

The Official Draper City Newsletter

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Mayor's Message
Draper's Justice Court



Utah has two levels of trial courts: district and justice courts. The state is divided into judicial districts, and Draper is in the Third Judicial District. Our district court is located in West Jordan. The district court handles civil claims, divorces, land-use cases, and criminal cases (from class A misdemeanors to third-degree felonies). Justice courts handle limited civil claims (small claims up to $20,000), infractions (most traffic violations and class B and C misdemeanors), and certain code enforcement actions.

Draper is fortunate to have its own justice court, presided over by Judge Lisa Garner. To control costs, the judge's time is split with Herriman City. I worked against her as a defense attorney when she was a prosecutor, and now appear in her court in Herriman as a prosecutor. Her decisions are fair, and she manages court time exceptionally well.

The Draper Justice Court handles a high volume of lower-level cases: 10,000 filings in 2026, up from 8,296 in 2025, and 7,940 in 2024. About 93 percent are traffic matters; thousands are resolved without a court appearance. The rest are misdemeanors, DUIs, infractions, parking cases, and small claims. Draper's share of court revenue rose from $721,259 in fiscal year 2023/24 to $859,387 in 2025/26. Total court revenue grew from $1.15 million to $1.39 million over the same period.

Three features make our Justice Court especially valuable.

Community-tailored enforcement. Our municipal judge is appointed by the mayor with council consent. Cases are decided with our community's perspective in mind rather than becoming another file on a district court docket.

Cost and simplicity for minor matters. Small claims and minor traffic cases can be handled less formally. Residents frequently navigate them without expensive legal representation. Attorneys are permitted, but a citizen can often handle a traffic matter alone. The City's public defender contract is more cost-efficient at the justice court level. Small claims reach trial faster than in district court. Litigants save time waiting for court dates and in travel. Criminal cases are handled efficiently in the city where the offense occurred. Our prosecutor stays local instead of traveling to district courts, and officers can testify while on duty. This saves overtime and fuel, and keeps officers serving the community.

Relieving district court backlogs. By absorbing high-volume infractions and misdemeanors, the justice court keeps minor local issues out of district courts. Otherwise, every traffic citation, parking matter, misdemeanor, code enforcement action, and small claim handled here would shift to an overloaded district court. Residents, officers, victims, witnesses, and litigants would travel farther, wait longer, and compete for hearing time. As a prosecutor, I have waited for hours in large district court calendars with officers, victims, and witnesses. That is inefficient; our justice court avoids most of it.

Draper City's court staff and Judge Garner do an excellent job. Our justice court is fair, efficient, and valuable to our community.

Mayor Troy K. Walker

ADOPT-A-STORM-DRAIN THIS FALL

Now is the perfect time to adopt a storm drain or check on your adopted storm drain to help keep Draper's neighborhoods and local waterways clean.

Our storm drains typically carry stormwater directly to local waterways, including creeks, canals, and the Jordan River, without treatment. When fallen leaves, grass clippings, soil, twigs, and other plant debris enter storm drains, they can be carried to these waterways as well. This organic matter naturally decomposes and releases nutrients as it breaks down. When excessive amounts enter waterways, decomposition can consume dissolved oxygen fish and other aquatic life need to survive, while released nutrients can promote algae growth and potentially contribute to harmful algal blooms.

Meanwhile, leaves and other debris accumulated on and/or around storm drain grates can block water flow and contribute to localized flooding.

Visit Draper City's Adopt-a-Storm-Drain program page at draperutah.gov/adoptastormdrain to explore the map of available storm drains to adopt.

This autumn, inspect your adopted storm drain at least once a month during the season. Work from a safe location away from traffic. Never enter a storm drain, reach inside it, or attempt to lift the grate. Report serious blockages or hazardous materials to the City.

Sweep up fallen leaves, dirt, and litter before they wash away. Place collected leaves and litter in the appropriate waste or yard-waste collection.

After checking your drain, find and click on your storm drain in the Draper City Adopt-a-Storm-Drain Map and submit a brief update, even if no cleaning was needed. Your updates help the City track volunteer activity and the amount/type of debris removed.

