

WEST POINT CITY

NEWSLETTER

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Council Member

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Council Member

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Council Member

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Council Member

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City Manager

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Administrative Session - 6 PM

General Session - 7 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Thursdays

Administrative Session - 6 PM

General Session - 7 PM

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope your holiday season was enjoyable and you found time to spend with loved ones, and that you also had some time to spend on doing something that made you enjoy.

Let me share with you about how awesome our citizens (you!) have been. I know that we are in the middle of winter, and we have lots of the white stuff around us and in the mountains right now (hopefully it is still here when you are reading this), but I wanted to talk about water conservation for a second. This past Spring, Summer, and Fall, we urged and encouraged our wonderful residents of West Point to work on conserving water and being mindful of our usage of this precious resource.

Well, I am very happy to report that we did great in this category. The secondary water district had put us on a reduced allotment schedule, and we were asking everyone to try and adhere to this, and possibly do more, if you could. West Point showed up!! You guys stepped up and we came in under our allotment with some room to spare. Great, great job! This will pay dividends this coming year as we won't be starting in as much of a hole, so to speak. Again, well done and let's keep that up.

Speaking of the snow earlier, I also want to give a huge shout out to our Public Works department. They sometimes have very thankless jobs. They are asked to work and perform their jobs outside in the heat of the summer and in the freezing

temperatures of winter. They are the ones that make the city look as nice as it is, make sure the water is flowing to our faucets, and keep the streets safe to travel. The number of hours (and hours and hours) they spend in the winter plowing our streets is incredible. I recently learned that it takes about 12 hours to clear all the city-owned streets following a snowstorm. This isn't just one truck, but the whole crew out in force. 12 hours! And if it continues to snow throughout the day, that number just goes way up! They do a fantastic job!

I know it can feel frustrating when they come by and bless you with the opportunity to shovel a little more (or again) at the base of your driveway, but understand, they take no joy in this. They have apologized more than once about this, but there is just no getting around it. We really are happy they do what they do, and we owe them our thanks. A couple of things we can remember to do that would show them our appreciation is: 1- remember to not park our cars in the street overnight. This slows them down and makes it difficult to maneuver around; 2- if we have trees in our parkstrip, remember to cut them back. This helps so the trucks don't hit the branches and damage the tree or cause damage to the trucks; and 3- remember to not shovel or snowblow the snow BACK into the street. This causes some serious problems with creating snow mounds that freeze and causes problems with the snowplow blades next time. All these things are in our city code and are enforceable by law . . . but let's just do them anyway to be helpful and good neighbors. One last one that I would add, and it's just as important, although there is no city ordinance on this one -- be courteous to our drivers. They are in big trucks

and need room to work. They are constantly backing up and trying to maneuver in less-than-ideal situations. Let's give them room and not crowd them. They will get the job done as quickly as possible and be on their way. And one more thing - remember that just like a resident in West Point, they too have their own driveways and sidewalks to shovel and know the pains that comes with it! Thanks everyone.

So, a new year is upon us and creating goals is a common practice this time of the year. Goals are important to set as it helps us work towards being better... unless you are someone who has already topped out on the awesome chart and need to set goals to be less awesome so the rest of us don't feel bad! ;) That is not a problem I have ever had. I constantly find myself in situations that show me I have PLENTY of room for improvement.

A quote from a book I'm reading really hit home with me that I want to share. The quote states: "Some people spend their entire lives waiting for the right time to make an improvement." I'm afraid this is me at times. So, one of my goals this year is to not be this person. That's a legitimate goal, right? What I mean is I am committing to make an improvement immediately upon identifying a deficit or shortcoming. And now that I have put it in print and shared it with you all, I hope it helps keep me accountable!

I wish you the best of luck on whatever your goals are, and hope we can all have the determination to take that first hard step towards what we want to accomplish. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. It's going to be a great year!

- Mayor Brian Vincent

CITY CALENDAR

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY ...

