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West Point City

WEST POINT OFFICIALS

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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 you know, every month I have the opportunity to write my portion of the newsletter. Most months' topics are easy to come up with and there is definitely a lot going on in our world right now. However, if you are like me, you may need a break from reading more news about COVID-19 and so for this month, I am going to focus on other things happening in our City and community. All current and important updates regarding the pandemic will continue to be posted on the City website and Facebook page.

SR-193 Trail: As you may have seen, the trail along SR-193 has been repaved and striped. Some residents have asked if the dead trees along the trail are going to be replaced, and the simple answer to that is yes – the City is installing an irrigation line to provide consistent watering of the new trees once they are planted. The removal of the dead trees and the fundraising for and planting of new trees would be a great service opportunity for youth groups, Eagle Scouts, school organizations, or any others wishing to do some service in our community. The irrigation line should be finished this fall and we would like to begin planting new trees next spring. Please contact City Hall for more information.

Road Projects: The 300 N Reconstruction Project is making good progress on the West Point end to 2000 W and should be opened within the first few weeks of August. Work will then focus on the east side of 300 N up to 1000 W in Clearfield. The 800 N Project is also moving along, although there has been a delay due to some existing phone/internet lines that need to be moved by the company that owns them. We hope to resume work on this project by mid-August.

Development: Our Community Development Department is very busy reviewing new subdivision applications that have been submitted. Although it is hard to see West Point develop, as some of our large landowners begin to sell their properties, new growth is inevitable. There is definitely a difficult balance between the rights of a property owner to do what he or she wants with the land that they own, while also ensuring that the City's General Plan and land-use ordinances ensure it is done in a way that is best for West Point's future. I can assure you that our Planning Commission and City Council work very hard to make smart, well-considered decisions that allow for sustainable development while complementing the rural character of our City.

UTOPIA: As of the end of July, over half of the City has the infrastructure in place to sign up for fiber internet services. Some areas have been delayed due to federal government permits that have yet to be issued, but the entire City will for sure be completed by the end of the year. New phases will continue to open up as they are ready. For more information, visit UTOPIA's website at www.utopiafiber.com. I have heard good things from residents who have already connected and I am excited to have this service available in our City.

Davis CARES Business Grant Program: I planned to avoid talk about the coronavirus situation, but I do want to let residents know of a unified relief assistance program that Davis County and its partnering cities have created to support continuity of business operations throughout the County. The Davis CARES Business Grant Program will use funding that the County and partnering cities receive from the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act (the "CARES" Act) to provide grants from a

minimum of \$5,000 up to \$30,000 to businesses that can demonstrate a significant financial impact as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are available to businesses in the County with less than 50 employees that meet specific program requirements. Businesses must apply to be considered and funds will be disbursed until exhausted. Due to the anticipated number of submissions and limited funding, applications will be ranked based on predetermined priorities.

It is important to note that this is a grant program and not a loan – meaning that the funds do not need to be paid back. However, the grant money must be used to pay for qualified expenses related to COVID-19. Additionally, even if a business has already received other disaster assistance through insurance, FEMA, Small Business Administration, CARES Act funds, or other means, it is still eligible to apply.

While we may live in West Point, it is likely that we all conduct business throughout Davis County and this program will benefit our whole community. I encourage you to share the word with anyone you know that may be eligible. Complete program information and application can be found at www.daviscountyutah.gov/ced/grant-programs.

Although we were not able to hold our annual 4th of July Party at the Point Celebration this year, I hope you all had a chance to reflect on and honor our country's independence. I have the confidence that we will become stronger through the challenges our nation is currently facing and continue the progress made by past generations in promoting freedom and equality for all. Working together, we can create a better world for our children and all those that come after us. Stay safe and stay healthy.

- 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 www.coronavirus.utah.gov

Once there are no longer health concerns, we will resume our monthly senior lunches!

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We're Going Big in West Point:

Introducing Our Newest Facility

The rural roots of West Point still echo a proud sense of community, family values, and room to grow. We're honored to plant ourselves here with a new flagship facility: Ogden Clinic West Point. This new location will open its doors on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, and will feature the most sought-after specialties for growing families, including: Family medicine, urgent care, pediatrics, dermatology, physical therapy, and an on-site pharmacy.

FAMILY MEDICINE & URGENT CARE

- Annual physicals & vaccines
- Infection & sick visits
- Chronic & acute care
- Injuries & X-ray services
- Behavior disorders

PEDIATRICS

- Well-care/preventative
- Sick visits
- Bites & burns
- Asthma & allergies
- Injuries & X-rays
- Social development

DERMATOLOGY

- Skin cancer screenings
- Mohs surgery
- General Dermatology
- Skin rashes & conditions
- Hair loss
- Aesthetic services



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West Point, UT

801-475-3960
ogdenclinic.com

CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Arrangements have been made to allow members of the public to participate in Citizen Comment and/or Public Hearings via email, if not attending the meeting electronically, during this time of social distancing. (Instructions to attend electronically posted on each agenda).

Emailed comments must be received prior to 7 PM on the date of the meeting.

City Council Meetings:

carold@westpointcity.org

Planning Commission Meetings:

mbailey@westpointcity.org

Subject Line: Designate 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.

DRIVE SAFELY

Just a reminder that children will start back to school August 25th. Please be very careful while driving through the designated school zones.

Obey the crossing guards and STAY ALERT!

Parents, please remind your children to stay on the sidewalks whether walking or riding.

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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

As I patrol the City daily, I am amazed and encouraged by the many residents who take great pride in their homes, yards, and neighborhoods. The huge majority are considerate of their neighbors and do everything possible to maintain well-kept properties.

Even so, I have also issued a number of courtesy notices of violations that are common during the summer months. These include weeds that have become long and unsightly, RV's and utility trailers parked on City streets in excess of the 48-hour limit, trees that block traffic signs and/or hang over the street and sidewalks, basketball standards which are using the City street as a court, and junk vehicles parked on properties.

If any of these violations are present on your property, please be a good neighbor and take care of them without the City having to contact you with a Notice of a Code Violation.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping West Point City a beautiful and safe place to live and raise a family.

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

UTAH STRONG

The UTAH STRONG Crisis Counseling Program has been developed to assist people in finding ways to cope with stress caused by Coronavirus (COVID-19). UTAH STRONG provides free crisis counseling services through virtual outreach, public education, emotional support, education, information and referrals, and will be working towards community outreach once the State opens up. There are no medical or financial screening methods to qualify to receive services. UTAH STRONG staff are available to individuals, families, community groups, service organizations, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, those experiencing homelessness, tribes, and cultural minority groups. All counseling interactions are totally confidential. And again, there is no cost. The Program is operated by the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in the Department of Human Services and is funded through a grant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and facilitated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

If you have questions or need help, please contact Stuart Boyd at 385-386-2313. There is also a UTAH STRONG hot line which will accept your calls 7 days a week between 7AM and 7PM. To access the hotline, call or text: 385-386-2289 or email your first name & phone number to: www.UtahStrong@utah.gov and you will be contacted.



FREE HELP for COVID-19 related stress

THE UTAH STRONG RECOVERY PROJECT

If you or someone you know is experiencing stress, anxiety or depression because of COVID-19, talk to a crisis counselor seven days a week, 7a-7p. All information is confidential and free of charge.

Services include:



emotional support



crisis counseling



copied strategies



mental health education



referrals if more help is needed

Call/Text: 385-386-2289

**Email (first name and phone number only):
UtahStrong@utah.gov**

**For immediate response after hours:
1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

Counseling in Spanish and other languages available.

Operated by the Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health through a FEMA grant, facilitated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



WEST POINT RECREATION

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.

FALL SOCCER

Registration Dates: July 6th - August 3rd
Cost: \$40

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

VOLLEYBALL

Registration Dates: July 20th - August 17th
Cost: \$40

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

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

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

Forgive me, if you will, for a little personal reminiscing, but I promise I have a relevant point.

At the start of my senior year in high school (1950-51), Mr. Wilson, our American History teacher, approached me with information about an American Legion Oratorical Contest. He seemed to think I would enjoy it.

The subject for this nationwide contest was "Securing the Benefits Our Constitution Ordains." It was a tiered contest with competitions at the high school, city, region, state, and national levels. Contestants were required to prepare and deliver a twelve-minute speech, after which each was asked to give an extemporaneous three-minute talk on one of the first Ten Amendments to the Constitution. This subject was selected randomly by a drawing and revealed to each contestant just before going "on stage."

Jerome was not that large a city, so only ten entrants competed at the high school level and six then advanced to the city-level competition. The one winner from the city contest was scheduled for the region meet but as no other communities held the competition, the city winner went unopposed to the state meet.

As I was preparing my principle oration, a comment made by an aunt of mine became the basic tenant of my talk. Her comment was that in a darkened room full of people, if one person lit a candle it would make little difference, affecting only those immediately near him. But if everybody in the room lit a candle, the entire room would be illuminated.

That contest was in the past. It was the opening year of the Korean Conflict and I introduced the above tenant with the statement "...We are now facing a great crisis..." and through the candle proposition, I suggested a needed unification in the face of another war. Fast forward to the present and our current "great crisis", the candle analogy could as easily be applied. The premise I proposed then, but which is just as applicable today, was that we need to combine in support of current events - political, civil, constitutional, but especially health.

Our candle in the dark might be just be a simple thing such as properly wearing a mask or maintaining social distancing. They are indicators of cooperation and unity, but they also contribute to the physical health of a community. This too is helping to ensure the benefits of our Constitution - the rewards are felt by the individual and through the local, state, and federal levels.

And, by the way, I only got second place at state so I didn't go to nationals. With 48 contestants that would have been interesting to organize.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

- Marv Drake, Committee Chair