Leaves and other debris kept out of the road and storm drain is a small step toward cleaner waterways and neighborhoods. Even if you don't adopt a storm drain, being aware of impacts to storm drains, keeping an eye on those near your home, and reporting issues helps our storm drain maintenance efforts. Thank you for being part of the solution and helping protect local streams and the Jordan River this fall.

INTERNATIONAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL
BY RYAN CHENG, DRAPER CITY MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

As a member of the Draper City Mayor's Youth Council, I got to participate in the International Arts and Crafts Festival. It started with a number of cultural performances held on the main stage, where I spent the first part of my time at the event. Seeing performers share their traditions with the audience was one of my most memorable experiences.

While the performance stage was the heart of the festival, the children's craft tent could be called its engine. It was a brilliant idea, and well organized by Community Events Manager David Wilks. Every child had a "passport"; with each completed craft activity, the kids received a stamp on their pages. Upon collecting three stamps, they received a prize. The youth council helped with face painting, making bracelets, paper candles, and more.

What impressed me the most about this event is the number of things occurring behind the scenes. In my opinion, that is what the International Arts & Craft Festival is all about. It's more than crafting, face painting, or performances—it's all about how a community supports its littlest members, as well as each other. On behalf of the Youth Council, thank you to everyone involved in making this year's festival a beautiful one.

CORNER CANYON HALF MARATHON
BY DREW DODSON, DRAPER CITY MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

On September 19, the Draper City Mayor's Youth Council helped with volunteering for Corner Canyon Half Marathon. A total of 43 Youth Council members volunteered, handing out water and guiding runners along the course.

The event presented an unexpected challenge with rain the day before, forcing the Parks Department to change the course last minute. Fortunately, there were enough volunteers to station pairs of Youth Council members at each turn and fork in the trail, ensuring runners stayed on course.



Thanks to the support of the Youth Council and other volunteers, the event was a success despite the unexpected challenges.

DRAPER CITY AFTER-HOURS CONTACTS

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City Council Message

Council Member Tasha Lowery



When my family moved to Draper in 2008, I was a young mom with a nine-month-old baby. We didn't know anyone here. I remember wondering how long it would take for this new place to feel like home.

It didn't take long.

On our very first day, neighbors arrived with fresh-baked cookies and offers to help if we needed anything—even a cup of sugar. Those small gestures made it easier to step outside, introduce ourselves and begin building a life here.

As our family grew, so did our connection to Draper. We took our little one to an Easter egg hunt that had a special section just for toddlers. We bundled up for the tree lighting ceremony and a visit with Santa. We hiked through miles of beautiful, protected open space, grateful that such a remarkable landscape was part of our everyday lives.

The city made room for families to gather, and our neighbors made us feel welcome when we got there. Over time, familiar faces became friends. The streets around our house became the place where our children could safely explore, grow more independent and find their own sense of belonging.

That kind of childhood feels increasingly precious. So many parents hope their children will have the freedom to roam, the confidence to try new things and the comfort of knowing there are people nearby who care about them. In Draper, we found all of that. I know how fortunate we are.



Nearly two decades after we arrived, I still think about those first cookies at our door. The people who brought them couldn't have known how much their welcome meant to a young family starting over in a new community. But they helped set the tone for everything that followed.

Today, when so many people are searching for connection, the way we welcome one another matters more than ever. We can invite a new neighbor over, make space for a toddler at a community event or stop to talk with someone we haven't met. Those moments may seem ordinary to the person offering them. To the person receiving them, they can make all the difference.

My family came to Draper looking for a place to live. What we found was a home: a community of neighbors, shared traditions and room for our children to grow. I hope we continue to offer that same sense of welcome to every family that arrives after us. I am so grateful to call Draper our home and to share it with all of you.

Councilmember Tasha Lowery

A FOND FAREWELL TO FIRE CHIEF CLINT SMITH

We want to wish Chief Smith the best of luck as he retires November 30.

Chief Clint Smith has served the Salt Lake Valley for over 30 years in fire and EMS. He began his career as a volunteer in Draper City in 1993. Salt Lake County Fire Department/ Unified Fire Authority hired Clint full-time in 1996, where he worked for 21 years as Paramedic/Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Hazmat Captain, PIO, Operations Battalion Chief, and EMS Bureau Chief. Chief Smith also served as a Flight Paramedic for Intermountain Healthcare's Life Flight Air Ambulance service from June 2006 to July 2013, providing critical care for pediatric and adult patients during inter-facility and scene flight responses.



