

# The Official Draper City Newsletter

# DRAPER FORWARD

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## Mayor's Message

### Investing in Public Safety



Last month, I attended the Draper Police Department's annual awards ceremony. I am proud to report on the outstanding progress of our PD. Your investment in public safety has strengthened staffing, implemented a clear career ladder, enhanced leadership, expanded training across divisions, and deepened community engagement — resulting in safer neighborhoods and more exceptional service.

The department's diverse divisions demonstrate a comprehensive approach:

- Patrol serves as the backbone with proactive enforcement.
- Investigations (including Special Victims Unit, Property Crimes, and the Selective Enforcement Team) tackle complex cases. A third detective was added to the SVU to provide more support for sensitive cases involving children and vulnerable residents.
- Traffic Unit and Canyon Patrol ensure roadway and recreational safety.

- CSI and Victim Services provide critical evidence processing and victim support.
- Support Services maintains records and community access.
- Specialized teams like SWAT, COP (Community Oriented Policing), Drone Operations, Field Training Officers, and Honor Guard further showcase advanced training in tactics, de-escalation, and public outreach.

Proactive efforts, including over 20,000 extra targeted patrols, drove historic crime reductions: vehicle burglaries dropped 56% (294 in 2022 to 129 in 2025), residential/non-residential burglaries fell 35% (77 to 50), and larceny decreased 42% (746 to 433). The Department responded to 51,904 calls for service, making 401 arrests while maintaining a very low use of force.

The new career ladder structure promotes long-term retention, with 13 officers advanced to Master Officer and eight to Police Officer II, plus other leadership promotions.

This supports our department goals:

- Goal #1: Rank among Utah's lowest crime rate cities for populations over 50,000.
- Goal #2: Respond to and exceed national standards for all emergencies.
- Goal #3: Become a destination police department where officers and staff build entire careers.

We are also proactively planning safety strategies for The Point project to ensure responsible growth.

More is needed to fund our public safety divisions (police and fire) long-term, but our investment is already delivering lower crime, highly trained professionals across specialized divisions, strong leadership, and a responsive department.

*Mayor Troy K. Walker*

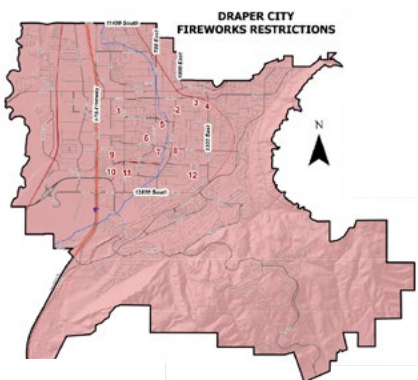
## ENJOYING FIREWORKS SAFELY THIS SUMMER

*Note: The print edition was distributed before the change in firework restrictions. The digital edition is updated to reflect the temporary citywide ban.*

With the lack of snow this past winter, Utah is in a precarious position this summer. Vegetation is already extremely dry, and can easily serve as fuel for fires.

Fireworks are a popular way to celebrate Independence and Pioneer Days, but special considerations should be taken into account before lighting the fuse this season.

The first thing to be aware of is that fireworks may only be discharged in the area of the city between I-15 to 1300 East, and Kimballs Lane to 13800 South (see map). Fireworks are restricted in the rest of the city,



as those areas meet specific criteria for high fire danger. Additionally, fireworks are prohibited in all City parks and on public property. Anyone caught discharging fireworks — including sparklers — in prohibited areas will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

To minimize risk, residents are encouraged to consider attending professional fireworks displays — such as Draper Days on July 18 — which are supervised by fire personnel.

Residents who choose to celebrate with commercially-available fireworks are encouraged to use them within permitted dates and timeframes, within permitted areas, and following all recommended safety guidelines.

Before lighting fireworks, have a working hose or bucket full of water nearby; a fire extinguisher is also handy. Submerge all spent fireworks, duds, and sparklers for at least 20 minutes (overnight is best). Wrap soaked fireworks in a plastic bag and dispose of them in a covered trash bag outside your home. Remember that fireworks are not recyclable.

For more information, visit [draperutah.gov/fire](http://draperutah.gov/fire).

## NEW UTAH LAWS CLARIFY RULES FOR E-MOTORCYCLES

Law enforcement agencies across Utah are seeing an increase in accidents, property damage, and safety concerns involving electric motorcycles and similar devices. Draper is no exception, with damage found in parks and other properties. The Utah Legislature approved new regulations that took effect May 6.

