

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

Every month I have the opportunity to write my portion of the newsletter. Most months' topics are easy to come up with as I try to pass along information on what is going on in the City. This process has been repeated for almost 11 years. If you enjoy my message in each newsletter, stop reading now and try again in December because in this message, you're getting my best attempt at a short editorial. Skip ahead to the remaining pages for updates and reminders on what is happening in West Point.

I am 45 years old and learning each day, realizing how much I don't actually know and how much more I need to learn. We live in a very interesting time in our Country's history. Whether you agree or disagree with him, in my opinion we have the most polarizing President in my lifetime, and maybe ever in our history. But who knows what would have happened if people like James Buchanan, the 15th president, had access to Twitter. Social media has changed everything. With this we take the good with the bad, and believe me, there are plenty of both. Don't get me wrong - I love to see everyone's play-by-play and daily logs of their latest trip to some exotic place. (Okay, you caught me. I'll admit that statement may have been a slight lie.)

I think we all can agree we are a "want-it-get-it-now" society and any and all information is at our fingertips or in our pockets on our smart phones. Change is good and I enjoy my

phone as much as the next guy, but I think we have lost perspective as a society. Recently a popular talk show host, Ellen DeGeneres, was seen at an NFL football game sitting next to former President George W. Bush. These two sitting together blew up on social media - how could these two individuals who are so different on almost every level coexist together at a football game and on top of that, actually seem to like each other? Ellen addressed this controversy on her TV show and although I don't agree with most of Ellen's political and social opinions, I do think she nailed it when she said this: "Here's the thing: I'm friends with George Bush. In fact, I'm friends with a lot of people who don't share the same beliefs that I have. We're all different and I think that we've forgotten that that's okay that we're all different... just because I don't agree with someone on everything doesn't mean that I'm not going to be friends with them." What a novel idea. We can actually be friends with someone who shares different beliefs than us?

Ellen goes onto say, "When I say, 'Be kind to one another,' I don't mean only the people that think the same way that you do. I mean be kind to everyone. Doesn't matter." I couldn't agree with her more. We have lost our way and we need to get back to being kind, courteous and realize and respect our differences. It might seem like the pendulum has swung too far to go back, but what if we each start individually in our own lives and see how that works out? I would bet that not only those we interact with

would appreciate it, but that our own lives would be better. We have Thanksgiving coming up; can we all be thankful for everything that we have and for all those whom we associate with even if we don't share the same beliefs? Be friendly to your neighbors, be aware of those around us that are in need, and reach out with a helping hand. Let us be thankful for our families and friends. I hope this upcoming holiday season I can remember to think less about myself and more about others, and I invite you all to join in that challenge with me. We can make a difference - it starts with one act of kindness and spreads from there. The second paragraph in the Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all** Men are created equal...." None of us are better than anyone else so let's stop judging each other and stop buying into this culture of superiority vs. inferiority.

Can you do me a favor? Reach out to someone who means a lot to you this Thanksgiving and make it a point to tell them how much you appreciate them. Kindness and service will go along way to help us all live in an even better community.

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.

One last thing, don't forget to get out and VOTE!

-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 October, the West Point City Youth Council helped with the Halloween Carnival and had so much fun! We saw enormous crowds and awesome costumes. There were several booths by local businesses and volunteers that gave out lots of free candy. The kids especially loved the fortune teller, who told them all about what their futures might hold.

The West Point Youth Council loves our veterans!

On November 9th, the Youth Council will place American flags on the graves of each veteran at the West Point City Cemetery.



Upcoming Events

November

November 9th at 9 AM:

West Point Cemetery Veterans Flags

November 20th at 5:30 PM:

Youth Council Meeting

December

December 2nd at 6:00 PM:

City Holiday Lighting Ceremony

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		Election Day					Flags on Veterans Graves
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	Veterans Day City Hall Closed			Planning Commission at 6 PM			
	Military Memorial Ceremony						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	Senior Lunch at 11:30 AM	City Council at 6 PM	YC Meeting at 5:30 PM				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
				Thanksgiving City Hall Closed		City Hall Closed	

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, November 18th @ 11:30 AM

The menu for the Senior Lunch is:

Ham, Mac n' Cheese & Green Beans

Pumpkin Pie for dessert

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT

Please call City Hall by November 14th at (801) 776-0970

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

Christmas Tree 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 Clause!

Green Waste Can



CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WINTER PARKING

We remind you once again that Winter Parking regulations are in effect from November 1st to the end of February each year. City Ordinance states that it is unlawful to park any vehicle on City streets between the hours of 1:00 am to 6:00 am daily. (WPC 10.05(H)(3)). This regulation is designed to keep streets free of vehicles so that snow plows can clear the snow without obstruction.

Code Enforcement and the Davis County Sheriff's Office will be patrolling the City during this time period and will be issuing notices and citations for violations.

Please also 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 into the street.

Your cooperation in 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> with any questions or complaints.

Don't Forget to Vote!

General Election: November 5

Visit www.vote.utah.gov for complete candidate and voting information!



Three City Council seats will be voted upon in 2019:

Candidates:

JERRY G. CHATTERTON
 ROLAND W. WHITESIDES
 GARY L PETERSEN
 ANNETTE JUDD
 NATHAN TOOLEY

If you were not able to vote by-mail, a polling location will be held at City Hall on Election Day from 7 AM to 8 PM. You may also return your mail ballot on this day if you didn't get it mailed in.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: FALL BACK
November 3rd
 Daylight saving time ends on the first Sunday in November when clocks are moved back an hour at 2 am local daylight time



7th Annual West Point "Pie"-K Turkey Trot & 1-Mile Walk

100% of proceeds to benefit Jenny Cottle

Jenny was recently diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. Please come support this mother of 3 and her wonderful family!

