

The Official Draper City Newsletter

DRAPER FORWARD

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Mayor's Message Open Space Preservation

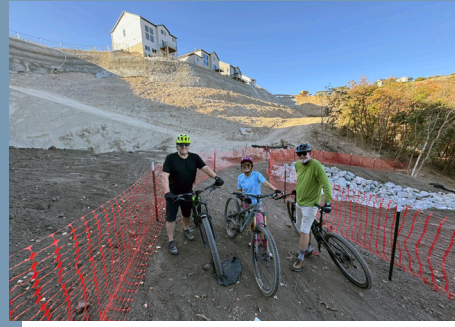


One of my favorite things about living in Draper is our extensive trail system and unique access to open space. I can ride from my house a short distance to an amazing, paved trail system that takes me by Draper Park and right into Corner Canyon. It is simply fantastic and makes me smile every time. I am grateful for our open space, trails,

and parks and everyone who has worked to make it possible — from elected officials, staff, volunteers, and our Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee. Thank you! We have a wonderful quality of life in Draper because of your efforts.

As an elected official, preserving, expanding and improving our trails and parks has been a huge priority for me. Nothing beats the fresh air and exercise afforded on our trail system. Not many cities can claim beautiful mountains and canyons as their actual backyard and enjoy close access to work, shopping, restaurants, and services.

In 2005, the 1,021 acre Corner Canyon Conservation Easement acquisition was the largest bond measure (at \$7 million) passed in Salt Lake County for a single open space acquisition. Approval of this bond allowed the City to complete the total purchase. In 2012, the City made the SunCrest open space purchase, acquiring 2,400 acres for \$5.6 million. These properties changed the game; today we have over 5,000 acres of forever-preserved open space where we connect, exercise and commune with our natural world. Thanks for supporting us in these acquisitions.



This year, Lehi City asked us to hold 900 acres of their Traverse Mountain open space in a conservation easement. We agreed, and the open space got bigger and better. View details about our conservation easements at draperutah.gov/maps.

Draper City continually works to build, improve, and expand our trails, open spaces, and park amenities. In 2024, the following projects were completed. Others are in the design/planning phase for 2025 and will be announced when completed.

- Deer Ridge Dog Off-Leash Park, parking lot and restrooms
- Draper Park South Parking Lot Expansion
- Jenson Farm Park — Phase 1 (Phase 2 Fall 2024 — Spring

2025)

- Mayor's Trail — partnership with Lehi City, funded by Lehi City and the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant
- Paved Trails Maintenance
- River Bottoms Disc Golf Course at Rotary Park
- Smith Fields and Steep Mountain Tennis Courts Resurfacing
- Southfork Park Ballfield Lights
- Zooropa Bike Trail Reconstruction — funded by Corner Canyon Trails Foundation

For information on parks and trails amenities and other resources, including our trails app, park finder map, interactive trails maps, trail conditions map, rules and trail etiquette, and more, visit draperutah.gov/trails.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the proposed River to Range (R2R) Trail at The Point. The R2R is a 1.4-mile paved regional trail that would connect the Jordan River Parkway Trail to the west with the foothills of Draper's Corner Canyon to the east.

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RECYCLING AT CANYONS SCHOOLS

Canyons Facilities Management has alerted us to ongoing issues with the recycling bin at Draper Park Middle School. They have seen a variety of objects being placed in the bin including dead animals, pallets, contaminated products, furniture, etc. These contaminants make nearly all loads unrecyclable, and they are being taken to the landfill with the District being charged. After conducting a cost analysis and determining that most recycle bins are filled with contaminant materials, Canyons School District has elected to discontinue the recycling program at Draper Park and all other schools throughout Canyons School District (CSD). Several other Wasatch Front municipalities have had to discontinue their recycling programs for the same reasons. The recycling bin will be removed from Draper Park and other Draper area schools.



In addition, large furniture and similar items are being dropped off in the surrounding area, causing CSD custodians to spend extra time cleaning up. Occasionally these items are being placed in the garbage bin, limiting the space available for the school's waste. CSD has elected to install signage and a security camera, and ask for your support if violations are encountered.

DRAPER CITY ANIMAL SERVICES HOLIDAYS ALREADY?

