Mayor’s Message

Summer in Northern Utah
Before we know it, summer will be gone, kids will be back to school, and the weather will start to change. Summer in northern Utah can be busy for many of us, making the time seem to fly by. June can be hectic, full of weddings and graduations. July is an eventful month, full of fireworks, bbq’s, vacations, and family reunions. August, however, might be one of the best months of summer: the temperature (usually) starts to drop a little bit, allowing for some nice, pleasant, summer nights with the family before school starts back up. Regardless of which season you like best, I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer, spending time with friends, family and loved ones. With that being said, the end of August can also have a lot of school-aged children dreading going back to school and for some parents, that day can’t come soon enough. As the new school year begins, please be aware of the kids going to and from school, paying especially close attention to the areas around the school and crosswalks so that our kids can make it to school safely.

One of the most challenging things we face in city administration is to find the right space to communicate with all of you, the residents. For some of you, reading this newsletter can be the link needed to get up-to-date on events and announcements in the City, and for others it might be social media and following our informative Facebook page. So with these multiple sources, I realize that the information I want to share below can be redundant, but I still get questions all the time so here we go with another round of some of the things going on in West Point:

Commercial Development:
As you may have noticed, there is a new building going up just north of Del Taco, which will house Café Rio, Marcos Pizza, and Great Clips. The other tenants that will occupy this building have not yet been announced. You can also see that on the corner of 300 North and 3000 West the new medical building is complete, which the tenants in the old medical building to the west have moved into. That big building is now empty and will start to be remodeled into a charter school that is planning to open for the 2019-2020 school year.

Park Expansion:
The Loy Blake park Expansion is also coming along, and many of you used the additional parking during the Party at the Point Celebration. It has taken a little while, but this expansion to the most popular park in the City is going to be a great addition for all of us moving forward. At the time I write this message, we are hoping to have the splash pad open and operational the last few weeks of summer. This should allow us to give it a good test drive so we can work out some of the kinks and have it ready to go for the end of this coming school year. The splash pad will no doubt be a great place for families to gather and cool off in the hot summer days.

Miss West Point & Miss Jr. West Point:
As part of our 4th of July Celebration, our new Miss West Point and Miss Jr. West Point Royalty were crowned, and I am honored to congratulate the following: Miss Jr. West Point 2nd Attendant Gabbie Fessler, 1st Attendant Ellie Wolford, and 2018 Miss Jr. West Point Mia Stander. As for Miss West Point, our Royalty this year is: 2nd Attendant Malisa Call, 1st Attendant Carisa Barker, Miss Spirit Mary Thompson, and 2018 Miss West Point Kaylyn Payne. For those of you who haven’t attended or heard about our Pageant, each year Miss West Point is awarded a scholarship to give them a jump start on their education. However, once these young ladies are crowned, they immediately begin a yearlong opportunity to serve in our community and be good role models to all the young girls in our City. You will no doubt see our Royalty at various events throughout the year, as well as in the schools helping out and representing West Point. This Pageant is a great program that has meant so much to so many of our young ladies in West Point and I want to thank all those who work tirelessly to put this event together each year, and also to the participants, past and present.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me. You can also come and attend our City Council Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to stay involved and informed on what is going on in our City.

I wish you all the best and that what remains of summer is safe and enjoyable for each of you.

-Mayor Erik Craythorne
The West Point Youth Council loves participating in and helping with the Party at the Point Celebration almost as much as it loves America itself!

On the Fourth of July, Members took part in the West Point City Parade, afterwards helping with face painting and running games for kids. What a great way to give back to the country that has given us so much!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
The 2018-2019 YC Swearing-In will be at the West Point City Council Meeting on: **August 21st at 7pm**
A parents’ meeting will follow.

Watch for information to come in your email!

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**August 2018**

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**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 we will be holding a special dinner on: **Friday, August 17th @ 5:00 pm**.

The menu for this month is:
Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, french bread, and cheesecake
YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT
Please call City Hall by August 14th @ 801-776-0970

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

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**Are You Registered to Vote?**

General Election: November 6

Visit [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov) to register and for complete candidate and voting information!

