Mayor’s Message

Secondary Water
All winter long I have been keeping my fingers crossed that we would get enough snow up in the mountains to fill up the reservoirs and eliminate some of our water concerns for the coming year. As of March 18th it looks like the Weber/Ogden area has received 101% of normal snow pack for this past winter. What does that mean for West Point? From what I have been told it is likely we will have some sort of restrictions once again on our secondary water use. Things that are considered and calculated are the capacity of the reservoir system that supplies water to our area, ground saturation from the previous year, and percentage of the water that makes it to the river. If any of you have been up to East Canyon reservoir you will quickly realize that our reservoirs took a beating last year and they are drawn way down so it is going to take quite a bit of water to get those levels back up to normal. The lack of moisture we received last year is also going to effect the amount of water that makes it to the river once the ground soaks up the moisture that it normally receives. The long and short of it is last year took its toll and it is going to take a couple of normal or above normal years to pull us out of last year’s water mess. Nobody likes water restrictions including me. Everybody’s sprinkling systems are different and some put out more gallons per minute than others and that is what makes it hard when we try and put a time limit and also restrict the watering to specific days. Some yards will be green and look nice and can look that way only watering a couple of times a week and then others like mine really show how insufficient my sprinkling system is and dry spots just keep popping up as the summer wears on. So what can we do to make sure our systems can handle the upcoming restrictions? First of all Weber Basin Water has a complimentary service where they will come and do an assessment of your sprinkling system and give you the proper water times and give you suggestions to change your system to make sure our yards are efficient and can handle only watering a couple times a week. The second suggestion I have heard that will work is more related to water pressure issues and sprinkling system coverage issues due to the lack of pressure. Pressure boosters can be installed on your individual systems that will allow your system to work at maximum efficiency and help with coverage. This does not affect your neighbor’s pressure it just takes what you currently have and increases it. I am personally going to look into this and see if it will help out with coverage and dry spots once the summer heat gets here. If we are using less water shouldn’t our secondary rates decrease?

This is a question I have heard and thought I would explain why the rates stay the same even when our lawns are dying from the lack of water. Most of the secondary water rate we pay is to go towards the maintenance and operation of the system as well as debt owed for secondary related infrastructure. These cost do not change as the water we use decrease. For example West Point has a relatively new water reservoir at 200 South just east of 4500 West and these fixed costs don’t fluctuate with water usage.

So what can we do as responsible residents?
If your secondary system needs some help, call Weber Basin Water and have a free water audit done. Water will be in the system the middle of April. Please don’t water unless it is necessary in order to conserve as much as we can while our lawns don’t need the water. Stay tuned for more information as we learn more from Davis Weber Canal Company on the details on the restrictions for summer.

Contact me with any questions comments or concerns by calling the city office and leaving me a message.

Erik Craythorne, Mayor
JUST FOR SENIORS
Happy Easter Seniors!
Join us this month for lunch
Monday, April 21 @ 11:30am
This month menu is
ham, au gratin potatoes, green
beans, roll and ice cream.
We will also have the staff from
Apothecary Point Pharmacy
here to check blood pressure
and share important heath in-
formation with us.
Be sure to call City Hall to sign
up no later than April 18th.
801-776-0970

SPORTS CENTER
Baseball/Softball registration
ends Friday, April 4th.
Register online or stop in
City Hall to fill out a
registration form.
Pre K/Kindergarten $35.00
1st/2nd grade $35.00
3rd/4th grade $45.00
5th/6th grade $45.00
Jr High $45.00
Practices will begin the week of
April 28th, Games the week of
May 19th.
The recreation dept. is hiring
recreation aides to officiate
baseball. Please see the City
website for more information
www.westpointcity.org

YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER
“Nothing great was ever
achieved without enthusiasm”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Last month the YC worked on
filling the Easter Eggs for the
Easter Egg Hunt. They also
held a retreat to learn more
about leadership skills.
Also, a few YC members at-
tend the USU leadership
Conference with over 450
YC members from all over
the state.

5K COLOR
FUNdraising run
Sat. April 12 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loy Blake Park (550 N. 3500 W.)
West Point/Layton Rotaries
for Humanitarian Projects
Register www.davisfunrun.com
$30 pre-register, $35 same day
Groups of 5 or more $25
(includes t-shirt and one color packet)

GREENWASTE CANS
Just a reminder that
beginning April 1st
Green Waste Trash Cans
may only be used for
greenwaste.
Also note that the Davis
Landfill has new summer
hours. They will be open
Monday-Saturday from 7am to 6pm.

AARP Driver Safety
Class
Saturday May 3rd
10am-2pm
The cost is $15 for
AARP members and
$20 for non members.
Please call City Hall
to register
801-776-0970

Cemetery Cleaning
The Public Works Department will do
a complete cleaning of the cemetery on
Thursday, May 1st.
Weather permitting.
All items must be removed
by Wednesday, April 30th

Team Piggy 5K Hog Jog Fun Run/Walk for Breast Cancer
Date: Saturday, 26 April 2014
Time: 8 am - 11 pm
(sign in 8-9/Event begins at 9 am)
Place: 1300 N. 3000 W. West Point
Register at http://
www.teampiggyfunrun.blogspot.com