Happy fall to everyone. As we begin November, our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and the coming holiday season. I am grateful for the community in which we live and the blessings we enjoy here. Please be mindful of those who live among us that do not have friends or family near or may have needs going into winter. Taking care of and watching over our neighbors can make a big impact in both their lives and ours. As the great Theodore Roosevelt said, “Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.”

2017 Municipal Election
Along with fall comes our opportunity to participate in this year’s election on November 7th. Voters that were registered in time to vote-by-mail should have received their ballots mid-October. Those ballots must be postmarked by November 6th to be counted. If you prefer to drop them off at the ballot box at City Hall, you may do so until November 3rd. If you do not make that deadline, you will be able to give them directly to a poll worker on Election Day. If you were not registered on time, made a mistake on your ballot, or just prefer to vote in-person, you will be able to vote on Election Day, November 7th, at City Hall from 7 AM to 8 PM.

I encourage all of you to participate in our elections. If you have not participated in the past, please consider starting. Typical voter turnout for municipal elections is pretty low when you consider that close to two-thirds of our registered voters don’t even cast a vote. In this year’s election, we have two City Council seats open, with three qualified individuals who are on the ballot for those positions. As the Mayor position is also on the ballot, let me be the first to apologize that you are stuck with me for the next four years as I am running unopposed this year. Again, if by chance you are reading this newsletter on or before November 7th, get out and vote and let your voice be heard. If you are not registered, it is too late for this year, but you can go to www.vote.utah.gov and register at any time for Utah’s General Election next year.

Construction Updates
A few residents have asked me what is currently being constructed in the lot just east of the Smith’s fuel station. This will be the new Culver’s restaurant that I talked about a few months ago. They have awesome burgers and sandwiches on their menu, but even better than those is their delicious frozen custard; it has the well-deserved reputation of being some of the best. Look for their opening in early 2018.

As for residential development, on the northeast side of town we will see the start of the first few buildings of a new multifamily project; when all is said and done there will be 69 units in that project. There are also two new subdivisions that the City Council recently approved: one is just west of Lakeside Elementary on the corner of 800 N and 3000 W and is a 37 lot subdivision that will start construction this month. The second subdivision will consist of 13 lots and is just west of West Point Junior High School. This subdivision also plans to start construction this month.

Along with the various road projects you see as you navigate your way through the construction, we will also have the SR-193 Highway extension that will open up in about a month. And last but not least, you may have heard that Federal Highways has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on the West Davis Corridor. The ROD allows UDOT to move full-steam ahead with this project and they anticipate this $600-million dollar project will start in the spring of 2020 and finish up in the fall of 2022. Stay tuned for more information as we find out whether that $600 million dollars is enough to reach West Point at the SR-193 Highway connection. If not, this phase will terminate at Antelope Drive in Syracuse.

As we talk elections and road construction, there is no doubt that traffic and congestion on our roads will be a high priority moving forward for City planning as we experience growth in West Point and as the cities around us grow. I have put a lot of pressure on UDOT and our State Representatives to fund upcoming projects that will help handle both the growth that we have already seen and in preparation of future development. It is difficult to perfectly coordinate projects so as not to interfere with each other, and I appreciate your patience as we work through this construction process to get some of these necessary projects completed.

Erik Craythorne West Point City Mayor
The West Point Youth Council had their first official meeting on September 20th. At this meeting, they were given new service hour log sheets and had a debate on those notorious fidget spinners!

This year’s theme was also introduced:
T.E.A.M.
“Together Everyone Achieves More!”

To kick off the year right, Members participated in the October 14th Youth Council Retreat. They picked up trash along the road and competed in Minute to Win It games. Everyone had fun serving, playing games, and getting to know each other along the way!

Upcoming events:
The Veteran Flag Placement and Program will be held on November 11th. Meet at the West Point Cemetery. Be sure to bring screwdrivers and to DRESS WARM!

Senior Lunch
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This month Dr. Holt and his staff from West Point Eye Center will be joining us to share important information on eye care.

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Monday, November 20th @ 11:30AM.

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Ham, Au gratin potatoes, roll, veggies and pie.

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Please call City Hall by November 17th at 801-776-0970.

