Merry Christmas

I cannot believe it is that time of year and I am writing the December newsletter. I was doing the math and I believe this is the 84th newsletter I have written if you can believe that. Where has the time gone? It has been a very busy year in West Point filled with road projects, commercial development announcements and finishing up an important trail connection. I know for those of you who live on 3000 West or those who travel it frequently it has been a huge inconvenience. I hope when it is all finished that everybody can enjoy the new widened road and the safe new intersections at 550 N. 800 N. and 1300 N.

From time to time I get an opportunity to talk to a scout group or some of our younger students and they always ask me what I do as Mayor. After serving 7 years I think I have a pretty good answer for them when I tell them I get to represent the city on different boards, run the meetings and work hard to make sure we are not forgotten when it comes to our state legislature. Then the next question they usually ask me is if I like being the Mayor. This answer is an easy one. I really do like it and for a lot reasons but none bigger than I get to meet and get to know so many more people than I would otherwise. We are truly blessed to live where we live and I am not too sure it has anything to do with our geographical location but it is more to do about the people who are our neighbors, friends and family. It can be easy to be upset, uptight and afraid of the moral decline in our society but I am here to tell you that we live among some great people here in West Point. This fact gives me hope for our children that the goodness in the people we associate with will prevail and our children can enjoy what we have enjoyed.

When news media, social media and people in general are so focused on all the intolerance and all the negative I would like this holiday season for us to focus on the good in our society. Regardless of race, religion, and political views we are fortunate to be surrounded by good, kind people who are trying their best to navigate through everyday struggles we all go through. It is time we stop pointing fingers at others and start pointing fingers at ourselves and make the needed changes in our lives first. Let us stop pointing out all our differences and start focusing on things we agree on. I hope and pray this Christmas season we can look outward and see the goodness in the people around us. We live among people who are struggling with terminal disease, coping with employment and family issues and I hope we can reach out to those people and share our love and hope with them. Most importantly spend some good quality time with those we love.

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. Not so much the gift giving but it gives me a chance to spend time with the people in my life who mean the most. I am honored to represent such a fine community. From my family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor
ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

Senior Lunch

Each month West Point City holds a lunch for Seniors 55 and older. The cost is $2.00 per person and both resident and non-resident are welcome! This month lunch will be held Monday, December 21st.

This month’s menu is:
Potato Bar with all the fixings and bundt cake
You must RSVP to reserve a spot, please call by December 18th 801-776-0970.

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RIGHT NOW – American soldiers are in foreign lands, sleeping on some of the worst mattresses imaginable – not much more than springs with fabric covering them, so that you can sleep peacefully in your bed at home.

RIGHT NOW – An American soldier named Nic is halfway around the world while his wife is within days of delivering their first child… he will not be there for his wife at that moment, so that you can be there for yours.

RIGHT NOW – American soldiers are living out of a 4x3x7 ft. space so that you can safely live wherever you choose.

RIGHT NOW – American soldiers are giving up essentially all of their personal freedoms so that you can enjoy all of yours.

RIGHT NOW – American Soldiers are taking the war to the bad guys on their soil so that the bad guys are unable to bring the war to ours.

RIGHT NOW – they are happy to do it.

I know all of this because RIGHT NOW – I am here with them. I am their chaplain.

God bless our soldiers.

Chaplain Webb

The West Point Youth Council would like to thank all those Veterans who serve or have served in the armed forces!

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Event Calendar

December 7 (5:45pm)  
City Hall Lighting Ceremony

December 18 (4:00pm)  
Cemetery Luminary

December 21  
Senior Lunch

December 24-25  
Christmas

City Hall Closed

January 1  
New Years Day

City Hall closed

Youth Council

This month’s theme is “FUTURE”  
“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”  
-Eleanor Roosevelt

Last month the YC held a program at the cemetery to honor our community’s veterans by placing flags on their graves. Chaplain Major Lance Webb (retired), gave an excellent address to the youth about the importance of patriotism and sacrifice. Following the program they held their first retreat and played “get to know you games”.

If you are interested in serving on this years YC, space is still available. Applications are available at City Hall.

If you would like more information about the activities listed on this page please contact Jolene Kap @ 801-614-5347 or email jkap@westpointcity.org
Be sure to view the City website for up-to-date information and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

WEST POINT CITY HALL LIGHTING CEREMONY!
Join us Monday, December 7th for this years lighting ceremony. The Ceremony begins at 6:00pm sharp, so be sure to be here around 5:45. We will have hot chocolate and caroling followed by the lighting of City Hall and a special visit by Santa Clause.
We look forward to seeing you as we kick off the holiday season!

Cemetery Luminary
This years Cemetery Luminary will be held on Friday, December 18th @ 4:00pm. We will have donuts and hot chocolate for all those who participate. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event please contact Jolene @ 801-614-5347.

