

## The Official Draper City Newsletter

### Mayor's Message

#### State of the City: 2021 Accomplishments

They say we live in uncertain times. Covid deaths, economic distress, difficulty and contention have dominated the headlines. I have felt the stress like all of you. However, despite our challenges we have kept our plows to the ground and Draper has done some amazing things in 2021. I am proud of how we worked together as a City and community to take care of each other, keep our spirits up and move our community forward. The following are some highlights:

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

- Arrests were made in several high-profile cases, including - theft of a semi-trailer and \$50,000 worth of merchandise from RC Willey, an aggravated kidnapping and attempted homicide involving a mother and two young children, and a drive-by shooting at a local business.
- The police department introduced the Dog Walker Watch program, adding another tool to Neighborhood Watch resources.
- The fire department added six new full-time firefighter/EMT positions and introduced the Home Entry Lockbox Loaner Program (H.E.L.L.P.) as a means for alternate entry to homes when disability, illness, or injury prevents homeowners from answering the door for first responders.
- Wildland firefighters participated in four two-week deployments - one to Moab, one to Oregon, and two to California.
- Conducted our second Citizens Fire Academy.

#### PARKS & RECREATION

- Completed four new "foot-only" loops (Telegraph loop, Coyote Hollow Loop, Hidden Meadow loop) and "Forget Me Not" foot-only trail, increasing the percentage of foot-only trails in Draper City to 15%.
- Saw the completion of the Porter Rockwell Trail Bridge over the Alpine Highway connecting Draper to the Murdock Canal Trail.
- Completed Rotary Park improvements and new parking lot (boat launch coming early 2022), and the Orson Smith Trailhead parking lot expansion, adding 22 stalls.
- Added new girls recreation programming: Youth Girls Fall Softball and Girls High School Basketball League.
- New and expanded community events - added Tiny Tot Triathlon, Draper City Corner Canyon Half-Marathon, and Solstice Run, expanded the Arts & Crafts festival to the International Arts & Crafts Festival with the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, and expanded the Haunted Trail event.

#### ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

- Received an important designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community - one of 497 cities nationwide.
- City Council voted unanimously to place the Deer Ridge property into the existing conservation easement expanding our already world-class open space and creating more quality of life.
- Participated in the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) pilot program, partnering with Salt Lake County to administer the 2021 Municipal Election.
- Processed 3,578 passport applications and 501 public records requests (GRAMA).
- Reduced resident fees by leveraging the storm drain fund.
- Paid off sales tax and lease revenue bonds early, saving over \$170,900 in future interest expense.
- Added a text/email notification system and introduced the Draper City Talk podcast to further inform residents.
- Draper City's budget remains stable. We have been able to continue to provide high-quality service without increasing taxes or reducing staffing levels.
- Insured compliance with COVID-19 legislation and implemented the Draper Deals program using CARES funding.
- Restructured volunteer committees and commissions.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

- Worked with water provider partners to maintain adequate supply in a year of extreme drought, promoted conservation efforts and rebate programs, and implemented city council-approved investments for water conservation in City operations.
- Completed several major road projects, including: 900 East/Draper Pkwy Widening & Reconstruction, 12200 South Street Widening, Highland Dr/Vestry Rd Widening & Traffic Signal, Sunrest Dr HAWK Beacon, Lone Peak Pkwy/12200 South Traffic Signal, and 450 East/12300 South Widening.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Adapted code to comply with state legislative changes for accessory dwelling units.
- Processed 991 residential and 178 commercial building permits.
- Processed 195 planning applications.
- Issued 260 new business licenses, with a total of 14,352 business licenses in the city. This makes Draper a retail destination, even for non-City residents (see graph at right).



- Development projects included Summit Commerce Center, Village Shoppes at Day Dairy expansion occupancy, NCS residential development, and Auto Nation car dealership.

