



## Forward-Looking in Provo

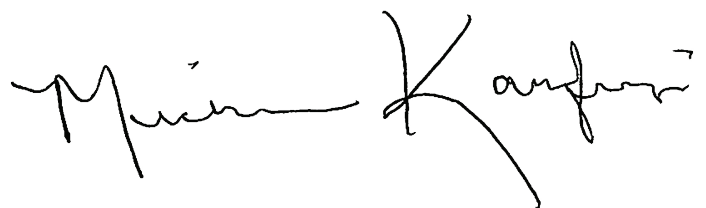
Can you believe that this September we'll be celebrating the 20th anniversary of Provo City's Library at Academy Square? The restoration of that beautiful edifice, originally dedicated in 1892 as the main building of Brigham Young Academy, was a landmark achievement and a gift to future generations. How grateful I am for the courageous and forward-looking citizens and officials that supported that project. It's my favorite building in Provo or anywhere else.

Like so many of you, it's my desire to honor our forward-looking forebearers here in Provo by rolling up my sleeves and working on forward-looking projects today, for the benefit of future generations. Those are the projects that excite me the most. Among those are the Provo airport terminal, which we recently celebrated through a "topping off" ceremony, where the last beam of steel was put into

place. The building should be completed and ready for the first plane to pull in sometime during the spring or early summer of 2022.

This edition of our newsletter looks at one issue we deal with often here at the city offices: water. Provo has been, and remains, forward-looking on this topic, as with so many other topics.

As we enjoy this newsletter, perhaps we can all ask ourselves whether there are areas in our own lives where we could be even more forward-looking. After all, it's the Provo way!



# PROVO RIVER TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Provo is happy to announce some significant improvements to the Provo River Trail between Independence Avenue and Geneva Road. Following a lengthy permitting process, the trail crossings under the railroad bridges have been widened and the vertical clearance has been increased. Other detailed safety improvements include:

- The constricted trail alignment through the former KOA has been eliminated and is now 14 feet wide, more than double the original width!
- 7 acres of new parkland, with turfgrass, trail and access to the Provo River will be available to the public for the first time.
- The former sharp curves have been straightened-out leading into the tunnels with more gradual and comfortable slopes.
- Trail tunnel has been width expanded to 12 feet and higher clearance above has been added to provide more capacity.
- Stronger water pumps have been installed to help keep bridge crossings drier during seasonal runoff.
- Increased solar lighting for improved visibility at night.
- Removal of overgrown vegetation which greatly improves visibility through the area.

We are excited about these important safety improvements that will completely change the user experience on the Provo River Trail. We have scheduled a Grand Opening of the trail in this section for June 8th at 9:00 am.



## VISUAL ARTS AND THEIR PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY

The arts are a powerful way of bringing the community together. They have so many different forms of expression and relate to people in many different ways. The Covey Center for the Arts provides a home for visual artists and performing artists of all inspirations. The four art galleries have allowed artists throughout the state of Utah to have a place to exhibit and share their creations.

These galleries are open to the public, and are viewed by the many people who attend the Covey Center for other events, such as theater, ballet, dance, symphony, chorale, comedy and everything in between. The arts connect us through emotions, messages and stories and are a vital part of our community.

The Covey Center is open Monday through Friday from 10am until 6pm for the public to view any of our three galleries. Visit us at [CoveyCenter.org](http://CoveyCenter.org) to check out our upcoming performances!





# Get Ready & Get Outdoors!

As warmer weather comes this summer, many of us will take to the mountains for recreation. If you are planning a hike in the mountains that surround this beautiful city, here are some helpful tips.

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## PLAN FOR YOUR HIKE

Have a route or destination determined and an estimate of how long it would take you to complete the hike. Share that information with someone who is not going with you. If you miss your timeline or haven't reported back, someone can give your plan information to rescuers, which can be very helpful.



## BE PREPARED

An important part of planning is making sure you are prepared for the weather and terrain. Make sure you have sun screen or rain gear as weather dictates. It is also good to have emergency clothing for weather if you become stranded or lost. Take your cellphone and a GPS and make sure they are charged or you have extra batteries. Bring a snack and most importantly WATER, WATER, WATER!



