

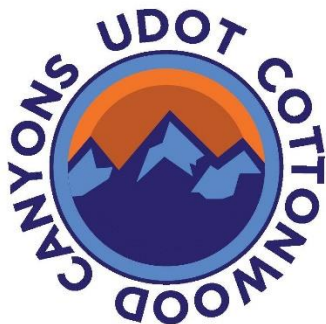


TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS NOVEMBER 2023



"Of all the paths you take in life,
make sure a few of them are dirt." (or snow!)
~ John Muir

The UDOT Sticker Program is returning for the winter 2023/24 season!



A first-come first-serve tire inspection event will be held at the UDOT Cottonwoods Maintenance Shed (6601 S. 3000East) on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are not available for this event, ***there will be*** additional locations for sticker distribution all winter. An announcement with the locations will be posted on the [UDOT Cottonwoods Website](#) on November 1st.

To sign up for the sticker program inspection event at the UDOT Cottonwoods Maintenance Shed, fill out the Google form: <https://forms.gle/1bMVWQZEe5C5BSHHA>

- Fill out the form BEFORE the event at the maintenance shed. Not doing so may result in you being asked to exit the line to fill out the form and return once you have completed that step.
- Once you fill out the form, you will receive a confirmation email. Please keep this for your records.
- If you have multiple vehicles, please fill out the form for each vehicle. You may use the same email address, but you should let the inspector know that you have multiple vehicles under the same email address.
- ***Please DO NOT fill out this form if you are not able to make it to the distribution event on Nov. 1.***

Stickers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. If you receive a message indicating the form is no longer accepting responses, that indicates the maximum number of participants at the shed inspection has been reached.

Participation in the UDOT Sticker Program remains voluntary and free of charge. All requirements to receive a sticker are on the [UDOT Cottonwoods website](#).



Ballots will be mailed out on Halloween (October 31). The voting deadline is November 21. Remember, every vote counts!

CANDIDATES: Adrienne Aldous, Jeff Bossard, Lise Brunhart, Gavin Ganung (vote for two)
Click here for Candidate Profiles: [Voter Search](#)

PROPOSITION #12: 0.5% Additional Resort Communities Sales Tax. This is not a Property Tax increase. Most of the Sales Taxes in Brighton are paid by visitors. For more information, click here: [Town of Brighton-Proposition 12](#)

If you are not yet registered to vote, you can sign up here:
<https://slco.org/clerk/elections/voter-registration/>

WINTER TRAVEL PREVIEW

PARKING TICKETS

Last year, the Town of Brighton raised the parking fine to \$150. Citations will be issued to the owner of the vehicle, no matter who was driving/parking the car. Salt Lake County followed our lead and aligned its parking ordinance with Brighton's this month. It is hoped that the increased fine will encourage drivers to be alert and responsible about where they are parking.



PARKING RESERVATIONS

The Town of Brighton, Brighton Resort, and Solitude Resort will all require parking reservations this winter. Each one is different, and the links to reservation sites are not published yet, so stay tuned, but here is a brief outline of what to expect.

BRIGHTON RESORT

The cost for a reservation is \$20. Brighton season pass holders will not be charged, although they still need a reservation. Ikon pass holders will need to pay. Reservations are not required after 1 pm. The reservations are tracked by Interstate Parking Company, a parking management company. License plate numbers will be tracked every day from opening until 1 pm.

SOLITUDE RESORT

Reservations for parking will be needed on weekends and holidays. There is no cost for a reservation. However, paid parking will be in effect daily from 7 am to 2 pm during the winter season. Parking at the Solitude Nordic Center will continue to be free.

ROADSIDE PARKING

The Town of Brighton will require reservations for roadside parking every day from Willow Heights to the Brighton Circle. The cost for a reservation is not available at this printing. Reservations are not required after 1 pm. Enforcement will be done by Interstate Parking Company.

UTA UDOT & RESORT PARTNERSHIPS

New programs are underway to alleviate the traffic and parking problems in Big Cottonwood. New partnerships with resorts, UPD, UTA, the Town of Brighton, UDOT and the USFS are being created. For example:

- UDOT will contribute extra funding this year for UPD patrols at the mouth of the canyon to screen for cars with adequate snow tires or chains on stormy days. A UDOT snow tire sticker will make your wait in line shorter (see 1st article above).

- The Town of Brighton has hired a parking monitor who will make sure roadside parking is safe and legal.
- UTA is partnering with the resorts to supply vans for employee transit. This will add 12% more space for the public to ride the bus. Both resorts also offer locker rentals for customers so they don't have to take it on the bus every time.
- The Cottonwood Connect Bus service will resume this year sponsored by Visit Utah. It costs about \$10 round trip to ride from one of the nearby hotel parking lots to the resorts. Reservations required. [Cottonwood Connect](#)

RESIDENT PASSES

These bright yellow passes show 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 work), a Resident Pass will not allow access. UPD suggests that we keep the pass in the glove box, not on the dashboard. If you need a Resident Pass contact: janemartain@brighton.utah.gov or barbaracameron@hotmail.com

TIPS FOR TRAVEL

Thanks to a Brighton Institute class this week, residents got some great tips for winter travel from Greg Dollhausen who has worked the UDOT Avalanche Safety detail for 32 years:

- If you see debris and/or snow across the road, turn around immediately, go back, report it to Canyon Patrol, don't get out of your car, don't shovel a path, don't congregate. It's likely that more sluffs will happen and you will be trapped.
- Put Canyon Patrol phone number in your phone list (801) 840-4000
- Get your snow tires on now.
- Put supplies in your car: warm clothing, gloves, toothbrush, strong shovel, avalanche beacon.
- For errands in the valley, be ready to return to the canyon by 2:30-3 pm on snowy days.
- If possible, stay off the road on snowy days due to the influx of visitors.



