The Change of Seasons

I hope everyone will enjoy the fall season that is (already) upon us. The weather will hopefully start to cool down, football games are plenty, and the kids are back in school. Please be careful and alert as kids are walking to and from school each day, being particularly aware of school zones and popular walking areas around the schools. This is also a good time to remind us all to slow down as we drive around the various areas of the City.

Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica

A couple of years ago, I had the opportunity to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. with Mayor Bob Stevenson from Layton. While we were walking by the wall and reading the names, Mayor Stevenson informed me that a replica of that wall was going to be built in Layton. In my mind I expected something a lot smaller than the original; some sort of a reduced model if you will. Well, fast forward from that trip and on November 11, 2017, they broke ground for the Vietnam Memorial Wall replica in Layton. On July 14, 2018, this amazing Memorial was finished and dedicated. As we know, the Vietnam War was a long and controversial conflict, and for those who served and died there this wall in Layton is a long awaited and much deserved “thank you.” At the dedication of the Wall, Dennis Howland, President of the Utah Vietnam Veterans of America, stated: “I want to introduce you to 58,317 American heroes. By remembering them here you brought them back for just a few minutes. We’re celebrating the conclusion of a magnificent journey. Every veteran or those serving now – this is yours.” The Memorial is located in Layton Commons Park and is an 80% replica of the actual wall in Washington and approximately 370 feet long. Never did I think that it would be as large and beautiful as it turned out to be, but from what I have been told, this is the largest replica west of the Mississippi. Eight benches surround it to represent the eight women killed in Vietnam, and tucked into the wall is a sealed box with purple hearts of those who earned them but never got to wear them. This Memorial is a must see and is a great place for anyone, of all ages, to remember and better comprehend the vast number of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice; as Mayor Stevenson remarked at its dedication, his hope is that “the wall can bring change from just a memorial to become a symbol of everything you’ve done for this country.” Layton Commons Park is located at 437 Wasatch Drive. Take a drive over and look at this unbelievable Memorial. I can assure you will not be disappointed.

Remembering 9/11

In observance of the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, or 9/11 Day, we pause to remember the lives of those lost and injured as a result of the terrorist attacks, to honor the many who rose in service in response on 9/11, and to show gratitude to all those who continue to defend our freedoms. We are encouraged to pay tribute each 9/11 Day through our personal acts or expressions of kindness, unity, and good deeds. I, for one, am grateful that I have the opportunity to live and raise my family in such a great community. I know I have said this before, but a great city and a great community has very little to do with city leaders, a little to do with the geographical area, and a lot do with the great people we all call neighbors, family, and friends. Too often we are too critical, too often people aren’t kind enough, and too often we absorb what we hear on the radio and TV shows; we lose faith in society as a whole, many times to the point where we don’t trust anyone. Being kind and being thoughtful is a choice we each can make to put forth a little effort and look for ways to reach out and serve those around us. I know that I get caught up in my own life and worries and can forget about those around me, but sometimes, just a simple phone call or visit could make all the difference. We have some great examples in our City of service, compassion, and kindness and I am always reminded that I need to be more like these individuals.

Please consider sharing your good deed or message to the 9/11 community through Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat, or Twitter using the hashtag #911day to let us all be reminded of the goodness that still remains in our society and be inspired to be a part of it.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne
The 2018-2019 Youth Council was sworn in on August 21st and are off and running! They will be holding their first retreat on September 22nd. Stay up-to-date by following the YC on their Facebook page @West Point Youth Council.

2018-2019 YC Officers
Kamry Kap-Historian
Jeremy Titensor-Treasurer
Amy Taggart-City Recorder
Ryland Price-City Manager
Dylan Shakespear-Mayor Pro-Tem
Katie Orton-Mayor

2018-2019 YC Service Members
Sidney Bair, David Bodiker, Kami Broadbent, Ethan Brough, Mariah Burrell, Lucy Christensen, Lana Eccleston, Emma Hamblin, Jacob Hebertson, Allyson Huot, Cannon Hunt, Hayden Kemp, Olivia Lance, Tyler Larsen, Kynlee Longhurst, Aiden Magness, Jade Matkin, Kylee McCarrey, Blake Miles, Brigham Minson, Angelina Orton, James Orton, Isaac Pehrson, Jonnie Pehrson, Bethany Pitcher, Brinlee Price, Alicia Reading, Josh Reading, Elijah Richins, Jarom Richins, Jillian Robinette, Mickell Shakespear, Ethan Smith, Marissa Smith, Kamron Sorensen, Emily Stark, Zeke Stark, Dallan Tobler, Trevor Vorwaller

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, September 17th @ 11:30am.

The menu for this month is: Sloppy Joe’s, salad, fruit, and brownie sundaes. YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT
Please call City Hall by September 14th @ 801-776-0970

Are You Registered to Vote?
General Election: November 6
Visit www.vote.utah.gov
To register and 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
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

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 drained and repaired, fall fertilizer needs to be applied, lawn toys put away, and the list goes on and on.

