



FEBRUARY 2025

# WEST POINT CITY

*Official City Newsletter*

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

February marks a special time for reflection and celebration as we honor two meaningful occasions: President's Day and Valentine's Day. While they may seem quite different, both holidays remind us of the values that strengthen our community and bring us closer together.

President's Day invites us to reflect on the leadership and vision of those who have shaped our country — leaders like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Their legacies remind us that leadership is not just about making decisions; it's about creating a future where all can thrive, and we see these same values — unity, service, vision, and courage—alive in West Point. Whether its neighbors stepping up to help each other, volunteers giving their time, or parents teaching their children to lead with kindness, leadership in our community thrives in many forms.

Valentine's Day, on the other hand, highlights the power of love and connection. Beyond the traditional expressions of affection, it's a reminder to cherish the relationships that enrich our lives—with family, friends, and other loved ones. It's also a chance to extend kindness and compassion to others, making our city a warmer, more welcoming place for all.

As we embrace these two celebrations, let's remember how leadership and love work hand in hand. Great leadership is rooted in care and empathy, and love gains strength when guided by purpose and responsibility. Together, these values create a community where everyone feels supported and valued.

This February, I encourage each of us to find ways to embody these ideals. Take a moment to celebrate the leaders in our lives—teachers, coaches, parents, and friends—who quietly lead with compassion and integrity. Maybe volunteer for a local project, show appreciation to someone who has made a difference in your life, or simply offer a kind word to a neighbor. These actions, big or small, make West Point the extraordinary city that we are proud to call home. Thank you for being part of what makes West Point so special. Your contributions, both big and small, build the spirit of our community, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

I wish you a Happy President's Day and meaningful Valentine's Day filled with warmth and connection.

*-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
F E B R U A R Y							01
	02	03	04 City Council 6 PM	05	06	07 WPAC Dance Lessons	08
	09	10	11 Senior Lunch 11:30 AM City Hall	12	13 Planning Commission 6 PM	14 	15 WPAC Valentine's Dance
	16	17 Presidents Day - Closed	18 City Council 6 PM	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27 Planning Commission 6 PM	28	

### COMING UP IN MARCH...

4: City Council - 6 PM  
 13: Planning Commission - 6 PM  
 18: Senior Lunch - 11:30 AM

18: City Council - 6 PM  
 27: Planning Commission - 6 PM

## CODE ENFORCEMENT MESSAGE

### **BASKETBALL STANDARDS IN STREETS**

During the early spring months when the snow starts to recede from the streets, we see an increase in the number of basketball standards set out on curbs so that the City street can be used as a basketball court. This practice presents a serious danger both to those people playing basketball and to the vehicles driving there.

West Point City Code Chapter 12.05.30 states:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, construct or maintain any building, structure or obstruction, any part of which shall extend on, over or beneath the property platted or dedicated to the city for street or sidewalk purposes, or to obstruct travel thereon in any manner, except as herein provided."

**Please be aware of this dangerous practice and do not set up basketball standards in the street.**

We appreciate your help in keeping West Point a safe and pleasant place to live.

Please contact Bruce Dopp, Code Enforcement Officer, at 801-776-0970 or [bdopp@westpointutah.gov](mailto:bdopp@westpointutah.gov)  
 Complaints may also be submitted via the City website at [www.westpointutah.gov](http://www.westpointutah.gov)



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK @  
 West Point City, Utah

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @  
 westpointcityutah



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

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

**MENU:**  
**WAFFLES W/BUTTERMILK SYRUP, SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON, FRUIT & DESSERT**

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

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**MISS WEST POINT**  
**2025 SCHOLARSHIP**  
**PAGEANT**  
*Stay Golden*

**WHY JOIN ?**

This is more than just a pageant—it's a journey of self-discovery and empowerment. By signing up, you'll gain access to workshops that help build confidence, refine communication skills, showcase your unique talents, and develop lifelong tools for success. It's an opportunity to grow, shine, and embrace the best version of yourself!

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY 28TH**  
[www.westpointutah.gov/misswestpoint](http://www.westpointutah.gov/misswestpoint)

**ARTS COUNCIL**

please join us for a  
*Valentine's*  
**DANCE**

**DESSERT | LIVE MUSIC | DANCING**

COME DANCE WITH YOUR PARTNER TO **LIVE MUSIC**  
 FEATURING THE SYRACUSE CITY JAZZ BAND!

