

January 2011

WEST POINT CITY

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

West Point Officials

Erik Craythorne, Mayor
 Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro-Tem
 Jerry Chatterton, Councilman
 Andy Dawson, Councilman
 Kent Henderson, Councilman
 Roger Woodward, Councilman

Gary Hill, City Manager



State of the City

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that you enjoyed lots of time with family and friends. It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I thought the first newsletter of the New Year should follow the tradition of our state and national government, and give a brief state of the city ...minus some of the political rhetoric.

Financially, West Point City, I am happy to report, is doing quite well, considering the slow recovery of the economy statewide. In light of the economic recession we have managed to weather the storm and we remain optimistic for 2011. As I have mentioned before, sales tax revenue is a huge component of our city's annual budget, therefore, when consumers stop spending, it drastically decreased the amount of income for the city's budget. The last half of 2010 saw a slight increase in sales tax revenue and we are hoping the trend continues. A big THANKS to the city's staff, especially City Manager, Gary Hill for a conservative and prudent approach in managing the city's finances.

With the tightening of our budget, we have cut most capital projects (installing or replacing infrastructure) down to a bare minimum. The most noticeable for the residents will be limited routine street maintenance. We are also hopeful that construction on the 193 extension down to 2000 West will get underway this year; this without a doubt will be a great addition to our travel options. We also anticipate that reconstruction of 800 North East of 2000 West will begin this spring. During the construction travel may be affected.

In addition, as I have mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are looking forward to possibly offering some recycling options for our residents. This is still in the very early stages of development; more information and meetings will be forthcoming as we explore our options. I encourage anyone who would like to be involved to attend our city council meetings. Your input and opinions are very beneficial to this process. The information will be available in the newsletter on the City website at www.westpointcity.org and on our upcoming City Council agendas. This program has been very successful in some of the other cities in Davis County.

In summary, the elected officials in this city are very committed to remaining fiscally conservative and maintaining the high level of service we have all come to enjoy. I have pointed this out before, but it is worth repeating, we have the best, most seasoned City council members around and I appreciate the professional manner in which they approach the city's business. As we begin 2011, I hope for peace in the world we live in and wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Please take a minute and look at our new website. It is full of updated information; this is a great resource for upcoming events in the City and an excellent way to stay on top of all of the City Council and Planning Commission agendas. As always, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

West Davis Corridor Update

The Level 1 Screening process has narrowed down the number of alternatives from 46 to 14. The results of the Level 1 Screening process can be found on the maps page of the website: www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis/maps
 The 14 alternatives are now going through the Level 2 Screening process and being evaluated to assess their potential community and environmental impacts. The results of the Level 2 Screening process will be shared online and at a series of public open houses in early 2011. Your participation and comments are encouraged and we hope you will join us at our upcoming events.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

City Council meetings:
 1st & 3rd Tuesday
 7:00 pm at City Hall

Planning Commission meetings:
 2nd & 4th Thursday
 7:00 pm at City Hall

Meetings subject to cancellation

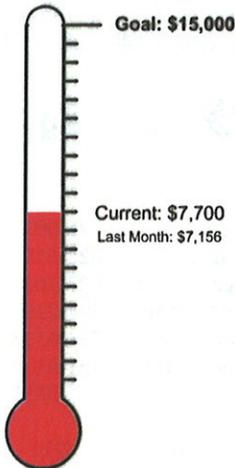
There will be no City Council meeting on January 4, 2011 due to the Council Retreat on January 7, 2011

Senior Lunch Jan 10, 2011
 11:30 am

West Point City Hall will be closed January 17, 2011 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



4th of July Fireworks Fundraiser



Please send or bring donations for the fireworks to City Hall. Thanks to those who have already contributed!





West Point Youth Council

The month of December was full for the Youth Council. They visited the Family Tree Assisted Living Center and delivered gifts and sang carols. They also assisted with the lighting ceremony at City Hall. If your child had a picture taken with Santa, they are at City Hall ready to be picked up.

They are holding the annual essay contest again now with essays due the 14th of February to City Hall. Write your feelings about "Why I Love My City" and you could win one of the 3 prizes.

The Youth Council would like to continue to present a word each month in their message to encourage a positive outlook on life. January's word is **HELPFULNESS**. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" - Anne Frank

News Worth Review

Preserve West Point's History
A committee of citizens is being formed to preserve the rich history of West Point City. If you would like to be a part of this effort to collect or donate stories, artifacts and pictures, please call City Hall for more information.
801-776-0970



Ring in the New Year Seniors!

Come and celebrate the 2011 New Year at the Senior Luncheon.

January 10th @ 11:30 am

We will be enjoying a baked potato bar with all the fixings.

Be sure to call and reserve your spot no later than January 7th.

801-776-0970

CITY CONTACTS

Dial direct to the following departments after 801:

Inspections/Michelle	614-5348
Build Inspector/Brent	614-5354
Busn. License/Michelle	614-5348
Cemetery/Amy	614-5349
City Engineer/Boyd	614-5353
City Recorder/Amy	614-5349
Comm. Affairs/Jolene	614-5347
Recreation/Kelly	614-5357
Treasurer/Julie	614-5352
Utility Billing/Heidi	614-5346



City Hall	776-0970
After Hour Svc.	628-6181
Garbage Service	627-2680
Animal Control	444-2200
Secondary Water	774-6373
Davis Sheriff	451-4150
Fire	525-2851

EMERGENCY 911

INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

Free Tax Return Preparation for You by Volunteers:

Puzzled by the tax law or which credits and deductions to take? Need assistance with your tax return? You may want to visit a volunteer site. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program offers free tax help if you qualify.

Trained community volunteers can help you with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Credit for the Elderly for which you may qualify. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, VITA sites offer free electronic filing (e-filing.) Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared with returns filed on paper—even faster if you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program:

The VITA Program offers free tax help to people with low-to-moderate incomes (\$49,000 and below) and for those in this income bracket who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers receive training to prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. Utah State taxes are also prepared at the VITA sites. To locate the closest VITA site to you, please call 2-1-1.

There are many things you will be asked to bring to an appointment, so please visit their website at www.irs.gov or call for more information at 801-544-4622.