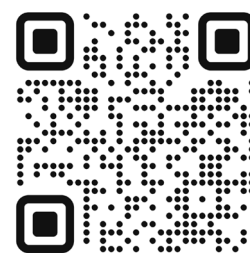


Along with holidays come family gatherings and lots of good food. Animal Services would like to remind you to keep your pets safe during the celebrations and activities by keeping food on the counters and out of reach. Some foods can be toxic — even fatal — to both dogs and cats, such as chocolate, grapes, onions, and garlic. Holiday plants can be toxic as well.

If yours is an outdoor pet, ensure they have a warm, safe place out of the elements. A covered dog

house with insulation and a water dish that won't freeze is ideal. If possible, it's best to bring your outdoor pets inside for the winter. Snow is knocking at our doors. Be prepared for dogs jumping on snow drifts and over the fence.

The Animal Shelter always accepts donations. Scan the QR code for the shelter animals' needs. Christmas is a fun time to spoil our fur babies with toys and treats. Always have your dog leashed when off your property, and make sure your Draper City dog license is current.



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
Bryn Heather Johnson



As my first year on the city council concludes, I am grateful to more fully understand why our city is the incredible community we all love. From citizens to city employees to elected officials,

we each play a role in creating our extraordinary community.

Draper is a unique city where many residents volunteer their time to preserve what matters to us. These citizens consistently donate their time to serve on various commissions and committees that focus on topics such as heritage, culture, and open spaces. This year, these groups have conducted tours of historic city sites, helped organize the International Arts & Crafts Festival, and safeguarded our incredible trails. Our amazing youth are also committed to our city, and our Mayor's Youth Council is currently the largest in the state. If you've ever thought about becoming more involved in Draper, check out the volunteer opportunities at draperutah.gov/volunteer.

Our city also creates a strong sense of community by providing numerous opportunities for residents to gather and celebrate. The many events that Draper City puts on, from the Easter Egg Hunt to the Concerts in the Park and the Farmers Market, would not be possible without our extraordinary

city staff. This year, I have seen a behind-the-scenes view of the dedicated employees who are up early and stay late to ensure the events run smoothly. Many of our celebrations wouldn't be possible without our beautiful parks and trails, and this year, we added the fabulous Jenson Farm Park to our list of open spaces.



As our city continues to grow, we want to preserve this important sense of community. The City Council and Mayor regularly meet with concerned citizens and local leaders to discuss important issues facing Draper. Our contact information is found at draperutah.gov/council, and we

welcome any resident to attend a City Council meeting, which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

There's a saying that it takes a village to raise a child, and this year, I've seen that it takes a city to create a community. I look forward to getting to know more of you as we work together to shape the kind of city we're all proud to call home.

Councilmember Bryn Heather Johnson

PROPOSITION 11

BALLOT MEASURE TO CREATE A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT IN UTAH COUNTY

Prop 11 is a measure that will be on the November 5 ballot. On August 6, our city council voted unanimously to empower voters to decide whether to create a new school district along with the cities of Alpine, American Fork, Cedar Hills, Highland, and Lehi. For Draper, Prop 11 would only affect the portion the city located in Utah County. If a majority of voters vote "Yes" to Prop 11, a new school district will be created. If a majority of voters vote "No" to Prop 11, a new school district will not be created.

Q: WHY A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: With over 84,000 students, the Alpine School District (ASD) is the largest and fastest-growing school district in Utah. Discussions about the creation of a new school district have focused on whether it would provide more direct representation for local decision making and more equitably invest education funding for students.

Q: HAS THE NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEEN STUDIED?

A: An independent study concluded that the creation of a new school district is a viable option that could mean that property taxes would not increase as much as if they stayed in ASD. The final fiscal impact would ultimately be decided by the management decisions of a future school board.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF PROP 11 PASSES?

A: Voters would elect a new school board in November 2025. The newly elected board members would take office in January 2026 and work to divide resources with ASD. The new board would start operations in July 2027.

For the perspectives of proponents of and opponents to the creation of the proposed central school district, please visit centralschooldistrict.org.

ENNIS AUTO ADDED TO HISTORIC REGISTER

BY CHRISTA HUTCHISON | PHOTO BY KORRAL BROSCINSKY

Earlier this summer, Draper City was notified Ennis Auto had been placed onto the National Historic Register, joining fourteen other Draper properties on the Register.

Ennis Auto (11651 South 700 East) was built in two phases between 1950 and 1955. The original owner, Dan Ennis, chose 700 East with forward thinking: at that time the road did support automobile traffic, but there was no bridge over Dry Creek, so most Draper residents drove west to State Street for gas and automotive needs. However, once a bridge was built over Dry Creek in the mid-1950s, 700 East became a major thoroughfare, providing a steady stream of customers for the shop. Owing to this increase in business, Ennis

Register guarantees some excellent benefits for a property. Historic Register properties are eligible for federal preservation grants for rehabilitation and planning as well as federal tax incentives. The State of Utah also offers a tax credit and, in some cases, it can be combined with the Federal incentive, resulting in a 40% tax credit. Under Federal law, listing on the Register places no restrictions on what can be done with a non-federal property, including demolition. Placement on the Register also gives a property owner access to a nationwide network of other historic property owners who can help answer questions and solve issues associated with owning historic properties.



obtained a Texaco lease in 1955, installing the pumps that can still be seen today. Arguably one of the most iconic features of the property, the pumps have been out of service since the 1970s, preserved for their look and history. "We are thrilled that Ennis Auto has been added to the National Historic Register," said Annie Bommer, Vice-Chair of the Draper City Historic Preservation Commission. "The building is a city landmark that deserves to be recognized and preserved. We hope that this addition will inspire other businesses and homeowners to join us in preserving Draper's rich heritage."

Placement on the National Historic

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

This article was written using excerpts from National Register of Historic Places, Ennis Auto Registration Narrative.

ELECTION DAY 2024

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Vote-by-mail ballots for Salt Lake and Utah Counties were mailed to registered voters in October. Returned ballots must be postmarked by November 4 to be counted. Ballots may also be returned to any ballot box in the county in which a voter resides.

SALT LAKE COUNTY

Draper City Hall will be a polling location November 5 from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Valid ID is required. Additional polling locations can be found at saltlakecounty.gov/clerk/elections/

There is a ballot drop box next to

the utility payment box in the south parking lot at City Hall. Ballots may be submitted through Election Day. Ballot boxes will be locked at 8:00 PM on November 5.

UTAH COUNTY

Utah County residents in Draper should visit vote.utahcounty.gov for voting and drop box locations, registration, and ballot and candidate information.



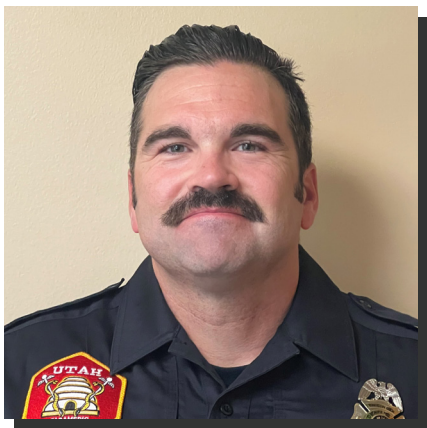
The annual bagged leaf collection dumpster will be available this fall at the Draper City Public Works Building. Please dump only bagged leaves, not other yard or household waste.

ANNUAL BAGGED LEAF COLLECTION

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

*Weather permitting

NEW DRAPER CITY FIREFIGHTER



Dan Edwards is a husband and a father to two girls, one boy, and one small dog. As a firefighter/

paramedic, he takes great pride in his job. He grew up in Southern Utah in Parowan, where much of his family still resides. He's a huge fan of warm weather, and during that time of year you can find him at a body of water, somewhere with a paddle board. He's also interested in fitness and spending a healthy amount of time in the gym. Throughout his career as a firefighter he's worked in Arizona, and then Idaho where he lived for almost a decade. He's excited to return to Utah to work for Draper City.

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION CODE UPDATE

Draper City is moving into the second phase of the Zoning and Subdivision Code update project that will shape the future of development in the community. Draper is taking a critical eye to its land development regulations and is in the process of updating and rewriting them to be more user-friendly, integrating graphics, illustrations, and tables, and modernizing districts and standards.

The last nine months have been the project's discovery phase which began with public engagement, including meetings with elected and appointed officials and staff, a community open house, an online questionnaire, social media pushes, and key community stakeholder interviews. Feedback received from these efforts informed the Preliminary Recommendations Report which is now available for public review on the project website. The report



provides an overview of the major proposed changes to Draper's land development regulations and was presented to the city council and planning commission in September.

The next phase, beginning in winter 2024, involves drafting initial ordinance language on zoning districts and allowed uses. Additional sections will be drafted throughout the year. Draft chapters will be presented to the city council and planning commission and posted to the project website for public review and comment.

