

JUNE 2020

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

As Memorial Day ushers in the unofficial start of summer, we are all trying to figure out this "new normal." We recently announced that we have officially canceled our 4th of July Celebration after already having to cancel all of our spring sports, and I think we can all agree that this is a completely unprecedented time in our history. I thought I would take just part of this newsletter and explain the City's role in the decision-making as it relates to some of these canceled events. As a society, it seems that we have separated ourselves out into three groups: one that feels this whole situation has been blown out of proportion and the government has no right telling us what we can and can't do and when we can and cannot do it. On the other end is the group that doesn't dare to venture out in public unless necessary, is resolute about wearing their masks, and stays at least 6' apart from others. And then there are the ones in between, which is the group that I think most of us fall into. I hope to explain myself a bit and the role that I have played in the decisions that have been made.

Every Monday afternoon, all of the Mayors and County Commissioners, along with the leaders at the Davis County Health Department, meet virtually to go over the statistics in Davis County. At those meetings, they share information they have received from the State and we work together to try and come up with some continuity as it relates to closing

playgrounds, managing closures, canceling events, etc. I know that there are likely some out there who think we sit in these meetings and think of all the ways we can make residents miserable. But please keep in mind that we are trying our very best under the circumstances to make the best decisions we can with the data available. Our number one goal is the health, safety, and welfare of our residents – making decisions based on our own emotions is not an option. All of the decisions that have been made, and will be made in the future, will continue to be based on the direction we receive from the County and State officials who have the resources and information available to issue solid guidelines. Please try to be patient and understanding as we navigate through this difficult situation.

UTOPIA

On a lighter note, we have a large area in our City that is currently able to hook up to fiber internet. This has been quite the project and I know that many of you have a lack in internet options and will appreciate the high-speed fiber internet that is now offered. I know that my family signed up the day that it was available in my area and I have been very happy with it thus far. Let me explain a little bit about my experience and what I had to do so that those of you who might be waiting or wondering can know how the process works. When I knew it was available, I visited the UTOPIA website and called the

number as instructed to let them know I wanted to sign-up. During that first phone call, they asked me what ISP (Internet Service Provider) that I wanted to go with. That was a question I was not ready for, but they directed me back to their website and I was quickly able to find the different ISP options and compare their costs and options. To quickly view a comparison in prices, go to <https://www.utopiafiber.com/residential-pricing/> and you will be one step ahead when you call. After that phone call, they set up a time when the UTOPIA representative could come out and meet with us to go over where the line would go into my house and where the modem in the house would be installed. From there, the install time was scheduled and I was ready to go. Once the modem was installed, I called my chosen ISP to set up the router and was on my way to inexpensive, high-speed internet. To give you an idea on price, I signed up for the 1 Gig service – which is 1 Gig download speed and 1 Gig upload speed – for just \$67 per month. If you have any questions at all, go to UTOPIA's website and click on the FAQ link. If you still have questions, just give them a call! One note – most routers will work with the service, but check with UTOPIA when you call or one of the ISP's you are considering to make sure you have that step covered when you call to finalize hookup.

I wish you all the best and look forward to the "new normal." Stay safe.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne

SENIOR LUNCH

Until further notice, senior lunches 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 will resume our monthly senior lunches!



2020 SENIOR LUNCH SCHEDULE

JANUARY 13
FEBRUARY 10
MARCH 16
APRIL 13
MAY 18
JUNE 15
JULY 13
AUGUST 14 (DINNER)
SEPTEMBER 14
OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 14

Every meal is served at City Hall and begins at 11:30 AM, except the August dinner that begins at 5:00 PM.

YOUTH COUNCIL

What a time we have been through! Fires, earthquakes, and a pandemic have made this year one to remember!

JUNE 2020

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	1	2 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	3	4	5	6 VIRTUAL MISS WEST POINT PAGEANT
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We want to applaud those who still managed to get in some service hours, and therefore will be eligible to receive a President's Volunteer Service Award!

We also want to recognize the seniors who have pressed forward through it all. Congratulations to our Youth Council Seniors of 2020!

David Bodiker
Ryland Price
Dylan Shakespear
Josh Reading
Emily Stark
Savannah Krusi

Thanks for all the great work you guys have done this year, and we wish you the best for your future endeavors!