Draper City subsequently sought out Clint to become their Fire Chief in October 2016 to build their newly formed fire department. Chief Smith had the unique task of building an entire three-station fire and EMS department from the ground up in nine months. Draper City Fire Department began providing service to its 55,000 residents on July 1, 2017, providing fire, paramedic, ground transport, and inter-facility transport services. In the last 9 ½ years Draper City Fire has formed its own successful Wildland department.

Smith is the current Past President of the Utah State Fire Chiefs' Association, Chair of the Utah State Bureau of EMS Medical Committee, Advisory Board Member for the Utah Communications Authority (UCA), Co-Founder of the Utah Firefighter Cancer Initiative Group, selected as Fellow for the NFFF Cohort #4 and Legislative Member for the Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA).

As I prepare to retire, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the residents and employees of Draper City for the friendship, support, and trust you have shown me the past 10 years.

It has been an incredible honor to serve as the Fire Chief of Draper City and to have the opportunity to build a fire department dedicated to protecting and serving this community. I am proud of what we have accomplished, but even more grateful for the people who made it possible. The support of city employees, the partnership of city leadership, and the trust of the residents have all played an important role in the success of the Draper City Fire Department.

When I began my career in the fire service 31 years ago, I could never have imagined where it would take me or the privilege I would have of serving this community. These past 10 years have been among the most rewarding of my career, and I will always be grateful for the relationships, experiences, and friendships that came with them.

As I begin the next chapter of my life, I leave with a deep sense of fulfillment and appreciation. While my role as Fire Chief is coming to an end, Draper City will always be home to me. I will always be proud of the department we built and thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside so many dedicated people. Thank you for welcoming me, supporting me, and allowing me to be part of this community. It has truly been an honor, and I will look back on my time in Draper with tremendous pride and gratitude.

Chief Clint Smith

A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON IN DRAPER

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM YOUR DRAPER CITY FIRE MARSHAL

The holiday season is here! It's time for family gatherings, delicious food, Christmas decorations, and making memories. But before the festivities begin, the Draper City Fire Department wants to share a few reminders to help keep your holidays safe and fire-free.

Stay Warm, Stay Safe: Carbon Monoxide Awareness

As temperatures drop and furnaces kick on, remember that carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that can be deadly. Test your CO detectors, replace batteries as needed, and have your furnace inspected. Keep exhaust vents clear of snow and debris. Never run vehicles in attached garages or use outdoor grills and generators indoors. If your CO alarm sounds, get everyone outside immediately and call 9-1-1. After all, the only thing you want sneaking around your house this winter is Santa—not carbon monoxide.



Have a Family Fire Escape Plan

A house fire isn't the time to figure out your escape plan. Know two ways out of every room when possible, establish an outside meeting place, and practice your escape plan twice a year. Test smoke alarms regularly and teach children to stay low under smoke. Once outside, stay outside and call 9-1-1. The only running around the house we want during the holidays is the kids searching for presents.

Thanksgiving: Keep the Turkey on the Table

Thanksgiving means family, football, and food. Unfortunately, distracted cooking can quickly turn dinner into disaster. Stay in the kitchen while cooking and keep combustible materials away from the stove.

Deep-frying a turkey? Always fry outdoors, away from buildings. Completely thaw your turkey, avoid overfilling the oil, and never leave the fryer unattended. Keep a fire extinguisher accessible and know how to use it. Never use water on a grease fire. If a fire grows or you feel unsafe, evacuate and call 9-1-1. We love visiting our Draper neighbors, but there are better ways to invite the Fire Department to Thanksgiving dinner.

Christmas Cheer Without the Fire Hazard

Nothing says Christmas like a beautifully decorated tree, twinkling lights, and holiday cheer. If you have a real tree, water it daily and keep it at least three feet from heat sources. A dry Christmas tree can burn incredibly fast. If your tree starts looking like a giant pine-scented tumbleweed, it's probably time to take it down.

