



West Point City

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**NOVEMBER
2021**

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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

CITY HALL

3200 W 300 N

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I can't believe that I am writing the message for the November newsletter already. The months seem to have flown by this year. By the time many of you will be receiving the newsletter, Election Day will have passed and by mid-November, we will have a new Mayor-elect and two City Council Members elected to start their terms in 2022. It is a good feeling to be excited, rather than nervous, about the election results – we have some great people running who I think will do a great job.

If my math is correct, this is the 155th newsletter message that I have written, and the 2nd to last one that I will write as I end my term as Mayor. Well, in full disclosure, there were probably a couple of informational messages that may have been written by City Staff, but 99% of the time it has just been me sitting in front of my computer trying to share what I think is important and beneficial for residents in the City to know. I still get asked why I am not running again and my answer is simple: it is just time to move on and let someone new see what they can do.

I have basically raised my family during my 20-year tenure as Mayor or City Council Member, and in addition to that many years being long enough, I have had some other responsibilities put on my plate that makes it hard to dedicate the time needed for my family, city, and church. So, as I approach the ninth-inning, it has been difficult to know what to share in this month's message, but I keep coming back to something that is on everyone's mind – GROWTH.

Back in the days when I first ran and was elected to be on the City Council, the Standard Examiner would run a piece on all of the candidates with their picture and a short statement that usually included what the candidate felt were the biggest challenges facing the City and what he or she planned to do to address those issues. At the time, the number one issue stated was growth. Now here we are two decades later and things haven't changed much – growth is definitely on a lot of our minds for sure. With just over 11,000 residents and counting, all I can say is that it is just getting started and if you don't like the growth that has happened the past ten years, I am sorry to have to say that you haven't seen nothing yet.

Predictions are that West Point will easily double in population in the next 15-20 years, if not sooner, just as it has done in the 20 years I have been an elected official. Interesting fun fact, according to the 1990 census, when I was still in high school, West Point had a population of 4,258. That same year, Syracuse had a population of 4,658. From 30 years ago when our two cities were very close to the

same size to today, Syracuse City has exploded – they now estimate their population is over 32,000 residents. So, when I talk about growth, we really haven't hit those growing pains yet. Granted, Syracuse is about three-square miles bigger in land mass, but we do have a lot of room to grow. Do I wish we could go back to 1990 and get back to our small farming community? I would be lying if I said no. But truth be told, almost 40% of you reading this newsletter would be living somewhere else – if we went back to those numbers, we would lose out on some really amazing people that have moved here as part of that 40%. So, I guess there is a trade-off that we may not think about a whole lot, but might be a good thing to remember and appreciate.

I hope we can all understand that we *cannot* stop the growth. All that we can do is *manage* it the best that we can. It is going to be up to our elected leaders to make sound planning decisions that make West Point the best possible community it can be, even with 30,000 to 40,000 residents. I hope our elected leaders, both now and in the future, can continue to analyze other communities that have experienced similar surges in growth and learn what worked, what didn't, what good things were done, and what maybe could have been done better. There is no sense in reinventing the wheel when we have examples right around us of how to make sure West Point continues to be a great place to live.

Being that this is the month of November, I would be remiss if I didn't express how thankful I am for the community that I have been able to live and raise my family in, for those whom I associate with, both in and out of this great city, and for all of those who have come before that have made West Point what it is today. We are all blessed to call such a wonderful place home. Please reach out to your friends, neighbors, and family members, and continue to be a positive influence on their lives. Be more kind and less critical, more loving and more forgiving. Let us all make the effort to focus more on what we have in common than on how we are different. As the world around us changes, and as we seem to continue to be more divided, I hope and pray that all of us can be a source of hope for those we come in contact with. I am truly thankful for all that I have and for the opportunity to call West Point my home.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

- 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, NOVEMBER 15TH
@ 11:30 AM

The menu for the Senior Lunch will be:

CARNE ASADA MAC N' CHEESE
VEGETABLES, ROLL & DESSERT

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT

PLEASE CALL CITY HALL BY
NOVEMBER 10TH AT (801)776-0970 TO RSVP.

To view the 2021 and 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 Shelby Sargent at (801)776-0970 or ssargent@westpointcity.org

YOUTH COUNCIL

This month our West Point Youth Council had the privilege to help out with the Halloween Carnival hosted by the Miss West Point Royalty and held at West Point Jr High!! They had so much fun helping out with games and activities for the kids and seeing all of the costumes. Along with the Carnival, the Youth Council painted pumpkins and delivered them to the Family Tree Assisted Living Center to help decorate for the halloween season. As always, thank you for your support of our Youth Council!

Lydia Merrill,
 Youth Council City Recorder



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-affairsevents/pages/youth-council.

NOVEMBER

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	1 START OF NO OVER-NIGHT PARKING!	2 ELECTION DAY	3	4	5	6 FLAGS ON VETERANS GRAVES
7	8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY CITY HALL CLOSED	12	13
14	15 SENIOR LUNCH AT 11:30 AM	16 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	17	18 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	19	20
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28	29 CITY HALL LIGHTING CEREMONY 6PM	30	1	2	3	4

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/acdckitten



WE PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES, YOU PROVIDE THE TLC!



LOOKING TO GET THOSE STEPS IN?

OUR SHELTER DOGS NEED WALKING PARTNERS!

Come join Animal Care of Davis County as they take dogs out of their kennels for a morning walk.

They are in need of volunteers who can spend 1 hour in the morning helping with the shelter dogs and cleaning kennels.

Email mbingham@co.davis.ut.us for more information about this AWESOME volunteer opportunity!



