

The Official Draper City Newsletter

DRAPER FORWARD

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Mayor's Message

Station Area Plan



I hope you are all transitioning well from the holidays to spring. We are in the throes of the 2025 legislative session, which has been busy for me as Mayor and President of the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT).

The legislature is looking to improve our housing situation statewide. Many issues are out of our direct control and the government can't solve this problem in isolation.

ULCT works to keep our land use

authority and ability to plan for our community. As a political subdivision of the state, we work toward smart and functional housing objectives, striving for homeownership for our kids and grandkids.

The legislature has enacted laws to create more housing and different kinds of housing. One law requires municipalities with a transit station to enact a "Station Area Plan" (SAP) for each stop within the city.

This is a legislative mandate. However, it is a negotiated mandate because cities get to craft the plan. But we must do it or suffer state penalties. We have three station areas in Draper: Frontrunner at Vista Station and the Trax stops at Kimball's Lane and the Draper Town Center.

Our first SAP will be for the Draper Town Center. This process began in the fall of 2022, and is almost done. The plan is a vision and five-year development plan for areas within ½ mile of Draper Town Center. The legislature's objectives are to increase the availability and affordability of housing, promote sustainable environmental conditions, enhance access to opportunities, and increase transportation choices and connections.

Our project team, in collaboration with the project Stakeholder Committee, has developed a Preferred

Concept and Draft Plan. This draft plan was created from professional design recommendations and stakeholder, staff, and public input. Feedback was solicited via multiple Stakeholder Committee meetings, public open houses, and a survey. Project goals included:

Heritage: Preserve key aspects of Draper's history and incorporate them into the urban design and public space of the station area.

Respect surrounding neighborhoods: Integrate new development and improvements in a way that respects the existing community.

Town Center gathering place: Establish the station area as a gathering place and destination for the Draper community.

Complementary mix: Mix uses in a complementary way and include housing and recreation as key uses.

Connectivity and access: Connect the station area to maximize access to the station, link among the key sites, make the station area accessible to the community, and overcome topography and barriers.

Balance and link modes: Balance and link a foundation of walkability with the other modes of transit, bicycling, and traffic.

Regional benefits: Increase access to regional opportunities via the Draper Town Center Station, increase housing affordability, and realize other regional benefits.

The City held a public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting February 27 and will hold another at the City Council meeting March 4 at 7:00 PM to adopt the Draper Town Center SAP into the General Plan for the area surrounding the Draper Town Center TRAX station in compliance with state code.

We appreciate all who have participated in this process, especially Draper residents closest to the station area, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and IFA. Find more information about the project at DraperTownCenterStation.org.

Once completed, we will bring forward the other plans by the end of this year. We have a deadline to meet under the state code. Our goal is to make a plan that fits our city and meets state code. These plans represent opportunities for owned housing and economic development. We are trying our best to navigate and plan with our state partners.

I wish you all the best and look forward to enjoying our spring and summer.

LOCALSCAPES: CREATING YOUR IDEAL DRAPER YARD

Now is a great time to plan your spring landscaping. A simple place to start is your park strip. Replace thirsty, decorative turf with beautiful, Utah-friendly plants and trees.

Five great reasons to flip your strip:

1. Park strips are often the largest water wasters as they are hot and narrow — sprinklers overspray onto the street or sidewalk, sending water down the drain
2. The average Draper family uses 7,000 - 10,000 gallons of water every season on their strip
3. They are typically not used for recreation — no one will miss the turf
4. Your park strip is the first thing you see when you come home — it can be beautiful and lower maintenance

5. Draper residents are eligible to earn up to \$3 per square foot for replacing the lawn in your park strip with a water efficient design, thanks to Draper's water-efficiency standards and partnership with Jordan Valley Water Conservation District; visit utahwatersavers.com for more information

The Tree Committee has partnered with Localscapes to host a free landscaping class for Draper residents to help you create your ideal yard and learn how to qualify for incentives.

