

West Point City

JANUARY 2014

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE



Mayor's Message

The State of West Point City

Every year we have the State of the Union address by our President, if you watch close on PBS you can see the State of the State address by our Governor, so keeping with the theme for the first of the year I will give you my State of West Point City.

To the fine residents of West Point City,

It is my honor and privilege to inform you about our great City and give you an update of where we are and where we wish to go in the next year. I also would like to take a few lines and tell you why I think West Point City is such a great place to live. Here in West Point I am happy to report that year after year we live within our conservative budget. Every year we typically have a little money left over and this money goes to paying off the property we purchased for a new park down on 4500 W. and 200 S. as well as other projects in the City. Our property tax revenue is stable and the money we receive as our shared portion of the sales tax continues to increase. I believe we do more with less than any other City in Davis County. If we have roads, waterlines, storm drains or other projects that need updated or replaced we program them into our budget over many years until we have enough saved up to make the improvement. Our needs are great and our resources are slim so we really have to make sure we prioritize and make every penny count to keep our level of service in all areas high. Currently, along with the roads and waterlines that need to be replaced we have park playground equipment at Loy Blake Park that needs to be updated, tennis courts (unusable) that need serious attention, we need to expand our cemetery, and put money away for improvements to our new Blair Dahl park I mentioned above. Our new restroom at Loy Blake Park will be open in 2014, we will start on expanding our east to west walking trails this coming year as well. Our recreation program is going as strong as ever and we just concluded our first season of our volleyball program. Our first season was a tremendous success and there is no doubt that next year we will have a ton of kids who want to participate in this new program. The City Council and myself are committed to providing the best recreation programs around and we continue to look for ways to improve and expand to include as many of our young residents as we can.

I need to give a shout out to our City employees. I am telling you right now we have the best employees around from the office staff at City Hall to our Public Works Department. They are a joy to be around and I appreciate their hard work and the way they go about their jobs each and every day. They love West Point and whether they live here or not this is their City.

After serving as your Mayor for the past five years I can honestly say I know now more than ever why West Point is such a great place to live. It is not our awesome employees, but they help. It is not that we have the best City Council in Davis County (which we do). I know for a fact it has nothing to do with me and the job that I am doing although I try real hard not to screw up a good thing. The real reason West Point is such a great place to live is all the great people who live here. We have a great community who looks out for one another. We have a lot of residents who volunteer their time in our recreation programs, Youth City Council, Miss West Point pageant and our 4th of July celebrations. I am honored to be your Mayor for four more years and represent some of the best people our state and country have to offer. It has been a pleasure serving our City and an unbelievable honor to get to know more and more, the great people I am so lucky to serve.

Looking forward to 2014!!



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 CALENDAR

January 1
New Years Day
City Hall Closed

January 6
Swearing in of City Council @ Noon

January 13
Senior Lunch

January 20
Martin Luther King 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 New Year Seniors!
Each month West Point City holds a senior lunch for seniors 55 and older. The cost is \$2.00 a person and both resident and non-residents are welcome. This month lunch will be held on Monday, January 13th @11:30am
We will be having soup, rolls and cake.
We will also have Harvard Risk management here giving information on how to avoid fraud.
Please call 801-776-0970 to reserve your spot by January 10th.

SPORTS CENTER

Jr Jazz games begin this month.
If you have not heard from a coach please call Kelly @ 801-529-3352.

This year 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 will be \$11.00 each.



YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

This months quote is...
"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us."
-Alexander Graham Bell

Last month the Youth Council help with the City Lighting ceremony by singing, coloring with the kids, taking Santa pictures and playing the piano. The also visited the Family Tree Assisted living center, and helped with the City Cemetery Luminary.

Winter Parking

No on-street parking is permitted beginning November 1, 2013 thru March 1, 2014.
Vehicles left on the street can be ticketed.
West Point City Code Enforcement would also like to remind you that if you have trees that hang into the street to please make sure they are trimmed for the snow plow season.



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.

Applications can be found on the website 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!!!

The North Davis Fire District is encouraging citizens to clear the hydrants that may be located by their home. Also, there has been an alarming amount of space heater fires. Please make sure that they are turned off and unplugged when not in use. When we are using them it is important that a 3 foot space exists between it and any other item.



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 in keeping the snow off the streets, the fire hydrants clear and our sidewalks safe.

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.



Want help in keeping your New Year's Resolution?
Davis County Health Department and Clearfield Aquatic Center are offering a free community workshop called **Living Well with Chronic Conditions**

which can help you achieve your goals to manage your ongoing health conditions by teaching you different self management tools that can guide you to take your life back and control you health again. Workshops begin Tuesday January 7th at 2:00pm at Clearfield Aquatic Center (825 S State Street, Clearfield)
Call Jessica at 801-525-5087 to register today!

Garbage Information:

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.

Business License

Renewal Forms were mailed out this month so be sure to have them returned by January 31st to avoid the late fee.



Also just as a reminder if you are using your home to run a business out of, you should have a business license.

Please contact City Hall and speak to Michelle to find out what you need to do.
801-776-0970

The West Point Military Committee
Is hosting a
Valentines Dinner Show

When: February 14th @ 7:00pm

Where: 800 N 400 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

