Mayor’s Message

Angel of Hope Monument
On September 7th, the Angel of Hope Monument was dedicated at our Cemetery. Some of you may be aware of this project from various fundraiser’s that were done, including the Breakfast in the Park this past 4th of July where all the money raised was put towards this Monument. It was a beautiful dedication and a great addition to our Cemetery – I hope you all take a drive down to see it.

So what is this Monument and what does it represent? The Christmas Box Angel Statue was introduced to the world in the book The Christmas Box, which is a worldwide bestseller and hit television movie by author Richard Paul Evans. In the book, a woman mourns the loss of her child at the base of an angel monument. Though the story is mostly fiction, this angel monument once existed but is speculated to have been destroyed. A new angel statue was commissioned by Richard Paul Evans in response to reports that grieving parents were seeking out the angels as a place to mourn and heal. The sculpture is a creation of a father and son from Salt Lake City, Ortho and Jared Fairbanks, and modeled according to the description in Evans’ book. The face of the angel is that of Evans’ second daughter, Allyson-Danica. There are angel statues all over world, and though their bases are unique to each location, the angel itself is the same; if you look closely you can find on the angel’s right wing the word “hope.”

Flowers can be placed at the base of the monument year round, and many are placed with accompanying notes left by parents of their “little angels”. On December 6th of each year at 7:00 pm MST, a candlelight healing ceremony is held at the base of the Christmas Box Angel Monuments.

We hope to bring a new tradition to West Point and the families that have been impacted by the loss of a child, regardless of the age of the lost one, to promote healing and provide comfort. Each and every year we will be holding a short and simple Remembrance Ceremony with a few songs, saying of lost one’s names, and a group singing of Silent Night. Tea lights will be provided to place on each child’s final resting place, as well as a white flower to place at the base of the Angel:

Who: Parents and Families who have lost a child, of any age, for any reason
Why: To come together to remember those loved ones who have passed.
When: December 6th - Celebrated as Children’s Day around the World.

What a great tradition and what a great Monument that we are so lucky to have at our City Cemetery. I am amazed with our residents and their resolve and dedication to provide opportunities like this in our City to remember and honor those who we have lost. I would especially like to thank Micah and Keeley Worley, who not only presented the idea to the City, but who have dedicated their time and efforts to get the Monument built, and all of the fundraising they did to put this all together.

I have met with the Worley’s on a few occasions and was reminded of the incredible goodness of the people we have around us, who desire to serve and comfort others. There is no doubt that we will all benefit from the Angel of Hope Statue as a special addition to our Cemetery. I hope you all will mark December 6th on your calendars to attend this annual Remembrance Ceremony, and encourage those around you to turn to the Angel when in need of comfort and peace.

If you have not done so already, please “like” West Point City’s Facebook page for updates and reminders; our page is updated regularly with information that we may not know about otherwise.

Again, if you get a chance, go visit the new Angel of Hope Statue - I promise that you will be glad you did. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Fall season, and as always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call me and leave a message at City Hall.

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor
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 the Davis County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Coordinator will be joining us to provide information on how to get involved in our community.

Lunch will be held... Monday, October 16th @ 11:30AM.

This month’s lunch menu is: Chili, breadstick, and an apple dessert.

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT
Please call City Hall by October 13th at 801-776-0970.

CITY CALENDAR

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YOUTH COUNCIL

The West Point Youth Council Officers had a leadership training that “ECLIPSED” all other trainings! They spent time learning their roles as officers, planning activities for the year, and of course, witnessing the solar eclipse.

Some of the Youth Council Members also volunteered at the Davis Hospital Readiness Fair, where they promoted safety by rewarding people with ice-cream sandwiches when they pledged to always wear their seatbelts.

Upcoming YC Events:

*First retreat will be on Saturday, October 14th* Come prepared to clean up the road, get to know other Council Members, and have a blast!

* Halloween Carnival will be held on Friday, October 20th. Look for the sign up sheets at the upcoming meeting and retreat.

Happy Halloween
ATTENTION ALL SECONDARY WATER USERS:
Just a reminder that all irrigation deliveries will be shut off mid-October.
Please call Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company at 801-774-6373 if you have any questions.
For updated information you can also visit their web page @ DAVISWEBER.ORG

West Point Fire Prevention Night
Tuesday, October 10th
from 5:30-8:00pm
381 N 3150 W

Join us this year for fire truck rides, display of Life Flight equipment, extrication demos, Davis County Sheriff’s K-9’s, and the United States Coast Guard’s boat prop. There will be lots of vendors with free stuff! And don’t forget the Fire Prevention Teams of Sparky, Smokey, Smokestack, and that funny GUS GUS!