CITY CALENDAR

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Happy Thanksgiving
WINTER PARKING

With winter just around the corner, our Public Works employees are preparing to keep our roads clear of snow. Their efforts mean that commutes on snowy days are a bit easier for all of us. However, we need your help to make sure snow removal can be accomplished in the safest and most efficient manner possible.

West Point City Code 10.05.50(H)(3) prohibits the parking of any vehicle, trailer, recreational vehicle, etc. on streets between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM from November 1st until the last day of February. Our Code Enforcement Officer and the Davis County Sheriff’s Department will be patrolling the streets during the winter months and will issue notices and citations. Because of the obstruction that vehicles parked on the road cause for plowing, vehicles could even be towed at the owner’s expense.

Also, please be aware that pushing or blowing snow onto public streets is also strictly prohibited by law. As you clear snow, please ensure that your snow stays on your property.

Your cooperation in helping the City handle another winter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Dopp at 801-776-0970.

WEST POINT CITY HALL LIGHTING CEREMONY

Join us as we kick off the holiday season this year on Monday, December 4th. The Ceremony begins at 6:00 pm sharp. So be sure to come early and enjoy some hot chocolate and listen to some wonderful Christmas music. We will have a special visit from Santa Clause and fireworks! We look forward to seeing you at this year’s Lighting Ceremony!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

GREENWASTE CAN

For those residents who have a greenwaste can, just a reminder that November 30th will be the last day you can use your can for greenwaste. Beginning December 1st you will be able to use your green can as a regular trash can and it will be collected by the same truck as your black can.

The West Davis Corridor Record of Decision (ROD) has been approved and signed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and is now available electronically on the documentation page of the study website. The ROD is the final step in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and represents FHWA’s decision on the Preferred Alternative. It also includes responses to public and agency comments provided on the Final EIS.

Preferred Alternative

FHWA approved "Alternative B1 with Wetlands Avoidance Options" as the transportation solution that will best meet the transportation need through 2040 while minimizing impacts to the communities and environment. This Preferred Alternative consists of an alignment along Glovers Lane in the south, Alternative B in Syracuse, and the 4100 West northern option.

The Preferred Alternative can be viewed on the interactive map on the study website. This tool allows users to view the proposed improvements, zoom in and out, measure distances, and add or remove various resource layers:

Interactive Map

UDOT and FHWA are thankful for the participation and efforts of the local residents, cities, counties, state and federal agencies, and other interested individuals and organizations throughout the EIS process.

Next Steps

UDOT will continue to coordinate with all stakeholders throughout the design of the project, which will take place through 2019. Construction is expected to begin in spring of 2020 with the corridor scheduled to be open by the end of 2022.

Questions?

If you would like to speak to a member of the study team, please contact (877) 298-1991 or westdavis@utah.gov.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

We continue to receive praise for our Military Memorial both from residents and out-of-town (and state!) visitors. You can all pat yourselves on the back for this outstanding addition to our community because we could not have done it without you. Your financial support made it all possible! With our thanks, we would like to advise you that the need for an ongoing contributions are no longer needed. You may notice that the option to donate to the Memorial is no longer listed on your monthly utility bill. Thank you again for all of your support!

We have mentioned before our intent to hold a ceremony each year on November 11th to commemorate both our veterans and the signing of the Armistice that ended the “war to end all wars” – WWI. Obviously, it unfortunately did not end all wars, but the Armistice does need to be remembered. As the title of this holiday has been changed to Veterans Day to recognize all veterans and not just those from the Great War, we will also include their recognition in our Commemoration Ceremony. This year, November 11th is on a Saturday, and while there are Veterans Day parades and other commemorations in other cities, we invite you to show your community pride by meeting here at our West Point Military Memorial at 10:55 AM that day. We will have one minute of silence at 11:00 AM and will continue to do so each year.

Next year, 2018, we will have a larger Centennial Commemoration. We anticipate some competition from surrounding cities because it is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. We hope that by planning now, we will have your loyal support for West Point’s own Commemoration Ceremony.

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

RECREATION

Most recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or you can stop by City Hall to fill out a registration form. (Some activities do require in person registration).

Contact Kelly Ross or Tanner Russell @ 801-776-0970 for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups.

- JR JAZZ-
Registration will run October 2nd thru November 6th
$50.00 for grades 1st-6th
$60.00 for grades 7th-12th