



West Point City

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**JANUARY
2021**

WEST POINT OFFICIALS

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

**1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS
6:00 P.M.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M.**

GENERAL SESSION

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

**2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS
6:00 P.M.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M.**

GENERAL SESSION

CITY HALL

3200 W 300 N

801-776-0970

WWW.WESTPOINTCITY.ORG

Happy New Year to you all and let's hope 2021 is a change in the right direction like everyone is thinking it will be. It is hard to put into words a year in our history that has been unlike any other, and is (hopefully) not likely to be experienced again. As we ushered in 2020 a year ago, I don't think anybody could have foreseen the absolute chaos we would have to endure through the coming year. There are so many layers to 2020 and so many storylines that we are all eager to forget, but I hope that we can take something positive out of some of the challenges that we all faced.

It is with hesitation that I write my own personal experience with COVID-19, but maybe my experience will shed some light to some of you who have been lucky enough to stay away from the virus. My wife Jil tested positive on a Monday morning in November with little to no symptoms. As our family was once again faced with having to quarantine for two weeks, I found myself planning out all of the things I was going to be able to get caught up on and hoping to do some fun recreational things with the kids to pass the time. On Tuesday I decided to go for a run and when I came back I noticed I was a little sore, which was a bit odd, and I also had a cough that I quickly blamed on the cold air. Later that night I was down in bed with pretty severe body aches and I knew then that something was wrong. Shortly after, I lost my taste/smell, was nauseous, and very tired. And then there was the cough I had at first dismissed – that cough quickly created problems with my breathing, which pushed us into getting an oximeter to check the oxygen in my blood. Through that they identified problems with my lungs. Most people that I had heard had the virus were sick for a week or so and I couldn't wait to hit that seven-day mark to start to feel better – little did I know a week for me was only halfway there. In an effort to make a long story short, I had some really bad days when it was hard to breathe and hard to keep my oxygen level up. After taking a steroid to help my lungs I was finally able to turn that corner and start to recover after two full weeks of being very sick. I have never been that sick, for that long, and there were a few times I was scared I might end up in a hospital. I also found myself wondering if I would ever be able to get over it at all. Even though I have recovered, it will be a

long time before I take for granted being able to take a deep breath. Everyone's experience with the virus has been different – some have lost loved ones, some haven't experienced it at all, and the rest of us fall somewhere in between the two extremes. I will say that after going through what I went through, which was very real and scary, my perspective has changed. My hope in sharing my personal experience is that it might convince some of us who maybe haven't taken the virus too seriously to change your mind.

So how exactly are we all collectively going to make 2021 better than 2020 and get back to what everyone is calling the "new normal?" I believe it is going to hinge on people's willingness to get the vaccine when it is available. I know there are many different opinions on whether or not to get the vaccine, but I hope that each of you will at least take the time to research it and make sure that you are basing your decision on information from reputable sources. Social media is great but it sure can spread some inaccurate information, and spread it very quickly. We all know we wouldn't go to the hardware store to get advice on our chronic knee pain and I encourage you to use the same logic when it comes to this vaccine. Reach out to the medical professionals who have the educational background and experience to help you make an informed decision, rather than solely relying on what is being said on social media and from the various media outlets. It is going to take all of us making choices that consider the greater good to beat this pandemic and be able to move on from all the mask wearing, restrictions, and virtual learning. I understand that this is a very polarizing, passionate topic for many and I usually try to stay neutral when talking about hot issues with all of you, but in this situation I am going to share my two cents: after going what I went through, I will be the first in line to get the vaccine when it is available and I will encourage my family and loved ones to get it as well.

So here is to 2021, and all of the great things we have in front of us this coming year. I wish you all the best in all that you do. Be safe, stay healthy, and together let's beat this pandemic.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne

YOUTH COUNCIL

This last month has been interesting for the Youth Council. Sadly, because of all the gathering restrictions, we weren't able to have some of our annual activities. However, we are so grateful for ways to communicate online and still in a way hold an activity.

This last month we teamed up with Communities that Care for a book drive to collect books for Davis County schools. Everyone worked hard and collected a lot of books! We are so grateful to those that donated and participated in this service to help our community!

Everyone is doing lots of service in the community, especially during the Christmas season! We love serving our community as a Youth Council and hope we can continue to do so even with restrictions!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years! Thank you for supporting the Youth Council!

- Angelina Orton

West Point Youth Council City Recorder

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

SENIOR LUNCH

Until further notice, senior lunches will be canceled due to the concerns surrounding COVID-19.

Seniors 65+ are considered higher risk and recommended to avoid large gatherings.

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

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

JANUARY						
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3	4	5 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	6	7	8	9
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17	18 MLK DAY CITY HALL CLOSED	19 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	29	30



The Caregiver Academy

The Caregiver Academy is a free series of six workshops that assist family and community caregivers in developing the skills needed to manage an in-home care environment. Each participant receives a free Managing Care Guide.

***Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this series will be offered online as a virtual meeting.**

The Six Workshops:

Tuesdays at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Feb. 9: Finding Caregiver Resources

Feb. 16: Building Caregiver Resilience

Feb. 23: Setting Good Care Boundaries

Mar. 2: Involving Family and Others

Mar. 9: Managing Difficult Behaviors

Mar. 16: Understanding Care Options

**Call
801.525.5050, Option 5
to sign up!**

CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Written Determination of the Mayor and Planning Commission Chair of West Point City Concerning Electronic Meeting Anchor Location:

PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE ANN. 52-4-207(4), We, the undersigned Mayor and Planning Commission Chair of West Point City, hereby determine that conducting City Council and Planning Commission meetings at any time during the next 30 days at an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location. The World Health Organization, the President of the United States, the Governor of Utah, and the Davis County Health Department, have all recognized that a global pandemic exists related to the new strain of the coronavirus, COVID-19. Further, according to information from state epidemiology experts, Utah is currently in an acceleration phase, which has the potential to overwhelm the state's healthcare system. This written determination will expire thirty days from the date it is signed.

The public may monitor or listen to the meeting electronically and provide public comment when appropriate by following the instructions below:

- Open the Agenda posted on the City website
 - Click on the "Join Meeting" link

or
Connect via Telephone: Dial 1(669) 900-6833 and enter Meeting ID: *listed on agenda*

Members of the public may also participate in the Citizen Comment or Public Hearing items via email prior to the meeting.

Email your comments by 7 PM to:

City Council: carnold@westpointcity.org

Planning Commission: mbailey@westpointcity.org

Subject Line: Must be designated as Citizen/Public Hearing Comment for: (Reference Meeting Date)

Email Body: Must include Full Name & Address and a succinct statement of your comment.

DATED December 3, 2020.

The original of this Written Determination is on file in the City Recorder's office and on the City website.

UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Utility Payments can be placed in the drop box in the northeast corner of the parking lot, mailed, paid online, or made 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, 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.

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. If you are picking up a building permit, please call ahead and we will make arrangements.

Building inspections will continue as normal.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees will be accepted at the Green Waste Recycling Facility beginning December 26th through January 31st. Only live, cut trees accepted. Artificial trees and live trees with lights or decorations will be accepted as municipal solid waste at regular landfill disposal rates. Customers from within and outside of the District may take advantage of the free Christmas tree disposal. The Green Waste Recycling Facility is located at 1997 East 3500 N, Layton www.wasatchintegrated.org

STREET PARKING

November 1st - March 1st, there is no overnight parking on the streets from 1 AM - 6 AM

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WINTER IN WEST POINT CITY

Each winter season, our Public Works employees put forth a huge effort to keep our streets plowed and safe for winter driving. We have asked you to help make this effort more efficient by refraining from parking on City streets and by keeping your trees trimmed so that plows can pass without causing damage to equipment or to your trees.

Beginning in early November, I have issued hundreds of courtesy notices and have been able to visit with many of you. I have received excellent cooperation in removing vehicles and trimming trees to come into compliance with our Code. Many of you have also informed the City via our website of individuals who continue to park on the street. Thank you for your help in accomplishing this vital task.

West Point City is and will continue to be a great place to live because families not only care about their own homes and yards, but they also take pride in their neighborhoods. Thank you for helping to keep it that way!

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

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Each month an AmeriCorps Member serving in Utah is recognized for going above and beyond the pledge they took to "Get Things Done." This month they recognized Brooke Britt who is serving with the AmeriCorps Education Initiative of Utah (AEIOU).

Brooke Britt runs the AEIOU tutoring program at West Point Elementary in Northern Utah. This is her second year serving as an AmeriCorps Member following her involvement as a volunteer in the program before becoming a member. During the school shut down last spring, Brooke set up an online tutoring program and was able to have many of her volunteers continue to tutor students remotely using the great tools she developed. She also tutored students herself all day, every day to ensure that the students who didn't have volunteers to continue to help them were able to get the reading support they needed. Brooke's online tutoring materials have now been shared with all members working in elementary schools through AEIOU so that students can receive reading support, regardless of whether volunteers or students can do tutoring on site at a school. This school year, through creativity and hard work with teachers and administration, they strived to support students safely in a condensed school schedule, Brooke and her volunteers have found ways to offer twice weekly tutoring sessions to almost 50 at-risk readers (so far) who are progressing nicely with their reading while also enjoying the many side benefits of spending one-on-one time regularly with caring and encouraging adults.



WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

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

In the many months it has been my privilege to author these articles, I have strived for three things: accuracy, relevance, and, when necessary, currency. This month's article has accurate data, is certainly current, but its relationship to our military history is limited. I had a great-uncle who served in WWI and who died during that time frame, and a grandfather who did not serve but who died in Canada in the months following the war - both from the Spanish Flu. In 1957 I spent four days in sickbay aboard ship, with a fever which at one point reached over 104 degrees, caused by the Asian Flu. Many of us can remember the 2009 Swine Flu. And now, here we are with the latest pandemic.