PET ADOPTION EVENT

Join Animal Care of Davis County at the Layton PetSmart on

Saturday, November 20th from 9AM-1PM.

There will be available cats and dogs at this event that are looking for their new home!

\$100 Dog Adoption Fee

\$35 Cat Adoption Fee

Layton PetSmart | 750 N Main Street Layton UT 84041

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!

FREE MEDICARE 101 CLASSES

November 18, 2021 @ 6:30pm Syracuse Library

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.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Are you 55+? The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has volunteer opportunities for you.

RSVP is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55+. Locally, it is sponsored by the Davis County Health Department-Senior Services Division and has over 300 volunteers.

Volunteering is a great way to stay active, meet new friends, and make a positive impact by helping those around you. Use the skills and talents you've learned over the years or get the chance to develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities.

Opportunities include:

- Animal Shelter • Antelope Island • Museums • Food Pantries
- Eccles Wildlife Center • Safe harbor
- Meals on Wheels • Tutoring in Elementary Schools • Long Term Care Advocates
- Making Scarves/Hats for Military • Making Baby Blankets • Virtual Senior Activity Center Instructor

For more information contact

Jennifer Chaffee (801)525-5052

Email: jchaffee@co.davis.ut.us

Jackie Smith (801)525-5094

Email: jmsmith@co.davis.ut.us

WASTE COLLECTION

Please do not overload your waste containers. If the lid on a container is open, it is considered overloaded and can be difficult to dump. Please also remember to place waste in its proper container. Lastly, please make sure that your containers are 6 ft. away from other objects and at least 20 ft. away from any vehicles. Please help keep our City as clean and sanitary as possible!

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

WINTER PARKING

We remind you once again that Winter Parking regulations are in effect from **November 1st to March 1st** of each year.

WPCC Sections 10.05(H)(1)&(3) state: *"No person shall park a vehicle on any street for any period of time between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day. . .commencing the first day of November of each year and up to and including the last day of February of the following year."*

This regulation is designed to keep streets free of vehicles so that snow plows can efficiently clear the roads without obstructions. Code Enforcement and the Davis County Sheriff's Office will be patrolling the City during this time and will be issuing compliance notices and citations for violations.

Please also 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!

Thank you for your efforts in keeping West Point City a beautiful and safe place to live and raise a family.

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

CITY HALL LIGHTING CEREMONY

West Point City Hall
3200 W 300 N

Monday, November 29th
6:00 pm

The ceremony starts at 6:00 pm SHARP so be sure to arrive early to enjoy Christmas music, fireworks and a special visit from Santa Claus!



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.

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE - 801-825-5321

In previous West Point November Bulletin articles, we have looked at either, or both, of the histories of Armistice Day and Veterans Day. Generally speaking, when the subject of World War I arises one of the first things that comes to mind is the trenches. The first recorded history of trench warfare actually goes back to the American Civil War, but not much changed from 1860 to 1914.

The trenches of WWI were principally found only on the battlefield of Northern France and across the border into Belgium. As in the Civil War, they were long slit trenches, most about four and one half to six feet deep. Some incorporated wooden flooring and access to underground "command posts" but most were just what the title suggests: trenches. Trenches, obviously, were not mobile and in the area of the trench warfare, the original battle degenerated to battles for possession of the trenches themselves. As ownership of the trenches was a transient thing, the battlefield itself was really quite stagnant.

American Civil War General William T. Sherman's oft quoted avowal that "War is Hell" could easily have applied to trench warfare. The diseases of the foot which developed from living and forever standing in mud and water are always associated with WWI. Problems such as severe bronchitis to the common cold were prevalent. And it has been said that the reported cases of "Shell Shock" originated mostly in the trenches. There was just no real place to hide.

The European nations involved in the conflict had been at war since 1914. How fortunate we were to have entered the fray only during the waning months of 1917.

Armistice Day became a time to remember those who died in the "Great War." When in 1971 Congress changed the name to "Veterans Day," it became a day to commemorate all those who have served in any conflict in which the United States has participated and by extension, all who have at any time served. We salute you all!

Please join with us again this year on November 11th as we commemorate the signing of the Armistice on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, at our own Military Memorial adjacent to Loy Blake Park.

DON'T FORGET OUR VETERANS' DAY COMMEMORATION ON NOVEMBER 11TH AT 10:45 AM.

PROGRAM WILL BEGIN WITH AN INVOCATION AND THE RAISING OF THE COLORS, FOLLOWED BY THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

THE TRADITIONAL TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 AM.

THE GOAL IN HOLDING THIS COMMEMORATION IS TO HELP KEEP ALIVE THE EVENT WHICH ENDED THE SHOOTING IN A WAR WHICH WAS TO HAVE ENDED ALL WARS.

WITH YOU, WE HONOR ALL VETERANS, BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD WHO SERVED IN ALL THE WARS, BUT STILL HOPE TO RECOGNIZE THE ORIGINAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TIME AND DAY THE SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE TOOK PLACE:

THE ELEVENTH HOUR OF THE ELEVENTH DAY OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH.

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



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NO OVERNIGHT PARKING!

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

WEST POINT RECREATION

Contact Kelly Ross at 801-529-3352 or Carly Norwood at 801-931-9716 for more information on recreation activities!

JR. JAZZ

Late registration for Jr. Jazz can be requested by adding your child to the waiting list at <https://secure.rec1.com/catalog>.

There will be a live draft this year for grades 3 - 8. The draft will take place on November 23rd, 30th, and December 2nd at West Point Junior High. Specific date and time for each age group will be emailed and posted on Poly Platform. **Please follow the directions to the right to download the app!**

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.

