Mayor’s Message

As we listen to the news day after day, it is easy to get caught up in all the bad things that are happening around the world. Controversial and tragic stories are the ones that grab headlines and make the evening news; it is just a part of the day and time we live in. Right when we can’t take it anymore and we have lost all faith in society as a whole, we get bombarded with Christmas shows on the Hallmark Channel that once again gives us hope that we can continue on for another twelve months.

Also a popular part of our times is to “tease” today’s youth - “They can only communicate via text message.” “All they do is play video games.” I even saw a spare tire cover on the back of a jeep that showed a picture of a shifting pattern found on the stick-shift for manual transmissions that read “Millennial Anti-Theft Device”. Well, I have a feel-good story of someone who lives right here in West Point that just might renew some optimism that you may have lost for our upcoming leaders.

A few years ago, like he does, our Recreation Director, Kelly Ross, hired some of our local youth to help with some of our sports throughout the year. These teenagers will ref Jr. Jazz games, be umpires at our baseball games, and be referees during our soccer seasons. I am fairly confident that when Kelly hired this particular employee, he was still in Jr. High. I still remember to this day when he showed up for his interview and I just happened to be at City Hall; this kid dressed up in a white shirt and tie, clean shoes and tidy hair. This immediately made him stand out from all the others they interviewed that day (Kelly recently said that he has only had one other kid wear a suit and tie to interview for this position). It wasn’t long after he started working Jr. Jazz games that Kelly and the other individuals in our recreation program started to receive compliments from parents and coaches about this new employee who wasn’t just out there punching the clock - he was actually teaching the kids while he ref’d a basketball game or umping baseball.

Most amazing is that this kid actually tried learning each kids’ name and would call them by name when giving a compliment or explaining why you can’t dribble the ball with both hands. He soon became the go-to-guy for Kelly for all the rec seasons. Always there, always on time, and always reliable. This part-time rec employee was both a kid and parent favorite, made very apparent by the many Facebook posts and many comments made by parents pointing out the difference he had made at a particular game and the patience he had and the time he took to take advantage of teachable moments. Last year, this employee was recognized by the Utah Jazz’s Jr. Jazz program as Referee of the Year in all their programs throughout the Intermountain West. Keep in mind this program covers 6 states, 55,000 participants on 7,000 teams and 2,000 referees!

Last year while a senior at Clearfield High, he simultaneously played football for the Falcons and helped coach one of our West Point football teams. This year Kelly was confident he could be the head coach of that same football team and he was right - last year that team rarely scored, and this year, they just qualified last week for the playoffs. In a football league full of middle-aged men who coach year after year, we have an 18-year-old who does as good a job coaching these kids that I have ever seen...and I have been around our football program for a long time. He is wise beyond his years with his ability to communicate and teach these kids the game of football. He doesn’t just focus on the skills and techniques, but he teaches these kids the value of being a good teammate and the importance of working together. He could be with his friends, hanging out and enjoying the summer and fall as he prepares to serve his LDS Mission to Madagascar, but instead, he volunteers his time five nights a week and every Saturday during the season to teach these kids.

Colton Manning, the son of Brady and Shaylee Manning, is an amazing young man who deserves every compliment he has received since that first day he walked onto the basketball court to help ref a West Point Jr. Jazz game. Those who know him or have witnessed him in action will know exactly what I mean. On behalf of the City Council and all of you who elected me to represent our great City, thank you, Colton, for all you have done for youth of West Point. I wish you all the best and I have no doubt that all those you come in contact with will be better having had you in their lives!

- Mayor Erik Craythorne
The Youth Council had a great time getting to know one another at their Retreat! Members attended workshops taught by the Officers that focused on this year’s theme:

**DREAMS**
*Dedication* *Responsibility* *Education*
*Attitude* *Motivation* *Service*

Upcoming Events:
Halloween Carnival on October 19th!
Youth Council be sure to sign up to help!