- 7** • CITY COUNCIL - 6 PM
- 9** • PLANNING COMMISSION- 6 PM
- 10-11** • CITY COUNCIL PLANNING & VISIONING
- 14** • SENIOR LUNCH - 11:30 AM
- 20** • PRESIDENT'S DAY - CITY HALL CLOSED
- 21** • CITY COUNCIL - 6 PM
- 23** • PLANNING COMMISSION - 6 PM

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY!	2 NEW YEARS OBSERVED CITY HALL CLOSED	3 CITY COUNCIL CANCELLED	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 SENIOR LUNCH 11:30 AM	11	12 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	13	14
15	16 MLK, JR. DAY CITY HALL CLOSED	17 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 PLANNING COMMISSION 6 PM	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

2023

SENIOR LUNCH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH
@ 11:30 AM

RSVP by 11:30 AM on January 6th
by calling City Hall @ 776-0970

You MUST RSVP to reserve your spot! Space is limited!

West Point City holds a monthly lunch for Seniors 55+. The cost is \$2/person. Residents and non-residents are welcome to join!

JAN MENU:

Meatloaf | Baked Potato
Corn | Roll | Dessert



YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE



On November 28th, the Youth Council members helped out with the City Hall Lighting Ceremony. We sang Christmas songs for all those who attended while we waited until it was time for the Mayor to turn on all the lights! We then helped kids color and write letters to Santa, served hot chocolate, and kept the line to Santa moving. On the Friday before Christmas, we helped with the annual Cemetery Luminary by filling bags with sand and candles and then lighting them and placing them on all the graves in the cemetery. It was a great activity to come together with the community and to remember those we love that have passed as we celebrate the Christmas Season.

Thank you for your support of the West Point City Youth Council!
- Sariah Richins, Youth Council City Recorder

CODE ENFORCEMENT

WINTER CODE ENFORCEMENT IN WEST POINT CITY

Each winter season, our Public Works employees put forth a huge effort to keep our streets plowed and safe for winter driving. We have asked you to help 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.

Beginning in early November, I have issued hundreds of 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 has and will continue to issue citations for parking violations.

West Point City is and will continue to be a great place to live because families not only care about their own homes and yards, but they also take pride in their neighborhoods. Thank you for helping to keep it that way.

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

CITY NEWS & EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DAVIS COUNTY POINT IN TIME COUNT

Thursday, January 26 through
Saturday, January 28, 2023
3:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Layton Intermountain Hospital

LINK TO VOLUNTEER
tinyurl.com/2akp396r



Volunteer registration will close
Friday, January 13, 2023

The Point in Time Count is an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are living on the streets. Volunteers will work in teams to seek out and interview individuals in order to connect them with available resources.

For more information contact 801-771-4642 Ext 314 or 302



SNOW REMOVAL IN WEST POINT

SNOWPLOW FACTS:

Plow blades cost **\$1,500 each** and only last **2 ½ storms**

It takes **7 trucks/drivers** about **12 hours** to plow the City from a **3 in. storm**

A **6 in. snowstorm** adds about **30% more time and money**

WARNING!

DO NOT SHOVEL/BLOW SNOW INTO THE STREET

Piles of snow on roads create **frozen bumps** that contribute to car crashes AND ARE **DANGEROUS FOR OUR DRIVERS IF THE PLOW HITS ONE!** They also have the potential to create **draining problems**, drifting, **sight obstruction** and **hindered accessibility**. Plus, those piles **slow the work West Point plows** have to do in the wake of a storm.

DAMAGE TO SNOWPLOWS FROM SNOW BLOWN IN THE STREETS COST THE CITY MORE THAN \$4,000 LAST YEAR!

YOU MAY BE FINED!

WHO DOES WHAT?



WEST POINT
CITY

CITY STREETS &
TRAILS

REMOVAL TIMELINE
BEGINS AT SNOWFALL OF STORMS PROJECTED TO ACCUMULATE 3" OR MORE

RESPONSIBILITIES:
APPROXIMATELY 60 LANE MILES & 6 MILES OF TRAILS

PRIORITIES:

1. MAJOR ROADS
2. COLLECTOR ROADS
3. RESIDENTIAL STREETS
4. CUL-DE-SACS
5. TRAILS



UDOT

STATE ROADS

REMOVAL TIMELINE
KEEP AT LEAST ONE TRAVEL LANE IN EACH DIRECTION OPEN IN STORMS THAT ACCUMULATE AT LEAST 1"/HR

RESPONSIBILITIES:
• 300 N* • 1800 N • 2000 W
• 4500 W • SR-193
*3000 W TO 4500 W

PRIORITIES:

1. PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL
2. MINOR ARTERIAL
3. URBAN COLLECTOR



HOME
OWNER

RESIDENTIAL
SIDEWALKS

REMOVAL TIMELINE
REMOVAL REQUIRED WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER END OF SNOWFALL

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF & ALONG THE SIDES OF HOME
- ADJACENT MAILBOXES
- ADJACENT FIRE HYDRANTS

WINTER PARKING

November 1 - March 1

NO STREET PARKING
1:00 AM - 6:00 AM



RECREATION

Contact Kelly Ross @ 801-529-3352 or Karly Norwood @ 801-564-7701 for questions regarding Recreation Programs! Register for all activities online @ www.westpointcity.org

Spring Soccer Registration

REGISTRATION: FEB 1 - MARCH 5
SEASON: MARCH 27 - APRIL 20
LOCATION: LOY BLAKE PARK
COST: \$40



During these long winter months, it is important to prioritize mental health and wellness! Visit www.dbh.utah.gov for information about prevention and education, group therapy, classes, seminars, treatment, and so much more!!

FULL SPECTRUM MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Davis Behavioral Health knows how vitally important mental wellness is to enjoy life and function with meaning and balance. We are a full-service mental and behavioral health services provider serving residents of Davis County, Utah. Our clients enjoy an attentive spectrum of integrated services that provide compassionate, comprehensive solutions for our valued clients. And unlike other behavioral health providers, Davis Behavioral Health serves those who cannot afford to pay and who may not otherwise receive help.



WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

The Pearl Harbor Attack took place during World War Two, almost halfway through the war, on the 7th of December, 1941 in the morning hours (in Japan, it was December 8). This military strike was a surprise attack from Japanese bombers on the U.S. Naval base in Pearl Harbor. While it was intended to prevent the U.S. fleet from interfering with Southeast Asia military actions, this attack caused America to enter the war.

Admiral Yamamoto, the planner of the attack, intended originally to only start the operation 30 minutes after informing the U.S. that peace negotiations were over. A 5,000-word notification was transmitted from Tokyo to the Japanese Embassy, but it took too long for the Japanese ambassador to have the message transcribed and deliver it in time. Japanese thinking at the time was that with delivery of this "ultimatum", the attack would have been justified no matter how short the warning. Had personnel in the Japanese Consulate in Washington been more adept at decoding and translating, and had delivered the Japanese ultimatum within the planned time frame, even with the advantage of a six hour time zone difference, time for preparation would still have been limited and the appearance of the Japanese air armada would still have come as a shock.

In the movie *Tora, Tora, Tora*, when Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto learns of the late delivery of the ultimatum to the Secretary of State Cordell Hull he is shocked. Yamamoto had previously served as Naval Attache to the Japanese Consul and knew what the American reaction would be. In the movie he is quoted as having said, "I know of nothing which would have infuriated the Americans more. I fear that all we have done is to have awakened a sleeping giant and filled him with a terrible resolve."

However, this was neither when nor what he said. Evidence I found quoted a discussion between the Admiral and the head of a Japanese news agency wherein he said, "A military man can scarcely pride himself on having smitten a sleeping enemy; ...I would rather you made your appraisal after seeing what the enemy does, since it is certain that, angered and outraged, he will soon launch a determined counter attack." Even though the idea of a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor was his, Yamamoto was upset by the bungling of the Foreign Ministry which led to the attack happening while the countries were technically at peace, thus making the incident an unprovoked sneak attack that would certainly enrage the enemy.

That "counter attack" would begin the following April with the launch of B-25 bombers from the carrier USS Hornet for a strike on industrial targets in Japan's home island of Honsho, in May in the Coral Sea, in June near Midway Island, and in August at Guadalcanal. It would famously end in August 1945 with the delivery of two nuclear weapons.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! - *Marv Drake, Military Memorial Committee Chair*



LOY BLAKE PARK
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