



# West Point City

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**APRIL  
2021**

### WEST POINT OFFICIALS

**ERIK CRAYTHORNE  
MAYOR**

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MAYOR PRO-TEM**

**JERRY CHATTERTON  
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**ANDY DAWSON  
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COUNCIL MEMBER**

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COUNCIL MEMBER**

**KYLE LAWS  
CITY MANAGER**

### 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**

**WWW.WESTPOINTCITY.ORG**

### North Davis Fire District and Paramedic Services

Before the formation of the North Davis Fire District, West Point was contracting with Clearfield Fire Department for our fire protection and ambulance services. About 18 years ago, the north Davis County cities, including Clearfield, Syracuse, West Point, Clinton, and Sunset, all commissioned a study to explore the possibility of consolidating fire protection for our area. The cities hired an outside consultant to conduct the analysis and the results found that it would be beneficial for all of these cities to consolidate and form a special service fire district. The study was quite detailed, evaluating information such as service response times and routes, location of current and potential future stations, financial impacts, and so on. However, even though the study found that it would be more efficient and cost effective to consolidate, most of the cities chose to continue providing fire protection services through their own city departments.

I'm sure that there were many factors that led to these cities' decision, but I do know that there were definitely some politics involved and a lot of reluctance from their fire chiefs and department personnel to join. Consequently, out of a study of five cities, only two decided to consolidate and form the North Davis Fire District – West Point and Clearfield. The NDFD was created and approved by the Cities in 2004, shortly after which West Point stopped paying Clearfield directly for fire protection services, and as such, decreased the City's property tax rates. The property taxes were decreased because as a special service district, the NDFD could start assessing its own property taxes to generate revenue to fund its operating costs. As you receive your property tax notices late summer or early fall, you will notice a line item for the North Davis Fire District among all the different entities sharing the "property tax pie."

In an effort to better understand the cost to West Point residents for fire services, I'll explain how the revenue of the North Davis Fire District compares to Syracuse City Fire. Syracuse City Fire's main revenue streams come from property taxes, ambulance service fees, and, making up the majority, sales tax revenue. As mentioned above, the North Davis Fire District does collect revenue from property taxes, but most of its revenue comes from ambulance service fees. Regardless of how they are funded, both entities provide a high level of service to the citizens they each serve. However, Syracuse City does have

the advantage of using sales tax revenue to subsidize their fire department's budget. If the North Davis Fire District needs more revenue, it has to either hope for more ambulance fees or raise property taxes.

Now that I've given you a basic background, let me explain why all of this is important. As early as next year, the Davis County Sheriff's Office, who provides paramedic service to many Davis County cities including all of those in the northern area, is discontinuing its paramedic services and turning the responsibility over to the individual cities and districts. As a result, most of the fire departments in the County are going to begin setting up paramedic services, and if things proceed as planned, the North Davis Fire District will do so as well. I do believe that this will be a positive change over time, but it will not come without some financial consequences to all of the cities and fire districts within Davis County. The actual details of what the financial impacts will be is not known at this time, however, I believe that every city and district from Farmington and north will have some increases in property taxes to pay for this service.

This takes me back to my comparison to Syracuse City and the disadvantage a special service district has with its limited ability to generate money. City fire departments can use the city's own general fund money or money generated from sales tax to increase revenue. Conversely, the North Davis Fire District will be forced to increase property taxes in order to fund the addition of paramedic services. Again, exactly how much that increase will need to be has yet to be determined – we are still working through the details and more information will be coming in the next few months. I just wanted to make you aware of what is coming and provide you with some background and details on what is taking place. No longer having the Davis County Sheriff's Office provide our paramedic services is a big change and the process has been quite complicated as we try to adjust. I am doing my best and all that I can to represent every resident in West Point in making sure that providing the highest possible level of emergency services is our top priority, while also striving to make sure that we are fiscally responsible for our citizens in all that we do.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or City Staff.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne

# YOUTH COUNCIL

This last month has been fabulous for the Youth Council. We again had the opportunity to meet in person as a Youth Council to fill eggs and create the kits that will be handed out at the Easter Egg Drive-Thru event. The meeting was great and we got a lot done! The meeting happened to be on St. Patrick's Day and so we got to have a fun mini-party to celebrate as well!

We are so happy that we can be meeting together to serve our community. We are doing our best to pull together a great experience for Easter like we have had in the past, even though it will be just a little different. We are preparing everything with care so that we keep things sanitary and don't spread any germs. We are excited to be able to participate in the Drive-Thru on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and hope it is a fun experience for all!