## KNOW YOUR LIMITS

Do not push yourself harder than you are physically able. Do only what you are comfortable doing. That includes hikes, climbs, repelling, or simply gazing over a ledge. Stay within your limits to make sure you get home safely.

If you followed these tips, it is unlikely you will get lost or hurt in the mountains. But if such an instance arises, do not panic. Provo Police and Provo Fire Departments have a trained Mountain Rescue Team who will be dispatched to find you and help you safely off the mountain. Help them get to you quicker by properly planning your next adventure.

We are fortunate to have so many great outdoor venues and activities so close to home. Keep these tips in mind next time you want to go enjoy the great outdoors. Remember to lock your cars when you get there and keep your valuables safe.



# Remmington Commons



Remington Commons is proposing to be a great mix of housing options on South State Street consisting of 30 townhomes, 30 studio apartments, 64 2-bedroom apartments, and 80 1-bedroom apartments. The 3-bedroom townhomes will be housed in seven buildings. These buildings will have four floors, with the townhomes on the first three floors and studio apartments on the fourth floor. There will also be five buildings of 1-bedroom apartments and four buildings of 2-bedroom apartments, each with four floors.

## NEED A BUSINESS LICENSE?

Filing for a business license may seem like an intimidating task because every business is unique and the requirements vary based on the nature or classification of the business. Below are some useful bits of information to help guide a new business owner through the license application process.

1. If you are opening a business of any kind, you must register the name of your business with The Department of Commerce. Do so online at <https://secure.utah.gov/abr/login.html>.
2. If your business is selling a product, you will need a permanent sales tax number. Apply for this at <https://tax.utah.gov/contact>.
3. If your business is selling food of any kind, excluding prepackaged items, you will need a Utah County Health Department. To receive this, contact the Health Department at 801-851-7792.
4. If your business is selling alcohol, contact the Utah Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (DABC) at <https://abc.utah.gov/>.
5. If your business is selling tobacco, contact Tobacco Prevention & Control at <http://www.utahcounty.gov/dept2/Health/Health%20Promotion/Tobacco/TobaccoRetailerPermit.asp>.
6. If you are a contractor or a esthetician, you will need to provide a copy of your Utah State Professional License.

Once you have gathered the required documents, register and apply for your business online at [provo.org/portal](http://provo.org/portal). For more information, please call 311 or visit our licensing web page on [provo.org](http://provo.org).

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STUDY**

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# ➤ Forward-Looking

*Favoring innovation and development; advanced*

A lack of planning results in average communities. As one of our **Provo Pillars, Forward-Looking** generates opportunities with a clear, long-term vision. Never is being forward-looking more important than when securing a growing city’s water needs in a desert climate—especially during a drought.



