MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Each month I have the opportunity to come up with a topic for my Mayor’s message. Depending on the time of the year, topics are more easy to find some months than others. Luckily, this is the time of year to celebrate our freedoms and those who sacrificed so much so that we can live where we live and enjoy the things most of us take for granted.

This past month I had the opportunity to attend an event where West Point City was honored as Utah’s first Purple Heart City. Davis County was also recognized as the first Purple Heart County in the State of Utah. Accepting the recognition for the State of Utah was our very own Senator Jerry Stevenson. Senator Stevenson was clearly moved by the ceremony. He made a comment to me that he had not expected to get the dose of patriotism that he had felt that day. I am glad he said that because I was thinking the very same thing. There were not a lot who attended but those who were there walked away feeling proud to be an American and proud to be a resident of West Point.

I am sure most of you are aware that our Military Memorial is coming right along and looking great. Located in the heart of our City at Loy Blake Park, this is going to be a first class memorial that will remind us all of the sacrifices made from those in our own community. The members of our Military Memorial Committee are some of the finest and the most dedicated individuals I have ever had the opportunity to meet. If you get a chance please stop by and look at the Memorial and know that they are still accepting donations to finish the project. I am also very excited to tell all of you that the new Smith’s Marketplace gave the Committee a very generous donation of $10,000.

We are very lucky to live where we live and be among people who honor those very freedoms we celebrate every Independence Day. I would like to thank all of those who make our Party at the Point successful year after year. We have a great City Staff and wonderful volunteers that serve all of us so that we can have a great Independence Day Celebration.

As I write this newsletter I am flying to South Korea and then Jil and I are on to the Philippines. As I have traveled out of the country before, and I suspect this time will be no different, when I have returned home and go through customs in the United States and step back on to American soil, I will quickly realize there is no other place like this on earth. So during the month of July let us all remember and let us all celebrate all who have come before so that we can have what we have today.

I am proud to serve as your Mayor and if any of you have any questions, comments or concerns please call me. Remember to follow West Point City on Facebook and Twitter.

Have a fun and safe summer with friends, family and the ones you love.

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor

SEWER RATE INCREASE

As part of a four-year rate increase schedule adopted December 12, 2013 by the North Davis Sewer District, rates will be increasing effective July 1, 2016. The current rate is $22.20, and the new rate as of July 1st, will be 25.20. If you have any questions, please call the NDSD directly at 801-825-0712, or visit their website at www.ndsd.org
The West Point Youth Council was busy last month helping in the community garden helping weed and plant new vegetables. They were also busy helping with the Independence Day Festivities, and they were super excited to help out with the day of fun.

“Don’t wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect.” - Zoey Sayward

Applications for the 2016-2017 Youth Council will be available after August 1st. If you are interested in serving on next years Youth Council be sure to stop by City Hall to pick one up or you can access the form on the City website under the Community Affairs page.

Senior Lunch
Each month West Point City holds a lunch for Seniors 55 and older. The cost is $2.00 per person and both residents and non-residents are welcome! This month’s lunch will be held Monday, July 18th.

This month’s menu is: Sloppy Joe’s, salad, fruit and a brownie sundae. YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT please call by July 15th 801-776-0970.

CITY CALENDAR

July 2016

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Be sure to view the City website for up-to-date information and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS**

- **Davis County 4th Annual Flag Retirement and Military Tribute**
  Conducted by American Legion Post 27 Farmington
  August 18, 8:30pm, Outdoor Arena, Davis County Fairgrounds

  *U.S. Flag Code: Worn and torn American flags should be properly disposed of by fire.
  *Those who have flags unfit to display may drop them off at their local Fire Department.
  *In a solemn and spectacular ceremony, hundreds of flags no longer worthy to be flown will be retired.

