



TOWN OF BRIGHTON ANNUAL REPORT 2021

COLLABORATION

- Entered into an agreement with the US Forest Service to provide \$80,000 toward a Trails Master Plan for trails located within the boundaries of the Town of Brighton (July). Funding will allow the Forest Service to evaluate the current condition of trails and recommend needed maintenance.
- Entered into a Fuels Reduction Agreement with Utah Forests, Fire, and State Lands designed to assist homeowners with Defensible Space (September). Funding from the Town of Brighton will be \$20,000/year for five years. UFA Wildfire Crews will provide individual consultations and labor for the project.

ACTIONS

- Acquired Land Use Authority for the Town of Brighton through the Utah State Legislature.
- Began the Brighton General Plan process (July): Components include Land Use, Housing, Recreation, Transportation, Environment, Economy
- The Brighton Planning Commission was appointed that includes: Ulrich Brunhart, John Carpenter, Donna Conway, Don Despain, Phil Lanouette, Ben Machlis, and Tom Ward. They meet monthly to consider land use issues and the Brighton General Plan process.
- Jane Martain was hired as the Town Emergency Operations Manager. She continues to update the address changes, contacts, and maps that were originally provided by Doug Fry, Volunteer Emergency Coordinator.
- Contracted with *One-Call-Now* to enable sending mass emergency advisories to all homeowners if needed.
- Implemented a Fire Ban (July-Sept) in response to severe drought conditions.
- The Short Term Rental (STR) Committee passed ordinances that require STRs to be permitted, licensed, insured and inspected for safety. The Committee recommended elimination of Conditional Use requirement and the requirement that STRs must have fewer than 4 bedrooms. Contracted with *Granicus*, a private company that helps with short term rental enforcement.
- Continued to assemble the Brighton Town Ordinances. Town Attorney, Polly McLean worked to provide the foundation and updates. The ordinances can be found on the website.

- The Council provided a \$5000 allocation to BCCA for 2021 to help fund the 4th of July events. \$1000 of that funding was directed to the Wasatch Graffiti Busters for graffiti cleanup in BCC.
- The Budget was compiled, balanced, and submitted to MSD, including a Capital Improvement Fund. (May, December)
- Produced 12 monthly electronic Newsletters and 3 MSD printed Newsletters that were sent to all homeowners.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Jane Martain sent out three notices during the summer: July wind event, July road closure for flooding above Maxfields, and a wildfire update for the Parley's Fire in August. She also called out the Emergency Teams to distribute Emergency Packets with updated Emergency information and Resident Passes for homeowner access during parking closures.
- Carolyn Fushimi continued to supply free fashionable masks to the entire community.

SUPPORT FOR TOWN PROJECTS AND CONCERNS

- Supported 4th of July Annual Breakfast and Parade, Brighton Days Celebration and Chipper Days.
- Passed a Resolution to support the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.
- Passed a Resolution to support UPD's need to offer competitive wages and quality services.



TOWN OF BRIGHTON ELECTION 2021

All Utah November 2nd Municipal Elections will be conducted by mail. Ballots will be mailed the week of October 11th according to Utah State law. Postage-paid return envelopes are provided, so voters can send ballots in by mail. Ballots may also be returned to any of twenty drive-up ballot drop boxes (*open 24/7*) up through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you need your ballot mailed to an address other than your home address where you are registered, call 385-468-7400 or email got-vote@slco.org. The post office does not forward ballots. For questions about voting and the election, click here <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/faqs/#VRFAQ> To register to vote, click this link: <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/voter-registration-archived>

PROUD OF BRIGHTON'S CANDIDATES!

Mayor Dan Knopp is running unopposed after serving 2 years as Brighton's first mayor. His upcoming term will be 4 years. There are two Town Council positions up for election, with three candidates in the running. The term of office will be 4 years.

ELI LOVETT



I want to build a strong community of residents who know one another (if you want to) and support each other. What are the issues that matter to you? Please contact me and let me know so I can advocate for you. Let's make this the best mountain town around. Hope to hear from you soon!
elizabethanne.lovett@gmail.com

CAROLYN KEIGLEY



I'm running for re-election because I have the Experience, Passion, and TIME needed to continue building the foundation of our new town. Currently, I serve as Trustee on the UPD Board of Directors and Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA). I have the TIME to attend and represent our community by developing healthy relationships with the Salt Lake County Council, and other members of the UPD and SLVLESA. This will set a foundation that public safety funds are secured by Salt Lake County General Funds in addition to what our community is already paying in property taxes.

KEITH ZUSPAN



I'm running for re-election to keep continuity in our budgeting, finance, payroll, and federal distributions under the CARES Act (Corona Aid Recovery & Economic Security Act) and the recent ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funding. As Brighton's Trustee with the Municipal Services District, I've helped secure \$325,000 dollars for repairing roads such as Snow Haven Lane, Old Prospect Avenue, and Silver Fork Road in the upcoming year. I'm also working with Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) to provide additional trash and recycling containers and potentially increase days of service for Brighton homeowners.

ICE CREAM & CANDIDATES REVIEW



We may have to change the name of this event to *Election Soup*, instead of *Ice Cream & Candidates*. Dan brought in some Silver Fork Lodge Tomato-Basil-Artichoke Soup to warm up the ice cream scene. People raved! It deserves a repeat!

