Every year city staff puts together a “Council Retreat” at our city office, where we meet together all day and go over all the details pertaining to our city finances, upcoming projects and future goals. A few weeks ago we all met together and I am happy to report that the state of the city finances are strong and viable. Back in 2008 when our country went into a recession we had to make budget cuts each year to make sure we had enough money. Now with the economy back on track we can definitely see the increases to our sales tax revenue, property taxes have increased in relation to property values going back where they were before the recession. As a city we have a bright future ahead of us as we always strive to give the residents a very high level of service, continue to upgrade infrastructure and keep our parks looking nice year after year. With the addition of the new commercial development coming to the city I am excited for the next few years as we can really start seeing the benefits of having a balanced tax base.

From time to time I like to put in my newsletter piece a Q&A section to answer some of the most common questions I get as I talk with residents. If you have any questions please feel free to come talk to me at a ball game or call me as I will be happy to do my best to answer them. So here is this month’s questions and my attempt to answer them.

Q: Is the widening of 2000 West in 2017 because Smiths Marketplace is coming to West Point?
A: The widening of 2000 West was actually supposed to start back in 2007-2008 but the project was put on hold due to the recession. This is a state funded project that has been on the project list for over a decade.

Q: When will Highway 193 extend from 2000 West to 3000 West?
A: This project is unfortunately not on UDOT’s upcoming project list. However, I am working with our state representatives to see about getting this on the list. As all of you who travel that area know the impacts of 193 terminating at 2000 West is very significant to the traffic. If you would like to help out, write or email our state representatives and let them know how important this project is for continued mobility in Northern Davis County.

Q: When will the city start to improve Blair Dahl Park that is down west of 4500 West and 200 S?
A: As of right now we don’t have any plans to start that new park. As mentioned above during the recession we got behind on various projects and right now we are in the process of getting caught up. For example some much needed improvements in Loy Blake Park will be made this upcoming year.

Q: What is the status of the West Davis Corridor?
A: The release and final decision on the environmental impact statement that UDOT has been working keeps getting extended. Right now they are working through the “Shared Solution Alternative” and I don’t expect any information or decisions to be made in the foreseeable future. This project is extremely important to West Point City and Northern Davis County.

As I mentioned above if you ever have any comments questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. I am proud to serve and represent such a fine city.

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor

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Community Calendar
City Council Meetings:
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
6:00pm Administrative Session
7:00pm General Session
Planning Commission Meetings:
2nd & 4th Thursday
6:00pm Administrative Session
7:00pm General Session

Meetings subject to cancellation
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS

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

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

Event Calendar

February 9
Senior Lunch

February 16
Presidents Day
City Hall Closed

Youth Council

This month’s theme is
“PERSISTENCE”

“That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Last month the Youth Council Officers had the chance to visit the State Capitol. They participated in mock hearings and debates. They also had the opportunity to meet Terry Bradshaw, former NFL football superstar.

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’s lunch will be held
February 9th @ 11:30am

This month’s menu is:
Lasagna, Breadsticks, Salad and Cheesecake.
Please call by February 6th to RSVP
801-776-0970

Essay Contest

“WHY I LOVE MY CITY”

Open to all West Point City Residents from 1-101.
Essay’s must be returned no later than February 27th @ 11:30am, and have a contest application attached to the essay.

Applications can be found at www.westpointcity.org under the Community Affairs Page, or you can pick one up from City Hall.

Essay winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on March 17th @ 7:00pm.
Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!
Recreation sign ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or stop in to City Hall to fill out a registration form. Contact Kelly Ross @ 801-776-0970 for more information on recreation activities and sign ups.

Extra tickets will be available for the March 17th Jazz game our City will be attending. Tickets will be $12.00 and there will be a limited number. If you purchase early, your ticket will be with your child. Tickets can be purchased at City Hall or at the South score table. Tickets will be distributed two weeks before the game.

