

**West Point Officials**

Erik Craythorne, Mayor  
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September 2012

**WEST POINT CITY**



Mayor's Message

COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR

**City Council meetings:**  
**1st & 3rd Tuesday**  
**7:00 pm at City Hall**

**Planning Commission meetings:**  
**2nd & 4th Thursday**  
**7:00 pm at City Hall**

Meetings subject to cancellation

September 3  
 Labor Day  
 City Hall Closed

September 17  
 Senior Lunch-11:30 AM

September 24  
 Flu Shots-4:00-6:00 PM



**Rate increases to be aware of:**

The North Davis Sewer District increased it's rate by \$1.00/per connection. You will notice a rate increase from \$13.70 to \$14.70.

The water rate increase for **West Point Water** was based on a resolution passed in 2010 outlining rate increases over a 3-year period. The base rate increased from \$21.25 to \$22.50 for the first 6,000 gallons used. **(This rate increase will not affect the West Point residents who are on Hooper Water)**

All other utility rates remain the same. Please contact City Hall @801-776-0970 if you have any questions.



**Does West Point City need a commercial tax base?**

I am often asked when the city will get more businesses. I also get asked by some if we need any business in the city at all. Maybe some of you have had these thoughts too. I have heard over and over again that many people were drawn to West Point for the open fields and the quiet lifestyle that comes with mixing residential and agriculture. There is no doubt in my mind that open space is a great attribute of our city. I can remember walking from 800 North to my grandma's house on 3000 West and crossing fence after fence, while the only road I had to cross was 300 North. The reality is that farms rarely stay farms forever. Once land is sold, it is unlikely to remain agriculture because there are other uses that will generate more income for the property owner. This brings me back to the original question: Does West Point need any businesses long term? There are two predominant options the city has when it comes to future land use: residential and commercial.

**Option 1:** Strictly residential; essentially a bedroom community with limited business. This is what we are today. For revenue, the city collects one time impact fees when new homes are built to fund new infrastructure, collects sales tax that is distributed throughout the state, and collect property taxes each year. This option seems to work well under our current population. We are still able to contract out for police services, our parks are adequate for our needs, and we are able to maintain our current infrastructure. The down side is that as our city grows it could reach a population that is too large for the Davis County Sheriff to adequately protect and keep safe; it may then be necessary for us to bring on our own police department. There will also be an increased need for road and infrastructure maintenance, as well as building and maintaining more parks. Bringing on our own police department would require nearly doubling the current budget for that service. Where would that money come from? If we don't have any commercial tax base, then the additional money would need to be collected from the residents, through increased fees and property taxes.

**Option 2:** Having a mix of residential and commercial. This is more consistent with our current general plan. It provides for residential neighborhoods in the majority of the city, with businesses along major roads. Having some property set aside for commercial development will provide the city more budget money from the sales taxes collected by those business; this would help fund any additional services needed such as a police department, infrastructure and parks, while also reducing the need to raise property taxes. By explaining these two different options, I am in no way implying that we are in need of some business now or we are going to have to raise taxes. The city budget in fine right now, we manage and maintain a very conservative budget that allows us to provide high quality services to our residents. If we follow our general plan and offer balance between land uses, we will remain a great residential community with a low tax burden. Hopefully, this helps explain the important tradeoff between staying strictly residential and enjoying a balanced mix of homes and businesses in the future.

*Erik Craythorne*

WEST DAVIS CORRIDOR UPDATE

We are continuing to study both Alternatives A and B as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). Currently, we are drafting chapters of the Draft EIS document and conducting a detailed analysis on impacts such as noise, water quality, and air quality. The result of this

in-depth analysis will be reflected in the Draft EIS.

A final decision is not expected until 2013.

For the latest information, including maps, data, and project schedule, please visit the project website at [www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis](http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis).

## Senior Lunch

Monday, September 17th  
11:30am

Join us this month for sloppy joes, chips, carrots and brownie sundaes.

RSVP no later than  
September 14th  
801-776-0970

Be sure to mark you calendars for next month October 15th. We will have CNS here doing flu shots. Watch for next month's newsletter for more information, or contact Jolene @801-614-5347

## North Davis Fire District Fire Prevention

Join us Wednesday, October 10th from 5:30-8:00 pm at the West Point Fire Station for fire prevention and awareness.

Activities for the whole family.....

Helicopter, Fire Truck Rides, Smokestack and Gus Gus, Fire Prevention Activities, K-9 Police Officer Demonstrations, and the UHP demo car.



## FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH.

This years Flu Shot Clinic will take place on Monday, September 24th at City Hall.

Shots will be available to the public from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

Please be sure to bring your Insurance Cards and/or Medicare/Medicaid cards.

If you are paying cash, the cost will be \$25.00.

All shots are administered by the Davis County Health Department.

If you have any questions please call 801-525-5041

## Green Waste Cancellation Fee

As adopted in the fee schedule for this new year (beginning July 1, 2012), there is a \$12.00 fee for the cancellation of the green waste recycling service. This fee is to help recover some of the cost associated with picking up the can, cleaning and washing it out, and stocking it in the yard.



## VOTE BY-MAIL

Any registered voter may apply to become a permanent By-Mail voter and receive a ballot for every election. Simply fill out an application and mark the Permanent By-Mail box.

Vote By-Mail applications and additional information are available on the Davis County website,

[www.DavisVotes.com](http://www.DavisVotes.com)

or call the Davis County Clerk/

Auditor's

office, 801-451-3588.



## Softball/Baseball pictures, may be picked up at City Hall.

## West Point City Cemetery

A complete cemetery cleaning will be held Thursday, October 4th, weather permitting. Please remove all items from the cemetery, any items left during the cleaning may be discarded.

For questions, please call Misty Rogers 801-776-0970.



## Youth Council Corner

This month's theme is  
"Wisdom"

"Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so."

Earl of Chesterfield, 1964

The Youth Council is still collecting soccer jerseys. They will be delivering flowers that were grown at the community garden to the retirement home.

YC applications for the 2012-2013 year will be available September 3rd.

## School Zone Safety

Just a reminder that school begins September 4th.

We would like to remind all residents to be very careful while driving through the designated school zones. Please obey the crossing guards and BE ALERT. A special reminder about the school zone in front of West Point Elementary, please do not make U-Turns on 300 north. Also please remind your children to stay on the sidewalks whether walking or riding a bike.