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**YOUTH COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS**

If you would like more information about the activities listed on this page please contact Casey Arnold @ 801-614-5349 or email carnold@westpointcity.org

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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, October 15th @ 11:30 am.*

*The menu for this month is: Chili, Breadsticks/Bread, and Apple Dessert with Ice Cream*

*The West Point Eye Center will be here to teach us about the importance of keeping our eyes healthy!*

*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.*
With winter just around the corner, our Public Works employees are preparing to keep our roads clear of snow and ice. Their efforts will help make our commutes easier and keep our streets safer.

We need your help to make sure snow removal can be accomplished in the safest and most efficient manner.

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 beginning November 1st and continuing until the last day of February.

West Point City Code Enforcement and the Davis County Sheriff’s Department will be patrolling the streets during the winter months to issue notices and citations to enforce this Ordinance. Because of the obstruction that vehicles parked on the road cause for plowing, vehicles can even be towed at the owner’s expense.

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

Your cooperation in helping the City handle another winter is greatly appreciated!

Please call Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Dopp at 801-776-0970 or visit our website at http://www.westpointcity.org/code-enforcement.htm

**Annual Fall Clean-Up!**

Dumpsters will be dropped off on **Friday, October 12th** and picked up on **Saturday, October 13th** at each of the City’s parks:
- Loy Blake Park - 2 dumpsters
- Bingham Park - 1 dumpster
- East Park - 1 dumpster

If dumpsters are full, please try a different location.

**DO NOT PILE GARBAGE OUTSIDE OF THE DUMPSTER.**

No hazardous material, concrete, tires, etc.

Contact City Hall with questions 801-776-0970

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**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. Tea lights will also be placed on the resting place of each child.

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**Secondary Water Shut-Off on October 1st.**

Visit davisweber.org for more info!

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**North Davis Fire District**

**Fire Prevention Nights!**

**West Point, UT 84015**

Sunset: October 3, 2018 5:30pm - 8:00pm
West Point: October 10, 2018 5:30pm - 8:00pm

**Clearfield, UT 84015**

Sunset: October 5, 2018 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Clearfield: October 6, 2018 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Come join North Davis Fire District in learning about fire prevention! Come enjoy an up close view of a helicopter, get to meet Firefighters and Police Officers along side their K9s, get to meet our public education team and definitely don’t miss out on the opportunity to take a ride on the fire trucks!
Years ago, we had a neighbor here in West Point who had seen service during World War I, and as I remember his story, was one of only a couple men who survived from his Company during the Battle of the Ardennes Forest. Some of you may remember this resident, Charles Dalton. Charley, as he was affectionately known, died at the age of 103 and rests here in the West Point Cemetery next to his beloved Marthy and surrounded by the graves of his three sons, two of whom saw action during WWII. I remember Charley as being quiet and subdued but fiercely loyal to his Country. He did not talk often about the Ardennes nor about the friends he lost, but when he did, his love for those men was apparent.

I mention Charley because November 11th of this year marks the 100th year since the signing of the Armistice which ended the fighting of that great war of which he was a part. You may remember our commitment during the dedication of our Memorial to hold commemorative services each year at the Monument. Although the date is now called Veterans Day and falls this year on Sunday, the designated day for the 2018 Recognition is Monday, November the 12th. On that day, we will recognize the Centennial with a significant service. More detail will be included in next month’s newsletter and we also anticipate several news releases sharing our plans. Everyone is invited and we ask that you please plan now to attend!

On another note, many of you may remember the scrapbook we had at our booth on several previous Fourth of July celebrations. That book was professionally printed and made available to purchase at our cost. Not only did we not make money on the books, but if the donated time and gas were counted, we lost money! We currently have three copies left of the published version, which is printed in color on high quality paper ($150) and beautifully binded ($26.50). As we do not anticipate going to press again, this will be the final issue.

See Howard or Marv if you want one of these amazing keepsakes for the total cost of $176.50. First come, first served!