It is springtime in Utah! I hope everyone is enjoying this time of year.

Every once in a while, at the end of my newsletter, I will remind all of you to “follow” us on Facebook. Following our page is a great way to stay informed of upcoming events, any announcements, recreation updates, as well as updates on City projects. For the 1,700 or so people who currently follow us, you will know we have the most creative, entertaining, and informative posts of any city around. With summer coming, it is an especially great time to “like” us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all the events happening this time of year (that’s for the 90% of you who start reading my newsletter message, lose interest and don’t finish). For those of you who are not on social media, we also try and put as much information as we can in our monthly newsletter and we try to keep our website updated as well.

A long, long time ago, we had some City leaders who decided to put our cemetery on one of the most scenic pieces of property in the City: a nice quiet place with some great views of Antelope Island. As we have grown and as time has gone by, this has been a popular resting place for those who lived here and for those who have called West Point home at one point or another. In order to expand and allow others to continue to enjoy this great resource, we knew we needed to expand in the near future. For over a dozen years we have looked at options to expand the cemetery and we feel like we came up with a good solution that will give us the capacity that we need at this point. If you have been to the cemetery, you can see that we have now started the Cemetery Expansion Project. The plan is to basically turn all of the old parking lot into plots that can be purchased, and a new, more organized parking lot will be built to the west of the road. This expansion will create roughly 500 new plots and is expected to be completed by Memorial Day. Although it will be finished by Memorial Day, the new plots won’t be available to purchase for a few months after that as we need some time to get it platted out. In the future, some of you have asked me where we will expand to next. It is hard to say at this point, but if I had to speculate, we will more than likely have to move the Public Works facility, which we will soon outgrow, and turn that into more area for our wonderful cemetery.

On another note, many of you may not know that West Point has a community garden located at 2150 West on 470 North. This garden was started a few years ago and has been watched over and taken care of by some very dedicated volunteers and our West Point Youth Council. Over 5,000 lbs. of food have been donated to local shelters and to those in need from the garden, and it is an amazing way to serve our community. Groups or individual volunteers are always welcome to weed, help out in the garden, and use what is harvested. As I said, we have some great volunteers who spend countless hours in our community garden but more help is always needed and welcome.

Upcoming Events
We will have our annual Take Pride in West Point day on May 12th. I invite all of you to come out and spend a couple of hours doing some work to help make our City the beautiful one that it is. There are typically things that volunteers of all ages can help out with, and as the old saying goes, “many hands make light work.” So bring the family and come out to participate in this annual event.

We also have baseball sign-ups going on now until April 9th. If you are new to our City, or have kids who are just now old enough to start, we have a great recreation baseball program. I can’t think of too many things better than hanging out at our parks watching our kids play ball, enjoying the warm evenings, and spending time with friends and family.

And last but certainly not least, it is never too early to start looking forward to our Independence Day Celebration on July 4th. Especially in regards to our Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant, Art Contest, and our volunteer Marching Band. The Miss West Point Pageant is open to all girls ages 14-21 who reside in West Point and registration will begin April 1st until April 26th. If you have any musical talents that will work with our Marching Band, dust off that old instrument and start practicing in your basement, or sign-up your kids to keep their skills fresh during the summer. The Band was a new addition last year and members had a great time, young and old! If you would like more information on any of these upcoming events, please watch Facebook, visit our website, or give City Hall a call.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me by calling City Hall and leaving a message. You can also come to our City Council meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning with an Administrative Session that is open to the public at 6:00 pm followed by the General Session at 7:00 pm.

-Mayor Erik Craythorne
The West Point Youth Council had a great meeting on February 21st wherein Members tied blankets for residents at West Point’s Family Tree Assisted Living and delivered them together that night. They visited with residents and had an extremely positive experience. The youth also had a debate about whether social media is good or bad for teenagers. In the end, the majority believed that social media is good.

Five of this year’s WPYC Members also attended the annual Utah State Leadership Conference March 8th through the 10th at the State Capitol. They enjoyed several inspirational speakers, a hypnotist, meeting other youth from across the State, participating in service projects, attending a banquet and dance, and more! Their leadership knowledge grew and they had an enjoyable time.

