



TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022



Awe-tumn Comes to Big Cottonwood Canyon

Short Term Rental Survey



When Brighton became a town in 2020, the highest priority was to maintain a strong community. Regulation of short-term rentals (STRs) was one of the first issues considered. Here's a link to the current ordinance that was approved by the Town Council in 2021: [Brighton's Short Term Rental Ordinance](#). As we look forward, the Short-Term Rental Committee has been considering ideas that other communities use to maintain a mix of full-time and seasonal family cabins. Here's a link that shows how many STRs are in Brighton, Silver Fork, and Pinetree: [Current Short Term Rental Data](#). Solitude is already zoned to permit all STRs. Most other areas are not permitted to have STRs due to lack of sewer access.

The STR Committee has designed a survey to solicit input from Town members.

Please take a minute to respond! There are five proposals in this survey that suggest STR caps. Each proposal has pros and cons. Your thoughts, opinions and especially your comments, are greatly appreciated. Survey closes on October 28. Here's the survey link: [Future regulations concerning short term rentals in the Town of Brighton*](#)

Happy Trails Ahead

Cardiff Bridge and Trail. Salt Lake County and the US Forest Service are getting ready to finish the Donut Falls access trail. The Donut Falls Trailhead in Cardiff is the most heavily visited trail in the Wasatch. Forest Service officials wanted to create a trail that will keep foot traffic off the sensitive riparian meadow, and encourage hikers to stay off the narrow Cardiff roadway. Many families come to photograph weddings, engagements, Christmas cards, and family reunions. The new trail will make it possible for those events to take place on the trail/bridge and avoid trampling the meadow. The Town of Brighton recently provided funds to help the Forest Service hire a Ranger to enforce the rule against trespassing (and glitter) in the meadow. A wider dirt trail to the west of the bridge and moraine is almost finished so that wheelchairs and strollers can get to the trailhead. Although the project has been delayed due to supply-chain difficulties, the target is still to finish in October.





Silver Lake Boardwalk. The Silver Lake Boardwalk reconstruction is finally underway. During this month the west side of the trail will be entirely removed and replaced with weather-treated lumber. Hikers can still use the other side of the boardwalk. Next year, the Forest Service will replace the other side of the boardwalk. This is the only ADA compliant trail currently available in the Wasatch National Forest and is a favorite destination for visitors of all ages and abilities. Forest Service officials say over 30,000 people visit this location on a busy summer weekend.

Geological Signs. Check out the three geologic signs have been updated and installed this summer! This project was funded by BCCA, CWC, and the Utah Geological Association (UGA). Collaborators include US Forest Service, University of Utah College of Mines and Earth Sciences, Brigham Young University Department of Geological Sciences, and the Utah Valley University Department of Earth Sciences. Each institution helped provide updated geological interpretations based on the latest research for each location. Volunteers from the UGA provided the muscle for the installation this month.



REMNANTS OF AN ANCIENT SEA (mile post 2.3)
 STORM MOUNTAIN QUARTZITES (mile post 2.8)
 MISSISSIPPIAN MARBLE SIGNS (mile post 7.2)

Town of Brighton General Plan

After a year of collaboration and 5 Public Open Houses, the Brighton General Plan is finally ready to be presented to the Planning Commission. Public comment is encouraged. The Plan is divided into five parts: Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Natural Resources/Recreation/Tourism, and Resilience /Infrastructure. Here's a link to the General Plan:

<https://brighton-general-plan-gslmsd.hub.arcgis.com/>

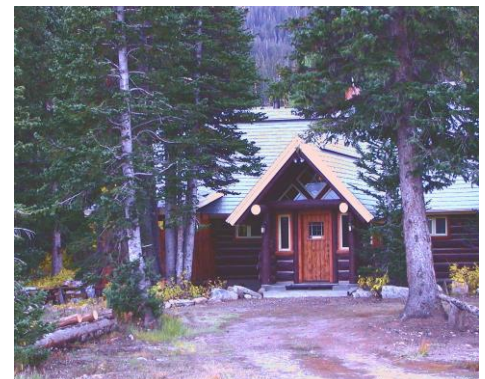
Here's a link to the Summary of Action items: [Action Plan Summary](#)

Everyone is invited to attend this public information session!

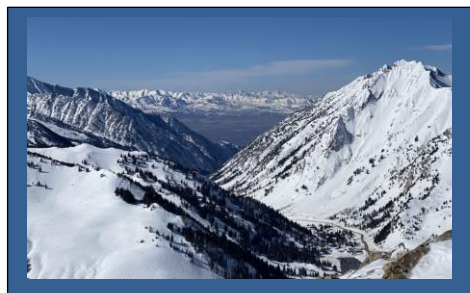
DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2022

TIME: 6 pm

PLACE: Fire Station #108 -OR- Tune in virtually at: <https://slco.webex.com/meet/wgurr>



UDOT Comment Period Open Through October 17



UDOT has identified the Gondola as the preferred alternative to improve transportation in Little Cottonwood Canyon. They say this alternative provides the highest travel reliability and the least impact to the watershed. A base station with 2,500 parking spaces near the LaCaille Restaurant property is planned. Snow Sheds will be constructed at major slide paths to protect motorists from avalanches. The projected cost is \$550 million which includes the cost of tolling infrastructure, snow sheds, and parking structure.

