



The Official Draper City Newsletter

DRAPER FORWARD

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Mayor's Message Year in Review



As per tradition, a new year is a time of reflection and goal-setting. Looking back on Draper City's accomplishments in 2024, I am proud to say that we have the best-managed and best-staffed city in Utah. That continues with the appointments of our new city manager, Mike Barker, and assistant city manager, Kellie Challburg. They have made the transition from the departure of our long-time city manager, David Dobbins, a smooth and productive one. That being said, we are not ones to rest on our laurels. Draper consistently evaluates how we can improve and better serve our community.

One of the biggest achievements from a management and elected official standpoint was the resolution of the City's legal dispute with Geneva Rock regarding their petition to the state to expand their mining operations at the Point of the Mountain. The agreement to preserve Steep Mountain in perpetuity is a great compromise and best case scenario for this situation.

We were also thrilled to complete the Gold Star Memorial Monument. This special place at Draper Park honors the families who have lost a loved one in service to our country. Not only is it a beautiful monument, but the surrounding landscape is a place of peace and contemplation in our busy park.

In November, Marsha Vawdrey was appointed to fill the city

council seat vacated by Cal Roberts due to his election to the Utah House of Representatives. Marsha was selected from a large number of impressive applicants. Her extensive experience serving Draper City will be extremely valuable in this transition. She will complete this term through the end of 2025.

Following are additional highlights of some of the City's accomplishments this past year:

Communications

- Launched a new city website to improve functionality while saving costs.
- Transitioned the Notify Draper text/email notification system to a new provider to save costs while improving functionality.

Community Development

- Adopted a new electronic permitting system department-wide.
- The Building Division reviewed 1,525 building permits during FY24. This includes various building projects like office buildings, retail buildings, single-family homes, townhomes, garages, roof replacements, and water heater upgrades.
- The Business Licensing Division reviewed 2,495 business licenses overall and issued licenses to 303 new businesses in FY24. The Division also worked to bring businesses into compliance that were operating without a license to ensure every business in the City has the proper licensing.
- The Code Enforcement Division inspected 3,488 complaints and concerns during FY24. This includes signs, animals, weeds, graffiti, zoning violations, and failure to obtain a business license or building permit.
- The Planning Division reviewed 144 land use applications and 101 sign permits during FY24. Land use applications include current planning like subdivisions, site plans, and conditional use permits, and long-range planning like zoning and land use map amendments, and text amendments.

Events

- Combined a new Farmers Market with Food Truck Nights at a different location — Smith Fields Park.
- Another successful Draper Days and continued community support for an extensive calendar of community events.

Fire

- Increased staffing by three Operations Personnel and one Administrative Training Captain.
- Completed four out-of-state EMAC Wildland Deployments — one to Oregon and three to California.
- Completed one in-state Wildland Deployment to assist on the Yellow Fork Fire.
- Completed all Fuels Mitigation work required for the awarded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Human Resources

- Improved overall benefits for city employees with little to no impact on the budget and positioned the city as a competitive employer in the Salt Lake Valley. As a result, the city saw increased retention and a downward curve in vacant positions.

Parks and Recreation

- Completed and opened a new 18-hole disc golf course by the Jordan River in West Draper.
- Completed and opened Phase I of Jenson Farms Park.
- Completed several new trails in the Deer Ridge Off-Leash Dog area
- Completed a large expansion of the south parking lot at Draper Park.

Police

- Established a Police Career Series, providing opportunities for professional growth, supporting ongoing training and education, and demonstrating competence and commitment within the department. Adding the Police Officer II and Master Officer programs is a

- commitment to retain hard-working, dedicated officers in Draper.
- Reduced vehicle burglaries to the lowest number in the past 10 years.

Roads/Sidewalks

- Completed widening of 300 East at 12300 South to add additional turn lanes.
- Over 800 miles of roads were resurfaced, treated, or reconstructed throughout the city.
- Repaired over 5,200 linear feet of sidewalk (or over 1050 sidewalk panels) as part of the ongoing city-wide sidewalk safety program.

Water/Storm Water

- Launched the Adopt a Storm Drain program.
- 90 valves repaired/replaced, 7 pressure-reducing valves repaired/replaced, and 55 leaks repaired.
- Completed major improvements to 6 detention basins that are critical to the function of the storm drain system.

We recognize and acknowledge that everything we do at Draper City is a team effort. We are fortunate to have a wonderful city council who continually look out for the interests of our community. I appreciate all the work that goes into making Draper such an amazing place to live.

Wishing everyone all the best that life has to offer in the coming year.

