If you are like me I am ready for the inversion and winter to go away and I am looking forward to warmer weather. We have had a good winter as far as precipitation goes and hopefully the snowpack in the mountains will be able to help fill up our reservoirs as they desperately need it. I googled Utah snowpack 2016 and it took me to a page on KSL’s website that shows we have 103% of the normal snowpack in our mountains which is great news. I know our public works department went through a lot of salt and they worked some long nights this winter keeping our roads clear. For a city our size and for the amount of roads we maintain, utilities they monitor and parks they keep up with we truly get a lot out of our great public works department and I appreciate all that they do for us.

In January every year the city department heads, the city council and myself meet together and discuss upcoming projects, go over any changes that need to be made and start the budget process. These meetings are so valuable when it comes to the direction our city is heading and the areas of focus that we need to define. Our number one goal in all that we do is to make sure we provide a high level of service to all our residents and in doing that make sure we are spending the money we receive in a responsible manner. We have roads to improve, underground utilities to replace, recreational programs to manage and parks to update and design. Here is a list of upcoming projects this year as well as an update for you on a question I get all the time. When is Smith’s Marketplace going to open?

-3000 W. Project: As many of you know this project was supposed to be completed last year but we had some delays with utility relocations that were out of our control. I anticipate that construction will resume the end of April or first part of May. Along with finishing some of the landscaping along the completed stretch of road, the contractors will start at 800 N. and reconstruct the road to 1300 N. There will also be a new roundabout built at the corner of 3000 West and 1300 N. I appreciate your patience during this project and we are looking forward to getting this completed.

-How many of you travel 1300 N. on a regular basis? Well good news! We will be repaving 1300 N. from 3000 W. to 4000 W. this year. I know most of you use that section of road to isolate the rattles in your vehicles but after we get finished we will have a nice new road. I am not sure the timing on when that will start but I am thinking by mid-summer this project will be underway.

-Loy Blake Park: We have been working with Davis County School District to use the property where the nature park used to be to put more parking for both the school and park. Along with more parking we will be connecting the section of 520 N. from the subdivision to the east to the stub road to the west.

-Last but not least, Smith’s Marketplace. We met with Smith’s a couple of weeks ago and they are looking at doing their Grand Opening either May 25th or June 8th. This store is coming along nicely and is going to be a great addition to the city. We will be putting more information on our social media pages and the newsletter as we get closer as to when it is going to open.

These are just some of the major projects and there will be a lot of smaller projects mixed in. I am grateful for a knowledgeable and professional staff who does a great job managing the day to day affairs of the city. If any of you have any questions comments or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime. You are also more than welcome to attend our city council meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We always set time aside for public comment and it is a great way for you to communicate any concerns you might have with the City Council.

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor
YOUTH COUNCIL

In January, the Youth Council Officers were able to participate in Legislature Day at the Capitol Building in Salt Lake. At the event, the officers were part of a debate about police body cameras and the new bill that is trying to be passed. Along with this, they traveled throughout the capitol learning all about how Utah’s government works and what we can all do to contribute. Afterward, they listened to an inspirational talk given by a Paralympic Gold Medalist, and also an educational talk about Blue Zones across the world. The experience was very entertaining and motivational to all those who attended.

“The tragedy of life doesn’t lie in NOT reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having NO GOALS to reach.”
–Benjamin Mayes

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

Senior Lunch

Each month West Point City holds a lunch for Seniors 55 and older. The cost is $2.00 per person and both resident and non-resident are welcome! This month lunch will be held Monday, March 21st.

This month’s menu is: Beef Stroganoff, salad, dinner roll and sherbet.
You must RSVP to reserve a spot, please call by March 18th 801-776-0970.

CITY CALENDAR

March 2016

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7 Baseball Registration Begins
8 City Council 7:00PM
10 Planning Commission 7:00PM
14 Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
21 Senior Lunch 11:30AM
24 Planning Commission 7:00PM
26 Easter Egg Hunt 10am @ Loy Blake Park
COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

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

USU Extension Pruning Demo

The USU extension will be holing a Pruning Demo
Saturday, March 19th
From 9am-11am.
112 S 3000 W West Point.
Horticulturist for the USU Extension will be teaching how to prune trees, grapes and raspberries.
Questions: Contact Boyd Hansen @ 801-825-9200

Garbage Information...

You can access the 2016 recycling schedule online at www.westpointcity.org.
Remember garbage services will be one day late on the following weeks that a holiday falls...
Also as a reminder, Beginning April 1st your green waste trash can may only be used for green waste.
March 29th or 31st will be the last day you can use your trash as a regular can!

