



MAY 2024

# WEST POINT CITY

Official City Newsletter

## Mayor's Message

It has been nice to get outside these past couple of weeks and enjoy the spring weather. Hopefully, everyone had an opportunity to take advantage of the dumpsters that were placed in the parks for a couple of days for our Annual Spring Clean-Up event. I know this has been a good experience for those that have used them in the past.

Spring is a great time to remind us of renewal and growth. As nature awakes from her winter nap and starts afresh, so can we. Fostering our relationships with our neighbors and friends is an essential element to a great community. When we cultivate genuine connections, you come to know them and their true character. In turn, it is harder to harbor resentment or have ill feelings when awkward situations or uncomfortable conversations arise. We have an increased ability to show compassion and empathy as we work through issues together.

This is not only with our actual neighbors that kindness needs to be shown, but those that we interact with on social media, at school, at work, and in other public spaces. Assuming the good intent of others will never steer you wrong. There have been a couple of incidents this past month that have left me disheartened. At some of the political conventions in April, there was a good deal of disrespect, and even contempt, displayed amongst our neighbors and friends. Those willing to serve in public office and put themselves in the public eye were ridiculed and criticized. Our Governor was booed and heckled while on stage attempting to deliver a message. This was at his own party's convention. I am not taking into consideration the content of what he was actually presenting, but am referring to the sheer lack of respect shown and provided to an individual. And unfortunately, he was not the only one that received this treatment. I know that they all can "handle it", but this is not the societal norm that we should be accepting of. We are better than this. The State of Utah is better than this. Davis County is better than this. West Point City is especially better than this. Whatever your political leaning, or if you don't lean or even care about politics at all, the message is the same: we can all be more respectful. This is not a value that is widely shared on the national level, as of late, I will admit. But we don't have to fall to the ridicule, contempt, and disdain that is modeled by those in the current spotlight.

Abraham Lincoln stated, "I destroy my enemies when I make them my friends." I love how this quote reflects Lincoln's belief in the power of reconciliation and diplomacy over conflict. He understood that by treating adversaries with kindness and respect, he could potentially turn them into allies, thereby achieving his goals without resorting to hostility or aggression. This approach emphasizes the importance of building relationships and finding common ground, even with those who may initially oppose you.

Again, my message would be to remind us that when we assume good intent, we might be able to recognize the well-intended meaning behind our neighbor's, friend's, and colleague's messages or actions. I hope we can find more opportunities to extend an arm of friendship than one of animosity.

To end on a more upbeat note, it has been reported that our winter snowpack and water content in the mountains is the best it has been in years! The Great Salt Lake is currently higher before this year's runoff than it was all last year. A couple of reports have even suggested that there is a good possibility of having snowcapped mountains along the Wasatch Front all this year due to how much is still up there. Wouldn't that be pretty cool to see?!

As always, I love to hear from you. If you have any questions or something you would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out.

*-Mayor Brian Vincent*

### Elected Officials:

Brian Vincent  
MAYOR

Jerry Chatterton  
COUNCIL MEMBER

Annette Judd  
COUNCIL MEMBER

Brad Lee  
COUNCIL MEMBER

Michele Swenson  
COUNCIL MEMBER

Trent Yarbrough  
COUNCIL MEMBER

Kyle Laws  
CITY MANAGER

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS  
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS  
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION - 6 PM  
GENERAL SESSION - 7 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS  
2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS  
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION - 6 PM  
GENERAL SESSION - 7 PM



## City Calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
M A Y				01	02 Cemetery Clean-up	03 Native Flute Circle 4 PM Paint Night 6 PM	04
	05	06	07 City Council 6 PM	08	09 Planning Commission 6 PM	10	11 Princess for a Day 10 AM
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	19	20	21 City Council 6 PM	22	23 Planning Commission 6 PM	24	25
	26	27 Memorial Day Closed	28	29	30	31	

### COMING UP IN JUNE...

- 4: City Council - 6 PM
- 7: Movie in the Park - Dusk
- 11: Senior Luncheon - 11:30 AM
- 13: Planning Commission - 6 PM
- 18: City Council - 6 PM
- 19: Juneteenth - Closed
- 27: Planning Commission - 6 PM

### Code Enforcement Message

#### Garage Sales:



Spring is a popular time to clean and get rid of all that unwanted clothing, furniture, appliances, and other household articles. One popular method among residents to do this is to hold a garage sale. Here are a few reminders to help make sure they are done in a safe and appropriate manner! WPCC 17.50.20H states: "Garage, basement, yard, or other similar sales shall be permitted not more than twice a year, and each sale shall not last more than two consecutive days." You are also reminded that any signs used need to be removed immediately after the sale is over.

