



West Point City

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**DECEMBER
2021**

WEST POINT OFFICIALS

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CITY MANAGER**

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

CITY HALL

3200 W 300 N

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Hard to believe that I am writing my December newsletter already. Where did 2021 go? As we inch closer to the end of the year and now into the holiday season, I hope you are all looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. This past month we all had the opportunity to participate in our local election. It was a tight race for Mayor and congratulations goes out to Brian Vincent as our new Mayor-Elect. I would also like to welcome Brad Lee and Michele Swenson as our two new City Council Members. City leadership is being left to some excellent people and I look forward to some good things from our new Mayor and City Council. I would also like to take this time to thank Kent Henderson and Andy Dawson for their many years of service on both our Planning Commission and Council. Kent and Andy have been an integral part of our City and on behalf of the residents here, thank you for your service and wish you all the best in your future.

As with everything, I feel like the mayor and city council in most cities take too much credit when things are going well and take too much of the blame for when things go bad. I have been lucky enough to be your Mayor for the past 13 years and I have come to believe that the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

While I am ending my time as Mayor and this is the final newsletter I will write, there is nothing I want to say about myself, because the past two decades have been about something so much greater. I love West Point and the people who live here, and I have always wanted what is best for our city and the place we all call home. It has truly been a team effort, with great City Staff and great City Council. As we inch closer to my favorite holiday, Christmas, I want to share with you five items that are on my Christmas wish as the sun sets on my tenure as Mayor:

1. I hope and pray that each and every one of you are proud to live in this great city and have an appreciation for those who have come and gone that have made this such a great place to live. With that, I hope that your pride translates into caring about your neighbors and taking care of your home and property so that our community stays clean, cared for, and vibrant.
2. I wish that we can all be a little more kind, more understanding, and show more care for those around us. I truly believe that being friendly and kind to all goes a long, long way from turning a city into a community.
3. I hope that all of you can and will take a more active role in our city. An "active role" can mean a lot of different things; it can mean volunteering and giving service, attending City Council and Planning Commission meetings, going to city events, participating in city programs, and so on. Keeping up to date on the current events is a great way to stay involved, especially when it comes to city government – too many times our communities are governed by the vocal minority

and this can't happen if all residents speak out and stay informed of the facts.

4. I wish that all of us, myself included, can always remember how grateful we are for our families, close friends, and neighbors and avoid taking their presence in our lives for granted.
5. I hope that we can all be respectful. We all hold tightly to our opinions, we all have our own views, and we also all have feelings. We can disagree and still be respectful. Especially when it comes to interacting with our local leaders, who are just people taking time out of their lives to try and make a difference. Disagreement doesn't always have to follow with disdain, put-downs, or hurtful comments. We are better than that.

It has been the pleasure of my life to serve as your mayor the past 13 years. I have met some amazing people, both in and out of West Point, and I will forever be thankful for those interactions and friendships. I can confidently say that I have always tried my best but I am also confident that I have made some mistakes along the way. Even so, I hope that the good has outweighed the bad and I have had a positive influence on the path to West Point's future.

You can disagree with things that I have done, but I hope that none of you can question my love for West Point City. Over two decades ago I never thought I would be on the City Council, and definitely never the Mayor, but it has been an amazing ride and a very positive experience in my life and the lives of my family. I would like to thank my amazing mom who I love and appreciate more than she will ever know. I am grateful for my dad who showed me the path of being involved in our local government, for being a man I have always strived to be, even though he keeps raising the bar each and every year. I never did quite grow into his size 12 shoes... 11.5 is as far as I got and that is very symbolic in so many ways. To my six amazing kids who have watched me go to all my dang meetings over the years but also encouraged me along the way. I am experiencing a transition from having my kids looking to me for guidance and direction to me being the one looking up to them for the great examples they are and the amazing people they have become. Last, but certainly not least, and it is with shaky hands as I type this, my amazing wife Jill. Everything good in my life starts and ends with her. She has been my biggest fan and my biggest supporter as I have served the past 20 years, even while sacrificing so much for me to do so – she never once complained about late night meetings or all the time spent fulfilling my commitments. She is my rock and my everything and I am so very blessed to be her husband.

Now for the last time, from my family to yours, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne

SENIOR LUNCH

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 to join!

This month's lunch will be held on:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
@ 11:30 AM

The menu for the Senior Lunch will be:

**HAM, CHEESE POTATOES,
 SALAD, ROLL & DESSERT**

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT!

**PLEASE CALL CITY HALL BY
 DECEMBER 9TH AT (801)776-0970 TO RSVP.**

**Beginning in 2022, Senior Lunch will be on the
 SECOND MONDAY of each month**

(with the exception of August and October)
 To view the UPDATED 2022 Senior Lunch Calendar, visit the City Website under the Community Affairs Page!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Senior Lunch Program, please contact City Hall at (801)776-0970!

