



AUGUST 2024

# WEST POINT CITY

Official City Newsletter

## Mayor's Message

The history of West Point City is rich and full of amazing stories of perseverance, patience, and prosperity. This area was settled in the 1800s, with the first permanent resident building a home in 1863. Prior to that, it was inhabited by several different Native American tribes and then used as herding grounds for local cattle ranchers. During 1867-68, twenty-one more families moved in and began the homesteading process.

The first schoolhouse was constructed in 1870-71 to serve the children of these families. It was a modest 26 ft. by 36 ft. one-room building built of sun-dried mud and straw adobe bricks. I'm sure it was a welcome sight for the kids, who probably loved school as much as our children do today 😊. It was built near 2040 N 5000 W and, for 20 years, served as both the school and a place for community gatherings.

In 1892, the school location was moved to 300 N 4500 W, and a frame building was constructed. It was used for a couple of years before a third schoolhouse was built at 1300 N 4700 W. This school remained in use for about 16 years. The "fourth schoolhouse" was then built and opened on December 1, 1911, at the site where West Point Elementary currently stands. It was a fantastic building for its time, teaching grades 1-8 in four rooms with two grades per room. Over the years, 7th and 8th grades were eventually moved to junior high. There was no plumbing in the school until 1925 when a well was drilled and restrooms were added. Additions were made to the school in 1957, 1963, 1965, and 1974. In 1996, 84 years after it first opened, the school was torn down and replaced with a completely new building.

West Point continued to grow and, in 1999, Lakeside Elementary was added to our great city. These two schools have served our children wonderfully for the past 25 years, with expansions and portable classrooms being added to accommodate the growth in attendance over the years. Monticello Academy then opened its doors in 2019, and has been an amazing addition to West Point. However, we have still been busting at the seams to fit all the students in. Relief is finally here!

On August 15, 2024, Island View Elementary School will open its doors as the fourth operating elementary school in West Point City. For those who have not visited the west part of our city recently, it is located at 385 S 4500 W. It is a beautiful, state-of-the-art building that will serve our community for decades to come.

A new sidewalk is currently under construction in the area to provide a safe route for kids to get to the school. Please exercise added caution when traveling through this area during school hours. There will be more pedestrian traffic, with new crosswalks and school zones added to 4500 W and surrounding intersections. The opening of the SR-193 extension to 4500 W will also add additional traffic. Again, be aware and alert as you travel through this area and all streets surrounding our schools.

We live in a time and place filled with wonderful comforts and opportunities, and education is one of those blessings that shouldn't be taken for granted. The freedom to choose and attend the school of our choice is truly special, and its significance is not lost on me. Admittedly, this realization came to me later in life; I had to gain wisdom before I could truly appreciate the value of education. Today, I am deeply grateful for the incredible teachers and professors who have shaped my life, and I doubt they fully understand the profound impact they have had on me.

As we start this new school year, I wish all our students, teachers, administrators, school staff, crossing guards, bus drivers, and parents the absolute best. May this be your best school year yet! *-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

A	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
U					01	02	03
G	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
U			City Council 6 PM		Planning Commission 6 PM		
S	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
T			Senior Lunch 11:30 AM <b>CANCELLED</b> Loy Blake Park			Movie In The Park - Dusk	
2	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
0			City Council 6 PM		Planning Commission 6 PM		
2	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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## COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER...

- 2: Labor Day - Closed
- 3: City Council - 6 PM
- 10: Senior Lunch - 11:30 AM
- 12: Planning Commission - 6 PM
- 17: City Council - 6 PM
- 26: Planning Commission - 6 PM

## Code Enforcement Message

### 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 for 48 hours, trees that block traffic signs or hang over the street and sidewalks, basketball standards in City street, 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 contract 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 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)



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West Point City, Utah

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westpointcityutah



SENIOR LUNCH  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH @ 11:00 AM

CANCELLED

GRILLED GRASSHOPPER, LEMON RICE, GREEK SALAD, PITA, AND DESSERT

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

## Community Events

**DAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME**

AUGUST 5, 2024  
6 - 8 PM  
LOY BLAKE PARK  
WEST POINT, UT

**DEMONSTRATIONS, ACTIVITIES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES & HOT DOGS**

**WEST POINT CITY'S SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK**

LOY BLAKE PARK:  
550 N 3500 W WEST POINT

**FRIDAY AUGUST 16**

MOVIE BEGINS @ DUSK | FUN ACTIVITIES & GAMES

CHECK OUT THE FARMERS MARKET FOOD TRUCKS HAPPENING THAT NIGHT TO GRAB A BITE TO EAT BEFORE THE MOVIE!

CAILEY FLEMING RYAN REYNOLDS JOHN KRASINSKI

**IF**

**WEST POINT FARMERS MARKET**

**May to September Every Friday 5 - 9pm**

Loy Blake Park  
550 N 3500 W West Point

**YOUTH COUNCIL 2024 - 2025**

Join the West Point City Youth Council & help shape the future! It's a fantastic opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation for public service through active leadership - all while having a great time & proving you can do more than just take out the trash!