With healthy and safety guidelines ever-changing, please check GroupMe for announcements on our upcoming meetings and events!

Kylee McCarrey
 West Point Youth Council Recorder

ART CONTEST

Theme: Land of the Free

Open to all ages and abilities.

Winning piece(s) will be announced on the West Point City Facebook page for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

The 1st place winning piece will be displayed at City Hall for one year. All other pieces can be picked up at City Hall after July 7th.

- Work restricted to 2-dimensional, any medium.
- Entries must not exceed 16X20.
- Work must display West Point scenery, no portraits will be accepted.
- No names or identifying marks may appear on the front of the piece. All entries must be submitted with an application attached to the back. Applications can be found at www.westpointcity.org.
- Only the first 20 entries will be accepted.
- Art work must be turned into City Hall no later than June 22nd.

If you have any questions please contact Shelby Sargent at ssargent@westpointcity.org.

CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Arrangements have been made to hold electronic meetings during this time of social distancing. Join our meetings via Zoom!

The public may monitor or listen to the meeting electronically and provide public comment when appropriate by following the instructions below:

- **Open the Agenda posted on the City website**
- **Follow the instructions to "Join Zoom Meeting at:**

link listed on meeting agenda*
or

Connect via Telephone: Dial 1 (669) 900-6833 and enter Meeting ID:
listed on agenda

- Members of the public may also participate in Citizen Comment via email prior to 7PM on the date of the meeting:

Email:

City Council Meetings:

carnold@westpointcity.org

Planning Commission Meetings:

mbailey@westpointcity.org

Subject Line: Must be designated as "Citizen Comment - "Date of meeting - City Council (or) Planning Commission"

Email Body: Must include First & Last Name and Address and a succinct statement of your comment.

BUILDING/DEVELOPMENT

A drop-spot container is placed at the front doors of City Hall with a number to call to inform Staff that documents have been placed in the container. Staff will retrieve the documents as quickly as possible.

Payment for permits will be taken over the phone.

Building inspections will continue as normal *with the exception* of in-home inspections for basement finishes or remodels. These inspections may be postponed. This is to protect both our Building Inspector and the families who live in the home.

If you are picking up a building permit, please call ahead and we will make arrangements.

UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Utility Payments can be dropped off in the drop box, mailed, paid online at www.westpointcity.org or made over the phone by calling City Hall at 801-776-0970.

New Utility Applications can be printed online and emailed to

ldavies@westpointcity.org, faxed, placed in the drop box in the northeast corner of the parking lot, or mailed. Once received, City Staff will contact you for the deposit payment and any additional information.

Utility terminations or account updates may be done via email or phone.

SECONDARY WATER 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.

PARKS

Playgrounds, restrooms, basketball and tennis courts are now all open! Please be aware that playground equipment is not regularly cleaned or sanitized. Regular hand-washing is recommended.

Reservations for boweries are now being accepted starting for June 1st.

There are still social distancing guidelines that should be followed and wearing masks is one of those guidelines, particularly if 6' distancing cannot be maintained. Please make sure you are up-to-date with the current health and public safety guidelines issued by the State of Utah and the Davis County Health Department.

SPLASH PAD

Please watch the City Facebook page for information about when the Splash Pad is planned to open.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Please watch the City Facebook page for information about Movies in the Park starting in July.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WEEDS

With the wet spring we are having, we can expect that weeds will be in abundance this year. 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 very 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 the weeds on your property!

Please call or email Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or bdopp@westpointcity.org. Complaints may also be submitted via the City website at www.westpointcity.org

UTOPIA FIBER

We are so excited to have Utopia Fiber making its way through West Point! If you have already had your lines installed and have concerns about the installation, please contact Darren Woolley at 801-509-2641.

VOTING & COVID 19



Traditional Polling Locations will **NOT** be available for the June Primary.

All voters are encouraged to vote by mail

PRIMARY ELECTION

- Ballots will be mailed beginning June 9, 2020
- Ballots must be postmarked by June 30th.
- Return your ballot early. **recommended mail by date is no later than June 26th.**



Help keep our community and Election Volunteers safe. **Vote by Mail!**



There will be only one polling location on Election Day:
Davis County Legacy Center 151 South 1100 West, Farmington. **This will be a drive-thru only location.**

This location is established to assist voters with disabilities or voters who have not received a ballot in the mail.

