

The Official Draper City Newsletter

DRAPER FORWARD

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Mayor's Message

Sales Tax Revenue Decline Impacting City Budget



When I was first elected to serve in Draper, one of my top priorities was economic development, specifically growing the sales tax base. It is no accident that we have a robust business community in Draper. We have been deliberate

and focused on solid economic growth. A consistent stream of sales tax revenue has been a major factor in keeping our property taxes low.

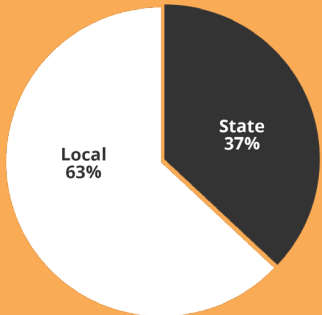
On August 20, the City Council approved the fiscal year 2024-25 final budget. As you know, that budget included the first property tax increase by Draper City in over 17 years. That increase went to public safety, and we needed it. Before the tax increase, we were the lowest-taxed city in Salt Lake County and now, we are second lowest by a narrow margin.

The City has been relying on regular growth of our sales tax revenue to keep property tax low. The consistent growth has allowed us to meet our needs.

Draper City receives on average about 30% of our total sales tax revenue from the state-wide local government pool, which is allocated based on population. But the majority of our sales tax revenue comes directly from sales made within Draper City. This is why it is so important to shop and pay for services in Draper as much as possible.

Over the past few years, our sales tax

Local Sales vs State Allocation Based on Population — FY24



revenue growth has flattened out. Without growth like we have previously had, the City could not meet rising costs. This flattened growth has put a strain on the budget.

We know that inflation has affected everyone, and spending is generally down, but I hope that whatever you do spend money on, you spend as much of it as you can in Draper. If you need a new/used car, appliance, furniture, groceries, home improvements, salon services, etc., please consider a Draper business first. Online sales to Draper addresses also count.

In addition to flattening sales tax revenue, a few other significant changes have reduced the City's portion of tax revenue. First, the

ongoing census of our population has shown we have gone from 51,017 people in 2020 to 49,602 people in May of 2024. This shift is estimated to negatively affect revenues between \$200,000 to \$400,000 annually because we now get less of the statewide sales tax pool.

Second, a bill passed during the 2023 Utah legislative session redistributed a portion of the sales taxes, generated by sand and gravel sales to a specific fund that can only be spent on road maintenance near and around sand and gravel operations. For fiscal year 2024, \$575,000 was diverted to this fund and thus taken out of our general sales tax revenue stream. Before the 2023 law, cities took all sales tax revenue into our general fund and used it where it was needed.

So, the reduced population has cut our share of the statewide sales tax pool and the law diverting sand and gravel sales tax to the road fund has dropped our general fund sales tax revenue between \$700-\$900K.

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LOCALSCAPES: CREATING YOUR IDEAL DRAPER YARD

Are you looking for the best way to improve your landscape? Draper City has teamed up with Localscapes to present a class for residents about creating your ideal landscape. The event will be presented by Madeline Suelzt, a Conservation Coordinator at Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District.

In this class, we'll be sharing the basics of the proven Localscapes method, introducing free local resources, and showing attendees how to take advantage of substantial rebates available to residents through the Utah Water Savers programs. In 2023 Draper City adopted water-efficiency standards for new construction which enables residents choosing to upgrade existing landscapes to receive the maximum allowable incentives. In the class, we'll also be sharing examples of successful projects already completed by Draper residents



using these resources.

The class will be held Wednesday, September 18 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Learn how to solve your landscape challenges in a way that will improve curb appeal while reducing maintenance costs and time. The class is free, but space is limited and registration is required. Register at draperutah.gov/landscaping

DRAPER CITY ANIMAL SERVICES

BACK TO SCHOOL 2024



Draper Animal services wants to thank everyone for taking care of their furry family members through the hot summer months. With summer coming to an end and the school year beginning, we would like to remind you to remember to keep your pets safe as we leave them home alone and go off to work and school.

Make sure your gates and garage doors are closed and secure. We don't want animals running around the neighborhood unattended — it's not a safe place for them. We love when they come to visit us at the animal shelter, but we know they would prefer to be home with

the family, safe and sound.

This a great time to make sure your pet has an updated tag on their collar with their name and phone number, along with a current Draper City animal license. If your pet needs a microchip, the animal shelter will be happy to put one in free of charge for Draper residents.