WEST POINT CITY RECREATION

Spring Soccer Registration begins Monday, February 2nd until Monday March 2nd
Baseball and Softball Registration Begins Monday March 2nd until Monday March 30th

Registration can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or stop in to City Hall to fill out a registration form.

Also be sure to watch for Recreation Registration information through your local schools email flyer from Peachjar.
Or stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook and Twitter.
Be sure to view the City website for up to date information and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Notice of Municipal Offices
to be voted on in the West Point City Municipal General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.
*(3) City Council Members (4-year terms each).
The Candidate Filling Period BEGINS: June 1, 2015.
Declaration of Candidacy Forms or Nomination Petitions must be filled out in person with the West Point City Recorder at 3200 W 300 N West Point City, Utah between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday, June 1st - Thursday, June 4th & 8:00am to 11:30am on Friday, June 5th.
Or by appointment.
The Candidate Filling Period ENDS: June 7, 2015.
Because June 7th is a Sunday, the West Point City Recorder will accept Declaration of Candidacy forms until 5:00 pm on Monday June 8, 2015. (UCA 10-3-301)
The complete list of candidate qualifications can be found in 20A-9-203 of the Utah Code. For additional information, please call Misty Rogers, West Point City Recorder.

WANTED:
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANTS.
Davis Schools Transportation is hiring substitute bus drivers/substitute bus assistants.
Bus drivers must be able to qualify for a Utah CDL drivers license with school bus endorsement. We will provide training for all qualified applicants.
CALL 801-402-7500 or careers.davis.k12.ut.us/faces/jobPostings.jsp

Community Classes presented by Davis County Health Department.
Classes are free to the community.
Medicare 101 is a class designed to inform those turning 65 or preparing to retire about benefits offered by Medicare and Enrollment time periods.
Upcoming classes:
* Layton Library (155 N. Wasatch Dr., Layton)
  Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30-7:30PM.
* Syracuse Recreation Center (1912 West 1900 South, Syracuse)
  Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30-7:30PM.
* Clearfield Library (562 S 1000 E, Clearfield)
  Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30-7:30PM.
Classes are free and sponsored by Davis County Senior Services. For more information contact Marie Jorgensen at 801-525-5086.

Radon...The Silent Killer
February 17, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Woods Cross High School, 600 West 200 South, Woods Cross
February 24, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Northridge High School, 2430 North Hillfield Rd, Layton
The Davis County Health Department is partnering with the Davis School District to host two free radon awareness seminars. Free do-it-yourself home radon test kits will be given out at each location, while supplies last.
Kellison Platero, an L.E.H.S. from the Davis County Environmental Health Services Division will be presenting.
Come learn about radon and its’ associated health risks and how you can prevent radon exposure.

Garbage Information
You can access the 2015 recycling schedule online at www.westpointcity.org. Also remember garbage services will be one day late on the following weeks that a holiday falls...

Kindergarten Round-up
West Point Elementary
Kindergarten Roundup on Friday, 20 March at 2 pm.
This event will be held in the gym.
All incoming kindergarten students and their parents are invited to come.
To enroll in Kindergarten, the student must turn 5 before September 1, 2015.
Kindergarten registration will be held 23 March – 10 April 2015, 9 am – 2 pm each day. (Spring break is 30 Mar – 3 Apr)
You can find registration information on the school website at www.davis.k12.ut.us/188.
As a reminder, immunizations must be current and include the 5 year old shots.

Lakeside Elementary
Lakeside is in the process of gathering information for new kindergarten students. If you have a child that will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2015 and live in the Lakeside boundaries please call the school office at 801-402-2900.

USU Extension Pruning Demo
The USU extension will be holding a Pruning Demo Saturday, March 21st
From 9am-11am.
112 S 3000 W West Point.
Horticulturist for the USU Extension will be teaching how to prune trees, grapes and raspberries.
Questions: Contact Boyd Hansen @ 801-825-9200