West Point City Halloween Carnival
Friday, October 20th from 7:00-8:30pm
“SCARE HUNGER AWAY”
Please bring a can of food per child to donate to the Utah Food Bank.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER
GETTING READY FOR WINTER
Early fall is a busy time for all of us; gardens need to be put away for winter, sprinklers need to be repaired and drained, fall fertilizer needs to be applied, lawn toys put away, and the list goes on. One of the most important, but often overlooked, task that needs to be done in anticipation of the winter months is tree trimming. It is very difficult for our Public Works employees to safely and efficiently plow City streets if the trees are not trimmed properly: West Point City Code requires that trees must be trimmed to a minimum height of 13 ft. 6 in. above the curb. This requirement allows snow removal equipment and garbage trucks sufficient overhead room to safely complete their tasks. Please take a look at your trees and if needed, trim them to help us perform these vital services.
Your cooperation in helping our City get through another winter is greatly appreciated!
Please call Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Dopp at 801-776-0970 or visit www.westpointcity.org with any questions!

FALL CLEAN-UP
West Point City will be providing dumpsters for a Fall Clean-Up. Dumpsters will be dropped off on Friday, October 13th and picked up on Saturday October 14th. There will be two dumpsters at Loy Blake Park, one dumpster at Bingham Park and one dumpster at East Park. If dumpsters are full, please try a different location.
DO NOT FILL GARBAGE OUTSIDE OF THE DUMPSTER.
No hazardous material, concrete, tires, etc.
Contact City Hall with questions 801-776-0970

Community Notification Enrollment
You could probably guess that most homes no longer have land lines.
As a result, in the case of an emergency residents could not be contacted by the Reverse 911 call. Davis County now has a program up and running that will let you register your cell phone number so that you can be contacted in the event of an emergency in your area. Go to this link to register today!
https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/E3BC2EED087A

2017 WEST POINT CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS - NOVEMBER 7TH
“THERE WILL BE NO EARLY VOTING”
PLEASE make sure you are registered to vote by OCTOBER 10TH to be able to vote-by-mail.
The last day to register to be able to vote in person on November 7th is OCTOBER 31ST.

VOTING BY MAIL STEPS:
1. Ballots will be mailed by October 17th to all registered voters
3. Make your selection and follow 5-simple step process listed on envelope.
4. Return ballot one of three ways: 1) Through the mail 2) At the Ballot Box of City Hall or 3) At City Hall on Election Day
5. If you are unable to vote by mail for any reason, please vote at City Hall on November 7th from 7 AM to 8 PM.
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

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

With the dedication of the Military Memorial behind us and our Independence Day Celebration over, the pressure on your Memorial Committee to raise funds and meet deadlines has slowly receded into its proper place in the history books. The City has requested that the Committee maintain its presence to keep the memories of our veterans at the front of our minds. The Committee will also, of course, be responsible for the ongoing upkeep and maintenance the Memorial may require. The City has always been right there with a helping hand when needed.

Speaking of maintenance and upkeep, one of our principle concerns is the accuracy of the names on the Memorial walls. Yes, we have made a few mistakes and missed a few names, so please bring those to our attention so that we can put them on the list for correction on the next annual repair cycle. Getting those corrected and updated is of utmost importance and we will get them repaired each year in the spring months.

To correct or repair the Monument, the engravers can make a special slurry consisting of granite dust or chips and an epoxy that is then used as a putty to cover the specified area. When the slurry is pressed into the existing engraving, it is difficult to see where the repair has occurred. However, with the extreme fluctuations of temperature and humidity we experience here, the repair can become obvious, and may even pop right out if moisture has seeped behind it, within just a few years. After lengthy consultation with Nationwide Monument, the company who has been with us through the construction process, it was determined that the only logical approach is to simply engrave the correction at the end of the list as though it were a new name. If your name was one of the unfortunate ones that had to be repaired, you are on the Memorial twice! Our next planned activity will be on November 11th, commemorating the signing of the armistice that ended WWI. As we all know, this is now called Veterans Day and we plan on having an annual event at the Memorial this day each year. Keep this date in mind and plan on trying to attend. Next year, 2018, will be the 100th anniversary of the signing, which deserves some special attention.

West Point Military Memorial Committee:
Howard, Chair 801-825-7221 or 801-695-2637
Marv, Co-Chair 801-825-5521
Patricia 801-725-1247
Karen 801-773-2776
Royce 801-825-1426

PEACE: freedom from disturbance; quiet and tranquility.
HOPE: grounds for believing that something good may happen.
STRENGTH: the degree of intensity of a feeling or belief.
SERENITY: the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled.
COMFORT: the easing or alleviation of a person’s feelings of grief.

She truly stands for them all.

ANGEL OF HOPE STATUE

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