

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

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WEST POINT CITY HALL

3200 W 300 N

West Point

www.westpointcity.org

801-776-0970

After Hours Emergency:

801-628-6181

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we roll into August, I hope everyone has been having a great summer...and able to find some reprieve from the hot summer days. It has been great to have some water in the reservoirs for our fields, crops, landscapes, and for us at least, also for recreation. With the lack of water the past several years, it has been difficult to enjoy this part of the summer fun, but it has been great to be able to get out to our State Parks and reservoirs and enjoy the cool water this year.

WATER LEVELS

Speaking of water, we are not out of the woods yet with just one good winter and we need to continue to conserve. But I know, as amazing West Point residents, we will do our part.

We have definitely been blessed this year with the moisture we have received and hopefully we have taken the time to express our thankfulness. I appreciate the sentiment of Governor Spencer Cox and his declaration of July 2nd as a day of prayer and thanksgiving for the record snowfall our state

received. He said, "I believe prayer can be a powerful tool. There is real power in people of all different faiths and backgrounds uniting together and pleading for help from a higher authority than our own. I also believe that people who pray for water will conserve water, and we need to continue to conserve." I echo his thoughts and expressions of gratefulness.

ELECTIONS

Switching gears, we are entering another cycle of elections. This year there are three City Council seats open. Typically, the Primary Election is held in August, however, due to a unique situation and needing to replace a U.S. Representative in District 2, the elections were pushed back a little bit this year. This year the Primary Election will be the first Tuesday of September. You should be receiving ballots in the mail about three weeks before the election date.

I strongly encourage all to participate in this election. This is one of the best ways to have your voice be heard

and local government is so important to our everyday lives. Study the candidates, understand their views, discuss with them your concerns, and listen to their ideas. We have some very good candidates willing to serve and sacrifice their time for the betterment of our community.

SCHOOL SAFETY

School will be starting up again this month. Good luck and best wishes to all the students, teachers, support staff, and administrators as this school year gets underway. It will be a great year!

To all of us on the roads, please, please be cautious of the increased pedestrian traffic with kids and parents walking to and from the schools. Slow down around the school zones and try to leave a few minutes earlier to not feel rushed. Thank you for all doing your part to make West Point safer!

Have a great rest of the summer and know my door is always open.

- Mayor Brian Vincent

CITY CALENDAR

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER...

- 4** • LABOR DAY - CITY HALL CLOSED
- 5** • PRIMARY ELECTION DAY (CITY COUNCIL RESCHEDULED TO 8/29)
- 12** • SENIOR LUNCH - 11:30 AM (LOY BLAKE PARK)
- 14** • PLANNING COMMISSION - 6 PM
- 19** • CITY COUNCIL - 6 PM
- 28** • PLANNING COMMISSION - 6 PM

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2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	2	3	4	5 MOVIE IN THE PARK! @ 7
6	7	8 SENIOR LUNCH 11:30 AM	9	10 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	11	12
13	14	15 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	25	26
27	28	29 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	30	31	1	2

SENIOR LUNCH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH
@ 11:30 AM – LOY BLAKE PARK

RSVP by 11:30 AM on August 4th
 by calling City Hall @ 776-0970

You MUST RSVP to reserve your spot!
Space is limited!

AUGUST MENU:

Grilled Greek Chicken
 Lemon Rice | Greek Salad
 Coconut & Chocolate Cream Pie

West Point City holds a monthly lunch for
 Seniors 55+. Cost is \$2/person.
 Residents & non-residents welcome!

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

AUGUST 29, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Swearing-In of the 2023-2024

West Point City Youth Council

The Youth Council works to serve our community and gain leadership skills and an appreciation for public service. And they have an awesome time doing it!

WANTED: Youth Council Advisors

DO YOU LOVE WORKING WITH THE YOUTH?
 WE NEED YOU!

Youth Council Advisors are essential to this great program! We need your help to continue to provide opportunities for the youth in our city to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for public service through active leadership!



INTERESTED?

Please visit
www.westpointcity.org/wpyc
 for more information
 and to submit your
 letter of interest!

CODE ENFORCEMENT

COMMON SUMMER CODE VIOLATIONS

As I patrol the City daily, I am amazed and encouraged by the many residents who take great pride in their homes, yards, and neighborhoods. The huge majority are considerate of their neighbors and do everything possible to maintain well-kept properties. However, I have also issued a number of courtesy notices for code violations. The most common violations during summer months are for weeds which have become long and unsightly, RV's/utility trailers parked on City streets in excess of 48 hours, trees that block traffic signs or hang over the street and sidewalks, basketball standards in City streets, and junk vehicles parked on properties.

If any of these violations are present on your property, please be a good neighbor and take care of them without the City having to contact you with a notice of a Code violation.

Please help do your part and keep West Point a beautiful and safe place to live!

Please call or email Bruce Dopp, Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or bdopp@westpointcity.org.

CITY NEWS & EVENTS

WEST POINT CITY 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION 

PRIMARY: SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
GENERAL: NOVEMBER 21, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE TO BE VOTED UPON IN THE WEST POINT CITY 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER (4-YEAR TERM) - THREE SEATS AVAILABLE

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE DECLARED CANDIDACY:

Trent W. Yorbrough
 Melissa Olsen
 Scott Wolford
 Kelly R. Ross
 Jerry G. Chatterton
 Joelle Caruso
 Jeremy Strong
 Annette Judd

VISIT WWW.WESTPOINTCITY.ORG/ELECTIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES, VOTING, AND MORE!

WEST POINT CITY'S SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK

LOY BLAKE PARK: 550 N 3500 W | WEST POINT

SATURDAY, AUGUST

MOVIE BEGINS @ DUSK **5** **FOOD TRUCKS ARRIVE @ 7:30**

COME EARLY FOR FUN ACTIVITIES AND VISIT THE FOOD TRUCKS TO GRAB DINNER & TREATS BEFORE THE SHOW!