I want to remind the residents of West Point City to look at your trees, especially those growing in park strips, and cut them back so that vehicles can pass and pedestrians can walk on the sidewalks. This is especially important for those of you who live on the streets that children use to walk back and forth to school. If a tree creates a line of sight issue, it is very dangerous for young children who might not be paying attention.

Weeds can also become a problem for our school kids. Goat heads puncture tires of bikes and stick to their soles as they ride or walk on the sidewalks. Please look at your property and keep it well-kept and trimmed so that there is safe passage for all of those using the sidewalk and streets.

Your cooperation in helping our City continue to be a safe and beautiful place to live is appreciated!

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

FLU SHOTS
West Point City and CNS will be hosting a flu shot clinic on:

Monday, September 17th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM
at West Point City Hall 3200 W 300 N.
CNS is a preferred provider and is contracted to bill directly to your insurance!
Insurance cards must be presented at the time of service.
Additionally, in self-pay situations we accept cash, check, or credit card.

BOO TO THE FLU
West Point Elementary will be holding a flu clinic on
Thursday, September 20th from 4-7pm.

WATCH OUT!
Utah State Code 41.6a.1002(2)(3) states:
“The operator of a vehicle approaching a school crosswalk shall come to a complete stop at the school crosswalk if the crosswalk is occupied by a person.”

Keep our kids safe and STOP at all crosswalks in use!

WEST POINT COMMUNITY GARDEN

470 N 2150 W
Come and volunteer at YOUR Community Garden!
There is always plenty of work to be done and you are welcome to fill up a bag of produce to take it to a shelter for those in need.

There is a grassy area with picnic tables for families to have a picnic as well.
Contact Pat Westaway with questions! 801-698-7035

NORTH DAVIS FIRE

Fire Prevention Nights!

West Point Fire Prevention Night:
October 10th 6:30 - 8:00 PM
West Point Elementary

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Change a Life
Became a Reading Mentor Volunteer

Seeking volunteers, age 55+ to serve as Reading Mentors in elementary schools throughout Davis County. Programs begin late September.

ENROLL TODAY!
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With all the current controversy regarding respect for the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the National Anthem, I first penned an article for this month which I decided was a little too scathing and in itself too controversial. The recent announcement by a charter school in the eastern US announcing they would no longer recite the Pledge of Allegiance was the catalyst for my little tirade, but I decided that a more rational approach would be to discuss the origin and meaning behind the Pledge.

In 1888, the owner and editor of the *Youth’s Companion* magazine hired Francis Bellamy to head up a campaign to sell flags to the nation’s public schools. By 1892, flags had been sold to approximately 26,000 schools. Francis, as part of the drive, spoke to a national convention of school superintendents wherein he introduced the idea of a Public School Celebration to coincide with the World’s Columbian Exposition (held to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus’ arrival) to continue the flag movement. The schools liked the idea, created a committee to implement it, and selected Bellamy to be its chair. Bellamy instituted a flag salute as part of the official program, which he structured around a flag raising and recital of his original pledge, which read as follows:

I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The recital of the Pledge was originally accompanied by the “Bellamy Salute”, wherein the arm was extended towards the flag, palm up. A few of our older west Point residents may remember that particular form of salute. During WWII, because the extended arm was too similar to the Nazi salute, it was replaced with a hand-over-the-heart gesture. In the 1920’s, the words “my flag” were replaced with “the flag” and then “the flag of the United States of America.” Lastly, in 1954, due to a perceived threat of secular Communism, President Eisenhower petitioned Congress to add the words “under God” to the Pledge and it has remained unchanged ever since. I would encourage all to note that there is no comma separating “one nation” from “under God”; “one nation under God” is uninterrupted.

The next time you are privileged to recite the Pledge, stop and think that Bellamy’s intent was to bring together, in one simple phrase, the salient points of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and our nation’s other founding documents. The true reason for the Pledge is the Republic for which it stands. Pride in the Pledge means pride in our heritage!

The Cemetery Expansion is complete and the burial rights to the new plots are ready to be purchased! There has been quite some interest in purchasing these plots, so we would like to remind you of a few things:

- **Full Size Burial Space**
  - Resident Rate - $450
  - Non-Resident Rate - $600
- **Half Size Burial Space (infants and urns)**
  - Resident Rate - $225
  - Non-Resident Rate - $300
- **Interment (opening and closing of plot)** CANNOT be prepaid
- **Plot rights** CANNOT and will not be put “on hold” – they must be paid for in full to purchase
- **Burial rights to any plot** CANNOT be sold or transferred to any person in exchange for money
- **There is a Transfer Fee of $15.00 to transfer rights of an existing plot to a different plot, per plot being transferred**
- **Each full-size plot accommodates ONE adult or a maximum of two urns. Half size plots accommodate one infant or one urn**
- **Payment can be made in cash, check, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard**

**Cemetary Plots**

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**Volleyball**

Registration Dates:

- September 4th – 30th
- Grades: 3rd – 9th
- Cost: $40.00

**JR. Jazz**

Registration Dates:

- October 1st – November 5th
- Grades: 1st – 12th
- Cost: $50.00 – 1st thru 6th
- $60.00 – 7th thru 12th

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 @ 801-643-6263 for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups.