

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

Dealing with COVID-19

The last thing I wanted to write about for my May newsletter is the current global pandemic. However, being right in the middle of it, I literally can't think of anything else to write about. I am sure that just like all of you, I want life to go back to normal. I know that it eventually will, in due course, and be a time we just want to forget about. But I have started to wonder – do we really want to forget everything about this experience? If you are like my family, we have learned a lot, our focus has shifted, and we have had to change the way we deal with different situations. Do we not want to remember things we have learned that have made us better? I have started to realize that there are important things I actually do not want to forget about this time.

I saw one of those 'copy and paste' posts on Facebook that gave me this idea, but wanted to tailor it more specifically to West Point and share what things are like today.

On April 19, 2020, here is what life is like:

- Gas prices at Smith's are \$2.17 per gallon.
- School has been canceled for the rest of the year.

- West Point little league soccer was canceled and baseball season is on hold.
- There are tape marks on the floor marking where people should stand at the Clinton Lowe's to keep them 6 ft. apart.
- The tennis courts, basketball courts, and playgrounds are closed.
- Weddings, family celebrations, and holiday gatherings are not allowed.
- West Point held a drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt Kit pick-up instead of a regular hunt at the park.
- If you want something from Café Rio, you call ahead and pick it up outside; no inside dining anywhere.
- Families are walking the streets of West Point together.
- Church services and activities are canceled
- More people each day are wearing masks when they go out in public.
- Many aftershocks are being felt after the 5.4 magnitude earthquake in Magna on March 18th.
- Many supplies, like toilet paper, sanitizer, and cleaning solutions, are hard to find (although starting to get easier)

- The term 'Social Distancing' is an everyday phrase and is the new normal.

So, what have we learned during all of this? Our lists are likely all varied, but I bet there are some common themes that we have all come to realize. Life is precious and what we once assumed to be normal, day-to-day things cannot be taken for granted. Our families, neighborhoods, and communities are important parts of our lives and we are all in this together. We need to look out for each other. We don't need to have such busy lives and taking the time to slow down and enjoy life creates memories we will never forget. We need to be more prepared (I can't be the only one thinking this in the hours and days after that earthquake). Life is too short to hold grudges – forgive and forget, for our efforts could be much better spent elsewhere. Focus less on what we don't have and be grateful for what we do – we have so much! Be more kind and caring to those we come in contact with. Support and love one another. And last but certainly not least, you know those walks you started going on with your family? Yeah don't forget about those. They just might be the most important of all.

- 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 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

Happy spring everybody! It's always so great seeing the new colors that only spring has to offer!

MAY 2020

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3	4	5 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	6	7 CEMETERY CLEANING	8	9
10 MOTHERS DAY	11	12	13	14 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	15	16
17	18 CANCELED SENIOR LUNCH	19 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 MEMORIAL DAY CITY HALL CLOSED	26	27	28 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	29	30

We were so sad to have to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt but were glad that families still could enjoy Easter at home with the Easter Egg Hunt Kits!

To follow the Public Health Order issued by the Davis County Health Department, we have decided to cancel the May meeting. Please stay tuned for updates for the June and July meetings by watching for the announcements and updates on the GroupMe app and your email!

When you are stuck at home, just remember that you could be saving lives! Reach out to others if you are struggling. The officers and advisors of the Youth Council will help you when you need it!

Applications for the 2020-2021 West Point City Youth Council are available online at www.westpointcity.org

Stay safe and healthy!

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 at the Party at the Point Celebration - 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 the Citizen Comment item 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

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.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The dates for our Annual Spring Clean-Up will be announced via our City website and Facebook Page once made. Due to the COVID-19 situation, it will likely be towards the middle-to-end of May.

During the two-day event, dumpsters will be placed at each City Park for residents to use and will be continuously emptied throughout the day.

PLEASE do NOT use the dumpsters currently at the parks - they are for City personnel clean-up of regular park trash only.

CITY EVENTS

Please watch the City Facebook page for information about the status of upcoming City Events.

CEMETERY

Cemetery needs will be taken care of over the phone as much as possible by calling City Hall. You may also email our Cemetery Administrator at carnold@westpointcity.org with any cemetery issues.

The Spring Cemetery Cleaning will be done on May 7th. Please remove ALL items prior. Remaining items will be discarded.

CITY HALL/ PARKS

For the safety of our residents, visitors, and Staff, ALL CITY PARK RESTROOMS WILL BE CLOSED until further notice.