#### VOLUNTEER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

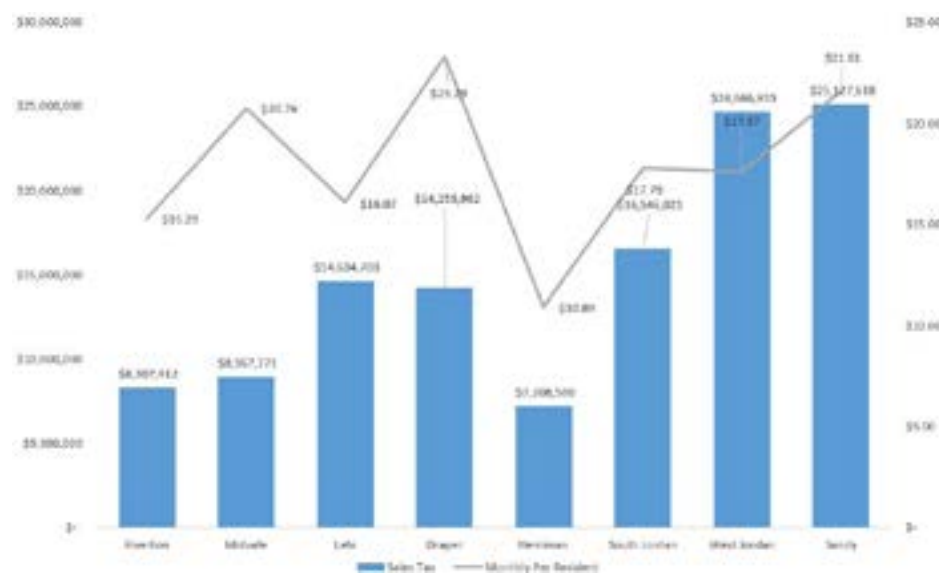
- Held successful food drives for Navajo Nation and Farmers to Families, and a holiday toy drive for refugee children. (Diversity & Inclusion Committee and Draper Mayor's Youth Council)
- Draper Days returned with successful concert nights, fireworks, and car show. (Draper Community Foundation)
- Food truck nights were added at the Ballard Arena. (Special Event Arena Committee)
- Helped in recommending and building new hiking trails. (Parks, Recreation, & Trails Committee)
- Provided content for a landscaping page on the city website, including water conservation tips, and continued a partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation for the Tree City USA designation. (Tree Committee)

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Draper City exclusively endorsed and allocated budget funds to South Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- The Point development plan was released, as the prison relocation will occur in 2022. Supported and secured the historic preservation of up to two guard towers and the Johnson bar lock system.
- Participated in ribbon-cuttings for several new businesses, including C-A-L Ranch (on the former Kmart site), Aive Aesthetics, Rollo Insurance, Grove Collective, UCCU, Quick Quack Car Wash, Rebecca Rose Boutique, and Burt Bros. Tires & Service.

We have an amazing city with a fantastic staff and great city council. My predicted outlook for 2022 is Awesomeness! Happy New Year.

*Mayor Troy K. Walker*



This graph shows 2021 population vs. revenues from fiscal year 2020. This data was collected from audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFRs). Gaps in the chart indicate that non-Draper residents shop at Draper businesses at a greater rate than Draper residents shop outside of Draper.



The Equal Payment Plan is a voluntary option for residents that calculates a monthly equal payment amount based on usage from the previous billing year. This year's enrollment is open through January 20, 2022.

Visit [draperutah.gov/equalpay2022](https://draperutah.gov/equalpay2022) to sign up.



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## CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

Councilmember Cal Roberts

### Draper's Crown Jewel: Our Open Space History and New Opportunities

The great preservationist John Muir once invited President Theodore Roosevelt to camp in Yosemite National Park. After the trip, President Roosevelt remarked:

"[Camping in Yosemite] was like lying in a great solemn cathedral, far vaster and more beautiful than any built by the hand of man."

Recently, the Draper City Council unanimously voted to place 250 acres of beautiful land near Deer Ridge into the Traverse Range Conservation Easement. This land will be held in a conservation easement in perpetuity by Salt Lake County. This will insure these 250 acres will be enjoyed by all future generations.

Draper is quickly becoming a hub of dynamic economic growth. Recently major Utah venture capital firms and businesses, such as Pluralsight, have relocated to our city. Additionally, the prison site development is poised to drive world class firms and institutions to Draper.

Balancing this growth with our community interests is the imminent challenge facing us. One way we balance growth is by prioritizing open space conservation.