When
Wednesday, March 5, 7 - 8 PM

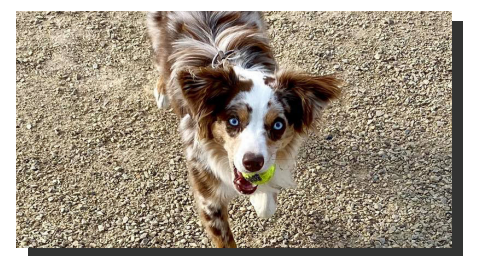
Where
City Hall Council Chambers,
1020 East Pioneer Road

Space is limited and registration is required. Reserve a spot at draperutah.gov/landscaping

DRAPER CITY ANIMAL SERVICES

REMEMBER TO LICENSE YOUR DOG

With spring and warm weather shortly upon us, Draper Animal Services would like to remind residents that all dogs are required to be licensed by the age of four months, or within 30 days of moving within Draper City. Please bring your dog's current rabies certificate to Draper Animal Services Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at 12375 S. Vista Station Blvd. to obtain your dog's license.



Licenses need to be renewed yearly. Please remember to keep your dog on a leash while walking or enjoying the city parks.

The race is in September. Training starts today.

September 20
7:00 - 11:00 AM
Andy Ballard Arena

Half Marathon — \$55
5K and 10K — \$25

Register by August 21 to guarantee Race Shirt

Register at draperutah.gov/half

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



1020 East Pioneer Road
Draper, UT 84020
(801) 576-6500

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Draper, UT 84020

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City Council Message

*Council Member
Tasha Lowery*



At a recent city council meeting, one of the agenda items filled the seats of the chambers. It became apparent from comments during the public hearing that opinions on the matter before us were

greatly divided. Yet, as we listened to a large number of residents share their perspectives for almost two hours, none of the dialogue escalated into arguments, insults, or other disruptive behavior. No one fell into personal attacks, or toxic rhetoric. Those in attendance followed the meeting decorum, even when some offered opposing arguments. In the end, as so often happens, we as a council made a difficult decision, and some in attendance did not receive the result they had hoped for.

What stood out to me that evening me was that in a time when public discourse too often turns contentious, this gathering of Draper residents demonstrated restraint and respect for differing points of view. Most importantly, they recognized the need to maintain good relationships with their neighbors and their greater community.

Draper is an amazing city that impresses me in various ways on a regular basis. I think we all know we live in a uniquely beautiful and special place, and that we are called

to be stewards of our community, caring for our shared open spaces as well as our neighbors. I hope that as our broader society continues to experience conflict, we can all do our part to increase connection and decrease contention among our friends and neighbors. I am so proud to live in our shared community, with all of you, and know that even when we disagree, we are still neighbors and friends, thankful to live together in this great community we are so very fortunate to call home.

The following are some things to consider:

- Take regular breaks from news and social media. Get out of the house and enjoy nature, spend time serving in the community, and connect with people in person. Draper is surrounded by beautiful outdoor spaces and offers many opportunities to volunteer or participate in community events and programs.

- Seek differences. Step outside of your inner circle and get to know others with different backgrounds and points of view.

- Seek common ground. When you find yourself amid conflicting opinions, look for some interest that you share. Although you may not be able to agree, if you can connect in some aspect, it can be easier to respectfully disagree.

- Consider sources of information before reacting or sharing. There is a lot of clickbait and disinformation/misinformation out there. Also, consider if sharing is really helpful or just fanning the flames.

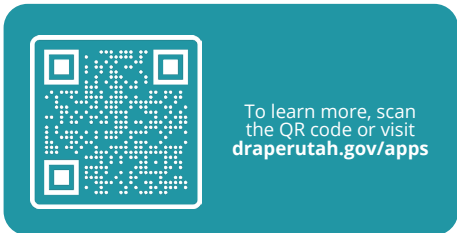
I love living in Draper and appreciate all the connections and positive interactions I have in our community.

