

West Point City

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

City Council Meetings:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
6:00pm Administrative Session
7:00pm General Session

Planning Commission Meetings:

2nd & 4th Thursdays
6:00pm Administrative Session
7:00pm General Session

Meetings subject to cancellation

City Hall
3200 W 300 N
801-776-0970
www.westpointcity.org

West Point Officials

Erik Craythorne, Mayor
Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jerry Chatterton, Councilman
Andy Dawson, Councilman
Kent Henderson, Councilman
Jeff Turner, Councilman

Kyle Laws, City Manager

Mayor's Message

"Tis the season to be jolly." *Definition: the time of year around Christmas; during the winter holidays.* People use this expression to describe the happy, joyful spirit that comes with the holiday season. The phrase has its origins in the Christmas carol, "Deck the Halls," which was translated into English in 1862. In today's world, the Christmas holiday has maybe changed a little bit since that phrase was first used in the Christmas Carol. Simply being "jolly" has been replaced with "Black Friday", "Cyber Monday", countless parties, online shopping, and all the stress of buying just the right gift that will no doubt have to be updated to the latest version by the time it is opened. However, I hope you can find the simple joy and happiness this holiday was meant to create in our lives.

I found myself wondering what Christmas was like a hundred years ago compared to today. Looking back at 1917, the first World War was almost a year away from ending. The "hot gifts" for kids were military themed toys – soldiers, guns, and uniforms were all the rage. There were some amazing stories of how Christmas Day was spent on the front lines of the War. I'd like to share a familiar account, which serves as a great reminder of the power and meaning of Christmas in the world 100 years ago, a world at war:

"On a very special Christmas during WWI something extraordinary happened. German soldiers began lighting makeshift Christmas trees along their trench lines. Graham Williams, a British soldier, on one of the holding lines along The Western Front, reported that "as more trees were illuminated, our opponents began singing 'Silent Nacht, Heilig Nacht'... they finished their carol and we thought that we ought to retaliate in the same way, so we sang, 'The First Noel,' and when we finished, they started clapping. And so it went on and on, the German's would sing one of their carols and we would sing one of ours, 'O Come All Ye Faithful,' and the German's immediately joined in, singing the latin words, 'Adeste Fidelis.'"

But the story doesn't end here. The next morning the German soldiers noticed that a board was being held up by the British soldiers with the words MERRY CHRISTMAS written on it. Further down the same holding line, another board on the German side read, YOU NO FIGHT WE NO FIGHT.

Soon after, a Junior British Officer remembered, "they waved and we waved back, after all it was Christmas Day. Some moments passed without anyone exchanging a shot, and both sides a little hesitantly, began mingling in what was called 'No Man's Land', exchanging handshakes and sharing cigars and other foodstuffs." For over four hours this scene was reported up and down the Whole Western Front."

May peace and happiness and the true meaning of Christmas enter into your lives this Holiday Season just as it did between the soldiers who were literally trying to kill each other on every other day but Christmas. We have some great opportunities in West Point to bring that spirit of Christmas in our homes. Starting off, we have the Lighting Ceremony at City hall on December 4th at 6:00 PM and I encourage you to come out, see Santa, and watch the fireworks. Two days later, on December 6th at 7:00 PM, we have the Angel of Hope Children's Remembrance Ceremony at our new Angel of Hope Statue in the Cemetery. If that isn't enough, we have the Cemetery Luminary on December 22nd. Please visit our website, Facebook, and the information in this newsletter for more details on these events.

Wishing you the joy of family, the gift of friends, and the best of everything this Holiday Season.
From my family to yours, Merry Christmas.

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS

If you would like more information about the activities listed on the page, please contact
 Jolene Kap @ 801-614-5347 OR email jkap@westpointcity.org



YOUTH COUNCIL

The West Point Youth Council had an informative meeting on October 18th where Mayor Craythorne summarized his role as Mayor. They also received t-shirts with their T.E.A.M. theme on the back and participated in activities to prepare for the City Halloween Carnival.

Members sure had fun helping out with the Carnival on the night of October 20th! They painted faces, ran booths, and made balloon animals for all the kids. Some of our Officers were also able to judge the costume contest for the Farmington Sheriff's Halloween Carnival on October 25th as well.

To show respect on Veteran's Day, the WPYC held their annual Veteran's Day Program and Flag Placement activity. Jared Nebeker (an Army veteran), gave a phenomenal speech about patriotism and maintaining a deep respect for the veterans in our country. Afterwards, Members put flags on each of the veterans' graves at the West Point Cemetery.

Upcoming Events:

The Christmas Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 4th. Make sure to watch for sign-ups so you can help!

Parents, look for Members who will be dressed as elves—they will hold your place in the Santa line for you!

Also, it is that time of year to sign up for the USU Leadership Conference. More information will be announced at WPYC meetings.

Senior Lunch

Each month West Point holds a lunch for Seniors 55 and older. The cost is \$2.00 per person and both residents and non-residents are welcome!

Be sure to join us this month for some fun Christmas Bingo.

December's lunch will be held on:
 Monday, December 18th @ 11:30AM.

This month's lunch menu is:
 Baked potatoes with all the toppings and bunt cake for dessert.

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT

Please call City Hall by December 15th at 801-776-0970.

CITY CALENDAR

December 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4 City Hall Lighting Ceremony	5 City Council	6 Child Remembrance Ceremony	7	8	9
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17	18 Senior Lunch	19 City Council	20	21	22 Cemetery Luminary	23
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

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

GREENWASTE CAN

For those residents who have a greenwaste can, just a reminder that November 30th was the last day to use your can for greenwaste.