Mayor Troy K. Walker



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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City Council Message

Council Member
Mike Green



The City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority (POMSLA) in December. With construction beginning at The Point development, this is an important step. The development project is within Draper City, but the 600 acres of land at the former prison site is owned by the State of Utah. The MOU memorializes the collaborative efforts between The Point and the City to review plans for infrastructure such as water, sewer, roads, etc. Draper City and POMSLA are working on an agreement that will define the municipal services that the city will provide to the project and how the city will be compensated for those services.

The Point is investing upwards of \$165 million in infrastructure for the development. Draper City is not expending money on the infrastructure, but has an interest in the design and ensuring that best

safety practices are implemented.

The critical backbone infrastructure projects include, but are not limited to: the extension of Porter Rockwell Boulevard, planned transit services through the development, and construction of the "River-to-Range" regional trail system.

It is important to the council to do whatever we can to protect Draper's tax dollars from bearing any unreasonable burden related to this project. The MOU establishes that "before Draper City assumes ownership, operation, and maintenance responsibilities for any critical backbone infrastructure components, compensation arrangements to assume that no unreasonable or burdensome cost will be imposed disproportionately on the citizens and businesses in Draper City located outside of The Point for providing such services and ownership will be determined and

outlined in a separate agreement."

The forthcoming agreement between Draper City and POMSLA will also address deviations between POMSLA's design and Draper City's design standards. Both parties have agreed to continue communicating and working to resolve any issues that arise related to the infrastructure projects.

Plans for The Point are unlike any other development in Utah, providing an innovative mix of open spaces, parks, housing, jobs, retail, entertainment, and public transit and trail connections. We look forward to seeing its progress and continuing to work with POMSLA to make it a great addition to Draper.

*Councilmember
Mike Green*

CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOSTING PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSES

Word is getting out about the learning and growth happening in Canyons District's preschool and kindergarten programs. To meet the needs of the community, preschool is now available at 13 locations across the District. With districtwide access to free full-day kindergarten, Canyons District kindergartners also now enjoy double the learning and double the

fun! Families can also choose a half-day schedule. Now is the time to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year. Families can apply for Canyons District's early childhood programs from January 8 through February 28, 2025. Parents: Join us for an upcoming Open House and take home a free pencil case and coloring book!



Take the leap. Make a splash.

Choose a Convenient Open House

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. — Willow Canyon
9650 S. 1700 East, Sandy
Thursday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m. — Oakdale
1900 Creek Rd. (8100 S.), Cottonwood Heights
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6 p.m. — Bella Vista
2131 E. 7000 South, Cottonwood Heights
Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 a.m. — Willow Springs
13288 S. Lone Rock Dr. (465 E.), Draper

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees will be accepted for wood chipping until January 31. Valley drop offs may be delivered next to **Draper Public Works (72 E. Sivogah Court)**. SunCrest drop offs may be delivered to **Longbranch Trailhead (1689 Deer Ridge Drive)**. No drop offs will be accepted after January 31. All decorations must be removed.

THE HISTORIC CROSSGROVE HOME

BY CHRISTA HUTCHISON

The Crossgrove home was constructed circa 1885 in a classic Victorian style. Located at 12736 South Boulter Street, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in December 2011.

In 1878, Martha Crossgrove's father gifted her several horses as a wedding gift. She sold them and purchased the land from Lauritz Smith. Her husband, James, and their neighbor, John Boulter, built the house while the family lived in a log cabin on the property. Family lore says one of the windows in the house was "on the slanted side" after James and John set the window after returning from a trip to Sandy where they enjoyed "spirits" after a church meeting.



The home stayed in the Crossgrove family over a century, housing a variety of prominent Draper residents including Hulda Crossgrove, who taught at Draper Park School for 26 years.

The Hughes family purchased the home in 2009 and applied to place the home on the National Historic Register. It was sold in 2018 to a

Crossgrove family relative.

National Historic Registry placement guarantees excellent benefits for a property, including eligibility for federal preservation grants for rehabilitation and planning, and tax incentives. In some cases, Utah's tax credit can be combined with the federal incentive for a 40% tax credit. Under federal law, Registry listing places no restrictions on what can be done with non-federal property, including demolition. Registry placement gives owners access to a national network of historic property owners who can help answer questions and solve issues associated with owning historic properties.

Draper home or business owners can inquire about placing property on the National Historic Register. Properties must be at least 50 years old and look similar to its original build. For qualifications and assistance on the process, contact the Draper City Historic Preservation Commission at community.development@draperutah.gov or access the Utah State Historical Preservation Office FAQ, ushpo.utah.gov

VOLUNTEER WITH MEALS ON WHEELS

HELP DELIVER MID-DAY MEALS TO ISOLATED SENIORS

There are seniors right in your communities — both home and at work — who are isolated, and many cannot prepare their own meals. This is where Meals on Wheels Volunteers step in and make a huge difference. Volunteers not only deliver meals, but they provide much needed social connections that are often the only interactions these seniors receive through the course of the day.

