



The Official Draper City Newsletter DRAPER FORWARD

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Mayor's Message Water Conservation



As your mayor, I'm committed to ensuring our community continues to address Utah's water challenges. 2025 was the warmest year on record for Utah, and although our reservoir storage levels are above normal capacity, a "snow drought" has caused the snow water equivalent to drop to 39% below normal. This is concerning as snowpack provides 95% of our water.

According to the Utah Division of Water Resources, 94% of the state is currently experiencing some form of drought. Last year at this time, 20% of the state was in drought. Impacts from drought, such as insufficient water supply and higher food costs, are an ongoing concern for all of us.

Looking ahead, Utah's water future is uncertain. With population growth potentially doubling households by 2060, combined with unstable weather patterns, conservation is

critical. Draper City has made efforts to improve conservation. We've adopted Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District's Outdoor Landscaping and Water Efficiency Standards, implemented tiered water rates, and offer free conservation-minded landscaping classes several times per year. Rebate programs are available to Draper residents, promoting smarter water use.

Through Utah Water Savers (administered by Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District), residents can access great incentives: up to \$3 per square foot for replacing grass with waterwise landscaping, \$100 for smart irrigation controllers, and \$150 per toilet for WaterSense-labeled replacements (limit two per household). Apply via utahwatersavers.com.

Visit our Conservation Garden at the Parks and Recreation office (12354 S. 800 E.) for inspiration. Open daily during daylight hours, it demonstrates beautiful, low-water landscapes.

Other changes that will help include fixing leaks (a drip wastes 15-20 gallons daily), installing low-flow toilets, watering lawns no more than twice weekly (avoid 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM and windy days), switching to drip irrigation, and prioritizing trees. Every drop counts.

Together, let's conserve and do our part for our city and all of Utah. For more information, visit draperutah.gov/landscaping and jwcd.gov/public/conservationprograms.

Mayor Troy K. Walker

TREES DON'T JUST NEED RAIN, THEY MAKE IT!

During a rainstorm, tree canopies can offer welcome shelter. Even more important is the amazing service they provide in supporting our water cycle and managing our stormwater runoff.

Trees make rain! Their leaves and bark retain a huge amount (sometimes up to 100 gallons) of water, taming runoff, and giving them the ability to make rain.

Through a process called evapotranspiration, trees take rainwater in and release moisture back into the atmosphere, contributing to up to 40% of our precipitation.

Trees break the force of falling rain, slowly releasing it into the soil where it can be absorbed, while helping to prevent erosion.

This interception creates a significant reduction in costly runoff, especially when combined with other natural landscaping, with total runoff amounts estimated to be as much as 65% lower.

Trees also provide shade that cools the soil and helps retain soil moisture -substantially saving water usage in our landscapes (as well as energy usage in our homes).

Not sure what type of trees to plant in your yard? Visit draperutah.gov/landscaping

for the Draper City Street Tree Guide to help select trees that will thrive in your specific situation. Or visit the Conservation Garden at the Parks and Recreation building (12354 S. 800 E.) to see a huge variety of species in real life.

You can also register for one of our free classes. Space is limited — register now at draperutah.gov/landscaping.

Localscapes: Creating Your Ideal Draper Yard

This introductory landscaping class will help you plan a waterwise landscape.

When

Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Tree Talk

Meet with a local ISA-certified arborist to discuss tree topics and answer individual questions about trees.

When

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 PM

Where

Both classes will be held at:

City Hall Council Chambers, 1020 East Pioneer Road

ANIMAL SERVICES REMEMBER TO LICENSE YOUR DOG

With spring and warm weather shortly upon us Draper Animal Services would like to remind residents that all dogs are required to be licensed by the age of four months, or within 30 days of moving within Draper City. Please bring your dog's current rabies certificate to Draper Animal Services or visit draperutah.gov/animalservices to obtain you dog's license. Licenses need to be renewed annually.

LICENSE FEES

\$15
Spayed/neutered license

\$40
Unaltered license

\$10
Senior lifetime spayed/
neutered

\$5
Senior unaltered annual

Please remember to keep your dog on a leash while walking or enjoying the city parks and trails.



WATERWISE LANDSCAPES: DIY WEBINAR SERIES IS UNDERWAY!