- **Children Gardening**
  Sponsored by NW Rotary
  Come and join our free classes for your little gardeners! Community Garden is located
  470 N 2150 W.
  West Point
  *July 12th-Garden Crafts
  *August 9th-Insects: The Good the Bad and the Ugly
  *September 13th-Pollinators
  *October 11th-Kiddie Korn Maze
  All classes held from 4:00-5:00pm
  Parental Involvement

- **Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Miss West Point Royalty!**
  Miss West Point—Clarissa Taylor
  1st Attendant—Amanda Horning
  2nd Attendant—Carisa Barker
  Jr Miss West Point—Annie Lyons
  1st Attendant—Kaylyn Payne
  2nd Attendant—Mary Thompson

- **Demolition Continues on 2000 West**
  Crews continue to clear and remove homes on 2000 West acquired by UDOT for the widening of the roadway. The Project Team reminds citizens no public entry is permitted on these properties. Habitat for Humanity is authorized to enter the property for removal of items. Questions? Call 801-712-3030.

- **CROSS CONNECTION CORNER**
  Just as the picture lot ways to enjoy summer feels like the watering along. We hope and your flowers
  Cross Connection
  implies, there are a the summer. The it is in full swing, and season is moving your grass is green are colorful. In this
  Corner we wanted to reiterate the importance of keeping the Secondary and Culinary water separate. Remember to disconnect the hose or put a hose bib vacuum breaker on at the connection. This helps prevent, in the event of a water line breaking and back siphoning the water out of the inflatable pool, contaminating the water system. There are other simple things to do to prevent backflow. We are always here to help so please call West Point City Public Works Department with questions.

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER**
  **WEEDS=FIRE HAZARD**
  Weeds are not only unattractive but they can pose a definite fire hazard as well. Weeds growing in front and side yards are commonly reported to the City and are dealt with under our Code Enforcement procedures. Some weeds, especially those growing in the back yard are not quite as visible and are ignored by some residents. These back yard weeds not only encourage rodents and insect populations, but also are a fire hazard danger to the resident and the surrounding neighbors. This is especially true during the firework season.

  During normal patrols around the City many of these weeds are unnoticed by Code Enforcement. Please help us keep West Point a beautiful and safe place to live by taking responsibility for all of the weeds in your yard, including the back yard.

  Please call Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801 776-0970 or use the City Web site at www.westpointcity.org with any questions.
**West Point Military Memorial**

The Military Memorial Committee would like to express their appreciation for all the support we have recently received. As we mentioned last month, we still have financial needs and would willingly accept any additional contributions which might come our way (you can still donate with your utility payments).

The engraver has set a deadline to submit names for the up-right marble slabs. That deadline is July 15, 2016, so that he will have adequate time to prepare his templates and complete the engravings. Please submit all names by July 15th.

If you are thinking of contributing and have your block in the wall, please do it NOW! The deadline for contributions is also July 15, 2016, plus-or-minus what is needed to obligate for all the total number of blocks in the wall.

A reminder of requirements in order to be included on the slabs is as follows:
1. Must have lived in West Point at some time in their life:
2. Must have served on active duty in one or more of the services;
3. Over-seas duty is not required;
4. Individuals who served in two or more services may have their names listed for both;
5. Names of deceased persons may be submitted by blood relatives.

Please make sure the information is accurate. Errors cannot be corrected once the names are engraved. Don’t let you or a loved one be left off the memorial listing if you or they should be included. If you have questions, need donation information, or to submit names please contact any of the following members:

Howard Stoddard, Chair 801-825-7221/801-695-2637
Marv Drake, Co-Chair 801-825-5321
Cindy Bringhurst 801-825-9886
Patricia Galloway 801-725-1247
Karen Stratton 801-773-2776
Royce Ross 801-825-1426

**RECREATION**

*Recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or stop by City Hall to fill out a registration form. Contact Kelly Ross @ 801-776-0970 for more information on recreation activities and sign ups.*

**Football**
Registration begins June 20th and run until July 18th. The cost is $130.00
Conditioning will begin the week of August 1st

**Fall Soccer**
Registration will begin June 20th and run until July 26th. Grades Pre-K thru 6th.
Cost is 40.00

**Volleyball**
Registration will begin August 22nd and run until September 19th. Grades 3rd-9th.
Cost is $40.00