

The Official Draper City Newsletter

# DRAPER FORWARD

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## Mayor's Message *Welcome to Summer!*



Welcome to summer! I love this time of year. We have so many great activities and events during the summer. I want to give you an update on some of the upcoming events and items happening in the city.

First, we have a major change in our city executive staff. Mr. David Dobbins, our outstanding city manager, left Draper at the end of June. I have experienced many emotions since his announcement — sadness, minor anger and a lot of gratitude. David served our community for over nineteen years with distinction. We would not be where we are without him. David has had a major hand in every important thing that has happened in our city during his tenure. He has been involved with everything from multiple open space acquisitions, trail development, the county rec center, aquarium, all economic development, the creation of

a brand-new fire department and the planning and development of The Point, just to name a few. David is the kind of manager that knows how to work with elected officials, professionals, developers and the public.

David has become a dear friend. He has made me a better person and Mayor. It has been my honor and pleasure to work with him, and I am going to miss him very much. I wish him the best in his new endeavors. This move will facilitate changes in our executive team that will be different, but we have good people and I know we will keep moving Draper forward.

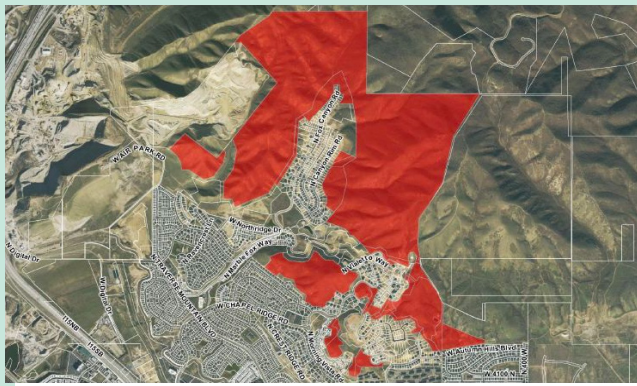
Last month, we dedicated our brand-new Gold Star Families Memorial. It turned out amazing. I want to thank our Gold Star committee and donors including Steve Rosenvall, Ryan Button, Paul Swenson, and many others that made it possible. The monument is part of a national movement driven by the Woody Williams Foundation, honoring the families who have lost a loved one in service to our great nation.

These families feel the ultimate sacrifice every day and remind us that freedom is not free. If you have not seen the monument, take a stroll at Draper Park and take it in. It will move you. The monument is next to the north pavilion and a perfect addition to our park.

Draper Park also has a brand-new parking lot on the south end that allows greater access to the park, and improved parking for events and activities.

Recently, we joined with Lehi City and created a conservation easement between the two cities. Lehi has been a fantastic partner in working to make Corner Canyon and Traverse Mountain one giant open

space playground. Mayor Mark Johnson and the Lehi City Council have the vision and we created a conservation easement where Draper City holds their land, which



consists of 900 new acres held in conservation. It is an amazing and creative way to protect land. We have joined Corner Canyon and Traverse Mountain in a way that will benefit our communities for generations. It is exciting.

In a few weeks, Draper Days will begin. We have the new Farmers Market and Food Truck Night beginning the first Tuesday in July at Smith Fields Park.

We kick off Draper Days with a three-night rodeo July 11-13. We then start the fun-filled week with the Horse Pull, Historic Walking Tour, Heritage Banquet, Children's Bike Parade, Draper Idol, Amphitheater Movie Night,

Car Show, 5K, and recreation tournaments. Last year we had almost 40,000 people come to the park between Friday and Saturday night. I expect this year will be the same. Our staff is hard at work to bring you another quality event.

Park activities begin at Draper Park July 18 with the car show and children's bike parade. Friday evening we begin with some local bands, the winner of Draper Idol, and then the Party Crashers led by Jenny Jordan Frogley, a former Draper resident. Her band will rock the night. Jenny is an amazing performer, and it will be fun.

Saturday, we start with Savannah Keyes, a local talent who is now a Nashville performer. She will open up for our headliner, Joe Nichols, a popular country star with 6 #1 singles and 10 Top Ten hits. It will be a great mix of music and activities everyone can enjoy.

Life is good in Draper City. We have a fantastic city staff and great city council. Say hello to a police officer, firefighter, garbage truck driver, parks worker or staff member when you see them. Thank them for their work and dedication to our community. We have good people working for us!

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. We live in an amazing city of wonderful people who make it a great place to live. It is an honor to be your Mayor. I hope to see you on the trails, in the park, or around town. Please stay safe, be happy, and enjoy our great community.

