‘Tis the Season

Well...Old Man Winter arrived with a punch at the end of November; it was a quick reminder of the winter weather that we had almost forgotten about in the heat of summer. The winter weather also ushers in the holiday season. I love the holidays, I love spending time with family and friends. During this special time of the year, it is my hope that we will all remember the reason for the season.

A few months ago, I attended a meeting with all the Mayors in Davis County at the Bountiful Food Pantry. We were able to hear from the volunteers who help there as well as those who have received assistance. The service has helped so many people through some very difficult times. They mentioned in the meeting that all across the county, people without homes are living and sleeping in city parks. I thought to myself, “Man, we are fortunate in West Point that we don’t have people sleeping in our parks!” The next day, however, I was shocked to see a man, who no doubt was living out of his car, with his sleeping bag rolled out in the parking lot! I felt an overwhelming sense of compassion for so many people who have fallen on hard times.

The bottom line is... there are people in need all around us! What can we do? There are canned food drives throughout the year that are critical for restoring our food pantries. I encourage all of us to support these food drives. Our local food pantries LOVE volunteers; what a rewarding and eye opening experience for the entire family. I suspect all of us will become a little more humble and a lot more grateful for what we have. I recently read a quote from Pope John XXIII that reads, “Mankind is a great immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas”.

I love West Point City, I am thankful Jill and I have the opportunity to raise our children in this wonderful community. I love the chance the holiday season provides us to spread some holiday cheer to our neighbors. We can also turn our hearts to those among us who are in need, someone who is sad, alone, or maybe just needs a friend. It is my hope that the great neighborhood spirit that exists in West Point will continue, as we look outward and give.

From The Craythorne family to your family, we wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Youth Council Activities
The Youth Council has been very busy with service in the City. They held a book drive which was very successful and they would like to thank everyone who donated books. They also presented the City’s Veteran’s Day program at the Cemetery. The Cemetery always looks so nice with the flags on the graves of the Veterans. Thank you for all the hard work Youth Council!

The Youth Council would like to present a word each month to encourage a positive outlook on life. This month’s word is SERVICE.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
Mohandas Gandhi

Planning Commission Openings
The West Point City Planning Commission will have 3 vacancies in January. If interested, please write a letter to the Mayor and include a resume. All applications are due by December 15, 2010.

Correction on Date!
There is no on-street parking from November 1, 2010 to March 1, 2011. We had previously put April 15, 2011. Please keep all cars off of the road overnight. Thank you!

West Davis Corridor Progress
The screening process evaluated 46 alternatives for their potential to reduce congestion and delay and narrowed the possibilities from 46 to 14. See the map of the results at http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis/maps.

These 14 alternatives are now being evaluated to assess their potential community and environmental impacts. The results of this screening process will be shared online and at a series of public open houses in February, 2011. Your participation in the open houses and your comments on the results will be most welcome.

For more information or to comment on the study:
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Merry Christmas!
Just for Seniors
The Senior Luncheon will be held on December 13th @11:30 at City Hall.
Reservations will be taken until the 10th, so call early.
Our menu includes:
Chicken Cordon Blue, potatoes, corn, a cookie and salad.
We also have a special musical performance by “Men of Song”.
Contact Jolene Kap @ 801-776-0970 with any questions or to make your reservation.

Business Licenses
Business license renewal letters will be mailed soon. Also, a reminder to all residents that all home-based businesses are required to be licensed. Home-based businesses can be as minor as teaching music lessons or hosting parties, to selling merchandise. Please contact Michelle at West Point City (801-776-0970) with any questions.

Wasatch Waste Management District
Come visit the new Recycling Drop Off Center at the Davis Landfill in Layton. There is no charge to drop off recyclable items. Recycling reduces our impact on the environment by reducing the amount of natural resources we consume and extends the life of our landfill. The center accepts: cardboard, all types of paper, newspaper, plastic #1, plastic #2 (natural), plastic #2 (colored), aluminum, steel cans (food), and glass (NO brown).

There is also a Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
See the website for more information. www.wasatchintegrated.org

Christmas Volunteer Opportunities
To learn more about how your family can help the Family Connection Center in Layton call 801-771-4642 or the Bountiful Food Pantry at 801-299-8464.

Davis County Health Department is also looking for donations for Senior Citizens who may not have financial resources to celebrate. Please call 801-525-5087 for more info.