Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. As we start 2018, we look forward to a new year, a new start, and of course, those temporary resolutions. I just finished my 9th year of being Mayor and what an honor and privilege it has been to represent such a fine City. I get asked all the time what it is I like most about being Mayor; after all this time, I can honestly say it is the interaction with the people that I love the most. Meeting and getting to know people I probably would never have been able to know otherwise has truly been a blessing in my life. As I look on to four more years, I will continue to do the best job I can representing all of you and making sure I do my part to shape West Point into a place we will never want to leave.

As I type this newsletter, they have just opened the new Highway 193 extension from 2000 West to 3000 West. This will no doubt change traffic patterns as we navigate our way through the City, and I ask one favor of all of you: please be mindful and respectful of the speed limit along 3000 West. This new connection will impact those residents more than we can imagine so please drive with a little more conscious effort to obey the posted speed limits.

2018 will bring on more projects in and around our City. For one, we will see the continuation and completion of the 2000 West widening from Antelope to 470 North. We will also start our Cemetery Expansion Project this year, which will allow for more capacity in our beautiful cemetery for years to come. We will also be developing the park area just north of West Point Elementary, which will include a new splash pad and restroom. I am excited about this new splash pad; it will be a great addition to Loy Blake Park and will be a perfect place to bring your children and grandchildren on those long, hot summer days. We are hoping to have it up and running the first part of June.

For those of you involved with scouting, we now have a list of Eagle Scout projects on our website at: http://www.westpointcity.org/community-affairs-events.htm. If you have any questions on these projects, please call City Hall.

There is also a West Point City History book in the works. A preliminary copy has been completed but we would love to have more information and photographs if you have any. This is a great and worthwhile project so please, help out if you can. Come in or call City Hall for more information and to see the current copy.

I saved the most uncomfortable item for last. During the winter, we all deal with one problem: snow removal. Every year, the City spends thousands of dollars repairing our plow trucks because of even one violation to our City Code. Those violations include shoveling, pushing, or blowing the snow out into the road. I know some of you reading this are saying to yourself, “Come on, Mayor, there is no way that is causing that big of a problem with our plow trucks.” But, it’s true. Not only does it make a mess of our newly plowed roads and cause slick spots that can be hazardous to drive on, but it can also freeze-up and cause icy speed humps. In most storms, the trucks have to drive fast and consistently to move the heavy snow and you can imagine what happens when they suddenly hit a raised mass of ice or hard snow. Our trucks can be damaged, but more seriously, our drivers injured by the sudden stop. As you clear the snow, please ensure that your snow stays on your property. Your cooperation in helping the City handle another winter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or if your neighbors need a reminder, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Dopp at 801-776-0970.

“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.”

I hope that 2018 treats all of you well.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne
The West Point Youth Council had a very informative meeting on November 15th wherein Council Member Kent Henderson described the election process for our City, and after his presentation, the members held a debate about whether the effects of video games are good or bad. The YC finished up the meeting by writing uplifting letters to Jackson, a 7-year-old boy with Treacher Collins Syndrome who gets bullied on a daily basis.

All the YC members loved participating in the City Hall Lighting Ceremony on December 4th. They sang carols, played background music, held places in line for parents, served hot chocolate, and colored with children.

The Christmas spirit flowed in abundance that night!

Upcoming Events: There will be a WPYC meeting on January 17th.
GARBAGE INFORMATION
As a reminder garbage services for 2018 will be one day late on the following holiday weeks:
The 2018 Recycle calendar is also available on the City Website.

NOTICE FROM ECONO WASTE TO RESIDENTS:
As the weather starts to get colder, our drivers have noticed that several residents have been putting ashes from fireplaces into their trash cans. Ashes should NEVER be placed in any waste or recycling container. Even if it seems like the ashes have burned out, they can possibly (and often do) re-light as a container is dumped and exposed to the wind and air. This could potentially cause serious damage to our equipment and can put our drivers in danger.

We would also like to remind you not to overload containers. If the lid on the container is open more than 2 inches, it is considered overloaded. Dumping overloaded containers causes messes that the drivers do not have time to clean up. If your waste does not fit into your container, please call City Hall to order another can.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

WINTER CODE ENFORCEMENT
IN WEST POINT CITY
Each winter season, our Public Works employees put forth a huge effort to keep our streets plowed and safe for winter driving. We have asked you to help make this effort more efficient by refraining from parking on City streets and by keeping your trees trimmed so that plows can pass without causing damage to equipment or to your trees.

