

WEST POINT CITY

NEWSLETTER

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Mayor

GARY PETERSEN
Council Member

JERRY CHATTERTON
Council Member

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Council Member

MICHELE SWENSON
Council Member

BRAD LEE
Council Member

KYLE LAWS
City Manager

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Administrative Session - 6 PM
General Session - 7 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Thursdays
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

West Point's monthly newsletter is something that I have looked forward to reading each month for many years. I have found it to be full of useful, interesting, and pertinent information and a great resource. I hope to be able to continue with that tradition and be able to share a message each month that is both informative and relevant to our city. I have not won any awards or been known for my writing skills, but I will do my best and try to focus on topics that hold an interest to all residents. That being said, if you have any ideas or suggestions on something you would like to know more about or think would be beneficial, please don't hesitate to send me an email or submit your ideas to City Hall. I won't claim to have all the answers or the best explanation immediately, but I promise you I will do my research and try to provide you with the answers and information you are seeking as soon as possible.

With that being said, there has been a hot topic around our city for a few months now regarding a potential annexation. Let me explain briefly about annexation in general terms. Annexation is a process of bringing a piece of unincorporated land into the boundaries of a city. Unincorporated land does not belong to any city, but is part of the respective county it is within. Annexation is desired by the landowners outside the city limits to have access to city-provided services, such as garbage disposal, sewer service, culinary and secondary water service, snowplowing, high speed internet access (in our case fiber internet), etc. Most, if not all, of these services are not usually offered by the county where the land is located. Also, if property owners want to develop their land, they may need to be annexed into a city in order to be able to do so due to a county's development restrictions. It is important to understand that the annexation process is initiated by land owner(s) and not a city or county. Although there are a few instances in which a city may initiate

an annexation, those are quite rare and apply to very specific situations.

Utah State Code governs the process of an annexation, and requires that an annexation petition be submitted that is signed by the property owner(s) that want to be annexed into the city. The city is not required to approve the petition, but it does have the obligation to evaluate the request. You may or may not have heard that an annexation petition has been submitted to West Point, and we are currently at the point of the process where affected property owners have been notified that a petition has been submitted and being considered. The area proposed for annexation is in the unincorporated part of Davis County that is outside the northwest corner of the City's boundaries.

This area has been a part of West Point City's Annexation Plan for decades. We knew this would be a future part of our city at some point. The application has been submitted to and certified by our city, simply meaning that the petition meets the requirements of State Code and that it qualifies to be considered for annexation. Currently, Clinton and some other residents in the unincorporated area of the proposed annexation have filed a protest to this. The protest period is a part of the process wherein any affected entities or owners of rural real property (defined as land larger than one acre, zoned primarily for agriculture, and does not have more than one residential unit per acre) can submit a protest to the annexation. Sometimes the protests are valid and sometimes they are not (i.e., their property is not included in the proposed annexation, their property does not qualify as rural real property, etc.). The protests are submitted to both Davis County and West Point, and will have to be considered by a Boundary Commission formed by the County. The Boundary Commission is a committee of elected officials and residents outside of West Point City and Clinton City. The Boundary Commission will have to evaluate the petition and protests, arguments for and against, and other concerns, and then will determine whether to approve the petition as submitted, remove some areas, or modify the proposed boundaries of the annexation. Forming a Boundary Commission is

quite a process in itself, and more information will come as this happens and protests are heard.

However, there are a few comments or questions that I feel need to be addressed and clarified for all of us:

1. West Point City did not initiate nor seek out this annexation.
2. West Point City does not gain any revenue from an annexation. The property and service taxes that would be collected are used to pay for the services the city would be obligated to provide if the area is annexed. In fact, the monies collected by most all cities do not cover all the costs of the city. This is where commercial sales tax is a benefit.
3. We are not forcing these residents and land owners to come into our City. The petitioners chose West Point as the city to incorporate into—but honestly, wouldn't you too?!
4. The land asked for consideration has not received any zoning, meaning no development type has been decided on or granted to any of the property.

5. And lastly, the residents in the unincorporated parts of Davis County do deserve the right to use their property how they would like, i.e., allowing their children to build a home on family property. A few years ago, Davis County changed the zoning of unincorporated area, prohibiting any homes to be built on property that is less than 10 acres in size. Therefore, an annexation into a city would be required if this is how they would like to use their property.

I realize that there is so much more to discuss and questions you may have. I would offer the opportunity to learn more about this through City Council and Planning Commission Meetings. Check the agendas posted on the City website for meetings when this will be discussed. You are also always invited to email me or call City Hall anytime with questions, comments or concerns. I hope this was informative and able to help provide some insight to this process and what is happening currently.

*Sincerely,
Mayor Brian Vincent*

CITY CALENDAR

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SENIOR LUNCH

Each month West Point City holds a lunch for Seniors 55 and older. The cost is \$2.00 per person and both residents and non-residents are welcome to join!

