Recently I was reading an old copy of the West Point City Master Plan that my dad received when he was on the city council years ago. As I started reading it the first page had a history of West Point that I thought was interesting enough to share some of it with you this month. It is written by Mayor Loy Blake, Mayor Howard Stoddard, Diane Moss and Marilyn Cook.

The history of West Pont had its early beginnings with the Indians that roamed the country. The first white men recorded as being in the area were John C. Fremont and Kit Carson. Both men spent time here exploring Fremont Island and the Great Salt Lake. West Point was a part of Hooper (pronounced Hupper) in the early days. William H. Hooper, a delegate to Congress from Utah, used this land as a herding ground for cattle. The first permanent settler was James Hale in 1863. He built two dugouts on the shore by the lake. He made his living gathering salt there. George Davis, his brother-in-law, plowed the first ground in south Hooper at this place.

Several names have been chosen for this area. Among them Muskrat Springs, Sandridge, South Hooper and West Point. Muskrat Springs came naturally enough from the many muskrats in the area. Sandridge was also a comfortable choice because of the ridge of sandy backwash old Lake Bonneville had thrown that was blown about by the wind each spring and summer.

In 1877 Hooper was divided. Hooper continued to bridge Weber and Davis counties, while South Hooper (later renamed West Point) was now located entirely within Davis County. A strip of land was taken from Kaysville and annexed to South Hooper on 28 May 1893. Another strip of land was taken from South Weber and attached to South Hooper making the Utah Central Railway track the boundary between them. Then, at a Latter Day Saint sacrament meeting on 29 May 1910 Erastus William Fisher suggested changing the name of South Hooper to West Point because, as he pointed out, it was located at the west-most point of Davis County. Another name suggested was Fruitia because of the many beautiful orchards in the area. West Point was the name chosen.

West Point Town was created on 3 September 1935. The town included only part of West Point and just eighty-seven families were within its boundaries.

Well if you didn't know a little of the history now you know. I find it interesting that a lot of the cities in north Davis County incorporated on or around 1935 during the heart of the Great Depression. My great-grandpa Amos Roy Cook Sr., who also served two terms as Davis County Commissioner loaned the money to West Point for its first water line about that same time. I only assume one of the reasons they needed to incorporate was so that the residents who were there at that time could have somewhere to pay their water bill. I am grateful for our rich history and for those who came before us to pave the way for a wonderful place to live and raise a family. One of the main reasons we need to be a part of a city is to have services provided that individually we cannot provide for ourselves at a reasonable cost or with any kind of efficiency like water, garbage collection, sewer lines, road maintenance, recreations programs etc.

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

January was a slow month for the Youth Council. But even for a month with no events they have started planning for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, and Youth Council Retreat!

The Youth Council Officers were able to attend Legislature Day at the State Capitol. Where they role played and debated upcoming bills with other Youth Councils. They also heard from some of our State Representatives.

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! This month’s lunch will be held... Monday, February 13th

This month’s menu is: Soup, french bread, and cake.

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT
Please call by February 10th 801-776-0970.

CITY CALENDAR

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Essay Contest

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DAVIS COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES CLASSES:

- **Living well with Chronic Conditions**: six-week workshops *Tuesdays, February 14-March 21 12:30-2:30pm @ Autumn Glow Senior Activity Center
- **Stepping on Fals Prevention**: seven-week program *Thursdays, February 2-March 16 2-4pm Bountiful Library
*Wednesdays, February 22- April 5 9:30-11:30 am Autumn glow Senior Center
For more information on these workshops contact Morganne @ 801-525-5087

**Medicare 101** - if you are turning 65 or preparing to retire, join us for the following class:
Wednesday, Feb 15 6:30-7:30 Clearfield library.
Contact Marie 801-525-5086 for more information

**USU Extension Pruning Demo**
The USU extension will be holding a pruning demo Saturday, March 18th from 9am-11am
112 S 3000 W West Point
Horticulturist for the USU extension will be teaching how to prune tree, grapes and raspberries.
Contact Boyd Hansen at 801-825-9200 with questions.

**VEHICLE THEFTS**
The Davis County Sheriff’s Department has seen an increase in vehicle burglaries and thefts in our community as the cold weather has residents leaving cars running to warm up. In nearly every case the vehicles were left unlocked and the keys were left in the vehicle. Please keep your vehicles locked and keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior. If you have any information regarding these incidents please contact the Sheriff’s Department @ 801-451-4100

Utah League of Cities and Towns Essay Contest

“Why I Like My Community”
This contest is sponsored by the ULCT to encourage 4th-7th graders to learn and write about the communities in which they live.
Essay information is available at City Hall or you can visit their website at http://www.ulet.org/ulet-youth-essay-contest

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

**SNOW REMOVAL ONTO CITY STREETS**
Please be aware that it is against West Point City Code (WPCC 12.30.020) to blow/shovel your snow into city streets. Additional snow in the road, especially after the road has already been plowed makes it EXTREMELY difficult to keep roads from icing up. A City plow truck has already received extensive damage form snow being blown/shoveled into the road, icing up, and then covered with new snow. You might think those big trucks could just plow through it, but that is not always the case and nearly stops the truck as soon as it hits that ice under the snow.
This has caused an unnecessary expense of your tax dollars to repair it. It is also extremely dangerous to our snow plow drivers to hit the ice under the snow unexpectedly. We realize that many of you may not be aware of the difficulties this creates, so please help us by blowing/shoveling your snow onto your lawns instead of into the roads. Thank you!

Should you have any questions, please contact Code Enforcement Office Bruce Dopp @ 801-776-0970

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

Each time we drive by the now dedicated Military Memorial, we want to tell you all “Thank You” again. You may never really know how much your contributions were responsible for the completion of this world class monument. We continually hear praise from non-West Point residents for this truly beautiful and significant Memorial. Many of those people seem to have trouble fathoming that the citizens of West Point were really capable of creating such a magnificent tribute, but we did, and you are all a part of that process. As one person put it: “You have to set the example for others to follow. This is how it is supposed to be done!” Us members of the Military Memorial Committee want to express our gratitude for the support we received from community, and also for the sincere privilege it was to be able to play a part in its creation. Please forgive us if we seem a little proud – we are!

Speaking of the Committee, we have reduced the standing Committee to five people: Howard Stoddard, Chair; Marv Drake, Co-Chair; Royce Ross, Member; Pat Galloway, Secretary; and Karen Stratten, Treasurer. The former members of the Committee will now function as ad-hoc members and will be called upon again to serve in special events such as the Party at the Point Independence Day Celebration on July 4th, and other events as needed.

Again, we remind you that additional names will be added to the military walls once a year. Please have all names submitted to one of the Committee Members by January 31st of each year so that the engraver can add the names in March. (This first year, we will accept names until mid-February, but we will have to abide by the January 31st deadline in coming years).

Thank you all again so much for your support and we will continue working to keep this Memorial a beautiful part of West Point City.

If you have any questions please contact one of the West Point Military Memorial Committee:

Howard, Chair 801-825-7221/801-695-2637
Marv, Co-Chair 801-825-5321
Patricia 801-725-1247
Karen 801-773-2776
Royce 801-825-1426

RECREATION

Recreation sign-ups can be done online at 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.

JR JAZZ-
This year’s jazz game will be Monday, March 13th against the LA Clippers.
Each Jr Jazz participant will receive 2 tickets to the game.
Extra tickets will be available to purchase, more information to come.

SPRING SOCCER-
Registration for spring soccer will begin January 30th and run till March 6th.
Registration is for Pre-K thru 6th grade, boys and girls.
Registration cost is $40.00