If you can vote by mail, please do!

CHANGES TO VOTING

The State Legislature passed HB3006 during a special session on April 22, 2020. This bill made substantial changes to how the Primary Election is administered.

- **No Early Voting**
- **No In-Person Voter Registration**
- **No Election Day Voter Registration**
- **Limited Election Day Voting**
- **Ballots may only be sent to voters affiliated with a participating party or to unaffiliated voters who qualify and have requested a ballot.**

Prepare for the Election Now!

1. Register to vote, or make sure your voter registration is current today. Visit www.Vote.Utah.gov
2. Learn about the Candidates Visit www.DavisVotes.com
3. Vote and return your ballot when it arrives the week of June 9, 2020

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Davis County is committed to making this election as accessible and open as possible under these new requirements.

- **Unaffiliated Voters will receive a questionnaire to request a ballot**
- **Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters 3 weeks before the election**
- **Return Postage will be paid**
- **Ballot drop boxes will be available at all City Offices through June 29th**
- **A single drive-thru polling location will be centrally located in the County and will be open on Election Day from 7am-8pm**

In a Primary Election Party Affiliation Matters!!

If you want to participate in the Democratic Primary you must be registered Democratic, or registered as Unaffiliated and request a Democratic ballot. (1st Congressional District only)

If you want to participate in the Republican Primary you must be registered Republican.

WEST POINT RECREATION

Players and Parents,

The City has been holding out hope that by delaying the start date of practices and games, we would still be able to have a Baseball and Softball season this year. However, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to run its course and with the phased guidelines issued by the State of Utah, the difficult decision has been made to cancel the 2020 season. We know that this is disappointing to you and your kids, just as it is not only the Recreation Department, but to all of City Staff.

Even as the State and Davis County transition from the "Red" to "Orange" and eventually to the "Yellow" phase, it simply isn't feasible to hold the season based upon two primary issues: controlling mass gatherings and the requirement to cleanse and sanitize ALL equipment after EACH use.

We ask for your understanding and patience as we navigate through this difficult time. This was a disheartening decision to have to make and we look forward to the day that these youth sports and activities can happen again.

If you have not received your refund, please contact City Hall.

Stay safe and healthy!

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR:
MARV DRAKE - 801-825-5321

On the morning of June 6th, 1944, West Point residents woke to the news that seven to eight hours previously (depending on when one normally arose) that the war to retake Europe from the Germans had begun. At dawn that day, thousands of paratroopers and glider troops began landings far inland while at 0630 the amphibious invasion began, code-named *Operation Overlord*.

Twelve nations, the "Allies", provided fighting units that would storm ashore in the face of opposing fire from the German defenders. Those twelve nations were Australia, Canada, Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia, Greece, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. The Belgians, the French, and the Dutch were, or soon would be, fighting on their home soil, and all but the Brits and the Yanks would be fighting to regain homelands lost to the Bosch. Before the day would be over, more than 156,000 Allied troops would have dropped from the skies or waded ashore on one

of four of Normandy's beaches, code-named *Gold, Juno, Sword*, and on the Americans targets, *Omaha and Utah*.

More than 4,000 Allied troops lost their lives on the beaches or just beyond that day. Heaviest fighting was reported on Omaha, where more than 2,000 Americans were reported as fatalities. Up and down the front many thousands more were wounded or reported missing.

Several now famous ploys had been used by the Allies in preparation for Overlord. The intent of these was to make the Germans think both the target place and date were different from what they actually were. The success of these efforts can best be summed up by the fact that Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, the German Commander of the Western Front, was in Berlin for Hitler's birthday party and that before he left, he positioned the bulk of his supplies, men, and tanks

near the site further north where Eisenhower wanted them to believe the landing was scheduled. They certainly did not believe it would be on that date, either.

Ten months later, Hitler committed suicide and on April 30th, 1945 his designated successor, Admiral Karl Donitz, became President of Germany. On May 9th, Donitz admitted defeat and later signed the Articles of Unconditional Surrender.

