisweber.org and provide an email address so the report can be sent to you monthly.

Thank you in advance for your water conservation efforts this upcoming water season! We want to continue the State ethic of efficiently using water in a wise manner. Check out www.davisweber.org for further updates or restrictions.

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**Marching Muskrats**

West Point City is currently seeking members for this year’s Community Marching Band! This group is one of the highlights of our Independence Day Celebration on July 4th. If you are interested please email Shelby at marchingmuskrats@westpointcity.org.

Please include the instrument you play, the years played, your name and phone number.

Be sure to share this info with all your friends and family who may be interested too!

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**Show Off at the Fair!**

Submit your creations in the fair exhibits on August 10th

Visit davisfair.com/compete for more info

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**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 the city building, and the registration fee is $30.

Orientation will be held at the West Point City building 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 contact City Hall or visit the city website under Community Affairs & Events.
The Liberty Bell was cast for and first hung in the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia. Strangely enough, the 2,080-pound bell was cast in England in 1752, brought to the colonies, and hung in the tower, but cracked the first time it was rung. Using the same metal, it was melted down and recast, twice, in Philadelphia by a John Pass and a John Stow. Why they had to cast it twice my research didn’t answer, but I wonder if it cracked again after its first recast.

The Bell was intended to draw attention to special announcements and to call people for special events. Some reports of the history of the Bell say it is probably best known for having called people together on the 8th of July, 1776 for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. The Bell was rung on the same day until 1835. While there are many reports as to the exact date the first crack appeared on the Bell, it is popular theory that it was in 1835. It’s last big crack, making it unrenderable, is believed to have happened in February 1846 when it was rung in honor of George Washington’s birthday.

It is interesting to note that at the second, and final, casting of the bell an inscription taken from Leviticus in the Bible was included in the casting which read, “Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.”

The 1835 date for the crack is probably most accurate because in 1839 the Bell was adopted, crack and all, as the symbol of liberty used by those people who opposed slavery. In spite of the inscription, these people promulgated the use of the title “Liberty Bell.”

The Liberty Bell currently hangs in the Liberty Bell Center in Independence National Historical Park. Because of the crack, it is no longer rung, but on the Fourth of July each year a taped version rings out with thousands of other bells throughout the land.

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!

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

**SPRING SOCCER**

**REGISTRATION:**

**JANUARY 28TH - MARCH 4TH**

**COST:** $40

**PRE-K THROUGH 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

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