FEBRUARY 14TH
@ 11:30 AM

RSVP by February 11th
You must RSVP to reserve your spot!
Call City Hall at 801-776-0970
to let us know you are coming!

MENU
Waffles
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Fruit
Dessert

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YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

This month the West Point City Youth Council Officers, along with Mayor Vincent, had the opportunity to attend Local Officials Day with the Utah State Legislator at the Capitol. We learned about the importance of having a good flag, how Salt Lake City's new flag was created, and about the efforts of Utah's government to create a new State flag. We also had the awesome opportunity to meet with Karen Peterson, who is one of our legislative representatives. Representative Peterson gave us a short tour of the Capitol and explained to us the duties and role of being a State Legislator!

Be sure to enter the 2022 Essay Contest sponsored by the Youth Council!
Topic: "Why I Love My City"
See the Entry Form to the right for more information!

Thank you for your support of the West Point City Youth Council!

- Lydia Merrill



RESIDENT NEWS

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!

West Point is in need of Crossing Guards to help get kids to and from school safely. This position is a great way to earn some extra cash while giving back to your community. If you are interested, PLEASE APPLY or CONTACT City Hall for more information!

PET LICENSING NOW ONLINE!

Animal Care of Davis County now offers citizens the ability to register your pets online!



License your pet(s) at: www.daviscountyutah.gov/animalcare

Please note that pet licensing can no longer be done at City Hall. All licenses must now be processed through Animal Care of Davis County.



NO OVERNIGHT PARKING!

Don't forget that there is no overnight parking from November 1st to March 1st between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM

COMPLETE CEMETERY CLEANING

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

Please remove all items prior!

Please also be aware of our cemetery regulations regarding the decoration and maintenance of graves. As the weather starts to warm up, please help do your part to keep our cemetery the beautiful and sacred place that it should be.

Review our new regulations at www.westpointcity.org/cemetery or at this QR Code!



CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

BASKETBALL STANDARDS IN THE STREETS

During the early spring months, especially when the snow starts to melt on the curbs and the streets, we see an increase in the number of basketball standards set out on curbs so the City street can be used as a basketball court. This practice presents a serious danger both to the young 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 thank you for helping to keep West Point a safe and pleasant place to live!

Please call or email 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

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

The North Davis Communities that Care coalition is hosting a class for families starting in February. The coalition looked at the specific needs of our North Davis community, focusing on what puts our kids at risk for substance use and mental health problems. The coalition will be offering several programs & intervention tools shown to be effective in reducing these risk factors!

Strengthening Families will be held on Monday evenings from February 28 - April 18 (no class on April 4) at Syracuse Elementary. This class is ideal for families with children ages 10-14 and helps them learn to strengthen their relationships, communicate better, and resolve conflict in healthy ways. Free dinner, childcare for younger children, and prize giveaways (including gift cards) are provided at each session. Families do not have to have children at Syracuse Elementary to attend.



FREE SELF-PACED ONLINE CLASS

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Do you sometimes worry about your child's behavior or choices, wonder how they will handle peer pressure, or do you struggle to bond with them? Would you like to improve your family atmosphere or prevent conflict?

THE STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM CAN HELP!

Register at dbh.utah.org/prevention/families or by calling Angie Smith 801-336-1742



Sponsored by:
West Point Youth Council

2022 Essay Contest

TOPIC:
"Why I Love My City"

PURPOSE:
This contest is sponsored by the West Point City Youth Council to encourage all West Point City residents to recognize how fortunate we are to live here and for those residents to express their appreciation for and pride in West Point City!

ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- We encourage you to write an essay about our community as a whole or about your specific neighborhood. Describe what living here means to you and what makes it so great! Possible topics that could be discussed are the following:
 - Geography
 - Annual Events
 - Community Activities
 - Neighborhood Representation
 - Family History
 - People
 - Recreation Experiences
 - Parks
- The essays will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Content related to the community and the writer's views
 - The essay has logical development and ideas are clearly built on each other.
 - Correct usage of punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure, grammar, etc.
 - Descriptive quality
 - Writer voice (Does it sound age appropriate? If child is the writer, does it sound like a child wrote it and not a parent?)
- Each essay must be legible and have an entry form attached.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

If you are a Youth Council member or leader, please check this box.

AGE DIVISIONS

Elementary
Jr. High/High School/Adult

School: _____
Grade: _____
Teacher: _____
Parent's Name: _____

SUBMISSION

Please put your name on the application and not the essay. Winners will be notified by phone and announced at the City Council Meeting held on March 15th at 7:00 PM.

Essays are due to Emily Miller at emiller@westpointcity.org by 5:00 PM on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Winners will be chosen from both age groups: Elementary, Jr High - Adult

1ST PLACE:
\$45 Gift Card

2ND PLACE:
\$25 Gift Card

3RD PLACE:
\$15 Gift Card

REGISTER NOW!
www.dbh.utah.org/prevention/families

RECREATION

Contact Kelly Ross at 801-529-3352 or
 Karly Norwood at
 801-564-7701
 for more information on
 recreation activities!

