



Recent News & Media Summaries

June 2026 - September 2026

Habitat and Natural Systems

'A major victory': It's now safe enough to eat the carp at Utah Lake 06.10.2026 (**KSL News**)

\$11.5M grant to help Salt Lake City build open space, spruce up 9-Line Trail 07.07.2026 (**KSL News**)

Shade trees coming to major Salt Lake bike trail 07.08.2026 (**Axios**)

New assessment maps priority habitat for Great Salt Lake's 12 million birds 07.21.2026 (**Townlift**) *Jordan River and Utah Lake were included in the assessment area*

World's Largest Ecology Meeting Opens Amid Great Salt Lake Tipping Point 07.27.2026 (**Tech Times**)

More Owls Nest at Gillmor Sanctuary Thanks to New Digs—Literally! 08.20.2026 (**Audubon**)

Volunteers cleanup weeds, trash along Jordan River 09.12.2026 (**ABC 4**)

Water and the River

You've heard of carbon credits. Could they work for water? 06.16.2026 (**Think Landscape**)

Improving the Jordan River's health for America 250 06.25.2026 (**KSL News**)

Avoid swimming in Utah Lake: Harmful algae bloom warning advisories issued for marinas and beaches 07.30.2026 (**ABC 4**) *Inlet of Jordan River included*

Utah County Adds Salem Pond and the Lower Jordan River to Algal Bloom Warnings as Utah Lake Stays Lake-Wide 08.04.2026 (**Nature World News**)

West Jordan Mayors Message August 2026 - Love Your Watershed 08.11.2026 (**West Jordan**)

Harmful algal bloom present at Jordan River 08.12.2026 (**ABC 4**)

Water - Great Salt Lake

The dynamic science of Great Salt Lake 07.02.2026 (**At the U**)

Northern Utah farmers blame growth, not agriculture, for pressure on the Great Salt Lake 07.03.2026 (**Cache Valley Daily**)

How Utah can protect the 12 million birds that use Great Salt Lake, per new report 07.12.2026 (**KSL News**)

Audubon's Assessment for a Resilient Great Salt Lake 07.30.2026 (**Audubon**) (**GSL Assessment Final Draft**) (**GSL Assessment Visual Summary**)

Comfort and Inclusivity

No news stories

Recreation

Utah officials announce \$19M in funding for 81 outdoor recreation projects 06.02.2026 (**Fox 13**) (**KUTV 2**) (**Recipients List**) *Glendale Regional Park received \$1 million for pump track*

A New Class Of PFD Has Arrived—Here's What To Know 06.02.2026 (**Paddling Magazine**) (**Water Sports Foundation**)

Officials urge life jacket use amid increase in drowning fatalities 06.09.2026 (**ABC 4**)

SLC voters chose to supercharge the city's parks with tens of millions of dollars. What has come of it? 06.22.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Exploring the Extraordinary: Unexpected Adventures Along the Jordan River Corridor (**City Lifestyle**)

Salt Lake City Expands Accessible Outdoor Recreation, leading the way with other cities across the country 06.30.2026 (**Travel and Tour World**)

Massive Indoor Rec Center Proposed near Jordan River in West Valley City 07.29.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

State officials say bringing a life jacket to the water isn't enough — they want you to wear it 07.23.2026 (**Utah News Dispatch**)

Letter: Salt Lake Valley canal trails are a boon for residents. Why have some entry points been closed to access? 08.17.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Riverton's Monster Dash Returns Oct. 5 With Costumes, 5K and Toddler Triathlon 08.21.2026 (**Hoodline**)

Adaptive Pump Bike Track coming to SLC's Glendale Regional Park 09.28.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Safety and Wellbeing

32-year-old arrested after allegedly assaulting woman on Jordan River Trail 06.05.2026 (**Fox 13**) (**ABC 4**) (**KUTV 2**) (**KSL News**)

Charges filed against man accused of randomly assaulting woman running on Jordan Trail 06.08.2026 (**KSL News**)

Crews respond to brush fire along the Jordan River in West Valley City 07.16.2026 (**ABC 4**)

E-bikers, beware: Salt Lake County is weighing new restrictions, and violating them could cost \$150 08.27.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Concerns over large cracks in Jordan River Trail in Murray to be resolved by end of fall 09.22.2026 (**Fox 13**)

Development and Transportation

Salt Lake City to close Jordan River bridges for 6 months of reconstruction 06.10.2026 (**ABC 4**) (**Salt Lake City**)

Development - Northpoint Area

New report casts doubt on cost and potential of proposed Utah homeless campus 05.02.2026 (**KSL News**)

Request to delay adoption of the Northwest Community Plan at SLC Council Meeting 08.20.2026 (**City Weekly**)

Data centers won't be allowed on Northpoint land under rezone pitch 08.27.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**) (**Hoodline**)

A beloved destination for SLC families has launched a 'last effort' to stay open. The idea: sell off land to developers. 09.29.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

To save the farm, Cross E Ranch owners want to sell part of it for housing 09.28.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**)

Cross E Ranch Owners Pitch Housing on 65 Acres to Save Salt Lake Farm 09.28.2026 (**Hoodline**)

Development - Power District

Salt Lake County is undergoing the largest transformation in Utah history 07.27.2026 (**Utah Business**)

