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UCAIR to Celebrate 11th Annual UCAIR Summit, “Clean Air, Plein Air”, on October 15

Evening at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center will spotlight a year of clean-air progress and honor an individual, business, and community partner for their leadership on air quality

Taylorsville, Utah — The Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR) will host its 11th Annual UCAIR Summit on Thursday, October 15, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. This year’s theme, Clean Air, Plein Air: Painting a Cleaner Future for Utah, pairs the organization’s annual update on statewide air quality initiatives with a live plein air painting exhibition, connecting Utah’s natural landscapes to the mission of protecting the air we breathe.

The evening opens with a cocktail reception in the venue lobby, featuring local plein air artists painting works commissioned by the Bountiful Davis Art Center and available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting UCAIR. A formal program follows in the Main Theatre, where UCAIR leadership will share the organization’s progress over the past year and recognize the individuals, businesses, and organizations advancing clean air across the state.

"The artists at this year's Summit are painting the very landscapes we're working to protect," said Arikka Von, UCAIR Board Chair. "Just as art brings people together around a shared appreciation for Utah, UCAIR brings people together to build awareness, inspire action, and create a cleaner future for our state."

2026 Partner of the Year Honorees

UCAIR will present its annual Partner of the Year awards to:

- Individual Partner of the Year: Senator Kirk Cullimore, for his leadership in championing clean air in Utah.
- Business Partner of the Year: Big West Oil, for advancing clean air equity in low- to moderate-income communities through UCAIR's Smart Thermostat Program.
- Community Partner of the Year: Utah State University's Janet Quinney Lawson Institute for Land, Water, and Air, for advancing clean air research, education, and collaboration across the state.

The program will also highlight UCAIR’s Air Ambassadors High School Program, sponsored by Boeing, and its Grants Program, supported by major sponsor Rio Tinto Kennecott and additional funding from Enbridge. This year’s grant recipients will be announced during the evening.

"In my first months at UCAIR, I've seen how deep the commitment to clean air runs among our staff, board, and partners," said Dane Ishihara, UCAIR Executive Director. "The businesses, individuals, and communities who support this work are the reason UCAIR continues expanding its reach across the Wasatch Front and beyond."

Sponsors

The 11th Annual UCAIR Summit is made possible by title sponsor Chevron and presenting sponsors Rio Tinto Kennecott, Maverik — Adventure's First Stop, Big West Oil, and Price Real Estate, along with other local organizations committed to advancing solutions for Utah's air quality.

Event Details

- What: 11th Annual UCAIR Summit — *Clean Air, Plein Air: Painting a Cleaner Future for Utah*
- When: Thursday, October 15, 2026, 5:30–8:00 p.m. (reception 5:30–6:50 p.m.; program 7:00–8:00 p.m.)
- Where: Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, Taylorsville, Utah
- Attire: Business/cocktail

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About UCAIR

Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR) is a statewide clean air partnership created to make it easier for individuals, businesses, and communities to make small changes to improve Utah's air. UCAIR offers grants, funding, and resources to support projects and initiatives that reduce emissions and promote cleaner air across the state.

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