

WEST POINT CITY

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

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

City Council Meetings:

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

Planning Commission Meetings:

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

Meetings subject to cancellation

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This coming January will mark my 10th anniversary since I was appointed to be your Mayor. As I look back on these last ten years, I have a hard time believing a couple of things: first, that time has gone by so quickly, and second, that all of you have put up with me for this long. Back then, my oldest son was just 12 years old and this past year that same son made me a grandpa. Wow has time ever flown by! Being Mayor is something I never thought I would do and can't believe I have done, but I can honestly say it has been one of the most enjoyable things I have ever been a part of. I have met so many people that I would not have otherwise and have gained a greater appreciation for the great people who live within our City. It has been my pleasure to represent such a fine place as West Point.

Right after Thanksgiving, my family and I went to a Christmas light parade in Afton, Wyoming. To be completely honest, it was my wife's idea and I wasn't all that excited about going. But per usual, her idea was a good one and we had a lot of fun enjoying the small-town celebration, leaving there glad we had taken the time to attend. And if continuing with complete honesty, I'll admit I am not one to get too excited about going to most events, period. However, we have a lot of events throughout the year in West Point that I am always grateful I attended and consider them time well spent. One of

our recent events was the Centennial Commemoration Ceremony held on November 12th, the day we celebrated Veterans Day, at our Veterans Memorial at Loy Blake Park. It was a cold morning, but it was an excellent program that made me proud to live in this great Country and remember those who served us all to make it so. Again, I left with the same feeling of gratitude for going and guilt for even considering not attending. We have some more of these particularly special and important events this December month I want to make sure you are aware of. First is the 3rd Annual Child Remembrance Ceremony on December 6th at 7 PM at the Angel of Hope Statue at our Cemetery. This Ceremony is held for families in West Point and surrounding communities that have been impacted by the loss of a child in an effort to promote healing, unity, and comfort. The second event is the Annual Cemetery Luminary on December 21st, beginning at 4 PM, but meant for you to come and go as you would like throughout the evening. I invite you all to take my challenge: gather your family and invite your friends and attend at least one of these events. I have no doubt you will leave grateful to have had the experience and grateful for the memories you were able to make with your loved ones.

For those seniors in our City or for those of you who have family who are of age, don't forget about our monthly Senior Lunches! This month's luncheon will be on December 17th at 11:30 AM. Lunches are held at City Hall and cost is \$2.00/per person. Both residents AND non-residents are welcome. This is a great social event to get to know others in the City and surrounding communities, as well as a chance to

reconnect with all those that haven't been seen in awhile.

I know I have mentioned this time and time again, but I still believe that we are unique in that we are a growing city that has still been able to maintain somewhat of a small-town feel. West Point is the city we all call home, and the city that isn't anything without the great people who live here. This Christmas Season I hope you enjoy the little things, like making memories with your family, friends, and loved ones, and that we can all take the time to think of those who are less fortunate, those who might need a visit or their driveway shoveled. Small and simple things can make all the difference in the world to some of us.

Let me finish up by sharing two quotes that I have found that serve as a reminder to myself as we enter the Christmas season:

"Christmas isn't just a day, it's a frame of mind."

Valentine Davies,
 Miracle on 34th Street

"Unless we make Christmas an occasion where we share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it white."

Bing Crosby

On behalf of our great City Council, our wonderful City Staff, and from my family to yours, Merry Christmas. May the wonderful blessings of the season and all it represents be a blessing to your life and all those you associate with.

-Mayor Erik Craythorne

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS

If you would like more information about the activities listed on this page please contact
 Shelby Sargent @ 801-614-5347 or email ssargent@westpointcity.org

YOUTH COUNCIL



This past month the Youth Council had the opportunity to reflect on the great service our Veterans have given. They placed flags on each of our veterans' graves and listened to a current service member tell us about our great country and the importance of Veterans' Day. Thank you to all of our American Heroes, past and present!



The Youth Council also helped with the City Hall Lighting Ceremony wherein Mr. And Mrs. Clause came in on a fire truck! YC Members sang Christmas carols, served hot chocolate, colored with children, and helped with the line to sit on Santa's lap.

Upcoming Events

Cemetery Luminary

December 21st @ 4 PM



DECEMBER

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2	3	4 City Council 7 PM	5	6 Child Remembrance Ceremony 7 PM	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Planning Commission 7 PM	14	15
16	17 Senior Lunch 11:30 AM	18 City Council 7 PM	19	20	21 Cemetery Luminary 4 PM	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 City Hall Closed	27 Planning Commission 7 PM	28	29
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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's lunch will be on:
Monday, December 17th @ 11:30am

The menu for this month is:
 A Potato Bar with Bunt Cake for dessert

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT
 Please call City Hall by December 14th
 @ 801-776-0970

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

3rd Annual Forever in Our Hearts Child Remembrance Ceremony



Each December 6th, which is known as Children's Day around the World, a remembrance will be held for families in West Point and the surrounding communities that have been impacted by the loss of a child to promote healing and provide comfort. There will be a short ceremony with some remarks, songs, and a chance for attendees to speak the name of their loved one and place a white flower upon the Angel of Hope. The Ceremony will end with a group singing of Silent Night. Tea lights will also be placed at the resting place of each child.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WINTER REMINDERS

Last month our Code Enforcement Officer posted many courtesy notices on vehicles, trailers, and boats parked overnight on City streets that winter parking restrictions are now in place:

West Point City Code 10.05.50(H)(3) prohibits the parking of any vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles, etc. on the street between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6: AM from Nov 1st until the last day of February.