Inspect holiday lights and electrical cords for damage. Never connect power strips or surge protectors together, and remember they don't increase your circuit's electrical capacity. Turn off holiday lights before bed or leaving home. Let's leave the spectacular light shows to the neighborhood—not an overloaded electrical outlet.

Happy Holidays from Draper City Fire

A few simple precautions can help keep your holiday memories filled with laughter instead of emergencies. The Draper City Fire Department wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy New Year! Stay safe, stay warm, and remember: Santa isn't the only one keeping an eye on things this holiday season.

DRAPER SNOW REMOVAL POLICIES

With winter on the horizon, we're hoping that the mountains and valleys get more snow than they did last year for a healthier snowpack and replenishment of reservoirs, lakes, rivers, and streams come spring. With the possibility of snow over the coming months, we'd like to remind you of Draper City's snow removal policies. Please review and follow these policies to help us keep roads clean and clear in the event of snow this winter.

WINTER ON-STREET PARKING
No person shall park or leave a vehicle or trailer on any highway between the hours of midnight and 6:00 AM, or while snow is on the street, from November 1 through April 30. Vehicles or trailers that are parked on a highway in violation of the provisions of this section may be removed at the owner's expense (DCMC Section 14-5-020). Report parking violations to the Draper City Police Department at (801) 840-4000. If vehicles or trailers are parked on cul-de-sacs or other streets, snow removal crews will not be able to plow such streets due to access issues.

DON'T ABANDON STUCK VEHICLES
Do not abandon stuck or stalled vehicles on City streets. It is preferred that you stay with your vehicle until a snow plow has arrived to clear a path to get the vehicle out, or if you must leave, push the vehicle out of the middle of the street and to the edge so that snow plows can clear the street.

SNOW BLOWING
Blowing, throwing, or pushing snow from driveways and walkways into the street creates a traffic hazard and is a Draper City Code violation. Removed snow should be placed onto landscaped areas in the yard (DCMS Section 7-13-030).

INNER SUBDIVISION, CUL-DE-SACS, AND DEAD-END STREETS
During ongoing, severe storms, Draper City's main streets will take precedence for safety reasons. Inner subdivision, cul-de-sacs, and dead-end streets have the lowest priority of snow removal and will be cleared last due to low traffic volume on these roads. Once the storm begins to subside, crews will move on to inner subdivision streets and cul-de-sacs. These could take up to 48 hours after a major storm ends before they are cleared.

SIDEWALKS
Snow plows try to avoid placing snow on sidewalks, but in some instances this is impossible. The adjacent property owner is responsible to keep sidewalks clear (DCMC Section 7-13-030). Adjacent property owners shall remove snow from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours after snow has ceased falling. For snow removal concerns regarding sidewalks abutting private property, contact the Draper City Code Enforcement Officer at draperutah.gov/codeenforcement

FIRE HYDRANTS & MAILBOXES
It is the resident's responsibility to maintain a minimum clear space of three feet (3') around the circumference of fire hydrants adjacent to their property, including the removal of snow (DCMS Section 7-13-030). And while snow plows try to avoid placing snow in front of mailboxes as much as possible, it is the resident's responsibility to clear snow and ice from in front of their mailbox, providing clear access to the USPS.

RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS/ SNOW WINDROW
As snow plows travel along streets, the snow accumulated on the plow blade has no place to go but into driveways. This is called the snow windrow. The more snow that has fallen, the greater the snow windrow will be. The snow windrow is the resident's responsibility to clear. Please pile shoveled snow on the left side of the driveway facing your home, rather than on both sides at the end of the driveway. This helps the plows to avoid carrying piles from the "upstream" side back across driveways.

GIVE SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SPACE
Snow plow trucks are very large carrying up to ten (10) tons of salt as well as hundreds of gallons of brine while moving a large amount of snow. Give them space and don't crowd or attempt to pass them. Please also be patient when behind a brine truck as they travel at a speed that is less than the posted speed limit. Motorists should stay back at least 100 feet from all snow removal equipment and give them plenty of room.

