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West Point City

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS

6:00 PM ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

7:00 PM GENERAL SESSION

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

6:00 PM ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

7:00 PM GENERAL SESSION

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you are healthy and doing well. What a difference a month has made in our country, and ultimately the world in general. What I write today, near the end of March, will likely be out of date by the time you read it in April, as things seem to change by the hour.

We live in an unprecedented time in the modern world and I think all of us are trying to get used to our new reality. I hope and pray that we can all have the social awareness and display social grace during this time. Never in my lifetime has it been more important for us to look out for our neighbors with love and compassion. Maybe not a traditional in-person visit, but a phone call, text, email, or checking in with them when you see them out and about will go a long way for many of us. Our global and local economy is going to go through a time that even the experts can't predict. There are a lot of our neighbors who have felt the effects of this pandemic already and that will likely even be a larger group before this is all over. Just be aware of the needs of your neighbors and help out where possible. I want to implore that each of you take the recommendations of social distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 serious. I know some of you are not quite sure if this is all blown out of proportion and that the risk has been exaggerated, but I would rather have all of us err on the side of caution when it comes to spreading this horrible virus. We live in the greatest country in the world and I have full confidence that all of us can and will do our part to let this pass with the least amount of

harm and fatalities as possible. Be patient and diligent in taking care of your loved ones and I look forward to the morning when I wake up and all of this is behind us.

As you all know, right when we thought we already had our hands full, we experienced a different kind of wakeup call at 7:09 am on March 18th. I am sure I was not alone in being anxious and scared for anyone that may have been close to the epicenter. If nothing else, we were reminded that morning that we do live in an area where earthquakes are a possibility, and it is something we need to be prepared for. Start taking those practice drill serious, talk with your family about an emergency plan, take inventory of what you have and might need in that situation, and actually do all the other things that I am sure crossed your mind during and after the earthquake.

In the afterhours of the earthquake, we also experienced the real power of social media – for good and for bad. Misinformation on social media caused unwarranted panic as rumors of another, larger earthquake happening within the hour spread like wildfire. Make sure you are receiving and sharing your information from reliable sources that come from local, county or state governments. I would urge all of you, if you have not already, to follow West Point's Facebook page. Some of you may not prefer Facebook and use another form of social media, but we use Facebook to put out a lot of good, reliable information that will keep you

updated through this challenging time. I also encourage you to follow the Facebook pages of Davis County, the Davis County Health Department, and the various State of Utah entities.

Last but not least, it is no surprise that we have closed City Hall to in-coming traffic to help mitigate the spread of this virus. We will make the determination of when to open the doors again as things progress and it is appropriate to do so. However, the City is committed to serving our residents and ensuring that all essential services continue uninterrupted. So, although the doors are closed, City Staff is still at work and available to handle residents' needs by phone or email. If you need to contact City Hall, please call and they will get you taken care of. We will also be holding City Council and Planning Commission meetings electronically, which will be available for residents to also watch and participate in when appropriate. The details of how that will be handled are being worked out now and will be posted on our City website and Facebook page.

West Point appreciates all of your efforts in practicing social distancing, limiting gatherings, frequent hand-washing, sanitizing, and staying informed to help protect the vulnerable in our community.

Let's keep looking out for each other.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne

SENIOR LUNCH

Until further notice, senior lunch will be canceled due to the Public Health order issued by the Davis County Health Dept. and the concerns surrounding COVID - 19.

Seniors over 65 years and older are considered higher risk and recommended to avoid large gatherings.

We are committed to maintaining the health and wellness of the seniors in our community.

If you have questions about COVID- 19 the Utah Department of Health has established a hotline at 1-800-456-7707 and has information available at coronavirus.utah.gov.

