

# 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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

Administrative Session - 6 PM

General Session - 7 PM

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.westpointcity.org)  
801-776-0970  
After Hours Emergency:  
801-628-6181

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As I have spoken with residents this past month and listened to others voice some concerns at some of our public meetings, the topic of West Point having their own police department has come up more than a couple of times. I would like to take a minute this month to address this subject.

West Point currently contracts with the Davis County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to our great city. It has been a long and wonderful partnership with the Sheriff's Office that West Point has greatly appreciated. They have done a great job. Over the years, the number of hours they have contracted with our city has increased as the population of the city has increased. You have probably noticed them patrolling our streets, present

at our city events, and covering various calls throughout the city. They have been an active part of our emergency services here in West Point.

The question has arisen why we don't have our own police department. This idea is not a new one and has been studied and debated multiple times in the past. The discussions have always resulted with the same determination--that it is not yet fiscally sound to make that switch. Let me expound on that for a second. With the Davis County Sheriff's Office, we have access to a full law enforcement department. That includes patrol deputies, back-up deputies, detectives, investigators, a crime lab, SWAT,

K-9 units, school resource officers, dispatch center and dispatchers, internet task force teams, a jail and all that comes with the jail system, police vehicles, vehicle maintenance, training courses and certification courses paid for by the Sheriff's Office, a physical police station, an administration team, an HR department for hiring, firing and discipline, records management, public relations, and so much more. Honestly, this is just to name a handful of things that are included in our partnership with them.

If we, as West Point, were to attempt to stand up our own force, there is no way we would be able to replicate all these services. We would still be reliant on the Sheriff's Office or neighbouring agencies to assist with some, if not most, of them. But for arguments sake, let's say we did plan to move forward with creating our own. To start a department, we would need to hire a minimum of 5 officers to maintain 24/7 coverage (shifts, back-up, time off, etc.), purchase vehicles, create/build a police station equipped with the necessities, obtain required equipment and technology, and everything else needed for a basic, bare-minimum police force, we would be looking at a 500-700% increase over what we are currently paying. (Think in the millions of dollars range.) And remember, this would only be for patrol. Basically, we would be paying more for having less. Granted, this is the start-up cost and the ongoing yearly cost would not be this much, but the yearly required budget would be over 200% of our current FY2024 contract price and we would certainly not have 200%

of the total package of services we currently have. These were numbers that were studied and calculated many, many months ago and there have been substantial increases in police wages along the Wasatch Front since then, so there may be a greater gap now than our study showed.

Consequently, as I mentioned before, it would not be financially responsible to make this change at this time. Again, the service and protection we have with the Sheriff's Office is second to none. Will there be a time that West Point will need its own force? There is no doubt. That time will come. And when it does, we will be in a financially sound position to accept that.

Overall, thank you for reading this, and I hope this helps clarify why we have not elected to pursue our own police department just yet. As always, I would be more than happy to discuss and study it further with anyone that would like to. Feel free to reach out and let me know. Thanks!

Most importantly this month, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! I pray the holiday spirit brings happiness and laughter into our homes and lives. I hope everyone has a chance to be with loved ones, family or friends, this time of year.

I feel very blessed and honored to serve you and our wonderful city. I sincerely thank you for your support and trust; it means the world to me. May God bless us and smile upon us this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas!  
*Mayor Brian Vincent*

# CITY CALENDAR

## COMING UP IN JANUARY ...

- 1** • NEW YEAR'S DAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 2** • SWEARING-IN CEREMONY 12 PM
- 9** • SENIOR LUNCH - 11:30 AM (CITY HALL)
- 11** • PLANNING COMMISSION - 6 PM
- 15** • MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 16** • CITY COUNCIL - 6 PM
- 25** • PLANNING COMMISSION - 6 PM

# D E C E M B E R

2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	6 ANGEL OF HOPE CHILD REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY-7PM @ Cemetery	7 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	8 ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE BY 11:30 AM	9
10	11	12 SENIOR LUNCH @ 11:30	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	20	21	22 CEMETERY LUMINARY 4 PM	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CITY HALL CLOSED		26	27	28	29
31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY CITY HALL CLOSED	2 SWEARING-IN CEREMONY 12 PM	3	4	5	6

## SENIOR LUNCH

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**@ 11:30 AM**  
**CITY HALL**

**RSVP Early - Space is limited!!**  
 Call City Hall @ 776-0970  
**You MUST RSVP to reserve your spot!**

### DECEMBER MENU:

Ham | Cheese Potatoes  
 Green Bean Casserole | Layered Jell-O Salad  
 Ice Cream Cake Roll

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

## YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

For Veteran's Day, the Youth Council Members placed flags on the resting places of all the veterans in our West Point City Cemetery. While there, Command Sergeant's Major Ty Berger spoke to us about his own experience serving.

Many people have sacrificed, some with their lives, for us and our country. It is important to remember them and everything they have done for us. Thank you to everyone who has served our country!

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



## CODE ENFORCEMENT

### WINTER PARKING

Winter Parking regulations are now in effect! (November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>)  
 WPCC 10.05(H)(1)&(3) states:

*"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 now be issuing compliance 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!