E-motorcycles are defined as vehicles with a motor rated above 750 watts or capable of exceeding 20 mph using electric power alone. Operators must follow the same laws that apply to motorcycles, including that drivers must be at least 16 years old, possess a valid driver license with a motorcycle endorsement, register the vehicle and carry insurance, wear a DOT-approved helmet (if under age 21), and obey traffic laws and yield to emergency vehicles.

Parents or owners who allow minors to operate e-motorcycles illegally may be held liable for resulting property damage or injuries.

E-motorcycles are not permitted on sidewalks, trails, paths, parks, or other city property. They may only be operated on public roads if properly registered, or in approved off-road areas. Violations will be enforced.

Legislation also updated regulations for e-bikes, motor-assisted scooters, and other electric devices, including that children under age 8 may not operate e-bikes or motor-assisted scooters on public property with the motor engaged, riders under age 14 must have parent or guardian supervision to operate Class 1 or Class 2 e-bikes on streets, and that riders under age 16 may not operate Class 3 e-bikes on streets.

Beginning May 5, 2027, riders ages 8 – 15 will need either adult supervision or a Personal Electric Vehicle Safety Certificate to operate qualifying devices on public streets.

Additional safety requirements include that helmets are required for riders under age 21 operating e-bikes, scooters, or high-powered electric devices on streets; motor-assisted scooters are limited to 20 mph; vehicles may not be modified to increase speed; and extra passengers are prohibited unless the vehicle is designed for them.

Residents who observe the illegal operation of an e-motorcycle or similar vehicle may report it to police dispatch at 801-840-4000. If there is an immediate threat to safety, call 9-1-1.

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Water Department: (801) 831-7212

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

### City Council Message

Council Member  
Bryn Heather Johnson



Is there anything better than summertime? This more relaxed time of year allows us to slow down, catch up on projects, and spend time with friends and family.

On a recent road trip with my 21-year-old twins, I asked them what their favorite summer memories were. They responded with going to the pool, eating snow cones and ice cream, watching fireworks, playing soccer, going on hikes, and having picnics. I'm filled with gratitude as I reflect on those summers when all our kids were still at home, especially because Draper helped us create memorable

moments for our children. My kids spent many hours swimming at the county pool, cooled off with frozen treats from local businesses, played lots of Draper Recreation sports, watched Draper Days fireworks, got up early for hikes before it got too hot, and had picnics in our city parks.

Draper always does summer right, and this year will be even better as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Two events I am particularly excited about are the Walk250 challenge and America's Picnic. I've enjoyed exploring Draper

more in depth as I work on walking 250 miles, and have particularly loved traversing some of the city's 150+ miles of breathtaking trails. The nationwide picnic happening Sunday, July 5th, will bring communities together as we celebrate America's beginning. The rodeo, parade, and other Draper Days events will all have a big patriotic emphasis this year. Check our website to find ways you can celebrate this momentous summer at [draperutah.gov/events](http://draperutah.gov/events).

**Councilmember  
Bryn Heather Johnson**

### FUELING SUMMER: FREE MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN, JUNE 1 - JULY 31

Did you know when school is out for the summer, school-aged children can still access free school meals?

Three Canyons District schools are serving up free breakfast and lunch from June 1 to July 31, 2026 as part of the federally approved Seamless Summer Meals Program. All children 18 years and younger are eligible to dig in — no enrollment or proof of residency required.

Meals are served Monday through Friday at the locations listed below.

Breakfast is available from 8:30 - 9:30 AM, and lunch from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

- East Midvale Elementary  
6990 South 300 East, Midvale
- Midvale Elementary  
7830 South Chapel Street, Midvale
- Sandy Elementary  
8725 South 280 East, Sandy

Enjoy Summer Recess and circle your calendars now for back-to-school registration, which starts Monday, August 3.



### AMERICA 250: CELEBRATING OUR NATION IN DRAPER

Draper City is joining with Utah and other states in celebrating America's Semiquincentennial — the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

We invite Draper residents, businesses, churches, other organizations, and all who would like to participate, to gather and connect at special America 250-themed events in 2026.

Ongoing initiatives include:

#### Draper Gives

Our community is working to make this a defining year of service. Draper residents who complete a minimum of 250 minutes of service (four hours) will receive a certificate and commemorative America 250 Utah - Draper City pin.

#### Walk 250

Join Draper City in walking at least 2,500 steps, or similar outdoor exercise equivalent to one mile. All who complete the minimum 2,500 steps or similar will receive a certificate and commemorative bracelet in the mail. Those who want more of a challenge can join Utah's Walk 250 challenge, and complete 250 miles of outdoor exercise.