Once there are no longer health concerns, we intend to carry on with the senior lunch in approaching months.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 CENSUS DAY	2	3	4
5	6	7 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	8	9 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7 PM	10	11 CANCELED EASTER EGG HUNT
12	13 CANCELED SENIOR LUNCH	14	15	16	17 SPRING CLEAN - UP	18
19	20	21 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	22	23 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7 PM	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

YOUTH COUNCIL

This month we had planned to have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Loy Blake Park. Unfortunately, this year's event has been cancelled due to COVID - 19. We will be using the supplies for next year's Easter Egg Hunt and appreciate all the businesses that made their generous donations this year. Thank you to Pace's, Chick-fil-a, Maverick, Munchies, The Rush Funplex and Jamba Juice!

Applications for the 2020-2021 Youth Council have been released and are available at www.westpointcity.org on the Community Affairs Page. We are looking for students that are interested in getting more involved with the City and enjoy helping with City events. We are also looking for Youth Council Officers! Contact Shelby Sargent if you have any questions at ssargent@westpointcity.org.



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This illness can be mild. However, in some cases it is severe enough to require hospitalization. If you have traveled recently or are planning to travel to a country with a widespread outbreak of COVID-19, you should consult the CDC's guidance for travelers, which is regularly updated as the situation changes.

WHO is at risk?

- Recent travelers from a country with ongoing spread of COVID-19
- Individuals with close contact to a person with COVID-19
- Current risk to the general public is low

HOW is it spread?

- Through the air after coughing or sneezing
- Close personal contact with an infected person
- Touching an object that has the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes

WHAT are the symptoms?

- Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
- Symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure

To prevent illness



Wash your hands often



Avoid contact with people who are sick



Avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes

SECONDARY WATER

The Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company will begin to pressurize the secondary water system by approximately April 15th. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that their systems are secure and ready to receive water by April 1st. Additional time may be needed to repair leaks and charge all the lines in our service area.

All residents should make their secondary water valves are closed before April 1st.

Although we have not been notified of any watering restrictions, residents are encouraged to help water conservation efforts by following the schedule below:

WATER ON THE LISTED DAY IF YOUR HOUSE NUMBER ENDS WITH:

0,1,2,3 - MONDAY & THURSDAY

4,5,6 - TUESDAY & FRIDAY

7, 8, 9 - WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

DO NOT WATER BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 AM - 6 PM.

In case of an emergency with your secondary water system, call the Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company at (801)774-6373.

GREEN WASTE INFORMATION

Remember that beginning **April 1st** your green waste can only be used for green waste! Remember you can access the 2020 Recycling Schedule online at www.westpointcity.org

SPRING CLEAN - UP

April 17-18 until 3 PM

Dumpster's will be available at each City Park.

If the dumpster's are full, please try another location.

Do not pile garbage outside of the dumpsters!

No hazardous material, concrete, tires, etc. Contact City Hall with questions.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WEEDS

Please take personal responsibility to ensure that the weeds growing in your FRONT, SIDE and BACK YARDS are kept cut to ground level and maintained. This includes the park strip. All trimmings must also be removed from your property.
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It is also important to remember that weeds growing and drying in back yards can become a fire hazard to you and your neighbors. Please don't allow these weeds to become a danger.

Please help us keep West Point City a beautiful and safe place to live by taking care of weeds on your property. Please contact Bruce Dopp, Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 if you have questions!

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



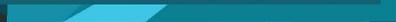
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



cdc.gov/COVID19

MARCHING MUSKRATS

West Point City is currently seeking members for this year's Community Marching Band! This group is one of the highlights of our Independence Day Celebration on July 4th. If you are interested please email Shelby at marchingmuskrats@westpointcity.org.

Please include the instrument you play, the years played, your name and phone number.

Be sure to share this info with all your friends and family who may be interested!

COMPLETE CEMETERY CLEANING

MAY 7

Please Remove ALL items by May 6th. Remaining items will be discarded.

MISS WEST POINT PAGEANT

All young ladies ages 14-21 who reside in West Point are invited to register for the Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant and Miss Junior West Point Pageant!

Contestants for Miss West Point must be ages 17-21. Winners will receive a tuition scholarship to their choice of university! Contestants for Miss Junior West Point must be ages 14-16.

Entry forms are available at westpointcity.org. Registration fee is \$30.

