



The Official Draper City Newsletter

DRAPER FORWARD

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Mayor’s Message
Back to School Safety

It’s Back-to-School season, and whether or not your household has kids in school, everyone in the community can do their part to help with safety.

Draper City provides crossing guards, school resource officers, and other support for our schools. Safety is our top priority, including crosswalks, traffic enforcement, and pedestrian routes to school. These things are evaluated each year.

Our partners at Canyons School District have invited the community to participate in a new safety awareness initiative—Canyons Safety Squad. The information they have shared with us from this campaign can apply to all schools and school zones within Draper.

The Canyons Safety Initiative is built on six key “Safety Zone Pillars”

Driver Awareness
Drivers are reminded to slow down in school zones and on school grounds, obey crossing guards, and stay off cell phones. Speed limits are reduced near schools for a reason — because

children are present.

Pedestrian Safety
Students and families are encouraged to use marked crosswalks and make eye contact with drivers before stepping into the street. Always listen to the instructions of crossing guards.

Bus Safety
It’s not only illegal but incredibly risky to pass a school bus with red flashing lights. Drivers must stop completely and wait until the red flashing lights turn off and the bus begins to move again.

E-Bike & Scooter Safety
As electric scooters and bikes become more popular, students and families should know their city’s laws about helmet usage, age limits, and sidewalk restrictions. Parents are asked to “know the code” and teach it to their children.

Group Safety
Students are safer when they walk in groups and stay visible. Families can create “walking school buses” or

coordinate bike groups to help kids travel together.

Drop-Off Rules
Each school has specific instructions for morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. Parents should follow signs, pull forward when

home. From choosing the safest walking route to reinforcing the importance of being alert near traffic, families are being asked to practice safety together and talk through what safe travel looks like.

We hope that everyone in the community will consider how they can contribute to help improve school safety.

Concerning E-bikes and scooters, our police department is in the process of putting together information to present to the council regarding safety concerns and possible amendments that could be made to

the city code to help. We will provide any updates via the city communication channels.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable school year.

— Mayor Troy K. Walker



instructed, and avoid parking on crosswalks or double parking. The smoother the flow, the safer the students.

Real Safety Starts at Home
While school staff and crossing guards are part of the safety equation, parents are reminded that lasting safety habits start at

LOCALSCAPES: CREATING YOUR IDEAL DRAPER YARD

As the saying goes, “The best time to plant a tree was 15 years ago. The second best time is tomorrow.” Trees are one of the reasons Draper is such an amazing place to call home—they provide cool shade in the summer, beautify your yard through the seasons, add curb appeal, and improve our quality of life. Choose a tree that fits your individual needs, and you will enjoy it for many years.

Fall is a great time to plant trees in Draper. Learn more about landscaping in Draper by attending an event hosted by the Tree Committee.

Back by popular demand—Localscapes: Creating Your Ideal Draper Yard! Whether you’re planning something small or a complete landscaping overhaul, don’t miss this opportunity to learn design basics and how to fund your water-wise landscaping project.

When
September 10,
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Where
City Hall Council Chambers,
1020 E. Pioneer Rd.



Scan to Register

Draper Tree Committee will host a Tree Talk to answer your questions about choosing the right trees for your space, proper planting techniques, and caring for trees in your yard. This will be a fun, informal session to learn and ask questions about trees in Draper.

When
September 15, 7:00 PM

Where
Draper Library, 1136 E. Pioneer Rd.

Register
draperutah.gov/treetalk

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

DRAPER CITY ANIMAL SERVICES
BACK TO SCHOOL 2025

Draper Animal Services thanks everyone for taking care of their furry family members through the hot summer months.

With summer coming to an end, we remind you to keep your pets safe as we leave them home alone for work and school.

Prior to leaving for the day, ensure your gates and garage doors are closed and secure—we don’t want pets running around the neighborhood unattended. It’s not a safe place for them. We love when they visit us at the shelter, but we would prefer they stay home with the family, safe and sound.

This a great time to make sure your pet has an updated collar tag with their name and phone number, along with a current Draper City animal license. You can renew that at draperutah.gov/animalservices. If your pet needs a microchip, the



animal shelter can provide one free of charge to Draper residents.

As always, keep a bowl of fresh water, a few dog cookies, and a toy or two out to keep pets busy until you return home at the end of the day. Have a safe and wonderful school year.