As always, keep a bowl of fresh water, a few dog cookies, and a toy or two to keep them busy until the family returns home at the end of the day. Have a safe and wonderful school year!

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



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Draper, UT 84020
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City Council Message

Council Member
Cal Roberts



Have you noticed the recent changes at the prison site development, now known as The Point? Dirt is moving and crews are onsite installing infrastructure, including natural

gas/water lines and roads.

Here is a brief timeline outlining The Point's history:

March 1951
Utah's state prison moved from Sugar House to Draper on 600 acres next to the Point of the Mountain. The prison would hold notable inmates such as Ted Bundy and Warren Jeffs.

August 2015
The Utah State Legislature voted to move the prison west of Salt Lake City.

May 2018
The Legislature passed HB 372, which created The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority (POMSLA). POMSLA governs the prison site development, and Draper Mayor Troy Walker serves on the board.

July 2022
After 70+ years in operation, the Draper prison facility closed.

November 2022
Demolition of the old prison site began with the toppling of a guard

tower.

August 2023
The final prison tower was demolished. The only structure remaining is a chapel constructed by inmates in the 1960s and saved for historical preservation.

November 2023
POMSLA entered into a development agreement with The Point Partners — a group of local and national developers — to lead out on Phase I.

March 2024
Infrastructure development commenced after the Legislature appropriated \$108 million for "backbone infrastructure."

2025 and Onward
Phase I development is expected to begin as soon as 2025, including a Central Park, regional trail connections, and a balanced mix of jobs, housing, shopping, and entertainment.

We have come a long way. The

Point presents unique challenges for Draper. How will public safety services be provided? Who will pay for the cost of those services? How will The Point impact traffic congestion, home values and our quality of life? We are fortunate to have Mayor Walker on the board advocating for Draper and I am confident we will successfully navigate these issues.

The Point still represents a generational opportunity to drive economic growth, generate high-paying jobs, provide quality starter homes and create incredible public/civic spaces. I am optimistic for our future! For more details on The Point, visit thepointutah.org.

On a personal note, I will soon vacate my position on the Draper City Council to represent you in the Utah State Legislature. Serving you on the City Council has been a cherished experience and I am excited to continue to fight for Draper's interests at the State Capitol.

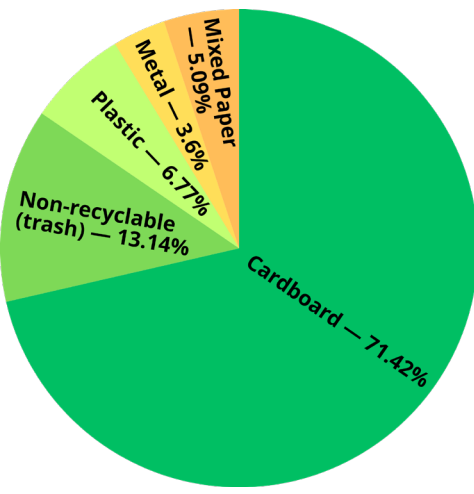
Councilmember Cal Roberts

DRAPER CITY RECYCLED MATERIALS REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2024

Curbside Recycling
During the six month period from January 1 to June 30, 2024 our recycling trucks have picked up 821.26 tons of recyclables from your curbside blue lid recycling containers. We call this mixed load collection because it contains 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.

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 six month period, Draper residents have recycled 17.63 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.

What can I put in my recycle 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 recycle can is for loose materials only — don't put recyclable items in bags.

Glass
From the dumpster at City Hall we have recycled 83.83 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/

Keep these things out of your blue-lid recycle can!
Plastic bags of any kind, fast food containers, greasy or soiled wrappers and packaging, wax

All residents of Utah County are welcome to attend an open house, where county departments will share insights on the services they provide. This will offer a transparent look at how tax dollars are used and the community services they provide.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE
SALES TAX REVENUE DECLINE IMPACTING CITY BUDGET

