MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Roads and Safety

If you have not noticed already UDOT has been buying some homes along 2000 W. from 300 N. to 200 S. on the west side of the road. As you can imagine this has not been and is not an easy thing for these residents to go through. I have the pleasure of knowing most of these residents who have or will have to sell their homes to UDOT and they are some of the best, most rock solid people West Point has to offer. Most of these great residents have lived here 35 to 40 years in those same houses; they raised their families in those homes and had some wonderful memories they have to leave behind. We have also had some major construction on 3000 W., which will continue this spring and although no one will lose their homes, we did have to encroach and modify some landscaping to accommodate the new, wider road. So why would myself and the City Council promote road projects that lead to people losing their home, making them have to relocate and have some of our residents have to deal with a wider road that might have taken some of their front yard? Why do we actively seek money from the State to expand Highway 193 down to 3000 W. as well as apply for State Transportation Funds to widen 800 N.? The answer to such a complex question is fairly simple. One of the main responsibilities that we are charged with as elected leaders is to look out for the health, safety and welfare of our residents. Having roads in our City fail because they are not wide enough and need improving is always going to be a top priority. If you want to see a UDOT road that is failing, go travel 2000 W. from 200 S. to 300 North between 4:00 and 5:30 on any given weekday. I can’t even tell you how many accidents we have had in that stretch of road the last six months, but I know it is likely in double digits. These accidents are not just fender benders. They are more times than not three or four car accidents with many of the vehicles being totaled. Some might believe we should slow down growth to help with traffic. That might be a solution if we were one City by ourselves, but we are not. Whether we like it or not, growth in our area is happening in both Davis and Weber County and our road system is interdependent from community to community. It is vitally important that we have safe roads that can carry traffic in a safe manner. Is it unfortunate we have to see some of our residents lose their homes and front yards? You bet it is! However, as a whole, we can’t turn a blind eye to growth and what is happening around us. It is hard to see our City change from the City I remember growing up in, but in the same sense I am excited for our future and as long as I am your Mayor, my first priority will be looking out for the health, safety and welfare of all who live here. I want my family and friends to be safe when they drive our roads, just as you do. And when I see what I have seen on the failing section of 2000 W., it validates why I spend so much time meeting with UDOT and our legislators to get these road projects funded.

Last but not least, please, please be careful as you drive around our City and pay particular attention to 2000 W. from 200 S. to 300 N. It is so dangerous right now and please pass this information along to your family and friends. Also, slow down as you navigate our new roundabouts on 3000 W. I have seen cars going through them way too fast. If you have any questions comments or concerns please feel free to contact me. BE SAFE!!

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor
Last month the Youth Council was busy filling over 15,000 eggs with candy and toys for West Point’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is such a fun activity for them and they look forward to it each year. Also in March, the Youth council sponsored the “Why I love My City” essay contest. Over 70 entries were received. The YC would like to congratulate the follow essay winners…

Kira Dalby, Abbey Dyson and Aly Austin

You can read the winning essays at City Hall or on the Website under the Community Affairs Page or click on the City Events link.

Thanks to all those who entered this year!

Senior Lunch

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 held Monday, April 18th.

This month’s menu is: Fried Chicken, potato salad, roll and strawberry shortcake. You must RSVP to reserve a spot, please call by April 15th 801-776-0970.

CITY CALENDAR

April 2016

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

Be sure to view the City website for up-to-date information and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

COMPLETE CEMETERY CLEANING
Thursday, May 5th
(Weather Permitting)
All items must be removed from gravesides by May 4th.
If you have questions regarding the cleaning, please contact Casey @ 801-614-5349.

General Plan
In the next several months, the Planning Commission and City Council will be looking at changes to the City’s General Plan. This important document helps guide the future planning of West Point City. There will be a Public Hearing held during the Planning Commission meeting on April 28th at 7 pm. During this meeting residents can come and offer comments and suggestions to the Commission. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Troy Moyes, West Point City Planner 801-614-5356.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER
Spring is upon us. This month is a good time get ready for gardening, planting and general cleaning from the long winter months behind us.

As Spring approaches, Code Enforcement will be focusing on several areas.

1. Tree trimming. West Point City Code requires that trees planted in the parking strip be at least 14 feet above the street and 7 feet above the sidewalk so that vehicles, especially garbage trucks, and pedestrians can pass safely.

2. Weeds. The warm weather brings up weeds in abundance. Please stay ahead of fast growing weeds, especially in your front and side yards. Proper care now will save you a lot of work later in the summer.