*Mayor Troy K. Walker*

## THIS OLD HOUSE DRAPER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

From the red-brick Victorians lining Fort Street to the charming New England Saltbox on 12400 South, Draper is sprinkled with time capsules whispering tales of its history. As the city thrives, it's easy to lose sight of these irreplaceable gems. That's where the Draper Historic Preservation Commission swoops in. Working with the city, they meticulously protect Draper's dwindling historic

treasures. Their dedication has paid off — over 16 buildings now grace the National Historic Register! Many of these preserved structures come alive through walking tours and video explorations on the city's website.

Draper's commitment to its past ensures its future. These historic buildings are the foundation of the city's unique character, bridging generations, reminding us of our heritage, and standing as testaments

to Draper's enduring spirit. Historic preservation goes beyond sentimentality — it's surprisingly eco-friendly. Built to last, these structures require less energy than constant demolition and reconstruction, making them champions of sustainability. Next time you see a historic building, remember: it's not just brick and mortar, it's a vital piece of Draper's story.

Learn more online at [draperutah.gov/historicpreservation](http://draperutah.gov/historicpreservation)



## DRAPER CITY AFTER-HOURS CONTACTS

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# JULY 11 - 20

Draper Days is a fantastic community festival held every July. Check out the rodeo, parade, park activities, car show, music, fireworks and much more. Join us for summertime fun! Food trucks will be on site for all Draper City Park events.



**Rodeo | July 11 - 13 | Andy Ballard Arena**  
Featuring classic rodeo events including bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, and more. It's an event you don't want to miss!



**Horse Pull | July 15 | Andy Ballard Arena**  
Join us for an exciting evening featuring teams of equine athletes. Produced by the Utah Horse Puller Association.



**Farmers Market & Food Trucks | July 16  
Smith Fields Park**  
Get fresh, local produce and artisan goods in a friendly gathering place. Food trucks onsite.



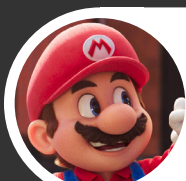
**Historic Walking Tour | July 16  
Draper Historic Park**  
Hear from Historic Commission members about the old fort and historic homes nearby.



**Heritage Banquet | July 17  
Draper Elementary School**  
Learn more about your community and Draper's history over a delicious buffet dinner.



**Draper Idol | July 17 | Amphitheater**  
Local performers exhibit their skills in front of a live audience. First-place winners will perform on the Draper Days main stage.



**Movie Night | July 17 | Amphitheater**  
Join us for The Super Mario Bros. Movie on our 32-foot big screen! This event follows Draper Idol.



**Car Show | July 18 | Draper Park**  
Cool, classic and vintage cars take center stage in this all-makes, all-models show. Produced by Krank-it-Up Productions LLC.



**Children's Bike Parade | July 18  
Draper Elementary School**  
Decorate bikes, scooters, and more before parading to Draper Park for more fun.



**Park Activities | July 19 - 20 | Draper Park**  
Enjoy food, vendors, and activities like the bungee trampoline, dancing, face painting, mini golf, and more. Most activities are free.



**Parade | July 20 | Fort Street**  
One of Draper Days' most popular events, the parade starts at Stokes Ave. and works its way down Fort Street to Pioneer Road.

## 2024 SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

**Pickleball | July 12 - 13 | Southfork Park**  
Our annual Pickleball Tournament returns, with Men's, Women's, and Mixed Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced divisions.



**5K Fun Run | July 13 | Draper Park**  
Starting and finishing at Draper Park, awards are issued to the Top 3 finishers in each age division, male and female.



**Strider Bike Race | July 13 | Cycle Park**  
This bike race welcomes 3 - 5-year-olds of all skill levels to compete on no-pedal balance bikes.



**COED Softball | July 29 | Galena Park**  
This fun, challenging event has teams play competitively throughout the night as they showcase their skills.



**3-on-3 Basketball | July 20  
APA — Draper Campus #3**  
Players test their skills and teamwork as they battle it out on the court.



## City Council Message

Council Member  
Fred Lowry



The summer is such a great time of the year where the many celebrations, events and activities in Draper reinforce that we live in more than a city, but a very special community.

A city doesn't create the character of a community. It is the character of the community that defines the city. It is the people, their interaction between each other and willingness to become involved that makes our community unique. Fortunately, it is each of you in our community that makes it special. There are so many willing to step up and help us preserve the values, traditions and beauty of our city.

A treasured addition to our community is the new Gold Star Memorial located by the north pavilion in Draper Park. It is a beautiful place dedicated to those families who have lost a family member sacrificing their lives while serving in the United States military. We invite you to visit this special place that now enhances our community.