As we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence and founding of our nation, keep an eye on the Draper City website for additional opportunities to contribute to the betterment of the United States and our community at home.

Get ideas, find service opportunities, join state challenges, and learn more at [draperutah.gov/america250draper](http://draperutah.gov/america250draper).



Join Us! **DRAPER VISUAL ARTS FOUNDATION.ORG**

## Art in the Barn

Fine Art Show & Sale  
Aug. 21-22 at THE DAY BARN (Draper Park)

- 50+ Talented Artists
- Art Booth for Kids
- Food Trucks & Live Music
- Fri. 10 am-8 pm
- Sat. 10 am-7 pm
- Free Entry & Door Prizes



### DRAPER DAYS: HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Every year as part of our Draper Days celebrations, the Draper City Historic Preservation Commission hosts a walking tour of historic sites within the city. In years past, the Walking Tour has taken participants through neighborhoods where members of the Historic Preservation Commission have discussed the history of the homes and their original owners.

This year, the Walking Tour will be held on 900 East, between Draper Historic Park and the Draper Historical Theater. The tour will review the rich history of the sites, and how they've impacted our present.

Participants may arrive anytime from 6:00 – 8:00 PM for the Walking Tour. Look for one of our friendly Historic Commission members (dressed in historical costume) to learn about the site.



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# JULY 10 - 18

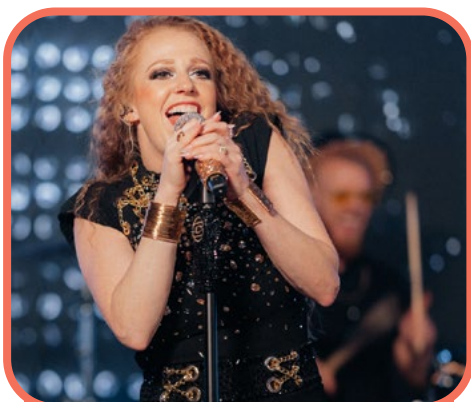
## A WEEK OF FAMILY FUN

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • FREE ACTIVITIES • FOOD

Draper Days returns with live concerts, parades, fireworks, and more this summer. With events and activities new to 2026, this will be a Draper Days like you've never experienced before!



**JULY 16**  
**Car Show**  
 & CHILDREN'S BIKE PARADE  
 Children's Activities  
 Live Entertainment  
 Stunt Shows



**JULY 17**  
**GROOVE**  
**MERCHANTS**  
 with Redwood Revival, Draper Idol winners, and Sadie Dahl  
 followed by a drone show



**JULY 18**  
 The Tribute to Alabama  
**ROLL ON**  
 with the  
 Gina Marie Osmond Band  
 followed by fireworks

**Join us for these activities & more!**

**Horse Pull**  
 July 13 | Ballard Arena  
 Free activity, including a petting zoo, climbing wall, and bucking bronco ride

**Historic Walking Tour**  
 July 14  
 Enjoy a walking tour of historic sites in Draper City.

**Heritage Banquet**  
 July 15 | Draper Elementary  
 Meet your neighbors and learn more about your community. Tickets required.

**Children's Bike Parade**  
 July 16 | Draper Elementary  
 Free activity — parade route is on Willow Creek Trail and ends at Draper Park

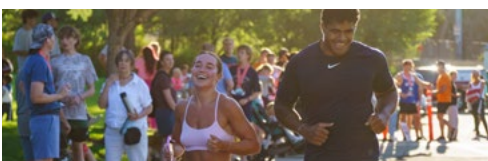
**Park Activities**  
 July 17 & 18 | Draper Park  
 Enjoy the climbing wall, stunt shows, face painting, pony rides and more!

**Pancake Breakfast**  
 July 18 | Draper Park  
 Join our amazing firefighters for a free pancake breakfast after the parade!

**Pie Baking Contest**  
 July 18 | Draper Park  
 Show off your baking skills with a delicious pie and win a prize!



**Pickleball Tournament**  
 July 10 & 11 | Southfork Park  
 Space is limited for this men's, women's, and coed tournament!  
 Register for \$40/team.



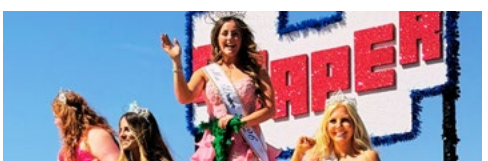
**5K Fun Run**  
 July 11 | 7:00 AM | Day Barn  
 Runners, walkers, and even dogs on leashes are welcome.  
 Register now for \$27/participant.



