



SEPTEMBER 2024

WEST POINT CITY

Official City Newsletter

Mayor's Message

Since becoming Mayor, I've learned a lot about the inner workings of our state government. I truly believe they are working hard for the betterment and benefit of its citizens. I've also learned that cooperation and collaboration are essential for a city to succeed and thrive. The state has many organizations and departments dedicated to assisting us and making the state more efficient.

Sometimes, it doesn't feel that way—I get that. Take the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), for example, which is responsible for developing, maintaining, repairing, and managing state roads. Nearly all cities have state roads within their boundaries, which are part of the City's official Transportation Master Plan. Residents often don't realize when they're traveling on a city road versus a state road. Sometimes it's obvious (think freeways and highways), and sometimes it's not (think the west half of 300 N and all of 4500 W). We must work hand in hand with UDOT on these roads, but we have no jurisdiction over them.

At times, issues arise that need addressing. A recent example of this would be the new elementary school that was built at the intersection of two state roads. West Point City has been working with UDOT for over a year to ensure sidewalks are in place, crosswalks are created, and school zones are established for the safety of children walking to the new school. We've had multiple meetings and submitted all requested information to ensure these safety standards are met. While I agree it would be simpler and more efficient for the City to control these matters, that's not how it is.

We have requested—no, pleaded—for a light to be placed at the corner of SR-193 and 4500 West. I believe it's warranted and trust that UDOT will soon agree and install one. With the increase in traffic due to the opening of the western SR-193 extension, it's imperative to maintain good traffic flow, and for the safety of the children and parents crossing there, it's essential. We will continue to work with them to make this happen.

In recent weeks, multiple discussions have been happening about crosswalks in the city, especially for the children as they travel to and from the schools. We have amazing crossing guards that help our school children and parents get to school and home safely. Their job is one that is most crucial and essential. It is also one that is very enjoyable - just ask one of them! With that being said, we are ALWAYS in need of additional help in this area. It is a great job with the city that brings joy to all. Please, if you have the time and ability, consider submitting an application to be a crossing guard. Even if you can't commit to every day, apply to be an alternate to fill in when you can – any and all are needed. You will not regret doing it!

Even as amazing as the crossing guards are, they cannot be everywhere. As parents and guardians of more than 2,500 students in West Point City elementary schools, it is important to remind them to not cross any road outside of the designated crosswalk areas. Safe routes have been established for their safety but, again, we are only able to help protect them if they follow the rules, too. Thank you for your help with this!

Again, I appreciate hearing from you about this. We will continue to work hard to improve where we can to make things better for all.

-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

S	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
E	01	02 Labor Day Closed	03 City Council 6 PM	04	05	06	07 9/11 Day of Service: Planting in the Park 8:30 am Loy Blake Park
P	08	09	10 Senior Lunch 11:30 AM Loy Blake Park	11	12 Planning Commission 6 PM	13	14
T	15	16	17 City Council 6 PM	18	19 Flu Clinic 3:30-5:30 PM	20	21
E	22	23	24	25	26 Planning Commission 6 PM	27	28 Chalk Art Festival 5 - 7 PM
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COMING UP IN OCTOBER...

1: City Council - 6PM
3: Cemetery Cleaning
8: Senior Lunch - 11:30 AM

10: Planning Commission - 6 PM
15: City Council - 6 PM
24: Planning Commission - 6 PM

26: Halloween Carnival - 6 PM

Code Enforcement Message

Get Ready For Winter

Early fall is a busy time for all of us; gardens need to be put away for winter, sprinklers need to be drained and repaired, fall fertilizer needs to be applied, lawn toys put away, and the list goes on. I want to remind residents of West Point City to look at your trees, especially those growing in park strips, and cut them back so that vehicles can pass and pedestrians can walk on the sidewalks. This is especially important to those of you who live on the streets that children use to walk back and forth to school. If a tree creates a line of sight issue, it is very dangerous for young children who might not be paying attention. Weeds can also become a problem for our school kids. Goat heads puncture bike tires and stick to the soles of shoes as they walk on sidewalks. Please look at your property and keep weeds cut back from sidewalks so that our kids do not have walk around them into the street.

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

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



WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE:

Syracuse & West Point

An elevated number of mosquito pools have tested positive for the West Nile Virus. For more info and current conditions, visit the Mosquito Abatement District-Davis website at www.davismosquito.org or scan the QR code.



Protect Yourself & Your Family Against Mosquito Bites!

- Use insect repellent with DEET
- Remove standing water near your home
- Avoid being outside or wear long pants/sleeves from dusk to dawn.



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SENIOR LUNCH
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 11:30 AM
LOY BLAKE PARK

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

MENU:
HAMBURGERS, CHIPS, CORN ON THE COB, AND DESSERT

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

Community Events

Chalk Art Festival
SEPTEMBER 28TH

Register for your spot online at
www.westpointcity.org/wpac

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

Open to the public for food trucks and entertainment from 5pm-7pm. Come vote for your favorites!