Save the date!
9.16.23

WEST POINT ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

Chalk Art Festival

RESERVE YOUR SQUARE TODAY!
 Register at www.westpointcity.org/wpac

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
 \$10 PER SQUARE, CHALK PROVIDED
 PRIZES FOR THE RANKED TOP 3
 LOCATION: 3662 W 520 N
 (BY THE SPLASH PAD)

Q. WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN:

- ENCOURAGING *young women* TO SERVE AS *positive role models*
- FOSTERING *personal growth* THROUGH *service & volunteerism*
- BUILDING *self-empowerment* AND *confidence*

AND

- BEING PART OF A *scholarship program* THAT SUPPORTS THEM IN ACHIEVING THEIR *academic dreams*

ALL WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TO PUT A DRESS ON??

A. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

West Point City is looking to fill the role of *Director* of the *Miss Jr. West Point and Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant!* This is an amazing program and **WE NEED YOU** to help us continue the tradition. This is an awesome opportunity for the young women in West Point to not only have fun as they realize their self-worth, but to earn *real scholarship money.*

FOR DETAILS & INFORMATION ON HOW TO VOLUNTEER, VISIT:
WWW.WESTPOINTCITY.ORG/MISSWESTPOINT

KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE GREAT? PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

RECREATION

Contact Karly Norwood @ 801-564-7701 for questions regarding Recreation Programs!
 Register for all activities online @ www.westpointcity.org

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Grades: 3rd - 9th
Registration: Jul 24 - Aug 21
Cost: \$50
Season: Sept 6 - Oct 20
Days: Monday/Wednesday
Place: West Point Jr. High

JR. HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grades: 7th - 9th
Registration: Aug 15 - Sept 19
Cost: \$70
Season: Oct 3 - Nov 16
Days: Tuesdays/Thursdays
Place: West Point Jr. High

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ALL THINGS WEST POINT!



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www.westpointcity.org

CITY NEWS & EVENTS

West Point
9/11 Day of
Service
Sept. 9, 2023



Service Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bark in the Park: Sat. Sept. 9 Loy Blake Park, 8:00am • Blood Drive: Sept. 13 • SHS Teen Center Donations 	Food Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Cake Bags: cake mix/mug cake, frosting, candles • Food Gift Cards: \$10-\$20, or shelf-stable foods • Snacks: Individual size chips, crackers, cookies, beef jerky, granola bars, Rice Krispie Treats, goldfish, poptarts, Capri Sun, water bottles, Gatorade, trail mix, nuts, cup of noodles, mac and cheese
Clothing Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Sweats in all sizes (must be new) • Joggers, hoodies, t-shirts, shorts 	
	Hygiene Kits <p>Facewash, lip balm, hand soap, shaving cream, dry shampoo, gel, mousse, hairspray, body spray</p>
Drop-off locations August 14 - September 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Office Building: 3200 W 300 N • Mary Wolford: 564 N 2750 W • Julie Roberts: 1768 N 4325 W 	

2023 ART CONTEST WINNERS

ELEMENTARY DIVISION



"REFLECTION OF SUNRISE ON THE GREAT SALT LAKE"
BY: KAYLYNN MARTINEAU

HIGH SCHOOL/ADULT DIVISION



"SEEKING THE LIGHT"
BY: LISA THURSTON

JR. HIGH DIVISION



"SUNSET MOUNTAIN"
BY: RYLEE PRINCE

\$30

West Point City Needs You!!

Have You Ever Wanted To:

Be a part of your community?

Work with kids & ensure their safety?

Earn some extra cash?

Laugh and have a good time while working?

Provide a needed resource while giving service?

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 MILITARY MEMORIAL

In 1870, as Congress began preparations for a Grand Centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence a question was raised regarding details of the first national flag. Claims were submitted at that time from descendants of four Philadelphia ladies of the period; Betsy Ross, Margaret Manning, Cornelia Bridges, and Rebecca Young. Betsy Ross was an upholsterer, but who had sewn "ship's colors" for the Navy. Rebecca Young was a flag maker by trade. I found no suggestions of the occupations for the other two. It is interesting to note that Mary Pickersgill, the daughter of Rebecca Young, prior to 1812, sewed the enormous flag which became the inspiration for Francis Scott Key's poem "The Star Spangled Banner."

And while we discuss who designed and/or sewed the first flag, one fact is established that Francis Hopkinson, a delegate from New Jersey to the Continental Congress and the established designer of the seal for the U. S. Treasury, and the State of New Jersey, as well as early US currency, submitted to the Congress a bill for having designed the national flag. Payment was declined because he was an affluent person and his work should be looked upon as a contribution and, in any event, he should not receive full credit.

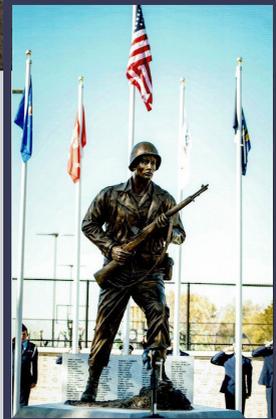
It is also interesting to note that although the account as submitted by Betsy's grandson dates the event in 1777, a painting of General George Washington by the celebrated artist C. W. Peale, following the Battle of Princeton in 1780, depicts the American flag in the background with six-point stars.

So, who designed the first flag. Sorry--wasn't Betsy.

And who sewed the first flag? Take your pick.

Maybe it was a sewing bee comprised of all four ladies.

- Marv Drake, Military Memorial Committee Chair



LOY BLAKE PARK: 3500 W 550 N

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE
801-825-5321