

West Point City

NEWSLETTER

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BRIAN VINCENT
Mayor

GARY PETERSEN
Council Member

JERRY CHATTERTON
Council Member

ANNETTE JUDD
Council Member

MICHELE SWENSON
Council Member

BRAD LEE
Council Member

KYLE LAWS
City Manager

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Administrative Session - 6 PM
General Session - 7 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Thursdays
Administrative Session - 6 PM
General Session - 7 PM

Mayor's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to have a fun, festive, and safe holiday season. The holidays are always a wonderful time to spend with family and friends, if you are able, and just enjoy the season. It's these times that I remember how great it is to be together and regret that we don't do it more often. Of course, our recent climate and pandemic has not been very conducive for gatherings, but hopefully that will become a thing of the past in the near future and we will be able to "party"

is a Junior at Clearfield High, where he is excelling and playing both football and basketball for the school. Ryker is at West Point Junior High in 8th grade. He really enjoys it there, is doing well and plays lacrosse and basketball for recreation. Taylee is our youngest and a 5th grader at West Point Elementary, and more than loves it there. She is a joy to have around and is always singing and dancing! (I'll be honest here – these are wonderful traits that did not come through the Vincent side of the family). Natalie, my wife, works for the Davis School District and is an elementary school administrator. I work in the medical field in orthopedics and currently am employed with Tanner Clinic and Star Valley Health.

At the beginning of any New Year, many of us make goals for the upcoming year that are usually aimed at helping us have a better and more productive year than the last, and, hopefully, to make us stretch a little more in search of our better selves. This will, at times, make us feel uncomfortable and reach outside our comfort zone. This is a good thing for us. It helps us grow and become something better than what we currently are. As I begin my term as Mayor, I know that I will definitely be stretched. I will grow and learn. I will make mistakes (or what I would rather like to think of as "learning opportunities") and I will become better for the next challenge and strive to not walk on the same path. This is the beauty of trying something new. We all know that there will be things that we would do differently if we were able to see in the future, but unfortunately, that's not the way it works. I would challenge you to reach outside your circle of friends, your comfort zone, and create new relationships, friendships, and achievements.

Mayor Craythorne, last month in his message, expressed a Christmas wish for us all – he wished that we could all be a little kinder and a little more understanding to those around us. This is the driving force in turning a city into a community and I truly believe that West Point is well on its way to achieving this wish. I had the opportunity to knock on nearly every door in our city over the final months of 2021 and I was amazed and very grateful to rub shoulders with the incredible citizens of West Point and became prouder than ever to say I was from West Point. I was able to speak with a good many of you and discuss the future of the City and what makes this such a great place to live. The overwhelming feeling of love that so, so many expressed for our city was refreshing. I admit that I was anticipating fielding questions and hearing concerns and complaints, but that was not the case. What I heard instead really was about how much everyone cared about West Point and the desire to see it succeed in the future. There were also a lot of great discussions about issues like growth,

water usage, transportation, and recreation, which gave me a chance to learn what many of you are concerned about. I, too, love West Point about as much as anyone could and just as most of you, this is the place we have chosen to live our lives, raise our family, and make our home. I can tell you that we have been ever so blessed and thankful we made that choice.

I promise I will try to keep my monthly messages shorter than this first one, but I want you to know I welcome discussions, questions, comments, and concerns that any of you may have. Again, we can become better through change. If something needs to be changed or, at least considered, I would love to be a part of those discussions. We have a pretty great city as it is and those things that make us great we need to keep, but if there is something that you feel can be improved, please feel free to reach out and I would love to meet with you. I encourage you to be involved in city meetings because it really is one of the best ways for communication to begin with residents. There are opportunities at both Planning Commission and City Council meetings to learn of the dealings within the City, to understand the "why" on certain situations, and to share your opinion on other items. Again, this is where we are able to help with the movement of transforming us from a city into a community. When we are all involved, the best ideas and solutions will rise to the top. As the City continues to plan for and prepare to manage future growth, the Planning Commission and City Council welcome ideas from all property owners of the City, especially those that have property that will be affected by particular projects. Of course, there are numerous State laws and statutes that city governments must follow, but on the things that we have jurisdiction and legislative power over, I know community involvement is welcomed to help make the best decisions for us all. And the times that decisions are made that may be against your preferred option, please, please remember that those decisions were made in the absolute best interest of West Point as a whole. I personally know each of our Council Members and can promise you that they do have the best interest of the City at heart – we all live in this community and none want to see it be successful more than the six of us sitting in the chairs we have chosen to serve in. We know that we only occupy these seats for a short time and promise to do all we can to make West Point City better than it was yesteryear and pray that those that follow us will improve on our time in office. Thank you again for the support to me and our new Council Members. May the New Year be good to you and your family!

- Mayor Brian Vincent

City Calendar

Senior Lunch

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JANUARY							1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
	2	3 SWEARING-IN CEREMONY 12 PM	4 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	5	6	7	8
	9	10 SENIOR LUNCH 11:30 AM	11	12	13 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	14	15
	16	17 M.L.K., JR DAY CITY HALL CLOSED	18 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	28	29
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FEBRUARY			1 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	11	12
	13	14 SENIOR LUNCH 11:30 AM	15 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	16	17	18	19
	20	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY CITY HALL CLOSED	22	23	24 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	25	26
	27	28	1 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	2	3	4	5

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!

JANUARY 10TH
@ 11:30 AM
RSVP by January 8th
 You must RSVP to reserve your spot!
 Call City Hall at 801-776-0970 to let us know you are coming!

