



The Official Draper City Newsletter

DRAPER FORWARD

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Mayor's Message

Utah League of Cities and Towns



This year I am serving as the 1st Vice President of the Executive Board of the Utah

League of Cities and Towns (ULCT). ULCT's primary focus is representing municipal government interests at the state and federal levels. ULCT currently serves 248 cities and towns in the Utah. Other functions include providing information, training, and technical assistance to local officials on municipal issues and helping to increase public awareness of municipal responsibilities, governance, and administration.

The start of each new year is a busy time for ULCT, preparing for and engaging with the Utah State Legislature's legislative session that runs from mid-January to the beginning of March. As a board member, I serve on the Legislative Policy Committee. Bills that may have an impact on municipalities related to matters such as land use, revenues, housing, zoning, water supply, infrastructure, law enforcement, transportation, and other government roles are studied and tracked, with opposition being voiced to any that may negatively

affect our communities. Conversely, support is given to those deemed as beneficial.

An example of negative impact specific to Draper this year is proposed legislation that would allow gravel extraction operations to expand onto adjacent properties, regardless of zoning, and would exempt gravel/mining operations from local land use authority. This type of legislation affects many cities in Utah and was strongly opposed by ULCT. We worked extremely hard to prevent this bill from being adopted. Due to our efforts, it has been postponed until the interim session later this year. We will continue to fight it.

ULCT also provides the ability for officials and staff of cities and towns statewide to network and exchange ideas and experiences. ULCT holds two conferences annually that bring everyone together for training and the opportunity to talk through solutions to common issues. These

associations are valuable for neighboring communities to build and strengthen relationships as there are often situations where adjacent cities need to rely on each other in emergencies or for other types of support. ULCT gives voice to smaller communities that don't always have as much representation or resources.

The way the ULCT board is structured, board members are nominated and elected to serve a four-year commitment, starting as 2nd Vice President, then as 1st Vice President the following year, then President, and finally Immediate Past President. The Utah City Management Association also has a representative on the board. I look forward to transitioning to the role of President next year, continuing my association with ULCT members throughout the state, and looking out for local interests.

Mayor Troy K. Walker

LOVE YOUR YARD (EVEN) MORE IN 2024!

BY JOCELYN KESSLER, DRAPER CITY TREE COMMITTEE

Dreaming of spring? If you are planning a landscaping project and looking for inspiration, you don't have to go it alone. The Draper Tree Committee has useful information at draperutah.gov/landscaping to help you love your yard (even) more in 2024!

Learn about when to plant vegetation to give them the best start in your landscaping, how to choose trees you love that will live happily in your yard (with photos and specs), how-to guides for tree planting and care, rebate info to offset some of the costs of replacing turf with Utah-friendly plants, information about free landscaping classes, or view a recording of a recent session hosted in Draper.

Looking for planting ideas? The Conservation Demonstration Garden at the Draper Parks and Recreation building (12354 S 800 E) is home to hundreds of plants with interpretive signs to help visualize and plan a successful landscaping project. You can also roam six acres of gardens



and waterwise landscape exhibits at the Conservation Garden Park (8215 S 1300 W, West Jordan). Finally, localscapes.com has step-by-step classes to help you create your ideal Draper yard.

Trees are one of the reasons Draper is such an amazing place to call home. Choose varieties with the characteristics that fit your needs that you will enjoy for years to come.

DRAPER CITY ANIMAL SERVICES

WIND AND RAIN ARE ON THEIR WAY!

March winds and April showers are on their way!

Draper Animal Services would like to remind all pet owners to make sure your fences are stable and secure with the windy months upon us. Fences seem to blow over or gates blow open, and dogs love to run free. Remind your landscapers to secure the gates after they are done. If your dog can stay in the house on yard care days, that would be the best way to ensure your pet's safety.

As a reminder, all dogs need to be on a leash when off your property.

Additionally, while we love our dog parks in Draper, they are not places to drop your dog off to play while



left alone. Owners must remain with their pets.

Please make sure to update your dog's City license. If you have any questions or concerns, give the Draper Animal Shelter a call at 801-576-1805, or visit us at 12375 S. Vista Station Blvd.