Orientation will be held at West Point City Hall on Thursday, April 16th from 8-9:30 pm. The Pageant will be held on Saturday, June 6th at Syracuse High School.

For more information, contact City Hall or visit the City website under Community Affairs & Events!

WEST POINT RECREATION

Most recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org or you can stop by City Hall to fill out a registration form. Some activities require in-person registration.

Contact Kelly Ross at 801-529-3352 or Karly Norwood at 801-931-9716 for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups.

Recreation Aide positions may be available! Visit www.westpointcity.org for more information!



BASEBALL

Registration: March 2nd - March 30th
Cost: PreK-2nd Grade: \$40.00
 3rd - Jr. High: \$50.00



CO-ED FOOTBALL CAMP

Registration: April 1st - May 18th
Cost: \$20.00
Date: May 19, 20, 21.

CENSUS 2020

The 2020 Census is happening now! Residents will receive invitations to complete the 2020 Census. They should respond in 1 of 3 ways: **online, by phone, or mail.**

Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important. That's why your response is required by law. If you do not respond, the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to collect your response. For more information please visit: www.2020census.gov

GRAND MARSHAL & WOMAN OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

Public nominations are now being accepted for Grand Marshal and Woman of Honor for the 2020 Party at the Point Parade! To submit a nomination, please fill out the form found on the City website.

All nominations must be emailed to Shelby Sargent at ssargent@westpointcity.org

Deadline for Nominations:

Woman of Honor: May 15 -- Grand Marshal: June 15



MONTICELLO ACADEMY

3110 W 300 N, WEST POINT UT 84015

MONTICELLO ACADEMY WILL BE OPENING A NEW CAMPUS IN WEST POINT FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR. HERE IS A Q&A WITH DIRECTOR DANE ROBERTS.



Q: What is Monticello Academy all about?

A: We are a public charter elementary school (K-6) dedicated to providing a rigorous, college prep education that prepares students for advanced coursework in junior high and high school. In addition to strong academics, we emphasize a well-rounded education that includes quality art, music, physical education, and Chinese instruction every year for every child.

Q: What does it mean to be a charter school? Do you charge tuition?

A: No tuition. A charter school is publicly funded through tax dollars to be an additional, free option for families outside of regular district schools. Because we are outside of Davis School District we can do things a little differently.

Q: What is different from a regular district school?

A: Primarily, our people and our curriculum. We start with a hand-selected curriculum that includes the best options from around the world, like Singapore Math, Core Knowledge, and Kodály Music. But a

curriculum is nothing without great teachers. We go through a rigorous selection process to find the best educators out there then give them thorough, ongoing training and support. The best curriculum in the hands of the best teachers creates an amazing school experience.

Q: What is Singapore Math?

A: It is the math curriculum that has put Singapore at the top of world rankings for a few decades now. Students always start with hands-on learning so that they understand what the math is really "all about." Then they represent what they have done with pictures. Finally, they use numbers to represent what they have done. Students always gain a deep conceptual understanding of the math they are doing, so they can apply it in new situations. But they also become fluent in mental math. They memorize math facts, like the multiplication tables. A lot of schools don't do that anymore.

Q: What is Core Knowledge?

A: It is a curriculum that puts knowledge back on a pedestal. Schools have moved to focusing primarily on skills instead of

knowledge--especially the skills kids are tested on at the end of the year. That means kids are often not exposed to a content-rich curriculum that includes history, literature, and the arts. Our students get rich exposure to American and world history and geography every year.

Q: You are new to the community. Why should parents trust you with their kids?

A: We have been getting great results in Salt Lake Valley for years. Our parent satisfaction ratings are extremely high. We were founded by parents who were not satisfied with what they were getting in the regular schools, so we really approach things from the perspective of parents and what we want for our own children.

Q: If parents are interested in learning more what should they do?

A: Contact our wonderful office manager, Hayley Gosselin, at westpoint@monticelloacademy.net. Hayley lives here in West Point and would be happy to give you a tour of the building and tell you more about the school.