3. Recreational vehicles. Please do not leave your RV’s parked on the street for an extended period of time. The code allows you to park it there for a maximum of 48 hours, for loading and unloading purposes. RV’s parked on the street creates a dangerous situation for small children and others who cannot be seen by oncoming traffic.

Please help us keep West Point City a beautiful and safe place to live by paying attention to the above areas of concern. Please help us by reporting unsafe or unsanitary conditions to the city office.

Please call Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801 776-0970 or use the City Web site at www.westpointcity.org.

SPRING CITY CLEAN-UP
West Point City will be providing dumpsters for a spring clean up. Dumpsters will be dropped off on Friday, April 22nd and picked up Saturday, April 23rd. Dumpsters will be placed at each park. If dumpsters are full, please try another location. DO NOT PILE GARBAGE OUTSIDE OF THE DUMPSTERS. No hazardous material, concrete, tires, etc. Contact City Hall with questions.

Team Piggy 5K Hog Jog
Fun Run/Walk for Breast Cancer
Date: Saturday, 30 April 2016
Time: 8 am -11 pm (sign in begins at 8, walk begins at 9)
Place: Loy Blake Park (3500 W 550 N)
Register at: http://www.teampiggyfunrun.blogspot.com

Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company Irrigation and Secondary Water Users
The Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company will begin to pressurize the secondary water system beginning April 1st, and secondary water service will begin approximately April 15th, weather permitting. It is the user’s responsibility to ensure that their systems are secure and ready to receive water by April 1st.

Additional time may be needed to repair leaks and charge all the lines in our service area.

All residents should make sure their secondary water valves are closed before April 1st.

It is the responsibility of each water user to maintain their own isolation valve and replace it if necessary. Owners are responsible for any damage caused by their system failures. Customers who have a two-inch or larger connection and are using the pressurized irrigation water must follow the large users watering schedule. To request a large-users schedule or in case of an emergency with your secondary water system, call the Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company at (801)774-6373 or (801)698-6374 on weekends, holidays or after regular office hours.

To minimize evapo-transpiration, we also ask that you continue to observe the daily no-watering period between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Irrigation Users: Please make sure your gate or siphon is ready to accept water by April 1st.

For updated information during the water season visit us at our web page: DAVISWEBER.ORG

Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant
Registration: April 1st-21st.
Open to West Point girls ages 14-21
$25.00 register at City Hall.
Orientation will be held April 21st @ West Point City Hall 3200 W 300 N at 8pm.
This year’s pageant will be held Saturday, June 11th @ 7pm at Syracuse High School.
For more information or if you have questions please contact Erin Davidson @ 801-682-0133
RECREATION

Registration for baseball will run until April 4th.
Registration for Pre-K thru 2nd grade, boys and girls is $40.00
Registration for 3rd thru 9th grade, boys and girls is $50.00.
Registration can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or forms are available at City Hall.

Football Camp-
Registration will begin April 4th and run until May 9th. The cost is $20.00
The Camp will be held May 10th, 11th and 12th.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

Cross Connection Corner

It’s that time of year again for the irrigation (secondary) water to start up. We enjoy this time of the year to see the lawn start growing and summer on the way.
This is also when we are watching more actively for cross connections to the culinary water system.
We want the culinary water clean and safe to drink.
A Cross Connection would be a connection between the irrigation water and the culinary water.
We don’t want this, so be mindful of the two systems and keep them separate.
We would be glad to answer questions or give tips if you need.
If you have questions about a connection please call 801-776-0970

The Public Works Department

How to Navigate our Roundabouts!

Here are some quick tips to remember as we adjust to our new roundabouts:

1. SLOW DOWN as you approach. The recommended speed is 15 MPH
   • While you do not need to stop, you must still approach the roundabout at a reduced speed.
2. LOOK to your LEFT BEFORE entering, and YIELD to any oncoming traffic
   • Traffic already in the roundabout has the right-of-way. Do not enter unless a safe gap is present.
3. When there is a safe gap in traffic, ENTER the roundabout at a low speed
4. Use your TURN SIGNAL as you approach your desired exit
   • This will inform drives that you wish to exit!
5. When exiting, YIELD to pedestrians.

Please share these steps with your teen drivers, and those you think might need it.

Childhood Cancer Awareness charitable benefit for Auston.
Saturday, April 30th from 10:00-2:00
Syracuse City Recreation Center (1912 W 1900 S)
Futsal, food, Kids corner, bingo, silent auction, raffle and more.
Please contact one of the following individuals to pre register for futsal or if you have questions:
Theresa Weaver 801-389-0359  Kristine Lee 801-540-9818
Terry Medell 801-773-1560
Email Allinfoforauston@gmail.com