CO-ED SPRING SOCCER



REGISTRATION:
 Feb. 1st - Mar. 6th

COST:
 \$40

AGE:
 Pre-K - 6th Grade

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.westpointcity.org/recreation

JR. JAZZ GAME NIGHT!

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH
 VS
 PHOENIX SUNS



WATER CONSERVATION

The West Point City Water Conservation Plan has recently been updated. To view the plan go to this website: <https://www.westpointcity.org/engineering>. Thanks for doing your part to conserve water. Here's to hoping for a good winter!

STORM WATER POLLUTION

The Davis County Storm Water Coalition is a group of city representatives, companies, and citizens collaborating together to improve the storm water quality in Davis County. The Coalition aims to improve and maintain Davis County's storm water quality because it directly impacts important bodies of water, such as the Great Salt Lake.

Together, the Coalition hopes to achieve mutual goals by sharing information and resources, educating the public, and coordinating activities in Davis County. The Coalition addresses all pollutants but focuses on pollution involving silt & sediment, construction waste, fertilizers, pesticides, oils & fuels, and trash & debris.

For more information about storm water, household hazardous waste, or pollution prevention, or to find contact information for your city storm water representative, follow this QR code or go to the following website: <http://www.co.davis.ut.us/publicworks/storm-water-coalition>

Thank you for doing your part to keep our water as sanitary as possible!

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD POLY PLATFORM!

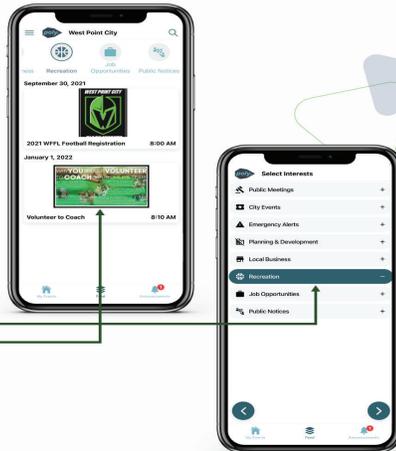
Add the PolyPlatform App for all recreation updates and information!
 Follow the directions below to download!

How to Download Poly Platform

1. Go to <https://getpolyplatform.com/download-poly>
2. If you have an iPhone, click on "iOS" navigate to the App Store.
3. If you have an android, click on "Android" to navigate to the Google Play Store.
4. Download Poly Platform
5. Create an account using your email address
6. Verify your email

How to Navigate the Poly Platform Mobile App

1. Select the West Point City logo
2. Select your interests
3. Click on an activity
4. Click "Add to My Events"
5. On the right-hand side of the graphic, include the wire-frames attached below.



WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

Last month we began a discussion of the service songs. A reminder: the United States Marine Corps was formed only weeks after the Continental Navy. This means that this will now be the third military service music we will discuss. It is interesting and important to note that the Army, the Navy, the Coast Guard, and the Air Force have official songs, but the Marines have a hymn. Unlike the other service songs, the origin of the music for the Marine Corps Hymn is a little more obscure. The words, not so much.

The Barbary Wars of 1790 provided the Marines with the first real test of their mission. You will recall that the Pirates had been boarding and capturing private cargo ships flying the flag of the new nation. Congress finally sent the newly reorganized Navy into the Mediterranean and in the 1805 the pivotal battle of the war ended with the Marines landing and capturing the fort at Tripoli. The Marine battle flag was subsequently embroidered across the bottom with the logo, To the Shores of Tripoli

The next major conflagration involving the Marines was the 1845-1848 Mexican/American War. This was also considered the first major conflict fought by the United States of America on foreign soil. During the course of this war, a small detachment of Marines marched inland to Mexico City and occupied the city and Castle of Chapultepec, the equivalent of the Mexican White House which also known as the Montezuma Castle. Subsequently the embroidered line on the Corps colors was changed to read From the shore of Tripoli to the halls of Montezuma.

Now, the tune to which most historians credit for the Hymn comes from the duet in Jacques Offenbach's opera of 1867. It was at this point that, in order to make the words fit the music, the unofficial author rearranged the first line to list the 1848 Mexico City battle prior to the 1805 Tripoli conquest. The words and music, officially authorized by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in 1929, thus became, and still is, the oldest official service song of the Hymn. In 1942, to more accurately depict the Corps mission, the fourth line of the first verse was changed to incorporate in the air.

There are three approved official verses. Maybe to emphasize the inter-service rivalries, the last four lines of the Hymn read:

*If the Army and the Navy
 Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
 They will find the streets are guarded
 By United States Marines.*



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COMMITTEE CHAIR:
MARV DRAKE