Beginning in early November, I have issued hundreds of courtesy notices and have been able to visit with many of you and have received excellent cooperation in removing vehicles and trimming trees to come into compliance with our Code. Many of you have also informed the City via our website of individuals who continue to park on the street.

Thank you for your help in accomplishing this vital task.

West Point City is and will continue to be a great place to live because families not only care about their own homes and yards, but they also take pride in their neighborhoods. Thank you for helping to keep it that way!

Should you have any questions, please contact Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer, at 801-776-0970.

You may also use the City Website at www.westpointcity.org to submit a complaint.

FINGER PRINTING INFO:
Clinton Police Department will do finger printing on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is $15, payable by cash or check. Please call before you go just to verify someone is there: 801-614-0800

Syracuse Police Department will do finger printing on Mondays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Cost is $15 per copy

“Why I Love West Point City” Essay Contest
This contest is sponsored by the West Point City Youth Council to encourage all West Point Residents to recognize how fortunate we are to live in our town and to express their appreciation for and pride in West Point City!

The contest guidelines and applications are posted on the City website and available at City Hall. Essays are due to City Hall by February 20th by 5:30 p.m.

Winners will be notified by phone and announced at the City Council Meeting on March 6th at 7:00pm

Do you have a Secondary Water Meter at Your House?
Get “COOL” this summer by drinking a Jamba Juice courtesy of The Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company! The Canal Company will be drawing 20 names of those who provide them an email address and have secondary water meters. Each name drawn (one per household) will receive a $10 gift card to Jamba Juice! Please email meters@davisweber.org with your name and address to enter the drawing. See details on the Canal Company’s website at www.davisweber.org

Prescription Drop Off
Syracuse Police Department has a drop off box for prescription medicines that people are wanting to dispose of safely. The drop box is in the lobby of their Police Department and is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

No paperwork or fee is required to dispose of medications.

Christmas Tree Disposal
Christmas trees will be accepted at the Green Waste Recycling Facility at NO CHARGE beginning December 26th through January 31st. Live, cut trees only. Trees with lights or decorations and artificial trees will be accepted as municipal solid waste at regular landfill disposal rates. Customers from within and outside of the District may take advantage of the free Christmas tree disposal.

The Green Waste Recycling Facility is located at 1997 East 3500 N, Layton
https://www.wasatchintegrated.org/
The nature of the beast is that in order to have this message ready for publication each month, it must be written in the middle of the previous month. I should be talking about how great Christmas was or how I am going to patiently lay and wait for next year to get even with the jolly old elf for what I am sure he is not going to leave me this year, but instead, Christmas is still over a week away and I am still operating with the hope that Santa ran out of coal at your house and that I just might actually get what I asked for this year. Cross your fingers for me.

Back to the Memorial: we need the names of anyone who should be listed on the Memorial but are not yet. We will be turning in the updated listing to the engraver with the names that need to be added to the Military walls during the first quarter of 2018. The engraver will then schedule a time to complete adding the new names as soon as the weather and the condition of the ground around the Memorial allows. Remember - the only rule to submit a name is that the individual is or was ever a resident of West Point. We would love to recognize all that qualify so we hope to hear from you soon.

So, anti-retrospectively* speaking, it was a great Christmas and a terrific year. As always, we thank you for your support because we could not have done it without you.

*speaking of something in the future as though it were in the past.
(Yes, it is a word I just invented.)

- Marv Drake, Co-Chair

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**RECREATION**

Most recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or stop by City Hall to fill out a registration form. Some activities require in-person registration at City Hall. Contact Kelly Ross for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups @ 801-529-3352

**JR. JAZZ**
This year’s JR JAZZ game will be held on March 17th at 7 pm against the Sacramento Kings.
Each JR JAZZ participant will receive 2 tickets.
Contact Kelly with questions

**SPRING SOCCER**
Registration for Spring Soccer will begin January 29th and run till March 5th.
Registration is for Pre-K thru 6th grade, boys and girls.
Registration cost is $40.00