



TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS JULY 2023



In summer, Nature smiles with Wildflowers. ~ Unknown

Come Rain or Come Shine...the Tradition Continues! Brighton Breakfast and Parade



BREAKFAST AT THE MILLY

8:00 - 10:30 am

Breakfast Burrito & Beverage \$10
Yogurt Parfait with Fresh Fruit & Granola \$6
Fresh Fruit Cup with lemon-thyme Vinaigrette \$5

PARADE

10:30 am

Gather near the Brighton Chapel at 10:15 am for One Time 'Round the Loop.

GROUPS Vehicles and Floats go first, Bicycles second, Walkers & Wagons go third. Because the Parade has grown so big, participants should stay within their group for safety reasons.

CANDY POLICY Please no candy throws from vehicles due to safety concerns for excitable kids darting into the road. Instead, ADULT WALKERS at the sides of the vehicle can hand out candy and watch for child safety along the way. Walkers and Wagons can distribute candy any way they like.



Brighton Heritage Day & Wasatch Wildflower Festival

July 8 ▪ 9 am-2 pm ▪ Brighton Center

July 9 ▪ 9 am – 2pm ▪ Village Plaza

On Saturday, July 8 there will be Wildflower Tours, craft and history booths, music, food, and nature booths. Hogle Zoo, Tracy Aviary, Hawk Watch, and Discovery Gateway Children's Museum are among the exhibitors. Then on Sunday July 9, the Festival moves to Solitude Resort where arts and music are featured. The events are sponsored by the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation and the Brighton Institute to promote stewardship and appreciation for Big Cottonwood Canyon.

YOU'RE INVITED

INTERNET OPEN HOUSE!

DATE Wednesday, July 12, 2023

TIME 6:30-8:30 pm

PLACE Brighton Chapel on the Loop

Here's our chance to share opinions about broadband fiber access in Brighton as we review the first draft of Brighton's Broadband Plan with MSD planners. High-speed internet is no longer considered a luxury. It has become as important as any other utility that brings quality of life into our homes.

Last year, 146 homeowners took the Internet Speed Test. Results showed that 77% of the locations classify as *unserved* (download speeds below 25 Mbps). Around 20% of the locations classify as *underserved* (download speeds below 100 Mbps). This Broadband Plan is a big step forward for the Town of Brighton. You're invited to participate and make your wishes known.



NO FIREWORKS IN THE CANYON

For years, Salt Lake County has banned fireworks east of Wasatch Blvd. The Town of Brighton joined that effort to prevent wildfires and does not allow fireworks anywhere within the town limits. However, there are places outside the canyon where you can celebrate and be amazed by summer fireworks, including:

July 1	Stadium of Fire at Lavell Edwards Stadium, Provo
July 3 & 4	Park City Mountain Village, Salt Lake Bees Stadium
July 4	Riverton City Park, The Gateway-downtown SLC, West Jordan Memorial Park, Murray City Park, Magna Copper Park, Salt Lake Bees Stadium
July 14 & 15	Draper City Park
July 24	Taylorsville Regional Park, University Place, Orem
July 29	Butler Park, Cottonwood Heights
August 5	Midvale City Park

There are also several Fireworks Nights at the Salt Lake Bees Baseball Stadium on July 4, July 21, July 22, July 23, August 4, August 19, September 8, and September 22.



LIVING IN BEAR COUNTRY

There have been several bear sightings recently in Brighton (Pinetree, Silver Fork). As with other large wildlife that frequent our area...moose, deer, coyotes, etc., we hope that any bear will be given the distance and respect that is necessary. Feeding or chasing the bear will cause problems in the future, possibly requiring its relocation or destruction.

Please remind children about safety procedures. One of the best comes naturally for children - make lots of noise when you are in the forest! And for adults, be sure to keep all trash inside. For those with bird feeders, it would be best to keep them in high places where a bear cannot reach them.

Here are a few bear facts:

1. Once a bear finds food, that food source location is passed to three generations of their offspring.
2. Once a bear finds food, the bear will return to that location even if the bear is transported by DWR to a distant canyon.
3. Some bears can get so used to human food and garbage that they know how to twist open peanut butter jars and even know how to open car doors. Residents in those areas have to keep their lower windows closed at home because bears know how easy it is to push open a screen

4. The National Park Service says anyone coming face-to-face with a bear is advised to “move away slowly and sideways; this allows you to keep an eye on the bear and avoid tripping. Moving sideways is also non-threatening to bears.”

