



## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- May 8** ▪ Vigor Half Marathon ▪ 6 am-9 am ▪ Watch for rolling lane closures and slow traffic ▪ 400 participants ▪ Staging at Solitude - ending in Cottonwood Heights Mill Rock Building 1.
- MAY 10** ▪ BCCA Meeting ▪ 7PM ▪ Zoom  
Zoom Link, Agenda, and Meeting Packet: <http://www.bigcottonwood.org/bcca.html>
- MAY 11** ▪ Brighton Town Council Meeting ▪ 6:30 PM ▪ Zoom  
Zoom Link, Agenda, and Meeting Packet: <https://www.brighton.utah.gov/meetings>
- JUNE 1-7** ▪ Deadline to file as a Candidate for Brighton Town Council. More info at this link:  
<https://www.brighton.utah.gov/towncouncil/page/municipal-general-election>
- JUNE 6** ▪ Big Cottonwood Canyon Flea Market ▪ Sundays ▪ 10 am- 5 pm ▪ <https://www.bccflea.com/>
- JUNE 18** ▪ Summer at Solitude begins: Saturday Yoga (9-10 am - \$5), Sunday Concerts (4-6 pm-free), Thursday Outdoor Movies (sunset-free), lift rides, rental bikes, disc golf. Watch for updates.
- JUNE 28** ▪ Camp Brighton for kids begins. <https://brightonresort.com/camps>
- JULY 3** ▪ Third of July Breakfast and Parade ▪ 8-10 am Breakfast ▪ 10:30 Parade
- JULY 10-11** ▪ Wasatch Wildflower Festival ▪ Brighton (July 10) ▪ Solitude (July 11)
- JULY 26** ▪ Chipper Days Begin ▪ There's still time to plan a family landscape party to get ready!  
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# BRIGHTON FAMILY BREAKFAST & PARADE

## Saturday, July 3, 2021

8-10 am

### OUTDOOR BREAKFAST AT MILLY CHALET

Menu: Breakfast Burrito, milk, chocolate milk, juice, or coffee  
Cost: \$5

10:15 am

UPD closes vehicle access to Brighton Loop  
Parade Participants gather in **Brighton Chapel Parking Lot**

10:30 am

Parade begins – one time 'round the Loop. Meet back at Chapel Parking Lot

- UPD sirens lead (please NO candy throws-due to excitable kids in road)
- UFA after UPD (please NO candy throws-due to jumpy kids in road)
- UDOT after UFA (please NO candy throws-due to darting kids in road)
- Family Floats & Cars (please NO candy throws-bubbles OK)
- Cyclists follow Floats & Cars
- Walkers follow Cyclists (YES! Candy throws & jumping kids encouraged!)



*Wave, be generous, smile, enjoy greeting your fans!*



*Come Rain or Come Shine...the Tradition Continues!*

## BRIGHTON EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE

To sign up for your Town of Brighton's warning system contact the Emergency Management Planner, Jane Martain. To make updates on contact information: [janemartain@brighton.utah.gov](mailto:janemartain@brighton.utah.gov), 801-554-1007.

Emergency Meeting places by area are set as follows:

**Brighton Center** – Wasatch Mountain Club, Brighton Girl's Camp, Brighton Teams

**Fire Station #108** – Forest Glen, Brighton Teams in Evergreen, Lady of the Lake, and Camp Tuttle

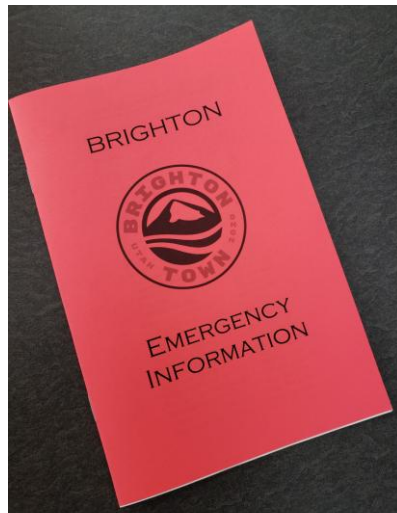
**Solitude Moonbeam Parking Area** – Solitude Teams

**Silver Fork Lodge** – Silver Fork Teams, Pine Tree Teams

**Cardiff Parking Area** – Cardiff Fork Teams, Mount Haven Teams, Mill D Team, Laurel Pines Team

**Infinite Mind Building (Maxfield Lodge)** – Maxfield Team, Sam McNutt Team

Our Neighborhood Teams will be distributing Emergency Information Booklets starting in May. Use your Emergency Information Booklet to see what supplies, documents, and materials you should have ready in case you are asked to shelter-in-place or evacuate. Ask your neighborhood Emergency Operations Team Member for your booklet!