Beginning December 1st you will be able to use your green can as a regular trash can and it will be collected by the same truck as your black can.



WEST POINT CITY HALL LIGHTING CEREMONY

Join us as we kick off the holiday season this year on **Monday, December 4th.**

The Ceremony begins at 6:00pm sharp.

Be sure to come early and enjoy some hot chocolate and listen to some wonderful Christmas music.

We will have a special visit from Santa Clause and fireworks!
We look forward to seeing you at this year's Lighting Ceremony!



CEMETERY LUMINARY

This years annual Cemetery Luminary will be held on

Friday, December 22nd @ 4:00pm.

The Lighting of Luminaries gives families and friends an opportunity to remember their loved ones during the Christmas Season. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Jolene @ 801-776-0970 with questions or if you have a big group who would like to help with this event.



CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WINTER REMINDERS

Last month our Code Enforcement Officer posted many courtesy notices on vehicles, trailers, and boats parked overnight on the streets. In spite of these notices, some are continuing to park on the street overnight.

West Point City Code 10.05.50(H)(3) prohibits the parking of any vehicles, trailer, recreational vehicles, etc., on the street between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM

from November 1st until the last day of February. The 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 the sidewalks are cleared. Also, PLEASE make sure that snow is not pushed into the streets when you snow-blow or shovel.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer, at 801-776-0970 or use the City Website at www.westpointcity.org to submit a complaint.



WEST POINT HISTORY

We are in the process of compiling a City History book. A preliminary book has been put together and printed and now will be edited and added to. If anyone has information or photographs that would be pertinent to the City History, we would appreciate your help!

Please contact Linda at 801-776-0970 or webb@westpointcity.org



ATTENTION ALL WEST POINT RESIDENTS!

Get out your paper and pens and start working on your essays for this year's, "WHY I LOVE MY CITY" Essay Contest.

Contest is open to all West Point City residents ages 1 to 101.

Essay's must be returned no later than

February 26th @ 5:30pm, with the Essay Contest Application attached.

Be sure to check back next month for essay category information and where applications can be found.

Essay winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on March 20th @ 7:00pm.



Community Notification Enrollment

You could probably guess that most homes no longer have land lines.



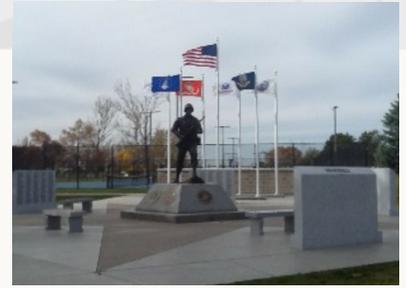
As a result, in the case of an emergency residents could not be contacted by the Reverse 911 call. Davis County now has a program up and running that will let you register your cell phone number so that you can be contacted in the event of an emergency in your area. Go to this link to register today!

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/E3BC2EED087A>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

We are again indebted to our community for the support we receive; we want to thank those who came out to support the Commemorative ceremony on Saturday, November 11th. As stated in the opening remarks, the purpose of this ceremony was to remember all who have served in the military, but especially those from West Point. As we plan for this to be a yearly event, we fittingly named it the "1st Annual Combined Armistice Day and Veterans Day Commemoration."



The ceremony was a success and we must extend our thanks to all those who contributed; we particularly want to express our appreciation to U.S. Army retired Chief Warrant Officer John Harry Trease, our main speaker, who traveled all the way from Bullhead, Arizona the night before to attend the Commemoration. The event went a little longer than planned, but it was worth it: perhaps the best comment we received was, "Is he always that funny??"

We encourage each of you to plan ahead for next year's annual Commemoration as 2018 will mark the centennial of the signing of the Armistice. We have an outstanding keynote speaker that has committed to attend and we anticipate additional guests. We have also asked the Syracuse High Music Department to provide instrumental and vocal support for the Flag and Anthem Presentation. We will have either the ROTC or the Utah Military Academy acting as Color Guards and we can PROMISE that this event will be one you won't want to miss!

At the Commemoration, we also had available a copy of the published edition of the Veterans of West Point scrapbook compilation. This is a beautiful book with pictures and information about many of our West Point veterans and copies are now available for purchase. We encourage you to take a look at the copy at West Point City Hall and call a Committee Member for details on how to get your own! (Could be a great Christmas gift – hint, hint).

**West Point Military
Memorial Committee:**
Howard, Chair
801-825-7221 or
801-695-2637
Marv, Co-Chair
801-825-5321
Patricia 801-725-1247
Karen 801-773-2776
Royce 801-825-1426

2nd Annual Forever In Our Hearts Child Remembrance Ceremony *December 6th at 7:30 pm*



Who: Those who have lost a child, of any age, for any reason
Why: To come together and remember those loved ones who have passed
Where: Angel of Hope Statue at the West Point City Cemetery

Program is scheduled, rain or shine.
Chairs are welcome and please DRESS WARM!

Please contact West Point City Cemetery Administrator Casey Arnold at
801-776-0970 or carnold@westpointcity.org with any questions.

RECREATION

Most recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or you can stop by City Hall to fill out a registration form. (Some activities do require in person registration).

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

- JR JAZZ-

Jr Jazz practices will begin this month. If you have not been contacted by a coach, please contact Kelly @ 801-529-3352.

This year's Jr Jazz game will be held on March 17th at 7pm against the Sacramento Kings.
Each Jr Jazz participant will receive 2 tickets.