If you encounter a bear:

- Stay calm. If the bear sees you, talk in a low, calm voice.
- Move away sideways slowly. Never turn your back on a bear, or run.
- Do not stare.
- Give it space.
- Do not run!
- Use your bear spray if it approaches.



WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECT

Rocky Mountain Power has resumed construction in Big Cottonwood Canyon to mitigate wildfire threats along State Road 190. This project is replacing segments of overhead power lines with underground conduit and upgrading other existing overhead systems to withstand weather and environmental conditions to help prevent wildfires. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of October 2023. For questions about this \$22 Million project, visit [RMP Wildfire Mitigation Project](#).



FOREST RANGER JOBS AVAILABLE!

The Salt Lake Ranger District is hiring permanent, year-round recreation employees! If you know motivated people interested in working outside, tell them to apply to [this announcement link](#) and choose Salt Lake City as a duty location. Deadline for applications is July 3, 2023!

For questions about the positions or about how to apply, call or email Bekee Hotze, (801) 733-2675 or rebecca.hotze@usda.gov. The positions are GS-5, GS-6, and GS-7, and have full benefits. Employees will work in the following programs: Interpretive Ranger, Developed Recreation, and Customer Service

Thanks for spreading the word!



CHIPPER DAYS BEGIN JULY 31

INFORMATION WE NEED FROM YOU

- Name
- Phone Number
- Where is your wood stack (address)?
- Do you want your chips **scattered** or **piled**?
- How many hours did you spend clearing wood?

DO YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING?

I give my permission for the Chipper Crew to come onto my property and chip the wood stack near my driveway. I will not hold them responsible for unintended damages to my property.

SEND YOUR ANSWERS TO: janemartain@brighton.utah.gov

REQUIREMENTS FOR WOOD STACKS

- Stack larger cut-end of branches close to the road or driveway, smaller ends toward the back. This is safer for the crew and saves time untangling branches to feed into the chipper.
- No limbs over 6 inches in diameter.
- No construction wood, nails, foreign objects

CHIPPER DAYS BEGIN JULY 31: You don't have to be on-site, and it's all free (providing you have sent in your hours...see above). Sometimes the Chipper Crew can't start on July 31 because they might be out on wildfire duty, but they will be here as soon as they can.



BRIGHTON BUILDING CODE UPDATE

MSD Planners and the Brighton Planning Commission have been working on a comprehensive update to the Brighton Building Code. An Open House is planned for public comment in August. Please come to share your thoughts (frustrations?) with the building requirements.

DATE: Thursday, August 17, 2023

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Brighton Chapel on the Loop



ICE CREAM & CANDIDATES TOWN HALL

Come meet the candidates who are running for Brighton Town Council, including: Adrienne Aldous, Jeffery S. Bossard, Lise Sorensen Brunhart, Gavin Ganung, and Heidi Westfall

Two Council members will be elected in the General Election in November. Mayor Knopp and Council members Carolyn Keigley and Keith Zuspan are not up for election this year. They will continue to serve on the Town Council for two more years.

DATE: Sunday, July 30 2023

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Fire Station #108

ELECTION TIMELINE

August 15	Primary Ballots Mailed to Voters
September 5	Primary Election
September 18	Last day to file as a Write-In Candidate (name will not appear on ballot)
September 18	Last day to withdraw (name will not appear on General Election ballot)
October 31	General Election Ballots Mailed to Voters
November 21	General Election



SOLITUDE TOWNHALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

On June 22, 2023 Amber Broadway, Solitude Mountain Resort's General Manager, presented the Annual Report to the community. She also previewed summer and winter plans. These are highlights from her excellent report.