Please call or email Bruce Dopp, 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)

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

# CITY NEWS & EVENTS

## The Salvation Army Angel Tree has landed at West Point City Hall

Embrace the joy of giving by picking an ornament and sponsoring an Angel.

Please return your unwrapped donations by December 10th, 2023.

Let's light up our community with kindness!



## 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.*

## CEMETERY LUMINARY

Volunteers Welcome!

Join us at the cemetery on December 22nd, 2023 at 4:00 PM to help place the luminaries on all of the graves.



West Point City Cemetery  
80 N 4000 W

## BUSINESS LICENSES: RENEWALS DUE DECEMBER 31!

RENEWAL FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE.

Be sure to check your spam/junk box. It will state from West Point with an email address of iWorq.net and the Subject will state West Point City Renewal Entry #\*\*\*  
Follow the directions in the email to easily renew your West Point City Business License!

You will also be able to update any information or make corrections if needed, as well as pay for any fees that may apply to your business.

If you have not received your renewal email or no longer have a business with West Point, please email khansen@westpointcity.org.

**MINIMIZE HOLIDAY STRESS BY ACTING PROMPTLY-DON'T PROCRASTINATE!  
RENEW YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE BEFORE  
DECEMBER 31ST 2023.**

### Green Waste Can Reminder:

Beginning December 1st, you can use your Green Waste Can for regular trash! Normal green waste service will resume on April 1st.



## WINTER PARKING

November 1 - March 1

NO STREET PARKING  
1:00 AM - 6:00 AM



## RECREATION

Contact Karly Norwood or Jen Brown @ 801-776-0970 for questions regarding Recreation

Register for all activities online @ [www.westpointcity.org](http://www.westpointcity.org)

Add the PolyPlatform App for all updates and information regarding the Jr. Jazz season!

### 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.



# CITY NEWS & EVENTS

**TEENCENTER**

## Davis County Teen Centers

There are more than 1,300 students in Davis School District who are classified as homeless. These children lack access to basic resources and amenities. The Davis Education Foundation is removing barriers to learning by constructing teen resource centers in high schools around the district. Teen centers provide students with a safe place to shower, do laundry, study, receive on-on-one assistance from family service workers, and access critical resources.

### The help of our community is needed!!

To learn more, donate funds, and for information about other ways to contribute, visit

<https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/departments/student-family-resources/teen-center-advocates>

CLEARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

**TEEN CENTER**

A SAFE, PRIVATE SPACE FOR CHS STUDENTS

# West Point Arts Council Upcoming Events

## Logo Contest

We are looking for a logo to represent the new West Point Arts Council. The logo should include the name West Point Arts Council and depict both the performing & visual arts.

## Date Night Dance Lessons

Ages 16 & up can register with a partner to learn different styles of dance. There will be one lesson each week in February.

## Textiles Event

Display your quilts, neddlework, afghans, crocheted or cross-stitched pieces of art at the city building.

More Information Coming Soon!

Be sure to check the West Point Arts Council social media pages & website for updates and further information.  
[www.westpointcity.org/400/west-point-arts-council](http://www.westpointcity.org/400/west-point-arts-council)

# WEST POINT MILITARY

During the Veterans Day commemoration this year three of our veterans received Utah Cold War Victory Medals. This seems to have raised some interest in the Cold War so, I would like this month to delve into this subject. A Cold War is defined as "a state of political hostilities between countries characterized by threats, propaganda, and other measures short of open warfare." However, as we have seen, the state of unrest can actually have responses rising to open hostilities.

The Cold War in discussion was between nations of the Western Bloc—the US and our allies—and nations of the Eastern Bloc—the USSR and her allies. For mutual self defense, Nations of the Western Bloc formed the North Atlantic Treat Organization (NATO), and the Eastern Bloc Nations in response formed the Warsaw Treaty Organization (WTO). There were many events which bordered on hostilities, one of the first of which was the SovietBerlin Blockade and our countering Berlin Airlift (1948-49). The USSR and Communist China backed North Korea in its attempt to subdue the South (1950-53). The Suez Canal Incident of 1956. The U-2 Incident and Pilot Gary Powers (May 1960), Fidel Castro's becoming dictator in Cuba which resulted in exiled Cuban Nationalist's US backed attempt to invade Cuba at the Bay of Pigs (April 1961) The Cuban Missile Crisis (1962), and many others since. Each was in effect a staring contest to see who would blink first

The Cold War as we view it started the day after the signing of the Japanese surrender document (3 September 1945) and ended with the breakup of the USSR in December of 1991. Any who served in any of the US Armed Forces during that time frame is eligible for receipt of the Utah Cold War Victory Medal. If you are one those and desire to receive the Medal, email me at [wingsofgold55@gmail.com](mailto:wingsofgold55@gmail.com) with the following information: Full name, service, dates of active duty, phone and postal address. Having a DD-214 is an added help but not required.

And in advance, thank you for your service!  
 - Marv Drake, Military Memorial Committee Chair



LOY BLAKE PARK: 3500 W 550 N

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE  
 801-825-5321