**Council member
Tasha Lowery**

NEW FAQ AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY APPS

If you've ever needed answers to questions about reporting a broken street light, issues with garbage collection, connecting or disconnecting utility services, we have you covered. With our new FAQ app on our website, you can find answers to these questions more quickly and easily.

If you're looking for a business in Draper, our Business Directory app can help you filter and locate registered businesses who wanted to be included in the app.



RECYCLED MATERIALS REPORT

JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2024

Curbside Recycling

During the six month period from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 our recycling trucks have picked up 859.62 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.

Mixed Load Contamination

Rocky Mountain Recycling runs a test sort each month where our driver empties the load in an open area and then a recycling staff member sorts through the truck load and determines how much is recyclable and how much is contamination, meaning materials that cannot be recycled. Our average during this six month period is 11.20% contamination, which means 11.20% of what we pickup in curbside containers is not recyclable. This is where we need your help.

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.

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 coated cardboard, Styrofoam, packing peanuts, bubble wrap,

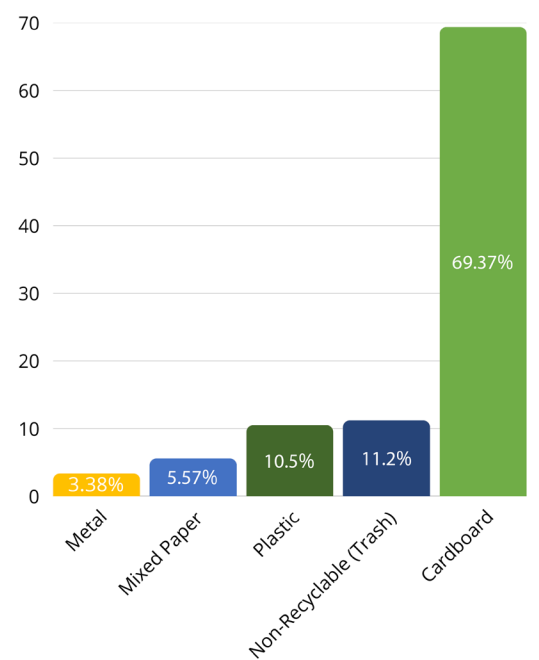
yard waste, and glass.

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 6 month period, Draper residents have recycled 27.95 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.

Glass

From the dumpster at City Hall we have recycled 59.63 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/



ARTS COUNCIL

2025 SEASON AUDITIONS

The
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Auditions
 March 6: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
 March 8: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

APA Campus #3
 431 West 11915 South

Auditions
 May 2: 7:00 - 9:00 PM
 May 3: 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Draper Amphitheater
 944 Vestry Road

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JR.

Dancing
in
the Stars

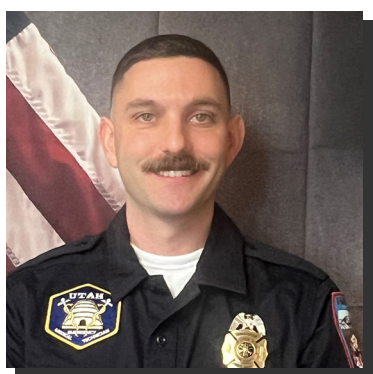
A BIG BAND TRIBUTE

Auditions
 April 14: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

APA Campus #3
 431 West 11915 South

Learn more and sign up to audition at draperutah.gov/artscouncil

NEW DRAPER CITY FIREFIGHTER



During his career with Charleston he continued his military service with the South Carolina Army National Guard, attending flight school and becoming an AH-64 Apache Helicopter Pilot. Afterward he completed a master's degree in Executive Fire Leadership and Administration from Arizona State University.

Andrew Botti was born and raised in Columbus, OH. He always knew he wanted a life in public service and began exploring jobs in the military, law enforcement, and fire service in his teens. After deliberation and meetings with recruiters, he chose to pursue a firefighting career.