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City Council Message

Council Member
Bryn Heather Johnson



For the first time since 2003, I didn't get any children ready to go back to school, as my youngest child graduated from Corner Canyon High School in May. I've been thinking about the back-

to-school traditions and schedule that I will miss, such as meeting my children's teachers, reconnecting with friends, and getting involved in the school community. My children and I were blessed to receive support and encouragement from teachers, friends, and the larger Draper community.

Although I won't have a direct relationship with the schools anymore, I can play a supportive role through the City's cooperative relationship with the schools and district. Some of Draper's contributions include working with each school's Community Council to ensure safe walking routes, employing dedicated crossing guards,



providing School Resource Officers, and having our police officers participate in the elementary schools' D.A.R.E. program.

As we settle back into our school schedules, as the mayor mentioned in his message, our greatest concern is for everyone's safety. Let's remember to:

- Be mindful of the school zones
- Follow the signals from our Draper City Crossing Guards
- Watch for students who may be walking to or from school—especially early in the morning when it's still dark outside

Even though our school schedules can be busy, we are lucky to live in a city that provides great activities to have fun throughout the school

year. Check out the Community Events page of our City website to learn more information about these and other events happening in Draper this fall:

- International Arts and Craft Festival—put on in part by the city's Community Engagement Committee—on Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- The family-friendly "spooktacular" Haunted Trail on October 16 - 18 from 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM (staggered entry times). Tickets are required and cost \$3.25 per child. Parents accompanying a ticketed child are free.
- Farmers' Market/Food Truck nights every Tuesday starting at 5:00 PM through October 28 at Smith Fields Park.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events

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RECYCLED MATERIALS REPORT
JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2025

Curbside Recycling

During the 6-month period from January 1 to June 30, 2025, our recycling trucks have picked up 802.3 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 6-month period is 13.68% contamination, which means 13.68% 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?

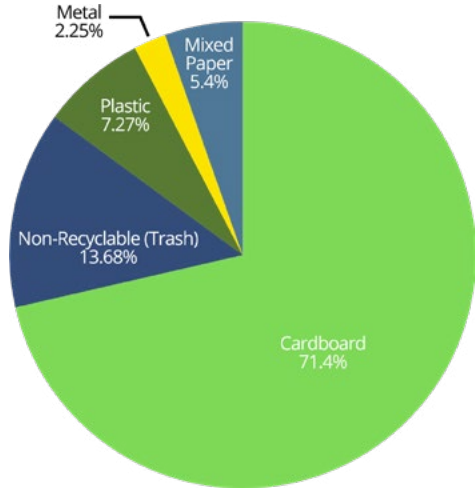
Cardboard (please flatten boxes), paper, newspaper, cereal boxes, toilet roll and paper towel tubes, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic containers with necks/lids. The recycling can is for loose materials only—don't put recyclable items in bags.

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 at the Public Works facility (72 E Sivogah Ct), and the other for glass at City Hall (1020 E Pioneer Rd). During this 6-month period, Draper residents have recycled 17.98 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 1.97 tons. Corrugated cardboard is also delivered to Rocky Mountain Recycling for processing.

Glass

From the dumpster at City Hall we have recycled 64.23 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/

GLASS RECYCLING SERVICE IS CHANGING

You don't have to haul your bottles anywhere to keep them out of the landfill. Momentum Recycling offers curbside pickup for all your glass bottles and jars—jam, pickle, salsa, you name it. Your glass gets transformed into new products instead of waste.

If You've Been Recycling, This Is What's Changing

Until now, your glass recycling service has been billed via Draper City, as a line item on your public utility bill, and Momentum Recycling has provided the service. Going forward, Momentum Recycling will bill you directly for glass recycling service. Nothing will change in the service itself; collection will still occur on the same day, and you will still receive a reminder text or email the day before. You will simply pay Momentum Recycling directly, rather than paying Draper City.

What You Need to Do

You will need to create an account directly with Momentum Recycling,

at momentumrecycling.com. During this process, you will be asked to enter a payment method for the monthly fee. This will need to be completed by September 15 in order to ensure that your glass recycling service continues uninterrupted.

If You Have Not Been Recycling Glass Yet, You Can Start Here

Sign up in minutes at utah.momentumrecycling.com/draper or scan the QR code below. You'll get a monthly pickup on the same day each month, plus a reminder the day before. Simple, clean, and good for the planet—right from your driveway.

