

The Official Draper City Newsletter

DRAPER FORWARD

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Mayor's Message
Staying Connected
Makes a Difference



I am the current president of the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT). It has been an honor to represent all 256 cities and towns in Utah this year. It is our cities and towns that truly make Utah great. My focus this year as ULCT president has been on making connections with my fellow mayors, other elected officials, and our legislative leaders. With ULCT, there is strength in numbers.

Reflecting on this year's legislative session, the value of our associations is clear. As president, I was at the legislature a lot. At times, it was exhausting, frustrating, and maddening. Every January, I make it a goal to watch my language. I failed again this year, but I think many of the words said were accurate, and my time was well spent on our behalf. At the end of the day, when you consider what was

thrown at us, we did pretty darn well as a league.

Here are some of the important bills we worked on:

- HB88 – Housing Policy Amendments and HB90 - Zoning Amendments (ADU by right) (I testified against both bills, and they did not pass the committee. That is rare, so I was glad to help stop these bills.)
- HB37 – Utah Housing Amendments (I testified in favor, and this bill passed)

I was involved in negotiations and meetings on the following matters:

- HB368 – Local Land Use Amendments (passed)
- HB465 – Public Safety Amendments (made better)
- SB337 – Land Use & Development Amendments (made better, and then it did not go anywhere)
- HB360 – Housing Attainability Amendments (made better and supported)
- HB355 – Mining and Critical Infrastructure Materials Amendments (made much better, even though we opposed it)

ULCT is an amazing organization. Our staff is second-to-none and we have the respect of legislative leadership and key legislators. Our motto for the last few sessions has been partnership, not preemption, and we have been remarkably effective. I have heard that we need to “fight more and negotiate less.” I enjoy a good fight, but in a fight, there is always a winner and a loser, and losing stinks. Thus, our fighting takes two forms.

Sometimes, we call on the League Army to oppose a bill. That consists of all the elected officials contacting each legislator and lodging our opposition and putting political pressure on them to listen to their cities. The League Army in this form is the sledgehammer in our toolbox, and when we swing it, we usually kill the bill we aim at.

However, the very nature of the legislature and the fact that legislators often draft bills based on anecdotal evidence regarding actions/policies of the so-called “bad cities” prevents us from using the sledgehammer every time. Most of the time, we use the working hammer of negotiation to protect our cities. From a developer perspective, we are all “bad cities” at any given time, and the developers have the ear of this legislature! The working hammer is our most effective tool, and consists of our political capital, relationships, reputations, data-driven analysis, and the respect we have earned over the years with both branches of government. We fight best when we fight smartly, and that is when we are in the room making our case and helping to craft the solution. Several times this year, we were the only organization that stayed at the table to fight and make bad bills either go away, become better, or neutral to our issues.

This year, the legislature passed 529 bills in 45 days, the second most ever. 257 of the bills passed affected cities. I can only imagine how many new laws we would have every year if we were known as a “big government” state. One of the most significant bills affecting city authority was made public with just ten days left in the session. That forced a quick, exhausting fight by the league.

Now more than ever, what your legislator does matters just as much or more than who your local leaders are. Why? Because the legislature is now shaping our communities. I have heard it is much cheaper to lobby for and pass a favorable development law in a 45-day session than to fight a law you do not like. I think that has proven to be 100% true.

We are about to get a new “state housing plan” aimed at solving the housing crisis. We expect to work on it with the legislature to hopefully make this plan a viable and effective solution. Many states have taken cities out of the equation, and land use is done completely by state law. Our legislature has been willing to collaborate with us, and so far, that has not happened (extensively) here yet. But that is why you need a ULCT to watch and fight for our towns.

In the end, it is our connections with each other, our leaders, and our ability to work together that make us strong. Connect with your neighbors. Strong neighborhoods make strong cities, which make a strong state. Our ability to work together as neighbors is where we find our strength and the tools to build safe, livable communities

It has been an honor to be league president this year. I am proud of the work we have done and the connections and relationships we have forged. It is an honor to be your mayor. May we continue to connect and work together to keep Utah great.

I wish you all a happy spring.
Mayor Troy K. Walker

WHY PLANT A TREE?
CONSIDER ADDING A TREE TO LANDSCAPE THIS SEASON

Planting trees is one of the smartest investments you can make in your landscape. Tree benefits include:

- Reducing summer temperatures, making yards and streets more comfortable, while lowering energy bills
- Providing food and habitat for birds, pollinators, and other beneficial wildlife
- Adding beauty, structure, and value to your home and neighborhood
- Removing pollutants generated by cars and other sources and give oxygen in return

Need help choosing? Many free landscaping resources are available. Visit conservationgardenpark.org for a searchable database of plants and trees to find an ideal tree for your situation, live and on-demand classes to answer your landscaping questions, and how to qualify for rebates to offset some costs of replacing turf with water-wise planting.