We are also excited to announce the winners for the 2021 West Point City Youth Council Contest! 51 entries were submitted and the winners were recognized at the March 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. We want to thank the administration and teachers from Lakeside and West Point Elementaries and West Point Jr. High for sharing the information and encouraging students to participate! Prizes were delivered to the winners' residence and we congratulate them on their great essays on "Why I Love My City."

As always, thank you for supporting the West Point City 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. 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)

**Once there are no longer health concerns, we will resume our monthly senior lunches. To the right is a tentative schedule of when we hope to be able begin doing so!**

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2 EASTER EGG KIT DRIVE-THRU	3
4 EASTER	5	6 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	7	8 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	21	22 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	23 SPRING CLEAN-UP	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



## 2021 ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Sponsored by:  
West Point  
Youth Council

1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE:	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE:	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE:
GARTH KELLY	AIMEE TORRES	CHRIS CLAVEL



### 2021 SENIOR LUNCH SCHEDULE

**JANUARY 11 - CANCELED**  
**FEBRUARY 8 - CANCELED**  
**MARCH 15 - CANCELED**  
**APRIL 12 - CANCELED**  
**MAY 17 - CANCELED**  
**JUNE 14 - CANCELED**  
**JULY 12**  
**AUGUST 20 (DINNER)**  
**SEPTEMBER 13**  
**OCTOBER 4**  
**NOVEMBER 15**  
**DECEMBER 13**

Every meal is served at City Hall and begins at 11:30 AM, except the August dinner that begins at 5:00 PM.

## WELCOME TO WEST POINT



145 S. 3000 W  
(Located inside Ogdan Clinic)  
Offering free delivery, curbside delivery, compounding, and fast, friendly professional service!

Hours: M-F 9AM - 7PM and Sat 10AM - 2PM

## 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](mailto:carnold@westpointcity.org)

Planning Commission: [bmacdonald@westpointcity.org](mailto:bmacdonald@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 March 11, 2021**

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 [cityhall@westpointcity.org](mailto:cityhall@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.

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

**April 23-24**

(until 3 PM on Saturday)

Dumpsters will be available at each City Park. **If the dumpsters are full, please try another location.** Do not pile garbage outside of the dumpsters!

No hazardous material, concrete, tires, etc. Contact City Hall with questions.

## 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.

## GREEN WASTE INFORMATION

**Don't forget that beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, your green waste can only be used for green waste!**

Remember you can access the 2021 Recycling Schedule online at [www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org)

## MARCHING MUSKRATS

West Point City is currently seeking members for this year's Community Marching Band!

This group is one of the highlights of our Independence Day Celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested, please email Shelby at [marchingmuskrats@westpointcity.org](mailto:marchingmuskrats@westpointcity.org). Please include the instrument you play, the years played, your name and phone number.

Be sure to share this info with all your friends and family who may be interested!

## GRAND MARSHAL & WOMAN OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

Public nominations are now being accepted for Grand Marshal and Woman of Honor for the 2021 Party at the Point Parade!

To submit a nomination, please fill out the form found on the City website.

All nominations must be emailed to Shelby Sargent at [ssargent@westpoint.city.org](mailto:ssargent@westpoint.city.org) by the deadline.

**Deadline for Nominations:**

**Woman of Honor: June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Grand Marshal: June 1<sup>st</sup>**

## MISS WEST POINT PAGEANT

All young ladies ages 14-21 who reside in West Point are invited to register for the Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant and Miss Junior West Point Pageant!

Contestants for Miss West Point must be ages 17-21. Winners will receive a tuition scholarship to their choice of university! Contestants for Miss Junior West Point must be ages 14-16.

Entry forms are available at [westpointcity.org](http://westpointcity.org) Registration fee is \$30. Orientation will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

For more information, contact City Hall or visit the City website under Community Affairs & Events!

# CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

## DOG CARE IN WEST POINT CITY

Code Enforcement has received complaints about proper dog care in our City parks and trails, as well as on private properties.

**WPCC 12.10.070 states that all dogs entering city parks or on public property or trails must be on a leash and under the control of the caretaker while in these public areas. Dogs are not allowed to run free and owners need to take care to not allow animals to roam free in the City.**

As a further reminder, dog owners or caretakers are responsible to clean up the droppings of their animals immediately after deposit in all City parks, trails and public property. The City has provided plastic bags stations in all City parks and trail heads to be used for this purpose. In addition, park usage signs are prominently displayed at all City parks explaining this subject as well as other park usage.

**In addition, please be considerate of your neighbors and clean up all of your dog(s) droppings left on sidewalks, trails, parking strips, front yards, etc.**

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).

## SECONDARY WATER

The past water season started with a relatively average snowpack and a very hot, dry summer! Last year ended with low storage and this year's winter did not produce the amount of snow needed. **As such, we are in a D3 Extreme Drought condition.** We hope and pray that Mother Nature will bring us some precipitation this spring, but we need to be prepared for a dry watering season.

The Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company is scheduled to begin pressurizing the secondary water system by approximately April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that their system is secure and ready to receive water by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Please be aware that adjustments in the start or end dates of this year's watering season and even water usage restrictions could be put into effect.**

Although we have not been notified of any watering restrictions, we encourage all to help water conservation efforts and follow the schedule below:

**WATER ON THE LISTED DAY IF YOUR HOUSE NUMBER ENDS WITH:**

0,1,2,3 - MONDAY & THURSDAY

4,5,6 - TUESDAY & FRIDAY

7, 8, 9 - WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

**DO NOT WATER BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 AM - 6 PM.**

In case of an emergency with your secondary water system, call the Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company at (801)774-6373.

# WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

**MILITARY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARY DRAKE - 801-825-5321**

Although the month of April has no official national holidays, there is one day celebrated by many states, especially those home to one of the original 13 colonies. "Patriot's Day" is observed on April 19th of each year and commemorates the battles of Lexington, Concord, and Menotomy, which are generally accepted as the opening battles of the Colonies' bid for independence. The exchange of gunfire on the Lexington Green and at Concord Bridge is famously referred to as "The Shot Heard 'Round the World" and the warning to the Minutemen was memorialized by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his poem, "Paul Revere's Ride."

While Patriot's Day is not generally observed, we should never forget the sacrifice of those patriots who were willing to set the stage for what would be declaimed in the closing lines of The Declaration of Independence, when the signers pledged to each other "our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

What more could be asked?

## COMPLETE CEMETERY CLEANING

THURSDAY  
MAY 6

ALL ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED BY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE DISCARDED.

ITEMS MAY BE REPLACED STARTING MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

### NOTICE OF 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

PRIMARY (IF NEEDED)  
AUGUST 10  
GENERAL  
NOVEMBER 2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE TO BE VOTED ON IN THE  
WEST POINT CITY 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER (4-YEAR TERM) - TWO SEATS**

**MAYOR (4-YEAR TERM) - 1 SEAT**

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FORMS OR NOMINATION PETITIONS MUST BE FILED IN PERSON WITH THE WEST POINT CITY RECORDER JUNE 1 - 7 (WEEKDAYS ONLY) BETWEEN 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM AT CITY HALL.

A PERSON FILING A DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF UCA 20-9-203 AND PAY A \$25 FILING FEE. CANDIDATES ALSO SUBJECT TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED IN UCA 10-3-208. PLEASE CONTACT CASEY ARNOLD, CITY RECORDER, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT 801-776-0970



## MONTICELLO ACADEMY

### What Does an Excellent Kindergarten Look Like?

By Dane Roberts - Executive Director

Choosing the right school for your future kindergartener can be one of the more consequential decisions parents face.

We invite West Point parents to consider our city's newest kindergarten offering--at Monticello Academy, a tuition-free public charter school, which offers the following:

#### A warm classroom environment created by two top-notch teachers.

Laura Eatchel and Stacey McBride provide everything a parent could want in a kindergarten teacher: they are smart, kind, and compassionate, while helping students learn to adjust to a school with high academic and behavioral expectations.

#### A rich curriculum.

Kindergarten lays the foundation for students'

curiosity and love of learning. Our Core Knowledge program interweaves kindergarten reading and math skills with a content-rich curriculum featuring nursery rhymes, fairy tales, history, and world geography. Students also participate in high-quality music, visual art, and Chinese classes weekly.

#### Academic results.

While kindergarten will always be a place for students to learn social and emotional skills, it also needs to give students a strong academic foundation. In its first year, our kindergarten has achieved incredible results: 46% of our kindergarten students achieved "well above" typical growth on the state's mid-year benchmark. 92% of our kindergartners achieved at least typical or higher growth. By comparison, Davis School District (one of the stronger districts in the state) helped 63% of students reach that benchmark.

While our other grade levels also outperform the district, it is clear that something special has

come together in our kindergarten. From sky-high parent satisfaction to these remarkable academic results, we know our kindergarten will serve as a strong foundation for student success for years to come.

It is a half day program, with a morning and an afternoon option. We have opened more seats for next school year, but they are filling up, so apply now at [www.monticelloacademy.net](http://www.monticelloacademy.net) for the best chance of gaining admission.



Students celebrate the Chinese Year of the Ox with a live petting zoo.

## 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.



### BASEBALL

#### REGISTRATION DATES

March 1<sup>ST</sup> - April 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### COST

Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - \$40.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade thru Jr. High is \$50.00



### CO-ED FOOTBALL CAMP

This year's Co-Ed Football Camp is scheduled to be held in July. Please watch the City Newsletter and Facebook Page in the coming months for more information!