Thank you to all the city staff and our volunteers who help make the events happen throughout the year. We hope you will take part in the celebrations and events this summer that unite our community and help define the unique characteristics of the city of Draper.

Here are some of those main events we invite you to attend:

**July 2**  
Farmers Market/Food Trucks starting every Tuesday the Smith Fields Park  
**July 11-13**  
Draper Days Rodeo at the Andy Ballard Arena  
**July 13**  
Draper Days 5K, Pickleball Tournament, Strider Bike Race (locations vary)  
**July 15**  
Horse Pull at the Andy Ballard Arena  
**July 17**  
Heritage Banquet at Draper Elementary

**July 17**  
Draper Idol and Movie Night at the Draper Amphitheater  
**July 18**  
Car Show at Draper Park and the Children's Bike Parade from Draper Elementary to Draper Park  
**July 19**  
Park activities, concert & fireworks at Draper Park  
**July 20**  
Draper Days Parade starting at Fort St. & Stokes Ave; park activities, concert & fireworks at Draper Park  
**August 9-10**  
Monster Trucks at the Andy Ballard Arena  
**September 14**  
International Arts & Crafts Festival at Draper Park

Thank you to each of you who make the community of Draper the city we love.

Councilmember  
Fred Lowry



Friday, July 19

Saturday, July 20

**PARTYCRASHERS**

**SAVANNAH KEYES**

**JOE NICHOLS**



**FREE CONCERTS @ DRAPER PARK — 7:00 PM  
FOLLOWED BY FIREWORKS**

Join us as we close out Draper Days with world-class performances — free at Draper Park!

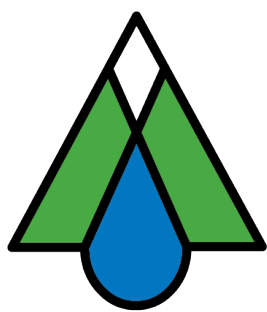
Friday, July 19 will see performances from local bands, the winners of the Draper Idol singing competition, and the Party Crashers, one of the world's top party bands.

Saturday, July 20 features Nashville-based Savannah Keyes and country music mainstay Joe Nichols, who brings #1 and Top Ten hits to the Draper Days stage.

When the sun sets, the show isn't over! Right after the musical performances, watch the sky light up with the best fireworks display in the state!

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**SALT LAKE COUNTY**  
PARKS & RECREATION

CALL FOR HOURS

**OUTDOOR POOL LOCATIONS**

- Crestwood Pool – 1700 E Siesta Drive (7485 S)
- Draper Outdoor Pool – 657 E Vestry Road
- Liberty Park Pool – 900 S 650 E
- Magna Outdoor Pool – 3270 S 8400 W
- Redwood Outdoor Pool – 3060 S Lester St
- SLC Sports Complex – 645 South Guardsman Way
- South County Outdoor Pool – 12765 S 1125 W
- Taylorsville Outdoor Pool – 4914 S 2700 W
- West Jordan Outdoor Pool – 8125 S 2200 W

LEARN MORE

**Public Star Party**

July 12, August 9 and 30  
10 pm - 12 am  
Flight Park  
15300 Steep Mountain Dr.

Register:

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- Email & text alerts

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## RECREATION PROGRAMS

### EVIL SCIENTIST SUMMER CAMPS

Youth ages 5 - 12

Fun four-day camps over the summer teach kids about various elements of science in a fun way with lots of cool tests, experiments, and explosions!

Where: Draper Parks and Recreation Office (12354 South 800 East)  
When: June 10 - July 29  
Cost: \$120 per child, per camp

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Youth ages 6 - 12

A fast action game that lets everyone throw, run, catch, and play defense. Six on six non-contact flag football on shorter fields. Emphasis is on fundamentals, learning, meeting friends, and fun!

Where: Galena Hills Park  
When: 7 weeks, starting August 26  
Cost: \$50 per participant

### YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Anyone ages 12+

Join us and enjoy the quiet of Corner Canyon and sweeping views of the valley at Peak View Trailhead with our Certified Yoga Alliance instructor.

Where: Peakview Trailhead  
Length: 4 weeks  
Cost: \$40 per session



## FALL YOUTH SPORTS

**ACTIVITIES**

- Cross Country Running
- Junior Jazz Basketball
- NFL FLAG Football
- Outdoor Soccer

**REGISTRATION**

Opens 7/1/24  
In-person at recreation centers  
online: [slco.to/rec-your-fall](https://slco.to/rec-your-fall)

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**AUGUST 6**

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

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/nightout](https://draperutah.gov/nightout)



### MONSTER TRUCKS

**AUGUST 9 & 10**

7:30 PM  
Andy Ballard Arena  
1600 East Highland Drive

Experience the heart-pounding excitement of watching Utah's best monster trucks roaring around the dirt track at the Ballard Arena!