Can't decide? See many mature tree and plant species at the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Conservation Garden Park (8275 S 1300 W, West Jordan) or the Draper Conservation Garden (12354 S 800 E, Draper, at the Parks and Recreation building); both are free and open to the public. Find a list of trees suitable for Draper yards at draperutah.gov/landscaping.

The race is in September. Training starts today.



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

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

Register by August 21 to guarantee Race Shirt

Register at **draperutah.gov/half**



DRAPER CITY AFTER-HOURS CONTACTS

Parks Department: (801) 831-7194 Streets Department: (801) 831-7195
Water Department: (801) 831-7212 Non-emergency Fire/Police: (801) 840-4000



1020 East Pioneer Road
Draper, UT 84020
(801) 576-6500

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City Council Message

Council Member
Fred Lowry



As the Draper City Council, one of our most important roles is to listen to the people we serve — you, the residents of Draper. Every decision we make — whether it’s about development, budgeting, public safety, preserving open space, parks, trails, Draper Days and other special events — should reflect your priorities and desires. That’s why your voice truly matters.

We’re fortunate to live in a community known for its parks, open space with miles of scenic trails, and an incredible lineup of community events throughout the year. From Draper Days to our farmers market, outdoor concerts, and seasonal celebrations, these moments bring us together — and they have been created by community input and involvement. We truly live in a special city.

If you’re wondering how to get involved or share your thoughts with the City Council, there are many ways. First, consider attending our City Council meetings. These are

open to the public and include time for citizen comments. Whether you want to speak on a specific agenda item or simply share your perspective, your feedback helps inform the decisions we make.

If you can’t attend a City Council meeting in person, there are means to be heard. You can reach us via email, phone, or through the city’s website. Draper City also shares updates and invites feedback through social media channels and the Notify Draper email/text system, making it easier than ever to stay connected and voice your opinions. We want to hear from you — not just when there’s a concern, but also when you have an idea or see something worth celebrating.

Another great way to get involved is by serving on one of the many Draper City committees or commissions. These groups provide valuable input and play a key role in helping shape the policies and

projects impacting our daily lives.

Let’s not forget the power of conversation. Whether it’s at a neighborhood gathering, a city-sponsored event, or just a quick chat while out on a trail. These everyday interactions are a vital part of community engagement. I encourage us all to stay engaged. We will not always agree, but that should not prevent the conversations from remaining positive and treating each other with open minds and dignity.

Your voice helps guide us and keeps us accountable to make Draper an even better place to live, work, play, and raise our families. So please be involved, reach out, and know your voice truly matters in shaping and maintaining the special community of Draper City.

Councilmember
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2025 CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

Four seats are up for election in 2025: Mayor, and three At-Large Council seats. All seats are four-year terms, with the exception of one Council seat, which is for a two-year term following the resignation of Cal Roberts.

Parties interested in running for office must be a US citizen at the time of filing, be a registered voter of the municipality, be a resident of Draper City for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the election, and not be a convicted felon unless the right to hold elective office has been restored.

Candidates must file in person at the Draper City Recorder’s Office (1020 E. Pioneer Rd.) from June 2 - 6 between 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.



DRAPER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATION 21

Station 21 is home to Ladder 21 and Medic Ambulance 21. It is staffed by committed department members twenty-four hours a day. Three platoons/shifts staff this station, working a 48/96 schedule, often referred to as a tour. Staff work two days in a row, then have four days off. Each day has a minimum of five members on duty, split between the Ladder and the Medic Ambulance. Station 21 has a water tender, side-by-side brush unit, and Type 6 brush truck.

A typical day for these members consists of morning briefing, apparatus checks, training, 911 response, community education, and personal time. They take every opportunity to be prepared for



emergency response by conducting or participating in training covering Medical and Fire, and study time. As EMTs and firefighters, members are dual-role providers. The level of each member varies, depending on where they are in their career and education.

When training and operating, medical and fire units work hand-in-hand with one another, forming a Fire Company that may perform medical care or firefighting efforts together.

