



# West Point City

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**MARCH  
2021**

### WEST POINT OFFICIALS

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAYS  
6:00 PM**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM**

**GENERAL SESSION**

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

**2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS  
6:00 PM**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM**

**GENERAL SESSION**

**CITY HALL**

**3200 W 300 N**

**801-776-0970**

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### Planning for the Future

Every January for over 15 years now, the City Council has held a "Visioning Session" meeting wherein we look at the upcoming year and plan for the future needs of the City. We talk about the budget, upcoming projects, master plans, recreation, city events, and many other topics. Ideas are thrown out and discussed, suggestions made, and valuable dialogue always takes place. It is also a very important meeting for City Staff, as it gives good direction on the priorities and projects that are important to the City Council. It also provides the starting point for the budget process. Our Visioning Session for 2021 was no different in the content discussed, but I will be honest when I say that it was a bit more challenging to hold the meeting virtually. Regardless, it was still a very worthwhile and informative meeting for the City Council and Staff.

As we know, growth continues to be one of the biggest challenges we face in West Point, especially in how it relates to managing all the new projects while still maintaining a high level of service. If you live on the east side of the City, you may more often travel east as you commute to and from, and you may not be aware of all the building happening towards the west. Applications for new projects are consistently being submitted to the City and the number of building permits being issued is at close to record levels. As projects break ground, the City's infrastructures, facilities, and services have to expand and adapt to the new growth as well. I would like to highlight a few of those discussed in this year's Visioning Session.

### New Junior High

I have heard that the new Junior High, located at approximately 4000 W 700 S, is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in 2023. Our hope and intention is that we can work with the Davis School District to help fund an expanded gym at the school in order to use the space for our growing recreation programs. Similar projects have been done between DSD and other cities, and it has been a win-win situation for both parties. We are very excited about this project and more information will be forthcoming as we start the process.

### Relocation of Public Works Facility

Over the years we have started to outgrow our current Public Works building and yard, which is located just south of the Cemetery. We are currently looking for a place to relocate in order

have enough room to operate and store all of our equipment and materials. It has always been the plan that once we did move the Public Works Facility out of that area, we would be able to expand the Cemetery to the south. This will be a great use of that space and allow for a needed increase in the number of plots available. This project is in the preliminary stages, but we plan to focus this year on acquiring the property and start designing the new building and yard.

### Recreation Programs

Our Recreation Department has had to be creative and flexible this past year and as we move forward in 2021 to continue offering Recreation Programs for our youth. It has been difficult for Staff, participants, parents, and spectators to adapt, but I hope we can all agree that the Recreation Department has done an exceptional job keeping kids playing while still following local health guidelines and providing a safe environment. We are currently strategizing on ways we can be able to offer Baseball/Softball/T-Ball, and really hope we can have a season this year. On that note, I know and realize there are differing opinions about social distancing and wearing masks outside, but the bottom line is that if we are going to continue with our Recreation Programs, we will ask and expect compliance in whatever restrictions we have to put in place. Let's do it for the kids.

### Other Projects

I have already mentioned some of the big upcoming road projects like the West Davis Corridor, SR-193 Extension, and completion of 800 N to 3000 W in previous newsletters, and will continue to provide information on the progress of these projects. There are a few other road and utility infrastructure projects in the works, and we are also looking at some improvements at Loy Blake Park.

I am grateful to serve West Point, and more importantly, serve with a City Council that has all of our best interests in mind as they make important decisions that will shape the future of our great City. We also have a great City Staff that loves West Point and is committed to providing a very high level of service. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call City Hall and I will get back with you as soon as I can.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne

# YOUTH COUNCIL

This last month has been wonderful for the Youth Council! We were able to take time individually and "heart attack" those around us to spread some joy. Heart Attacking is done by writing nice notes on paper hearts and covering a person's or family's door with them. This was the activity that we planned around Valentine's Day and we all had a lot of fun participating!



We were also able to meet as a Youth Council in-person this last month, which was awesome. We have already started collecting donations for the Easter Egg Kits, and at our meeting began to fill the eggs with the donations we have received. It was a lot of fun and it always makes us happy to serve our community. We hope you are getting just as excited as we are about the Easter Egg Kits! We are working hard to make it a fun experience for families even though things aren't normal right now.

We are so grateful that we can continue to do activities, especially ones in-person, and that we can spread love to those around us! Thank you for supporting the West Point 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](http://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](http://www.coronavirus.utah.gov)

## DAVIS AND WEBER COUNTIES CANAL COMPANY

The past water season was a relatively average snowpack and a very hot and dry summer. We ended last year with low storage and our current winter is not producing the snow we need. Consequently, we are in a "D3 - Extreme Drought" condition. We hope and pray that Mother Nature will bring much more snow and precipitation to the mountains and the valley as we gear up for another water season. If not, we may have water restrictions and could end the water season early (which is often Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> in drought situations).

