



West Point City

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**AUGUST
2021**

WEST POINT OFFICIALS

**ERIK CRAYTHORNE
MAYOR**

**GARY PETERSEN
MAYOR PRO-TEM**

**JERRY CHATTERTON
COUNCIL MEMBER**

**ANDY DAWSON
COUNCIL MEMBER**

**KENT HENDERSON
COUNCIL MEMBER**

**ANNETTE JUDD
COUNCIL MEMBER**

**KYLE LAWS
CITY MANAGER**

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

FUTURE ANNEXATION: Everything you didn't know you needed to about the future annexation area of West Point.

Some of you may be aware that there are approximately 2,000 acres still in unincorporated Davis County northwest of West Point. As long as I have been around, the three cities surrounding this area – Hooper, Clinton, and West Point – have had portions of the area in their future annexation plans. Quite a few years ago, a portion of unincorporated Davis County was actually annexed into West Point, however, lack of any sewer options in that area has precluded any significant development or any further annexation requests. There has been a lot of analysis, study, and discussion by both Davis County and the City in the past few years to try and come up with a long-term, sensible solution for providing sewer service to the area so that when these property owners initiate an annexation into the City, we have a plan in place.

As the City has now been approached by property owners wanting to be annexed into West Point, I thought it may be helpful to provide some answers about the process and what an annexation means; it might be worth reading on as we may have two separate annexation requests officially submitted to the City within the next few months.

Q. Who typically initiates the annexation of a large parcel of property from an unincorporated county to a city?

A. In almost all cases, an annexation is landowner driven. Utah State Code outlines a very detailed process on annexations, including the requirement that an annexation petition that is signed by the property owner(s) in the annexation area be submitted. *(There are few situations wherein a city can initiate an annexation itself, none of which currently exist in our future annexation area).*

Q. Why does this land need to be annexed into a city? Why can't it remain unincorporated Davis County?

A. Most counties are not in the business of providing city services to residents such as garbage pick-up, sewer, snowplowing, providing/maintaining park space, recreation programs, etc. Also, Davis County has recently enacted certain land use ordinances that make it clear they do not want to be particularly involved in the development process; if an owner of property in

this unincorporated area wants to develop the property, in almost all situations they will need to petition to be annexed into a city.

Q. Does a city have to accept any and all annexation requests?

A. No. As I mentioned earlier, State Code has a very detailed process in place but it does not require that a city approve the annexation. Further, an annexation must also be approved and accepted by the county in which the area is located.

Q. What factors are considered when determining whether or not to annex property into a city?

A. The biggest consideration is whether or not the annexing city can adequately provide services to the area, which includes determining whether current infrastructure can support the area as it becomes developed and what infrastructure will be needed in the future.

Q. Has West Point been expecting and anticipating annexing the majority of the unincorporated Davis County area?

A. As long as I have been involved, West Point has had these properties designated in our Future Annexation Policy and Area Plan.

I will stop with the Q&A there, but I hope the information was helpful as these upcoming annexation discussions are going to be very important to our future moving forward. Some of the roughly 2,000 acres is undevelopable, but a lot of the area can be – and most likely eventually will be – as property owners choose to sell and/or develop their land. As I mentioned, bringing sewer services to the area is one of the biggest problems that needs to be solved, especially when it comes to making sure that current residents are not paying for that infrastructure. This is where impact fees come into the picture, which are fees paid when a new building permit is taken out so that new residents are the ones bearing the financial costs. This is a whole other topic, but for those of you who are interested, we will be having many discussions and public hearings regarding the future sewer system plan and impact fee analysis for the area in the next few months.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Have a safe and enjoyable rest of your summer.

- 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!

Our Senior Lunch program will return on August 20th for our Annual Dinner!

Dinner will be accompanied by performances from our 2021 Miss West Point and Miss Junior West Point Royalty.

The Dinner will be held on:

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 20TH @ 5:00 PM
at CITY HALL**

The menu for the August Dinner will be:

**CHICKEN ALFREDO, BROCCOLI,
FRENCH BREAD, GREEN SALAD, &
BROWNIES FOR DESSERT**

You must RSVP to reserve a spot.

**PLEASE CALL CITY HALL BY AUGUST 13TH AT
(801)776-0970 TO RSVP.**

To view the 2021 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

The Youth Council helped out with another great Party at The Point Celebration! They helped decorate the Veterans' Float, participated in the parade, and provided a "Water Battle" activity in Kids Korner!



The Swearing-In Ceremony for the 2021-2022 Youth Council will be held at the City Council Meeting held on August 3rd.

If your student missed the deadline and is still interested in joining the West Point Youth Council, please submit an application found at <https://www.westpointcity.org/community-affairs-events/pages/youth-council> to Shelby Sargent at ssargent@westpointcity.org.

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	13	14
15	16	17 CITY COUNCIL AT 6 PM	18	19	20 SENIOR DINNER	21
22	23	24	25	26 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 6 PM	27	28
29	30	31	1 SECONDARY WATER SYSTEM SHUT OFF DATE			

EXTREME DROUGHT

UTAH IS CURRENTLY IN AN EXTREME DROUGHT!

What Makes This Drought Different?

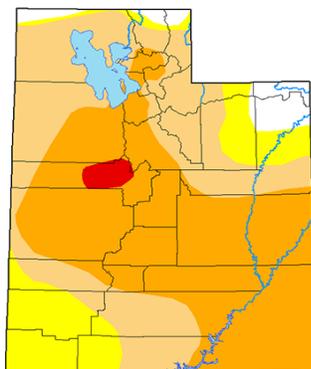
While we have experienced droughts in the past, the following facts have contributed to the intensity of this extreme situation:

- 2020 was the driest year on record and one of the hottest. This led to record dry soils.
- Our snowpack was dismal - topping out at 81% and peaking 10 days early.
- Record dry soils soaked up what little runoff we did receive, and as a result, streams Statewide are flowing at less than 50% of normal.
- A dry April was followed by an even drier May, with less than 1/2 inch of precipitation accumulating in valley locations.
- Record temperatures in June have contributed to the State's tinderbox conditions, making wildfire danger extremely high.

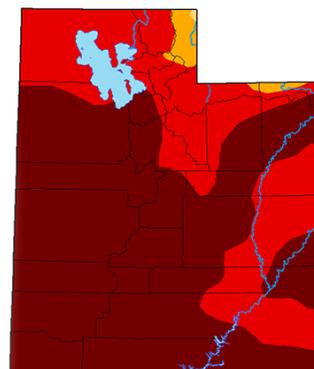
DUE TO THE EXTREME DROUGHT, WATER USE, AND LIMITED RESOURCES, THE DAVIS & WEBER COUNTIES CANAL COMPANY HAS DETERMINED THAT THE SECONDARY WATER SYSTEM WILL BE SHUTOFF ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

This date may be even sooner if water use increases!

JULY 7, 2020



JULY 8, 2021



**WHAT A DIFFERENCE
A YEAR MAKES
EXTREME DROUGHT
WATER LESS**

DAVIS AND WEBER COUNTIES CANAL COMPANY

SEPTEMBER 1ST SECONDARY WATER SHUTDOWN

Please reduce your secondary water use, limit watering to twice a week, and plan accordingly for this early shutdown (please no new landscapes).

PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A CROSS-CONNECTION WITH YOUR CULINARY WATER IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WATERING YOUR LAWN. THIS WILL JEOPARDIZE THE SYSTEM AND COULD EASILY RESULT IN CITY-WIDE CONTAMINATION OF OUR DRINKING WATER!

WATERING SCHEDULE:

If your house number ends in:

0, 1, 2, 3 - Water on Monday and Thursday

4, 5, 6 - Water on Tuesday and Friday

7, 8, 9 - Water on Wednesday and Saturday

Please water once (1 cycle) on your scheduled day EXCEPT between 10 AM and 6 PM.

CONSERVE, CONSERVE, CONSERVE!

We don't know how long this drought will last. That's out of our control. But what is in our control is how we respond, and what we do as individuals, families, businesses, institutions, and industries to conserve water anywhere we can. With 60% of residential water used outdoors, look for ways to improve your outdoor watering efficiency:

WATER LESS. Our lawns will survive with two waterings/week here in northern Utah. **It's okay if the grass browns!**

PRIORITIZE YOUR WATERING. Water trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals before grass. **Grass is tough!** It will enter dormancy during times of drought and will bounce back.

RAISE YOUR MOWER. Set your blades to 3-4 inches. **Taller grass means deeper roots!**

For drought-related questions, please email drought@utah.gov.

You can also visit the State's website for more conservation ideas and guides.

(<http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/>)

Check our website, www.davisweber.org, for further updates or restrictions.

We ask for your understanding as we manage an unprecedented water situation!

DRIVE SAFELY

Children will be starting back to school this month! Please be very careful while driving through the designated school zones. Obey the crossing guards and **STAY ALERT!**

Parents, please remind your children to stay on the sidewalks whether walking or riding their bikes.

PARKS

If you are interested in using one of the City's three parks, you can now make a bowery reservation online!

www.westpointcity.org

All parks are open from 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM.

DOGS ARE PERMITTED ON A LEASH. OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ANIMALS, INCLUDING CLEANING UP AFTER THEM!
Please report any violators you see!

SPLASH PAD - CLOSED!

