

SNOW ALWAYS BRINGS A BURST OF EXCITEMENT TO THE MOUNTAINS.
BLESS ITS CONNECTION TO THIS PLACE OF BEAUTY AND PEACE.
MAY THIS BE ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE WINTER SEASONS YET.
CELEBRATION IS AT HAND!

Citizens and visitors rely on the beauty and availability of a forest that is protected and sustainable. Water from this canyon is the highest-quality of any watershed in the Salt Lake Valley area. Trails such as Donut Falls, Mill D North, Willow Heights, and Silver Lake are some of the most popular trails in the Wasatch. We can be proud of the significant funding Brighton has allocated toward a sustainable watershed and forest environment. It's proof that Brighton Gives Back to Big Cottonwood Canyon:

- \$80,000 toward a USFS 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.
- \$100,000 for a Fuels Reduction Agreement with Utah Forests, Fire, and State Lands (UFFSL) designed to assist with Defensible Space (September). Funding from the Town of Brighton will be \$20,000/year for five years. UFA Wildfire Crews will provide personnel for the project.

- \$10,000 to Central Wasatch Commission for collaboration among stakeholders in the Wasatch to improve trails and transportation.
- \$3,000 to the Utah Geological Association for a project to replace 3 geology signs in the canyon (Remnants of an Ancient Sea-Mile Post 2.3/ Storm Mountain Quartzites-MP2.8 / and Mississippian Marble-MP7.2) in the spring of 2022.
- \$5,000 to Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (CCF) for an Adopt-A-Trail program for Mill D North Fork and Butler Fork.
- \$1000 to Wasatch Graffiti Busters for graffiti removal.

FOREST SERVICE NEWS

Did you notice the wood piles on the trail between Spruces and Cardiff Fork? It represents a remarkable amount of work done by our Salt Lake Ranger District to limit wildfire risk. The wood piles were burned under strict controls during the first week in December. The weather cooperated with light snow and winds that shifted most of the smoke into Days Fork. National Forests all over the country are using this technique because it's the most efficient way to remove dead and dying trees. Citizens were advised when the burning took place with signs that said *Controlled Fire. Do Not Report*. Ski resorts also use this burning technique with assistance from the USFS and UFA. Thanks to each of these entities for proactively protecting this canyon environment.

BEFORE



AFTER



Although residents will not be using this technique, several have already been visited by UFA officials to help create Defensible Space. UFA will reach out to more residents in the summer to schedule appointments for treatment on private property. If you would like to sign up:

http://users.neo.registeredsite.com/4/4/6/22978644/assets/FUEL_MITIGATION_PROJECT.pdf

It has been truly an honor for the Town of Brighton to be included with the Forest Service, UFA, and Utah Forests, Fire, and State Lands (UFFSL) on these important wildfire mitigation projects. Stay tuned for more activity when the snow melts in spring!



SIX THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BRIGHTON'S SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Short-Term Rental issues have taken main stage in Brighton this past year. Much has been done thanks to the many citizens who contributed to this robust conversation. The basics have been accomplished. We have new ordinances that cover licensing, standards, and code enforcement to help keep owners, renters, and neighbors on good terms with each other. Here are a few things to know about the new STR regulations:

- 1.** There is no yearly limit on how many days owners can rent their homes.
- 2.** There is a two-night minimum rental required.
- 3.** Short-Term Rentals may not be rented to more than 15 people per rental.
- 4.** No special events (such as weddings) are permitted at a Short-Term Rental.
- 5.** All Short-Term rentals require a business license.
- 6.** The fine for having special events or not having a business license is \$650/day.

For details about the fees for violations, click here and go to page 13:

https://www.brighton.utah.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/3131/resolution_2021-r-12-1_fee_schedule.pdf

Solitude Village

The Solitude Village Master Association (SVMA) properties are unique in the Town of Brighton, and will not be subject to some of Brighton's STR ordinances. The village was created as a place for high density housing. High turnover and short-term lodging are part of its character. It is managed by Solitude Village Master Association (SVMA) and they already require and enforce everything Brighton has enacted related to land use for STRs. For Solitude exemptions see:

https://brighton.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=5.19.084_Exemption_From_Certain_Regulations_For_Short-Term_Rentals_In_Solitude_Village

However, Solitude Condos are still not exempt from some requirements, (there can be no special events, they need a sales tax id, no open fires are allowed). Complaints about short-term rentals at Solitude should go to the front desk at Solitude Resort Lodging (801) 536-5765 or (801) 534-1400. Solitude is grateful for any community feedback.

STR Complaints

Brighton contracted with *Granicus Host Compliance* to help get Short Term Rentals permitted and licensed. Granicus also has a hotline number or an online form to report complaints with Short Term Rentals. They will contact the property manager and report back to the caller when the issue is resolved.