The Division of Water Resources' 2026 Waterwise Landscapes: DIY Webinar Series is officially underway. Things kicked off in February with an inspiring event featuring Daryl Lindsey of The YardFarmer, who shared her real-world experience converting traditional landscapes into waterwise designs better suited to Utah's climate. Missed it? No problem. Past events are available on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/@utahwaterres.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25

Liz Hamilton with the Utah Pollinator Program will dive into how the program show how you can create a beautiful, low-water pollinator garden at home, at little-to-no cost, thanks to the program's free plants.

April 29

Kelly Kopp, USU Extension Water Conservation and Turfgrass Specialist, will break down how much water your lawn actually needs, which turf varieties use less water than many people expect, and watering efficiently to avoid common overwatering pitfalls.

Can't attend the live virtual event? Join the mailing list at bit.ly/UtahWaterResources to stay updated on upcoming events and access recordings throughout the year.

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DRAPER CITY AFTER-HOURS CONTACTS

Parks Department: (801) 831-7194
Water Department: (801) 831-7212

Streets Department: (801) 831-7195
Non-emergency Fire/Police: (801) 840-4000

City Council Message

Council Member
Fred Lowry



We have a great opportunity as a community to participate in a once-in-a-generation celebration—the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. This milestone gives us a meaningful opportunity to reflect on our nation’s history, honor those who built and defended it, and celebrate the principles of freedom we are blessed to share in this great country. It is also an important time for us to recommit ourselves to the founding principles of our country through service and the civic responsibility to be involved in our community.

In Draper, we have formed an America 250 Utah Committee to help organize events for our city. Through this committee, we plan to celebrate in ways that reflect who we are: a connected, service-minded, and patriotic community. One of the highlights will be our July 5th

Neighborhood Potluck gathering to encourage neighbors to come together, share a meal, create new friendships, and strengthen relationships that make our city special. We hope this simple event will bring neighbors together and represent the spirit of unity that has sustained our nation for 250 years.

We also plan to connect the 250 celebrations to Draper Days, incorporating moments that honor our nation’s founding and Utah’s pioneering heritage. On Memorial Day, we will pause to remember those who gave their lives in defense of liberty. On Veterans Day, we will recognize and thank those who have served and continue to serve.

We invite all Draper residents to participate in the Walk250 Utah that challenges every Utahn to move

250 miles between July 2025 and July 2026 through walking, biking, or other creative ways. More can be found at america250.utah.gov/walk250.

Most importantly, this anniversary is not just about looking back, it is also an opportunity to look forward. I hope we will continue to model and teach to the younger generation the value of United States citizenship, gratitude, and engagement with dignity in this great country. May we make this year one of gratitude, reflection, and commitment to the values our country was founded as we celebrate 250 years of America—together.

Councilmember
Fred Lowry

DRAPER CITY MAYOR’S YOUTH COUNCIL

BY KENNEDY NELSON

A couple times each month, the Draper City Mayor’s Youth Council has the opportunity to meet and learn about different things. In February, we had Riverbottom Butterflies come and teach the Youth Council about the process of becoming an entrepreneur, and what it’s like to own a business in Draper.

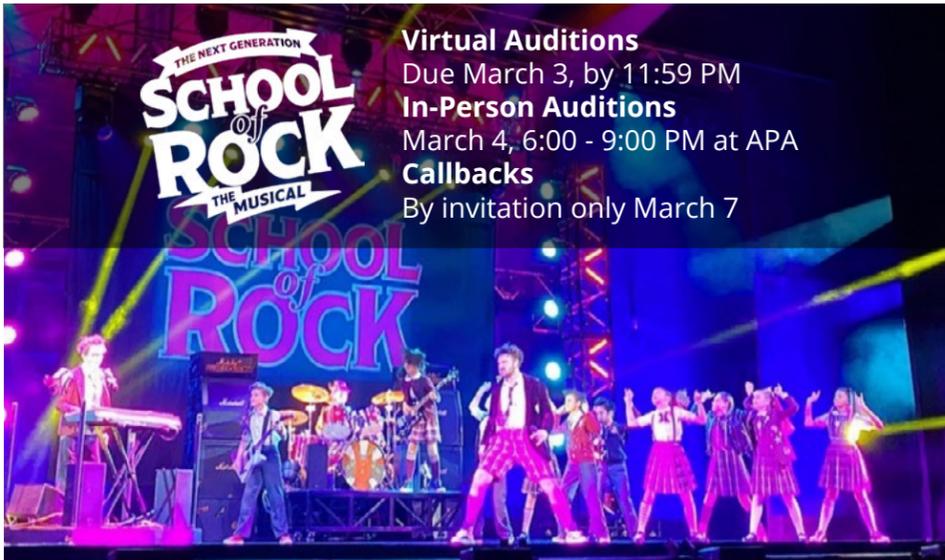
We also had someone from Draper Animal Services come to speak with us. It was very fascinating as we learned about different laws and how they apply for different animals, and how many animals someone can own in Draper.



LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE UTAH STATE CAPITOL

BY AARON BABCOCK

The Draper City Mayor’s Youth Council recently participated in Legislative Day at the Utah State Capitol, joining students from across the state to learn more about the legislative process. Throughout the event, members from every county toured the Capitol and met with local representatives to discuss current issues and Utah legislation. Ultimately, the experience gave members of the Youth Council a firsthand insight into how laws are created, and a greater appreciation for how many elected officials serve their communities.



Virtual Auditions
Due March 3, by 11:59 PM

In-Person Auditions
March 4, 6:00 - 9:00 PM at APA

Callbacks
By invitation only March 7

Learn more and sign up for an audition at draperutah.gov/amphitheater

THE POINT SET TO GO VERTICAL IN 2026

2025 was a major year of progress at The Point. Construction crews focused on building the backbone infrastructure that will support the streets, utilities, buildings, and other public spaces as the project moves toward vertical construction.

In 2026, Utahns’ vision for The Point will begin to take visible shape. Foundations will be poured, streets and utilities finalized, and the first vertical buildings will rise from the site. This phase of active construction signals continued momentum toward a new center of community, innovation, and opportunity.

The Point’s signature event venue will play a central role in activating the site early. Designed as a flexible, multi-use facility, it will host live touring acts, corporate gatherings, conferences, and large community events, including sports tournaments. With adaptable seating, modern production capabilities, and integrated amenities, the venue is positioned to attract regional and national programming. Its early delivery will help establish The Point as a year-round destination, generating consistent foot traffic, economic activity, and a strong sense of place as surrounding development continues to rise.

Promenade, over 30,000 square feet of office space is planned to rise in 2026. This modern workspace will feature high-quality design, walkable access to dining and retail, and proximity to public spaces that support collaboration and employee well-being.

More than 5,500 linear feet of walkable streets and plazas will shape the downtown core of The Point. Lined with trees, public art, active storefronts, outdoor dining areas, and social gathering spaces, The Promenade will foster an energetic, pedestrian-friendly environment that remains vibrant throughout the day and into the evening. The current leasing pipeline features a mix of notable retailers and popular food and beverage concepts, reinforcing the district’s role as a dynamic destination for residents, workers, and visitors alike.

At the core of this mixed-use community is nearly three million square feet of multifamily housing. A 350-unit residential complex is set to break ground along the Promenade and will feature 46,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, activating the site with shops, dining, and neighborhood services. In addition, The Point Partners will deliver 400 affordable housing units within Phase I, expanding housing options and supporting a diverse, workforce-ready community.

Situated prominently along The



2026 SEASON

Join us for another great season at the Draper Amphitheater!

Learn more and get tickets at draperutah.gov/amphitheater

SCHOOL OF ROCK THE MUSICAL
June 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20
Draper Amphitheater 8:00 PM

HADESTOWN TEEN EDITION
July 31, August 1, 3, 6, 7, 8
Draper Amphitheater 7:30 PM
Auditions April 24 & 25
Callbacks May 2

ZORRO A New Beginning The Musical
September 11, 12, 14
Draper Amphitheater 8:00 PM
Auditions May 22 & 23

YOUTH MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP
June 22 - July 2
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
American Preparatory Academy, Campus #2
Registration Required — Opens in May
Limited to 60 Participants
Ages 6 - 7: \$90
Ages 8 - 14: \$180



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draperutah.gov/notify

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

In partnership with the business community, Draper maintains a handy Business Directory the public can peruse to see where desired products and services can be found city-wide.

Users can easily sort by multiple categories to find what they are looking for. Seeking a plumber? Try filtering by "Construction & Specialty Trades." Perhaps you want to try a new restaurant? Check out the "Restaurants & Beverages" category. For each business listed, users can find the location, contact and website information, and details about the

products and services provided. The directory is a great way to support local businesses and keep your dollars invested in your own community.

If you are a Draper business and would like to be listed on the directory, simply fill out the survey at arcg.is/ajvOq0.



Scan the QR code or visit draperutah.gov/business to view the Draper City Business Directory



ADULT SOFTBALL
Anyone age 16+

Softball in the spring is a great sport. Grab some friends, get a team, and enjoy a game under the lights.