We are now asking Draper residents and community members to review the report and share your feedback via the online comment form. Visit bit.ly/zoningupdate or scan the QR code to get involved, follow the project, and receive email updates and notifications of upcoming meetings and engagement events. Your input is wanted as soon as possible.

DRAPER SNOW REMOVAL POLICIES
REMINDER OF DRAPER CITY SNOW REMOVAL POLICIES AND ORDINANCES

WINTER ON-STREET PARKING
No person shall park or leave a vehicle or trailer on any highway between the hours of 12:00 - 6:00 AM, or while snow is on the street, Nov. 1 - Apr. 30. Vehicles/trailers parked on a highway in violation of the provisions of this section may be removed at the owner's expense (DCMC Section 14-5-020). Report parking violations to Police at (801) 840-4000.

SNOW BLOWING
Blowing, throwing, or pushing snow from driveways and walkways into the street creates a traffic hazard and Code violation. Place removed snow onto landscaped yard areas (DCMS Section 7-13-030).

INNER SUBDIVISION, CUL-DE-SAC & DEAD-END STREETS
During ongoing, severe storms, main streets will take precedence for safety reasons. Inner subdivision, cul-de-sac and dead-end streets have the lowest removal priority and will be cleared last due to low traffic volume on these roads. When storms subside, crews will clear inner subdivision streets and cul-de-sac. It could take up to 48 hours after a major storm ends

before they are cleared.

SIDEWALKS
Snowplows try to avoid placing snow on sidewalks, but in some cases this is impossible. Adjacent property owners are responsible to keep sidewalks clear (DCMC Section 7-13-030), and shall remove snow from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours after snow has ceased falling. For snow removal concerns regarding sidewalks abutting private property, contact Code Enforcement at draperutah.gov/codeenforcement.

RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS/SNOW WINDROW
As plows travel, accumulated snow on the blade has no place to go but into driveways. This is called the snow windrow. The more snow that has fallen, the greater the snow windrow will be. The snow windrow is the resident's responsibility to clear. Please pile shoveled snow on the left side of the driveway facing your home, rather than on both sides at the end of the driveway. This helps the plows to avoid carrying piles from the "upstream" side back across driveways.

POLICE BLOTTER: E-BIKES & SCOOTERS

Fall is upon us. We've seen unseasonably warm weather for this time of year, and that means e-bikes and scooters are still making the rounds. The Draper Police Department would like to remind parents to teach their children good safety practices while out riding. Our Police and Fire Departments continue to see injuries and crashes involving scooters operated at high rates of speed. Even with helmets on, injuries can still occur. Also, remember electric motorcycles and golf carts are prohibited from public roads, parks, and sidewalks. The Draper Police Department would like to remind everyone to keep a sharp eye when driving, especially as night falls sooner as winter approaches. Should you find yourself at a very spirited gathering, remember: don't drink and drive — call for a ride. Stay safe, stay happy and stay healthy.

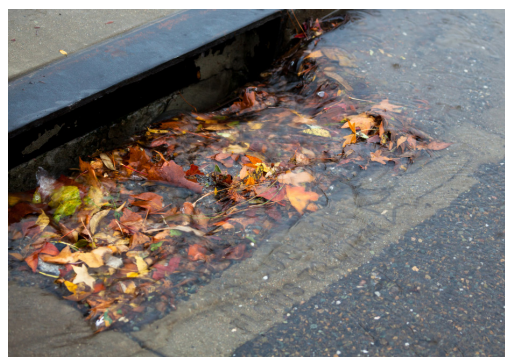
We would also like to remind you to take your belongings with you from your car. If you can't, make sure to hide them out of sight and always lock your

doors. Don't leave yourself open to opportunistic theft. As always, if you see something, say something.



ADOPT A STORM DRAIN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you ever seen a storm drain clogged with plastic bottles, Styrofoam cups, leaves, and other debris? This type of clogging can lead to localized flooding.



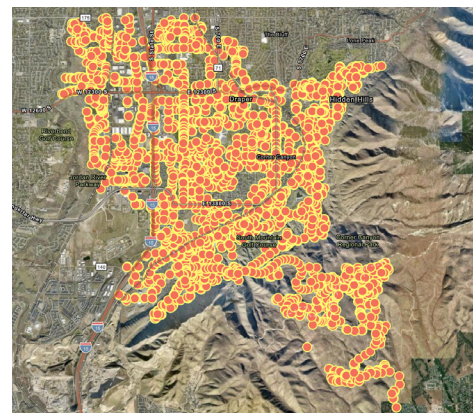
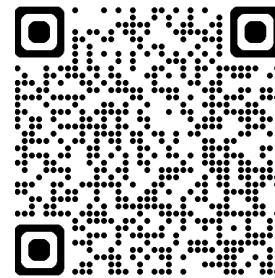
Rain and snowmelt washes everything that's on city streets and paved surfaces down storm drains, flowing untreated directly into creeks, streams, rivers and lakes. This trash from our community ultimately pollutes local waterways.