He attended Eastern Kentucky University, earning a degree in Fire Protection Administration. During his first semester he enlisted in the Kentucky Army National Guard as an 88M - truck driver. Upon graduation he accepted a job with the fire department in Charleston, SC, where he worked for the past nine years.

In 2020 he met Brittany, and they married in 2024. Soon after they decided to explore a life together in Utah. Andrew decided Draper City Fire Department was where he wanted to continue his fire service career; he applied, was hired, and moved to South Jordan last December. Upon completing an interstate transfer to the Utah Army National Guard he will fly with the 1-211th Attack Battalion out of South Valley Regional Airport. He and Brittany live with their two dogs, Luna and Dingo. They enjoy snowboarding, hiking, mountain biking, camping, and exploring this beautiful state. They look forward to the adventures they will have and the friendships they are building in Draper.



YARD WASTE DUMPING IS ILLEGAL

Whether it is on City property or other land, yard waste dumped onto trails or public property diverts resources that could otherwise be devoted to maintaining public lands.

Yard waste includes branches, grass clippings, dirt and concrete.

draperutah.gov/garbageservices

DAVF'S 26TH ANNUAL ART SCHOLAR COMPETITION

BY JENNY HENDRICKSEN HAASE

High school senior art students, teachers and parents — it's time to get ready!

The Draper Visual Arts Foundation (DVAF) will be holding its Annual Art Scholar Competition soon! Since 1999, DVAF has awarded nearly \$70,000 in cash prizes to help recognize, encourage and support promising young artists to pursue their artwork and education. It is a treasured part of our mission to conserve, promote and celebrate art in Draper!

Each spring, we invite high school seniors from the Canyons School District area (including private and charter schools) to enter up to two pieces of art.

Entries must be original works of art and fit within three categories: 2D, 3D (including wood, jewelry, pottery and sculpture) and Photography/Digital. Artwork must be gallery ready. For more details outlining the eligibility requirements and the application form, visit drapervisualartsfoundation.org.

Important dates to remember:

The online application must be completed by midnight on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

Art pieces must be delivered on Monday, April 21 before 5:00 PM to City Hall (1020 Pioneer Road).

Entries will be on display in the foyer of City Hall from April 22 - 28 for the public to enjoy. Judges for this competition are qualified, professional artists who are among DVAF's Board of Trustees.

On Monday, April 28, an Artists' Reception will be held at City Hall at 6:00 PM, followed by an Awards Ceremony at 7:00 PM in the City Council Room. The artists, their families, friends, teachers, and the public are invited to attend. A total of \$6,000 is available to be awarded that evening in cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000!

The image below features some of the wonderful student artwork from 2024. You can see many of the award-winning artists over the years on the DVAF website. We look forward to another very special program in 2025!



YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKING

Youth ages 7 - 15

Join us for adventures in mountain biking on Corner Canyon trails.

Intro to Trails 4-Day Clinics
Where: Andy Ballard Arena

Session 1: June 2 - 5
Session 2: July 14 - 17
Session 3: August 4 - 7

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 AM

Intermediate 4-Day Clinics
Where: Andy Ballard Arena

Session 1: June 2 - 5
Session 2: July 14 - 17
Session 3: August 4 - 7

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Cost: \$170 per participant; includes custom mountain bike gloves



TENNIS LESSONS

Youth ages 4 - 18

This class is focused on building a foundation of fundamentals for all levels. Instructors teach and work with student's current level to help them improve.

Where: Smith Fields Park and Steep Mountain Park

Session 1: June 2 - 12
Session 2: June 16 - 26
Session 3: June 30 - July 10
Session 4: July 4 - 24 (no class July 24; price prorated)
Session 5: July 28 - August 7

Cost
Little Stars & New Stars: \$54
Gold Stars: \$64
Shootin' Stars & Flights: \$88

Each session closes one week prior to the session's start date

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs



JOIN THE LEGACY

Applications open from March 15 - April 30

The Miss Draper Scholarship Program promotes service, education, leadership, and refinement. It is not a standard pageant process. There is no public stage performance. Applicants submit an application and interview with a panel of judges.

