

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:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

6:00 PM Administrative Session

Planning Commission Meetings:

2nd & 4th Thursdays

6:00 PM Administrative Session

Meetings subject to cancellation

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As I sit down to write my newsletter each month, I have to admit that what I want to say comes easier some months than it does in others...sometimes a *lot* easier, depending on what time of year it is and what is going on in the City. Usually December is a slam-dunk because I can just come up with a simple Christmas message and call it good. This year, however, I have some other, exciting things I want to share with you. (Don't worry - I'll still close with that Christmas message you've been anticipating all year).

Most of you know that we just finished up with our local election last month. There were three seats on the City Council up for election and I am excited to welcome a new Council Member! I would like to congratulate Annette Judd who will join incumbents Gary Petersen and Jerry Chatterton for the next four years on our Council. Behind all the signs and flyers are some great individuals who decided to serve their community by throwing their name out there to be considered for City Council. Whether they won or lost I appreciate those who decided to run and give our residents options on who they would like to represent them on the Council. Council Member Jeff Turner chose not to run again this year, but in his past six years on the City Council has done a fantastic job trying to represent the best

interest of West Point City at all times. On behalf of West Point City, thank you, Jeff, for your years of service. I personally benefited from and appreciated your input and I am also grateful for your friendship.

Our City Council spent months and months trying to decide what to get all of you for Christmas this year. You are pretty hard to shop for but I think they found something that most everyone can use, and compared to other options, is pretty affordable. For the next year or so you will see construction crews working throughout the entire city installing the fiber-optic internet network. It isn't a surprise to some of you who have been following, but if you haven't seen them yet, you will soon! I am excited to have our City join the many others who offer fiber internet to their residents. Let me clarify that this is *not* a City service, however we facilitated the installation of the infrastructure needed to have this high-speed internet option to every home in West Point. I know I have touched on this before, but optic fibers are hair-thin, flexible strands of glass through which light beams can travel. The strand functions as a waveguide, or "light pipe" to transmit light between the two ends of the fiber. Fiber can handle basically an infinite amount of speed, allowing for amazingly fast internet for an affordable price - Merry Christmas! More

information will be available soon but I anticipate that most of the City will have this affordable high-speed internet option by the end of 2020.

As the end of 2019 approaches it is a good time to reflect and look forward to the coming year. This Christmastime I hope everyone's heart can turn outward, that we can serve each other and look out for our neighbors, and that we don't take for granted the family and friends that bring so much happiness to our lives. As one of my favorite quotes from *The Grinch* says, "He puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas, he thought...doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps...means a little bit more!"

So, pull out the old Christmas movies, grab a blanket or two, a cup of hot chocolate, and enjoy the season with your loved ones.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can also come and attend our City Council Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to stay involved and informed on what is going on in our City.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and may you have a safe and prosperous new year.

- 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

YOUTH COUNCIL

In November, the West Point Youth Council went to the West Point Cemetery to put flags on the graves of deceased veterans. Thank you to our veterans of all ages for serving for our freedom! Marv Drake did an amazing job with a speech about the purpose of memorials and all the wars that America has suffered through. Thank you, Marv, for your service!

This month, we are helping with the City Hall Lighting Ceremony which will be at City Hall on December 2nd at 5:30 PM. Be sure to come because this event will be fun!



Upcoming Dates:

December 2nd - City Hall Lighting Party @5:30 pm

December 18th - Youth Council Meeting @5:30 pm

December 20th - Cemetery Luminary @3:30 pm

Watch out for USU Leadership Applications

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	City Hall Lighting Ceremony at 6 PM			(Rescheduled) Planning Comm. Meeting at 6 PM	Child Remembrance Ceremony at 7 PM	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		City Council Meeting at 6 PM		Planning Comm. rescheduled to Dec. 5		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Senior Lunch at 11:30 am				Cemetery Luminary at 4 PM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Christmas Day	City Hall Closed		
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, December 18th @ 11:30 AM

The menu for the Senior Lunch is:

Meatball Sandwiches

Cookies for Dessert

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT

Please call City Hall by December 11th at (801) 776-0970

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

WE CAN ALL DO SOMETHING
TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY.

- Build strong, positive relationships with family and friends.
- Write down a family and individual mental health or self-care plan.
- Limit screen time for you and your family.
- Be consistent with your sleep patterns.
- Have meals as a family as often as you can.
- Have clear rules that are consistent and age appropriate.
- Safely store firearms and opioids.
- Provide support for education by helping with homework and encouraging school attendance.

Suicide

- Lock unloaded firearms and ammunition separately.
- Learn how to discuss suicide in an appropriate way.
- Ask someone you are concerned about if they are considering suicide.
- Seek professional help if suffering from anxiety or depression.

Childhood Trauma

- Show children and other adults that conflicts can be resolved without yelling or hitting.
- If you are feeling overwhelmed, reach out for help. Seek professional help, if necessary.
- Let children know they are loved through your actions, words, time and attention.
- Be responsive to the signals and needs of children.

Opioids

- Ask your doctor about non-opioid methods of pain management.
- Don't share prescription opioids.
- Properly dispose of prescription opioids that are no longer being used or that have expired.
- If you or a family member are taking opioids, have naloxone (opioid overdose reversal) readily available.