Volunteers deliver only once a week, and can deliver any time between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday - Friday. Routes consist of 6 - 13 clients and are designed to be delivered in that lunch hour timeframe, taking 60 - 90 minutes. Meals on Wheels provides the supplies, all

you need is your own transportation, a smartphone to access your route information, and a warm smile for the clients who are waiting for you. All volunteers must pass a background check, which we provide, and attend a new volunteer orientation.

The need to provide meals and connection to ever-more isolated older adults is growing daily, and we need you to help sustain our current deliveries, avoid waiting lists for service and help the program grow. Join the Wheelers today!

Call Salt Lake County Aging & Adult Services Meals on Wheels at (385) 468-3086, or email ag-mowvolunteers@slco.org.

You can also scan the QR code below with your smartphone's camera.



BECOME THE MEALS ON WHEELS

MVP

THE GAME STATS:

- 1,500 meals delivered DAILY
- 10 deliveries or LESS per route
- ONLY 1-2 hours each route



STEP UP TO THE PLATE: VOLUNTEER TODAY!

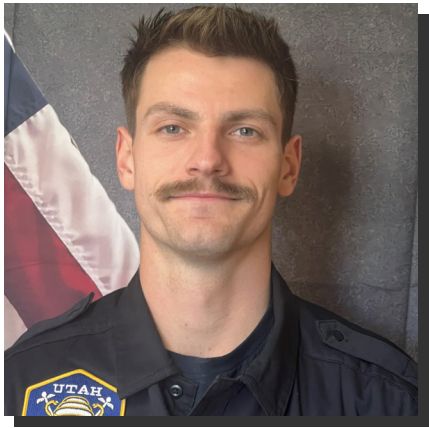
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NEW FIREFIGHTERS + PROMOTIONS



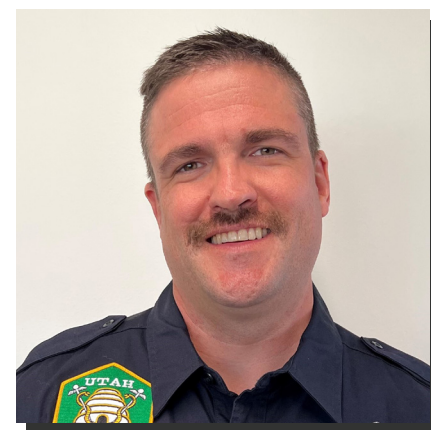
Cael Caldwell is 25 years old, and was born and raised in Utah. He is transitioning into the Fire/EMS field, where he's been working for under a year, and is excited to begin as a probationary firefighter after spending six years in the automotive industry. In his free time Cael enjoys working on cars, hiking trails, riding dirt bikes, hitting the gym, and spending quality time with friends and family. He is married, has three dogs, and is the proud parent to a one-year-old son, who keeps life exciting outside of work. He is thankful for this opportunity and can't wait to serve the people of Draper.



Tim Ryan was born and raised in Minnesota, embarking on a journey of service at 18 years old by enlisting in the Marine Corps from 2011 to 2017 as a Military Police Officer. Following the Marines he completed a degree in Exercise Science at the University of St. Thomas, working as a Medical Scribe and Security Officer at a Level 1 trauma center in St. Paul. In 2019, he joined the Air Force and pursued a career as a pararescueman and earned his Maroon Beret. During his time in Albuquerque he met his wife, Shannon, who was working as a civilian in HR for the Air Force. They've been married since 2021, and enjoy life together with their English Cream Golden Retrievers. He is eager to bring his skills and experiences to Draper City.



Bailey Ziehl was raised on a farm on the outskirts of Casper, Wyoming, where he learned what it means to work hard, have integrity, never quit just because times get hard, and to ride for the brand. He majored in Fire Science at Casper College, and was hired with Evansville Fire department in 2017. He has foundational knowledge in rope access, rigging, back country rescue, hazardous materials, gas monitoring, and safety procedures. Bailey is a father of one daughter, Bexley Ann, and believes God's purpose for him is to be there for others in times of need. His favorite hobbies are playing the fiddle, snowboarding, leather tooling, and being outdoors.



