I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. One of the many things I like about living where we do is that we truly do have four distinct seasons. If you don’t like the current weather just wait a couple of months and it will for sure change. We have a lot of great things to look forward to this summer and some big projects. But there is one in particular I am more excited about than any other; this is something that I have been thinking about for a couple of years now and I have been working out all of the details with City Staff. So here is my big announcement…drum roll!!

Muskrat Springs Campground

Years ago there was a spot down in the west part of town that scouts used to frequent for overnighters. Some of you may have been lucky enough to go on one of these camp outs. If you turn down 200 S off of 4500 W and go as far west as you can will run into a little area that we now are going to call Muskrat Springs Campground. This is just west of a 20-acre parcel the City owns for the future Blair Dahl Park. We have a unique opportunity in our back yard to have a spot that scouts and youth groups can enjoy for an over night camping experience without having to travel far. So how can this campground be reserved? It will be a similar process as renting a bowling or City Hall. There are three camping spots with their individual designated campfire area that can be reserved depending on the size of group. There will also be a portable restroom that the City will provide year round. From my experience as a kid spending time and camping in the area, I would say the best times to camp are in the spring and fall. However, this campground will also be open during the winter for a close option to do some winter camping. It goes without saying, but during late spring and summer it might not be a great option with all of the mosquitos and I would recommend looking for another spot during those times. For more information please contact City Hall and they can get you the information you need to make a reservation. Priority will be given to scout and youth groups but it will be open for public use if there are dates available. If you see and notice that our neighbors and friends need a little reminder, go to our webpage and click on “Submit a Code Complaint” and all your information will be kept anonymous and not shared with anyone. This is just one more tool we have that we can use to remind our friends and neighbors how to “Take Pride in West Point”.

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Why the name Muskrat Springs? For you old timers you know that this is what this area was called years ago. When I was telling my son Ben about this new campground he suggested incorporating that history into the campground by calling it Muskrat Springs. Once again if you have any questions at all please call City Hall.

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Take Pride in West Point

We all connect Take Pride Day with one of the first Saturdays in May when we have a community service opportunity. I would like to make this a yearlong program where each of us with our own homes and yards take pride in where we live and make it look and represent the type of community we live in. I know we all have people that live around us or homes that you might notice when you drive up the road that has let their yard slip or they are in violation of City Code in some way or another. If you see and notice that our neighbors and friends need a little reminder, go to our webpage and click on “Submit a Code Complaint” and all your information will be kept anonymous and not shared with anyone. This is just one more tool we have that we can use to remind our friends and neighbors how to “Take Pride in West Point”.

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Notice of 2017 Municipal Election

The following offices are to be voted on in the West Point City 2017 Municipal Election:

- Mayor (4 year term)
- City Council Member (4 year term) TWO seats available

Declaration of Candidacy Forms or Nomination Petitions must be filed in person with the West Point City Recorder. The Candidate Filing Period BEGINS June 1, 2017 and ENDS June 7, 2017. Please see our website for complete filing info or contact our City Recorder, Casey Arnold, at City Hall!
Spring has officially started and the Youth Council is heading outside for the final few months of this council year! About 43 members helped at the Easter Egg Hunt and had a blast! We’d like to thank Garcia’s Mexican Restaurant, Dartside and Pizza Pie Cafe, for offering coupons to pass out to the kids. After spending the last couple months filling eggs it took about 2 minutes for those eggs to be snatched up by the kids!

We are looking forward to enjoying the warm weather in May as we plan days for the Youth Council to serve in the Community Garden and will be helping with City projects on May 13th for West Point Take Pride Day. For any youth in our community interested in being a part of West Point Youth Council during the 2017-2018 year, applications are now available! The deadline to submit your application is May 19th. Any 8th-12th grade youth are invited to apply! Applications are available online under the Community Affairs Page and at City Hall.

Senior Lunch
Each month West Point 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, May 15th and we will having the West Point Madrigal’s coming to perform for us.

This month’s menu is: Enchiladas, black beans, and ice cream. YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT Please call by May 12th 801-776-0970.