DECEMBER

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5	6 CHILD REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY 7 PM (CEMETERY)	7 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	8	9 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	10	11
12	13 SENIOR LUNCH 11:30 AM	14	15	16	17 CEMETERY LUMINARY 4 PM	18
19	20	21 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	22	23 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	24 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CITY HALL CLOSED	25 CHRISTMAS
26	27 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CITY HALL CLOSED	28	29	30 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS DUE!	31 NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY CITY HALL CLOSED	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

YOUTH COUNCIL

This month the West Point City Youth Council made "Thank You Turkeys" for our firefighters at the North Davis Fire District and for some of the medical offices in West Point. We then put our turkeys on their building windows to show our appreciation for the work that these health professionals and public safety men and women do for all of us in our community!

We also placed flags on the headstones of all the Veterans in our cemetery in order to honor them and their service in recognition of Veterans Day.

As always, thank you for your support of our Youth Council!

Lydia Merrill,
 Youth Council City Recorder



Annual
 Child Remembrance
 Ceremony
 "Forever in our Hearts"

DECEMBER 6
@ 7 PM
 Angel of Hope Monument
 West Point City Cemetery

Please join us for a short ceremony in remembrance of our loved ones.

Never forgotten. Forever loved.



If your student missed the deadline and is still interested in joining the West Point Youth Council, please submit an application found at www.westpointcity.org/community-affairs/events/pages/youth-council.

**BUSINESS LICENSES:
 RENEWALS DUE
 DECEMBER 30!**



We have switched to a new online renewal system!

Business License Renewal letters will now be sent solely to the email address on file and no longer mailed.



Follow the directions in the email to easily renew your West Point City Business License. You will also be able to update any information or make corrections if needed, as well as pay for any fees that may apply to your business.

If you have not received your renewal email or no longer have a business with West Point, please email khsansen@westpointcity.org.

DON'T DELAY!
 LICENSE RENEWALS ARE DUE
 DECEMBER 30

WATER CONSERVATION

The West Point City Water Conservation Plan has recently been updated!

To view the plan, visit:

<https://www.westpointcity.org/engineering>.

Thanks for doing your part to conserve water.

Here's to hoping for a good winter!

STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

The Davis County Storm Water Coalition is a group of city representatives, companies, and citizens collaborating together to improve the storm water quality in Davis County. The Coalition aims to improve and maintain Davis County's storm water quality because it directly impacts important bodies of water, such as the Great Salt Lake.

Together, the Coalition hopes to achieve mutual goals by sharing information and resources, educating the public, and coordinating activities in Davis County. The Coalition addresses all pollutants but focuses on pollution involving silt & sediment, construction waste, fertilizers, pesticides, oils & fuels, and trash & debris.

For more information about storm water, household hazardous waste, or pollution prevention, or to find contact information for your city storm water representative, follow this QR code or go to the following website: <http://www.co.davis.ut.us/publicworks/storm-water-coalition>

Thank you for doing your part to keep our water as sanitary as possible!

FREE MEDICARE 101 CLASS

December 16, 2021 @ 6:30 Farmington Library

No RSVP needed. Call 801-525-5050 opt 5 for any questions or to see about virtual class options.

DAVIS COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

The Davis County Children's Justice Center is committed to protecting Utah's smallest voices, seeking justice, and empowering children of all ages.

The Children's Justice Center is currently in need of the following items:

- **Individually wrapped snacks and treats** - Our highest need is currently jerky, trail mix/nuts, breakfast bars, and candy
- **Individual drinks** - Our highest need is currently individual bottles of juice, chocolate milk, and cans of soda
- **Paper products** - Tissues, paper towels, plain lined notepads (big or small)
- **Journals** - Journals can be store bought or made from notebooks and decorated
- **Magnetic drawing boards**
- **Children or Teenage books** - Very gently used or new
- **New stuffed animals** - We unfortunately cannot accept used stuffed animals
- **Homemade or store bought blankets** - Between 55" x 60" for young children or 70" x 75" for teenagers - big enough for a child to wrap around themselves. Fringed and knotted are common or with a sewn edge. We currently have a high need for teenage girl and teenage boy blankets.
- **Band-Aids**
- **Scratch art**
- **Gel pens for coloring books**

All items must be new (unless noted).

Please call us at 801-451-3560 or email us at daviscjc@co.davis.ut.us if you have any questions!

JOB OPENINGS

West Point is hiring!

We are currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Public Works I, II, or III**
- **Community Events Specialist**
- **Recreation Aides**

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, visit the City website at <https://www.westpointcity.org/employment/pages/job-opportunities> for complete job descriptions and instructions on how to apply!