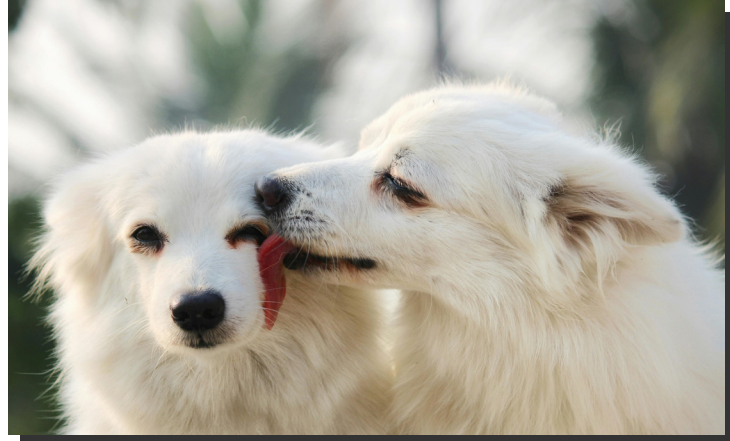
Tyler Cox was born and raised in Evanston Wyoming. He attended Western Wyoming Community College and played two years of soccer there. After college he worked in many different fields. He took an EMT class shortly after turning 30, and fell in love with EMS and fire. He began working part-time for Summit County EMS in 2018, and has since worked for the U of U ED and Park City Fire before applying for Draper Fire. He lives with his wife Hailei, their 7-year-old daughter Evie, and two border collies, Toby and Mia. He loves to mountain bike, run, and travel with his family.

POLICE BLOTTER: PHONE SCAMS

Draper PD is aware of a scam call purporting to be a Draper officer requesting money for a missed court date. We would like to remind our citizens that Draper officers will not and do not accept money for court fees. If you feel you may have been a target of one of these scams, you may call the Draper Police or Courts to verify the information. Scammers often use tactics like this and have been getting more convincing. We recommend always independently verifying any information you hear when getting a call like this.



DRAPER CITY ANIMAL SERVICES
VALENTINE'S DAY DO'S AND DON'TS FOR YOUR PETS



your pet's reach! Chocolate, flowers, candy, rich foods, and alcoholic drinks are common in our homes as we celebrate Valentine's Day. Dogs will want to eat toxic amounts of chocolate and will need to be taken to the vet.

If you have cats, watch out for

bouquets that include lilies, which are toxic to them. Rich foods can cause upset stomachs and possibly pancreatitis. All pets can be sensitive to alcohol, so be certain to keep alcoholic drinks out of their reach.

Find safe gifts to show your pets Valentine's Day love! A new collar, treats, or toys can all be great gifts on Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day can also be a great time to try a new dog or cat treat recipe.

Don't forget that many pets appreciate the gift of time and love more than anything. An extra walk, time cuddling, or playing cost nothing but will be greatly appreciated by your four-legged family members.

Be careful with sugar-free foods that contain xylitol, which can cause a dangerous drop in blood sugar when ingested by all pets. Contact your vet if you think your pet has eaten something they shouldn't have.

Be careful to keep Valentine's gifts, foods, flowers, and drinks away from

Happy Valentine's Day!

RECREATION PROGRAMS

YOUTH SOCCER

Youth grades Pre-K - 7

Learn and build perseverance, teamwork skills, and make new friends.

Where: Galena Hills Park
When: 8 weeks, beginning April 7
Cost: Varies per league
Registration: January 1 - March 2

JUNIOR PICKLEBALL

Youth ages 8 - 18

This non-instructional program is for players with basic pickleball knowledge.

Where: Southfork Park
When: June 2 - 25
Cost: \$50 per participant
Registration: January 1 - March 18

ADULT PICKLEBALL

Anyone age 18+

This league is a fun chance to play against players at your same skill level.

Where: Southfork Park
When: 6 weeks, beginning April 14
Cost: \$30 per participant
Registration: January 20 - March 20

SOFTBALL

Anyone age 16+

Get your team together and register early — this program fills up fast!

Where: Galena Hills Park
When: Games begin April 15
Cost: \$600 per team
Registration: January 1 - March 31

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Girls grades 3 - 9

Learn the basic skills of softball while having fun and building friendships.

Where: Southfork Park
When: 7 weeks, beginning April 28
Cost: Varies per league
Registration: January 1 - March 16

BASEBALL

Girls grades 3 - 9

Learn the fundamentals of baseball with T-Ball, Machine and Coach Pitch.

Where: Varies per league
When: 8 weeks, beginning June 3
Cost: Varies per league
Registration: January 1 - March 16

KICKBALL

Anyone age 16+

A great low-stress/high-activity game to recreate and have fun.

