



OCTOBER 2024

# WEST POINT CITY

Official City Newsletter

## Mayor's Message

This month, I'd like to start with a giant THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the National Day of Service at Loy Blake Park last month. We had an incredible turnout, and thanks to the many helping hands, we were able to complete the project smoothly and quickly. Together, we planted 30 trees at the park, ensuring beauty and shade for generations to come. I know those who enjoy the ball diamonds, fields, and family celebrations will be forever grateful.

Another great event from last month was the opening of the Teen Living Center, a collaboration with the Davis School District and the Davis Foundation. While the facility is in Layton, it serves surrounding communities, including our own West Point City. The center provides homeless students with a safe place to sleep and find refuge during this rough time of their life. In a world that most times feels divided, it was inspiring to see such strong partnerships come together for this important cause. Students staying at the Teen Living Center are required to be enrolled in school, maintain grades, participate in extracurricular activities, and contribute positively to society. If you know someone who could benefit from this resource, please encourage them to reach out to their school counselors for assistance.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Fall Cleanup:** October 10-12th. The fall cleanup event is a great opportunity to prepare our yards for winter.
- **Halloween Carnival:** Join us on October 26 from 6-8 PM at the Junior High for our Halloween Carnival! This is put on by our West Point Youth Council and Royalty. Bring your little ones and a canned food item to donate to those in need.
- **General Election:** This year's election includes state and national offices. Watch for your ballot in the mail soon. I encourage everyone to take the time to research the candidates and exercise your right to vote. We are fortunate to live in a country founded on the principle of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Let's honor that legacy by participating.
- **Senior Lunches:** Don't miss out on the best lunch in town! Our senior lunches are held every second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM. RSVP early for this popular event cooked and served by our own recreation and city staff.

For additional information on city happenings, please visit our website and/or follow us on social media. You can also sign up for notifications, so you don't miss events important to you, or the funny posts created by our staff!

Lastly, I would like to personally thank those that have attended our City Council and Planning Commission meetings and participated in the meetings by being present and for those that shared comments. Your engagement contributes in shaping the future of West Point. We remain committed to preserving the quality of life we all cherish as our city continues to grow.

*-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  |
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|   | 06  | 07                           | 08<br>Senior Lunch<br>11:30 AM<br>City Hall | 09  | 10<br>Planning<br>Commission<br>6 PM | 11<br>Fall Clean-Up 10th-12th | 12   |
|   | 13  | 14<br>Columbus Day<br>Closed | 15<br>City Council<br>6 PM                  | 16  | 17                                   | 18                            | 19   |
|   | 20  | 21                           | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Planning<br>Commission<br>6 PM | 25                            | 26<br>Halloween<br>Carnival<br>WP Jr High<br>6 - 8PM |
|   | 27  | 28                           | 29  | 30  | 31                                   |                               |  |

### COMING UP IN NOVEMBER...

5: General Election Day  
11: Veterans Day - Closed  
12: Senior Lunch - 11:30 AM

14: Planning Commission - 6 PM  
19: City Council - 6 PM  
28-29: Thanksgiving - Closed

## Code Enforcement Message

### WINTER PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL

With winter just around the corner, our Public Works employees are preparing to keep our roads clear of snow and ice. Their efforts will help make our commutes easier and keep our streets safer. We also need your help to make sure snow removal can be accomplished in the safest and most efficient manner. West Point City Code 10.05.50 (H)(3) prohibits the parking of any vehicle, trailer, recreational vehicle, etc, on streets between the hours of 1 AM -6 AM beginning November 1st and continuing until March 1st. Because of the obstruction that vehicles parked on the road cause for plowing, vehicles can even be towed at the owner's expense. Please also be aware that pushing or blowing snow onto public streets is strictly prohibited. As you clear snow, please ensure that it stays on your property. Your cooperation in helping the City handle another winter is greatly appreciated.

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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**SENIOR LUNCH**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH @ 11:30 AM**  
**CITY HALL**

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

**MENU:**  
**BEEF POT ROAST, POTATOES, GLAZED CARROTS, WHEAT BREAD & DESSERT**

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

**WEST POINT ARTS COUNCIL** 

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

**OCTOBER** **WPAC Christmas Caroling Group -**  
 Ages 15+ welcome to join. Rehearsals held every Wednesday from 8-9pm at City Hall. We will be performing at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and other community events!

**Native Flute Group -**  
 Every 1st & 3rd Thurs, 6:30-8pm at City Hall.

**NOVEMBER** **11/8 Paint Night! 6pm at City Hall**  
 Ages 14+, \$20 per person includes supplies and guided instruction. Register online.

Caroling rehearsals continued, every Wed 8pm  
 Native Flute continued, 1st & 3rd Thurs 6:30pm

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

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**



  
**FALL CLEAN-UP**  
**OCTOBER 10-12**

DUMPSTERS WILL BE AT EACH CITY PARK ON  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 10TH - SATURDAY, OCT 12TH**  
 \*LOY BLAKE PARK\*BINGHAM PARK\*EAST PARK\*

**DO NOT PILE GARBAGE OUTSIDE OF THE DUMPSTERS!**

IF DUMPSTERS ARE FULL, PLEASE TRY ANOTHER LOCATION.  
 DUMPSTERS WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY EMPTIED. DROP OFF  
 AVAILABLE STARTING AT 7:00 AM ON FRIDAY AND WILL END  
 ON SATURDAY AT 8:00 PM.

  
 NO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL,  
 CONCRETE, TIRES, ETC.