**\$10 PER COUPLE**    **AGES 16+**    **REGISTER ONLINE**

**FEB 15 7PM-9PM**

To be held at Monticello Academy  
 3110 W 300 N, West Point

Register online at [www.westpointutah.gov/wpac](http://www.westpointutah.gov/wpac)

**WEST POINT CITY'S**  
**PARTY**  
**AT THE**  
**POINT**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 4TH**

**CALLING ALL VENDORS**

**ATTENTION ALL FOOD AND MERCHANDISE VENDORS. JOIN US FOR WEST POINT'S EXCITING "PARTY AT THE POINT." REGISTRATION OPENS ON MARCH 1ST, 2025 AND SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO DON'T WAIT TO SECURE YOUR CHANCE TO BE PART OF AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY FILLED WITH COMMUNITY FUN AND CELEBRATION. WE CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE YOU THERE.**

**REGISTER ONLINE: [WWW.WESTPOINTUTAH.GOV](http://WWW.WESTPOINTUTAH.GOV)**

*Paint*  
*Your Partner*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST, 6:30-8:30PM**  
**HELD AT WEST POINT CITY HALL**

Grab a friend, spouse, sibling, or co-worker to come paint each other's portrait for a night of fun, laughter, and refreshments! \$15 per pair, includes supplies and treats!

Register today at [www.westpointutah.gov/wpac](http://www.westpointutah.gov/wpac)

# RECREATION

REGISTER FOR ALL ACTIVITIES ONLINE  
@ [WWW.WESTPOINTUTAH.GOV](http://WWW.WESTPOINTUTAH.GOV)

## SPRING SOCCER - CO-ED

Registration: Feb 1 - March 3  
Cost: \$50 (non-residents +\$10)  
Ages: Pre-K - 6th Grade  
Game Days  
Mon/Wed: 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th  
Tues/Thurs: Pre-K/K and 5th/6th  
(Loy Blake Park)



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



## February 2025 Classes

- 8 LOCALSCAPE UNIVERSITY**  
Feb 8, Saturday at 9am
- 20 CHEAP-SCAPES YARD RENOVATION ON A BUDGET**  
Feb 20, Thursday at 6:30pm
- 22 PRUNING TREES AND SHRUBS**  
Feb 22, Saturday at 9AM



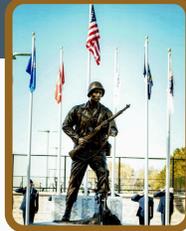
**Free Classes**  
[weberbasin.gov](http://weberbasin.gov)



For class times, details  
and to register, scan this code or visit:  
[www.weberbasin.gov/conservation/classcalendar](http://www.weberbasin.gov/conservation/classcalendar)



## WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL



“Laika” the dog was either a part-Samoyed breed from the official kennel or a stray Husky-Spitz mixed breed picked up from the streets of Moscow (depending on whether you accept the official Russian report or any number of the later “unofficial” reports), to become the involuntary subject of the first living being to fly an orbital space flight. She made her 1957 flight in a cramped capsule, which was hardly equipped for such a flight. In fact, the decision to fly Laika was made less than three weeks previously, following a directive from Premier Nikita Krushchev. Laika apparently succumbed within 9 hours after launch, dying from hyperthermia and lack of oxygen. But, in spite of her death, she still holds the distinction of being the first living creature to orbit the earth. Over the decades the petite pioneer has repeatedly found new life in popular culture long after her death and the fiery demise of her Soviet ship, Sputnik 2, which incinerated upon reentry into the Earth’s atmosphere 66 years ago. Sputnik 2, with the body of Laika still on board, made a total of 2,570 orbits of the earth.

The flight was as much a parody of Soviet technology as a scientific venture. Many of you may remember the pictures broadcast back to earth of little Laika moving in her combination space capsule/casket. These pictures probably did not come from space. What was never said at the time was that her space venture was never intended to be more than a one-way ride. There were no extended provisions to feed her and, certainly, no plans nor means to return her to earth.

There were many who had previously touted the accomplishment of placing a life in earth orbit, but soon after the details became known, many of these were highly critical of Russia’s complete disregard for the value of life, even the life of a little dog.

I, for one, have to marvel at the bravery of Yuri Gagarin, who just four years later would trust his Space Race Bounded nation to get him back in one piece, as he became the first human being in space. And, for what it’s worth, Yuri’s space ship, Vostok 1, was not a lot better than Laika’s. He only flew one orbit and control of the ship’s flight parameters was from the ground. The flight path was never high enough to raise concerns about over heating during the return and Yuri was not expected to complete the ride in Vostok 1 anyway. The ship’s parachutes deployed at around 30,000, and shortly thereafter, Gargarin was “ejected” (at 23,000 feet) to descend suspended below his own chute.

- Marv Drake, Committee Chair

LOY BLAKE PARK 3500 W 550N

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE 801-825-5321

## HEALTHY WEST POINT TIP OF THE MONTH...HEALTHY HEART:



February is National Heart Health Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of keeping our hearts healthy and preventing cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death worldwide. Our hearts work tirelessly, and caring for them is essential to overall well-being. To support heart health, focus on a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats while reducing sodium and processed foods. Regular physical activity, like walking, cycling, or swimming, strengthens the heart and improves circulation. Managing stress through mindfulness, getting adequate sleep, and avoiding tobacco use are also critical.



Additionally, staying informed about your blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and family health history can help identify and manage potential risks early. This month is a great reminder to adopt heart-healthy habits and encourage loved ones to do the same, ensuring a lifetime of better health.