



DECEMBER 2025

# WEST POINT CITY

*Official City Newsletter*

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

One of a City Council's key responsibilities is planning for the inevitable growth of the city while striving for the best outcomes as land is developed. This is not, by any means, an easy task – especially because the thought of future development can naturally lend to emotional and unsettling feelings of change for all of us. Our community has always valued our rich history of farming, a hometown feel, and strong neighbor connections. Many worry that development, particularly those with smaller lots, will change the character of West Point. That concern is understandable. However, I believe those characteristics that make us unique can continue across all housing options. It is the people that live here that make us who we are.

As we carefully plan for future residential development, we must acknowledge that across the state, particularly right here in Northern Utah, many face growing challenges in securing a place of their own and achieving home ownership. There are some limited options offered in nearby cities, but many young families, newly married couples, young adults gaining independence, and longtime residents hoping to downsize want to stay in the community they love. If we want West Point to remain a place where generations live near one another, we need to make sure realistic housing opportunities exist here.

We must also acknowledge that the direction we receive from the State of Utah is a significant factor that must be considered. Current state law requires every city to plan and provide for a range of attainable housing types and to show annual progress in meeting these expectations. If it doesn't, a city can lose important funding for roads and other essential infrastructure. One such requirement is that our General Plan must designate a variety of housing types for when, and if, future development of an area occurs. This long-term planning does not mean that every neighborhood will look alike, nor does it mean that housing density will appear in widespread fashion. It means that across the city as a whole, we must have a vision of how to provide space for different kinds of homes. We may not always agree with the approach taken at the state level, but we cannot ignore the consequences of failing to comply. Losing needed funding would affect every resident in West Point. We have a responsibility to adapt to these requirements in a way that prepares for coming growth, protects the quality of life of current residents, and maintains the identity and character of West Point into the future.

Even with these pressures, when proposals for developments are submitted, the goal is not to maximize density. When landowners bring forward proposals, we acknowledge they have the legal right to develop their property, but much thought and care is given to find a reasonable balance between those rights and the need for attainable homes, and the responsibility to allow growth that aligns with established plans and does not compromise the character of the community and what makes West Point unique.

I hope this insight on the challenges of growth we face as a city was helpful. It is an issue we will continue to face, but I promise that we will continue to put West Point first in all we do. I want to express sincere appreciation to our City Council for the thoughtful and demanding work and time they put into reviewing proposals, studying impacts, listening to residents, and weighing the consequences of every decision to make the best possible choices for West Point. I also wish to acknowledge and thank our Planning Commission. They, too, have a difficult charge and I am grateful for their similar devotion in providing thoughtful and carefully weighed recommendations to the City Council. Lastly, thank you to all who participate in these discussions. Your engagement strengthens the process and your voices help us make better decisions. West Point is a community that cares deeply about its future, and I am grateful for the trust you place in us as we move forward.

In closing, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! I hope you enjoy the holidays and time spent with loved ones.  
*-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

D	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
E		01 City Hall Lighting 5:30 PM 	02 City Council 6 PM	03	04	05	06 Child Remembrance Ceremony 7 PM 
C	07	08	09 Senior Lunch 11:30 AM  City Hall	10	11 Planning Commission 6 PM	12	13
E	14	15	16 City Council 6 PM	17	18	19 Cemetery Luminary 4 PM 	20
M	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Holiday - Closed 	26	27
B	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's - Closed 		
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## COMING UP IN JANUARY...

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| <u>1</u> : New Year's Day - Closed | <u>15</u> : Planning Commission - 6 PM |
| <u>6</u> : City Council - 6 PM     | <u>20</u> : City Council - 6 PM        |
| <u>13</u> : Senior Lunch 11:30 AM  | <u>29</u> : Planning Commission - 6 PM |

## CODE ENFORCEMENT MESSAGE

### WINTER CODE REMINDERS:

Each winter season, our Public Works employees put forth a huge effort to keep our streets plowed and safe for winter driving. We ask for your help to make this effort more efficient by refraining from parking on City streets and by keeping your trees trimmed so that plows can pass without causing damage to equipment or to your trees.

I have issued a few courtesy notices and have been able to visit with many of you. I have received excellent cooperation in removing vehicles and trimming trees to come into compliance with our Code. Many of you have also informed the City via our website of individuals who continue to park on the street. Thank you for your help in accomplishing this vital task. Davis County Sheriff's department is actively patrolling the City and will continue to issue citations for parking violations.



Please help do your part and keep West Point a beautiful and safe place to live!