The Swearing-In of the 2024-2025 Youth Council took place at the City Council Meeting on September 3rd, 2024. Meet this year's Youth Council!

**ADVISORS:**  
 Jim Spangler and Shari Byers.

**YC OFFICERS:**

Grace Price, Mayor; Abigail Spangler, Mayor Pro Tem; Brooklyn Woodworth, City Manager; Beckett Ray, City Recorder; Ryker Wallace, City Recorder; Allyson Phillips, City Treasure; Jacob Orton, City Historian

**YC MEMBERS:**

Abigail Laws, Annie Davis, Aubrey Byers, Ben McCourt, Brynlee Hymas, Cambree Shakespear, Caroline Loder, Casen Byers, Corban Tobler, Corbin Ray, Hannah Laws, Josh Williams, Joshua Laws, Karlee Price, Kyden Blake, Luke Williams, Madi Hawkins, Maile Peterson, Matea Peterson, Mattilyn Slater, Rachel Beaman, Taylee Vincent and Teagan Tobler.

**FOOD TRUCKS!**

JOIN OUR  
 MISS WEST POINT ROYALTY  
**FREE**

**Halloween** GAMES!  
**Carnival**

**PRIZES!**

OCT. 26TH | 6:00-8:00 P.M.

West Point Jr. High School Gymnasium  
 2775 W. 550 N.   
 West Point, Utah 84015 **CONTESTS!!**

BRING A CAN OF FOOD TO DONATE  
 TO OUR LOCAL TEEN CENTERS

  
 Thank you for the generous support of our community sponsors!

## WEST POINT ARTS COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

Come join our NEW singing group! For ages 15+  
Performances include the Tree Lighting Ceremony in  
December and other community events.

**Practices will be held every Wednesday in October and  
November from 8pm-9pm at the City Hall.**

JOIN WPAC BAND APP  
FOR MORE INFO!



With the arrival of fall, we start to think about the holiday season. Here at City Hall, we're excited to host the "Angel Tree" again this year! Your response last year was wonderful and heartwarming. We hope you'll plan now to make participating in the Angel Tree part of your holidays by helping children in need.

Please watch for additional information to come!

Let's make this season the jolliest and brightest!



## Recreation



### 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, Jen Brown or Kelli Hughes  
@ 801-776-0970 for questions regarding Recreation Programs!



We are excited to welcome Kelli Moss Hughes, a native of West Point City, to the West Point Recreation team as our newest Recreation Coordinator. Kelli brings a deep connection to the community & a passion for enhancing local recreational programs. Her experience & dedication will be a great asset for our programs. Welcome to the team, Kelli!

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

## West Point Military Memorial

Last month I ended my article with a cryptic "But that's another story." Well, here is a portion of that "other" story. I have tried to cover the whole story but details cannot be included in the space I have.

The label, Cold War, was first used in 1947 by the British author George Orwell, which was echoed by Bernard Baruch, the eminent advisors to presidents, in 1949. The term refers to what has been described as an "ideological and geopolitical struggle for global influence." While the timing for the start of the Cold War is most frequently attributed to a policy announced in 1947, generally referred to as the Truman Doctrine. Then in 1949 the signatories of that document—the Western Bloc—formed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) which was primarily a defensive agreement. In 1955 Russia formed the Warsaw Pact which had the same purported goals but for the Eastern Bloc nations.

The theory was that the defensive posture of both sides would preclude a "hot war" with the use of arms. Many of the events of the Cold War were just that, although some came close to shots fired. For instance the Berlin Blockade, which we opposed with massive airlifts, and the Cuban Missile Crises which we opposed with the threat of arms. Some actually did involve shooting wars. How about the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, the confrontations in the Middle East, and other similar wars.

The actual history of the Cold War itself really began prior to the fall of Japan when Russia invaded Manchuria. As WWII wound down Russia also absorbed many of the smaller nations of eastern Europe and Western Asia. The Cold War end is generally considered to be the fall of that massive conglomerate of the USSR in 1991 and the destruction in 1992 of the Berlin Wall which had been a physical barrier between East and West. However, a permanent detent was not established and in many ways, a cold war still exists.

On a different note, remember the Veterans Day/Armistice Day commemoration on 11 November at 1100 am, at the Memorial, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, meet at City Hall. A sign will be posted at the Memorial. - Marv Drake, Committee Chair



LOY BLAKE PARK 3500 W 550N

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE 801-825-5321

### Healthy Tip of the Month...Children's Health Awareness Month

This month let's come together to prioritize the well-being of our children with some practical tips to foster healthier habits for our little ones.

- **Balanced Nutrition is Key:** Ensure your child's diet includes a colorful variety of healthy foods and avoid excessive sugary snacks and beverages, which can lead to obesity and dental problems.
- **Stay Active Together:** Children should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Encourage activity and join in to make exercise fun and engaging for the whole family.
- **Prioritize Mental Health:** Emotional well-being is just as important as physical health. Foster open communication and provide a supportive environment which encourages your child to express their feelings. Be mindful of any signs of stress or anxiety and don't be afraid to seek help.
- **Teach Hygiene Habits:** Promote good hygiene practices such as regular handwashing, to prevent the spread of illnesses and infections, especially during colder months.
- **Foster Healthy Screen Time Habits:** Set limits on screen time and encourage a balance between digital activities and other forms of play. Engage in interactive and educational activities that stimulate creativity and learning.

Let's make this October a month of positive change for our kids, ensuring they have the best start towards a healthy and happy future!