To be held at the city splashpad and surrounding sidewalk areas

West Point
9/11
National Day of Service & Remembrance

Planting at the Park

September 7
 8:30am
 Loy Blake Park
 550 N 3500 W
 bring your gloves and shovels

**West Point Jr High
 Teen Center Donations**

<p>Individual servings of oatmeal packets mac and cheese cups applesauce pouches granola bars cookie variety pack slim jims/beef sticks/jerky sandwich crackers poptarts \$10 giftcards (Walmart, McDonalds, etc)</p>	<p>Dinner Packs: Pasta with Red Sauce 1 lb. package of pasta 1 can chicken 1 jar pasta sauce</p> <p>Chili Mac and Cheese 1 box Mac and Cheese 1 can evaporated milk 1 can chili</p>
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<p>Drop off locations:</p>	<p>Mary Wolford 564 N 2750 W West Point</p>	<p>Julie Roberts 1768 N 4325 W West Point</p>	<p>West Point City Bldg 3200 W 300 N West Point</p>
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ILLUMINATION

A FREE community event that focuses on what we can do daily to support our mental health and well-being

<p>Food Trucks Live Entertainment Activity Booths</p>	<p>Resource Booths Keynote Speaker Fireworks</p>
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 Guest Artist EJ MICHELS	 SELFIE Method Workshop CASEY PEHRSON	 Keynote Speaker BRANDON SULSER
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07 SEPT 2024 TIME 5:00 PM

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North Davis Project Illumination

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ILLUMINATION

Calling All Volunteers!
September 7, 2024
 Founder's Park, Syracuse, UT

Various time slots available on Saturday and Sunday

SIGN UP AT
www.projectillumination.org/volunteer


**COMPLETE CEMETERY
CLEANING**
 THURSDAY
OCTOBER 3RD
 ALL ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED BY OCTOBER 2ND
 REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE DISCARDED.
 ITEMS MAY BE REPLACED STARTING OCTOBER 4TH



 Council Chambers
 3200 West 300 North

FLU CLINIC
Thursday
September 19th
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
 ✓ Flu shots
 ✓ Children 6 months & up
 ✓ Proof of insurance is required at time of visit.
 Community Nursing Services is contracted to directly bill the following insurances:
 Aetna, Ameriben, Blue Cross (no blue option), Direct Care Administrators, DMBA, Educators Mutual, GEHA, Meritain, Molina, Molina Marketplace, Oxford Health Plan, PEHP, Select Health, United Health Care, University of Utah, UMR, Tall tree Administrators, Tricare, WISE Network, CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare Part B and most Medicare Advantaged Plans.

Recreation

JR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Registration:
August 1 - September 8
 Cost: \$70
 Grade: 7th - 9th



JR JAZZ BASKETBALL
 Registration:
September 25 - October 31
 Cost: \$60-\$70
 Season: Dec 2- March 15
 (1st-6th Grade Girls)
 (1st-8th Grade Boys)

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

Register for all activities online @ www.westpointcity.org

West Point Military Memorial



On July 16, 1945, scientists working at Los Alamos, NM, detonated the world's first atomic weapon, mounted on a tall tower near Alamogordo, NM. Upon receiving the report of the success of the experiment, President Truman broadcast a message extracted from the earlier Potsdam Conference, calling for Japan's immediate surrender. He promised "prompt & utter destruction" if they failed to respond. Unknown to the Allies, the Japanese Warlords were planning one more, all out and decisive attack which would so devastate the American and allied forces that the great losses would prompt from us a plea to end the war, thus allowing the Japanese the opportunity to dictate terms more beneficial to them.

Receiving no response to his ultimatum, Truman authorized the use of the atomic bomb on the industrial city of Hiroshima. The weapon was dropped on August 6, 1945 and yielded an explosive force of about 13 kilotons of dynamite, which completely devastated the city. Hiroshima was selected because of its importance to the Japanese war effort and because it was situated in a river valley which would help contain the blast. Three days later the second weapon was dropped. The primary target was the large munitions factory at Kokura, Japan, but when they found the city obscured by smoke they turned to the alternate target, Nagasaki.

Six days later on the 15th of August, citing the devastating power of a "new and most cruel bomb," Emperor Hirohito, in a radio broadcast to his people, announced his country's surrender. Details of the change of power had to be worked out so the official date of surrender was much later - on the 2nd of September, an eight man delegation of Japan's leadership was ushered on board the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, where they signed the official surrender document. This was then countersigned by representatives of all the Allied nations who had, except for Russia, battled their way across the Pacific and up from New Guinea, culminating in this historic event.

Thus ended World War II (...and began the Cold War. But that's another story). - Marv Drake, Committee Chair

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

Healthy Tip of the Month...Embrace Healthy Aging!



Caring for our bodies, minds, and spirits benefits us at every stage of life. As we age, it's essential for maintaining a good quality of life. The sooner we adopt healthy habits, the better we'll feel in the years to come!

- EAT WELL:** A balanced diet reduces the risk of age-related diseases and keeps both our bodies and minds sharp as we age.
- STAY ACTIVE:** Regular exercise not only enhances mobility but also gives our brains a vital boost, which becomes increasingly important as we get older.
- PRIORITIZE MENTAL WELL-BEING:** Managing stress is crucial, as chronic stress can harm both your brain and body. If you're facing mental health challenges, don't hesitate to seek help—there are plenty of resources available!
- FOSTER CONNECTIONS:** Loneliness and social isolation can negatively impact your physical, emotional, and cognitive health. Strengthen social ties by staying connected with friends and family, volunteering, and engaging with your community.

This month, let's prioritize our overall well-being to feel better and live longer!