West Point Officials
Erik Craythorne, Mayor
Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jerry Chatterton, Councilman
Andy Dawson, Councilman
Kent Henderson, Councilman
Roger Woodward, Councilman
Gary Hill, City Manager

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
City Council meetings:
1st & 3rd Tuesday
7:00 pm at City Hall
Planning Commission meetings:
2nd & 4th Thursday
7:00 pm at City Hall
Meetings subject to cancellation
City Hall will be closed July 4th and 25th
Senior Lunch
July 18th—11:30 am
Fall Soccer and Football registration going on now

WEST POINT CITY
July 2011

Mayor’s Message

Every month when I sit down to write my newsletter, I try hard to make it something worth reading and informative. One of my biggest newsletter fans (probably my only fan, my sister Melanie) informed me that she had heard enough about “Green Waste Recycling” and that it is very boring reading material. So this month I will attempt to regain the interest of at least one resident and talk about something besides recycling.

During the summer months there is a lot going on in the city. This is the time of year when we adopt a budget for the next fiscal year, which runs from July 1st to June 30th. I am very happy to report that West Point City is on solid financial ground. We still operate on a very frugal budget, but we are optimistic about the future and remain hopeful the economy will continue to improve.

New construction in the city is still very slow compared to our growth the past 10 plus years. Since July 1, 2010 there were 22 building permits issued for new homes and only 8 since January 1st. Due to this slow growth, you will not see a lot of big construction projects in the city in the near future, because the impact fees paid by new residents fund many of those types of projects. The sales tax revenue increased slightly, allowing us to once again, sponsor the fireworks for our 2012 July 4th celebration. A great big thanks to the great residents and businesses that stepped up and donated money for our fireworks display this year, allowing us to reach our goal and provide a great finale to our Independence Day celebration. This once again demonstrates the kind of community we are fortunate enough to live in. I am continually overwhelmed and amazed by the generosity of our residents. Just a few weeks ago, one of our residents, Trent Whiting, held his second annual basketball camp, and then generously donated all the proceeds to our recreation program. I would like to thank Trent and all those that helped in putting that basketball camp together and for that great donation.

Over the past two and half years, since I have been Mayor, the most common question remains: when is West Point going to get more businesses. We remain poised and ready for the day when we will have a larger commercial tax base. For now, all we can do is plan, map out the areas that are appropriate for commercial development and ensure those areas remain preserved for appropriate businesses. Business is driven by the economy and population... due to slow growth in both of those areas, combined with the boom of newer businesses in our neighboring cities; these factors continue to contribute to the lack of current commercial opportunities for West Point.

With the 4th of July celebration just behind us, I would like to thank everyone who helped make it a great time for all. I look forward to this event every year, as it displays the great values and people who live in our community. Our public works department is the best and they are a huge part of the celebration each year. A big THANKS to them!

It is an honor to serve; I hope that if you ever have any questions or concerns that you won’t hesitate to call me.

West Point 2011 Elections
If you would like to run for the City Council the filing time frame is July 1 to July 15, 2011. There is a filing fee of $25.00. Please come to City Hall for more information or email the City Recorder, Amy Jensen, at ajensen@westpointcity.org.

West Point City has switched to Xpress Bill Pay for electronic and online payment processing as of June 15, 2011!
We have made this switch because it provides these new and exciting features:
*Online bill preview for paperless billing  *Billing History Preview
*Enhanced Email Notifications  *Electronic check processing
*Auto Pay (you can now choose electronic funds transfer (EFT), credit or debit card)
Because of this change, ALL current online bill payment accounts through Intellipay are cancelled as of June 15, 2011.
If you want to continue your online payments (recurring or one-time), you MUST re-enroll by establishing an account through Xpress Bill Pay. To set up your new account and continue using the online payment option, please visit our City Website (www.westpointcity.org) and click the “Online Bill Pay” link. Then follow the steps to set up your account.
If your online payment is recurring, you must establish your new account right away to ensure there is no disruption to your automatic payment. Please note that you can enroll at anytime, but if you had a recurring payment set up for any date after June 15, 2011, you may have a payment due that is not paid automatically.
Youth Council Corner

This month’s theme is “KINDNESS”

“One kind word can warm three winter months”
- Japanese Proverb

Last month the youth council held a 5K for 5 cans of food.
The food that was collected was donated to the Family Connection Center.

Special Note on Utility Bills –

Beginning with your August bill (July usage), the city will be charging a $15 late fee for all late utility payments. There will be a grace period from the due date listed on the bill and the late fee will be charged on the 1st day of the next month. For example, your August bill will be due on 8/24/11 and will be considered late on 9/1/11. So remember to pay your bill no later than the last day of each month. Please contact City Hall with any questions.

Plan now to attend the Davis County Fair!

VIVA LAS DAVIS! Come celebrate Davis County at the 2011 Davis County Fair, August 17-20, 2011. We will be celebrating all of the great things about Davis County: GREAT food, GREAT fun, & GREAT people! Get tickets for the Yes Utah Demolition Derby (get ‘em fast—they always sell out!) and the PRCA Rodeo at www.davisfair.com! Don’t forget to see what Rattlesnake Dave is up to at the West Texas Rattlesnake Show, and bring your canine friends for some fun with American Diving Dogs, presented by Animal Care Center. There is so much to see at the fair, you won’t want to miss it! Get exclusive deals and updates by texting “DAVIS” to 88202!

Congratulations to our 2011 Miss West Point Royalty!

‘Miss West Point Peyton Soehl
1st Attendant Bailey Jernigan
2nd Attendant All Rae

Jr. Miss West Point Jaclynn Delsmore
1st Attendant Jaynee Seequist
2nd Attendant Miranda Christensen

Senior Lunch
Monday July 18th
@11:30am

Come and enjoy Hawaiian Haystacks, Sunday Bar and a Brain power presentation.

You can also have your blood pressure checked if you arrive 30 minutes early.

Be sure to call to reserve your spot no later than Friday July 15th.
801-776-0970

Davis County Walks 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Race

When: Saturday, Aug. 20
Run/Walk starts at 7:30am
Kids Fun Run starts at 8:30am

Where: Legacy Events Center, Farmington

Cost: Free for those 80 years of age and older; $20 for pre-registered individuals 59 years and under; Free Kids Race (12 and under—pre-registration required)

Pre-Registration deadline:
Friday, Aug. 12

How to register: Pick up a form at Davis County Health Department or register online at www.daviscountyutah.gov/dcow

Questions? call 801-525-5050

News Worth Review

Fall Soccer Registration has begun. It runs through July 29th at City Hall. Children from pre-k to 6th grade can play. Cost is $40.00. All games are co-ed and will be played at Bingham Park.

WFFL Football Registration is now open until July 22. Come to City Hall to register players from 7 to 15 years old. If the child has not played before, please bring a copy of their birth certificate. The registration is $105.00 and a $50.00 separate uniform fee is required. A current physical is also needed.