I am proud of Draper City's long history of preserving our open land, twisting canyons, gullies and ridges. We have inherited the most expansive open space and trail network in the state of Utah. Draper residents and elected leaders, such as Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Vawdrey and Councilman Lowry, whom I currently serve with, and many others, had remarkable foresight to preserve these precious community assets.

Over time, Draper opportunistically acquired land and then committed that land into conservation easements. In 2005, The Corner Canyon project was the largest bond measure passed in Salt Lake County for a single open space acquisition. Thank you to the citizens of Draper who voted to approve the bond! As former Draper City Mayor Darrell Smith said "Corner Canyon is truly a public treasure, and has become an investment for each of us in

the future of Draper."

Here is a brief history of Draper's open space preservation efforts:

#### Corner Canyon Conservation Easement (2005)

- Acquired 1,021 acres
- Acquisition price: \$13,600,000
- \$7M bond approved by the residents of Draper

#### Little Valley Conservation Easement (2009)

- Acquired 142 acres
- Acquisition price: \$2,750,000

#### Traverse Range Conservation Easement (2018)

- Acquired 2,913 acres
- Acquisition price: \$5,600,000

#### Deer Ridge (2022, Pending)

- 250 acres
- Draper City is currently working with Salt Lake County to include the 250 acres in the Traverse Range Conservation Easement

#### Total Summary

- 4,326 acres (including Deer Ridge)
- Draper City funding: \$18,200,000
- Salt Lake County funding: \$3,250,000
- All land held under conservation easements by Salt Lake County

We are blessed to live in our corner of this beautiful valley. I am committed to building on this great legacy and seeking ways to expand our community's assets.

"The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased and not impaired in value."

—Theodore Roosevelt—

Best,  
Cal Roberts

### DRAPER CITY AFTER-HOURS CONTACTS

Parks Department: 801-831-7194

Streets Department: 801-831-7195

Water Department: 801-831-7195

Non-emergency Police: 801-840-4000



### CONSERVING, PROMOTING, & CELEBRATING ART IN DRAPER

BY JENNY HENDRICKSEN HAASE,  
DRAPER VISUAL ARTS FOUNDATION

In the Sept/Oct 2021 edition of the Draper Forward, we introduced you to the extraordinary Reid & Willda Beck Art Collection, started in 1926 by Principal Reid Beck to help foster appreciation for art by the students at Draper Park School. In the Nov/Dec publication, we shared how Draper Visual Arts Foundation (DVAF) was established in 1993 by three retired schoolteachers and other concerned residents to care for and restore pieces in this treasured collection that had fallen into disrepair.

As the conservation issues were being addressed, DVAF also turned its attention to promoting and celebrating art, through art shows and education for children of all ages, and for adults, as well!

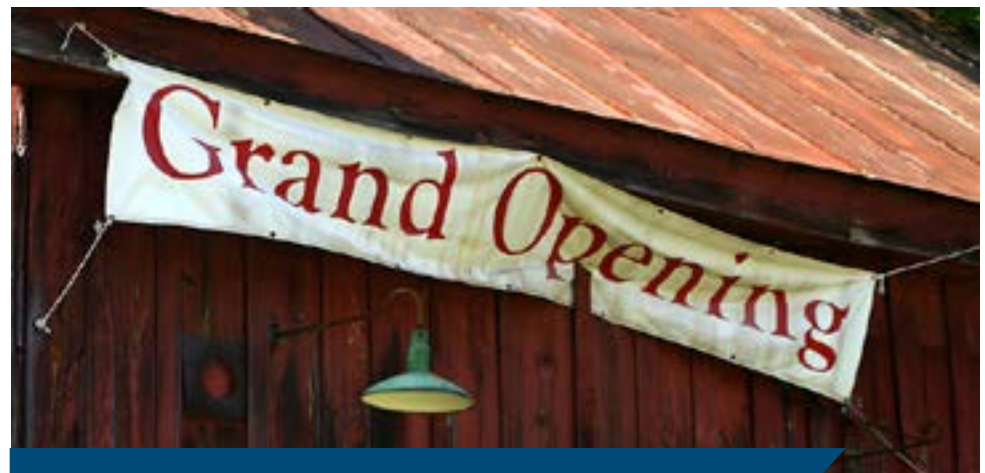
From 1998 to 2015, Draper Visual Arts Foundation sponsored Art Classes after school at the elementaries in Draper. Classes in Watercolor, Oils, Acrylics and Pottery were offered at low costs, with Zoo, Arts & Park (ZAP) funding secured by the Foundation. Classes filled quickly, filling over 1200 spots, with many students attending multiple classes over the years. Each spring and fall, as the classes concluded, an Art Exhibit was held so the students could proudly showcase their artwork to family and friends. Discussions are underway to begin offering art classes once again, so stay tuned!