The following positions will be voted upon in 2018:

**United States:** Senate and House

**Utah State:** Senate, House, Board of Education, District Court Judge, & Juvenile Court Judge

**Davis County:** Clerk/Auditor, Attorney, Commissioner, & Sheriff
ACK to SCHOOL
Just a reminder that children will start back to school August 22nd. Please be very careful while driving through the designated school zones. Obey the crossing guards and STAY ALERT! Parents, please remind your children to stay on the sidewalks whether walking or riding a bike. Here is to a safe school year!

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE WEST POINT
The WEST POINT is proposing to increase its property tax revenue.
- The WEST POINT tax on a $273,000 residence would increase from $1,522.28 to $1,541.36, which is $19.18 per year.
- The WEST POINT tax on a $273,000 business would increase from $2,431.51 to $2,451.96, which is $20.45 per year.
- If the proposed budget is approved, WEST POINT would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 7.2% above last year’s property tax budgeted revenue excluding new growth.
All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase.

PUBLIC HEARING
Date/Time: 8/7/2018 7:00 p.m.
Location: West Point City Hall Council Chambers
3200 West 300 North
West Point
To obtain more information regarding the tax increase, citizens may contact WEST POINT at 801-814-6359.

WEST POINT COMMUNITY GARDEN
Come and volunteer at the community garden 470 N 2150 W. There is always plenty of weeding to be done and you are welcome to fill up a bag of produce to take it to a shelter for those in need. This garden belongs to the West Point Community. There is a grassy area with picnic tables for families to have a picnic when you finish weeding. Contact Pat Westaway with questions 801-698-7035

Davis County Health Department W.I.C. Program Announcement:
The WIC income guidelines have increased as of July 1st. For healthy food, nutrition counseling, and breastfeeding support, you are encouraged to check out the Davis County WIC Program. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is a supplemental nutrition program for women who are pregnant or just had a baby, and/or have children under the age of five. To see if you qualify, go to www.daviscountyutah.gov/health or call 801-525-5010 for more information!

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER
Tree Trimming
Failure to properly trim trees can cause a dangerous situation for pedestrians and vehicles using our City streets and sidewalks, and is especially true for school children who will soon be walking to school. West Point City Ordinance requires: “Trees and bushes must be cut 7 feet above the sidewalk and 13 feet 6 inches above the street.” This includes all trees and/or bushes in the parking strip.

When trees are not trimmed properly, garbage trucks, postal vehicles, and other types of traffic have a difficult time approaching the curb, viewing street signs (stop signs, yield signs, addresses, etc.), and seeing oncoming traffic. In addition, trees that are dead create a hazardous condition and should be removed.

Help avoid a significant safety hazard by properly trimming or removing your trees and bushes.

Please help us keep West Point a beautiful and safe place to live by doing your part to keep within the Code requirements of the City.

Please call Bruce Dopp, Code Enforcement Officer, at 801-776-0970 or visit our website at http://www.westpointcity.org/code-enforcement.htm

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WHERE: LOY BLAKE PARK

WHEN: AUGUST 10TH

WHO: YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR FRIENDS!

FOOD TRUCKS WILL BEGIN TO ARRIVE AROUND 7PM AND MOVIES WILL START AT DUSK.

THIS MONTH’S MOVIE WILL BE “COCO”

* NEW * BIGGER SCREEN *
* PIRATAS * PHOTO BOOTH * MARACAS *
* STREET TACOS *
* COCO THEMED DRESS-UP CLOTHING *
* COSTUME CONTEST *
* CHANCE TO WIN *

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West Point Military Memorial Committee
Howard, Chair
801-825-7221
Marv, Co-Chair
801-825-5321

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 @ 801-643-6263 for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups.

Fall Soccer
Registration Dates:
June 25th – August 6th
Grades: Pre-K – 6th
Cost: $40.00
Practices scheduled to begin the week of August 20th.

Volleyball
Registration Dates:
September 4th – 30th
Grades: 3rd – 9th
Cost: $40.00

JR. JAZZ
Registration Dates:
October 1st – November 5th
Grades: 1st – 12th
Cost: $50.00 – 1st thru 6th
$60.00 – 7th thru 12th

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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