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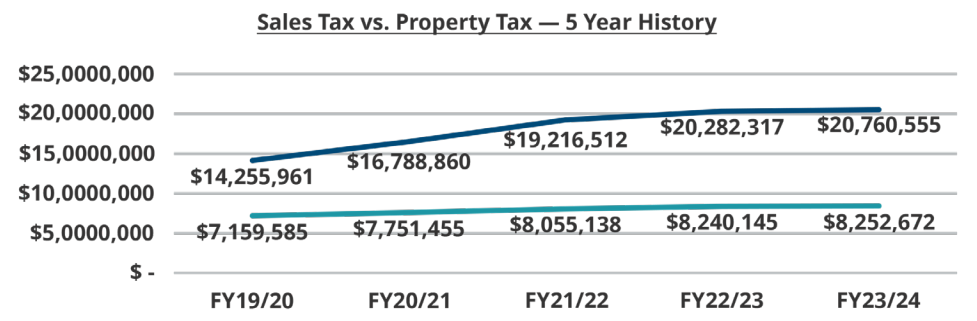
This is a significant hit for a city of our size.

I hope that you will make an extra effort to support our Draper businesses and service providers. Please spend your money in your hometown and help our hometown

budget.

Have a great back-to-school season. We have a wonderful community, amazing parks, open space, and business. Live, play, and shop Draper! Thank you.

Mayor Troy K. Walker



DRAPER DAYS PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

Former city council member Marsha Vawdrey and her husband, Doug, served as grand marshals of the 2024 Draper Days parade. The Vawdreys have been exemplars of dedication and service to the Draper community, working to build Draper Historic Park and coordinating the Draper Days Rodeo. We were pleased to have them lead the parade, continuing their service.



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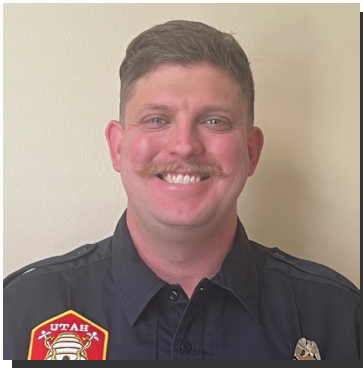
NEW DRAPER CITY FIREFIGHTERS



Steve Smith has been a firefighter and paramedic with the Salt Lake City FD for 16 years, and is excited to continue his career with Draper City. He's been married to his wife, Crystal, for 18 years, and together they have four kids who keep them on their toes. They also have a dog named Ziggy.

Originally from Laie, HI, he now calls Alpine home. When not on duty he mountain bikes, hikes, or hits the gym. He's also recently started collecting bourbon. Life's busy, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

Jacob Martin began working as a Medic FF in Orem. He was with the Brigham City FD for the last few years. He's married and has two daughters; the oldest is an RN at Ogden Regional, and the youngest is starting her second year in pharmacy school. He is an avid storyteller and listener. His family have traveled throughout North America and Europe, attending and participating in storytelling festivals. He enjoys collecting rocks, walks along the beach, and watching sunsets (especially with all the smoke the state is seeing now).

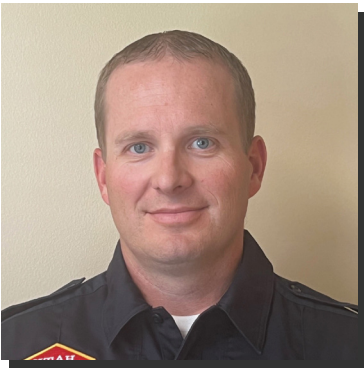
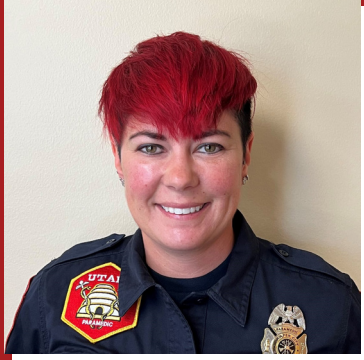


Tyler Davenport is from Corpus Christi, TX, and lived in San Angelo the last 14 years. He married his wife Jacky in 2019. They have two kids, with another on the way. He started with the Wall Volunteer FD in 2020, obtaining EMT certification soon after and working for a private service until hired by Big Spring FD. In 2023 he worked with Midland FD, completing his Paramedic license. He and Jacky talked about moving to the mountains since marrying and finally made their dreams come true. He is excited to serve the Draper community.

Kassie Smith was born and raised in Utah. She is married, and has a daughter.

She enjoys the outdoors, and winter is her favorite season. Her take on Utah seasons is to skip fall, and jump right to winter. She thinks we could skip spring as well, the only benefits of the season being flowers blooming and the time change.

