Mayor’s Message

The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence. Did you know that when the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April of 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain? Those who did support full independence were considered radicals. It wasn’t until the following year when Thomas Paine published the best-selling pamphlet “Common Sense” that the colonists’ opinions on full independence started to change. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Our annual Party at the Point Celebration on the 4th just keeps getting better and better each year as family, friends, and community members gather together and celebrate Independence Day. If you are new to West Point or have never attended, I invite you to come and experience this one-of-a-kind hometown celebration. The only negative thing I can think of about you coming is that you’ll want to come back each year, which might interfere with some of your other 4th of July traditions. But it will be worth it!

Enclosed with this newsletter is a mailer detailing all the information, dates, and times of all the events surrounding this event; there will also be information on our website and updates on our Facebook page to help inform all of us on the day’s activities.

My favorite event that I look forward to each year begins early in the morning at 6:00 am, when most of the City is still sleeping, and we have our Flag Raising Ceremony. The Ceremony now has a new home at our Veterans Memorial just east of the tennis courts, and this setting provides the perfect place to start the day’s events and celebrations. We have a Color Guard in attendance that raises the flag, after which an invited member of our community delivers a patriotic message. There is just something special about the sun rising up over the mountains to the east and seeing old and new residents get up early to pay their respects to the symbol of our great nation. I know each of you have your favorite part of the day, but I encourage you to come attend this year’s Flag Raising Ceremony. (If you are feeling especially ambitious, you can run the 5K that starts right after.)

As you attend this year’s events, I would like you to notice all the volunteers and City Staff that it takes to pull it off. Each and every year we have great volunteers, many who work behind the scenes, to make sure all the different events run smoothly. We also have an amazing City Staff who don’t get to take the holiday off from work, but instead start way before the sun comes up and get home long after the last person leaves after the fireworks. But what truly amazes me is that each and every time you see them at the Park, they have a smile on their face as they take care of their various responsibilities.

Here’s some trivia for you: John Adams, one of our founding fathers, believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American Independence. He would even turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Obviously his protests were in vain and ironically, on July 4th 1826, the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on that historic day.

I am not sure how small town America celebrated our independence those first 50 years when the likes of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were alive, but in West Point City we do all we can to celebrate this most historic day in American history. We are proud of our big celebration that keeps its hometown feel and invite you to come join the “Party at the Point!”

- Mayor Erik Craythorne
Last month, the Youth Council held a debate/object lesson demonstrating, using a lemon, how the media that we absorb impacts our decisions. Following the debate the YC members made and hand-delivered silly, yet heartfelt, “candy grams” for the brave fire fighters in our City at the North Davis Fire District’s West Point station.

Several of our YC members also participated in the Take Pride in West Point Day. Thank you to all who helped beautify our City!

**Upcoming Events and Announcements:**

**June 20th**
Monthly WPYC Meeting held at the Community Garden

**July 4th**
We are still in need of volunteers for help on the Fourth of July!
All members please sign-up if you can!

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**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, June 18th @ 11:30 am.

The menu for this month is:
Hoagie sandwiches, chips, and lemon bars.

**YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT**
Please call City Hall by June 15th @ 801-776-0970

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

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**Marching Muskrats**

West Point City is currently seeking members for this year’s Community Marching Band! This group is one of the highlights of our Independence Day Celebration on July 4th. If you are interested please email Jolene at marchingmuskrats@westpointcity.org

Please include the instrument you play, the years played, your name, and phone number!
And be sure to share this info with all your friends and family who may be interested too!
COMMITTEE GARDEN

470 N 2150 W
West Point’s 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 need. Please add this opportunity to your summer volunteer fun list!

Weeding is always needed!!! Contact Pat Westaway with questions 801-698-7035

Are You Registered to Vote?
The 2018 Elections are coming up quick!

Primary: June 26
General: November 6

Visit 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

PARKS

If you are interested in using one of the City’s three parks you can now make bowery reservations online at www.westpointcity.org.

All parks are open from 8:00am to 10:00pm.

Dogs are permitted on a leash. Owners are responsible for animals, including cleaning up after them.

RECOMMENDED Watering Schedule
There are NO watering restrictions currently in place. However, in an effort to conserve water, please consider following the schedule provided by the DWCC:

If your house number ends in:

0, 3, 2, 3: Water on Monday and Thursday
4, 5, 6: Water on Tuesday and Friday
7, 8, 9: Water on Wednesday and Saturday

Please avoid watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

“Princess for a Day”
Attention all girls ages 4-10!
You are invited to join the fun and be a princess for a day...
Tuesday, June 5th 10:00am-12:00pm
@ the West Point Fire Station
The cost is $10.00 per girl.
Register at City Hall.
Girls will be participating in the Miss West Point Pageant on June 9th.
Questions?
Contact Erin 801-682-0133 or Rynae 801-499-9319

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 Code Enforcement procedures. But some weeds, especially those in the back yard, are not quite as visible and are ignored by some residents. These weeds not only encourage rodent and insect populations, but are a fire hazard to the resident and surrounding neighbors. This is especially true during the fireworks season.

During normal patrols around the City, many of these backyard weeds are unnoticed by Code Enforcement. Please help us to keep West Point a safe and beautiful place to live by keeping your weeds down and maintaining your yard.

Please contact Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or use the City website at www.westpointcity.org with any questions.

“Party At The Point”
Be sure to check out the enclosed flyer for this year’s Independence Day Celebration event guide. Applications can be filled out at City Hall or you can find them on the City website at www.westpointcity.org.

Vendor spots are still available if you are interested in vending at this year’s event. We also are still looking for volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jolene @ 801-776-0970 or jkap@westpointcity.org

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

www.bdac.org/summerfest

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movies in the PARK

WHERE: Loy Blake Park
WHEN: June 15th
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 ‘The Greatest Showman’
We would like to thank all those volunteers who participated in this year’s Take Pride in West Point Day. We had a great turn out despite the rainy weather! We were able to lay 10,000 square feet of sod at the West Point Cemetery at the new cemetery expansion area. It is so great to live in a community whose citizens take pride in the city in which they live!

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 @ 801-529-3352 or Shaun McBride @ 801-643-6263 for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups.

**Basketball Camp**
Registration Dates May 7th – June 4th
Ages: 1st – 5th Grade
Cost: $20.00
Dates: Girls June 12th – 14th, Boys June 19th – 21st

**Swimming Lessons**
Registration Dates: May 7th – June 4th
Ages: 8-16
Cost: $34.00
Dates: Every Friday from June 8th – July 27th
From 11:00-11:50AM @ Clearfield Aquatic Center

**JR Golf**
June Session
Registration Dates: May 1st – May 31st
Ages: 7-17
Cost: $30.00
Dates: June 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

**Golf**
July Session
Registration Dates: June 1st – June 28th
Ages: 7-17
Cost: $40.00
Dates: July 11th, 18th, 25th, and August 1st
*Pre-requisites to this session include the June session, previous Jr Golf Lessons, or basic knowledge of swings and golf. Both sessions held at Schneiter’s Bluff

**Football**
Registration Dates: June 18th – July 16th
Ages: 7-17
Cost: $130.00

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