

# WEST POINT CITY

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

## West Point Officials

- Erik Craythorne, Mayor
- Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Jerry Chatterton, Councilman
- Andy Dawson, Councilman
- Kent Henderson, Councilman
- Jeff Turner, Councilman
- Kyle Laws, City Manager

*City Council Meetings:*

*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays*

*6:00 PM Administrative Session*

*Planning Commission Meetings:*

*2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays*

*6:00 PM Administrative Session*

*Meetings subject to cancellation*

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Truth in Taxation

The City's budget cycle runs on a fiscal year, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. This means that every spring, we go through the process of approving the budget for the upcoming year. Deciding how City money is to be spent is the most important role the City Council has. Each budget year, a term that you may or may not know comes up; that term is "Truth in Taxation" or TNT.

### Truth in Taxation

Utah's "Truth in Taxation" laws were passed in 1985 and are revenue driven, meaning that the basis for taxation is for an actual revenue amount and not a fixed rate. In an effort to ensure transparency, Utah law requires "Truth in Taxation" hearings be held whenever a taxing entity is considering to collect more revenue than was collected the previous year, not including the revenue generated by new growth (such as the value added from a new subdivision or a new business).

To keep the numbers simple, let's just say that the City received \$100,000 from property taxes last year. This year, property values increased and the economy is healthy; as such, if the City were to assess the same property tax rate as last year, the property tax revenue would increase to \$110,000. However, for the City to collect

that extra \$10,000 it would have to go through the Truth in Taxation process, which has very specific guidelines in regards to notifying the public of the current property tax rate and how much additional revenue it would bring the City to maintain that rate. These noticing and hearing requirements give all residents the chance to share their opinions on whether or not the City should take advantage of the increased home value assessments, lower the rate, or approve a rate that will generate the same revenue as the previous year (\$100,000 in this example), which is called the "Certified Tax Rate." Going through the TNT process delays the approval of the budget by about two months in order to give more time for deliberation and citizen involvement. If no Truth in Taxation hearing is held, the City must use the Certified Tax Rate that will give them the same \$100,000 in property tax revenues as the previous year. Confused yet?

For the last few years, our City Council has opted to go through the Truth in Taxation process, whether or not it intends to increase the rate, to allow adequate time to assess the City's financial needs. There have been some years where we maintained the rate in order to take advantage of increased property values and there have been other years where we have adopted the Certified Tax Rate to only collect what we collected the year

before, and there have been others where we have also adopted a new rate that was in middle of the two options. This year, the City Council has opted once again to go through the Truth in Taxation process, which will include a public hearing, and noticing will take place later this August. If we maintain the same rate as last year, we will collect around \$30,000 more than the last fiscal year. Each year when deciding whether or not to hold the rate or reduce the rate the Council will evaluate whether or not there are any substantial increases coming up that the City will incur and needs to plan for. As many of you know, we contract our police services out to the Davis County Sheriff's Office. With some of the changes to how DCSO wants to deal with their three contract cities, they are ultimately proposing that we pay approximately \$70,000 more this year for the same service we received last year. This year's budget and Truth in Taxation discussions will include how best to deal with our contract with the Sheriff's Office. Fortunately, with the new commercial areas in the City we have some additional revenue we can put towards the increase, but the City Council will still ultimately have to decide if property tax revenues will be able to contribute to the increase as well. If any of you are interested in this process look to attend our City Council meetings in August for more detailed information!

- Mayor Erik Craythorne



# COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS

If you would like more information about the activities listed on this page please contact

Shelby Sargent @ 801-614-5347 or email [ssargent@westpointcity.org](mailto:ssargent@westpointcity.org)

## MISS WEST POINT

The 2019 Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant and Miss Jr. West Point was a great success!



Miss West Point  
Megan Neilson

1<sup>st</sup> Attendant: Carisa Barker

2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant: Julianne Drton

West Point Spirit: Erin Dawson



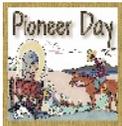
Miss Jr. West Point  
Ellie Wolford

1<sup>st</sup> Attendant: Gabbie Fessler

2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant: Ireland Rackham



## July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Planning Comm. 6 PM	12	13
14	15 Senior Lunch 11:30 AM	16 City Council 6 PM	17	18	19 Movie in the Park	20
21	22	23	24  Closed	25 Planning Comm. 6 PM	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## 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, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 AM**

The menu for this month is:

Hot Dogs & Chips

Ice Cream for Dessert

**YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT**

Please call City Hall by July 13<sup>th</sup> at (801) 776-0970

To view the 2019 Senior Lunch Calendar, visit the City Website under the Community Affairs Page.

