

# West Point City

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

FEBRUARY 2016

## MAYORS MESSAGE

### Public Safety

I have always felt fortunate to live in a relatively quiet and safe community. When I think about the changes that growth brings I can't help but think about what my dad has told me about growing up in West Point back in the 40's and 50's. One thing that sticks out in my mind is he said they never locked the doors at their house. Not only did they never lock the doors he is certain nobody even knew where a key was if they did. Times have certainly changed and it is important to remind each of us of things we can do to make our neighborhoods and streets safer. It seems like in the last few years there has been a trend of people getting their cars broken into while left in the driveway or parked on the streets. While this is a crime of opportunity the Sheriff's Department points out that most of these vehicle burglaries are vehicles that are not locked with valuables inside. There is also a disturbing trend, not necessarily in West Point but nationally, that people are getting their homes broke into and specifically prescription drugs are being taken. Here are a few things that we all can do to make sure our community remains safe and the individuals who target specific areas will know that West Point is not an easy target.

-Keep your vehicles locked and do not leave valuables inside, especially over night.

-Leave your porch or outside lights on throughout the night. (dark streets and homes invite unwanted activity)

-Keep your homes secure and locked at all times.

-Clean out your medicine cabinets and discard all unused medication or lock in a safe location.

-Keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it to the Davis County Sheriff's Department.

-If you are leaving out of town for an extended period of time make sure you have someone bring in your mail, packages and newspapers. You can also request a vacation watch from the Davis County Sheriff.

I realize that these tips are not anything we all haven't heard before but it is important to remind ourselves to make sure our

neighborhoods stay safe and those individuals who are looking for crimes of opportunity will not have any in West Point. Always be aware of your surroundings and keep an eye on your neighbors especially those that might require some special assistance. Once again I have not heard of any increased activity that would require us to be overly concerned, I am just reminding all of us that we can all be more vigilant as our community and the communities around us change and grow.

Please let me know if you have any questions comments or concerns. As always you are more than welcome to come talk to me or the city council at our city council meetings, which are held the first and third Tuesdays.

Erik Craythorne  
West Point City Mayor



## West Point Officials

Erik Craythorne, Mayor  
Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jerry Chatterton, Councilman  
Andy Dawson, Councilman  
Kent Henderson, Councilman  
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### City Council Meetings:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
6:00pm Administrative Session  
7:00pm General Session

### Planning Commission Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
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](mailto:jkap@westpointcity.org)*



## YOUTH COUNCIL

Last month the Youth Council worked on planning some upcoming events. They also held a multi Youth Council dance, and invited Youth Council from the surrounding areas. They also attended Legislature day at the State Capitol and enjoyed participating in mock debates.

“Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.” –Mother Teresa

## 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, February 8th.*

*This month’s menu is: Chicken Cordon Bleu, au gratin potatoes, roll, veggies, cheesecake . You must RSVP to reserve a spot, please call by February 5th*



## CITY CALENDAR

February 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Spring Soccer Registration Begins	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Senior Lunch 11:30AM	9	10	11 Planning Commission 7:00PM	12	13
14	15 Presidents Day- City Hall Closed	16 City Council 7:00PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Planning Commission 7:00PM	26	27
28	29 Essay Contest Deadline/ Spring Soccer Registration Ends					

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

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



## Essay Contest "WHY I LOVE MY CITY"

Open to all West Point City Residents from 1-101.

Essays must be returned no later than

**February 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm,**

and have a contest application attached to the essay.

Applications can be found at [www.westpointcity.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners!

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's  
Easter Egg Hunt!

**SATURDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

**Loy Blake Park**

**550 N 3500 W**



The hunt will start promptly at 10:00am so be sure to arrive early to find your age group course.

Following the Easter Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

## A Message from the Davis County Library



"We are so excited to extend an invitation to Davis County residents to take a second look at the Davis County Library. The Library offers books, movies, books on CD, music CDs, conference rooms, study rooms, auditoriums, computers, children's story times, and much more.

We have free Apps you can download to cell phones and tablets to read eBooks, listen to eAudio books, learn a language or access your library account.

Overdrive offers a wide variety of eBooks, eAudio books, magazines, and even movies.

Oneclickdigital offers eBooks and eAudio books.

Mango Languages offers Arabic (Levantine), Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Mandarin), Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Bookmyne App is your library account. Patrons can place holds, renew items, view checkouts and holds."

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. For more information or to find a designated VITA site visit one of the following web pages...

<http://utahtaxhelp.org/>

<https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers>



## BASKETBALL STANDARDS IN STREETS

During the early spring months, especially when the snow starts to recede from the streets we see an increase in the number of basketball standards set out on the curb using the city street as a basketball court. This practice presents a serious danger both to the young people playing basketball in the street and to the vehicles driving there.

West Point City Code Chapter 12.05.30 states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, construct or maintain any building, structure or obstruction, any part of which shall extend on, over or beneath the property platted or dedicated to the city for street or sidewalk purposes, or to obstruct travel thereon in any manner, except as herein provided."

Please be aware of this dangerous practice and help keep West Point a safe and pleasant place to live. Should you have any questions, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Dopp at 801 776-0970.

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

## **West Point Military Memorial**

We hope that some of you have seen the concrete pentagon poking out from the snow just east of the tennis courts at Loy Blake Park! If you haven't, go check it out! This is the base for the coming statue that will represent all current and former residents of West Point who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The statue has been ordered and should be finished in the very near future. Granite slabs for each of the five arms of the military will surround the statue, engraved with the names of those who have served. The actual labor on the Memorial has been provided by members of the West Point Military Memorial Committee, and volunteers from our community. We are so excited to see the progress and look forward to completion of the Memorial!

The projected cost of this project is between \$90,000 and \$100,000, and we need YOUR support! Bricks to be placed on a "Donor Wall" are available for purchase, and will include the name of the donor (or in honor of anyone you choose). Donations between \$100 and \$499 will purchase an 8" by 8" brick, and donations of \$500 or more will buy a 16" by 8" brick. These can be purchased at City Hall. If you would like to purchase a brick, but cannot do a bulk payment, a Committee member listed below can help you set up a payment arrangement! Additionally, contributions of any dollar amount can be made at any time by calling or coming into City Hall, and can also be done through your utility bill each month!

The Committee is still trying to gather names for every current and former West Point resident that has served our military. If you have not been contacted, or if you are aware of a family member who might not be on our list, please contact one of the Committee members listed below.

For questions, donation information, or to submit names please contact any of the following members: Cindy Bringhurst – (801)825-9886 Royce Ross – (801)825-1426  
Howard Stoddard – (801)825-8221 Marv Drake – (801)825-5321  
Pat Galloway – (801)725-1247

## **Community classes presented by Davis County Health Department. These classes are free to the community...**

\*Put Life Back in Your Life! Call now to sign-up for a Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop, designed for adults who want to take charge of their ongoing health problems and get relief from their pain, fatigue and other symptoms. A six-week workshop will be offered at Davis Hospital (1580 W Antelope Dr.) on Tuesday, February 9th at 2:30pm.

\*Don't let the fear of falling keep you from living. *Stepping On* is a program proven to reduce falls and build confidence in older people. Presenters such as a physical therapist, pharmacists and vision experts help you gain specific knowledge and skills to prevent falls. The next workshop begins Thursday, February 25th at 2:00pm at Davis Hospital (1580 W Antelope Dr.).

To register or to find out more information on these classes visit [livingwell.utah.gov](http://livingwell.utah.gov) or call 801-525-5087.

Both workshops are sponsored by Davis County Health Department.

## RECREATION

*Recreation sign-ups can be done online at [www.westpointcity.org](http://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.*

This year's Jazz game will be April 1<sup>st</sup> against the Minnesota Timberwolves. Each Jr Jazz participant will receive 2 tickets to the game. Extra tickets will be available for \$15.00, see a staff member at games/practice to order yours.

### Spring Soccer-

Registration for spring soccer will begin February 1st and run till February 29th.

Registration is for Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade, boys and girls. Registration cost is \$40.00

Registration can be done online at [www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org) or forms are available at City Hall.



Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming summer registrations...

Baseball Registration-March 7<sup>th</sup> thru April 4<sup>th</sup>

Football Camp Registration- April 4<sup>th</sup>-May 9<sup>th</sup>