REGISTER NOW

**West Point City Splash Pad Hours**

Open daily from 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
(closed Sundays)  
Memorial Day - Labor Day  
3700 W 520 N

## 2024 ART CONTEST WINNERS



**ELEMENTARY DIVISION:**  
"WEST POINT PATRIOTIC POT"  
BY: HAILEY PRICE

**JR HIGH DIVISION:**  
"BUSY LIFE"  
BY: NATALIE MCCARREY

**HIGH SCHOOL / ADULT DIVISION:**  
"PINK PARADISE"  
BY: NOEL POST

**Chalk Art Festival**

SEPTEMBER 28TH

Register for your spot online at  
[www.westpointcity.org/wpac](http://www.westpointcity.org/wpac)

\$10 per square, includes a 24 piece pastel set

To be held at the city splashpad and surrounding sidewalk areas behind West Point Elementary and Loy Blake Park

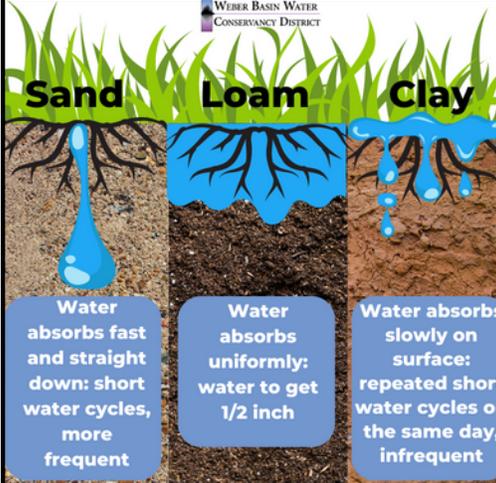
**STARTING AUGUST 1,  
THE MONTHLY COST FOR REGULAR  
GARBAGE CANS WILL INCREASE  
FROM \$13.50 TO \$13.80**

THIS INCREASE IS PART OF A YEARLY COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT INITIATED BY ACE DISPOSAL.

WE UNDERSTAND PRICE INCREASES ARE NOT ALWAYS WELCOME NEWS; WE ALSO REALIZE THAT YOU ALL FEEL THE PRESSURE OF PRICE INCREASES EVERYWHERE. HOWEVER, THIS ADJUSTMENT WILL HELP ACE KEEP THEIR OPERATIONS RUNNING SMOOTHLY SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE TO OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!



WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



**Sand**  
Water absorbs fast and straight down: short water cycles, more frequent

**Loam**  
Water absorbs uniformly: water to get 1/2 inch

**Clay**  
Water absorbs slowly on surface: repeated short water cycles on the same day, infrequent

**FREE DIY WATER AUDIT KITS**



**LEARN**

- How long you need to water each zone to get 1/2 inch per watering
- How evenly your lawn is getting watered and where you can improve

WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Pickup at 2837 E. Highway 193, Layton  
Mon-Fri 8am-4pm  
(801) 771-1677

## Recreation

### JR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Registration:

**August 1 - September 8**

Cost: \$70

Grade: 7th - 9th



### VOLLEYBALL (CO-ED)

Registration:

**Aug 1 - Sept 1**

Cost: \$50

Grade: 4th - 9th



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

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

## West Point Military Memorial



At the close of a recent meeting I attended, the accompanist elected to play The Star Spangled Banner, our National Anthem, as a postlude. Maybe not the best choice, but still, reflective of her patriotism. I thank her for that. As the only person present who seemed to be aware of the playing--as I was the only one at attention--it gave me pause to consider maybe there is a general lack of understanding of what the music represents. US Code Title 36 Sec 301 - National Anthem - clearly dictates in Subsection (b) "Conduct During Playing" how we each should act when our National Anthem is played:

(1) When the flag is displayed--

- (A) Members in uniform should give the military salute...; (B) Members of the armed forces and veterans not in uniform may render the military salute...; and  
(C) All others should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart...

(2) When the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

These are also the basic rules for rendering honors to the flag. Maybe I should also have saluted, thus becoming more conspicuous and an invitation to others to render honors. I apologize for having been recalcitrant in my duties. But maybe, just maybe, we have all learned from this experience. - Marv Drake, Committee Chair

LOY BLAKE PARK 3500 W 550N

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE 801-825-5321



### Healthy Tip of the Month...Water Safety!

Why Is Water Safety So Important? **Because it only takes a moment.** A child or weak swimmer can drown in the time it takes to reply to a text, check a fishing line or apply sunscreen. Death and injury from drownings happen every day in home pools and hot tubs, at the beach or in oceans, lakes, rivers and streams, and even around the house or yard in bathtubs, buckets, and small ditches.

Take these sensible precautions when you're around water (even if you're not planning to swim):



- Know your limitations, including physical fitness, medical conditions.
- Never swim alone; swim with lifeguards and/or water watchers present.
- Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket appropriate for your weight, size and activity. Always wear a life jacket while boating, regardless of swimming skill.
- Swim sober.
- Understand the dangers of hyperventilation and hypoxic blackout.
- Know how to call for help.
- Understand and adjust for the unique risks of the water environment you are in, such as: river currents, ocean rip currents, water temperature, shallow or unclear water, underwater hazards (such as vegetation and animals) and so on.

\*From the American Red Cross

WEST POINT CITY HALL | 3200 W 300 N  
801-776-0970

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY  
801-628-6181