

# WEST POINT CITY

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

## 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 Council Meetings:  
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
 6:00PM Administrative Session  
 7:00PM General Session*

*Planning Commission Meetings:  
 2nd & 4th Thursdays  
 6:00PM Administrative Session  
 7:00PM General Session*

*Meetings subject to cancellation*

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Pioneer Day in Utah

Pioneer Day is a State holiday here in Utah, and for those of you that may be new to the area, it is celebrated each year on July 24<sup>th</sup>. This holiday is to commemorate the entry of Brigham Young and the first group of Mormon pioneers into Utah's Salt Lake Valley in 1847 and celebrates the bravery of the original settlers and their strength of character and physical endurance. Pioneer Day activities include fireworks, parades, picnics, rodeos, and other festivities throughout the State. Many participants in various parades keep with the spirit of the day and wear clothing we would have seen in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when Salt Lake City was founded. Pioneer Day is also celebrated in parts of Idaho, where it is commonly known as "Celebration Day."

### Early History of West Point and Unincorporated Davis County

My great-great-grandpa James Hale, by many accounts, was one of the first people to settle in the northwest corner of Davis County. In 1863, sixteen years after Brigham Young entered the Salt Lake Valley, James Hale moved his family from South Weber to Hales Bend. Where exactly is Hales Bend? If you are driving west on 1800 North and then just continued to head west at "pig corner", you would hit Hales Bend out through the fields and near

the lake. As they were the first family to move into that part of the country, life was hard as they started out. There was little to build a home with, so James set out making dug-outs in which to house his family; according to the early residents of Hooper and historians, these dug-outs were close together, dug out in a small hill on the very edge of the Great Salt Lake. James was a motivated man of great initiative and he began piling and boiling salt for commercial purposes. He had two large copper kettles under which he built frames so that they would be held up off the ground in order to build a fire underneath. In those kettles he boiled the salt water from the lake to make their salt, and he and his family would walk from Hales Bend to Ogden to peddle their salt product.

Another one of my ancestors, James Henry King, moved to West Point in 1887 from Kaysville. His son described what his father had told him about this area: "This whole country was prairie from Kaysville north to the Weber river. There were no roads, fences or houses this side of Layton except the old "herd house" that stood down by the lake in Hooper. Residents used to brand their cattle and turn them loose to roam this whole country."

As far as I know, the first home in West Point was built sometime in the late 1880's, and I am sure many others have some great stories about their ancestors moving into and living in this great area. We have a rich history, and many people sacrificed a lot to settle here. Much of the early history in this area has been lost but

there are still some great journals and pictures that allow us to see a glimpse of what life was like here in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. If any of you have any information or old pictures you would like to share, I would love to see and hear the stories. A member of our City Staff has compiled an amazing history of West Point, and I invite you all to come and check it out; if you have anything to add, we would love to include it so that we all can enjoy the history.

I hope you all are having a safe and enjoyable summer. Remember our Movie in the Park event held once a month this summer; the dates are July 13<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup> and are held at the Loy Blake Park. The movies will begin around dusk, with food trucks arriving around 7 PM. We will be playing "Wonder" at the July 13<sup>th</sup> event and will announce the other movies as they are decided. June's Movie in the Park was a great success and we hope all who came enjoyed spending time with their families and getting better acquainted with your community.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can also come and attend our City Council Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to stay involved and informed on what is going on in our City.

-Mayor Erik Craythorne

# COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS

If you would like more information about the activities listed on this page please contact  
 Jolene Kap @ 801-614-5347 or email [jkap@westpointcity.org](mailto:jkap@westpointcity.org)



## YOUTH COUNCIL



The West Point Youth Council had some summer fun at their Retreat on May 19<sup>th</sup>! Members played volleyball, bean bag toss, and kickball. They had a nice barbeque with hot dogs, chips, and all the other barbeque "musts." After an intense and thrilling game of kickball, Members hung out around the fire and ate yummy s'mores together. West Point Youth Council is definitely a place for friendships and fun!

### Upcoming Events and Announcements:

#### July 4<sup>th</sup>: Party at the Point!

Come help make this day awesome for our little community members. They will remember how much fun big kids like you made this holiday!

## July 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4 Independence Day City Hall Closed	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Planning Commission	13 Movie in the Park	14
15	16 Senior Lunch	17 City Council	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Pioneer Day City Hall Closed	25	26 Planning Commission	27	28
29	30	31				

## 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 on:*

*Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am.*

*The menu for this month is:*

*BBQ Pork sandwiches, salad, watermelon, and chocolate cake.*

**YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT**

*Please call City Hall by July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 801-776-0970*

*To view the 2018 Senior Lunch Calendar, visit the City Website under the Community Affairs Page.*



### Are You Registered to Vote?

**General Election: November 6**

Visit [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov)

To register and for complete candidate and voting information!

**The following positions will be voted upon in 2018:**

**United States:** Senate and House

**Utah State:** Senate, House, Board of Education, District Court Judge, & Juvenile Court Judge

**Davis County:** Clerk/Auditor, Attorney, Commissioner, & Sheriff





### Summerfest International Art and Folk Festival

Our international performers need places to stay during Summerfest! If you think you might like to host international visitors in your home from Sunday, August 05, 2018 to Sunday, August 12, 2018 contact James: 801-295-3618 or [james@bdac.org](mailto:james@bdac.org). [www.bdac.org/summerfest](http://www.bdac.org/summerfest)



### Code Enforcement Reminders

Below are some reminders of some ordinance violations which are commonly being observed and reported during the summer months:

1. **Illegal parking.** West Point City allows vehicles to be parked on City streets for no longer than 48 hours. Please insure that your RV's are removed from the street promptly. Large RV trailers, motor homes and large boats create a very dangerous situation for children who cannot be seen from on-coming traffic.
2. **Weeds.** Backyard weeds will become a fire hazard if left unattended and uncut. We expect a very dry summer and this situation, when coupled with the fireworks season, could become a disaster.
3. **Tree trimming.** Most trees receive the majority of their growth during the early spring months. Have you looked at the trees growing in your parking strips lately? Do they now overhang the curb or sidewalk making it difficult for garbage trucks, mail delivery vehicles, etc. to approach your curb? Can you or your neighbor walk on your sidewalk without having to duck to avoid low hanging branches? Please make sure that trees are trimmed 7 feet above the sidewalk and 13 1/2 feet above the curb.

