

The Official Draper City Newsletter

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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

TEMPORARY BAN ON PERSONAL FIREWORKS USE IN DRAPER

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

Fireworks restrictions have changed for July 2026. Due to extreme wildfire danger, Governor Cox and the state forester issued an executive order allowing cities to prohibit personal fireworks. After evaluating local conditions, Draper City has banned all personal fireworks citywide for the Independence Day period, July 2 – 5.

This aligns with all Salt Lake County cities. Personal fireworks are prohibited throughout Salt

Lake County, and violations may result in fines of up to \$1,000, criminal charges, and liability for firefighting costs if a fire is started.

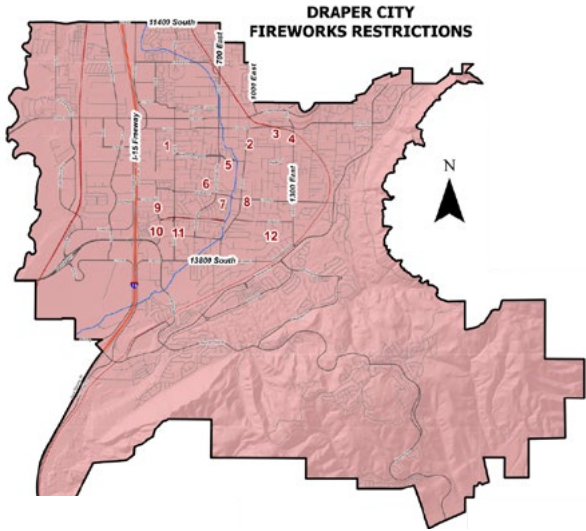
Draper's fireworks restrictions map has been updated to reflect the citywide ban. Officials will continue monitoring conditions and provide an update before the Pioneer Day fireworks window beginning July 22.

Draper City follows the definitions established in the Utah State Code 53-7-202 – Fireworks Definitions. The fireworks subject to the statewide ban are all fireworks falling within the definition of "Division 1.4G common state-approved explosive(s)".

Instead of personal fireworks, residents are encouraged to attend professional displays, including the free Draper Days fireworks show on Saturday, July 18, and the America 250 drone show following the Friday, July 17, concert.

Thank you for helping protect our community, first responders, and open spaces by complying with these restrictions.

For more information, visit 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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DRAPER CITY AFTER-HOURS CONTACTS

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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.

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.



Join Us!
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

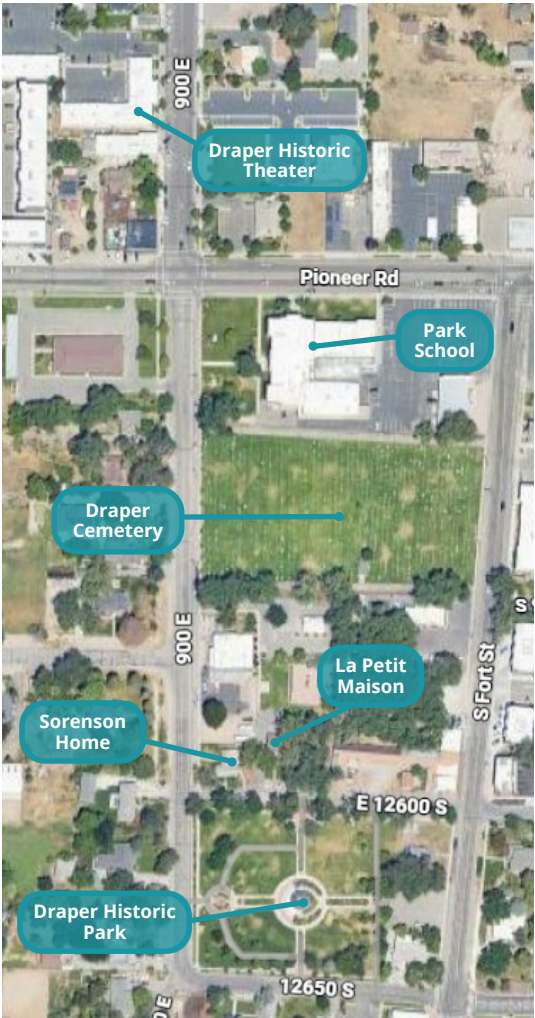


DRAPER DAYS: HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

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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- Get notifications of news, traffic and events
- Email and text alerts

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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

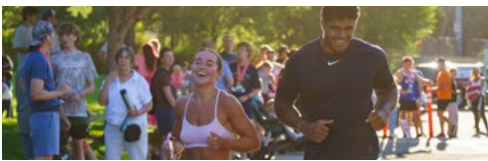
The Tribute to Alabama ROLL ON

with the
Gina Marie Osmond Band
followed by fireworks



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.

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!

Get full details at 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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



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



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



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

Learn more at 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

Aug. 15th
DRAPER, UT



TAYLORVILLE

AN UNOFFICIAL LIVE TRIBUTE BAND

ready for it?

Get tickets at draperutah.gov/taylorville



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

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

Register at draperutah.gov/half

The race is in September.
Training starts today.



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

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