Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Holiday. In the midst of that crazy time of year it is nice to remember those less fortunate, those who are serving our country and the true meaning of the season. It is a great time of year to look outward and serve those around us.

With the start of 2015 along with the many ads for treadmills, and plastic totes to store all the stuff we don’t use anymore it is a great time of year to not look back but look forward to the future. In West Point 2015 will be a year of change. The biggest and most exciting change will be the construction and opening of the Smith’s Marketplace. It will also be a year with major road construction as we start the widening and improvement along 3000 West from 300 North to 1300 North. With this construction project we will also construct three new roundabouts at 550 North, 800 North and 1300 North.

I have been Mayor now for six years and in that time I have had a chance to interact with other Mayors and City Councils throughout Davis County. During this time I have had one impression hit me over and over again. We are very lucky in West Point to have the people we have serving on our city council. I have said this to as many who would listen to me, but we have the best, most experienced city council in Northern Utah. Just doing quick math I believe our five current council members have a combined tenure of 45 years of service on just the city council alone. There is not a doubt in my mind that West Point City is so lucky to have these five individuals with all their experience serving right now in our great city. Each and every one bring a level of experience that is void of any hidden personal agendas which is a huge asset to our city and is so unique in city government. I have learned so much from these five men and I can tell you without any doubt that each one of them have left the city better than they found it. I appreciate their service and dedication to making our city the best around.

I am honored to represent such a fine community. I wear the title of Mayor with great pride as I represent such a wonderful group of people and a place I have called home my entire life. Change is most certainly coming with the addition of our first large commercial project. I give you my word that I will work tirelessly with our great council to make sure we continue to make decisions that will enhance and benefit our city for years to come. I encourage any who would like to see our great City Council in action to attend our city council meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. For the most part we usually see very few people outside of high school students who have to attend for their grade and some of our fine scouts who are working on their citizenship in the community merit badge. You can also stay up to date by visiting our website, twitter account and Facebook 2015. We have some great and exciting things coming in 2015 along with some great events so stay tuned to those different social media outlets to make sure you can take full advantage of the activities we offer each year.

If you ever have any question comments or concerns please contact me.

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor

**West Point Officials**

Erik Craythorne, Mayor
Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jerry Chatterton, Councilman
Andy Daswon, Councilman
Kent Henderson, Councilman
Jeff Turner, Councilman
Kyle Laws, City Manager

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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
Join us for this month's Senior Lunch
January 12th @ 11:30am
This month's menu will be soup, french bread and cake.

Please be sure to call by January 9th to reserve your spot
801-776-0970

This month's theme is “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”
-Winston Churchill

Basketball is underway, if you have not been contacted please call Kelly @ 801-776-0970.

Spring Soccer Registration
February 2nd-March 6th
Pre-k thru 6th grade
$45.00

Baseball/Softball Registration
March 2nd-April 4th
Pre-k thru 2nd $35.00
3rd thru 9th $45.00

Sign up online at www.westpointcity.org
Or at City Hall

Do you have any diabetes-related resolutions for the New Year? Come and receive support to achieve those goals by attending a 6-week workshop. Living Well with Diabetes. You will learn a variety of tools to manage your diabetes for a happier, healthier you. Workshop begins Wednesday, January 21 at 10AM at Davis Hospital Medical Plaza
(1580 W Antelope Dr Classroom #100 E, Layton). Call Jessica at 801-525-5087 to register today!

Workshop is sponsored by Davis County Health Department.

RECYCLE< RECYCLE< RECYCLE!
Paper, Bottles, Cans, Plastic… recycle them all, it’s Fantastic!
If you don’t participate in the City’s General Recycling Program, there are some great reasons to start:

*In the United States trash is produced at a rate of 1,609 lbs per person per year.
*If all of our newspapers were recycled, we could save about 250 Million trees each year.
*For every ton of paper that is recycled we save 3.3 cubic yards of a landfill.

Look how long it takes for the following items to decompose…
Aluminum Can-80 years
Glass bottle-500 years
Soda bottle-700 years
Styrofoam-Never

Recycling only costs $4.75 per month. Please call City Hall to get started!!

Business Licenses
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 Michelle at City Hall to find out what you need to do 801-776-0970.

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:
*Clearfield Library (562 S 1000 E, Clearfield) Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30-7:30PM.
*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.

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

WANTED:

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!