Date: Thanksgiving Day November 28, 2019

5-K Run (3-14 miles) & 1-Mile Walk: Registration 7:30 a.m. Start time 8:00. Prizes for top 3 male & female 5K finishers.

Location: Loy Blake Park - 3500 W 550 N, West Point

Minimum Donation to Register: \$15 per person, \$5 for kids aged 5 to 12 and \$45 per family. Additional monetary contributions encouraged!

Pie Sale: Buy & donate Thanksgiving pies on race day. Free Hot Cocoa and Freshly Baked Scones

Raffle: Come bid for great products and items donated by local people and businesses!

Live Turkey Auction: Come meet our live turkey. The winning bid takes him home for Christmas dinner!

Questions: Contact Rachel Miner at 720-556-5697 or Lani Bair at 801-643-1281

In loving memory of Nathan, Rex & James, and Paulette

Register or donate online: TurkeyTrot.HealAndBeHealthy.com

JOB OPENINGS!

Public Works I, II, or III

Looking for a great full-time position in an awesome, award-winning organization that strives to provide essential services for its citizens? Then this is a job for you!! Start or continue your career as a valued member of the public works industry with this fully benefited position with West Point City. Classification of chosen applicant will be determined by qualifications and experience.

Crossing Guard/Alternate Crossing Guard

Have you ever wanted to be a part of your community while earning extra cash? Come be a Crossing Guard and provide an essential service to our city while working with kids and having a great time!

Visit www.westpointcity.org/job-openings.htm for more information!!

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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

During the parade this past 4th of July, the announcer said of the Military Memorial Committee's float, "This 2/3 scale model of the *Tomb of the Unknowns* is fast becoming a tradition of the Military Memorial Committee." The float came into fruition at the suggestion of Purple Heart holder Harry Trease, WO-4, US Army retired, former West Point resident and Committee Member. Its purpose, both then and now, was to draw a parallel between those whom the tomb at Arlington honor, and the honor and love we feel for our friends and family members who have put their lives on the line and on hold in defense of this nation. We know who they are. Their names can be seen on the Military Walls at our Memorial.

The Monument in Washington, D.C. is dedicated to deceased U.S. service members whose remains have not been identified. The original tomb was called *The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*. The front panel of the Tomb, which faces west, has the inscription, "HERE LIES IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD." The side panels on the north and south each contain three wreaths representing the six major WWI battles in which American forces were engaged. The back, east panel depicts three Greek figures representing *Peace, Victory, and Valor*. These four sides are somewhat duplicated on our float.

The first interred was a WWI soldier brought back from France in 1921 and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (MOH) and similar honors from several foreign governments. After WWII, two unknowns, one from the European Theatre and one from the Pacific Theatre were placed in identical caskets and Corpsman William R. Charette, then the US Navy's only holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor remaining on active duty, selected one. The remaining casket received burial at sea with full military honors. Army Master Sergeant Ned Lyle, also a recipient of the MOH, selected one of four unknowns from the Korean War to be interred alongside their comrades. In 1984 the procedure was repeated to select a representative of the Vietnam War. These representatives of the last three conflicts were buried in ground level tombs adjacent to the first. All recommended unknowns, whether selected or not, were also awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

All are guarded around the clock, year-round, in all weather, by a special contingent of the US Army; nothing, from inclement weather to terrorist attacks, would cause the watch to cease. The high point of any visit to Washington D.C. would be a visit to the tombs to observe the changing of the guard. With the development of DNA identification processes there may be no more Unknowns. This is to be celebrated, for each Unknown has a family with no set of remains to lay to rest.

Don't forget our Veterans' Day Commemoration on November 11th at 10:45 AM, beginning with an invocation and the raising of the colors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The traditional two minutes of silence will begin at 11:00 AM. The goal in holding this Commemoration is to help keep alive the event which ended the shooting in a war which was to have ended all wars. With you, we honor all veterans, both the living and the dead who served in all the wars, but still hope to recognize the original significance of the time and day the Signing of the Armistice took place: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

4th Annual Forever in Our Hearts Child Remembrance Ceremony



Each December 6th, which is known as Children's Day around the World, a remembrance will be held for families in West Point and the surrounding communities that have been impacted by the loss of a child to promote healing and provide comfort. There will be a short ceremony with some remarks, songs, and a chance for attendees to speak the name of their loved one and place a white flower upon the Angel of Hope.

The Ceremony will end with a group singing of Silent Night.
Tea lights will also be placed at the resting place of each child.

**FLAG RETIREMENT
DROP OFF**
BRING YOUR FADED, OLD OR
DAMAGED AMERICAN FLAGS TO
CITY HALL TO BE DISPOSED OF
PROPERLY
3200 W 300 N

JUSTSERVE.ORG
Volunteer Opportunities
are Just a Click Away!
✓ Local Service Opportunities
✓ Choose Any Project You Want
✓ Anyone Can Serve

RECREATION

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

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

JR. JAZZ

REGISTRATION DATES: OCTOBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 4TH

GRADES: 1ST - 12TH BOYS, 1ST - 9TH GIRLS

COST: \$50

\$60 7TH THRU 12TH GRADE BOYS