Mayor Knopp gave the Brighton Annual Report, Candidates spoke, but the meeting highlight may have been the introduction of 2 year-old Archy John to advertise that we had plenty of ice cream left. He raised up his ice cream cone and his Dad lifted him into the air (it was a dramatic Lion King moment), then the ice cream scoop plopped to the floor. The audience gasped, but Archy smiled and happily continued where the scoop left the cone.

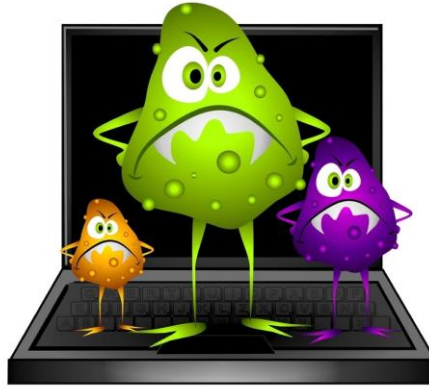
It was a wonderful community night...thanks to everyone!



BRIGHTON'S FIRE RESTRICTION LIFTED

The Town restriction on outdoor campfires was lifted in September. This means that campfires are allowed in permanently constructed fire pits at private homes where running water is present. Gas grills, stoves, and pellet-fed smokers are allowed with proper clearance from flammable materials. Campfires for short-term rental clients are not allowed.

The USFS has also lifted all fire restrictions. Be aware that there will be burning of dead trees at the resorts and campgrounds shortly after snowfall or in the spring as part of a more aggressive fuel reduction effort throughout the Wasatch Canyons.



BRIGHTON EMERGENCY OPS OCTOBER UPDATE
OCTOBER IS CYBERSECURITY MONTH!
TIPS TO PROTECT THAT IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Use antivirus software.** Antivirus software can automatically detect, quarantine, and remove types of malware. Automatic updates should always be enabled to ensure maximum protection against the latest threats.
- **Keep software up to date.** Attackers will take advantage of well-known problems and vulnerabilities. Making sure you install software patches and utilizing automatic updates for your operating system will help protect you from these threats.
- **Utilize a firewall.** Firewalls can prevent some attacks by limiting malicious traffic before it can enter a computer system. It can also restrict unnecessary outbound communications. Many devices and operating systems come with a firewall preinstalled.
- **Use strong passwords and double your login protection.** Creating passwords that will be difficult for cybercriminals to guess is vital. Be sure to use different passwords for each unique account. It's also helpful to use long passphrases of at least 15 to 16 characters. Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) on every account for which it is available, especially banking and social media.
- **Watch for Phishing.** The goal of phishing attacks is to gain information about you and use your information to make unauthorized purchases or gain access to a secure system. Be suspicious of unexpected emails and always check email address sources to make sure email is not coming from a fake website.

And finally, please make sure we have your most up to date contact information by emailing Jane Martain: janemartain@brighton.utah.gov.



WASATCH MOUNTAIN LODGE SURVEY OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 25!

The Wasatch Mountain Lodge Foundation is testing potential new or additional uses of the historic Wasatch Mountain Lodge which sits on forest service land at the base of Brighton Resort. Your participation in this

survey helps provide valuable feedback for future decisions. Individual responses are confidential and will not include identifying information. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. See link below. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73J8F9J>



US FOREST SERVICE NEWS

USFS District Ranger Bekee Hotze sends this interesting newsletter about beetle-killed timber sales, smoke tracking, and beavers. Check out this link: [Supervisor's Newsletter \(arcgis.com\)](#) Click on the following link to show a map of wildfire smoke patterns. [Fire and Smoke Map \(airnow.gov\)](#)



BEAVER RESTORATION PROJECT

The Beaver Dam Analog Project (man-made beaver dams) gets underway on October 27TH at 9 am. Volunteers will be installing the logs, willow, and filler designed to attract beavers to Willow Lake by Spring 2022. If you would like to join, meet at the Willow Heights Trailhead at 9 am. Bring work gloves, sack lunch, sturdy shoes. Expect some toting, hauling and mud. It's an exciting time for this beautiful lake. Robby Edgel, DWR beaver expert will conduct the effort. Funding comes from the CWC (\$1500). Project coordinators are locals Lise and Ulrich Brunhart. Please RSVP to Lise if you can volunteer: utahyeti@gmail.com

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIG HORN SHEEP!



or the first time in decades, once-native Big Horn Sheep have started to reappear along rocky outcrops in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Accounts from Shoshone and Ute elders tell of the plentiful herds roaming the Wasatch in bygone centuries. Watch for them on roadsides too. You'll be doing double-takes to see these beautiful animals!



MEETINGS

BRIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL | October 12 | 6:30 pm | Zoom

<https://www.brighton.utah.gov/meetings>

BRIGHTON PLANNING COMMISSION | October 20 | 6:00 pm | Zoom

<https://www.brighton.utah.gov/meetings>

BRIGHTON INSTITUTE MEETING | October 11 | 6:00 pm | Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065> Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065

BCCA MEETING | October 11 | 7:00 pm | Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065> Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065

BRIGHTON EMERGENCY OPS MEETING | October 21 | 6:00 pm | Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85121235579> Meeting ID: 851 2123 5579

BRIGHTON HALLOWEEN PARTY | Postponed until 2022 due to Covid |