# DAVIS COUNTY FAIR

## WHERE HEROES UNITE

### AUGUST 14TH - 17TH 2019

Wear Your Favorite Superhero Costume!

**\$2 PER PERSON - \$5 PER FAMILY**  
[WWW.DAVISFAIR.COM](http://WWW.DAVISFAIR.COM)

### PARKS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN USING ONE OF THE CITY'S THREE PARKS, YOU CAN NOW MAKE BOWERY RESERVATIONS ONLINE!  
[WWW.WESTPOINTCITY.ORG](http://WWW.WESTPOINTCITY.ORG)

ALL PARKS ARE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

DOGS ARE PERMITTED ON A LEASH. OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANIMALS, INCLUDING CLEANING UP AFTER THEM.

**GENTRI**  
 IN CONCERT AT THE DAVIS COUNTY FAIR  
 AUGUST 14TH  
 TICKETS \$5-\$20  
[WWW.DAVISFAIR.COM](http://WWW.DAVISFAIR.COM)

# CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

### SUMMER CODE REMINDERS

- 1. ILLEGAL PARKING.** West Point City allows vehicles to park on City streets for no longer than 48 hours. Please insure that your RV's, boats, utility trailers and all other vehicles are removed from the streets promptly. Large RV's, motor homes and large boats create a very dangerous situation for children and drivers who cannot be seen from oncoming traffic.
- 2. WEEDS.** Backyard weeds will become a fire hazard if left unattended and uncut. We expect a normal, dry summer and this situation, coupled with the fireworks season, could become a disaster.
- 3. TREE TRIMMING.** Most trees receive the majority of their growth during the early spring months. Have you looked at the trees growing in your parking strips lately? Do they overhang the curb or the sidewalk making it difficult for garbage trucks, mail vehicles, etc. to approach your curb? Can you or your neighbor walk on your sidewalk without having to duck to avoid low hanging branches? Please make sure that trees are trimmed 7 feet above the sidewalk and 13 1/2 feet above the curb.

Please help us keep West Point City a beautiful and safe place by holding your garage sales with the Code requirements of the City.

Please call Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or use the City website at [www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org) with any questions or complaints.

**HAPPY PIONEER DAY**

### SECONDARY WATERING SCHEDULE

There are **NO** watering restrictions currently in place. However, in an effort to conserve water, please consider following the schedule provided by the DWCC:

If your house number ends in:  
**0, 1, 2, 3-** Water on Monday and Thursday  
**4, 5, 6-** Water on Tuesday and Friday  
**7, 8, 9-** Water on Wednesday and Saturday

Please avoid watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### GARBAGE INFORMATION

As a reminder, garbage services for 2019 will be one day late on the weeks that the following holidays fall before your regular pick-up date:

New Years - Memorial Day -  
Independence Day - Labor Day -  
Thanksgiving and Christmas



### MEDICARE 101

If you are turning 65, or planning to retire soon, please join us for one of our free Medicare information classes. Topics covered are: Eligibility, Enrollment Times, and Benefit Coverage options. Classes are sponsored and presented by Davis County Health Department's Senior Services Division. For more information contact Marissa Black @ 801-525-5082 [mblack@co.davis.ut.us](mailto:mblack@co.davis.ut.us)

Wed 6/12/19 6:30-7:30 @ Centerville Library  
 Wed 7/17/19 6:30-7:30 @ Kaysville Library  
 Wed 8/14/19 6:30-7:30 @ Clearfield Library  
 Wed 9/11/19 6:30-7:30 @ Centerville Library  
 Thurs 9/12/19 6:30-7:30 @ Kaysville Library  
 Wed 10/16/19 6:30-7:30 @ Clearfield Library  
 Wed 11/13/19 6:30-7:30 @ Centerville Library

## WEST POINT CITY'S 2019 SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK

"FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAM!" "★★★★★" "TWO THUMBS UP!" "AMAZING PARK!"