Menu
 Meatloaf
 Baked Potatoes
 Corn Roll
 Dessert

Youth Council Update

This past month, the Youth Council were Santa's helpers at the City Hall Lighting Ceremony, where we passed out hot chocolate, managing lines, helping kids color, and singing carols. The Youth Council also helped fill luminary bags with sand and candles for the Cemetery Luminary. We love interacting with our community and are grateful to be involved with these kinds of events!

Thank you for your support of the West Point City Youth Council!

- Lydia Merrill
 Youth Council City Recorder



Resident News

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!

West Point is in need of Crossing Guards to help get kids to and from school safely. This position is a great way to earn some extra cash while giving back to your community. If you are interested, PLEASE APPLY or CONTACT City Hall for more information!

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees will be accepted at the Green Waste Recycling Facility from December 27th to 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 E 3500 N Layton, UT

www.wasatchintegrated.org

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING!

Don't forget that there is no overnight parking from November 1st to March 1st between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM

QPR: Suicide Prevention Training

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — 3 simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.

Get trained in QPR!

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Utah offers free workshops on the 4th Thursday of each month from 12 PM - 1:30 PM.

For more information visit <https://www.namiut.org/resources/suicide-prevention>

Code Enforcement Corner

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 courtesynotices 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. Davis County Sheriff's department is actively patrolling the City and has and will continue to issue citations for parking violations.

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

Free

SUICIDE LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A safe place where you can grieve the loss created by suicide

WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

- Grief is a natural reaction to death
- Each individual has a natural capacity to heal from loss
- Duration and intensity of grief are unique to each individual
- Each individual can learn to carry their grief with compassion
 - Caring and acceptance assist in the healing process

2nd & 4th Monday of Every Month

7:00-9:00PM

Adults 18+

Davis Mindfulness Center
476 Heritage Park Blvd
Layton, #120



To register: www.dbh.utah.org/groups/grief-support

For any questions regarding Grief Support Group Call Jill Hayes - (801) 259 - 7747

JANUARY is Election Integrity Month

Learn How Election Officials Secure Our Elections

- Voter Registration
- Ballot Security and Processing
- Voting Equipment and Systems
- Voter Responsibility

- ★ January 12th
- ★ January 19th
- ★ January 26th

6:00 PM -7:00 PM
Davis County
Administration Building
61 South Main Street,
Farmington



Recreation

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

CO-ED SPRING SOCCER

REGISTRATION:
Feb. 1st - Mar. 6th

COST:
\$40

AGE:
Pre-K - 6th Grade

REGISTER ONLINE AT



JR. JAZZ GAME NIGHT!

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH
VS
PHOENIX SUNS



Water Conservation

The West Point City Water Conservation Plan has recently been updated. To view the plan go to this website: <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!

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD POLY PLATFORM!

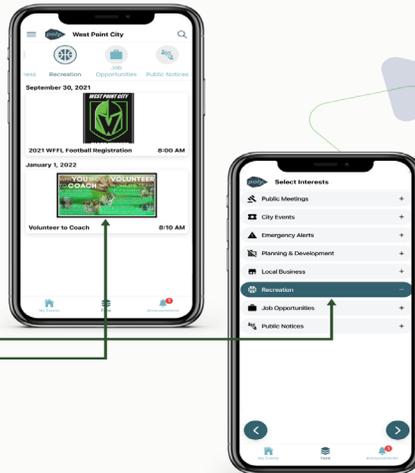
Add the PolyPlatform App for all recreation updates and information!
Follow the directions below to download!

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.



West Point Military Memorial

In some conversations I have had the last few months, I mentioned becoming intrigued and curious regarding the official songs of our armed forces. Fortunately for you I cannot sing them for you but I do have some research on each to share. I will report my findings, according to the seniority of the service, beginning this month then listing one or two a month until all have been reported.

The oldest service is, of course the United States Army. Their song was originally written in 1908 by then First Lieutenant Edmund L. Gruber. Gruber was an Artillery Officer stationed in the Philippines who titled his work, "The Caisson Song." In the song was the term, "...and the caissons go rolling along." A caisson was a horse drawn field artillery piece of the time. John Phillip Sousa, The March King, fleshed it out as a march in 1917 and renamed it, "The Field Artillery Song."

In 1956 the song was adopted as the official song of the Army and was retitled, "The Army Goes Rolling Along." Current lyrics tell the story of the Army's past, present, and future.

Directed by Congress about a month after the Continental Army, the Continental Navy became the precursor of the present Navy.. Their song, "Anchors Aweigh," was written in 1906 by Lieutenant Charles S Zimmerman as a fight song for the United States Naval Academy. It was first performed that year at the Army/Navy game but soon became a fixture at all Navy events. Zimmerman died just before the United States entered WWI and was replaced as the new Academy Bandmaster by (you guessed it) John Philip Sousa. Sousa would later become the conductor of the Marine Band

Though originally--and still is--the Academy Fight Song, "Anchors Aweigh" since the days of WWII has been considered the Navy's song. And for those who might not be aware, as a ship departs an anchorage, pulling in the anchor is called "weighing anchor" hence "anchors aweigh" suggests a ship is going to sea.

By the way, in that 1906 football game the midshipmen beat the cadets 10-0



Loy Blake Park
550 N 3500 W
COMMITTEE CHAIR:
MARV DRAKE

Next month: The Marine Corps Hymn and the official song of the US Coast Guard.