Please help us keep West Point City a beautiful and safe place by doing your garage sale within City Code requirements.!



Please contact 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)

Considering adding a new fence to your yard? Keep in mind that obtaining a fence permit is not only required by city ordinance but also free. Having a permit ensures that your fence complies to safety and setback guidelines. The process to apply is simple - you can either download the form from the city's website or pick one up from City Hall. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the Community Development Department or email [planning@westpointcity.org](mailto:planning@westpointcity.org).



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West Point City, Utah

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westpointcityutah



# COMPLETE CEMETERY CLEANING

THURSDAY

MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

ALL ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE DISCARDED.  
ITEMS MAY BE REPLACED STARTING MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

RECREATION

## Youth Summer Sports Camps

Co-Ed Football: (1st-9th) May 14, 15 & 16  
Girls Basketball: (1st-6th) June 4, 5 & 6  
Boys Basketball: (1st-6th) June 10, 12 & 13  
Co-Ed Soccer: (1st-6th) June 17, 18 & 20



Participants will receive a t-shirt.



Register @ [westpointcity.org](http://westpointcity.org)

SENIORS

SENIOR LUNCH  
TUESDAY, MAY 14TH @ 11:30 AM  
WEST POINT CITY HALL

SENIORS 55+. COST IS \$2/PERSON.  
RESIDENTS & NON RESIDENTS WELCOME!

MENU:

BEEF TACOS, MEXICAN RICE, PINTO BEANS, CHIPS & SALSA AND DESSERT.

RSVP EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED!! CALL CITY HALL 801-776-0970

2024 Party at The Point  
THURSDAY, JULY 4TH  
APPLICATIONS, NOMINATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!  
REGISTER: [WESTPOINTCITY.ORG](http://WESTPOINTCITY.ORG)

## YOUTH COUNCIL



Despite the rain and cold, the fun didn't diminish at our Easter Egg Hunt, all thanks to the unwavering dedication of our residents and the Youth Council. The Youth Council braved the elements, filling eggs and dispersing goodies on the field with smiles brighter than the cloudy skies. A sincere thank you to our local sponsors: Coleman Orthodontics, Rob Hoffman with Bimbo Bakeries, Menchie's, Chick-Fil-A, Pizza Pie Cafe, Little Caesars, The Bird, Artic Circle, North Davis Fire District, and Davis County Sheriff's Office. Their support ensured the success of the event. And to top it all off, a special visit from the Easter Bunny added an extra touch of magic to the festivities, delighting both young and old alike.

\*\*\*THANK YOU RESIDENTS FOR SHOWING UP\*\*\*

## We Want YOU!

BE A PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING AND JOIN  
**THE WEST POINT COMMUNITY MARCHING BAND!!!**

PERFORMANCE: JULY 4TH

The Marching Muskrats will have one big, fabulous performance in West Point's Party at The Point Independence Day Parade on July 4th! Band members will receive a performance t-shirt!

REHEARSALS:

Monday nights from 8:00-9:00 pm at West Point City Hall.  
First rehearsal - Monday, June 3rd

So if you know how to have fun and have got a patriotic spirit,  
Text 801-885-9848 with the word "BAND" followed by:  
YOUR NAME | PHONE# | INSTRUMENT | SHIRT SIZE

(We promise this will be one of the most fun groups you will ever belong to!)



\*There is NO FEE to join and you do NOT have to be a West Point resident!\*

MISS WEST POINT ROYALTY PRESENTS

# Princess FOR A DAY

FOR AGES 3-10  
OPEN TO RESIDENTS & NON-RESIDENTS

MAY 11TH, 2024  
10 AM - 12 PM  
@ CITY HALL  
A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

\$10 TO REGISTER PER CHILD.  
PRE REGISTRATION ONLY.  
REGISTER ONLINE @ WESTPOINTCITY.ORG



WEBER BASIN WATER  
**LEARNING GARDEN**  
GARDEN FAIR  
COME EXPERIENCE

Free hot dogs and drinks  
Water treatment tours  
Garden tours  
Magic show: Scott Chamberlain  
Vendor and educational booths  
Ballon artist, bounce house, and slide

Saturday June 1  
2837 E. Highway 193, Layton  
8AM - 2PM  
FREE

Come learn how to be water-wise in your yard. Ask experts questions. See the garden and get landscape ideas!