Crèche Festival
Start the Christmas season off with an interfaith crèche festival and sing along on December 5, 2015 from 11:00 am-7:00 pm at the Clinton West Stake Center at 2141 W 1800 N in Clinton. There will be a festive sing along from 7:00-8:30. Everyone is invited to bring their nativities to add to the splendor of the event. To have your nativity featured at the festival, call Sarah Dee at 801-695-5771. To have your music group featured, contact Julia Porter at 801-825-4623.

Community Notification Enrollment
Did you know that most homes no longer have land lines, so in the case of an emergency residents could not be contacted by the reverse 911 call. Davis County now has a program up and running that will let you register your cell phone number so that you could be contacted in the event of an emergency in your area. Go to this link to registered today…
https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/E3BC2EED087A

GREENWASTE CAN
Just a reminder that November 26th was the last day for greenwaste pick up. Beginning the week of November 30th you are now able to use your green can as a regular trash can and it will be collected by the same truck as your black can.

WINTER REMINDERS
Last month our code enforcement officer posted many courtesy notices on vehicles, trailers and boats parked overnight on the streets.
We have noticed that some are continuing to park in spite of the warnings.
West Point City Code 10.05.50H3 prohibits the parking of any vehicle, trailer, recreational vehicle, etc, on streets between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. from November 1st until the last day of February. Davis County Sheriff’s Department will be issuing citations and or towing vehicles in violation of this ordinance. We are asking for your voluntary cooperation so that snow plowing is easier and more efficient for our Public Works employees.
You are also reminded to keep trees trimmed to at least 14 feet above the roadways and to make sure that sidewalks are cleared and that snow is not plowed onto the streets.
Thanks you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.
Should you have any questions, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Dopp at 801 776-0970.

Honeybees
West Point City now allows the keeping of honeybees in most residential backyards. Those wishing to keep honeybees must obtain the necessary permit and follow all restrictions set forth in the City Code. To help protect the residents, city ordinance outlines specific requirements pertaining care, number of hives and the placement of the hive on your property. Honeybee applications are FREE and can be found on the city website or obtained at the West Point City offices.

Attention Seniors 55 and older!!
Put your experience to work in your community. For information and a list of the volunteer opportunities call 801-525-5094, 801-525-5052 or you can visit www.daviscountyutah.gov/rsvp.
**West Point Veterans Memorial**

Donations are still needed in order to complete the memorial, if you are interested in donating to the West Point Veterans Memorial or to purchase a brick for the memorial please contact a member of the committee...

- Cindy 801-773-9886
- Marv 801-825-5321
- Royce 801-825-1426
- Howard 801-695-2637

You can also send in a donation with your City bill.

View the Memorial Site on the City Website @ www.westpointcity.org

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**RECREATION**

Recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or stop by City Hall to fill out a registration form.

Contact Kelly Ross @ 801-776-0970 for more information on recreation activities and sign ups.

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**WEST POINT CITY UPCOMING RECREATION REGISTRATIONS**

**Jr Jazz Basketball**

Jr Jazz practices will begin the 1st week of December. If you signed up and have not heard from a coach, please contact Kelly at City Hall 801-776-0970 or 801-529-3352.

Jr Jazz games will begin the first week in January.

All games and practices will be held at West Point Jr High.

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2015 Update

In recent months, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has been working with the Shared Solution Coalition (Coalition) on the evaluation of the Coalition’s "Shared Solution Alternative." Earlier this summer, the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) approved its 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. This included new information about future travel patterns and an updated list of planned transportation projects. To maintain a thorough and data-driven study, UDOT will incorporate this new information into the alternative evaluation process, which will include the "Shared Solution Alternative." This way, all alternatives will be evaluated in a consistent manner with the most accurate and up to date information. UDOT remains committed to ensure the best possible decision is ultimately made for Davis and Weber counties.

UDOT has been working with WFRC to accurately incorporate this new information into the WDC study. This includes calibrating traffic models based on current traffic counts and confirming projections for future growth in the study area. Once the traffic models are ready, we will be able to update the screening evaluation for all of the alternatives.

We anticipate that this process will be completed by the end of this year. Then, the results will be published and an updated schedule will be released.

For questions or concerns, please contact the study team at 877 298-1991 or westdavis@utah.gov.

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**West Point City 2015 Municipal Election Results**

As of November 10th, Davis County reported West Point City had 4,455 registered voters. Of those 4,455 voters, a total of 1,344 ballots were cast, which is a 30.17% turnout.

The results for the West Point City Municipal Election held November 3, 2015 are as follows:

- Gary Petersen-802 votes (elected)
- Jeffery H Turner-672 votes (elected)
- Jerry G. Chatterton-658 votes (elected)
- John L Detamore-609 votes
- Douglas Zaugg-557 votes
- Beau Stander-277 votes