Star Parties at Flight Park

Select Fridays

April - November

More info:

DRAPER CITY AFTER-HOURS CONTACTS

Parks Department: (801) 831-7194
Water Department: (801) 831-7195

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

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Draper, UT 84020
(801) 576-6500

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City Council Message

Council Member
Mike Green



Each year city council members are given assignments by the mayor to serve as liaisons to City and external committees, boards, and other groups. In 2024 I will be serving as Mayor Pro Tempore, Community Reinvestment Agency Vice-Chair, Municipal Building Authority Vice-President, member of the Legislative Policy Committee for the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT), member of the Audit Committee, and advisor for Draper Days.

Following are some details about these assignments:

Mayor Pro Tempore
This position steps in to perform the duties of the mayor in the event they are absent or otherwise unable to serve. This designation is for one calendar year.

Community Reinvestment Agency Vice-Chair
The city council is the governing body of the Community Reinvestment Agency (CRA), whose purpose is to assist the City in taking actions to reinvest, renew, and provide economic

development and community development for specified areas of the city. The CRA is authorized to enter into agreements in connection with community reinvestment matters. The mayor serves as CRA chair, and the vice-chair conducts the meeting in the chair's absence.

Municipal Building Authority Vice-President
The Municipal Building Authority is comprised of city council members and meets on an as-needed basis related to the acquisition, disposal, or financing of City property and assets. The mayor serves as president and the vice-president conducts the meeting if the president is absent.

Legislative Policy Committee
The LPC meets weekly during the legislative session on Capitol Hill to evaluate bills and work with the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Board of Directors and staff to determine official ULCT positions on legislation. The LPC takes positions on legislation by a 60% consensus vote. Every city and town

can elect voting members from their mayor, council members, or senior staff.

Audit Committee
The purpose of the Audit Committee is to advise the city council on the annual audit of the City's financial statements and to recommend and monitor the annual auditing functions.

Draper Days
Members of the city council are selected to participate in planning meetings for Draper Days, the City's annual summer festival, and provide input.

I enjoy serving in these various capacities as part of my membership on the city council and look forward to fulfilling these assignments in the coming year. If anyone has questions about these duties, feel free to contact me at mike.green@draperutah.gov.

Councilmember
Mike Green

CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLING NOW FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN



FREE, FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

DOUBLE THE LEARNING,
DOUBLE THE FUN



Full-day kindergarten has been such a success that Canyons District will, once again, be offering it at each of its top-ranked elementary schools. Parents can still choose to have their child attend on a half-day schedule, though most — all but 71 of CSD's current 2,100 kindergartners — choose the full-day option. The start of the new school year may seem far

away, but now is the time to consider where to enroll your five-year-old for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact your school of choice for information about kindergarten orientation dates. For information about enrolling as a new student or applying to attend a school outside your neighborhood boundaries, please call 801-826-5031 or visit canyonsdistrict.org.

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE UPDATE
CHANGES TO THE NOTICE AND APPROVAL FOR SUBDIVISIONS

In 2023 the State Legislature changed the regulations for how jurisdictions can process and approve subdivision applications. Cities like Draper were given until February 1, 2024 to comply with these new State requirements. As part of making these changes, the City Council adopted changes to our subdivision ordinances on January 16, 2024. Residents should be aware that the new changes will affect how and when they receive notification for Public Meetings or Public Hearings regarding subdivision applications and the approval process for subdivisions.

Preliminary Plat applications will now be presented to the Planning Commission for approval at a Public Meeting, which does not allow for public comment. Notice of the Public Meeting will be provided on the City's Agenda webpage and on the Utah Public Notice Website.

Final Plats and applications for **Minor Subdivisions** (10 lots or less) without deviation requests will be approved by the Zoning Administrator. A Public Meeting or Hearing will not be held. Notice of the approval will be posted on the Community Development

Department's webpage for Administrative Decisions.

Minor Subdivision applications that include Deviation requests will be presented to the Planning Commission for approval at a Public Hearing, which allows for public comment to be taken at the hearing. Notice of the Public Hearing will be provided on the City's Agenda webpage and on the Utah Public Notice Website, and will be mailed to property owners within 300 feet.

Subdivision Plat Amendment applications will be presented to the Planning Commission for approval. This could be at a Public Meeting or a Public Hearing depending upon the specific circumstances of the application. Notice will be provided in the same manner as for Minor Subdivision applications with deviations. The notice will specify whether it will be a Public Hearing or a Public Meeting.

For more information, please contact Todd Taylor at todd.taylor@draperutah.gov or at 801-576-6510.