Requirements

- Single Women Ages 17 - 26
- Resident of Draper
- Service Oriented
- Academically Minded
- Upstanding Citizen

draperutah.gov/missdraper

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RECREATION PROGRAMS

ADULT MOUNTAIN BIKING

Anyone ages 15+

These single-day, 90-minute clinics teach students about bikes and safety, how to shift gears, stand on pedals, and work on small obstacles.

Beginners Class

Where: TBD

When: May 28 and 29

Cost: \$50 per 90-minute clinic

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Girls grades 3 - 6

This program is great for girls who want to learn all the basic skills of softball, while learning to have fun and build friendships.

Where: Southfork Park

When: April - June

Cost: \$65 per participant

SOCCER

Youth grades Pre-K - 7

With smaller team sizes for more involved play, improved skills, and scoring, this is a great way to learn and make new friends.

Where: Galena Hills Park

Length: 8 weeks, beginning April 14; Coaches meeting TBD

Cost: \$52 (Pre-K - 2), \$57 (3 - 4), \$60 (5 - 7)

SUMMER BASEBALL

Men ages 16+

A great COED program that lets players learn baseball and softball fundamentals with teamwork, fun, and learning. T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Machine Pitch are available.

Where: Draper City Park, Smith Fields Park, and Southfork Park

Length: 8 weeks, beginning June 3

Cost: \$45 (T-Ball and Coach Pitch), \$52 (Machine Pitch)

Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS



9:00 AM: Activities
10:00 AM: Easter Egg Hunt
Galena Hills Park
12500 South 550 West

Bring baskets or bags to collect the eggs at Galena Park. This event is free, including an appearance by the Easter Bunny, as well as face painting.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/easteregg hunt



Time TBA
Location TBA

The Draper City Tree Committee holds an annual Arbor Day program and community tree-planting event to celebrate Draper City's designation as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation since 1999

Learn more at draperutah.gov/arborday



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

Come celebrate Cinco De Mayo with Draper City! This free festival has lots of activities and will be fun for the whole family.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/cinco



Time TBD
Location TBD

Join Mayor Walker on this fun, family-friendly bike ride. Enjoy complimentary coffee, juice, and snacks to fuel your ride.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/bikeride

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events



DRAPER DAYS
RIVER BOTTOM
RUMBLE

JULY 12-13

2-Round Disc Golf Shotgun Tournament
Rotary Park / 958 West 12300 South
Open to anyone age 16+
Amateur Division: \$80 / Pro Division: \$100
Registration opens May 13

Food Trucks Available On-site

JUNE 20
RYAN SHUPE
& THE RUBBERBAND



DRAPER AMPHITHEATER
944 VESTRY RD

LEARN MORE AND GET TICKETS AT
DRAPERUTAH.GOV/AMPHITHEATER

Draper Jam

May 9 • Gates: 6:00 PM / Show: 6:30 PM
FREE SHOW featuring high school PTSA
Battle of the Bands winners from across
the Wasatch Front

learn more at draperutah.gov/amphitheater



CITY INFORMATION

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Tasha Lowery

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Our biggest annual event, Draper Days, returns July 11 - 19 with 14 unique events attended by 40,000+ visitors.

Draper City is currently looking

for sponsors for Draper Days 2025. Sponsor benefits include an LED video board commercial at the main event, 1/4 page add in the Draper Forward newsletter, booth space at the main event or rodeo, parade entry, rodeo and main event banners, and more. For the first time, sponsors are also able to support individual events such as the car show, bingo, sports tournaments, and more, as well as customized options.

We would be honored to have you join us in putting on this exciting, beloved community event. To learn more about sponsorship tiers and opportunities, please visit draperutah.gov/ddspendors.