She has been in the fire service since 2017 and is grateful for the opportunity to serve the community of Draper.



Karl Walker grew up in Orem. He is married, with kids ages 16, 14, 11 and 8. He currently lives in Mantua, in Northern Utah. He enjoys spending time and getting to know people in different situations. He likes different kinds of music, but country is his favorite. He previously worked as a firefighter/paramedic for Orem and Brigham City FDs. He feels fortunate to have the opportunity to be part of the Draper City FD and looks forward to building new relationships, working alongside and learning from a group of talented, hard working professionals.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE DRAPER ARTS COUNCIL

The Draper Arts Council is a group of civic-minded citizens who promote and support the arts in Draper. The Council relies on volunteers to help work on productions throughout the year, and meets once a month. It takes many voices and hands to put on our productions!

The Draper Arts Council produces three shows each season, a theater workshop, and an audition masterclass. We strive to provide a variety of opportunities and entertainment to the Draper community. Shows include major Broadway-style musicals and reviews, and original youth shows.

Council positions include President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additionally, we have specialized committees to support our productions including Marketing and Print Promotion, Photography, Budget/

Finances, Volunteers, Show Rights, Facilities, and Post Production.

Supported by these committees, Council members can choose to serve as Producers and Co-Producers who recruit Directors and crew members, and schedule auditions and rehearsals.

We are currently recruiting a Director for our Youth Show next summer.

We need people with a variety of talents such as accounting, communications, public relations, and IT. Experience in theater production, while desirable, is not necessary. If you love the theater arts, please share your talents!

For more information, please call or text Thomas Sharkey at (443) 939-7133.



WE WANT YOU!

Director
for our 2025 Summer Youth Show

\$2000
Contractor Fee for the Director

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ARTS COUNCIL

ANNUAL BAGGED LEAF COLLECTION

When: October 14 - December 13*
Where: 72 E. Sivogah Ct. (West side)
*Weather permitting

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

POLICE BLOTTER: HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is just around the corner! While haunted houses and spooky costumes are exciting, 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!

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RECREATION PROGRAMS

YOUTH WRESTLING

Youth ages 5 - 14

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 ages 6 - 18

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: \$80 (K), \$85 (1 - 4), \$89 (5 - 8), \$91 (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



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

"Smoke Alarms — Make Them Work For You!" Firefighters provide lifesaving public education using fun activities in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/firenight



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

This ceremony includes posting of the nation's colors, musical performances, and a keynote address.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/veteransday



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

Kick off the holiday season with this annual event. The holiday lights displayed are truly spectacular, with more than three million lights placed on trees throughout the park. Bundle up and share in the holiday cheer!

Learn more at draperutah.gov/treelighting



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

Come out for great shopping with vendors offering creative and unique holiday gifts, visit Santa & Mrs. Claus, enjoy a cup of free hot chocolate, and roast a marshmallow. Food trucks will be offering food for purchase.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/holidaymarket

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events





ORIGINS

THE BEST POLYNESIAN NIGHT SHOW OUTSIDE THE ISLANDS

ONE NIGHT ONLY

MUSIC — HULA — FIRE DANCING — HAKA — SINGING — STORIES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

GATES: 7:00 PM | SHOW: 8:00 PM

DRAPER AMPHITHEATER
944 VESTRY ROAD | DRAPER, UT 84020

FRONT CHAIRS: \$31 | GRASS TIERS: \$24

Tickets: draperutah.gov/amphitheater

HAUNTED TRAIL

October 10, 11 and 12

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

\$3.25

per child

children 15 and under
parents are free and don't require a ticket
when accompanying a paying child



tickets required and are only available online
get tickets at draperutah.gov/hauntedtrail



LAST CHANCE!

Late registration closes September 13




September 21
7:00 - 11:00 AM

Andy Ballard Arena

Half Marathon — \$65
5K and 10K — \$35

Race shirt and/or size not guaranteed

Register: draperutah.gov/half




The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority is creating a public arts master plan that reflects Utah's values and history. This plan will incorporate feedback from past statewide surveys, which included responses from over 4,000 Utahns, and will guide the curation, placement and installation of public art at The Point.

Point. The survey is an opportunity for residents to provide feedback on the themes and stories that will help to define the artistic experience.

Your voice matters — use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to the right to take the survey and help shape the future of public art at The Point.

To learn more about The Point,



visit thepointutah.org.

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