SPRING STORM WATER ANNOUNCEMENT

As spring approaches we would like to provide easy to implement, useful and effective tips to improve our Storm Water quality:

- 1) Close dumpster and trash can lids to prevent trash from coming into contact with rain or snow and to prevent wind from blowing trash/debris onto landscaped areas and streets.
- 2) Follow manufacturer recommendations when applying fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides.
- 3) Remove leaves and grass clippings from streets. These eventually end up in creeks, rivers, and storm drain infrastructure, causing unpleasant odors, clogged pipes, and flooding.
- 4) Avoid using water whenever possible to clean paved areas. Use brooms, leaf blowers, or pressurized air to blow dirt, debris, grass, or leaves onto lawns or gardens.
- 5) Before starting home/property improvements, coordinate with contractors to keep materials, tools, or machinery off streets and away

from storm drain inlets.

6) Park vehicles indoors or under cover if possible to avoid rain/snow contact. Use materials like cat litter to absorb oil/chemical spills and clean with a broom and dust pan.

7) Refrain from feeding waterfowl, the leading cause of watershed ecoli. When waterfowl congregate in large numbers, the watershed struggles to filter out harmful bacteria.

Learn more about our Storm Water Management Plan and water quality goals at draperutah.gov/stormwater, which has useful information about storm drain systems including a description of where storm water comes from and goes to, copies of our comprehensive Storm Water Management and Storm Drain Master Plans, information about storm water utility fees, how to report concerns, helpful tips to protect storm water runoff quality, frequently asked questions, waterway interactive maps, and contact information. Additional information can be found at stormwatercoalition.org.

25TH ANNUAL ART SCHOLAR COMPETITION
BY JENNY HENDRICKSEN HAASE

Since 1999, the Draper Visual Arts Foundation has awarded over \$60,000 in prizes to recognize, encourage and support young artists to pursue their artwork and education.

High school seniors from the Canyons School District area (including private and charter schools) are invited to enter up to two pieces of original, gallery-ready 2D, 3D (including wood, jewelry, pottery and sculpture) and Photography/Digital artwork. For details and eligibility requirements, visit drapervisualartsfoundation.org.

Online applications must be completed by midnight April 20, 2024. Art pieces must be delivered by 5:00 PM April 22 to Draper City Hall (1020 Pioneer Road).



NEW DEPUTY CHIEF STEVE PEARSON

I was raised in Sacramento, California and moved to Southern Utah in 9th grade after my single mother decided it was too violent to stay in our neighborhood. After high school I immediately went into EMT and Fire school. Shortly after completion I began as a paid call member of Hurricane Fire where I served from 2002 - 2005. In 2005 I was selected to be a full-time member and launched my career from that point. We struggled to make ends meet and working three part-time jobs wasn't working. My journey then took me to Orem Fire. Shortly after getting married, we made Lehi our home with the move north. Throughout my first marriage we had 3 amazing children who are 16, 13, and 10. After going through a divorce, I remarried my wife Annika and have been so lucky to call her that. She is a hospice nurse and works on-call shift work for seven days at a time.

Early on in my career I recognized I had a passion for challenging myself physically and intellectually. I studied and grew over my career until finally getting hired as a P/T Flight Medic for Classic Air Medical in 2011. This job challenged me to critically think in relation to ill or injured patients along with the dynamics of the air medical world. In Orem, I worked as a paramedic on the ambulance for over ten years before moving up through the ranks and ultimately ending up as the C shift Battalion Chief. Throughout my career in Orem I



have seen how working together as a team makes anything possible, regardless of position.

I love to be in the mountains when there is no snow! I trail run as often as I can but really don't like races. The last race I did was a 50k in Moab, and that was enough for me thus far. I enjoy going out on my own and finding peace and quiet. I enjoy being with my family, traveling, working on cars, and being outdoors.

I am very excited to join Draper Fire and what our future holds. I've told many people how amazing this group of firefighters are and how badly I wanted to come back to work here. I finally made it and couldn't be happier!

DRAPER CITY RECYCLED MATERIALS REPORT
JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

Curbside Recycling

From July 1 - December 31, 2023 our recycling trucks picked up 803.35 tons of recyclables from curbside containers. We call this mixed load collection as it contains plastic bottles, metal cans, corrugated cardboard, and paper. Mixed loads are delivered to Rocky Mountain Recycling Services, a material recovery facility (MRF) in Salt Lake City that uses a state-of-the-art sort line and trained staff to ensure as much recyclable material as possible is reclaimed, baled and sent to production mills across the country to be made into new products.