Don't forget, there are two glass recycling bins located in Draper, one on the east side of the City Hall parking lot (1020 E. Pioneer Rd.) and the other at IKEA (67 W. IKEA Way).



FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday Through
October 28

5:00 - 9:00 PM (September)
5:00 - 8:00 PM (October)

Enjoy fresh, locally grown produce, artisan goods, and delicious food while enjoying a friendly social gathering place

Food Trucks Available
Each Night

Smith Fields Park
200 East 13400 South

learn more at
draperutah.gov/events



FIRE STATION 22

Station 22 is home to Engine 22 and Medic Ambulance 22. It is typically staffed with six personnel and a Battalion Chief. They operate these two apparatuses, as well as a brush truck and UTV side-by-side. Their calls vary from standard medical calls, hang-glider accidents, motor vehicle accidents, and more. Their response district is the southern end of the city, including Corner Canyon and a portion of Traverse Ridge Road.

During their 48-hour shifts, they are responsible for responding to calls, medical and fire training, and other duties to help facilitate the function of the department.



2025 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SURVEY

This year, nearly 100 communities—including Draper—submitted applications to the League of American Bicyclists’ Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) program. Draper City’s application is to renew our status as a Bronze Level BCF, one of nine certified BCFs in the state. The League wants to hear from people who are familiar with biking (or wanting to bike) in these communities as part of their review process. Your input will help the League and applicant communities to better understand current bicycling

conditions and potential areas for improvement. This survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete, and nearly all questions are optional. Please visit surveymonkey.com/r/BFC_2025 or scan the QR code below to take the survey.



2025 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Draper City will conduct it’s Municipal General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 as a vote-by-mail election.

Open Seats:
Mayor (1 seat, 4 year-term)
City Council At-Large (2 seats, 4 year-term)
City Council At-Large (1 seat, 2 year-term)

To ensure you receive a ballot in the mail, please visit vote.utah.gov to update your voter registration.

For your vote to count, Salt Lake County must receive your ballot

by 8:00 PM on election day. A secure drop box is available in the south parking lot of Draper City Hall for convenient ballot drop-off.

As the election gets closer, Draper City will release vote-center and early vote locations.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Soon the leaves will change color and everything will be infused with pumpkin spice. As we gear up for spooky season, we want everyone to have fun. While costumes and haunted houses are a blast, it’s important to prioritize safety. From ensuring costumes are visible in the dark to choosing well-lit routes for trick-or-treating, small precautions can make a big difference. By being mindful of safety, everyone can enjoy the Halloween spirit while keeping the holiday fun and secure for all.

Trick-or-Treating
Children should be supervised at all Times. Use flashlights to illuminate walking surfaces and provide motorists notice of your location from a greater distance. Attaching glowsticks to costumes can increase their visibility in the dark.

Trick-or-treat in groups, in familiar neighborhoods and, when possible, while it’s still light outside. Map out your route in advance, and always walk on sidewalks and cross at crosswalks, looking both ways before crossing.

Costumes
Check that costumes are flame retardant, and hemmed to be short enough to prevent trips and falls. Wear light-colored costumes and use

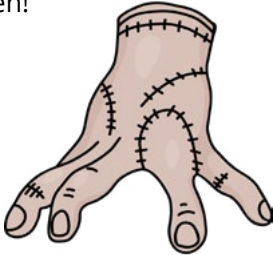
reflective materials or tape to help maintain visibility.

Avoid costumes that have weapons. If they are part of the costume, make sure they are made from cardboard or flexible materials. If possible, try using makeup instead of masks.

Parents
Teach children to never go into a stranger’s house or vehicle. If your child has a cell phone, make sure they are familiar with local emergency numbers and 911.

Teach children not to eat any treats until they get home. To avoid temptation, give children a snack before they go out trick-or-treating. Be careful with fruit and homemade treats — discard them if you don’t know the person who gave them. Check all treats and eat only unopened candy in original wrappers.

Be safe, and have an enjoyable Halloween!