CITY CALENDAR

May 2017

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WEEDS:
Due to the very wet spring, weeds will be in abundance this year. Please take personal responsibility to ensure that the weeds growing in your FRONT, SIDE and BACK YARDS are kept cut to ground level and maintained. This includes the park strip. All trimmings must also be removed from your property. (WPCC8.15.030B10,16)

It is also important to remember that weeds growing and drying in back yards can become a fire hazard to you and your neighbors. Please don’t allow these weeds to become a danger. Please help us keep West Point City a beautiful and safe place to live by taking care of weeds on your property.

Contact Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or email bdopp@westpointcity.org with any questions.

Safe Kids Day 2017
Protecting kids from preventable injuries is both our mission and an urgent call to action. Come to our 17th annual FREE Safe Kids Day to learn more about how you can protect the ones you love, Saturday, May 6th from 10:00-2:00 at the Legacy Events Center in Farmington. Don’t miss out on: 300 FREE bike helmets sponsored by McKay-Dee Hospital, Staker Parson’s giant indoor sandbox, Davis Hospital’s ever popular inflatable slide, and Wee Care Pediatrics’ Healthy Hero Camp. Plus, Silver Eagle Refinery will exchange your old gas mower for a new electric mower (first 10 Davis County residents)! We will have helicopter landings, food trucks and so much more! Held indoors, rain or shine!

Team Piggy 5K Hog Jog
Fun Run/Walk in the fight against Breast Cancer
Date: Saturday, May 6th
Time: 8 am - 11 am
(sign in begins at 8, walk at 9)
Place: Loy Blake Park (3500 W. 550 N)
Register at: http://www.teampiggyfunrun.blogspot.com

West Point’s Annual Community Service
“Take Pride Day”
Saturday, May 13 @ 9:00 am
Meet at the Loy Blake Park
3500 W 550 N
A light breakfast will be served.
This year we will be working on various park and play ground projects.
Be sure to bring gloves, shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows.
Contact Jolene if you have questions 801-776-0970

PARKS:
There are three parks located in West Point City:
  Bingham Memorial Park,
  East Park, and Loy F. Blake Park.
City Parks may be rented by calling (801) 776-0970 or coming to the front desk at City Hall.
All parks are open from 7:00am to 10:00pm or dark, depending on lighting.
Dogs are permitted on a leash. Owners are responsible for animals, including cleaning up after them.

“PARTY AT HE POINT”
Planning is well underway here at City Hall for this year’s Independence Day Celebration. Be sure you have your calendars marked for this year’s party Tuesday, July 4th. Watch for the schedule of events in the mail with your June bill. Applications will be available online and at City Hall mid-May.
We are still seeking volunteers and vendors. If you are interested in being part of this year’s celebration please call or email Jolene @ 801-776-0970 or jkap@westpointcity.org.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
To help raise awareness of building safety, West Point City proudly celebrates Building Safety Month during May. Building Safety Month is a public safety awareness campaign to help individual, families and businesses understand what it take to create safe, resilient, affordable and energy-efficient homes and building.

“When our building safety and fire prevention experts inspect buildings and review construction plans to ensure code compliance they help to ensure the places where you live, learn, work, worship and play are safe.” We work closely with homebuilders, contractors, plumbers, roofers and other construction industry trades to provide maximum public safety.
Building codes provide protection from man-made and natural disaster, guarding public health and reducing property losses. The codes address all aspects of construction, from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency.

To learn more about important steps you can take to help better prepare your home or business property by building stronger, safer structures, or for information on building codes please contact West Point City Building Inspector Brent Page at 801-776-0970.

“Princess for a Day”
Attention all girls ages 4-10!
You are invited to join the fun and be a princess for a day...
Wednesday, June 7th 10am-noon @ the West Point Fire Station.
The cost is $10 per girl. Register at City Hall by June 3rd. Space is limited so please register early.
Girls will be participating in the Miss West Point Pageant on June 10.
Contact Erin @ 801-682-0133.

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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.