# WEST POINT FARMERS MARKET

May to September  
Every Friday 5 - 9pm  
Loy Blake Park  
550 N 3500 W West Point



## PARTY AT THE POINT ART & PHOTO CONTEST



DEADLINE: JUNE 26TH

OPEN TO ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Overall winners will be announced at The Party at the Point Celebration July 4th, 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
WESTPOINTCITY.ORG

Fuel Your Summer UTAH

UTAH FOOD BANK  
**FREE SUMMER MEALS!**

WHO: Youth Up To Age 18  
WHAT: Fresh & Free Summer Meals Must Be Eaten On-Site  
WHEN: May 28-August 9

Loy Blake Park  
Monday-Friday\*  
12:30-1:30  
550 N 3500 W, West Point



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
FOR MORE LOCATIONS TEXT "FOOD" TO 304-304  
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

## WEST POINT ARTS COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY Native American Flute Circle - 5/3 & 5/17, 4pm-5pm. Learn and create together in this guided flute circle. All ability levels welcome. FREE, register to join.

Paint Night - 5/3, 6pm-8pm. Guided painting on canvas for ages 14 and up. \$30 fee, supplies provided. Registration now open.

JUNE Summer Theater Camp - for ages 8-18, \$50 fee. 6/24-28, 7/1-3, July 4th performance. Registration now open.

JULY Party at the Point - 7/4 at Loy Blake Park

Visit [www.westpointcity.org/wpac](http://www.westpointcity.org/wpac) for more info and to register for an event. Follow us on social media.



# West Point Military Memorial

Last month marked the 82nd anniversary of the well publicized "Doolittle Raid" on Japan. The aircraft were B-25 Medium Bombers which had launched from the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet from about 550 miles off the coast of Japan. I thought I would share a bit about carrier operations. Carriers typically turn into the wind to launch aircraft. The object is to get 25 to 30 knots of wind across the deck. To do this, the ship will be moving through the water at 20 to 30 knots. Assuming a wind across the deck of 30 knots and a speed in the water of 20 knots, combined, and a 12 second takeoff run, this produces an effective additional deck length of 960 feet. The first B-25 to launch had approximately 450 feet of deck in front of him making the runway he would/could use effectively 1,410 feet. And for your information: a knot is one nautical mile or about 1.15 statute miles.



The pilots had been trained near Eglin AFB, Florida to make short field takeoffs. Normal takeoff speed and distance for a loaded B-25 was 80 plus MPH and 2,400 feet. The pilots started with empty aircraft but eventually worked up to aircraft loaded to what was expected for the flight to Tokyo and beyond into China. Some of the pilots were actually able to struggle into the air at 45 mph after less than a 400 feet run. During the training only one crashed when he failed to properly accelerate after becoming airborne and he stalled-out off the end of the runway.

Twenty-two crews were trained but only 16—the cream of the crop—actually flew the mission. In watching the movies of the launch, after takeoff only one aircraft started settling towards the water, but the pilot reacted properly and again continued his climb-out. All aircraft bombed their designated target. However, due to being spotted by a Japanese trawler, the mission launched earlier than planned and none made it to their intended landing field.

I was only eight years old at the time of the "Doolittle Raid" but I remember vividly all that we were allowed to know. When asked where the aircraft flew from, then president, F. D. Roosevelt, said, "They came from Shangri-La." (which was a mythical land described in the book "Lost Horizons.")  
- Marv Drake, Committee Chair

LOY BLAKE PARK 3500 W 550N COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE 801-825-5321

## Healthy Tip of the Month...

MAY IS NATIONAL WALKING MONTH! Did you know that walking a minimum of 20 minutes every day can reduce your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, sleep apnea and type 2 diabetes? And if that's not enough to get you moving, it can also help you lose weight, improve your mood, helps you sleep better and can even boost creativity and brainpower. Here are a few fun facts about walking:

1. Walking is the most popular exercise in the U.S.!
2. An average person walks 65,000 miles in their lifetime which is three times around the Earth!
3. It requires 200 muscles to walk. No wonder it does our body good!
4. To burn off calories from one plain M&M, you'd have to walk the length of a football field!

There's almost nothing that can't be improved with walking! Treat yourself right & try walking every day. Set up daily goals, grab a friend, crank up some music & get out there! You deserve to feel your best!