We continue to encourage efficient use of water and conservation where possible.

# MARCH

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Please adjust your watering based on weather and strive to only water your yard based on its actual "need" - the State website at <http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/> states that "the typical Utah household will use twice as much water outside as necessary." We encourage all users to reference this State website for their weekly watering guide. Another potential measure is to delay any landscape projects that may require additional watering while we are in this drought. The State has also updated their regional conservation goals at <https://water.utah.gov/regional-conservation-goals/> and we encourage you to take a look at those goals! Also, if you're interested in getting a rebate for smart controllers and other water efficient fixtures, see <https://utahwatersavers.com/> for information on that process.

The State requires meters on all new secondary water services and we have begun to retrofit existing services with meters as also required by the State. We are sending "Water Use Reports" to those with meters in an effort to better educate the end user and better manage our limited water resources. Please contact us at [meters@davisweber.org](mailto:meters@davisweber.org) to provide an email address so that the report can be sent to you monthly.

Thank you in advance for your wise water use efforts this upcoming water season and helping us continue the State ethic of efficient use of our water supply. Check out our website at [www.davisweber.org](http://www.davisweber.org) for further updates or restrictions.

Lastly, remember to ensure your system is **secure and ready for service by March 29<sup>th</sup>** prior to us pressurizing the system!

**However, keep in mind that there is often no need to water until May!**

## 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:** [camold@westpointcity.org](mailto:camold@westpointcity.org)

**Planning Commission:** [khansen@westpointcity.org](mailto:khansen@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 February 8, 2021.**

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

## DAVIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

National Poison Prevention Week is March 21-27, 2021. In recent months, UPCC has seen an increase in poison exposures due in part to people spending more time at home and increased use of household cleaners, disinfectants and hand sanitizer during the pandemic. Please take the time to inspect your home for any medicines or household products, such as detergents, cleaning products, pesticides, and fertilizers that may not be stored properly and correct the situation immediately. Always store medicines and household products up high, away and out of sight from children. If you have any poison-related questions please call 1-800-222-1222.

## MISS WEST POINT PAGEANT

Information to register for the Miss West Point Pageant is available on the City Website at <https://westpointcity.org/community-affairs-events/>

Orientation is planned for April 15<sup>th</sup> at City Hall!

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## GREEN WASTE INFORMATION

**Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> your green waste can only be used for green waste!**

Remember you can access the 2021 Waste Collection Calendar online at [www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org)

# CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

## INOPERABLE VEHICLE ORDINANCE

West Point City Ordinance 8.15.030(B)(22) is intended to prevent inoperable and/or unregistered vehicles, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles and/or vehicle parts from accumulating in residents' yards, driveways, side yards or City streets.

Inoperable vehicles are defined as unregistered vehicles for operation on public roads by the State of Utah, or any other state, that has been expired for over a period of four months, or vehicles that are wrecked, damaged, or otherwise lacking in essential parts or equipment for safe and lawful travel on public roads.

Any inoperable or unlicensed vehicle must be removed from your property, stored in a completely enclosed structure, or be behind a six-foot opaque fence.

Should you have any questions, please call or email Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or [bdopp@westpointcity.org](mailto:bdopp@westpointcity.org). Complaints may also be submitted via the City website at [www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org)



## BB GUN VANDALS

are wreaking havoc in the northwest corner of Davis County

We need your help preventing further vandalism and restoring public safety:

- Report suspicious activity
  - Vehicles driving slowly through the neighborhood/streets at night
  - People shooting from their vehicle
  - People shooting within city limits
  - Sound of breaking glass
  - Broken windows in vehicles, houses, churches, or businesses
- If you have BB guns and kids/teens, have a conversation with them about responsible BB gun use (and ask if they have shot out windows lately or knows someone who has)
- Check your home security footage for suspicious activity and share that footage with local law enforcement

In addition to causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage, when used irresponsibly, BB guns can cause significant physical injury to a person.