Mixed Load Contamination

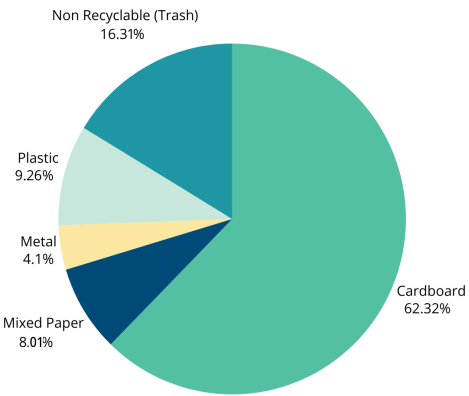
Rocky Mountain Recycling runs a test sort each month where a driver empties the load in an open area for a staff member to sort the load and determine how much is recyclable and how much is contamination (material that cannot be recycled). Our average during this period is 16.31% contamination. This is where we need your help.

What can I put in my recycle can?

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

Items to Keep Out of Recycle Bins

Plastic bags, fast food containers, greasy or soiled wrappers/packaging, wax coated cardboard, Styrofoam, packing peanuts, bubble wrap, yard waste, and



glass.

Corrugated Cardboard

We have two single stream drop off containers: one for corrugated cardboard at Public Works (72 E Sivogah Ct), and one for glass at City Hall (1020 E Pioneer Rd). During this period, residents recycled 16.4 tons of corrugated cardboard delivered and processed at Rocky Mountain Recycling. A 30-yard dumpster with corrugated cardboard weighs an average of 1.97 tons.

Glass

The City Hall dumpster recycled 55.47 tons of glass that is cleaned, dried and crushed, then sorted into various sizes ranging from pebbles to sand and even powder depending on its end market, at Momentum Recycling. Momentum offers monthly curbside glass recycling in Draper. For rates and pickup schedule, contact them at 801-355-0334 or sign up at <https://utah.momentumrecycling.com/draper>.

ROCKY PEAK VIRTUAL ELEMENTARY

Rocky Peak Virtual Elementary (RPV) is a tuition-free online/virtual elementary school in Jordan School District, serving students throughout Utah. RPV provides a virtual curriculum in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. They also have in-person and virtual activities with their Peak Time program.

Many families find RPV a good fit for children on the autism spectrum, or who need more personalized support or different



learning paths and choices. RPV offers a blend of school and classroom culture by being a public school, but with the benefits of privatized learning through three different learning options, which all take place virtually.

Learn more at rockypeak.jordandistrict.org.

UTILITY PROJECT NOTICE

SEWER PIPELINE AND MANHOLE REHABILITATION STARTING EARLY 2024

The South Valley Sewer District plans to repair segments of the aging sewer infrastructure in the district. Affected areas in Draper include 1000 E between Sunburn Lane and 11780 S, and 700 E between Sunburn Lane and Pioneer Rd.

Proactive measures are being taken to prevent additional deterioration and operational impacts. This project is able to use trenchless technology to install a liner inside existing pipe, and impacts will be much less than with a traditional open-trench project. Installation will take place while the old line is in service, minimizing public impact. Liner installation and reestablishing customer service connections may require minimal excavation work.

The project includes cleaning the sewer to remove sediment and debris before

rehabilitation, and bypass installation to ensure service is maintained during construction. Impacts may include increased noise and odors, and could affect roadway access and traffic. The project team will work closely with the rehabilitation contractor to minimize public inconvenience.

Notification will be delivered to each property in the area adjacent to the work before construction begins, and will include construction timing, anticipated traffic impacts, and other project impacts.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the South Valley Sewer District at 877-495-4240 or at ashlie.albrecht@consoreng.com.



Miss Draper Scholarship Program



Miss Draper 2024 is open to single women ages 17 - 25 who are Draper residents

Applications are due April 25

Apply at draperutah.gov/missdraper

2024 AMPHITHEATER SCHEDULE

Draper Jam
May 10

The Little Mermaid
May 24, 25, 27, 31,
June 1, 3, 7, 8

Summer Youth
Theater Workshop
June 10 - 19,
20 (Tech),
21 (Performance)

The Super Mario
Bros. Movie
July 17

Legally Blonde Jr.
July 26, 27, 29,
August 2, 3

The Sandlot
August 9

Broadway Family
Favorites
August 16, 17, 19,
23, 24

Siva Pasefika:
Origins
September 7

More information
coming soon



RECREATION PROGRAMS

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Girls ages 8 - 15

Great for learning softball basics, skills and fundamentals while having fun and building friendships.

