Mayor’s Message

**Take Pride in West Point**

Every year in May the city organizes a “Take Pride” in West Point day. It has been a great tradition now for many years and a lot of great projects have been completed by a lot of you. Many hands make light work and your generous service has saved the city thousands of dollars in labor costs for just a few hours on a Saturday morning.

Even though our “Take Pride” day is just that one day I would hope that all of you will take pride in our community year round. We are blessed to live in a great place with great people who live here and it is up to each and every one of us to make sure it stays a great place. Taking pride in our property by keeping the weeds down, mowing our lawns, trimming shrubs, picking up garbage, and keeping our property properly maintained is important for our whole community. Not only does it help with the overall appearance of our property but it also helps keep our property values high and with any luck it might be contagious. On occasion I will drive by areas that have not been properly maintained and after a while the neighbors who usually do a pretty good job start to let their property go and pretty soon the overall appearance of the neighborhood suffers. So please “Take Pride” in West Point year round and help maintain and improve the look and appearance of our great city.

A few years ago, before we had to make some budget cuts during the recession, West Point had a part time code enforcement officer. This officer’s job was to go around the city and give friendly reminders of code violations and worked with each individual’s circumstance to help them become compliant. After years of not having one we have decided to bring back a part time code enforcement officer and he should be out and about in our neighborhoods within a month or so.

**Dogs in our parks**

Four or Five years ago we changed our policy relative to dogs in our parks and now allow leashed dogs. I believe for a lot of dog owners they enjoy taking their dogs to the parks and I am sure the dogs like the chance to get out every once in a while. There are two big components of the dogs being allowed in our parks. One, they must be leashed at all times. Two, you must clean up after your dog if needed. I think most people are considerate and comply with both these requirements. Just like everything else in life it is going to be those few who don’t who are going to ruin it for everyone. We have had complaints of loose dogs in our parks as well as reports of owners not picking up after their dog goes to the bathroom. Nothing worse than having your kids playing at the park and a dog who is unleashed coming up and jumping on kids. Likewise, getting back in your car after a trip to the park and finding an unpleasant odor in the car and the whole family checking the bottom of their shoes to see who the lucky one is who stepped in dog mess. If these complaints persist it will force us to reevaluate the dogs being allowed in our parks. Please be considerate and remind your family and loved ones who take dogs to the parks to comply with the leash law as well as picking up after their dogs.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**

This just in. Secondary water restrictions are on a voluntary basis this year and will be evaluated monthly. It is still recommended we only water twice a week, however, compliance is voluntary. Please be wise and conserve as much as you can. If we do not do it on our own Davis & Weber will be forced to implement the same restrictions as last year. Conserve and be considerate of the water resources we have.
JUST FOR SENIORS

Senior lunches are held each month for seniors 55 or older. The cost is $2.00 a person and both resident and non-residents are welcome. Join us this month Monday, May 19th @ 11:30am. This month’s menu is Tacos with all the toppings and cherry blossoms. Be sure to call by May 16th to reserve your spot 801-776-0970 And bring a friend!!

SPORTS CENTER

Football Camp May 13-15 Cost is $20.00 Register at City Hall before May 13th

Summer recreation programs:

Golf- Register at City Hall beginning May 1st the cost is $35.00 Lessons will be held at Schneider’s Bluff beginning the 1st week in June

Swimming- Register at City Hall beginning May 1st the cost is $32.00 This is for children ages 8-14 Lessons will be held at the Clearfield Aquatic center on Fridays beginning June 6th.

YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

This months theme is “Hospitality” “When hospitality becomes an art it loses its very soul” -Max Beerbohm

This month the youth council held the City’s Easter Egg Hunt. They also had the chance to visit the Family Tree Assisted living center.

Miss West Point Pageant

The annual Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant will be held at Syracuse High School on Saturday, June 19th at 7pm. Contestants will be judged on talent, poise, and presentation, interview and impromptu questions. Tickets are $3.00 you can purchase them from a contestant or at the door.

The West Point Building Department would like to remind you that any basement finishes require a permit. Please contact the Building Department for more information or stop in City Hall to pick up a building permit. 801-776-0970

5K Family fun Run/Walk
May 10th @ 9am At Jensen Park in Syracuse
To register for the race go to http://www.active.com/syracuse-ut/running/distance-runnin-races/think-pink-jules-5k-fun-run-2014 Silent auction, raffle, face painting, music, food and more.
This is a benefit race for Julie Davis. If you have any questions please contact Kristine @ 801-540-9818

Military Memorial Donations

You can now donate to the West Point Military Memorial through your utility bill payment. Donations can not be made through online bill payments, only cash, check or credit/debt cards.

PARTY AT THE POINT!!

Be sure to mark your calendars for this years 4th of July Celebrations. Watch the mail or the website for more information to come on this years activities!

Thanks to everyone who participated this year in West Point’s Take Pride Day.
We would also like to give a special thanks to Flint’s Nursery who donated fertilizer and flowers for this years projects.

Do you know an amazing woman in your neighborhood? We want to know!!! West Point City is now taking nominations for Woman of Honor. Pick up a nomination paper at City Hall or access the form online at www.westpointcity.org Woman of Honor nominations deadline is May 30th. For information or questions contact Jolene @801-614-5347

Princess for a day!
Girls ages 4-10 Wednesday, June 11th from 10-12 At the North Davis Fire Station Register at City Hall
The cost is $10.00 per person This cost includes activities for the day plus one ticket to attend the Miss West Point Pageant on Saturday June 14th. The girls will be learning a short routine that will be preformed on stage at the pageant. Sponsored by the West Point City Pageant Royalty

North Davis Fire District and the Clearfield Aquatic Center invites everyone to the Summer Safety Show featuring Gus Gus and Smokestack, the Aquatic Center and The US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please join us on Wednesday, May 14th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Clearfield Aquatic Center, 825 S State Street in Clearfield. There will also be information booths sponsored by the Aquatic Center, Clearfield Recreation, the USCG Auxiliary and others.