

# West Point City

FEBRUARY 2014



## ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE



### Mayor's Message

#### Land Use and Planning

I remember the days growing up in West Point where homes were placed around the major streets and just a couple subdivisions existed. I remember walking from my home on 800 North to my Grandparents house just inside Syracuse on 3000 W. and I had to cross fence after fence and jump multiple ditch banks crossing only one road which was 300 N. Things have most certainly changed in the past 40 years. The reali-

ty is, here in Utah we tend to have larger families, and those kids create new families who need places to live. When our economy is working properly it is growing, increasing opportunities for those who live here and a growing economy is usually associated with job growth. Individuals getting new jobs need places to live, and places to shop. I do have fond memories of the way West Point used to be but I also know there has been some great people who have moved here, raised their family here, and call this great community home.

The role of local government as it pertains to land use and planning is very important. Planning ahead for schools, parks, roads, residential and commercial areas are vital to any city. Through working with our Planning Commission the City Council adopts and revises our "General Plan" every four or five years. A general plan is not rezoning anybody's property and the city does not require the zoning to change. The general plan comes into play when a landowner decides to change the current use of his property. Most of our property that is rezoned is agriculture and the general plan shows what the city thinks is appropriate for that property and what is in the best interest of the city as a whole. Often times when property changes it will change to a residential use and the general plan will specify what type of lot sizes that the city plans for and thinks is appropriate for that area. There are some locations on the general plan that designate areas for future commercial land use. I hear all the time "Why does West Point need commercial property and why can't we stay a bedroom community?" I also hear things like "Clinton and Syracuse already have all the commercial and West Point will never get anything now." This is a great question and a concern that a lot people I talk to have.

First of all why does West Point need commercial areas in our city? The benefit of having commercial use in a city is first and foremost the sales tax that is generated and given back to the city. A city our size can get by without a lot of commercial right now and we have had to do that. However, there will come a time when our city will be large enough that some of the services the city provides will not be able to be maintained at an adequate level without additional funding. Property taxes and our portion of the shared sales tax collected can only take us so far. The City's job and responsibility is to plan and set aside properties that will benefit our city in the future with additional tax revenue. The other argument that Syracuse and Clinton has everything already and we are wasting our time is also not in my opinion a correct assumption. Commercial areas have a life cycle and new and improved stores are built and different businesses move in once the population can support additional businesses. It might take some time and patience but keeping areas available and open in the appropriate locations are vital to the success of our city moving forward and not over burdening our residents with increases in property taxes.

We have a great Planning Commission that is full of individuals who have the best interest of West Point in mind. They spend time in training and take time out of their busy schedules to help the city plan for our future and they also make sure what comes into the city either residential or commercial is appropriate and falls in line with the ordinances of the city. It is vital to plan ahead and make sure we are a viable city that can maintain a high level of service to our residents while maintaining a great 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 Hall 801-776-0970  
3200 W 300 N

#### COMMUNITY CALANDAR

February 10  
Senior Lunch

February 17  
Presidents Day  
City Hall Closed

### CITY CONTACTS

Dial direct to the following departments:

Assistant City Manager/City Engineer-  
Boyd 801-614-5353  
Building Inspector-Brent 801-614-5354  
Business License-Michelle 801-614-5348  
Cemetery/City Recorder-  
Misty 801-614-5349  
Community Events-Jolene 801-614-5347  
Public Works-Paul 801-614-5368  
Recreation-Kelly 801-614-5357  
Treasurer-Julie 801-614-5352  
Utility Billing-Casey 801-614-5346

City Hall 801-776-0970  
After Hours Service 801-628-6181  
Garbage Service 801-627-2680  
Animal Control 801-444-2200  
Secondary Water 801-774-6373  
Davis County Sheriff 801-451-4150  
North Davis Fire Dept. 801-525-2850



## JUST FOR SENIORS

*Happy Valentines Seniors!*

Join us for lunch this month  
February 10th @ 11:30am.