**Strider Bike Race**  
 July 11 | 9:00 AM | Ballard Arena  
 This exciting race is geared directly to kids ages 3 - 5.  
 Register now for \$30/participant.



**Draper Idol & Movie Night**  
 July 15 | 7:15 PM | Draper Amphitheater  
 Watch local singers compete for their chance to be named Draper Idol, and catch Zootopia 2 under the stars.



**Parade**  
 July 18 | 9:00 AM | Fort Street  
 Join us for this family-favorite event, running 1.5 miles on Fort Street between Stokes Ave. and Pioneer Rd.



**3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**  
 July 18 | APA Campus #3  
 Test your skills and teamwork in an intense battle on the court!  
 Register now for \$70/team.

Get full details at [draperutah.gov/draperdays](https://draperutah.gov/draperdays)

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## RECREATION PROGRAMS

### 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 Park

When: July - August (youth), July - September (adults)

Cost: \$48, \$58, or \$80 (youth), or \$22, \$88, \$160, or \$190 (adult) depending on class per participant

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Youth ages 6 - 12

This is a high energy, high participation league. This fast-action game lets everyone throw, run, catch, and play defense. Emphasis is on fundamentals, learning, meeting friends, and fun!

Where: Galena Hills Park  
Length: 7 weeks, beginning August 24

Cost: \$55 per participant

### FALL SOCCER

Youth ages 5 - 13

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

Where: Galena Hills Park  
Length: 7 weeks, beginning August 17

Cost: Varies per league

### ADULT KICKBALL

Anyone age 16+

This fun playground game is making a huge comeback with adults nationwide. Teams must be coed, always have four of each gender, and can include up to 16 players.

Where: Galena Hills Park  
When: Begins August 12  
Cost: \$285 per team

Register online at [draperutah.gov/programs](http://draperutah.gov/programs)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### MONSTER TRUCKS

AUGUST 14 - 15

7:30 PM  
Andy Ballard Arena  
1600 Highland Drive

Experience the heart-pounding excitement of watching Utah's best monster trucks roaring around the dirt track at the Ballard Arena!

Arrive early for Pit Party activities.

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/monstertrucks](http://draperutah.gov/monstertrucks)



### BARK IN THE PARK

AUGUST 26

6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Galena Dog Park  
715 West 12300 South

Does the love of your life lick, bark, and wag its tail? Then join us on National Dog Day for this celebration for dogs and their owners!

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/bark](http://draperutah.gov/bark)



### LIGHTS & LADDERS SAFETY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 10

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

Learn more about the duties and service of the Police and Fire Departments, while getting to know our first responders in a fun, interactive environment.

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/safetyfair](http://draperutah.gov/safetyfair)



### INTERNATIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 12

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

Vendors offer clothing, pottery, home décor, jewelry, works of fine art, and more. The festival features live entertainment, food, and a children's activity area. Free event.

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/artsandcrafts](http://draperutah.gov/artsandcrafts)

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/events](http://draperutah.gov/events)

## HADESTOWN TEEN EDITION

July 31, August 1, 3, 6, 7, 8

Draper Amphitheater  
944 Vestry Road

Gates: 7:00 PM  
Show: 7:30 PM

Children (3 - 12): \$12 | Adults (13+): 15

get tickets now [draperutah.gov/amphitheater](http://draperutah.gov/amphitheater)

Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>  
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DRAPER AMPHITHEATER

## TAYLORVILLE

AN UNOFFICIAL LIVE TRIBUTE BAND

ready for it?

Get tickets at [draperutah.gov/taylorville](http://draperutah.gov/taylorville)

Corner Canyon Half Marathon 10K & 5K

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

Half Marathon: \$60  
10K: \$35  
5K: \$30

Register at [draperutah.gov/half](http://draperutah.gov/half)

The race is in September.  
Training starts today.

## CITY INFORMATION

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# FARMERS MARKET & FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

Tuesdays, July 21 - October 13 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM\*  
Smith Fields Park

Enjoy the opportunity to purchase fresh, locally-grown produce, artisan goods, and delicious food in a friendly gathering place. Food trucks, music, and entertainment round out an enjoyable atmosphere all season long.

\* 5:00 - 8:00 PM in October | Learn more at [draperutah.gov/events](http://draperutah.gov/events)