Since 1999, each spring DVAF holds an Art Scholar Competition

for high school seniors in (then Jordan and now) Canyons School District area (including private and charter schools). Students can enter up to two pieces of art. Entries are displayed at City Hall, a panel of judges determine the winners, and an awards program is held, with the winners receiving from \$300 to \$1000 cash awards. The level of talent is often quite remarkable! (The next Art Scholar Competition entries will be due April 25, 2022. See [www.drapervisualartsfoundation.org](http://www.drapervisualartsfoundation.org) for details.)

To help promote and showcase local artists, Draper Visual Arts Foundation holds "Art in the Barn" each September. For two days, the Day Barn at Draper Park is filled with artists showing their beautiful pieces of art. You can come to simply browse, or to purchase an original piece of art for your home. It is truly amazing the talent that can be found in our community.

In addition to preserving the Reid & Willda Beck Collection, the foundation began early on creating its own DVAF Community Art Collection, through donations (including an original Bob Ross painting), purchases, and commissions. With over 60 pieces, you've likely seen some of them without realizing it! For example: Draper Vista, the beautiful mural just inside the doors of Draper City Hall was commissioned by DVAF and is on loan to the City for display. Renowned artist Linda Curley Christensen carefully captured the natural beauty of our corner of the valley as it was during early settlement by Pioneers. Other DVAF pieces are on display throughout City Hall, and at Draper's three elementary schools, as well.



### TEMPORARY SIGNAGE ENFORCEMENT RESUMES

Draper City had suspended enforcement of city code restrictions on temporary signs due to COVID impacts. That suspension is ending and enforcement of code violations related to temporary signage will resume as of January 3, 2022.

Business owners should review the temporary signage requirements found at [draperutah.gov/signage](http://draperutah.gov/signage).



Draper City has a new communication system called Notify Draper. With this system, residents may sign up to receive a variety of information via email, text, or voice. Information includes emergency, weather, and traffic alerts, construction updates, city news and events, job openings, and public meeting notices.

Residents and others who were previously subscribed to the Draper City e-newsletter have a Notify Draper account and will continue to receive information via email. We strongly encourage those who already have accounts to update your

contact information with a cell number (required if you would like to receive texts) and address for emergency notifications. You will also have the option to add categories such as job openings and public meeting notices to your account.

If you weren't previously subscribed to Draper City enews, visit [draperutah.gov/notify](http://draperutah.gov/notify) to sign up today.





### LANDSCAPE REBATE PROGRAMS

As we anticipate the spring, there are two rebate programs available to Draper residents. The Flip Your Strip and Localscapes programs are great ways to improve your landscape, reduce water consumption, and earn some cash. Mark your calendars: February 16 there will be classes on Intro to Localscapes and on February 23, Localscapes University.



Earn up to \$1.25 per square foot for replacing the lawn in your park strip with water-efficient design. Flipping your strip improves your curb appeal and can reduce your water usage. To learn more and how to apply, visit [utahwatersavers.com](http://utahwatersavers.com) and search for "Flip Your Strip."



This program offers the opportunity, when installing new landscaping or renovating existing, to earn cash rewards if the project meets the program

requirements. The program helps homeowners design landscaping specifically for the Utah climate. To check eligibility and to learn more, visit [utahwatersavers.com](http://utahwatersavers.com) and search Localscapes Rewards.

*These tips brought to you by the Draper City Tree Committee. Visit [draperutah.gov/landscaping](http://draperutah.gov/landscaping) for more resources.*

### ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) NEW REQUIREMENTS



Due to changes in both State and City Codes, owners of single-family homes with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs, or mother-in-laws) in Draper City are now required to obtain an ADU permit.