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

- Congratulations to WPYC Members, Sidney Bair and Angelina Orton for placing in the “Why I Love My City” Essay Contest!
- April 18th at 5:30 pm: Monthly WPYC Meeting
- April 19th: Youth Council applications for 2018-2019 due!

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**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 on: Monday, April 16th @ 11:30 am.

The menu for this month is: Chicken, potato salad, roll, and strawberry shortcake.

**YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT**
Please call City Hall by April 13th @ 801-776-0970

To view the 2018 Senior Lunch Calendar, visit the City Website under the Community Affairs Page.
GREEN WASTE INFORMATION:

Beginning April 1, your green waste can may only be used for green waste!

As for your blue recycling can, remember you can access the 2018 Recycling Schedule online at www.westpointcity.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WEST POINT’S COMMUNITY SERVICE “TAKE PRIDE DAY”
Saturday, May 12th

Be sure to check the website or next month’s newsletter for project location and start time!

START DUMPSTER’S

West Point City will be providing dumpster's for our Annual Spring Clean-Up. Dumpster's will be dropped off at each City Park on Friday, April 20th and picked up on Saturday, April 21st by 3pm. If dumpster's are full, please try another location.

DO NOT PILE GARBAGE OUTSIDE OF THE DUMPSTER’S.

No hazardous material, concrete, tires, etc. Contact City Hall with questions.

2018 Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant & Miss Jr West Point:

“BE BOLD”

Open to all girls ages 14-21 living in West Point City. Contestant registration & information packets will be available at the West Point City Building or online from April 1st -26th.

Registration Fee: $25.00
Orientation will be on April 25th at the North Davis Fire Station 3150 W 381 N, West Point Pageant will be held at Syracuse High School on June 9th at 7pm.

SECONDARY WATER INFORMATION

As many know, we have had very little snow this year. No Snow = No Water. The good news is that we had good runoff last year and the large reservoirs were higher than normal. It’s still unknown if we’ll completely fill them this year due to the dismal snowpack (51% as of Feb. 12). With that said, this year we continue to encourage efficient use of the water and conserve where possible. Please adjust your watering based on the weather. Please strive to only water your yard based on its ‘need’. The State website (http://www.conservewater.utah.gov) states “the typical Utah household will use twice as much water outside as necessary." We encourage all users to reference the State website for their monthly watering guide.

We require meters on all new secondary water services and have begun to retrofit existing services with meters. We are sending water use reports to those with meters in an effort to better educate the end user and better manage our limited water resources. Please contact us (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 water season; we want to continue the State ethic of efficiently using water in a wise manner. Check our website, www.davisweber.org, for further updates or restrictions. Remember to ensure your system is secure and ready for service by April 1st prior to us pressurizing the system.

- Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company

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If you’re interested, you can call 801-863-8684, or just show up anytime and weed away!

At harvest time, fill up a bag and donate or use as you see fit! This is YOUR garden! 470 N 2150 W

ILLEGAL PARING ON THE GRASS

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Well, while we anticipated having about 12 additional names to be added to the Military walls, we actually had more than three times that number. In order to get the information to the engraver in time for him to work on adding the new names and the few corrections of the existing names, we had to cut off accepting names in the middle of March. Depending on his work load, the engraver should be able to have the additions or changes completed in June. Any modifications we receive in the future will not be able to be added until 2019, but please let us know of any at anytime.

The delays experienced in getting us the names, and then the rush right at the end makes me wonder if anyone actually reads our little article which comes to you with your utilities bill. Present it to Linda at the Reception Desk and if you correctly answer three riddles, you… Admittedly the Mayor’s message and the reports of City happenings certainly is of more importance, but still, I wonder. I thought a little test mixed in with this message might be appropriate. Of course, employees of the City and members of the Military Memorial Committee or their families are prohibited from participation in this test.

We are still planning for a big Commemoration of the Armistice Centennial and hope you are all looking forward to that. Your participation and support will be very valuable. Please keep the date of November 11th, 2018, marked on your calendars.

- Marv Drake, Co-Chair

**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.

**BASEBALL**
Registration for baseball will run from March 1st to April 9th.
Registration for Pre-K thru 2nd grade is $40.00 and 3rd Grade thru Jr. High is $50.00

**FOOTBALL CAMP**
Football camp will be held May 15, 16, 17.
Registration will run from April 2nd to May 14th.
Registration cost is $20.00.
Register at City Hall