In spite of these notices, some are continuing to park on the streets overnight. The Davis County Sheriff's Department will now be issuing citations and/or towing vehicles in violation of this Ordinance.

Please help us to ensure that this winter season is a safe one, especially for our public works employees plowing snow on cold winter mornings.

You are also reminded to keep trees trimmed to at least 13.5 feet above the roadway and to make sure sidewalks are cleared.

Also, PLEASE be aware that pushing or blowing snow onto public streets is prohibited. As you clear snow, please ensure that the snow stays on your property and is not blown or plowed into the street.

Your cooperation in helping the City handle another winter is greatly appreciated!

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

Green Waste Can Reminder:

Beginning December 1st you can use your Green Waste Can for regular trash! Normal green waste service will resume on April 1st



Cemetery Luminary



This year's Annual Cemetery Luminary will be held on:

Friday, December 21st @ 4 PM

The lighting of the luminaries gives families and friends an opportunity to remember their loved ones during the Holiday Season. Everyone is welcome!

Please contact Shelby Sargent @ 801.776.0970 with questions or if you have a group that would like to help.

Are you age 55 or older?

Volunteer!

Help a child succeed by becoming a Foster Grandparent Tutor.

By tutoring children in your local schools for 10-40 hours a week you can help a struggling child succeed. You choose how many hours and how long you can commit. If you are age 55 or older you may qualify for a monthly stipend of \$200 without tax and mileage reimbursement.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Foster Grandparent Program of Shoshone County
1-801-628-2762, 1-800-267-2762, www.westnet.org

Looking for Volunteer/Service Opportunities?



Visit www.justserve.org

JustServe.org is a website where the volunteer needs of organizations may be posted and volunteers may search for places to serve in the community, providing opportunities to help those in need and enhance the quality of life in the community.

JustServe is a service to help link community volunteer needs with volunteers and does not discriminate based on race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation in posting projects or in encouraging volunteers to serve according to our guidelines.

Davis County Outdoor Smoking Regulation

Did you know?

- Smoking and vaping are prohibited in publicly owned and privately owned outdoor public places
- Examples of Outdoor Public Places
 - Parks
 - Playgrounds
 - Golf courses
 - Fair grounds
 - Swimming pools
 - Bleachers
 - Outdoor eating areas
 - Amusement parks
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited within 25 feet of outdoor places and public gatherings



Change a Life Become a Reading Mentor Volunteer



Davis Co. Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)



Seeking volunteers, age 55+ to serve as Reading Mentors in elementary schools throughout Davis County. Programs begin late September.

ENROLL TODAY!

801-525-5052

RSVP@daviscountyutah.gov

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & PROGRAMS

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

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL



It was nearing November 12th and we had been planning for this event for over a year. A list of who we should invite was compiled. A keynote speaker was identified. A program agenda was discussed. And as the date grew nearer, we watched closely the weather prognostications and the prognosticators, maybe even praying a little, for cloudless skies the day of our gathering.

Sure enough, at 8:00 a.m. the morning of November 12th when Members of the Military Memorial Committee and many of our loyal friends and supporters gathered to set up the seating, the podium, and the sound, there was no wind and the promise of a beautiful day stood before us, with one drawback: it was colder than a witch's heart. But by 10:45, the temperature had moderated to a balmy 40 degrees Fahrenheit, the standard canyon wind had come and gone, and we finally felt the weathermen had really been listening and given us great weather for our Commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

Our Keynote Speaker this year had originally accepted an invitation to speak at the Dedication of our Military Monument in 2016. He was on active duty at the time and the commander of a major Air Force command; naturally, when the Secretary of the Air Force said "Go", he went on a visit to the Middle East instead of to West Point. Fortunately for us, General "Hawk" Carlisle is now retired, no longer subject to the needs of the Service, and was able to deliver an inspiring address at our Commemoration. Those who were there felt blessed for having attended and hearing him speak. And yes, we are also fortunate that General Carlisle is the brother of our own Committee Member, Pat Galloway, who arranged for his visit.



We again express our appreciation for all those City employees who have made this and other such events in the past possible. They fully typify the concept of "going the extra mile!" We are truly blessed to be living in this great City.

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

EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE!!



MEET OUR NEW COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COORDINATOR!

Shelby Sargent will be the new face of the City in developing, planning, promoting, coordinating, and carrying out our City events and activities!

Shelby is a California native who recently moved to Utah after living in Germany for two years with her active duty husband.

Since being here, she has fallen in love with our community and is planning on digging her roots here.

She is a great addition to our City Staff and we are happy to have such an energetic, happy, dedicated, and ambitious person take on this important role.

BE SURE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF AS YOU SEE HER IN AND AROUND THE CITY!

Welcome
TO OUR
TEAM!

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 @ 801-916-6056 for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups



JR. JAZZ
PRACTICES WILL START THIS MONTH AND
GAMES WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY!

IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED A SCHEDULE,
PLEASE CALL US AT CITY HALL!