The Canyon Resident passes from this year will expire at the end of this year. We have made new passes that will not have an expiration date and will be embossed with the Town of Brighton stamp. Two of these passes are with your Emergency Information Booklet.

If you need more passes contact [janemartain@brighton.utah.gov](mailto:janemartain@brighton.utah.gov) 801-554-1007.

Sign up for our Brighton community email list. You will be sent local updates.

<https://www.brighton.utah.gov/community/page/stay-informed-signing-our-resident-email-list>

Follow the Town of Brighton on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Brighton-Utah-797276423997839/>

<https://twitter.com/UDOTcottonwoods>



THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON WILL HOLD A  
MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

## Candidates must file for this general election between June 1-7, 2021

### Municipal offices to be voted on:

Mayor—4 year term

Two Town Council Members—4 year term each

(Council Members up for election are Carolyn Keigley and Keith Zuspan)

For more information: <https://www.brighton.utah.gov/towncouncil/page/municipal-general-election>

## HOMEGROWN AUTHOR SAM WITTKE PUBLISHES HIS FIRST BOOK

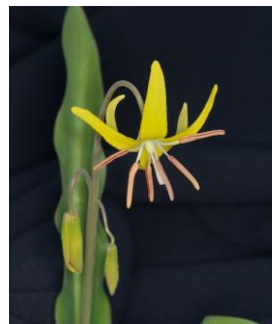


Sam Wittke grew up in Big Cottonwood Canyon, snowboarding and working at Brighton Ski Resort as one of the pioneer terrain park creators. His love of writing led him to the University of Utah where he studied literature and film, earning a degree in English. He's been an ardent lifelong fan of Big Cottonwood Canyon and everything in it.

*The Best Guess: Asking Life's Big Questions in an Age of Unlimited Answers* is his first published work. It challenges readers to think through the obstacles of keeping Christian faith relevant in this modern day. Wittke says he hopes this book will help readers begin their own search to understand that God's word is still the most sensible basis for interpreting reality. He urges readers to engage with scripture and recognize its reassuring authority. The book is now available on Amazon, Westbow Press, and Barnes and Noble.

## RING IN THE SPRING

Wildflowers show that spring is on the way. Glacier Lilies bloom just below the line of melting snow in the Brighton bowl area. Animals often forage on the tasty bulbs. Also watch for Mountain Bluebells that are among the first wave of wildflowers to ring in the spring.







## TRAILER RENTALS AND RESERVATIONS

**Free Trailer Rental.** Big Cottonwood Canyon residents are allowed one free trailer reservation each year, as part of your services. Reservations can be made as the trailers are available. Reserve your trailer early to ensure you can reserve on the date you want.

<https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/rent-a-trailer-online/>

Additional trailers may be rented for an additional fee: additional bulk trailers are available for \$175, and additional green waste trailers are available for \$45. There are additional disposal fees for mattresses (\$15 each piece), refrigerators (\$12 each), and tires (\$3 each).



**“Recycle Right” Web Tool.** WFWRD has a web-based recycle look-up tool: Recycle Right. This tool allows you to look up almost any material or item and find where to dispose of it, recycle it, or how to best get rid of it. Can't find the item you are looking for? Make sure to suggest it as a new item and we will look into it! The Recycle Right tool can be found on our recycling webpage:

<https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/recycling>.

**MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT.** Eliminating the threat of West Nile Virus is the focus for employees of the Mosquito Abatement District. As spring arrives, you may notice them patrolling our community lakes. You can help too. Small efforts around your home can significantly reduce mosquitoes! Start by looking around your yard and eliminating any standing water. Even a mere tablespoon of water can produce many mosquitoes.