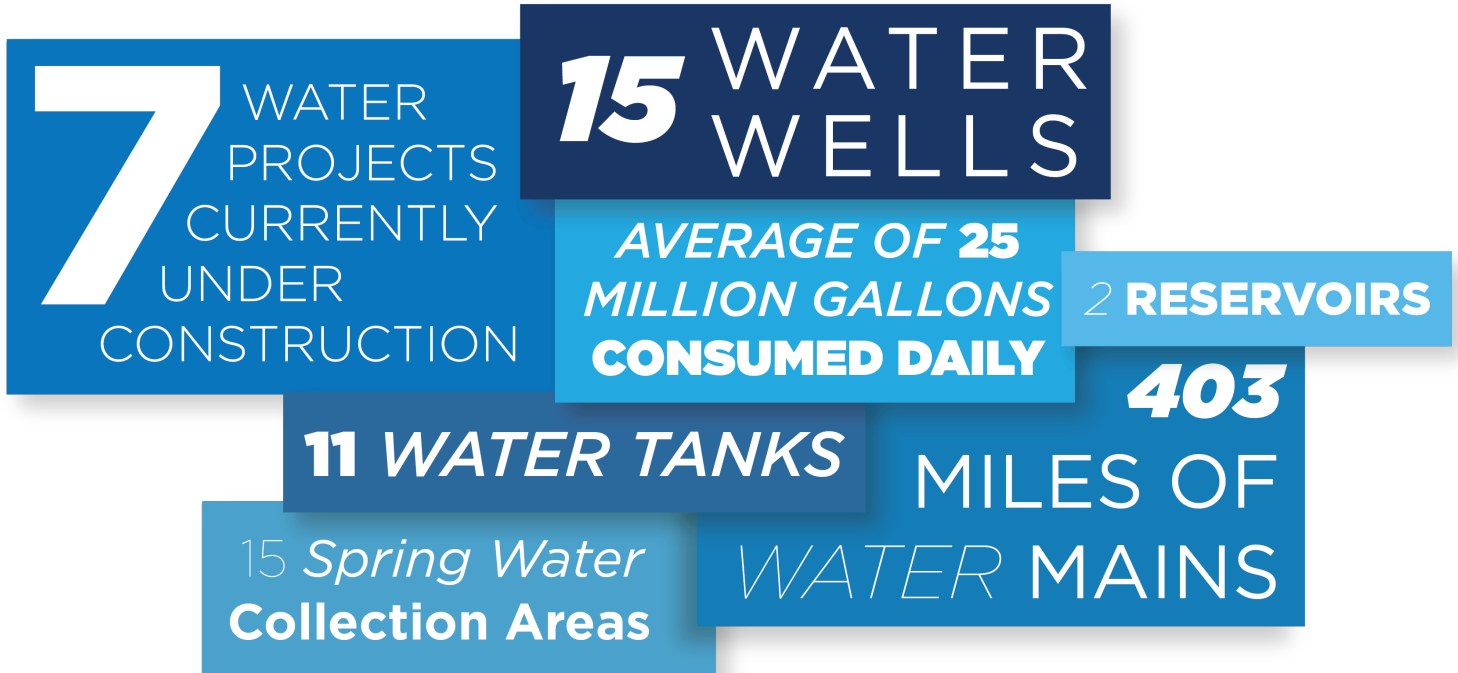
## UTAH’S DROUGHT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR PROVO?

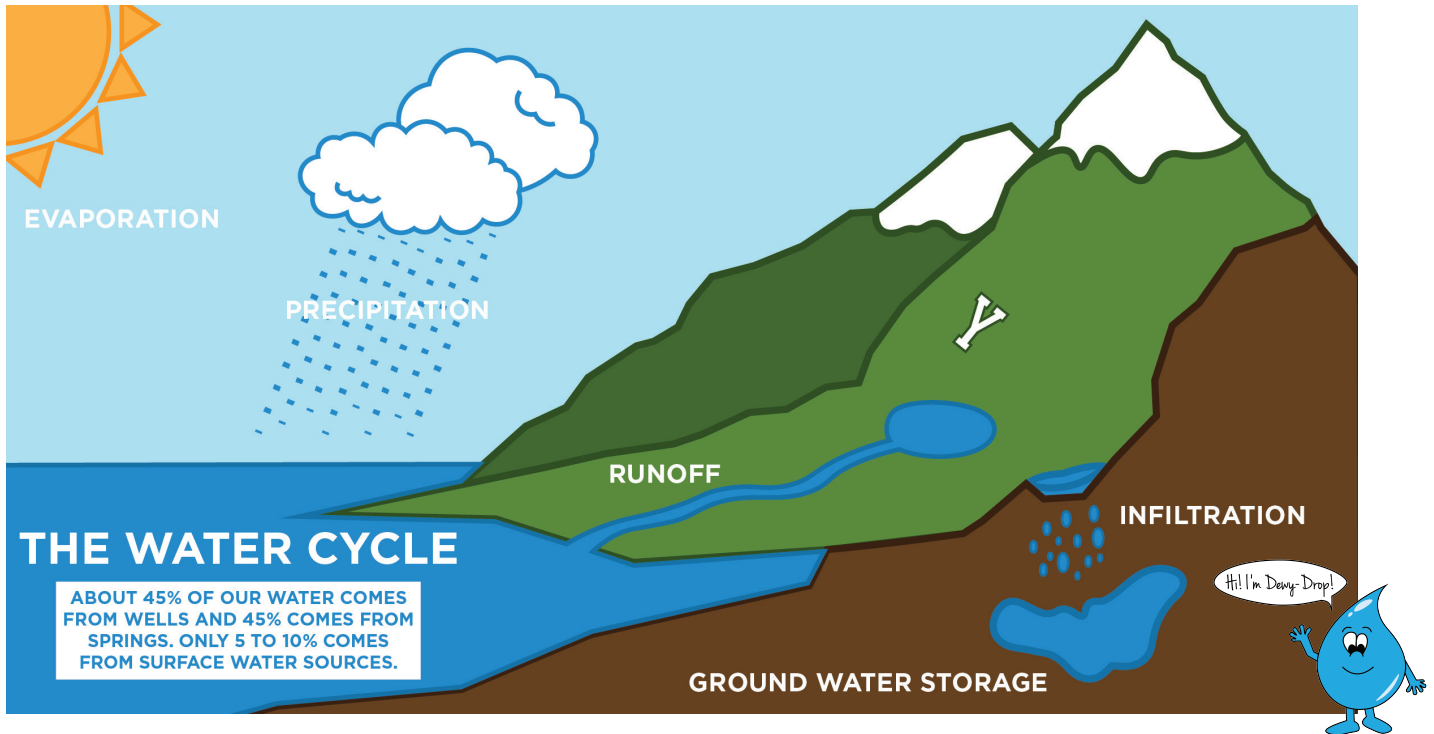
On March 17, 2021, Governor Spencer Cox issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency due to drought conditions. What does that mean for Provo?