Please help us keep West Point a beautiful and safe place to live by doing your part to keep within the Code requirements of the City.

Please call Bruce Dopp, Code Enforcement Officer, at 801-776-0970 or visit our website at <http://www.westpointcity.org/code-enforcement.htm>

### WEST POINT COMMUNITY GARDEN 470 N 2150 W

The Community Garden is a great place for service! The garden was designed to bless those who stand in need. More than 5000 lbs of food has been donated to food shelters or families in our community. Please add this opportunity to your summer volunteer list! Weeding is always needed!! Contact Pat Westaway with questions 801-698-7035



WHERE: LOY BLAKE PARK  
WHEN: JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
WHO: YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR FRIENDS!  
WHY: TO EAT GOOD FOOD, WATCH A GREAT MOVIE, & HAVE FUN.  
FOOD TRUCKS WILL BEGIN TO ARRIVE AROUND 7PM AND MOVIES WILL START AT DUSK.  
THIS MONTH'S MOVIE WILL BE "WONDER"

## FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

**LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS**

- The best way to protect your family is to not use any fireworks at home. Instead, attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.
- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.

**BE EXTRA CAREFUL WITH SPARKLERS**

- Little arms are too short to hold sparklers, which can heat up to 1,200 degrees. How about this? Let your young children use glow sticks instead. They can be just as fun but they don't burn at a temperature hot enough to melt glass.
- Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times.

**TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS**

- Do NOT wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Point fireworks away from home and keep away from brush, leaves and flammable substances.

**BE PREPARED FOR AN ACCIDENT OR INJURY**

- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage.

## SUMMER SAFETY

**WEAR A HELMET!**  
every bike ride, every time

**USE SUNSCREEN!**  
at least SPF15, 30 min. before going out

**WEAR EYE PROTECTION!**  
when helping with yardwork or mowing

**LIFE JACKETS ON BOATS\***  
\*even for really strong swimmers!

**HIKE, BIKE, SWIM, EXPLORE**  
ALWAYS with a friend, NEVER alone

**BEAT THE HEAT!**  
bring and drink water, wear hats, seek shade, and check for ticks if in the woods

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION & PROGRAMS

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

## WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

### West Point Military

#### Memorial Committee

Howard, Chair

801-825-7221

Marv, Co-Chair

801-825-5321

Patricia 801-725-1247

Cherie 801-927-8837

Royce 801-825-1426

There are many misconceptions concerning the events surrounding the birth of this Nation, regarding the timeline of events. For instance, I asked several people for their opinion as to whether Washington was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. What do *you* think?

The Continental Congress, formed in 1774, anticipated the need for a standing army. That same year, George Washington, a large land-owner and successful farmer from Virginia, as well as the hero of the 1754 French-Indian War, was commissioned by the Congress to be the Commander in Chief of the fledgling army. So did he sign the Declaration? The answer is no, because he was a paid public servant he would not have been eligible to represent his State in the Continental Congress.

Another question: When did Congress adopt the first official flag? From the time of the "shot heard round the world" (1774), through January 1776, there were at least eight different flags in use throughout the colonies, the last being the Grand Union Flag with the British Union Jack flag as the field in the top left corner. As the Commander, in May of 1776 George Washington commissioned Betsy Ross to design and sew a flag for use by the Army. From May 1776 until June 14, 1777, three more flags surfaced, until on that date Congress adopted the flag designed by Betsy Ross as the Official Flag in the following Official Declaration: *Resolved that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation.* A new star was to be added with the entry of each additional state, with the most recent star being added in 1959 with Hawaii's entry into the Union. If ever an additional state be added, the fifty-one-star flag has already been designed. - March Drake, Committee Co-Chair



## 2018 Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant & Miss Jr. West Point



- ◆ Miss West Point - Kaylyn Payne ◆
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant - Carissa Barker
  - ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant - Malisa Call
- ◆ Miss Spirit - Mary Thompson
- ◆ Miss Jr West Point - Mia Stander ◆
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant - Ellie Wolford
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant - Gabbie Fessler



# RECREATION

Most recreation sign-ups can be done online at [www.westpointcity.org](http://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 @ 801-529-3352 or Shaun McBride @ 801-643-6263 for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups

### FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION DATES: JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

AGES: 7-15 (AS OF AUG. 31<sup>ST</sup>)

COST: \$130.00.

### FALL SOCCER

REGISTRATION DATES: JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

GRADES: PRE-K - 6<sup>TH</sup>

COST: \$40.00

PRACTICES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>

### VOLLEYBALL

REGISTRATION DATES: SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>

GRADES: 3<sup>RD</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup>

COST: \$40.00

### JR. JAZZ

REGISTRATION DATES: OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

GRADES: 1<sup>ST</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

COST: \$50.00 - 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU 6<sup>TH</sup>

\$60.00 - 7<sup>TH</sup> THRU 12<sup>TH</sup>