Each firehouse consists of a Captain, an Engineer, and EMTs who range in level from Basic to Advanced EMTs, or Paramedic. All members of Draper Fire are certified to provide immediate care from any station within our city.

Tour training covers medical care including EKG monitors, medications, splinting, and scenarios. Ladder 21 is the Draper City “truck” house. A ladder truck is a larger fire apparatus with a ladder on the top, whose functions during a fire are victim search, ventilation, and forcible entry into a structure. These skills take practice, critical thinking, and strength to accomplish. Each member maintains a level of proficiency with these skills to ensure they are prepared to serve the residents of Draper City in the event of an emergency.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

As summer quickly approaches, our minds turn to warm weather, enjoying the sun and spending time outside. When you turn on the tap or open a hose bib, you expect your water to be safe, clean, and free of any harmful substances. Simple hazards like irrigation sprinklers and a garden hose left in a pool, or bucket full of soapy water, could be the cause of a cross-connection that may contaminate your water, and the public drinking water system as a whole.

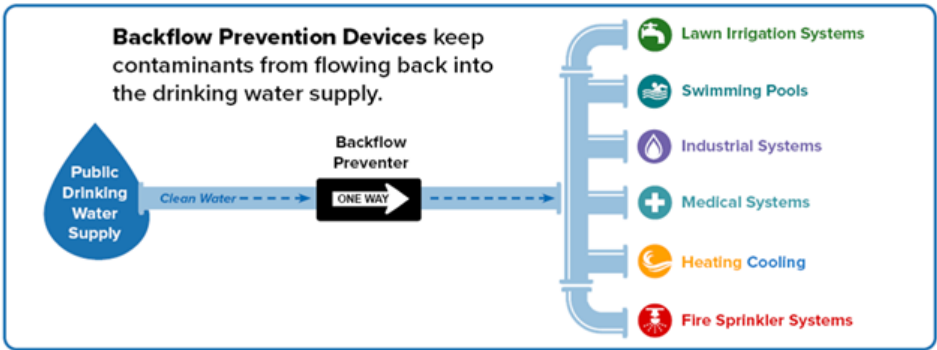
Backflow is defined as a reversal of water flow from its intended path within the plumbing system. Backsiphonage occurs when the water pressure from the city suddenly drops and causes a vacuum, or suction effect. When this happens, water, along with contaminants, chemicals or other hazardous substances, may be pulled from homes and businesses back into the system. To prevent this

from happening, the appropriate backflow preventer must be in place. These devices and assemblies allow water to flow one direction and automatically stop or prevent reverse flow. All assemblies are required to be inspected and tested annually.

To help do your part with backflow prevention, remember the 3 B’s:

- 1. Be aware of any possible cross-connections.
- 2. Be safe and have your backflow assemblies tested annually.
- 3. Be responsible by contacting your local water department if you feel like there may be an issue.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns regarding backflow at (385) 557-2781 or email: backflow@draperutah.gov.



ART in the BARN*

Aug 15-16
Day Barn

10AM-7pm
Draper Park

*Call for Artists!
Apply online
until JUNE 15

QR code

DRAPER
VISUAL ARTS
FOUNDATION.ORG



DRAPER DAYS
PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
MENS - WOMENS - MIXED DOUBLES

\$40
PER TEAM

JULY 11 & 12
SOUTHFORK PARK

LEARN MORE & REGISTER
DRAPERUTAH.GOV/DRAPERDAYS

draper days
Softball
adult coed all-nighter

\$295
PER TEAM

JULY 18
GALENA HILLS PARK

LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT
DRAPERUTAH.GOV/DRAPERDAYS





DRAPER DAYS
5K FUN RUN

\$40
PER PARTICIPANT

JULY 12
DRAPER CITY PARK

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DRAPER DAYS
basketball
3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT

\$70
PER TEAM

JULY 19
GALENA HILLS PARK

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DRAPER DAYS
strider
BIKE RACE

\$30
per participant

JULY 12
DRAPER CYCLE PARK
AGES 3 - 5

LEARN MORE & REGISTER
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July 17th
4-8 PM
Draper Park

CAR SHOW

Do you have a cool, classic, or vintage car you love to show off? This is a free, all-makes, all-models show.

\$500 prize!

Registration required, there are a limited number of entries. Secure your spot by completing the online application today!

Contact our Event Manager
Community.events@draperutah.gov
(801) 576-6584
draperutah.gov/events
Use this QR code to apply now!