Visit [draperutah.gov/adu](http://draperutah.gov/adu) for additional information, frequently asked questions, and the ADU permit application. The City has approved a grace period against enforcement on existing ADUs for permit applications that come in before or on February 1, 2022.

### WELCOME NEW DRAPER CITY FIREFIGHTERS



Introducing our two newest crew members, Jeff Smith and Carlos Lopez. Welcome aboard!



A new hire for Draper Fire Department serving as a firefighter/paramedic at Station #21, Jeff

Smith has 14 years of experience working in Salt Lake County as a firefighter/paramedic, heavy rescue technician, and wildland firefighter. He is very excited to resume his career as a firefighter serving the citizens of Draper city.

My name is Carlos Lopez and I've been a firefighter for seven years now. I've been a paramedic for the past three years.



Jeff graduated from the University of Utah in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. In 2018, he graduated with a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Utah. Jeff continues to work as a physician assistant with the University of Utah, focusing on urgent care medicine.

I grew up in Riverton, Utah and currently live in Eagle Mountain, with my better half Hailey. We just became parents six weeks ago to a little girl named Mia. On my days off I like to snowboard, fish, mountain bike, camp and hike with my two dogs.

Jeff enjoys adventuring with his wife Megan and two children, Michael and Sylvie. He also enjoys golf and cheering for U of U athletics. Jeff also continues his lifelong goal of reaching the highest summit in every state.

I'm excited to join Draper City Fire Department.

### DRAPER PRIORITY PLOWING SCHEDULE



Draper City's snow removal crews remove snow from our roads every winter season starting November 1 through April 30. Crews are called out to plow after two inches of snow has accumulated on the roads. They strive to achieve bare pavement on all first-priority roads within 24 hours following a storm, and aim to clear all remaining streets within 48 hours following a storm. Draper City also prepares for a storm by spreading salt brine to de-ice the roadways.

#### SNOW PLOW PRIORITY ROADS

During ongoing, severe storms, Draper City's main streets will take precedence for safety reasons. Once the storm begins to subside, crews will move on to inner subdivision streets and cul-de-sacs. Please be patient as it may take a little longer to reach every street in a major storm.

##### PRIORITY 1:

High traffic roadways, school zones, hills, arterial and collector roads receive top plowing priority. As long as the snow keeps falling, the City's number one priority is to keep the main roads open and passable. Once these streets are clear, crews proceed to second and third-priority streets.

##### PRIORITY 2:

Streets through residential subdivisions, including roads that connect back to a collector street are second priority. Since crews have to clear priority streets first, residential streets may not be plowed until after snowstorm has subsided.

##### PRIORITY 3:

Cul-de-sacs, circles and dead-end streets have the lowest priority of snow removal and are cleared last because of low traffic volume on these roads. This could take 48 hours after a major storm ends.

#### INTERACTIVE MAP

Visit [draperutah.gov/snowplow](http://draperutah.gov/snowplow) to view an interactive map of plowing priorities in your area. (Be sure to click the + sign next to "Snow Plow Priorities" under the "Map Contents" on the left side of the screen to expand the map legend details.)

#### SNOW BLOWING RULES

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 instead. (Draper City Municipal Code Section (7-13-030))



# RECREATION PROGRAMS

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

## WINTER HIKING/SNOWSHOE Draper residents age 14+

Come enjoy an introductory level guided snowshoe adventure with other outdoor enthusiasts. This four-week program features a new trail every week. Snowshoes and poles will be provided along with information from your guide on the area's history, flora, and fauna.

**Where:** Watershed trails (no dogs)  
**When:** Multiple sessions in Jan. & Feb. Each session is four weeks  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
**Registration:** Open; closes Feb. 25  
**Cost:** \$25 per participant

## FISHING CLUB Ages 6-12

A great program for kids who want to learn all the basic skills of fishing. Each week a different lesson and

skill will be taught (tying, casting, philosophy, etc.). No experience necessary, just come learn!