FOOD TRUCKS ARRIVE @ 7PM & MOVIE BEGINS @ DUSK  
 LOY BLAKE PARK - 550 N 3500 W, WEST POINT

JUNE 7	JULY 19	AUG 16	SEPT 6
RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET	BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE	MATILDA	INCREDIBLES 2

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## WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

Loy Blake Park  
3500 W 550 N  
West Point, UT



West Point Military Memorial Committee

Marv. Chair  
801-825-5321

One of the real downsides of military service is the number of holidays we spend away from home. During my years of active duty, I spent four Thanksgivings, three Christmases, five 4<sup>th</sup> of July's, and many other minor events. More notable I was away for the births of two of our children and I missed countless birthdays and anniversaries. On the plus side, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in the Navy are always really excellent meals of turkey and/or ham, with giblets gravy on mashed potatoes and sides of yams, peas, or corn. Desserts were generally pie a la Mode.

My experiences are undoubtedly atypical. Unless they, too, were in the Navy, most others probably look back on meals much less spectacular. I have talked with a few veterans who remember holiday MRE's or C-Rations eaten in foxholes or forward outposts of some sort. But these reminiscences also got me thinking of how others might have felt on these holidays away from home.

From a Marine at the front in Viet Nam: "Every day was very much like any other day on the line. I really don't remember the 4<sup>th</sup> being different. We were more concerned with our own fireworks and really didn't have time to consider that the day was not just like the one before and the one after. We had to wait for such celebrations until we were at a back area base."

From a sailor aboard ship: "I think they tried to keep us busy so we didn't think too much about where we could have been. The noonday meals were usually special but duty assignments always came first. I generally didn't have time to think about the holiday at all until my workday was over."

From an Airman stationed at a base in Thailand: "They didn't bring the war to us. We took it to them. Our work hours were generally good but we could at times be launching aircraft around the clock. Holidays? On foreign soil you usually don't put too much into days like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I guess it could give a wrong impression. In the unit we acknowledged the date and thought of what our families might be doing."

From a soldier: "I spent many holidays away from home during Viet Nam and Desert Storm. The biggest was always the 4<sup>th</sup>. We couldn't do much in the middle East but in 'Nam we did a lot of makeshift celebrating. Our fireworks were the real thing. We used to fire off star clusters every bit as good as the fireworks here and we would throw trip flares up in the air and watch them fall. They kind of looked like big sparklers. Our Commander was not happy, but we were!"

I guess the bottom line would be we are fortunate to be able to celebrate our freedoms in relative peace and with our loved ones. Come visit us at our Fourth of July booth at the park!



## WEST POINT CIY 2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Primary: AUGUST 13, 2019  
General: NOVEMBER 5, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE DECLARED CANDIDACY FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER (4-YEAR TERM) - THREE SEATS AVAILABLE IN THE WEST POINT CITY 2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

(LISTED IN BALLOT ORDER PURSUANT TO 20A-6-305)

<b>Jerry Chatterton:</b>	801.725.7522 - <a href="mailto:cjcbuild@aol.com">cjcbuild@aol.com</a>
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<b>Roland W. Whitesides:</b>	801.628.7774 - <a href="mailto:roland.whitesides@icloud.com">roland.whitesides@icloud.com</a>
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<b>Shawn Kotter:</b>	801.668.5580 - <a href="mailto:kotter@usa.com">kotter@usa.com</a>
<b>Gary L. Petersen:</b>	801.808.5341 - <a href="mailto:garylloveswestpoint@gmail.com">garyloveswestpoint@gmail.com</a>
<b>Annette Judd:</b>	801.917.4949 - <a href="mailto:ajuddwp@gmail.com">ajuddwp@gmail.com</a>
<b>Nathan Tooley:</b>	801.918.6755 - <a href="mailto:ntoolay@fbabenefits.com">ntoolay@fbabenefits.com</a>



**Are You Registered to Vote?**  
The 2019 Elections are coming up quick!

**Primary: August 13**  
**General: November 5**

Visit [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov)

To register and for complete candidate and voting information!

## RECREATION

MOST RECREATION SIGN-UPS CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT [WWW.WESTPOINTCITY.ORG](http://WWW.WESTPOINTCITY.ORG) OR

YOU CAN 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 KARLY NORWOOD @ 801-564-7701 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND

### FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION DATES: JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>

AGES: 7-15 AS OF AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>

COST: \$130.00

### FALL SOCCER

REGISTRATION DATES: JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> - AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

GRADES: PRE-K - 6<sup>TH</sup>

COST: \$40.00

### VOLLEYBALL

REGISTRATION DATES: SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>

GRADES: 3<sup>RD</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup>

COST: \$34.00

DATES: TBD