This months menu:  
Spaghetti, Breadstick  
and cheesecake.

Call City Hall by  
February 7th to reserve  
your spot  
801-776-0970



## SPORTS CENTER

Spring soccer registration  
February 1st- February 28th  
Registration Fee \$40.00  
Registration can be done online  
@ [www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org)  
or stop in City Hall  
to fill out a form.



This year's Jazz game will be  
February 24th against the  
Boston Celtics.

There will be a limited number  
of extra tickets. If you are  
interested in purchasing any  
extras please contact Kelly @  
801-529-3352  
Extra tickets are \$11.00 each.



## YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

This months theme is  
"INTEGRITY"  
"Integrity is doing the right  
thing, even if nobody is  
watching."

Last month the YC attended a  
Winter Dance hosted by the  
Clinton Youth Council. They  
were able to meet many  
people in other youth city  
council's from all over  
northern Utah.

They also visited the  
Retirement Home. And  
attended Legislature Day at  
the Capital Building.

## Military Memorial Donations

You can now donate to the  
West Point Military Memorial  
through your utility bill payment.  
See this month's bill for more  
information.



**AARP Driver Safety Class**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 22nd**  
**From 10-2**

Please call City Hall to sign up  
801-776-0970



## YOUTH COUNCIL ESSAY CONTEST!

Get your pen and paper out and start  
working on this years ESSAY contest  
"Why I Love My City"



The essay contest will run from  
January 1st - February 28th and is open  
to ages from 5-105. Return your essay  
with the application to City Hall. Ap-  
plications can be found on the website  
[www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org)  
under the Community Affairs page or stop in  
City Hall to pick one up.

This years contest winners will receive  
a \$100/\$50/\$25 gift card.  
Be sure to start writing today!!!

## A Message from the North Davis Fire District!



February has always been a  
good month to remind our par-  
ents to help get those bikes ready so that  
they are all safe to ride. And obtain the prop-  
er safety equipment before bikes are ready  
to be taken out by the kids.

Also in February and March, our  
Public Safety team will be in the Elementary  
schools teaching the kids in our annual Fire  
and Life Safety Presentations.

For up to date information or to find out  
more on scheduling a tour with the fire dept.  
please visit the Fire Districts Web page @  
[www.NorthDavisFireDistrict.com](http://www.NorthDavisFireDistrict.com)

## Snow Removal

*Just a few reminders as the snow season comes upon us.*

\*Trees that overhang must be cut back in order for the plows to make it up and down the streets.

\*All sidewalks must be shoveled within 12 hours of snow fall.

\*Do not shovel or snow blow the snow from driveways and sidewalks into the street.

\*If a fire hydrant is adjacent to your property please make sure to keep it clear of snow and  
accessible if needed.

Thank you for your help this winter, if you have any questions on snow removal or would like to  
make a comment please feel free to call City Hall at 801-776-0970.

The West Point Military Committee

Is hosting a  
Valentines Dinner Show

When: February 14th @ 6.00pm

Where: 800 N 4000 W

Cost: \$50.00 per couple



Limited seating available so please call to  
reserve your spot today.

Carol 801-825-0808

Arlene 801-825-1426

## Garbage Information:

You can access the 2014 recycling  
schedule online at  
[www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org).

Also remember garbage services will  
be one day late on the following weeks  
that a holiday falls-

New Years,  
Memorial Day,  
Independence Day,  
Labor Day,  
Thanksgiving  
and Christmas.



## USU EXTENSION PRUNING DEMO



The USU Extension  
will be holding a Pruning Demo  
**Saturday, March 16th**  
**from 9am-11am.**

112 S. 3000 W. West Point  
Join other West Point  
Residents and

3 Horticulturists from the  
USU Extension.

They will be teaching how to  
prune trees, grapes and  
raspberries.

Questions:  
Contact Boyd Hansen  
@ 801-825-9200