- Clean clogged rain gutters
- Clean bird baths weekly
- Remove old tires, any way they lay, they collect water
- Check for sags in tarps and drain
- Dump extra water in pots
- Keep kids toys put away, drain any water
- Drain wheelbarrows and store upright or inside
- Check that water drains properly in the bottom of any window wells, debris on top of rocks can prevent proper drainage
- Sweep puddles on uneven cement or decks so they dry faster. Eliminate future puddles by filling low spots

For more info: District Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/sslvmad>

District YouTube Channel – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqw4dZmuMuPluAq4erAsujg>

District Website - <https://sslvmad.org/>

*Tales of the Wasatch presented by the Big Cottonwood Canyon Historical Society*

**PROOF THAT DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER!**

Scientists had thought for some time that the Earth's rotation on its axis was slowing down because of tidal-forces caused by our moon. But the first ground-tested proof came from Big Cottonwood Canyon! Several University of Utah grad students were conducting research on the 800-million year-old tidal sediment wall adjacent to the big bridge at Storm Mountain. They identified a series of green and gray shale representing annual floods when the water would inundate the tidal basin. Between the flood deposits were black and purple shale beds deposited by the twice-daily rise and fall of the tides.

When they counted the number of tidal rises and falls in the rock record (similar to counting the rings on a tree stump), they determined that 800 million years ago, there were slightly over 400 days in a year. So, as the Earth was rotating around the Sun, it was rotating over 400 times on its axis (instead of 365 times as we have now). That made each day shorter than 24 hours.

This quickly became a world-famous study that proved a long-time scientific theory. And it all took place right here in Big Cottonwood Canyon!

This picture was taken by pioneer photographer Timothy O'Sullivan in 1869. The location is just around the corner from where students proved that Earth's days are getting longer. Photo courtesy of the Utah State Historical Society.



People often ask if the Wasatch is in the Rocky Mountain Range. Actually, Big Cottonwood Canyon IS in the Rocky Mountain Range. However, most of Salt Lake Valley to the west is in the Basin and Range Province. The dividing line is the Wasatch Fault at the mouth of the canyon. The Basin and Range Province is very gradually moving away from the Rockies and westward toward Reno by about ¼ inch per year, due to several minor earthquakes each year. We are all part of a work in progress.

*From Geology Lectures by Rodger Fry at the Brighton Institute at Solitude Mountain Resort*

# HOW TO STAY SAFE

## WHEN A WILDFIRE THREATENS



**Sign up for your community's warning system.** The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

**Know your community's evacuation routes** and find several ways to leave the area. Drive the evacuation routes and find shelter locations. Have a plan for pets and livestock.

**Gather emergency supplies, including N95 respirator masks** that filter out particles in the air you breathe. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.

**Keep important documents** in a fireproof safe. Create password-protected digital copies.

**Use fire-resistant materials to build, renovate, or make repairs.**

**Find an outdoor water source with a hose** that can reach any area of your property.

**Create a fire-resistant zone** that is free of leaves, debris, or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.

**Review insurance coverage** to make sure it is enough to replace your property.



**Evacuate.** Leave immediately if authorities tell you to do so.

**If trapped, call 911** and give your location, but be aware that emergency response could be delayed or impossible. Turn on lights to help people find you.

**Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems** for current emergency information and instructions.

**Use an N95 mask** to keep particles out of the air you breathe.



**Listen to authorities** to find out if it is safe to return and whether water is safe to drink.

**Avoid hot ash, charred trees, smoldering debris, and live embers.** The ground may contain heat pockets that can burn you or spark another fire. Consider the danger to pets and livestock walking the ground.

**Send text messages or use social media** to reach out to family and friends. Phone systems are often busy following a disaster. Make calls only in emergencies.

**Document property damage with photographs.** Conduct an inventory and contact your insurance company for assistance.

### Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **Ready.gov** and search for **wildfire**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **wildfire**.







# BE PREPARED FOR A WILDFIRE



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**Wildfires can ruin homes and cause injuries or death to people and animals.**

A wildfire is an unplanned fire that burns in a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or prairie.



Often caused by humans or lightning.



Can cause flooding or create problems with transportation, gas, power, and communications.



Can damage your property. Set up defense zones to protect your home.



Can happen anywhere, anytime. Risk increases with little rain and high winds.

## IF YOU ARE UNDER A WILDFIRE WARNING, GET TO SAFETY RIGHT AWAY

Leave if told to do so.



Listen for emergency information and alerts.

If trapped, call 911.



Use an N95 mask to keep particles out of the air you breathe.