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/monstertrucks](https://draperutah.gov/monstertrucks)



### BARK IN THE PARK

**AUGUST 26**

6:00 - 8:30 PM  
Galena Dog Park  
12500 South Vista Station Blvd

Join us on National Dog Day for this come-and-go event where dogs will enjoy a toy & snack, paw print crafts, music, pet-related vendors, and food trucks! Admission is free.

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/bark](https://draperutah.gov/bark)



### INTERNATIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

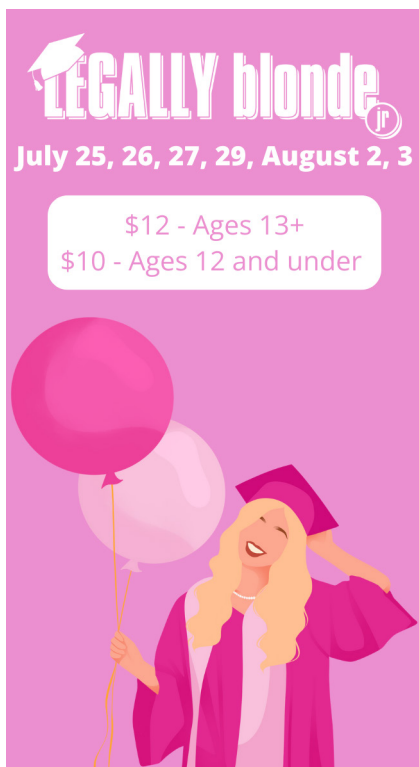
**SEPTEMBER 14**

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Draper City Park  
12500 South 1300 East

150 vendors offering clothing, pottery, home décor, jewelry, works of fine art, and more. Live cultural entertainment, food, and a children's activity area. Admission and parking are free.

Learn more at [draperutah.gov/artsfestival](https://draperutah.gov/artsfestival)

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## LEGALLY blonde

July 25, 26, 27, 29, August 2, 3

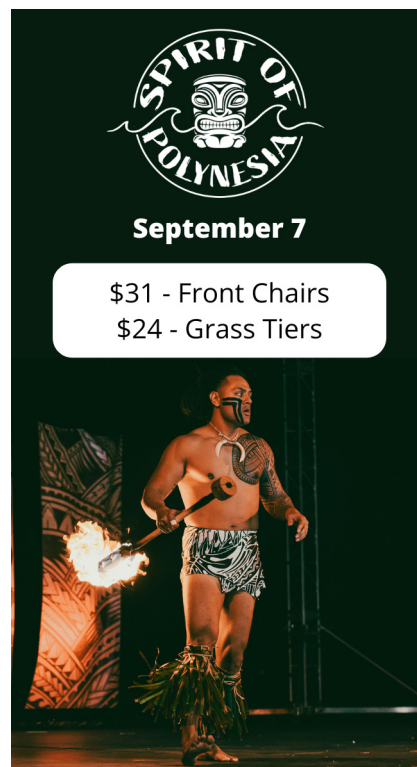
\$12 - Ages 13+  
\$10 - Ages 12 and under



## BROADWAY FAMILY FAVORITES

**August 16, 17, 19, 23, 24**

\$12 - Ages 13+  
\$10 - Ages 12 and under



## SPIRIT OF POLYNESIA

**September 7**

\$31 - Front Chairs  
\$24 - Grass Tiers




## Corner Canyon HALF MARATHON 10K, 5K

**September 21 / 7:00 - 11:00 AM**  
Andy Ballard Arena

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

Register: [draperutah.gov/half](https://draperutah.gov/half)

Tickets for all shows available now at [draperutah.gov/amphitheater](https://draperutah.gov/amphitheater)



## The POINT

The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority (Land Authority) voted unanimously to advance an application designating the Chapel by the Wayside as a national historic site. The Land Authority has worked with the Utah State Historical Society, the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, Preservation Utah, Draper

Historical Society, and other key stakeholders to solicit input regarding chapel preservation.

Built by prisoners after residents and religious and civic groups raised money, the chapel stands as a beacon of hope and symbol of redemption as the site transforms into Utah's innovation Community.

The Land Authority is working closely with interested stakeholders to submit a

nomination to be reviewed by the Board of State History. If approved, the nomination is submitted to the National Park Service for final determination. The process is anticipated to take several months.

To learn more, visit [thepointutah.org](https://thepointutah.org).

## CITY INFORMATION

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