Mayor’s Message

A Brand New Year

Now that 2012 has come and gone, I feel like it is appropriate to look back at a few things, not just locally, but nationally as well. In our city, 2012 welcomed a 7-11 convenience store, a dramatic pause at our annual firework display, our Midget football team getting to the semi-final game, the start of the extension of Highway 193 that leads right into West Point, 32 new building permits, and many other newsworthy and not so newsworthy items. In the state we re-elected our governor and elected for the first time the state’s 4th Representative. On a national level we watched as the Eastern part of the country endured Hurricane Sandy, we were blown away with a song nobody but me and a few other people understand called Gangnam Style, we had our national elections and Barrack Obama was elected to a 2nd term as President. Unfortunately, as I write this, news is just breaking of the tragic school shooting in Connecticut. It seems all too often in our world today that so many people have to suffer from somebody else’s bad decisions.

As we embark on 2013, I hope that we will all look forward with great anticipation and excitement for what lies ahead. I hope we will all look to the future with optimism and focus on our future while keeping fresh in our minds the lessons of the past. Every year is a new year and every day is a new day, let’s put one foot in front of the other and try a little bit harder each day to reach the goals that most of us set this time of year. When I was younger, I spent some time in Korea, while I was there I learned a popular Chinese proverb, it is a simplistic version of what we have heard before it says, “out of small things comes big things”. At the beginning of this New Year it is a great time to start doing the small things in our every day lives that will help us become better and get the most of life. In a world where selfishness is all too common, let us look outward and look for the good in everything and everyone. We are truly blessed to live in West Point and associate with the great people who call this great city home. I hope and pray that all of you will have a safe, prosperous and wonderful new year.

If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns about our great city I would love to hear from you and I can be reached by calling City Hall.

Erik Craythorne, Mayor

SR 193 EXTENSION

Construction on SR-193 started mid-December. Work is weather dependent, but you will see crews working from December thru February when weather permits. The bulk of construction will take place next year, beginning in March. Project completion is scheduled for Summer 2014. Most of the work this winter will be taking place between Main Street and 2000 West (Phases 1 and 2). Here are some of the activities you can expect in the next few months:

- Clearing the site and placing fill material
- Work on the noise wall and privacy fence
- Storm drain installation
- Completing remaining utility relocations

The UTA trail has an anticipated closure sometime in January 2013 between Center Street and Main Street (Phase 1). The trail is being closed to install a pedestrian crossing under the roadway. The closure is expected to last until mid-summer.

700 South between Depot Street and the Freeport Center (Phase 3) will be closed for up to 10 months. We anticipate the closure beginning sometime around mid-summer 2013. This closure will not take place until the new section of road between Main Street and Center Street is open and detours are in place.

Please contact the SR-193 Extension Team if you have any questions about the project. You can also sign up through the website to receive weekly email updates and stay current on construction activities. 
800-948-4002 / SR-193@utah.gov / www.udot.utah.gov/sr193

January 1
New Year’s Day
City Hall will be closed
No City Council

January 4
City Council Retreat

January 14
Senior Lunch

January 21
Martin Luther King Day
“Why I Love My City”
Essay contest
This is open to all West Point residents, applications must be submitted with essay.
Applications can be filled out at City Hall or you can print it from home off the City website under the Community Affairs page. Contest winners will receive:
1st place $100.00
2nd place $50.00
3rd place $25.00
Essay deadline is February 22nd by 5pm.
Essay winners will be announced and awarded during the March 5th City Council Meeting.

Garbage Information:
You can access the 2013 recycling schedule on line at www.westpointcity.org. Remember garbage services will be one day late on the weeks that have a holiday that falls within the week: New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions
Want help keeping your New Year’s resolution? This free community workshop can help you achieve your goals to manage your ongoing health conditions by teaching you different self-management tools that can help you take your life back and control your health again. A new six week workshop begins Jan. 9th at 2:30pm at Davis Hospital’s Diabetes Care Center in Layton.
Call Jessica at 801-525-5087 to register to attend or for more information.

ATTENTION
Army-Navy Marine-Air Force-Coast Guard-National Guard
West Point Military Members Appreciation Committee is looking for military members past and present. Any military members past and present please provide a picture, service dates, and short narrative of service. Any living descendent of a former Service member may also provide a picture, branch of Service and short narrative of the person remembered.
Information can be dropped off to West Point City Hall no later than February 28, 2013.

CERT Class
Come and learn emergency techniques that you could use at any time from car accidents to house fires. Classes will be held at the North Davis Fire District (381 N 3150 W, West Point) every Tuesdays for 5 weeks, from 6-8pm starting January 29th.
The cost is $25.00, this includes class materials and a CERT kit.
Please sign up at City Hall before January 18th.

West Davis Corridor Update
The WDC team is continuing to study and analyze the alternatives in greater detail as it prepares the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) document. Chapters of the Draft EIS document are being written and the team is conducting a comprehensive analysis on various environmental impacts. The results of this in-depth analysis will be presented in the Draft EIS as well as UDOT’s preferred alternative. This information is expected to be released in spring 2013 along with a public hearing process and formal comment period. A final Record of Decision is not expected until the study is complete in 2014.
For the latest information, including maps, data, and project schedule, please visit the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis.

Happy New Year Seniors
Senior lunch will be held Monday, January 14th @11:30am
Cost is $2.00 a person.
This month’s menu is Roast Beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed veggies, dinner roll and Klondike Bars.
Make sure to call City Hall no later than January 11th to reserve your spot. 801-776-0970

SPORTS CENTER
Jr Jazz is under way.
Each Jr Jazz player will receive a ticket to the Jazz vs. Oklahoma City game on April 9th.
There is a limited number of extra tickets so if you are interested in purchasing one please contact Kelly Ross @ 801-529-3352.

Spring soccer registration will begin January 28th and run thru February 22nd. The cost is $40.00.
Remember the late fee of $10.00 will be enforced so be sure to register early. You can register online at www.westpointcity.org, or drop in to City Hall to fill out a registration form.

Youth Council Corner
This month’s theme is “Helpfulness”
“The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own.”
-Benjamin Disraeli
Last month the YC enjoyed taking pictures of the children with Santa and serving hot chocolate at the lighting ceremony. They also took gifts and went caroling at the Family Tree Assisted Center.
The YC assisted the Rotary club in providing Christmas to a needy family.