Build Your Future
A Bilingual Program Sets Up Students for Success

Did you know Canyons School District has some of the most extensive language immersion offerings in Utah? Twenty-one CSD schools offer dual language immersion programs in Spanish, French, or Chinese — and it’s nearly time to apply to enroll for the 2026-2027 school year. Applications for these popular programs are accepted online Monday, September 29 through

Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Any kindergarten-aged student who will be starting the first grade in fall 2026 may apply. A lottery will be held to determine entrance into the programs if the number of applicants exceeds the seats available. For more information, see canyonsdistrict.org/dual-language-immersion.



Does your child have an insatiable curiosity, a need to explore subjects in surprising depth, or ability to quickly learn complex information? If so, your student may be a candidate for Canyons School District’s SALTA magnet program. SALTA (Supporting Advanced Learners Toward Achievemen) serves students who demonstrate significantly high cognitive and academic abilities beyond

their peers. Students in kindergarten through the seventh grade can apply to test into the program starting Monday, September 8. The deadline for submitting an application is midnight on Wednesday, October 1. For more information see salta.canyonsdistrict.org, or call (801) 826-5044.



RECREATION PROGRAMS

YOUTH WRESTLING

Youth grades K - 8

This beginning-to-intermediate program teaches new skills and builds on current ones by focusing on fundamentals, balance, agility, body control, basic stance, rules, holds and techniques, and — most importantly — having fun.

Where: Corner Canyon High School
When: 4-day clinics October 7 - 10
Cost: \$45 per child; includes shirt

EVIL SCIENTIST ACADEMY

Youth grades 1 - 5

Get excited about science! Have fun with hands-on experience through positive, motivating, and inspiring interactions.

Where: Draper Parks and Recreation Office
When: September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21; or November 4, 11, 18, 24, December 2, 9
Cost: \$89 for six classes

JR. JAZZ

Youth grades K - 12

Jr. Jazz emphasizes the development of teamwork and fundamental basketball skills. Resident-only registration open through October 1.

Where: TBD
Length: 8 weeks; all groups start in December except 2nd Grade, which begins in January
Cost: \$84 (K), \$87 (1 - 4), \$91 (5 - 8), \$95 (9 - 12)

MEN'S WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Men ages 16+

Put your team together and hit the courts for 8 regular season games, followed by a single elimination tournament.

Where: Draper Park Middle School
Length: 8 weeks, November - February
Cost: \$675 per team

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS



10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Draper City Park
12500 South 1300 East

Features 150 artists and artisans offering clothing, pottery, home décor, jewelry, works of fine art, and more. Enjoy live cultural entertainment, delicious food, and a children's activity area. Admission and parking are free.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/artsandcrafts



5:00 - 8:00 PM
Draper City Park
12500 South 1300 East

Held in observance of Fire Prevention Week, firefighters provide lifesaving public education using fun activities to decrease casualties caused by fires. Admission and parking are free.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/firenight



4:30 - 10:00 PM
Andy Ballard Arena
1600 Highland Drive

Get spooked as you hike along the Haunted Trail. The darker it gets, the spookier it gets, we encourage you to bring the little ones early. Costumes are encouraged!

Learn more and get tickets at draperutah.gov/hauntedtrail



11:00 - 11:30 AM
Draper City Park
12500 South 1300 East

Our annual Veterans Day Ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/veteransday

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events

2026 SEASON

AUDITION MASTERCLASS

Free Event | Registration Required

YOUTH MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP

Summer | Registration Required

ZORRO

The Musical

Fall

THE NEXT GENERATION

SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL

Spring

HADESTOWN

TEEN EDITION

Summer

Learn more about the 2026 Arts Council season, auditions, and get tickets at draperutah.gov/artsCouncil

September 20
7:00 - 11:00 AM
Andy Ballard Arena

Half Marathon — \$55
5K and 10K — \$25

Same-day registration available
Race Shirt not guaranteed

Register at draperutah.gov/half

DANCING IN THE

Stars

A BIG BAND TRIBUTE

September 12, 13 and 15

Draper Amphitheater
944 Vestry Road

Gates: 7:00 PM | Show: 8:00 PM

Tickets on sale now at draperutah.gov/amphitheater

ANNUAL BAGGED LEAF COLLECTION

The annual bagged leaf collection dumpster will be available this fall at the Draper Public Works Building. Only bagged leaves will be accepted, not other yard or household waste.

When: October 6 - December 19*
Where: 72 E. Sivogah Ct. (West side)

*weather permitting



CITY INFORMATION

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