A Utah MLB stadium might host more than just baseball 09.02.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

The Miller group wants Utah's MLB ballpark to be the 'sixth national park' 09.03.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Utah's governor spoke to a Major League Baseball insider about expansion. Here's what he shared 09.08.2026 (**Deseret News**)

Breaking down the candidates for MLB's next expansion teams. 09.08.2026 (**ESPN**)

Tribune editorial: It's not just the baseball park, but the river that runs by it 09.11.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

All signs point to Salt Lake City scoring a Major League Baseball expansion team. 09.16.2026 (**City Weekly**)

Development - The Point

THE POINT BREAKS GROUND ON MAJOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT IN DRAPER 06.29.2026 (**PR Newswire**)

Urbanism, walkability touted as tenants of Draper's The Point during groundbreaking 06.29.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**)

Utah Breaks Ground on The Point, Launching a \$2.3 Billion District on the Site of the Former State Prison 06.29.2026 (**Tech Buzz News**)

Oak View Group and Mountain America Credit Union announce naming rights deal for 5,000-Seat event center at The Point in Draper, UT 06.29.2026 (**Utah Business**) (**Sports Business Journal**) (**Pollstar News**) (**Ticket News**)

Construction Begins on First Vertical Development at The Point in Draper, Utah's 600-Acre District 06.29.2026 (**Construction Review**)

Urbanism, walkability touted as tenants of Draper's The Point during groundbreaking 06.29.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**)

Work Underway on Massive Salt Lake City Area Multifamily Mixed-Use Project 06.30.2026 (**Yield Pro**)

'Gift to the future': Developers break ground on first phase of The Point at former state prison site 06.29.2026 (**KSL News**)

Arcadis celebrates groundbreaking of The Point 06.30.2026 (**Utah Business**)

The Point starts construction on first vertical development in Draper 06.30.2026 (**World Construction Network**)

'It's very forward-thinking': Groundbreaking ceremony held for The Point development project 06.29.2026 (**ABC 4**)

Developers Wanted: Drapers The Point seeks proposals to build variety of for sale housing units 07.09.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**) (**Utah Business**)

As Utah's largest public development takes shape, The Point makes a major push for housing — but don't plan on it being affordable 07.16.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Letter to the Editor: Affordable housing at The Point 09.02.2026 (**Draper Journal**)

A music festival in Draper? It's under consideration at The Point 08.31.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**)

Communications, Education, and Art

Salt Lake Arts Council calls on artists for Jordan River mural project in Rose Park 06.04.2026 (**SLC Arts Council**) (**KUTV 2**) (**ABC 4**) (**KJZZ**)

Salt Lake looking for artists to help beautify Jordan River Parkway in Rose Park neighborhood 06.28.2026 (**KSL News**)

SLC adding Jordan River Parkway to public art collection 07.01.2026 (**Gephardt Daily**)

Salt Lake City's parks, trails and community spaces are worth protecting. 07.08.2026 (**City Weekly**)

New mural depicting Jordan River and other Rose Park landmarks at new Mountain America Credit Union in Rose Park Neighborhood 08.10.2026 (**Business Insider**)

Taste Utah: Five local food businesses showcases the flavors of the Jordan River (**Jordan River City Lifestyle**)

Get to the River Festival

Utah's Jordan River: September is a Month to Connect and Care 08.20.2026 (**Deseret News**)

Get to the River festival is a celebration on and off the Jordan River Parkway 08.24.2026 (**ABC 4**)

Get to the River Festival Returns to Jordan River With 60-Plus Free Events 08.24.2026 (**Hoodline**)

A month to (re)discover Utah's Jordan River 08.27.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Utah mayors join Jordan River clean-up challenge 08.27.2026 (**KSL News**)

Utah mayors kick off 'Get to the River Festival' 08.27.2026 (**ABC 4**)

Jordan River Festival and Wasatch Front mayors launch "Love Your Watershed" campaign across Salt Lake County. 08.27.2026 (**City Weekly**)

Salt Lake City Weekender: August 27th-August 30th 08.27.2026 (**SLC Weekender**)

KUER News - Evening Brief 08.27.2026 (**KUER Radio**) - *Mayors Challenge*

New Jordan River cleanup challenge issued 08.27.2026 (**KSL News**)

Challenge encourages Utahns to keep Jordan River clean 08.28.2026 (**KSL News**)

Get to the River, Youth Coalition for GSL + Other Green Groups Making a Difference 09.02.2026 (**KRCL RadioACTIVE**)

Salt Lake City Weekender: September 3rd-September 6th 09.03.2026 (**SLC Weekender**)

North Salt Lake neighbors gather for 9/11 Day of Service 09.05.2026 (**Fox 13**)

Utah Open Lands Newsletter 09.08.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

North Salt Lake Paddle 09.12.2026 (**Salt Lake Magazine**)

Get to the River Festival encourages Utahns to take another look at Jordan River 09.11.2026 (**KUTV 2**) (**KJZZ 14**)

North Salt Lake remembers 9/11 through service 09.10.2026 (**Davis Journal**)

'Get to the River Festival' brings families to Jordan River 09.21.2026 (**KUTV 2**) (**KMYU TV**)