Contact Bruce Dopp, Code Enforcement Officer,  
at 801-776-0970 or [bdopp@westpointutah.gov](mailto:bdopp@westpointutah.gov)

Complaints may also be submitted online at [www.westpointutah.gov](http://www.westpointutah.gov)



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**SENIOR LUNCH**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 11:30 AM**  
**CITY HALL**

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

**MENU:**  
**HAM, CHEESE POTATOES, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, JELLO SALAD & DESSERT**

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

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**ANGEL OF HOPE**  
*Child Remembrance Ceremony*  
 HELD EACH YEAR ON  
**DECEMBER 6**  
**@ 7 PM**  
 WEST POINT CITY CEMETERY - ANGEL OF HOPE MONUMENT

**CEMETERY LUMINARY**

**Volunteers Welcome!**  
 Join us at the cemetery on Friday  
 December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM to help place the  
 luminaries on all of the graves.

WEST POINT CITY CEMETERY  
 80 N 4000 W



Join us in spreading holiday cheer through our community's **Angel Tree!** Stop by City Hall and pick a tag or two. Each tag represents a child in need of a few special gifts this Christmas. Shop for your selected child and return the unwrapped items to City Hall by **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. All donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army to be distributed just in time for Christmas morning. What better way to embrace the spirit of the season than by making a child's holiday a little brighter?

Merry Christmas to you  
 all from everyone here at City Hall!

*Couples Dance Classes*

- Cost: \$40 per couple (includes dance admittance on February 13th)
- Where: Horizon Junior High Gym
- What: Swing Dance & Fox Trot
- When: Friday, January 9, 23, 30, February 6, from 7-8 pm.
- Final dance on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm with live music from the Syracuse City Jazz Band!

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

# RECREATION



Contact Karly Norwood, Jen Brown, or Kelli Hughes @ 801-776-0970 for questions regarding recreation.



Register for all activities online @ [www.westpointutah.gov](http://www.westpointutah.gov)

## WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

In 1941, the War Department (now Department of Defense) had a section in Washington DC dedicated to the detection and decoding of message traffic used by potential enemies. The Navy Department had a similar section with an off site sub-unit at the Pearl Harbor Naval Operating Base in Hawaii, which specialized in following Japanese messages. The Japanese encoded their messages in their diplomatic Code Purple, which they considered to be unbreakable. They continued using this code throughout WWII, not knowing that the US Navy unit at Pearl had been reading their coded traffic since 1940 or before.



The Japanese Prime Minister sent their Diplomatic Corps in DC a 14 part message – two and 1/2 pages of fine print – to be delivered to Cordell Hull, our Secretary of State. It was to have been decoded and delivered by 1:45 PM Washington time, which was 6:45 AM in Hawaii. It would seem that the intent of this warning of war was to prepare them for the surprise attack, which was at the time already on the way. However, of interest are the following facts: (1) Nowhere in the message is the term ‘war’ nor any reference to it; (2) The US Navy unit at Pearl Harbor had intercepted the message and decoded it on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> but seeing no threat had not yet forwarded it; and (3) Due to the apparent size of the message, decoding in the Japanese Embassy was delayed and the message was not delivered until 2:05 PM, ten minutes after the first bomb was dropped.

The last two sentences, as paragraphs, bemoaned the failure of American-Japanese efforts to promote the “peace of the Pacific,” and emphasizes that an agreement can apparently not be achieved “through further negotiations.” And though the attack fleet had sailed six days previously from a port in Northern Japan, there was still not in the message a suggestion of war (at least not in the mind of the United States).

LOY BLAKE PARK 3500 W 550 N

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MARV DRAKE 801-825-5321

## YOUTH COUNCIL

For Veterans Day, the Youth Council Members placed flags on the resting places of all the veterans in our West Point City Cemetery. While there, Sergeant Damon Wallace shared his personal experiences serving our country. Many have sacrificed, some giving their lives, to protect our freedoms. We honor and remember them, and all they have done for our nation.



THANK YOU  
to everyone who  
has served or  
is currently  
serving our country!



## HEALTHY WEST POINT FAMILIES

**December Theme: Shine Bright Together!**

*“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter”.*

**Activity:**

[City Hall Lighting Celebration](#)

**Challenge:**

The official kickoff, lighting the first community beacon. Families are invited to pledge a “Shine Bright Act” for the month.

[Child Remembrance Ceremony](#)

A moment to honor the light of children and loved ones who are no longer with us and support families who are healing.

[Cemetery Luminary](#)

Families “light the legacy” of ancestors or community members by placing luminaries at the grave sites.

**Resource:** [JustServe.org](http://JustServe.org)