2020 was one of the hottest, driest summers on record with snowpack well below average, but Provo’s forward-looking water management plan innovatively provides for city needs—even during drought conditions.

While common-sense water conservation is always encouraged, Provo has sufficient water to meet our annual water need and **WILL NOT** be issuing mandatory water restrictions.

## BY THE NUMBERS - WATER





# Provo's Water Story

As Utah continues to experience drought conditions this year, Provo's Public Works department continues to prepare for the future. Our teams are finding ways to make sure Provo's water supply never runs dry.

### Provo's Water Cycle

Here in Provo we can see different parts of the water cycle. We watch the snow melt off the mountain and notice how runoff increases the flow in the Provo River. There is one important part that seems to go unnoticed, **infiltration**. This occurs during rain storms and runoff as water seeps through the ground down to the aquifer. Provo has exceptionally **porous** ground that allows water to soak through relatively quickly. As this water progresses down to the **aquifer** it naturally gets **filtered**, making it good quality drinking water.

### Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)

The majority of Provo's culinary water comes from deep wells accessing the groundwater in the aquifer. Provo continues to monitor the city's groundwater levels and is working on ways to keep replenishing the aquifer. At the start of 2020 Provo launched a Pilot ASR Project. This project focuses on filtering more water down into the aquifer, especially during years when we get surplus water. Underground storage of water works especially well because the water doesn't evaporate and is generally too deep to be used by surface vegetation.

For more resources on ways to save water go to [slowtheflow.org](http://slowtheflow.org)

**WATER MATH**

What is an acre foot of water? **325,851 Gallons**

Conservation Is Important  
Average single family home uses about **250,000** gallons annually

**Be Water wise:**

- Fix any leaks
- Avoid daytime watering
- Don't water concrete
- Adjust watering for inclement weather

## DID YOU KNOW UTAH LAKE LOSES 100,000 - 250,000-ACRE FEET OF WATER ANNUALLY DUE TO EVAPORATION?

This means that 40% of the water that enters Utah Lake yearly is lost to evaporation. This is approximately four times more than Provo City's annual water consumption, or enough water to meet the needs of 500,000 people for a year.



Annual water loss due to evaporation in Utah Lake 100,000 - 250,000-acre feet



Annual water consumption of 500,000 people



Four times Provo's annual water consumption

**New, innovative ways to reduce water loss due to evaporation could be significantly more effective than individual conservation efforts alone. Provo's water management approach is to continue to work smarter and holistically in all aspects of water.**