Due to drought conditions and in an effort to conserve water,

the Splash Pad at Loy Blake Park closed for the season on July 26th

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

MISS WEST POINT PAGEANT COMMITTEE

West Point City is looking for volunteers to become directors/advisors of the Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant. This is an amazing program and we need you to make it even better!

If you are interested in joining the Miss West Point Pageant Committee, please contact Shelby Sargent at ssargent@westpointcity.org or (801)776-0970.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

TREE TRIMMING

Failure to properly trim trees can cause dangerous situations for pedestrians and vehicles using our City streets and sidewalks, especially for our school children who will soon be walking to school.

West Point City Ordinance states:

"Trees and bushes must be cut 7 feet above the sidewalk and 13 feet 6 inches above the street."

This includes all trees and/or bushes in the parking strip.

When trees are not trimmed properly, garbage trucks, postal vehicles, and other types of traffic have a difficult time approaching the curb, viewing street signs (stop signs, yield signs, addresses, etc.), and seeing oncoming traffic. In addition, trees that are dead create a hazardous condition and should be removed.

Help avoid a significant safety hazard by properly trimming or removing your trees and bushes.

Please help us keep West Point a beautiful and safe place to live by doing your part to keep within the Code requirements of the City.

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.

Complaints may also be submitted via the City website at www.westpointcity.org.

SAVE THE DATE ILLUMINATION

EVEN IN THE DARKEST OF TIMES, THERE IS LIGHT!

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

A community event promoting physical and mental health in our youth.

Brought to you in partnership by North Davis Communities that Care and Syracuse City.



WELCOME TO WEST POINT!

TWISTED SUGAR

185 N 2000 W Suite B

801-825-2544

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 AM - 9 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM - 10 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 10 PM

Closed Sunday

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE - 801-825-5321

We often refer to the beginning phrases of the Declaration of Independence, such as the introductory sentence of "When in the course of human events...." and to the preamble, which all of us know so well, that begins with "We hold these truths to be self evident...." However, the less often thought of, but just as important, are the closing words that declare the commitment of the signers. The last line reads: "In support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of a divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred honor." Did they really mean that?

Let's consider some of the following facts:

- Five were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.
- Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.
- One was captured and kept in chains for 3 ½ months. When he was released he returned home only to learn his wife had also been in prison where she and their daughter had died.
- Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army.
- Another had two sons captured.
- One had his entire fleet of cargo ships hounded, captured, or sunk.
- Nine died from wounds or hardships of the war.
- All were accused in the English Press of being guilty of high treason.

What were the backgrounds of these men? 24 were lawyers and jurists. 11 were merchants. 9 were farmers and large plantation owners. 1 owned a large fleet of cargo ship. All 56 were men of means, well educated, and representatives of their respective colonies. Several would die as paupers, yet all willingly signed knowing full well that the penalty for high treason, if so charged, was death. Their commitment is evident. There can be no doubt that each man knew full well that his signature on that document made him a prime target for retribution by the British Crown and by the Parliament.

In the words of Rear Admiral George Tarrant in the movie The Bridges at Toko Ri,

"Where did we get such men?"

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!



WEST POINT CITY 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Primary: AUGUST 10, 2021
General: November 2, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE TO BE VOTED UPON IN THE WEST POINT CITY 2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 10:

MAYOR (4-YEAR TERM): <small>ONE SEAT AVAILABLE</small> Gary L. Petersen Brian Vincent Jerry G. Chatterton	CITY COUNCIL MEMBER (4-YEAR TERM): <small>TWO SEATS AVAILABLE</small> Andy Dawson Jeremy Strong Michele Swenson Joelle Caruso Brad Lee Jeffrey Howard Turner
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CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!



\$30 PER DAY!

West Point City Needs You!!

Have You Ever Wanted To:

- Be a part of your community?
- Earn some extra cash?
- Provide a needed resource while giving service?
- Work with kids & ensure their safety?
- Laugh and have a good time while working?
- Take your kids to work with you?

If you answered "YES!" to any of the above, we want you!

WEST POINT CITY IS IN NEED OF CROSSING GUARDS TO HELP OUR KIDS GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL SAFELY!!

This position is a great way to earn some extra cash while giving back to your community and getting to know your neighbors. For two hours each school day, you can earn **\$30/day and \$150/week!** This equals out to about \$600/month while school is in session, and \$5,550/year!

If you are interested, PLEASE APPLY or CONTACT City Hall for more information!

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.

SOCCER

REGISTRATION:

Registration closes August 1st

DATES:

August 16th - October 4th

COST:

\$40

GRADES:

PreK - 6th

VOLLEYBALL

REGISTRATION:

July 30th - August 22nd

SEASON:

September 7th - October 21st

COST:

\$130

GRADES:

3rd - 9th

WFFL FOOTBALL

Conditioning starts August 2nd

SEASON:

August 21st - November 7th

COST:

\$130