TIPS/INFO:  
[tips@daviscountyutah.gov](mailto:tips@daviscountyutah.gov)  
801-451-4150

[daviscountyutah.gov/sheriff](https://www.daviscountyutah.gov/sheriff) @DavisSheriffUT #DavisSheriffUT



# NOTICE!

## GARBAGE COLLECTION CHANGES

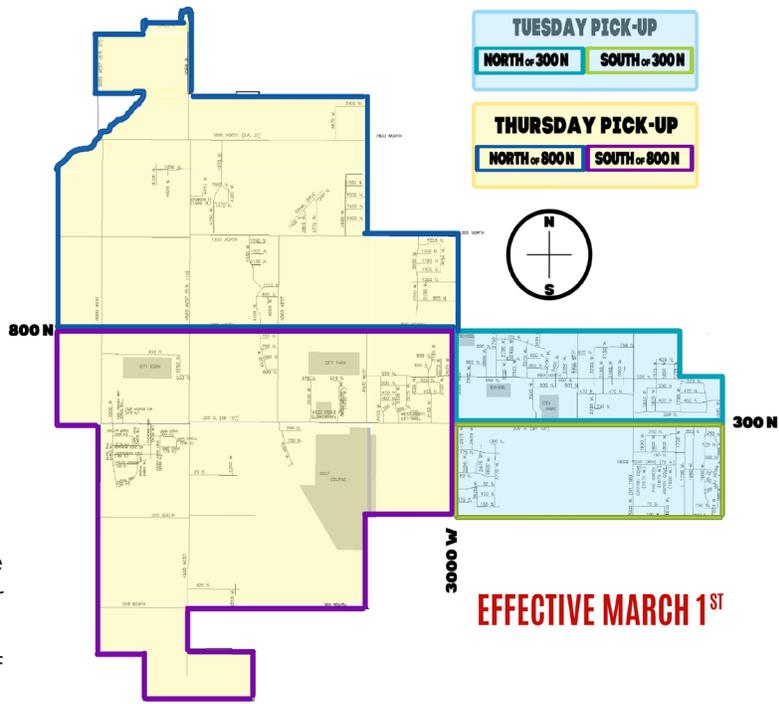
READ BELOW FOR SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES TO GARBAGE COLLECTION IN THE CITY!

**EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST**

### EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST:

Below is a **NEW** map designating the two different garbage collection pick-up days in the City. Those in the BLUE section will be on **TUESDAY** pick-up and those in the YELLOW section will be on **THURSDAY** pick-up. This updated map does not create a change in the garbage pick-up day for most residents, but will affect some neighborhoods around 3000 W.

**ALSO CHANGING** is the collection of the blue **RECYCLING** containers. Although still collected every-other-week, recycling containers will be collected on alternating weeks within each pick-up day (blue/yellow). The recycling containers for those homes on **TUESDAY** pick-up that are **NORTH of 300 N** will be picked up on the alternating week than those that live **SOUTH of 300 N**. The recycling containers for those homes on **THURSDAY** pick-up that are **NORTH of 800 N** will be picked up on the alternating week of those that live **SOUTH of 800 N**.



**EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST**

This updated map, as well as the updated 2021 Waste Collection Calendar, can be found on our website at [www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org)



# MONTICELLO ACADEMY

The Science of Learning to Read

By Dane Roberts - Executive Director

Systematic phonics is based on the idea that even though English is complicated and students will eventually encounter exceptions to phonics rules, there still are regular patterns in the way letters combine to make sounds. As a result, in order to stand the best chance of becoming fluent readers, students need to be taught these patterns explicitly.

Don't all schools teach that? Yes and no.

In kindergarten, pretty much all students will be taught the consonant and short vowel sounds. But beyond that foundation, many schools flounder. It starts to get complicated.

For example, there are many ways to make long vowel sounds. Think about the "long e" sound. It could be spelled, ea, ee, e\_e, ei, ie, e, and y. Seeing that complexity, many schools simply start to expose students to

gradually more difficult texts and teach students to figure out the words based on letter "clues," the pictures, and the context, even if they haven't been taught the specific ways letters make different sounds.

This approach, called "Guided Reading" has, in fact, been the most popular method of instruction for decades in American schools. The problem is, it doesn't work very well and causes frustration for many students.

While most students will pick up basic reading with enough exposure to texts, we feel it is far better to simply give students the tools they need to become fluent readers earlier. The systematic phonics instruction we provide at Monticello Academy allows students to blossom as readers, understanding texts at a deeper level, and coming to know the joy of reading at an earlier age.

If I could tell parents of young students one thing about helping their children become successful readers it would be that the science of literacy is crystal clear: systematic phonics instruction is the most successful method for the vast majority of students.

It is the reason our West Point kindergartners have shown huge growth, with 64% of them exceeding state standards already by the middle of the year. It is the reason our Salt Lake Valley campus consistently outperforms neighboring schools.

What is systematic phonics instruction and why does it work?

# WEST POINT RECREATION

## BASEBALL

TBD

PLEASE WATCH OUR CITY FACEBOOK PAGE AND CITY WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES ON DETAILS FOR THIS YEAR'S SEASON!

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

The Recreation Department is hiring for Recreation Aides! Details and Employment Application is available at <https://westpointcity.org/job-openings/>