Where: Galena Hills Park
Length: 8 weeks, beginning the week of April 6; manager's meeting April 6
Cost: \$650 per team

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

DAVF'S 27TH ANNUAL ART SCHOLAR COMPETITION

BY JENNY HENDRICKSEN HAASE

High School Senior Art Students, Teachers and Parents ... It's time to get ready!

Draper Visual Arts Foundation (DVAF) will be holding its Annual Art Scholar Competition soon! Since 1999, DVAF has awarded over \$70,000 in cash prizes to help recognize, encourage and support promising young artists to pursue their artwork and education. (It is a treasured part of our mission to Conserve, Promote and Celebrate Art in Draper.)

Each spring, we invite high school seniors from the Canyons School District area (including private and charter schools) to enter up to two pieces of art.

Entries must be original works of art and fit within three categories: 2D, 3D (including wood, jewelry, pottery and sculpture) and Photography/Digital. Artwork must be gallery ready. For more details outlining the eligibility requirements and the application form, visit drapervisualartsfoundation.org.

Important dates to remember: The online application must be completed by midnight on

Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Art pieces must be delivered on Monday, April 20 (before 5 PM) to Draper City Hall (1020 Pioneer Road in Draper).

Entries will be on display in the foyer of Draper City Hall from April 21 to 27 for the public to enjoy. Judges for this competition are qualified and professional artists who are among Draper Visual Arts Foundation's Board of Trustees.

On Monday, April 27, an Artists' Reception will be held at Draper City Hall at 6 PM, and an Awards Ceremony will follow at 7:00 PM in the City Council Room. The artists, their families, friends, teachers, and the public are invited to attend. A total of \$6,000 is available to be awarded that evening in cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

The image below features some of the wonderful student artwork from 2025. You can see many of the award-winning artists over the years on the Draper Visual Arts Foundation website. We look forward to another very special program in 2026.



RECYCLED MATERIALS REPORT

JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2025

Curbside Recycling

During the six month period from July 1 to December 31, 2025, our recycling trucks have picked up 729.58 tons of recyclables from your curbside blue lid recycling containers. We refer to this as mixed load collection because it includes plastic bottles, metal cans, corrugated cardboard, and paper. Each day we deliver these mixed loads to Rocky Mountain Recycling Services in Salt Lake City. Rocky Mountain Recycling is a material recovery facility (MRF). They use a state-of-the-art sort line, as well as trained staff to ensure that as much recyclable material as possible is reclaimed. The sorted cardboard, paper, plastic, and metal is then baled and sent to various production mills across the country to be made into new products.

Mixed Load Contamination

Rocky Mountain Recycling runs a test sort each month where our driver empties the load in an open area and then a recycling staff member sorts through the truck load and determines how much is recyclable and how much is contamination, meaning materials that cannot be recycled. Our average during this six month period is 26.29% contamination, which means 26.29% of what we pickup in curbside containers is not recyclable. This is where we need your help.

What can I put in my recycling can?

Cardboard (please flatten boxes), paper, newspaper, cereal boxes, toilet roll and paper towel tubes, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic containers with necks/lids. The recycling can is for loose materials only — don't bag recyclable items.

Keep these things out of your blue-lid recycling can!

Plastic bags of any kind, fast food containers, greasy or soiled wrappers and packaging, wax-coated cardboard,

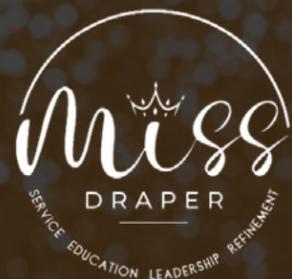
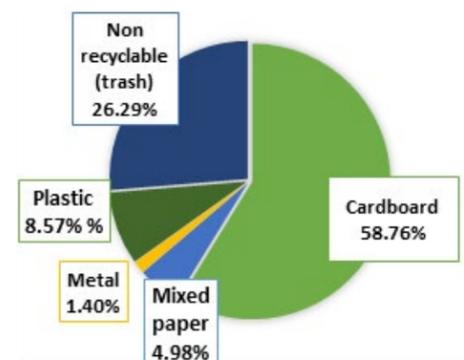
Styrofoam, packing peanuts, bubble wrap, yard waste, and glass.