DAVIS4
HEALTH

Green Waste Can



**NO OVERNIGHT
PARKING ON
THE STREET**



**(1 AM - 6 AM)
NOV. 1 - MAR. 1**

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WINTER REMINDERS

Last month our Code Enforcement Officer completed early morning patrols of the City and left Courtesy Notices on over 300 vehicles parked on the streets to remind them that they are in violation of West Point City Code 10.05.50(H)(3) which prohibits the parking of any vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles, boats or any other similar vehicles on the street between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM from Nov 1st until the last day of February.

In spite of these notices, some are continuing to park on the streets overnight.

The Davis County Sheriff's Department will now be issuing citations and/or towing vehicles in violation of this ordinance.

Please help us to ensure that this winter season is a safe one, especially for our public works employees plowing snow on cold winter mornings.

You are also reminded to keep trees trimmed to at least 13.5 feet above the roadway and to make sure that trees are trimmed 7 feet above the sidewalk.

Also, PLEASE be aware that pushing or blowing snow onto public streets is prohibited. As you clear snow, please ensure that the snow stays on your property and is not blown or plowed back onto the street. Your cooperation helping the City handle another winter is greatly appreciated.

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



Annual Child Remembrance Ceremony

"Forever in our Hearts"

**DECEMBER 6
@ 7 PM**

*Angel of Hope Monument
West Point City Cemetery*

Never forgotten. Forever loved.

**City Hall
Lighting Ceremony**

Monday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM
West Point City Hall
3200 W 300 N

The ceremony starts at 6:00 SHARP so be sure to arrive early to enjoy Christmas music, hot chocolate, fireworks and a special visit from Santa Claus!

Annual West Point City
LUMINARY

Please join us as we gather to honor and remember our friends and family at the West Point Cemetery this holiday season.

West Point Cemetery
80 N 4000 W
Friday, December 20th
4:00 PM

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WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL



Loy Blake Park
3500 W 550 N

West Point Military
Memorial
Committee
Marv. Chair
801-825-5321

Seventy-eight years ago, on the 7th of December 1941, the empire of Japan delivered what has been termed everything from a surprise attack to a sneak attack. I do not here wish either to condone nor vilify the events of that day. From the perspective of most military historians, it was a marvelously conducted example of modern warfare. The security protecting the Japanese preparations was superb and highly successful.

Japan possessed insufficient natural resources to continue her growth as a world power. She had elected an alternative of expanding her influence into the regions of the Southern Hemisphere where those resources were available. Only a few years previously, Japan had invaded China's northern territory and, with most of the world, the United States had instituted a policy which was hoped would contain Japan's expansionist views while demonstrating dissatisfaction with her activities in China. We placed an embargo on certain strategic goods such as oil and steel. Rather than accepting this as intended, Japan only dug in her heels and pressed on.

Seeing the U.S. Navy and the Royal Navy as direct threats to her expansion into the resource rich nations south of China, Japan elected to "neutralize" those navies by the "Days of Infamy" surprise attacks on Hawaii, the Philippines, Singapore, and other southeast Asian nations. The irony exists in the apparent fact that in the then oriental mind none of this was outside being acceptable. The Japanese expected to deliver to the United States prior to the attack a letter which in their mind would have, at least, alerted us to possible dangers. The great Japanese Admiral, Yamamoto, on hearing that the ultimatum had not been delivered prior to the attack was quoted as having said, "I can think of nothing which would infuriate the Americans more. I fear that all we have succeeded in doing is to have awakened a sleeping giant and filled him with a terrible resolve."

I have seen the pock-marks in the buildings on Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Wheeler Army Base, and Hickam Air Force Base from bullets fired by attacking aircraft. I have stood on the Arizona Memorial and looked through that great hole at the pit that once was the number two-gun turret and now a visible reminder of the hundreds below interred. We will probably never again be as surprised as on that awful day. And yes, I remember Pearl Harbor. But I remember from the perspective of remaining eternally vigilant to protect our freedoms both from within as well as from without our borders. So should we all.

**FLAG RETIREMENT
DROP OFF**

BRING YOUR FADED, OLD OR
DAMAGED AMERICAN FLAGS TO
CITY HALL TO BE DISPOSED OF
PROPERLY

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3200 W 300 N

FIBER INTERNET IS NOW IN WEST POINT!
WEST POINT CITY HAS PARTNERED WITH UTOPIA FIBER TO PROVIDE A
CITYWIDE FIBER NETWORK!

West Point will see its first connections this January and by end of
2020, all residents and businesses will be able to connect.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.UTOPIAFIBER.COM



YOUR ISP



YOUR UTOPIA



YOUR COST

RECREATION



JR. JAZZ

PRACTICES WILL START THIS MONTH AND GAMES WILL
BEGIN IN JANUARY. IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR
SCHEDULE, PLEASE CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT!

JR. JAZZ NIGHT - SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH



SPRING SOCCER

REGISTRATION: JANUARY 27TH - MARCH 2ND
COST: \$40

PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE
BOYS AND GIRLS

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 AT CITY HALL.
CONTACT KELLY ROSS @ 801-529-3352 OR KARLY NORWOOD @ 801-564-7701 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND SIGN-UPS