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WINTER REMINDERS

Last month our Code Enforcement Officer posted many courtesy notices on vehicles, trailers, and boats parked overnight on City streets that winter parking restrictions are now in place:

West Point City Code 10.05.50(H)(3) prohibits the parking of any vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles, etc, on the street between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM from Nov 1st until March 1st

In spite of these notices, some are continuing to park on the streets overnight. The Davis County Sheriff's Department will now be issuing citations and/or towing vehicles in violation of this Ordinance. Please help us to ensure that this winter season is a safe one, especially for our public works employees plowing snow on cold winter mornings.

You are also reminded to keep trees trimmed to at least 13.5 feet above the roadway and to make sure sidewalks are cleared.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
4:00 PM
LUMINARY
WEST POINT CEMETERY
80 N 4000 W

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT THE WEST POINT CEMETERY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

ANIMAL FOSTERING

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PETS IN NEED.
Animal Care of Davis County has over 120 animals in the shelter with hard-working staff to take care of them. They could use help from the community with long-term and short-term fosters.

- >>Sleepover with a shelter dog through the "Weekend Wags Program"
tinyurl.com/weekendwags
- >>Foster a dog for up to two weeks!
tinyurl.com/acdcfoster
- >>You can also foster kittens!
tinyurl.com/acdcckitten

WE PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES, YOU PROVIDE THE TLC!

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

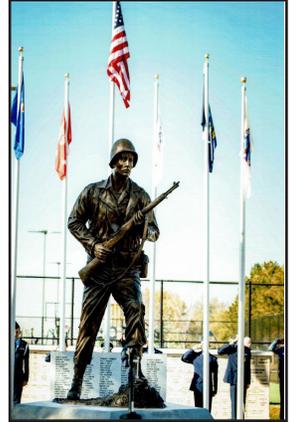
COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE - 801-825-5321

I am probably not alone when I say that one of the things I liked least about active military service was the holidays spent away from home. In my first eight years of active duty, I was away for five Thanksgivings and two Christmases, not to mention the birth of our first son. My first Navy Thanksgiving dinner came while I was in Basic Training. My first Christmas away came a year later while I was an Aviation Photographer on board the USS Valley Forge in port at Portsmouth, Virginia. Even though I was away from home, I have to say that Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in the Navy will always be hard to beat.

Undoubtedly the most memorable Christmas was December 24th, 1958. By then I had been flying for many years and we were on our second deployment. Our squadron commander had brought aboard some red fabric from which the parachute rigger made a Santa hat and a Santa coat. This day we were a flight of four. The squadron skipper led the division and I led the second section (a division was four aircraft divided into two sections). The Skipper had sneaked the costume into his aircraft and while we were quite a distance away from the ship, he put the coat on under his parachute harness and pulled the hat down over his flight helmet. As we approached the ship the skipper turned the division over to me while he then traded places with his wingman. This made him number four in the flight when we entered the landing pattern, as the last formation to land.

The normal carrier operations are that a pilot, as soon as he has caught a cable and is arrested, is to taxi smartly out of the gear while raising his flaps and folding his wings. He is then directed forward to where he is parked in the pack with all the other aircraft. We three had already accomplished this when CDR Burnham landed.

After he had trapped, "Santa", instead of following the above procedure, left his wings spread and taxied over to the island and shut down. Immediately, the Admiral and some of his Staff, the ship's Captain with a few of his Department heads, and the ship's band playing carols, came out and escorted Santa to the port deck-edge elevator. We all rode down to the hangar deck where the cooks, bakers, and stewards were set up to serve the crew Christmas Eve goodies. They then served us a great dinner the following day on Christmas.



I wish you all have a Merry Christmas, whether you are home or away, and hope that we can keep those that are serving or have served our country in our thoughts and prayers throughout the holiday season.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING!

Don't forget,
November 1st to March 1st
there is **no overnight parking allowed on the streets!**
(Between 1AM and 6AM)

Stay Informed Using Poly!

Poly is a new mobile app designed for **West Point City** residents to stay in touch. Available for download starting **September 1**.



Scan Below for App Download!



SCAN ME

WEST POINT RECREATION

Contact Kelly Ross at 801-529-3352 or
Karly Norwood at 801-564-7701
for more information on recreation activities!

JR. JAZZ

Add the PolyPlatform App for all updates and information regarding the Jr. Jazz season!

Practices will be held throughout December and games will begin in January.

Please follow the directions to the right to download the app!

Recreation Aide positions are available!

Visit the City Website for more information!

How to Download Poly Platform

1. Go to <https://getpolyplatform.com/download-poly>
2. If you have an iPhone, click on "iOS" navigate to the App Store.
3. If you have an android, click on "Android" to navigate to the Google Play Store.
4. Download Poly Platform
5. Create an account using your email address
6. Verify your email

How to Navigate the Poly Platform Mobile App

1. Select the West Point City logo
2. Select your interests
3. Click on an activity
4. Click "Add to My Events"
5. On the right-hand side of the graphic, include the wire-frames attached below.