The plan includes tolling for both Cottonwood Canyons. The tolling gantry for Big Cottonwood would be located near Spruces Campground, and is only projected to be used on busy weekends, holidays or powder days. Toll amounts will range from \$25-\$30. If you can make a comment, click [HERE](#)

Road Construction Continues

The Rocky Mountain Power Wildfire Mitigation project will continue through October. The goal is to bury conduit in the road down to the Stairs Station. Next year the project will begin near Pinetree and move up toward Solitude. For questions about this \$20+ Million project to bury electric lines in the canyon, visit [RMP Wildfire Mitigation Project](#).

Resident Passes



Last year, Resident Passes with no expiration dates were distributed to all Town property owners by the Brighton Emergency Teams. These passes are **ONLY** to be used on days when the parking lots at the resorts are **FULL**.

The Resident Pass shows UPD that you have your own parking at your residence. UPD notes that if the highway is closed for any other reason (ex: accident or avalanche), a Resident Pass will not even allow the President of the United States to have access. Please let our Town Emergency Manager know if you need a Resident Pass: janemartain@brighton.utah.gov

Also, please let Jane know if you have updates or additions to your emergency contact information. She has appreciated everyone's help with this important project.

Brighton Institute-Arts in the Canyon

Block Printing Class

Saturday, October 29, 2022

10 am-3 pm

Brighton Fire Station #108 ([map](#))

The Brighton Institute has become well-known for its block printing booth at the Wasatch Wildflower Festival and Brighton Days. Join local artist and art educator Carolyn Keigley for a one-day class to learn how to design and carve your own printing block. Perhaps create your own holiday cards or express your creative whimsy with a unique piece of art!



Class size is limited to 8 people. Ages 18 and up. Registration is \$3.00 to cover the cost of the carving tools and ink.

Materials supplied by the Brighton Institute: soft linoleum block 4" x 6", tracing paper, use of carving tools, ink and printing tools.

Materials students need to bring to class: a drawing sketchbook of any size and photos of ideas for your print. These photos need to be no larger than 3 1/2" x 5 1/2". If in doubt, the teacher will help you in your selection or ideas.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Drawing Class Series

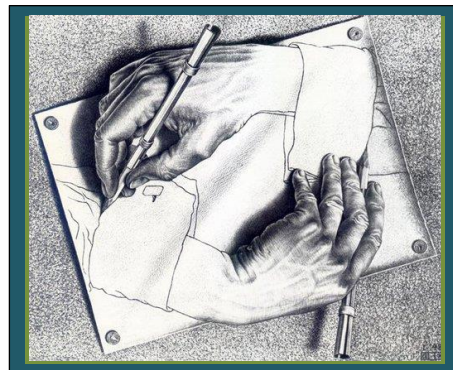
Wednesdays, November 2, 9, and December 1, 2022

6:00 PM 8:00 PM

Brighton Fire Station #108 ([map](#))

The Brighton Institute is hosting a Drawing Series this fall. Learn from local artist and art educator [Carolyn Keigley](#). All levels are welcome - no experience is required.

It is not necessary to attend all classes - join us on any dates that work for you. Materials will be provided for those who do not have personal supplies.



There are no fees for the classes, but the Brighton Institute welcomes donations in any amount to help cover the costs of supplies for this and other classes and activities.

Ages 14 and up. Limit of 20 participants. Registration is free but required. [Please click here to register.](#)
Materials supplied by the Brighton Institute: drawing pencils, charcoal sticks, erasers, ballpoint pens, drawing paper, and newsprint
Materials students need to bring to class: a drawing sketchbook of any size.

For more information visit the Brighton Institute website: <https://www.thebrightoninstitute.org/>



MEETINGS

Brighton Town Council

2nd Tuesday of the Month – 6:30 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

OR www.utah.gov/pmn (You can subscribe to this website to receive automatic notifications.)

Brighton Institute Meeting

2nd Monday of the Month – 6 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065 Phone Connection: +1-253-215-8782

BCCA Community Council

2nd Monday of the Month – 7 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065 Phone Connection: +1-253-215-8782

Brighton Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2022 – 6:00 pm – Fire Station #108 or virtually at <https://slco.webex.com/meet/wgurr>
[Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

RESOURCES

Environmental Dashboard

The new Central Wasatch Commission’s Environmental Dashboard has some great information about our canyon. Access the Beta Version of the Environmental Dashboard at this link: <https://cwcedb.utah.edu/>

Citizen’s Problem Reporter Tool

The Citizen’s Reporter Tool allows you to report problems such as code violations, illegal parking, health issues, trash issues, etc.

1. Go to bit.ly/msd-cpr or click this link:

<https://gslmsd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingReporter/index.html?appid=c72d18a5e8e74ee2b4c202904ff62513>

2. Click on the right-hand side, select the type of problem.

3. After you enter your information, click the “Submit Problem” button to send the MSD a report.

Short-Term Rentals. For help in complying with the regulation, contact the MSD as soon as possible.

https://app01.cityworksonline.com/CLIENT_GreaterSaltLakeMSD-Public/template/login.aspx