By adopting a storm drain in your neighborhood, you can help keep our waterways and, by extension, larger bodies of water cleaner and healthier.

The Adopt a Storm Drain program asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution. Volunteers are asked to check their adopted storm drain once monthly, and before and after every

storm. This contributes to cleaner communities and healthier waterways.

To adopt a storm drain, scan the QR code or visit draperutah.gov/adoptastormdrain to get started. From there, you will see a map of available and claimed storm drains throughout the city. Select an available drain and submit an adoption application. Please note that group and storm drain names are public and will be screened for appropriateness. If approved, this will be your drain to maintain and care for in order to keep our waterways clean and safe.



SORENSEN HOME SANTA VISIT

November 30 & December 7
12:00 - 3:00 PM
5 x 7 photo with Santa
\$10

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RECREATION PROGRAMS

EVIL SCIENTIST ACADEMY

Youth grades 1 - 5

Get excited about science! Explore the planets, investigate conditions in space, and learn some real rocket science.

Where: Draper Parks and Recreation Office

When: TBD

Cost: \$85 per class

JR. JAZZ

Youth ages 6 - 18

Late registration starts soon (+\$10)! Pre-made teams will not be accepted and team/friend requests cannot be guaranteed.

Where: TBD

When: 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)

The Parks and Recreation Spring 2025 Program Guide is coming in January! With information on youth and adult programs, community events, Draper Days, and events at the Draper Amphitheater, this is your complete guide to everything going on in Draper.

Keep an eye on draperutah.gov/recreation for the new Program Guide and use it to plan out your spring and summer activities!



Register online at draperutah.gov/programs

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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 (Friday)
12:00 - 8:00 PM (Saturday)
Draper City Park
12500 South 1300 East

Great vendors will offer creative and unique holiday gifts, visit Santa & Mrs. Claus, enjoy a cup of free hot chocolate, and roast a marshmallow. Food trucks will offer food for purchase.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/holidaymarket



4:00 - 5:30 PM
Draper Historic Park
12625 South 900 East

This fun, free event is for children ages 6 and younger. Thousands of candy canes are scattered throughout the park. A limited number of specially-marked candy canes are hidden and can be redeemed for a holiday prize.

Learn more at draperutah.gov/candycane

Learn more at draperutah.gov/events

ARTS COUNCIL 2025 SEASON

AUDITION MASTERCLASS

February 2 | Free Event | Registration Required

Auditions: March 6 & 8 | Performances: May 30 - June 14

Summer Youth Theater Workshop

June 23 - July 3 | Registration Required

Auditions: May 2 & 3 | Performances: August 1 - 11

Dancing in the Stars

A BIG BAND TRIBUTE
Auditions: May 2 & 3 | Performances: August 1 - 11

Learn more at
draperutah.gov/artscouncil

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION — CONT. FROM PAGE 1

As an avid mountain biker, I enjoy having close access to so much beautiful open space from my home and appreciate the efforts and partnerships over the years that have made it possible.



I hope you can all get outside and enjoy it! Ride a bike, take a hike, or ride a horse, but get out and enjoy it. Happy fall, I wish you all the best.

Mayor Troy K. Walker

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Mike Ambre has been appointed the new executive director of The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority. With over two decades of public service experience, most recently as division director at Utah's Division of Facilities Construction and Management, he has a proven record managing large-scale projects, including the

Utah State Correctional Facility. Ambre is well-positioned to lead The Point's development, focusing on innovation, sustainability and vibrant community building.

Ambre's appointment comes as extensive groundwork has been completed at The Point. The Land Authority established a world-class framework plan, selected a development partner, and released detailed Phase 1 development plans. With \$165

million allocated by the Legislature for critical infrastructure, construction is set to begin as early as next year. Ambre will oversee all aspects of the project, including public financing, developer negotiations and public engagement efforts, ensuring the continued success and growth of this transformative development.