



TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS

FEBRUARY 2024



FEBRUARY IS MOOSE MONTH

Advice from a Moose: Think BIG ▪ Eat plenty of greens ▪ It's OK to be a little wild ▪ Spend some time in the snow ▪

There have been many wildlife sightings this winter, including a Momma Moose with two calves in the Cardiff area, and a big bull snoozing in Pinetree driveways. Remember to "Give Moose a Brake" and be respectful of any other wildlife you are fortunate enough to encounter by giving them a wide berth.

What's Not to Love about a Moose! Here are some awesome facts:

1. They're HUGE! Moose can weigh up to 1800 pounds, but their average weight is between 700-900 pounds.
2. They're powerful swimmers and can swim 6 miles an hour. Their hair is hollow to help keep them afloat and keep them warm in winter.

3. The Algonquin name for them mean "twig eaters.' They are so tall (standing up to 6.5' at the shoulders), that eating twigs is easier than browsing on the ground level.

4. They can live at least 20 years and must live in areas where it snows.

5. They can run 35 miles an hour and typically trot at 20 miles per hour.
Drive safe in the canyons and....**"Please give moose a brake."**



~ Photo courtesy of Dena Hull



STAY ON TOP...KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Cottonwoods had a higher-than-usual avalanche danger this past month. Please KNOW BEFORE YOU GO by checking out the Utah Avalanche Center's daily avalanche risk updates.

[Forecast - Utah Avalanche Center](#)

CENTRAL WASATCH STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

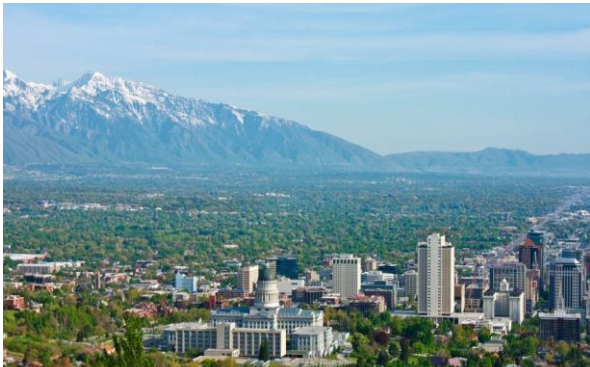
The Central Wasatch Commission has **3 vacancies** on the Stakeholders Advisory Council, and as Brighton is one of the Central Wasatch Commission's member jurisdictions, they are encouraging Brighton residents to apply.



The Stakeholders Council is a coalition of citizens who are actively working to make the Central Wasatch Mountains a better place for all, building consensus and problem-solving within four main areas: recreation, economy, environment, and transportation.

Applications are open until **February 9th at 5:00 PM**. Click here for details: [Stakeholders Advisory Council – Central Wasatch Commission \(utah.gov\)](#)

SALT LAKE COUNTY'S CLEAR AIR SURVEY



Take the SL-CLEAR Survey by February 11th. Last year, the greater Salt Lake and Tooele metro area received a [\\$1M grant from the EPA](#) to create a climate and pollution reduction plan. Local governments are working to identify high-impact, actionable ways to cut emissions and reduce pollution through the [Greater Salt Lake Energy & Air Roadmap \(SL-CLEAR\)](#) process. The survey deadline is February 11, so don't delay.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 15 Ski Waxing Clinic ▪ Brighton Institute Lecture by Don Despain ▪ Thursday, February 15 ▪ 6:00 pm ▪ Fire Station #108
- Feb 16 & 23 Moonlight Snowshoe Tour at Spruces ▪ Guided Tour with Cottonwood Canyons Foundation ▪ Friday, February 16 & 23 ▪ 6-8 pm ▪ Meet at Spruces Parking Lot ▪ Cost is \$10 ▪ Registration Required: [Select a Date & Time](#)
Future Snowshoe Tours are scheduled for March 22 and 29 from 7-9 pm.
- February 17 Fireworks & Torchlight Parade at Solitude ▪ Presidents' Day Celebration ▪ Saturday, February 17 ▪ 6:30 pm ▪ Last Chance Lodge ▪ Free
- February 24 Solitude Nordic Nights ▪ Meet at Nordic Center on the Brighton Loop ▪ Saturday, February 24 ▪ 6-9 pm ▪ Cost \$12 – Rental equipment available for \$16 ▪ Smores & Hot Chocolate ▪ Registration: [Solitude Nordic Nights | January 20 | Solitude Mountain Resort](#) Future Nordic Nights are scheduled for March 9 and 23.
- February at Solitude: Chocolate Festival, Valentines Treasure Hunt, Movies at Moonbeam, Nordic Nights, Live Music, Alphorn Concert, Torchlight Parade & Fireworks (Saturday, Feb 17 from 3-7 pm).
Check out the fun: [Events at Solitude Mountain Resort](#)



MEETINGS AROUND TOWN

Brighton Town Council

Second Tuesday of each 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

Second Monday of each 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

Second Monday of each month – 7 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

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

Big Cottonwood Historical Society Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month 10:00 am – Fire Station #108

Brighton Planning Commission Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month – 6:00 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

RESOURCES

Big Cottonwood Historical Society

Check out stories about Big Cottonwood: [Historical Society — BRIGHTON INSTITUTE](#). If you have pictures, stories, or documents, let us know! Join in the adventure to discover and share canyon history!

Environmental Dashboard

The Central Wasatch Commission's Environmental Dashboard has some great information about our canyon. Access the Environmental Dashboard at this link: [CWC Environmental Dashboard \(utah.gov\)](#)