Basketball Camp-
Registration will begin May 1st and run until June 8th.
The cost is $20.00
Girls Camp dates: June 13th-15th
Boys Camp dates: June 20th-22nd.

JR Golf-(introduction to golf)
Registration: May 1-June 1, Cost $30.00, Ages 6-16
Golf lessons will take place every Tuesday June 6-27

Golf Camp-(for those who have knowledge of the game)
Registration: May 1-June 1, Cost $30.00, Ages 7-16
Camp will run June 12-15

Football Camp-
Registration will begin April 3rd and run until May 15th
Registration is for grades 1st-8th
Cost $20.00

Swimming Lessons-
Registration will begin May 1st and run until June 1st. The cost is $34.00. Lessons will last eight weeks and will be on Fridays from 11:00-11:50am at the Clearfield Aquatic Center.
This is for 8-16 yr olds.
(Class dates June 9,16,23, 30 July 7,14,21,28)

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Movies in the Park!!
West Point City is starting a new event this summer: Mark your calendars for May 19th, June 23rd, July 28th, and August 11th to come to Loy Blake Park to grab some dinner, visit with friends, and watch a movie! Food trucks will be at the park around 7 PM, giving you time to buy some food before the movie begins at dusk.
(Times subject to change.)

The first movie on May 19th will be Moana – the first 200 kids to the Park can get a Hawaiian lei to wear!
The movies for the rest of the summer have yet to be decided, so feel free to send in your requests or comments on our Facebook page!

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

West Point Military Memorial

Recently my wife and I saw a television ad for the fireworks and music extravaganza held annually at a football stadium south of here. It hit me that by the time you are reading this message, West Point’s Party at the Point Independence Day Celebration will only be about two months away! We have already begun our planning for the Celebration and hope you have as well.

As I thought about this year’s rapidly approaching event, I realized that this will be my 48th year spending my Fourth of July celebrating with West Point since moving here. Only one year did I miss the flag raising, parade, and all the other fantastic events one can experience that day. I spent that day in the town where I grew up, where the “parade” consisted of about half of the high school band, two farm tractors (which needed a good wash), and five convertibles, each carrying a politician running for office in that year’s election. After I stopped laughing, I thought to myself, “I missed West Point’s Celebration for this!” July will be here before we know it – now is the time to plan! Plan on commemorating the birth of our nation with your friends and family. Plan on witnessing the raising of Old Glory early in the morning on the Fourth. Plan on a day full of fun and creating memories. And if you are a veteran, plan on riding the float with other veterans in the parade! We make no distinction between those men and women who have served during a period of armed conflict and those who have served during the times in between; you all have served this great nation and we would like to recognize your service as veterans. Think of your participation an extension of the commitment to serve that you made at the time you entered this Nation’s Armed Forces. West Point citizens enjoy recognizing their veterans and showing their appreciation as they ride by in the parade, YOU SHOULD BE THERE! This is a personal challenge to all of you – please call a Committee Member and commit to joining us!

-Marv Drake, Co-Chair
West Point Military Memorial Committee:
Howard, Chair 801-825-7221 or 801-695-2637
Marv, Co-Chair 801-825-5321
Patricia 801-725-1247
Karen 801-773-2776
Royce 801-825-1426

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West Point City is currently seeking band members for this year’s Independence Day Marching Band!!
This group will be one of the highlights of our Independence Day Celebration on July 4th. All interested parties please contact Jolene Kap by email or phone jak@westpointcity.org 801-776-0970 by May 25th.
Please share this information with anyone who may be interested!

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Help bring the Angel of Hope to West Point!
The Christmas Box Angel of Hope Statue is a place to grieve, love and remember children that have passed on.
West Point City and the surrounding communities, bringing the Christmas Box Angel of Hope to our cemetery represents the love, honor and remembrance and support that we have for each other.

We Need Your Help!
Donations can be made at:
GoFundME.com-Angel of Hope for West Point
KindWorks Donations @ America First Credit Union #7839277
For more information, contact:
Keeley Worley keelw4@gmail.com or Casey Arnold carnold@westpointcity.org

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