

West Point City

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

SEPTEMBER 2016

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

2016 Property Taxes

Many of you may know this, but for the last four or five years West Point has gone through a process known as "Truth in Taxation". Truth in Taxation is a process any taxing entity has to go through when a tax rate increase is being considered. On each of our individual property tax notices, you can see how the property tax revenue is allocated. Among other things, a good portion will go to the Davis School District, and when you really analyze it, the proportion West Point City actually receives might be a lot smaller than what you would expect. So why do we go through the Truth in Taxation process? In basic terms, every year our individual property valuations either go up and down. This year the overall property tax valuation for the properties in West Point increased, and because we cannot collect more than we did last year, the property tax rate has to decrease. Each year it has been the City Council's policy to analyze whether or not we want to consider a rate other than the new certified rate provided by the County to see if a rate increase is justified based on the City's current budget needs. This year, the City Council decided not to increase the rate and adopt the lower certified rate.

So why would we ever look at raising the rate to increase the amount of money we receive each year? There are many factors to look at, but one major

item of consideration is the cost of maintaining the infrastructure in the City. If we always just take in the same amount of revenue but the cost for all the repairs to roads and maintenance of the entire City increases, you can see it has the potential to be problematic. The City could then run into an issue years down the road of having to implement a very large increase to make up the deficit, like some of our surrounding cities are currently having to do. Confused yet? Don't worry - I have only been involved in city government for 15 years and I can barely explain it. The bottom line is that it is my opinion that we do more with less than any city around and we have a fiscally responsible Council that takes their job very seriously when it comes to the budget and the money that is collected every year with property taxes.

On another note, kids are back in school!!

Can you believe that summer is behind us and school is in full swing? Please be extra careful traveling along our roadways *especially* during the morning and afternoon hours when the kids are coming to and from school. We are fortunate to have some great schools that our kids, grandkids and neighbors have an opportunity to attend. They are great partners in our community and they are a resource that many of us take for granted. I know I sure do. A few months ago, I had the opportunity to travel to

South Korea and then to the Philippines and I came away with a better appreciation for our education system. In South Korea most school-aged children attend school Monday through Saturday, and when they aren't in school they go to private tutors in the evenings. Want to see what happens when a country puts such a high value on education? Take a look at the economic prosperity South Korea has enjoyed the past 20 years. However, in the Philippines things are unfortunately a lot different. Education is not something that is available to every child. In some cases, families have to choose which of their children to put in school and then those lucky ones are responsible for the well being of their siblings who were not so fortunate. Do we take our education for granted in this country? You bet we do. Even though our public education system can always use improvement, sometimes it takes traveling to foreign countries to really appreciate the freedoms and opportunities that living in the greatest country in the world affords us. I know that was definitely the case for me.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Erik Craythorne
West Point City Mayor

West Point Officials

Erik Craythorne, Mayor
Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro-Tem
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City Council Meetings:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

6:00pm Administrative Session

7:00pm General Session

Planning Commission Meetings:

2nd & 4th Thursdays

6:00pm Administrative Session

7:00pm General Session

Meetings subject to cancellation

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS

If you would like more information about the activities listed on this page please contact Jolene Kap @ 801-614-5347 or email jkap@www.westpointcity.org



YOUTH COUNCIL

The 2015-2016 West Point Youth Council has had an incredible year. They loved having the opportunity to serve the community and can't wait to start a new year. Their final banquet is in September. They will reflect on the wonderful year and be recognized for their many services.

Applications for the 2016-2017 Youth Council are available now.

If you are interested in serving on next years Youth Council be sure to stop by City Hall to pick one up or you can access the form on the City website under the Community Affairs page.

**"Don't wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect."
-Zoey Sayward**



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's lunch will be held Monday, September 19th.

This month's menu is: BBQ Pork Sandwiches, coleslaw, watermelon and chocolate cake dessert.

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT please call by September 16th 801-776-0970 .

CITY CALENDAR

September 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5 Labor Day- City Hall Closed	6 City Council 7:00PM	7	8 Planning Commission 7:00PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Senior Lunch 11:30AM	20 City Council 7:00PM	21	22 Planning Commission 7:00PM	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

Be sure to view the City website for up-to-date information and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

FALL CLEAN-UP

West Point City will be providing dumpsters for a fall clean-up. Dumpsters will be dropped off on Friday, October 14th and picked up on Saturday October 15th.

There will be 2 dumpsters at Loy Blake Park, 1 dumpster at Bingham Park and 1 dumpster at East Park.

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

WEST POINT CITY GENERAL PLAN

West Point City Council and Planning Commission are reviewing the City's General Plan. This plan is an important tool in shaping the future of West Point City. Where should we put a new park? Do we need a civic center? What new roads are being considered? The City encourages all to be informed and give feedback when necessary on the proposed changes. A new website has been created to help you view and comment on the these changes. You can find this website at www.planwestpoint.org. If you have other questions please contact City Hall.