Hotline phone number: (435) 241-1579

Tips portal: <https://secure.hostcompliance.com/tips>

For more details about STRs visit Brighton's website:

<https://www.brighton.utah.gov/administration/page/short-term-rentals>



RESORT NEWS

- Solitude will open at 8 am on weekends and holidays until January 2nd.
- A new Solitude Shuttle runs on the backroad from Inspiration to the Honeycomb Grill.
- Both Solitude and Brighton now offer gear-check lockers.



VISIT WITH THE MAYOR AT SILVER FORK LODGE

Mayor Knopp has scheduled open visiting hours for anyone who would like to strike up a conversation. Please feel welcome to drop in at the Silver Fork Lodge between 4 and 6 pm on Friday, January 7, 2022.

UPCOMING REGULAR MEETINGS

Town Council - January 11 at 6:30 at the Fire Station and Zoom.

Brighton Institute - January 10 at 6 pm on Zoom.

Big Cottonwood Community Council Meeting (BCCA) - January 10 at 7 pm on Zoom.

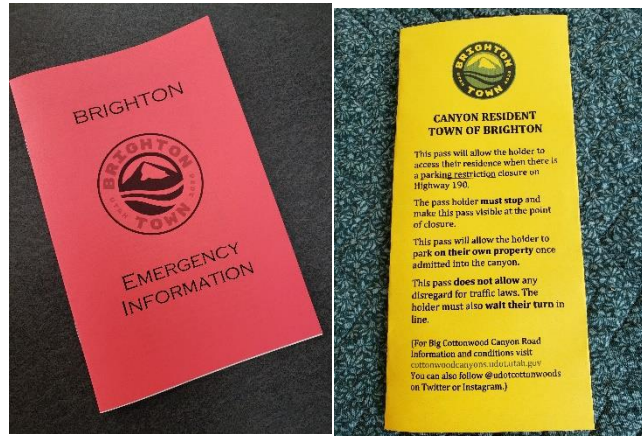
Brighton Emergency Ops (BEOP) Meeting – January 20 at 6 pm on Zoom – Simulation of an Evacuation Event with MSD Emergency Planner, James Woodward.



SNOWY DAYS AHEAD

Resident Passes. The Red Emergency Booklets with the Resident Passes inside the front cover were distributed over the summer and fall months by the Brighton Emergency Team Members.

These passes are **ONLY** for days when the parking lots at the resorts are **FULL**.



The Resident 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), a Resident Pass will NOT even allow the President of the United States to have access. If you have not received an Emergency Booklet with Resident Passes contact: janemartain@brighton.utah.gov

Find the White Line. Be sure to park on the right side of the white line when parking on the highway. Bring a shovel or brush to find it on snowy days. Keep yourself safe on busy traffic days...and avoid a parking ticket!

UDOT Snowbanks. UDOT would like residents to know that their big plows are not able to stop to plow out driveways. It's always been up to owners to plow out their own driveways (even downtown). Thanks for keeping our highway safe, and your home access viable.

BEOP Meeting. There will be a Brighton Emergency Ops Zoom meeting on January 20 at 6 pm for all Emergency Teams. James Woodward, MSD Emergency Planner will lead a simulation of an Evacuation Event. If you would like to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065> Meeting ID: 865 0803



Town of Brighton Emergency Management System

We are reaching out to ask each of our homeowners in Big Cottonwood Canyon and the Town of Brighton to make sure their contact information is complete and correct for receiving Emergency Alerts

and Town news. If you have not already contacted us this year please complete the following form and either Email it to the Emergency Manager at janemartain@brighton.utah.gov or print and send it to

Brighton Emergency Manager
Attention: Jane Martain
11271 E Mountain Sun Lane
Brighton, UT 84121

Owner Name(s): _____

Brighton Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell number(s) that receive text messages: _____

Email address(s): _____

Type of Residency (Full Time, Secondary): _____

If you have Full Time Renter(s) please include their contact information:

All of this information will be kept confidential and only used to send Emergency Alerts and Town News.
Thank you so much!



HISTORIC BRIGHTON SNOW SHERBET

In 1901, James and Leoline Brown built the lovely *Balsam Hill Cabin* in Brighton. It was the site of happy summer days...of tramping (hiking), fishing, neighborhood parties, and romantic bonfires. Leoline's diary entry of August 14, 1909 tells about a family picnic at Twin Lakes where they fished until lunch, then tramped to a snowbank on the Alta Divide. They brought home snow for sherbet. This is her recipe...kids love it! It comes from Brighton resident Rod Morris' book about The Balsam Hill Cabin. Read more online:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5807bff2197aea773545c673/t/60f6337f4916b676e5ffdbe7/1626747820438/Balsam+Hill+Cabin+History.pdf>

Pineapple Snow Sherbet

From the diary of Leoline Brown ~ Brighton, Utah 1909

2 good lemons
1 can grated pineapple
2 cups sugar
½ of a 10 lb. pail of snow

Grate rind and juice lemons
Drain juice lightly
Mix all ingredients together
When ready to serve, mix fruit well
with snow. It goes into ice lumps and
usually must be chopped.