**Where:** Sunset Pond at Mehraban Wetlands Park (898 E. 11815 S.)  
**When:** Weds. beginning March 30  
**Time:** 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
**Registration:** Ongoing; closes Feb. 25  
**Cost:** \$40 per participant; includes instructor, t-shirt, bait & tackle, and an end-of-season barbecue

## SPRING SOCCER

Pre-K through 7th grade

Features smaller team sizes for more involved play, improved skills, more shots and scoring.

**Where:** Galena Hills Park  
**When:** Games begin week of April 11  
**Time:** 5:30 PM or 6:30 PM (rotating)  
**Registration:** Open; closes Feb. 25  
**Cost:** Pre-K - 2nd grade: \$52  
3rd - 7th grade: \$60  
8th - 9th grade: \$65



The League of American Bicyclists has certified Draper City as a Bicycle Friendly Community. Together with 496 other BFCs in the country, we're building a more Bicycle Friendly America for everyone.

Thank you, Draper residents, for making this designation possible.



— THE SOUTH VALLEY CHAMBER —

# BUSINESS INSTITUTE

## Leadership South Valley

Leadership South Valley is designed to provide business leaders with a deeper understanding of the critical and essential issues affecting communities in Salt Lake County. The program's mission is to develop and enhance personal and civic leadership and communication, as well as support team cohesion, collaboration, and networking.

This once-a-month, 9-class course will meet from 8:30am to 4:00 p.m. at various locations across the South Valley region. Class size is limited, and class members are selected to represent a broad range of occupations, industries, and backgrounds.

Chamber Member Tuition	\$1,000
Non-chamber Member Tuition	\$1,500

As with all worthwhile endeavors, this program requires a strong commitment of time on the part of each participant. Attendance is mandatory for successful completion of the program, as is the following:

1. Community Service Project
2. One of your own city council meetings
3. One of your own school district meetings
4. Two South Valley Chamber events

### SCHEDULE

All times are 8:30am - 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

January 20, 2022 | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**Open House for past and new attendees**

February 17, 2022 — **Healthcare**

March 17, 2022 — **Education**

April 21, 2022 — **Environment**

May 19, 2022 — **Transportation and Housing**

June 16, 2022 — **Arts and Entertainment**

July — No class

August 18, 2022 — **Diversity and Inclusion (Justice, either social or judicial)**

September 15, 2022 — **Economic Development**

October 20, 2022 — **National, State and Local Politics**

November 17, 2022 — **Current Issues, Key Learnings and Graduation**

Congratulations to Jonna Crump and Brad Watson who recently passed landmark anniversaries with Draper City. Jonna is believed to be the first employee to reach the 30-year mark and Brad is at 25 years.

Brad is the streets and stormwater manager for the public works department and Jonna is the justice court manager. When Jonna started with the city there were less than 20 employees. Now there are over 300. Brad also said the growth is the most significant thing he's experienced with the city, recalling that when he started there was only one traffic signal in town, at 123rd and 7th East.

Thanks Jonna and Brad for all your years of service to the community!



Thank you to Draper City residents who donated toys in the Draper City Mayor's Youth Council's recent toy drive. Donations filled three pickups from the library and one very large box from City Hall.

These toys will be accessible to more than 350 newly arrived refugees through the International Rescue Committee, and will first go to families with children receiving IRC's case management services.

The Youth Council celebrated the holidays with service and fun at the Draper Day Barn on December 15. The evening began with a pizza dinner and hot cocoa bar, followed by an ugly sweater contest, gift exchange, and mini-games. In conjunction with the event, DCMYC youth generously donated canned food, bringing in over 685 pounds of canned food which was donated to the Utah Food Bank. DCMYC member Connor Van De Graaff said, "It was awesome seeing how much food was collected. DCMYC has some pretty cool people."

## Christmas Tree Drop-off

Draper City will accept Christmas trees (no artificial trees) through January 16, 2022. Make sure all ornaments or decorations are taken off the trees before dropping them off.

### DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

The open lot west of the Public Works facility, 72 E. Sivogah Court (14525 South).

The trailhead near the corner of Longbranch Dr. and Deer Ridge Dr.

**The POINT**

The process for selecting the master development partner(s) for The Point has begun!

Learn more at [thepointutah.org/opportunities](http://thepointutah.org/opportunities).

## CITY INFORMATION

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