Shawn Wright, UDOT's Maintenance Chief, who has worked in the canyons for 28 years, noted that avalanche mitigation in Big Cottonwood Canyon starts at 6 am when they sweep the road from the mouth of the canyon to Cardiff. The areas most likely to slide are Cardiff/Laurel Pines, Kessler Peak, Argenta, and the Stairs. Roadside sluffs are a problem all along the highway.

Tools used in avalanche work in Big Cottonwood are mostly hand charges launched beside the road, or by the Avalauncher, or by helicopter if the weather is good. The Howitzer is only used for the Wilderness Areas because of machine restrictions on Wilderness lands. Little Cottonwood gets most of its snow from westerly storms.

Big Cottonwood gets snow from all directions: from the west coming over the Great Salt Lake; from the east coming out of Snake Creek; and from the north over Park City. Last season there were 18 avalanche closures in Big Cottonwood for a total of 81 hours of closure. At Silver Lake we had 512" of snow, which yielded 40" of water.



TWO NEW HOUSING PROGRAMS IN BRIGHTON

The Town of Brighton is rolling out two new housing programs designed to benefit homeowners, local employees, and local business. They are being funded by sales tax from the Town of Brighton for a total amount of \$54,000 this year.

URNS FOR TENANTS. The purpose of this program is to offer affordable housing for local employees. If you have a seasonal house or a spare bedroom to rent, you could be eligible for some valuable incentives. For more information: [Turns for Tenants Program](#)

LEASE TO LOCALS. The purpose of this program is to provide a financial incentive for existing Short-Term Rentals to switch to long-term or seasonal rentals for local employees. For more information: [Lease to Locals Program](#)



The Watershed Symposium is a great way to catch up on nature, water, and weather that affect our lives here in Salt Lake County. It's always a day well spent on new horizons and understanding. For more information: [Watershed Symposium 2023: Schedule](#)

DATES: November 15-16, 2023

PLACE: Utah Cultural Celebration Center
1355 W 3100 South, West Valley City, UT

Register Here (includes free lunch!): [Watershed Symposium Registration | Eventbrite](#)

BUTTERFLIES OF THE WASATCH

Thanks to a recent Brighton Institute lecture, we learned that Big Cottonwood Canyon is a prime butterfly breeding spot due to the presence of high mountain lakes, moisture, and (yes!) cold winters. After all, butterflies are cold-blooded insects. Several species actually spend the winter as adults or larvae hidden on perches until spring warmth arrives and they are ready to fly. Other species, such as Monarchs, are born here, but migrate to warmth for winter. Monarchs born west of the Continental Divide usually migrate to central California. Those born east of the Divide migrate to Michoacan, Mexico. They are the only butterflies known to make a two-way migration similar to birds.



Weidemeyer's Admiral

The black upper side of the wings have large white bands and spots, while the underside is almost a photographic negative of the upper side. Aspen, cottonwood, willow, and serviceberry are hosts for the caterpillars, and adults forage flower nectar wherever there is water nearby. It was named for John William Weidemeyer, a 19th century entomologist.

Mormon Fritillary

The average adult butterfly lives 7-29 days, but this rugged butterfly can live up to 40 days. Its favorite host plant is the forest violet, but it also loves asters, thistle, and goldenrod. It was named in 1869 to honor the Donner Party and the high mountain pass of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.



Brighton is Grateful for YOU!



EVENTS

SOLITUDE OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON! | November 17 | Prepare for Snow!
BRIGHTON OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON ! | TBA | Prepare to be Surprised!
SPRUCES OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON! | TBA | X-Country - snowshoe heaven!

MEETINGS

BEOP Quarterly Meeting – November 9 @ 6 pm

The Brighton Emergency Operations Committee will meet November 9 at 6 pm.

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

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

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.)

BCCA Community Council & Brighton Institute – November 13 @ 5 pm

On November 13, BCCA and BI will meet at 5 p.m. for a tour of the Big Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant at the mouth of the canyon. Parking is limited.

Short Term Rental Committee – November 13 @ 9 am

The Short-Term Rental Committee will meet November 13 at 9 am via Zoom

[Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

Environmental Dashboard

The Central Wasatch Commission's Environmental Dashboard has some great information about our canyon. This month, the new Visitor Use survey information was incorporated into the Dashboard.

Check it out at: [ENVIRONMENTAL DASHBOARD](#)