Where: Southfork Park

When: Begins May 1. Games will be played scheduled days; single or double-headers may be played.

Cost: \$65 (3rd - 4th Grade), \$65 (5th - 6th Grade), \$70 (7th - 9th Grade)

YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKING

Youth ages 10 - 14

Riders must have a mountain bike (not BMX) in good working condition. Helmets and a spare tube are mandatory. Additional protective gear recommended.

Where: Ballard Arena/Cycle Park

When: 5 weeks, begins May 20.

Cost: \$180 per participant; includes custom mountain bike gloves

SOCCER

Youth ages 5 - 13

Featuring smaller team sizes and more involved play, Spring Soccer is perfect for improving skills, getting more shots, and scoring.

Where: Galena Hills Park

Length: 8 weeks, beginning April 8; 5:30 or 6:30 PM (rotating times)

Cost: \$52 (Pre-K - 2nd Grade), \$57 (3rd - 4th Grade), \$60 (5th - 7th Grade)

HELP WANTED

Ages 16+ (Referees), 18+ (Site Supervisors)

Draper City Parks and Recreation is in need of Referees and Site Supervisors for our Recreation Programs. These are part-time positions with varying schedules Monday - Thursday from 5:00 - 8:30 PM. Summer hours will vary with opportunities for more daytime shifts.

For qualifications, compensation, responsibilities and more, visit draperutah.gov/jobs.

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS



10:00 AM
Galena Hills Park
12500 South Vista Station Blvd

No bunny does a spring egg hunt like Draper City! Grab your baskets and celebrate the season at this favorite city event gathering candy-filled eggs, visiting with the Easter Bunny, and face painting.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/springegg hunt



9:00 AM
Smith Fields Park
200 East 13400 South

The Draper City Tree Committee hosts this free community tree planting event. Learn about tree planting and care.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/arborday



6:00 - 8:30 PM
Draper City Park
12500 South 1300 East

Mark your calendars and come celebrate Cinco De Mayo on Saturday, May 4th with Draper City! This free festival will have lots of activities and be fun for the whole family!

Learn more at draperutah.gov/cinco

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events



Royal“Tea” Party with Miss Draper

Please join us for a tea party and
etiquette workshop with
Miss Draper and her Royalty!
April 13, 2024
12-2 PM
Draper City Hall
Cost: \$20
Register by April 3rd at
draperutah.gov/missdraper





Draper Amphitheater
944 Vestry Road
May 24, 25, 27, 31, June 1, 3, 7, 8
Gates: 7:30 | Show: 8:00
Get tickets at
draperutah.gov/littlemermaid



Localscapes: Creating
Your Ideal Draper Yard

March 6 | 7:00 PM
Draper City Hall

Free Class

Register at
draperutah.gov/landscaping






Corner Canyon

HALF MARATHON 10K, 5K

September 21
7:00 - 11:00 AM
Andy Ballard Arena
Half Marathon — \$55
5K and 10K — \$25
Register at
draperutah.gov/half



The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority (Land Authority) seeks to be part of the solution to Utah’s most pressing challenges by providing a balanced mix of housing and developing sustainably. They have planned for approximately 3,300 housing units in the first development phase alone, including more than 400 affordable units. Since

January 2023, the Land Authority has temporarily dedicated some of The Point’s water rights to increase flows to the Great Salt Lake (GSL). Their actions have added approximately 4114.5 acre-feet of water to the GSL, or nearly 3.7 million gallons — enough to fill six Olympic-sized swimming pools — each day! While the amount of water alone will not save the GSL, it represents the Land Authority’s commitment to sustainability and regional partnership.

By creating a family-oriented

community where Utahns from various backgrounds and stages of life can live, The Point will be part of the solution to addressing Utah’s housing crisis. The first phase of development alone will provide a balanced mix of 3,300 housing units, with 12.5% of those units priced as affordable.

For more information, visit thepointutah.org.

CITY INFORMATION

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