Where: Galena Hills Park
When: 7 weeks, beginning April 16
Cost: \$285 per team
Registration: January 1 - March 31

SNOWSHOEING

Anyone age 16+

Escape the inversion on a winter hike!

Where: Location varies
When: 4 weeks, beginning January 6
Cost: \$25 per participant
Registration: Closes one week prior to each session

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

DRAPER UTAH ARTS COUNCIL
2025 SEASON
Learn more at draperutah.gov/artsCouncil

AUDITION MASTERCLASS
February 7
Free Event | Registration Required

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
Auditions: March 6 & 8
Performances: May 30 - June 14

Summer Youth Theater Workshop
June 23 - July 3
Registration Required

BEETLEJUICE JR.
Auditions: May 2 & 3
Performances: August 1 - 11

Dancing in the Stars
A BIG BAND TRIBUTE
Auditions: Early Summer
Performances: September 12, 13 & 15

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2025 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Draper's events are a staple of the community, bringing people together to connect, foster a sense of belonging, and strengthen our associations with one another. They benefit the local economy, support small businesses, and bring in people from neighboring communities

and around the state.

The community events in 2024 were incredible successes. Draper Park was once again a packed house the final day of Draper Days. Farmers Markets at Smith Fields Park were combined with Food Truck Nights, and were a

popular event throughout the season.

We're pleased that all of last year's events will return for 2025. Draper City will once again be host to 30 events this year, diverse in their offerings and giving residents of all ages and

abilities the opportunity to enjoy our city facilities and amenities while making or fostering connections with families, neighbors, and friends.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.



Daddy Daughter Dance
6:30 - 8:00 PM
February 21



Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 AM
April 19



Arbor Day
Time TBD
April 25



Cinco de Mayo
6:00 - 8:00 PM
May 5



Mayor's Bike Ride
8:00 AM
May 17



Memorial Day
3:00 PM
May 26



Concerts in the Park
7:00 PM
June 4, 11, 18, 25



Tiny Tot Triathlon
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
June 14



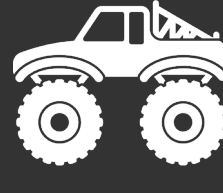
Farmers Market
5:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesdays, July - October



Draper Days
Times Vary
July 11 - 19



Safety Day
6:00 - 8:00 PM
August 5



Monster Trucks!
7:30 PM
August 15 - 16



Bark in the Park
6:00 - 8:00 PM
August 26



International Arts & Crafts Festival
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
September 13



Corner Canyon Half Marathon
7:00 AM
September 20



Fire Prevention Night
5:00 - 8:00 PM
October 6



Haunted Trail
4:30 - 10:00 PM
October 16 - 18



Veterans Day Ceremony
11:00 AM
November 11



Tree Lighting Ceremony
6:00 - 8:00 PM
December 1



Holiday Market
Times Vary
December 5 - 6



Candy Cane Hunt
4:00 PM
December 8

For full event details — including dates, times, locations, and vendor application information, if applicable — please visit draperutah.gov/events

Pet Assistance on Wheels P.A.W.S



- **DOGS & CATS**
 - Ideal for dogs under 40lbs.
 - For dogs over 40 lbs, pre-approval is needed.
 - No older than 7 yrs.
- **KITTENS/PUPPIES**
 - Must be atleast 2 lbs & 8 weeks of age

FREE - SALT LAKE COUNTY MOBILE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Appointments are available for Salt Lake County residents only



SURGERY SCHEDULE DAY

- Intake begins at 7:45am
- Owners MUST pick up their pets same day between 4PM - 5PM



DATES & LOCATIONS:

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE AVAILABLE CLINICS & SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT (LIMIT OF 2 APPOINTMENTS PER HOUSEHOLD)



SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO OWNED PETS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

QUESTIONS : PAWS@SALTLAKECOUNTY.GOV
385-508-6446



After years of in-depth planning and preparation, development is moving forward at The Point with critical backbone infrastructure construction. The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority (POMSLA) hosted an historic ground breaking for Porter Rockwell Boulevard on December 17, symbolizing the start of a new

era with speeches by Mayor Troy Walker and Governor Spencer Cox.

Construction of Porter Rockwell Boulevard kick-starts development as the site's main road, connecting The Point to the rest of the region and significantly improving mobility and providing access to the site's future amenities.

The road is designed as an important thoroughfare for commuters and as a convenient

pathway for pedestrians, cyclists and visitors. In the future, shops, cafés and office buildings will line Porter Rockwell Boulevard, incorporating a human-centered design that fosters a sense of place and creates an impactful experience.

To learn more, visit thepointutah.org.

CITY INFORMATION

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