West Point Fire Prevention Night
381 N 3150 W

October 11th from 6-8 pm

Join us this year for Fire Truck Rides, Life Flight, Extrication demos, Davis County Sheriff's K-9's and the United States Coast Guards Boat prop. There will be many vendors with free stuff and don't forget the Fire Prevention Teams of Sparky, Smokey, Smokestack and that funny GUS GUS.



Davis County Senior Services is offering the following classes...

Medicare 101 class

Wednesday, September 14 6:30-7:30 @ Layton Library

Wednesday, October 12 6:30-7:30 @ Clearfield Library

Tuesday, October 18 6:30-7:30 Bountiful Library

Stepping on Fall Prevention class

Wednesdays; Sept. 7-Oct.9 @ the Davis Hospital Medical Plaza from 2-4pm

Thursdays; Oct. 6-Nov 17 @ the Bountiful Library from 2-4pm.

Living Well with Diabetes class

Wednesdays; Sept. 14-Oct 19 @ the Wade Family Medicine in Bountiful from 6-8:30pm

Contact Morganne @ 801-525-5087 with questions.

Davis County Government Surplus Sale

Thursday, September 22, 2016

11am-2pm

28 E State Street, Farmington (old courthouse basement)

Email questions to dteuscher@daviscountyutah.gov

All sales final, items are as is, items must be taken at time of sale, no preview of items available.

Cash or Credit Cards only!

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

MOST COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

As I drive through the City each day, I am amazed and encouraged by the many residents who take great pride in their homes and yards. The huge majority have well kept homes and yards. I have issued many courtesy notices for common code violations during the summer months. The most common violations are weeds which are long and unsightly, RV's and utility trailers parked on the streets, trees that block traffic signs and the site view of oncoming traffic, basketball standards which are using the City street as a court, and junk cars parked on property. If any of these violations are present on your property, please take care of them without the City contacting you with a notice of code violations.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping West Point City a beautiful and safe place to live and raise a family.

Please direct any questions to Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or use the City Web site at www.westpointcity.org with any questions.



West Point City Halloween Carnival
Friday, October 14th from 7:00-8:30pm
"SCARE HUNGER AWAY"

Please bring a can of food per child to donate to the Utah Food Bank.

A complete cemetery cleaning will be held Thursday, October 6th, *weather permitting*.

Please remove all items from the cemetery, any items left during the cleaning will be discarded.

Contact Casey with any questions 801-776-0970



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 view their web page @ DAVISWEBER.ORG



COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS

West Point Military Memorial

As we indicated last month, the end is in sight for the completion of Military Memorial! The engraver has begun work on the military walls, starting with all of all the names we have received of those who served in the Army. Because the engraving process has already begun, we can no longer accept names to be put on the wall.

On September 10, 2016, the Rotary Club is sponsoring a Putting Tournament at the Swan Lake Golf Course in Layton. Half of the proceeds received will be dedicated to the Military Memorial Fund. Please come out and support this great event!

We are planning the dedication of the Memorial for November 11th, 2016. This will be a significant event with representation from many appropriate attendees, so please watch this space for more details to come!

Again, thank you for your outstanding support to make the completion of the Memorial a success. This Memorial will be a great addition to West Point City, honoring all of our former and current residents who have served this great nation.

Howard Stoddard, Chair 801-825-7221/801-695-2637
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Patricia Galloway 801-725-1247
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WEST POINT CITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

West Point Eye Center is SO excited to announce that we will be re-locating our office just up the street! Wow! A lot of changes are happening in West Point!!! We are VERY excited to be serving our patients in a beautiful, new, first floor office (no more stairs or elevator). The new office will be located in the South East corner of the Smith's Market Place parking lot. We plan to be in the new location by September or October of this, 2016 year. We have LOVED being in West Point and are truly happy to make this exciting move. West Point Eye Center will be sharing the new building with Legacy Family Medicine. We love the doctors there and are happy to still be working with them.



West Point Eye Center's new office will offer all of the newest and greatest technologies to aid our patients with their vision needs. While offering the BEST service and quality to our patients, we also pride ourselves in accepting BOTH Major Medical and Vision insurances, and are preferred Providers for EyeMed, VSP, and VCP, to name just a few. West Point Eye Center is a full service eye center, offering, Yearly Exams, Medical and Diabetic Eye Exams, Eye or Vision Threatening Emergencies (during and after hours), Glasses, Contacts, and MUCH MUCH more! The staff is readily available and always happy to help in any way we can!

Our doctors and staff are all local and have a vested interest in this community. We would LOVE to be your choice for all of your Eye Care needs! Hope to see you soon at the NEW LOCATION:

West Point Eye Center
81 N 2000 W Suite, F1

To make an appointment call: 801-825-WPEC (9732)

RECREATION

Recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or stop by City Hall to fill out a registration form.

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

Volleyball -

Registration will begin August 22nd and run until September 19th.

Grades 3rd-9th.

Cost is \$40.00

Jr Jazz -

Registration will run October 3rd thru November 2nd

\$50.00 for grades 1st-6th

\$60.00 for grades 7th-12th