PARK RESTROOM WINTER HOURS

November 1 - March 15
Open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Bellevue Park, Rotary Park, Smith Fields Park, Jenson Farm Park (South), Sorensen Home, Andy Ballard Arena, Peak View Trailhead, Deer Ridge Trailhead, Orson Smith Trailhead, Coyote Hollow Trailhead, Draper Amphitheater

November 1 - March 15
*Closed**
Steep Mountain Park, Southfork Park, Galena Hills Park, Jenson Farm Park (North), SunCrest Park, Brookside Trailhead, Silver Flower Trailhead, Potato Hill Trailhead

DRAPER PARK
November 1 - January 4 (Holiday Lights)
Open 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
East and West Restrooms

January 5 - March 15
Open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
East and West Restrooms

November 1 - March 15
*Closed**
South Restrooms

**Dates dependent on weather conditions*

TOUR OF THE ART COLLECTION AT DRAPER ELEMENTARY

BY JENNY HENDRICKSEN HAASE, DVAF BOARD MEMBER

Have you seen the beautiful art collection lining Draper Elementary School's halls? Do you know the history of this unique collection that started in our community 100 years ago? Canyons School District, Draper City and Draper Visual Arts Foundation (DVAF) have teamed up to provide opportunities for the public to view and learn about the extensive collection many aren't aware of.

Early in the 20th century, Reid Beck was the principal of Draper Park School, attended by elementary and junior high students. Beck wanted the children to develop an appreciation for art. In the 1920's, he initiated an innovative program, inviting students to save their change. Teachers, families and local businesses joined in with donations and fund-raising events. Students traveled to the Springville Art Museum annually to purchase a piece of art for the school. The collection grew, and was named the Reid & Willda Beck Art Collection; it collection includes an original Norman Rockwell.



In 1992, retired schoolteachers Jean Hendricksen, Mary Sjoblom, and Hulda Crossgrove were concerned to learn that the collection was falling into a state of disrepair, with the school district unable to care for the art. With the help of the community, they started the DVAF to restore each art piece. Once completed, DVAF started its own Community Art Collection, which includes an original Bob Ross. Many pieces have been added to the Draper Elementary School display. Over the years, the school has added additional pieces to the hallways.

The first "Art @ Draper Elementary Public Tour" will be held on November 18 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Draper Elementary School (1080 East 12660 South). It is free of charge and self-paced. Bring your cell phone and headphones/earbuds to listen to the audio tour. You can also read the informational placards posted next to each piece as you walk the hallways and enjoy the art. DVAF board members will be on hand to answer questions and offer insights into the artwork. We invite you to attend.

APPLY NOW FOR DRAPER-AREA FRENCH AND CHINESE DUAL-IMMERSION SCHOOLS

What if your child could learn a second language while mastering math, science, and other core subjects in elementary school? At three Draper-area schools, students can do just that through Canyons District's popular Dual-Language Immersion programs. Draper Elementary and Lone Peak Elementary offer Mandarin Chinese and Oak Hollow Elementary offers French. All Utah kindergarten students are eligible to apply now through Dec. 15, 2026 for the 2027-2028 school year. For Megan Hoeppner of Draper, enrolling her two daughters in French immersion was like "winning the lottery." The experience has not only enriched their education, but has unlocked global career and college prospects. Hoeppner's oldest daughter, now in ninth grade, is preparing to take the Advanced Placement French exam, putting her on a path to earn college credit while still in high school. Hear Hoeppner's testimonial and learn more about the program at canyonsdistrict.org.



CANYONS BRINGS FREE BOOKS TO DRAPER'S YOUNGEST READERS



Canyons School District is investing in the success of its youngest learners — long before they set foot in a classroom. Through a new partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, children under age five living in Draper can receive a free, age-appropriate book delivered to their mailbox every month.

The program is made possible through donations to the Canyons Education Foundation, the District's nonprofit fundraising arm. Families pay nothing to participate, and children enrolled at birth can build a personal library of up to 60 books before kindergarten. "We are working to make reading a cornerstone of learning, not just in our schools, but in our homes and communities," said Canyons Superintendent Dr. McKay Robinson.

Families can register today at imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

JR. JAZZ
Youth grades K - 12

Jr. Jazz emphasizes the development of teamwork and fundamental basketball skills.