Corrugated Cardboard

In addition to the mixed loads from your curbside cans, we also have two single-stream drop-off containers. One for corrugated cardboard is at the Public Works facility (72 E Sivogah Ct). During this 6-month period, Draper residents have recycled 14.84 tons of corrugated cardboard. Keep in mind that cardboard doesn't weigh very much. A 30-yard dumpster where the cardboard has been compacted weighs an average of 1.48 tons. Corrugated cardboard is also delivered to Rocky Mountain Recycling for processing.

Glass

The second single-stream drop-off container is at City Hall (1020 E Pioneer Rd), where we have recycled 61.21 tons of glass. We take the glass to Momentum Recycling, where it is cleaned, dried, and crushed, then sorted into various sizes ranging from pebbles to sand and even powder, depending on its end market. Momentum offers monthly curbside glass recycling in Draper. For rates and pickup schedule, contact them directly at (801) 355-0334 or sign up online at utah.momentumrecycling.com/draper/



JOIN the LEGACY
Apply April 1 - 30

- Single Women ages 17 - 26
- Draper Resident
 - Service Oriented
 - Academically Minded
 - Upstanding Citizen

Learn more and apply at draperutah.gov/missdraper

DRAPER FORWARD

RECREATION PROGRAMS

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Girls grades 3 - 9

This program is great for girls who want to learn all the basic skills of softball, while learning to have fun and build friendships.

Where: Southfork Park

When: 7 weeks, beginning April 27; coaches meeting will be held March 20

Cost: \$65 per participant

YOUTH SOCCER

Youth grades Pre-K - 7

Featuring smaller team sizes for more involved play, improved skills, more shots and scoring, the Spring Soccer program is a great way to learn and build perseverance, teamwork skills, and make new friends.

Where: Galena Hills Park

When: 7 weeks, beginning April 15, plus tournament

Cost: \$285 per team

TENNIS LESSONS

Youth ages 4 - 18

Focused on building a foundation of fundamentals for all levels, taught by USPTA/USPTR certified teaching professionals.

Where: Smith Fields or Steep Mountain Park

Length: Sessions run June 1 - August 6

Cost: \$48, \$56, or \$80 per participant, depending on class

YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKING

Youth ages 10 - 14

Participants learn the basics and rules of mountain biking on Corner Canyon Trails with a 6:1 rider-instructor ratio, split into Beginner and Intermediate Sessions.

Where: Ballard Arena / Cycle Park

Length: 4-day clinics June 15 - 18, July 13 - 16, and August 3 - 6

Cost: \$170 per participant; includes custom bike gloves

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS



EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 4

9:00 AM: Activities
10:00 AM: Easter Egg Hunt
Galena Hills Park
12500 South 550 West

Bring baskets or bags to collect the eggs at Galena Park. This event is free, including an appearance by the Easter Bunny, as well as face painting.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/easteregg hunt



ARBOR DAY

APRIL 24

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Rotary Park
958 West 12300 South

The Draper City Tree Committee holds an annual Arbor Day program and community tree-planting event to celebrate Draper City's designation as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation since 1999.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/arborday



CINCO DE MAYO

MAY 5

6:00 - 8:00 PM
Draper City Park
12500 South 1300 East

Come celebrate Cinco De Mayo with Draper City! This free festival has lots of activities and will be fun for the whole family.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/cinco



MAYOR'S BIKE RIDE

MAY 16

Time TBD
Rotary Park
958 West 12300 South

Join Mayor Walker on this fun, family-friendly bike ride. Enjoy complimentary coffee, juice, and snacks to fuel your ride.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/bikeride

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events

Corner Canyon Half Marathon, 10K & 5K

September 19
7:00 - 11:00 AM
Ballard Arena

Half Marathon: \$55
10K: \$30
5K: \$25

Through March 31
+\$5 April 1 - August 20

Register at draperutah.gov/half

The race is in September.
Training starts today.

Aug. 15th
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DRAPER AMPHITHEATER

TAYLORVILLE
AN UNOFFICIAL LIVE TRIBUTE BAND

ready for it?

Draper Jam

May 8 • Gates: 6:00 PM / Show: 6:30 PM
FREE SHOW featuring high school PTSA Battle of the Bands winners from across the Wasatch Front

learn more at draperutah.gov/amphitheater

WE'RE HIRING!

Looking for a summer job? Draper is currently hiring for summer positions. Applicants need to be 16 years or older and have a Utah Driver License. Starting rate is \$17.00 To learn more and apply, visit draperutah.gov/jobs or scan the QR code.



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