Thanksgiving
While it was George Washington whom advocated for a national Thanksgiving celebration, it wasn’t until Abraham Lincoln’s Proclamation in 1863 that it became an annual, national holiday. Lincoln’s speech declared that the fourth Thursday of every November would be celebrated as an official U.S. holiday of Thanksgiving. The holiday remained unchanged until 1939 when President Franklin Roosevelt changed the date of Thanksgiving to the third Thursday of November; it was the tail-end of the Great Depression and FDR hoped to stimulate the economy by lengthening the Christmas shopping season. Two years later, however, FDR officially changed the date of Thanksgiving back to the fourth Thursday and it remains that way today. I was not aware that the importance the holiday shopping season plays in our economy was recognized almost 80 years ago, and was a tool FDR used to get our Country through the Great Depression.

Versions of Thanksgiving are celebrated around the world, giving thanks for what was then, the end of harvest season. Fast forward to 2018, and Thanksgiving is right in the middle of Halloween and Christmas. Is it just me or has Halloween turned into a huge holiday? It seems like we take down those decorations and head right into Christmas. Still, Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year; to me, it is a time of getting together with family and friends, football games, and good food. As neighbors and members of our community, I would hope that this Thanksgiving we can reach out to those around us who might not have family and loved ones near during the holidays. Can you imagine how awesome it would be if all thirty of you (including myself) who read my newsletter each month would make it a goal to do something nice for a neighbor in need? I hope that this Thanksgiving we can all be grateful for what we do have, the freedoms we enjoy, and the place we all call home.

Updates
Going around the City I thought I might give you a quick update on a few things. As you can see, the 2000 West widening project is starting to wrap-up; what in the world are we going to do now that this road isn’t going to be under construction? Even though it has only been a couple of years it sure seems like it has been a lot longer. Once it opens up and all the lanes are functioning it will sure be nice. Moving onto the next project, the West Davis Corridor project itself will start next year, and from what I am hearing they hope it will take just two years to build. As I write this newsletter I am still uncertain if there will be enough money to extend West Davis to SR-193, but I am keeping my fingers crossed.

At our City Council meetings in the last few months we have approved some new subdivisions: one is located just north of 800 N and 3500 W and the other one is at approximately 4200 W and 1300 N. We are not quite as busy as Syracuse and West Layton when you look at all their construction activity, but I am sure it will eventually catch up to us. As for commercial development, as I have mentioned, the medical building just east of City Hall has begun being renovated and re-purposed into a charter school now that the previous tenants have moved into the new building on the east side of that property.

Moving east you have no doubt noticed we welcomed a new business to West Point: Café Rio is now open for business. Gone are the days where the only warm food you could buy in West Point was the food under the lights at 7-Eleven.

I am grateful to live in and represent such a great City. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me. You can also come and attend our City Council Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to stay involved and informed on what is going on in our City.

One last thing, don’t forget to get out and VOTE!

-Mayor Erik Craythorne
The Youth Council had a great time helping out at our City’s Annual Halloween Carnival! A BIG THANKS to all those who volunteered their time!

A few of our Youth Council Officers also had the opportunity to be judges for the Costume Contest at the Davis County Sheriff’s Halloween Carnival. They had a fun time seeing all the cute costumes and watching a K-9 Demonstration!

**Upcoming Events**

- **November 10th**
  Veteran Flag Placement

- **November 26th**
  City Hall Lighting Ceremony

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**JUST FOR SENIORS**

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 on:
**Monday, November 19th @ 11:30am.**

The menu for this month is:
Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls, Veggies and Pie

**YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT**
Please call City Hall by October 12th @ 801-776-0970

To view the 2018 Senior Lunch Calendar, visit the City Website under the Community Affairs Page.
Don’t Forget to Vote!

General Election: November 6

Visit www.vote.utah.gov
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

Green Waste Can Reminder:
Beginning December 1st
you can use your
Green Waste Can for
regular trash!
Normal green waste
service will resume
on April 1st

Fall Back
daylight saving time ends

*November 4th*
Daylight saving time ends on the first Sunday in November when clocks are moved back an hour at 2 a.m. local daylight time!

6th Annual West Point “Pie”-K Turkey Trot & 1-Mile Walk

100% of proceeds to benefit Cole Bigelow
Cole is a 6-year old boy who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Please come support this sweet little boy and his wonderful family!

Date: Thanksgiving Day November 22, 2018
5K Run 3.19 miles & 1-Mile Walk: Registration 7:30 a.m. Start time 8:00.
Prizes for top 3 male & female 5K finishers.
Location: Loy Blake Park - 5500 W 550 N, West Point
Minimum Donation to Register: $20 per person, $45 per family. Additional monetary contributions encouraged!
Pie Sale: Buy & donate Thanksgiving pies on race day. Free Hot Cocoa and Freshly Baked Scones
Silent Auction: Come bid for great products and items donated by local people and businesses!
Live Turkey Auction: Come meet our live turkey. The winning bid takes him home for Christmas dinner!
Questions: Contact Blake Mills at 801-776-0970 or visit our website at http://www.westpointcity.org/code-enforcement.htm

3rd Annual Forever in Our Hearts Child Remembrance Ceremony

West Point City Cemetery
December 6th at 7:00 pm
Angel of Hope

Each December 6th, which is known as Children's Day around the World, a remembrance will be held for families in West Point and the surrounding communities that have been impacted by the loss of a child to promote healing and provide comfort. There will be a short ceremony with some remarks, songs, and a chance for attendees to speak the name of their loved one and place a white flower upon the Angel of Hope. The Ceremony will end with a group singing of Silent Night. Two lights will also be placed at the resting place of each child.

In loving memory of Nathan, Rix & Jones, and Paullette
The timing between the probable delivery of this month’s utility bill and our Centennial Commemoration of the Signing of the Armistice may be cutting your plans to attend a little close, but nevertheless, we hope you can make it!

As a reminder: The Centennial will be on the observed Veterans Day holiday, November 12th, 2018 starting at 10:45 AM. We will begin with an invocation and the raising of the colors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The traditional two minutes of silence will begin at 11:00 AM (or following the Anthem). We are pleased to have as our keynote speaker General Herbert J. “Hawk” Carlisle, USAF-Rtd. General Carlisle’s last Air Force assignment was as the Commander of Air Force Air Combat Command. “Hawk” also happens to be the brother of our own Military Memorial Committee Member, Pat Galloway.

Our stated goal in holding this Commemoration is to help keep alive the event which ended the shooting in a war which was to have ended all wars. While this day in America has been renamed ‘Veterans Day’, the importance of the particular date cannot be allowed to diminish over time. The Armistice Day activities were to honor those who died in that Great War. With you, we honor all veterans, both the living and the dead who served in all the wars, but still hope to recognize the original significance of the time and day the Signing of the Armistice took place: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month – especially as 2018 is the hundredth year since this important document was executed.

We have invited the same dignitaries as were invited to share at the Dedication of our Military Memorial, and hope that you and your families are able to join with us!

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 @ 801-916-6056 for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups.