

JULY 2020

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

My July message is usually centered around our Party at the Point Independence Day Celebration and acknowledging all of the hard work that City Staff and volunteers put into it each year. But, just like everything else in 2020, this July is a little different...and by a little, I mean a lot different. We are in the midst of a pandemic that has stretched us socially and will have lasting effects on our economy, and as we approach a well-loved holiday that celebrates our nation and the democratic principles it was built on, that same government is being tested. The past few weeks have been dominated by protests, both peaceful and otherwise, throughout our great country and continue to occur. I applaud those who stand-up and join those peaceful protests and feel sorry for those who have had their lives and properties damaged when a protest goes too far. A message is being sent, and I believe it is being heard loud and clear. We have come a long way in this country in regards to racism and inequality but it is clear that there is still a long way to go. We need to learn from the past and continue down a path of change.

I think we can all agree that Utah, and West Point more specifically, is not as diverse as much of the rest of the nation. For me, that lack of ethnic diversity can make it hard to personally relate, but even I can see that we have a lot of room for improvement. Don't

get me wrong, I am not naïve enough to think that we don't definitely have our issues here locally, but I think the lack of ethnic diversity in our community shelters us a little bit. Some of you reading this will agree and some of you won't, but we have come to the point where it isn't a question anymore that change is needed. I am still proud of the country we live in. I acknowledge all of those who have come before us that fought for the very democracy we all enjoy. Yet we still have work ahead of us.

As people demand change, you might say to yourself what can I do? I am just one person in the midst of this pretty significant social uprising. Can one person make a difference? The answer to that is yes! I believe that everyone can make a difference and we each can be the source of change. We can educate ourselves on the issues, we can recognize social injustice, we can have tough conversations, and we can vote! Going back to the birth of our country, it all started with a determination of the people to make a change. As we approach the celebration of our independence, let's not be satisfied with where we are. We can all be a little more kind, we can all be a little more aware, and we all need to be a lot more involved in the process of change. 2020 seems to be wanting its own chapter in our history book and it is on our shoulders to make sure we define our place in history as a people that

emerged better and stronger than before. I look forward to see what changes can and will be made in our local, state, and federal governments. I hope and pray that all of you can look inward and then reach outward to be a source of good in our community. I find myself a lot more thankful for the little things after going through these past few months. I realize that some of the things that seemed to really matter before really aren't all that important. I have learned that my family, faith and the people close to me are the most important things in my life.

I know some of us have and will be impacted by Covid-19. Our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones and let us all hope and pray for a vaccine that will end this awful pandemic. Please take the needed precautions with wearing masks in public when social distancing is not an option. Stay home when you are sick, be aware of those around you who have been infected, and make the necessary adjustments to help decrease the spread of this virus.

Last but not least, Happy Birthday America and may all of you take just a little bit more time this next month to really understand and appreciate the significance of this holiday we love to celebrate.

- 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!

JULY 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6 CITY HALL CLOSED	7 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	8	9 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	22	23 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	24 PIONEER DAY CITY HALL CLOSED	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

2020 MISS WEST POINT



1st Attendant

MIA STANDER



Miss West Point

JULIANNE ORTON



2nd Attendant

MAYKEL VALLADARES



Miss Jr. 1st Attendant

KIRA DALBY



Miss Junior West Point

LOLA WARD



Miss Jr. 2nd Attendant

AISLINN WILSON

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 during this time of social distancing.

To Participate:
Comments must be received prior to 7 PM on the date of the meeting.

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.

GARBAGE INFORMATION

Effective July 1st, there will be a fee increase of \$0.30 to the price for the 1st black garbage can.

Can use reminder:

Blue Can - Recycling Only

Black Can - Trash Waste

Green Can - Green Waste

As a reminder, please DO NOT put wet grass in your garbage can. If you put wet grass inside your can, it can compact and get stuck inside the bottom of the cans. In order for it to empty out, you will need to loosen up grass prior to garbage pick-up.

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.

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.

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.

SECONDARY WATER

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

The Splash Pad, 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.

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.

CITY HALL RESERVATIONS

We will no longer be accepting reservations for City Hall throughout the remainder of 2020.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

COMMUNITY DUMPSTER TRAILER PROGRAM

In an effort to help keep West Point City clean and beautiful, City Officials have established the Community Dumpster Program.

The City has recently purchased a large dump trailer which will be available for use by West Point residents from March to November. If you would like to reserve the trailer for your neighborhood please call the City office at 801-776-0970.

RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS

The trailer will be delivered on Monday for use on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday or delivered on Thursday for usage on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

For those using the Thursday, Friday and Saturday schedule, the pickup will be on Monday morning. The City cannot pick it up on Saturday or Sunday.

DELIVERY

The City Public Works Department will deliver the trailer as close to the requested address as possible but it will not be placed on private property or in areas that would interfere with traffic, including line of site, mail delivery, garbage pickup, or block a fire hydrant.

USE

The trailer is intended for use by neighborhoods and **not** for the exclusive use of the resident calling for delivery. No one is allowed to move the trailer except the Public Works Department. A list of items that are not allowed will be posted on the side of the trailer. Dumpsters cannot be loaded past the top loading line.

CONDITIONS FOR EARLY PICK-UP

If a dumpster becomes full before the scheduled pick-up, early pick-up can be requested by calling the City office.

SCHEDULING TRAILER

The trailer may be scheduled by the same caller for no more than one trailer per month. It will not be scheduled for more than 3 months in advance.

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 questions.

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.

FOOTBALL CAMP

Registration Dates: May 28th- July 6th
Cost: \$20

FALL SOCCER

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

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

What exactly happened on July 4th, 1776?

July 4th, 1776 was **not** the date of the start of the American War of Independence. The first armed conflict actually took place in April 1775. At that time, it was, ostensibly, only an effort to secure the colonists' rights as citizens of the British empire. King George, however, rallied against the colonies and directed the beefing-up of his army and navy and their presence on this continent.

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In March 1776, North Carolina's

revolutionary convention became the first to vote for independence. On June 7th, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia placed a proposal before the Continental Congress calling for the colonies' independence. After a heated debate, Congress postponed a vote on Lee's proposal and called for a several weeks long recess, but not before appointing a five-man committee to draft a formal statement justifying a break from Great Britain. This committee designated its chairman, Thomas Jefferson, as the drafter of this document we now know as the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson wrote the Declaration, incorporating suggestions from John Adams and Benjamin Franklin. On July 1st, 1776, Lee's proposal was adopted by the committee and on July 2nd the completed document was presented to the recently reconvened Congress.

After two days of heated debate, the slightly adjusted Declaration of Independence **was**, on July 4th 1776, accepted by the full Congress.

Copies for distribution among the colonies and for submission to the King had to be written by hand. It was at this time that the document was introduced with the heading:

*IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776
The unanimous Declaration of the
thirteen United States of America.*

While the document was not actually delivered to King George until November 1776, all the handwritten copies included the date we now celebrate as the birth of our nation. And with that, thus we say:

**HAVE A HAPPY 4TH AND
STAY HEALTHY!**