SPRING CITY CLEAN-UP

West Point City will be providing dumpster’s again for a spring clean up.
Dumpster’s will be dropped off at the parks on April 22nd and picked up April 23rd
Watch for more information in next months newsletter.

Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant

Registration: April 1st- 21st.
Open to West Point girls ages 14-21
$25.00 register at City Hall.
Orientation will be held April 21st @ West Point City Hall
3200 W 300 N at 8pm.
This year’s pageant will be held Saturday, June 11th @ 7pm at Syracuse High School.
For more information or if you have questions please contact Erin Davidson @ 801-632-0133

REPORTING CODE VIOLATIONS VIA THE INTERNET

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year’s Easter Egg Hunt!
SATURDAY, March 26th at 10:00am
Loy Blake Park
550 N 3500 W
The hunt will start promptly at 10:00am so be sure to arrive early to find your age group course.
Following the Easter Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

Team Piggy 5K Hog Jog
Fun Run/Walk for Breast Cancer

Date: Saturday, 30 April 2016
Time: 8 am -11 pm
(sign in begins at 8, walk begins at 9)
Place: Loy Blake Park (3500 W 550 N)
Register at: http://www.teampiggyfunrun.blogspot.com

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Have you ever noticed a City Code Violation, but are unaware that it is very easy to bring it to the Cities attention. This can be done from your home computer, ipad, smart phone or other electronic devise.

Simple pull up the Cities Web Page, at www.westpointcity.org. On the home page under Quick Links, simply click on “SUBMIT A CODE COMPLAINT”. This selection will take you directly to the complaint box where you will be asked to submit your information. Please be as specific as possible and include the address of the violation and a brief description of the violation.

The message will transfer directly to the Code Enforcement Officers case file for follow up action. As indicated in the complaint box, this information will be kept confidential.

This reporting method will greatly increase our efficiency in dealing with complaints timely and effectively.

Thank you for helping to keep West Point City a beautiful and healthy place to live.

Please call Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801 776-0970 if you have questions.
**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.*

**Baseball Registration-**
Registration for baseball will begin March 7th and run till April 4th.
Registration for Pre-K thru 2nd grade, boys and girls is $40.00
Registration for 3rd thru 9th grade, boys and girls is $50.00.
Registration can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or forms are available at City Hall.

**Football Camp-**
Registration is from April 4th - May 9th the cost is $20.00
The Camp will be held May 10th, 11th and 12th.

**KINDERTGARTEN ROUND-UP**
Attention parents if your son or daughter will be turning 5 on or before September 1, 2016 and you live in one of the following schools boundaries please plan on attending the following kindergarten roundups!!

**Lakeside Elementary**
Kindergarten roundup will be held March 10th from 4-6.
Registration paper work can be picked up prior to registration from the main office.
If you have any other questions please contact the school at 801-402-2900

**West Point Elementary**
Kindergarten Roundup will be held on March 18th at 2pm.
You can register your Kindergartner anytime from March 7th-18th.
Registration packets can be found on the school website or can be picked up in the office.

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**West Point Military Memorial**

We hope that some of you have seen the concrete pentagon poking out from the snow just east of the tennis courts at Loy Blake Park! If you haven’t, go check it out! This is the base for the coming statue that will represent all current and former residents of West Point who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The statue has been ordered and should be finished in the very near future. Granite slabs for each of the five arms of the military will surround the statue, engraved with the names of those who have served. The actual labor on the Memorial has been provided by members of the West Point Military Memorial Committee, and volunteers from our community. We are so excited to see the progress and look forward to completion of the Memorial!

The projected cost of this project is between $90,000 and $100,000, and we need YOUR support! Bricks to be placed on a “Donor Wall” are available for purchase, and will include the name of the donor (or in honor of anyone you choose). Donations between $100 and $499 will purchase an 8” by 8” brick, and donations of $500 or more will buy a 16” by 8” brick. These can be purchased at City Hall. If you would like to purchase a brick, but cannot do a bulk payment, a Committee member listed below can help you set up a payment arrangement! Additionally, contributions of any dollar amount can be made at any time by calling or coming into City Hall, and can also be done through your utility bill each month!

The Committee is still trying to gather names for every current and former West Point resident that has served our military. If you have not been contacted, or if you are aware of a family member who might not be on our list, please contact one of the Committee members listed below.

For questions, donation information, or to submit names please contact any of the following members:

Cindy Bringhurst – (801)825-9886
Royce Ross – (801)825-1426
Howard Stoddard – (801)825-7221
Marv Drake – (801)825-5321
Pat Galloway – (801)725-1247