Y' know...If you think too much you get to wondering, thus it was that the idea of pandemics began running around in my mind. I found in the Oxford University Press Dictionary that a pandemic is "a disease prevalent over a whole country or a large part of the world." I learned in a doctorate study by Nicholas LePan published in March of this year that in recorded

history, from the year 165, there were over 100 instances of events which qualified to be called "pandemics."

Most notable were the Black Death (Bubonic Plague) of 1347-51, which killed 200 million; the "New World" Small Pox outbreak beginning in 1520 which killed 56 million; the 1629 Italian Plague, 1665 "Great Plague of London" the 1885 "Third Plague" (in China and India) the later three all being forms of the Bubonic Plague with a combined death toll of 13.1 million.

Starting in the 20th century we have had the 1918-1920+ Spanish Flu with 40-50 million deaths; the 1957-58 Asian Flu with 1.1 million reported deaths, the 1968-70 Hong Kong Flu with 1 million deaths, and the 2009 Swine Flu with 200 thousand dead. Starting in 1981 reports of a new type pandemic surfaced called the HIV/AIDS virus. Current estimates range from 25 to 35 million deaths from AIDS. From 2002 to 2018 there were three coronavirus/ebolavirus outbreaks which took 12, 620 lives. Our current pandemic was first reported in late 2019 and

according to the most recent news reports deaths world-wide are approaching 2 million.

There was no vaccine in 1918. In 1957 everybody on my ship was required to be vaccinated for the Asian Flu but some of us got it anyway. The is no vaccination for HIV/AIDS but beginning in 1987 numerous medications have been developed which prevent AIDS from multiplying in already infected persons. In 2020, if you are current on recent events, you know the most recent status and may even have already been vaccinated.

If all this sounds like scare tactics, you are correct. We have no excuse but have every opportunity to fight the pandemic's spread if we do the right thing by taking proper preventive measures. Wear your masks when you are away from your home and, unless you are a mouth breather, cover your nose.

And to leave you smiling, there's the one about the wag who when he heard about the Corona Virus said, "Well, I am not drinking their beer anymore!"



MONTICELLO ACADEMY

How Monticello Academy created a more effective response to COVID-19

Q&A with Executive Director Dane Roberts

Q: Before Winter Break, nearby elementary schools closed with cases of COVID-19 and possible spread within the school. At the same time, Monticello Academy had zero cases. What explains the difference?

A: We are a smaller school, with smaller class sizes, but we also have taken measures that seem to be highly effective. Last spring, after doing some research, we decided to focus our resources on the air quality within our school. Our facilities manager is an expert on HVAC and a member of our board is a microbiologist specializing in sterilization techniques (that is, how to kill pathogens).

They put their heads together and we decided to install ionized hydrogen peroxide systems in our HVAC units over the summer. These systems distribute ionized particles that denature and kill 99.9% of viruses and bacteria. These particles diffuse everywhere, including on the surfaces of objects, disinfecting everything in

the school, but most importantly, the air we breathe. It is completely safe, and it reduces many sicknesses, not just COVID-19.

In addition, we follow all the other safety protocols, such as increased hand washing, wearing masks, and we have installed MERV-13 filters in all of our HVAC units. Altogether it seems to be highly effective.

Q: How do you know it has worked?

A: So far this school year, just a single family's children has been diagnosed with COVID-19, which they did not acquire at school. Our other, larger campus--which also uses these systems--is in an area that has had high transmission rates, and we have had more students get cases of COVID-19 there. But in every case, they acquired it outside of school. Of the dozens of students that had to quarantine due to contact with these students, zero have developed COVID-19. So we still cannot identify a single case of a student acquiring COVID-19 at either of our campus's. You might say students are safer in school than outside of school!

Q: Has this track record changed your approach to the school year?

A: Yes. In the beginning, we were very cautious and wanted to maintain an option for all students to do distance learning if necessary. We also had a slightly shortened school day and had students attend four days per week. We have been phasing out those measures. We start a completely regular school schedule on January 20th. Our teachers begged for a return to a normal schedule. They felt like they really needed the in-person time with the students in order to give kids the highest quality education.

Q: Can students still apply to attend this school year?

A: Yes. Some grade levels have openings, so parents are welcome to apply on our website. But there is a better chance for students to gain admission for next school year, as we will be expanding our slots available. We also encourage parents to get to know our curriculum. For us, the exciting thing about having our students in school is they get more exposure to Singapore Math, Core Knowledge, and the arts. Although we are proud of our health and safety record, what we are really all about is our college prep curriculum that builds their background knowledge, critical thinking, and appreciation of the world.

WEST POINT RECREATION

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



SPRING SOCCER

REGISTRATION DATES
February 1st - March 5th

GRADES

Pre-K - 6th

COST

\$40