JULY 18 - 19

2025

FREE CONCERTS



THE FRONTMEN

with *COLE HARTLEY*

July 19, 7 PM

GROOVE MERCHANTS

with *MOON JUICE* and the winners of Draper Idol

July 18, 7 PM

both shows followed by fireworks

Rodeo July 11 & 12 7:30 PM	Horse Pull July 14 7:00 PM	Historic Walking Tour July 15 6:00 PM	Heritage Banquet July 16 5:30 PM
Draper Idol July 16 7:30 PM	Movie Night July 16 9:15 PM	Car Show July 17 4:00 PM	Children's Bike Parade July 17 6:00 PM
Park Events July 18 5:00 PM	Parade July 19 9:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast July 19 10:00 AM	Park Events July 19 11:00 AM

learn more at draperutah.gov/draperdays





Volunteer Caller
Needed

July 18-19

Experience preferred

(801) 576-6584 | Community.events@draperutah.gov

RECREATION PROGRAMS

SUMMER BASEBALL

Youth ages 6 - 8

A great COED program that lets players learn baseball and softball fundamentals with teamwork, fun, and learning. Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch are available.

Where: Draper City Park, Smith Fields Park, and Southfork Park
Length: 8 weeks, beginning June 3
Cost: \$45 (Coach Pitch), \$52 (Machine Pitch)

TENNIS

Youth ages 4 - 18, adults age 18+

Taught by USPTA/USPTR certified professionals, classes focus on building fundamentals for all levels.

Where: Smith Fields & Southfork Parks
When: June - August (youth), May - September (adults)
Cost: \$48, \$56, or \$80 (youth) or \$22, \$88, \$160, or \$190 (adult) depending on class per participant

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Youth ages 10 - 14, adults age 15+

Taught by SimplyMTB coaches, clinics teach bike safety and rules on Corner Canyon trails.

Where: Ballard Arena / Cycle Park
When: July - August (youth), May (adults)
Cost: \$170 per participant (youth) or \$50 per 90-minute clinic (adults)

EVIL SCIENTIST SUMMER CAMP

Youth ages 5 - 12

Our certified "Evil Scientist" instructor has fun things to teach kids during this summer. Four-day camps teach various elements of science with lots of cool tests, experiments, and explosions!

Where: Day Barn
When: 4-day sessions beginning June 10
Cost: \$130 per session

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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



11:00 AM
Rotary Park
958 West 12300 South

Join Mayor Walker on this fun, family-friendly bike ride with two distance options and free giveaways.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/bikeride



3:00 - 3:30 PM
Gold Star Families Memorial
Draper City Park
12500 South 1300 East

Join us at our Memorial Day Ceremony as we remember and honor those who have died in military service to the United States.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/memorialday



9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Galena Hills Park
12500 South 550 West

Children ages 2 - 9 years old will bike, run, and go down an inflatable water slide on their way to the finish line in this recreational event.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/tinytot

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events

JUNE 20

RYAN SHUPE & THE RUBBERBAND



DRAPER AMPHITHEATER 944 VESTRY RD

LEARN MORE AND GET TICKETS AT [DRAPERUTAH.GOV/AMPHITHEATER](https://draperutah.gov/amphitheater)



RIVER BOTTOM RUMBLE

JULY 12 - 13

2-Round Disc Golf Shotgun Tournament
Rotary Park / 958 West 12300 South
Open to anyone age 16+
Amateur Division: \$80 / Pro Division: \$100
Registration opens May 13

Register now at draperutah.gov/draperdays

Draper Jam

May 9 • Gates: 6:00 PM / Show: 6:30 PM
FREE SHOW featuring Alpine Heroes, Diona, Groove Syndicate, Misdemeanor, Moon Juice, Peer Pressure, Polynomial, The Groove Robbers & The Mild Mullets



learn more at draperutah.gov/amphitheater



The SOUND of MUSIC

May 30, 31
June 2, 6, 7, 9, 13 & 14
Draper Amphitheater — 944 Vestry Rd
Gates: 7:30 PM — Show: 8:00 PM

TICKETS

Adults (13+) — \$12
Kids (3 - 12) — \$10
Kids (2 & under) — Free

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Get tickets at draperutah.gov/soundofmusic

THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.com



BEETLEJUICE JR.

AUDITIONS

MAY 2, 7 - 9 PM & MAY 3, 4 - 8 PM
for ages 12 - 18

PERFORMANCES

AUGUST 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 & 11
Gates: 8:00 PM — Show: 8:30 PM

get audition & show info at draperutah.gov/amphitheater

CITY INFORMATION

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