Where: TBD
Length: 8 weeks; Grades 3 - 12 begin November 30, Grades K - 2 begin January 4
Cost: Varies per league

WINTER SNOWSHOE HIKING
Anyone age 16+

Featuring a new trail each week, learn about the area's history with other Draper residents on a winter hike. Snowshoes and poles provided.

Where: Instructor will contact participants in advance
When: January, check website for details
Cost: $35 per participant, per session

NEVERWAS ACADEMY
Youth grades 1 - 5

Every day is a hands-on mission. Kids mix, test, and discover real chemistry as part of the order — leading up to a spectacular daily finale.

Where: Draper Parks and Recreation Office
When: January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, and March 1
Cost: $125 per person

ULTIMATE FRISBEE
Youth grades 6 - 8, adults age 30+

Ultimate Frisbee is a fast-paced, fun team sport for anyone brand new to ultimate or already in love with the game.

Where: Draper Recreation Center
When: Wednesdays (adult league) and Thursdays (middle school league), December - February
Cost: $35 per person

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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

Draper City's 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



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

Kick off the holiday season with Draper City's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Bundle up and share in the Holiday Cheer!

Learn more at
draperutah.gov/treelighting



5:00 - 8:00 PM (Friday)
12:00 - 8:00 PM (Saturday)
Day Barn
1166 East Pioneer Road

Come out for great shopping with vendors offering unique holiday gifts, and visit Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Learn more at
draperutah.gov/holidaymarket



4:00 - 5:30 PM
Draper City Park
12500 South 1300 East

This is a fun, free event for children 6 years of age and younger. Thousands of candy canes are scattered throughout the park.

Learn more at
draperutah.gov/candycane

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events

HISTORIC 1776 EXPEDITION THROUGH INDIGENOUS UTAH

BY WENDY REX ATZET, DRAPER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

America250 celebrations continue this fall. As the American Revolution got underway, another event unfolded 2,000 miles to the west. On July 29, 1776, a Spanish exploring party set out from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to search for a route to New Spain's missions in Monterey, California.

The Domínguez and Escalante Expedition traveled into a region unknown to people of European descent, venturing into the tribal lands of today's Ute, Eastern Shoshone, and Southern Paiute people. The expedition reflected the multicultural quality of this region in the late 18th century. Led by two Catholic friars, the party included two men born and educated in Spain, a Spaniard born in Mexico City, two New Mexican Spanish and Ute speakers, and Timpanogos Utes from what is now known as Utah Valley. The youngest expedition member was a Timpanogos boy called Joaquin.

Native guides and interpreters were essential to move through these lands and diplomatically engage with Native communities. They traveled 1,700 miles in 158 days.

The eldest members of the group, Father Domínguez and mapmaker Bernardo Miera y Pacheco, had decades of experience working in colonial New Mexico. Their task was to assess the territory for developing a new trade route, along with missions, presidios, and settlements to shore up New Spain's northern borderlands.

After traveling north through western Colorado, the party entered Utah on September 10. They crossed the Uintah Basin, a region frequented by Yamparica Comanche (Eastern Shoshone), and were the first Europeans to see Utah Lake.

Timpanogos Ute villages dotted the lake shore and rivers, where people managed a fishery, cultivated flax, and stewarded wetland resources. The expedition's first Ute guide chose to stay in Utah Valley, recruiting another guide to get the party to California. After four days, the party headed to Scipio, then the Escalante Desert.

An early October snowstorm, combined with the realization that the Southern Paiutes had no word of Spaniards living to the west, persuaded the explorers to abandon their expedition. Near Cedar City, they turned back after five months on the road.

The expedition left a significant legacy for the people of Utah. Father Escalante's journal and Don Bernardo Miera's detailed maps were the first to describe the people and lands of Utah for Europeans and Americans. These documents opened the way for expanded trade, migration, and settlement from New Spain and the United States.

Family-friendly America250 activities are available at america250.utah.gov/power-of-place/

DRAPER CITY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Draper City offices will be closed the following days for holidays:

November 11: **Veterans Day**
November 26 - 27: **Thanksgiving**
December 24 - 25: **Christmas**
January 1: **New Year's Day**

City offices will reopen the following business day.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!



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