We will no longer accept reservations of City Hall and we will cancel and refund any existing reservations.

Park reservations will not be taken for dates on or before May 10, 2020 (subject to change).

UTOPIA FIBER

We are so excited to have Utopia Fiber making its way into West Point!

If you have already had your lines installed and have concerns about the installation please contact Darren Woolley at 801-509-2641.

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@westpoint.city.org.

Deadline for Nominations:

Woman of Honor: May 15

Grand Marshal: June 15

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER GARAGE SALES

Spring is a popular time to clean out our basements, garages, sheds, and closets to get rid of unwanted or no longer needed clothing, furniture, appliances, and other household articles. One popular method to accomplish this task is to hold a garage sale. Here are a few reminders to help you complete your garage sale in a safe and appropriate manner.

WPCC 17.50.20 H states: "Garage, basement, yard, or similar sales shall be permitted not more than twice a year and each sale shall not last more than two consecutive days."

You are also reminded that if you are using directional signs to direct customers to your home, the signs need to be removed immediately after the sale is over.

Please help us keep West Point City a beautiful and safe place by doing your garage sale within the Code requirements of the City.

Please call or email Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or bdopp@westpointcity.org or use the City website at www.westpointcity.org with any questions.

DISPOSABLE WIPES

Please don't flush disposable wipes!

These "flushable" wipes are clogging our sewers because they do not break down before they get to the North Davis Sewer District Plant and cannot be processed!

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 www.westpointcity.org.

Registration fee is \$30.

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.

As you all know, the COVID-19 situation is still largely unknown and we are following the direction from the Health Department and Governor's Office. We will see what the next several weeks bring, but we are hopeful baseball can happen in June. We will keep you updated and hope to be more certain by mid-May on what we are actually able to do.

Please follow our City Facebook page and City website for up-to-date information. Online registration is open to sign-up at www.westpointcity.org Should it be necessary, refunds will be given.

Please do not contact City Hall regarding refunds or other inquiries related to COVID-19 and its effect on upcoming programs; more information will be communicated to you once determinations are made.
Thank you for your patience and understanding!

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

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

Recently I stumbled across a beautiful, touching, heart-warming story about a sweet elderly man who sang a love song to his dying wife. It seems his wife sang it to him when he went away to fight during World War II. The song was first introduced by Rosemary Clooney singing with the Harry James Orchestra and was called, "You'll Never Know (Just How Much I Love You)" and it made me think of some of the songs I remembered from the years of WW II and since. They were not all love songs, but that was a recurring theme. And, of course, all this "thinking" really started me thinking about the music of other war years. So, I did a little research for songs which were prevalent during periods of conflict.

There really was a tune peculiar to the Revolution: "The World Turned Upside-Down." Well, alright, it was a British Army song, but the time frame is correct.

During the Civil War a few Negro Spirituals became popular but there were also many other songs. To name a few, there was "Aura Lee," "Dixie's Land," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Vacant Chair," and one which surprised me, which you also probably thought was from WW I, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." (Johnny Reb?)

Actually from WW I, were songs such as, "It's a Long Way To Tipperary," "Over There," "Pack All Your Troubles," "I Don't Want To Join the Army," and others.

Probably due to developed recording technology, more songs are remembered from WW II and Korea time frames than from the previous war times. Maybe it is just me and the fact that I grew up during those times—I was only eight on that December 7th—still, I remember "The White Cliffs of Dover," "Lili Marlene," "In the Mood," "When the Lights Go On Again," "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "As Time Goes By," "I'll Be Seeing You," "I'll See You Again," "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B," and that Spike Jones favorite, "Der Furher's Face." And with the exception of a few nonsense songs such as "Marzy Doats," and "Chi-Baba Chi-Baba, Chi-Wawa," you could usually understand every word. And as I saw these songs listed, the words and tunes ran rampant through my mind. I could sing at least the first lines of all but two of those above (but one of those two had no words).

During the Viet Nam conflict the songs which seem to have been the ones for that era are mostly songs of protest such as, "Wandering the Swamps of Viet Nam," "War," "War Games," and a lot of other songs which I don't remember hearing. There have been many movies about Viet Nam and the wars of the Middle East but I don't think any one theme song has surfaced.

Any way, it pays to sometimes reminisce. A good place to do that, to share memories with other veterans, is to take a ride with us on the Veterans float in the Fourth of July Parade. See you there.