MOUNTAIN STATISTICS

- 816 inches of snow, the snowiest season on record
- 192 days, the longest season ever
- 137 days for Nordic Center, the longest Nordic season in Utah
- 87 days with 8:00 am lifts, the earliest lifts in Utah
- 10 November, earliest opening date in ten years

- 21 May, latest closing date ever

SUMMER EVENTS

- Adventure Park moved to Moonbeam area
- New bounce house and mining sluice
- Coca-Cola Red Wagon Food Truck at Moonbeam area
- Village General Store open daily 8 am-8 pm
- New fleet of Trek Mountain Bikes to rent
- Summer Adventure Camps for children 5-12 years old
- Snowsports Building bathrooms open 24/7
- Thursday Sunset Cinema at Moonbeam – 8 pm
- Saturday Outdoor Yoga at 10 am
- Geology Hikes at 9 & 10 am-selected dates-see website
- Sunday Afternoon Live Music Concerts at 5 pm
- Annual Father's Day Big Cottonwood Brew Fest
- Wasatch Wildflower Festival on July 9 from 9 am – 2 pm
- Annual Summer Fest on August 4 – Everyone invited
- Beehive Cornhole Classic on August 26
- Highlands Game Festival on September 2 – 3
- Big Cottonwood Winter Welcome on October 1

PROJECTS FOR WINTER SEASON

- Installed first Wyssen Tower, a remote-controlled avalanche-control artillery launcher
- 3 more Wyssen Towers to be installed along Fantasy Ridge
- Eagle Lift replacement (in progress)
- Gravity Logic Mountain Bike Park construction (begins July 1)
- Snowmaking system upgrades (in progress)
- Implement parking reservation system Friday-Sunday and holidays
- Offer free parking after 1:00 pm
- Full Day Ski & Ride Program for 4-6 year-olds
- New Solitude App
- Moonbeam Village Shuttle
- Open Honeycomb Grill for Lunch
- Open St. Bernard's for dinner nightly in winter
- New Mein Street Noodle Bar
- Install Recycling Receptacles
- Launch Solitude Carpool app
- Install EV chargers in Village lot
- Music systems for three lodges
- Add full day programming for 3-4 year-olds
- Improve Roundhouse wedding transportation road
- Inn at Solitude enhancements

GOALS

- Become more involved in the Town of Brighton
- Bring Solitude to the Salt Lake Valley
- Future home of the 4-day work week
- Remain committed to canyon parking and transportation solutions

- Deepen efforts to become carbon neutral
- Open Signature Terrain faster
- Replace Link Lift, then Sunrise Lift, then Powderhorn Lift
- Regrade Trails: Same Street, Easy Street, and Little Dolly
- Install new Magic Carpets
- Improve base area travel connectivity
- Improve Bus Drop-off

UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES OF SOLITUDE

- Youthful, laid back, and friendly
- Right size – Big mountain fun, Small mountain feel
- Close to Salt Lake City with reliable winter access



CABIN ADDRESS SIGNS

The Salt Lake County Sign Shop has been making home address signs for over 10 years. They're regulation-sized numbers (4" high), reflective, fireproof, made of durable light-weight metal, size 24" x 6". They can be ordered in horizontal or vertical format. The price this year is \$31.35. If you would like to order one, check out this link: [Sign up for an Address Sign](#)

SANDBAG DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Free drop-off locations for sandbags can be found at [Sandbag Disposal Locations/Dates Announced - Newsroom | SLCo](#) These locations will be open until July 15.

Residents who want sand (to use in gardens, landscaping projects, etc.) are welcome to pick up as much free sand from the locations as they would like. More information about disposal and safe reuse options can be found at slco.to/reuse.



SUMMER EVENTS IN BRIGHTON

JULY 4 | Annual 4th of July Breakfast & Parade ▪ Breakfast from 8-10:30 ▪ Parade at 10:30

JULY 8 | Brighton Day & Wildflower Festival ▪ 9 am – 2 pm ▪ Brighton Center

JULY 9 | Wildflower Festival ▪ 9 am – 2 pm ▪ Solitude Village Green

JULY 12 | Broadband Infrastructure Open House ▪ 6:30 pm ▪ Brighton Chapel on the Loop

JULY 30 | Ice Cream & Candidates ▪ 6:30 pm ▪ Fire Station #108

AUGUST 17 | Building Code Update ▪ 6:30 pm ▪ Brighton Chapel on the Loop

JULY 31 | Chipper Days Begin ▪ [Sign up for Chipper Days Here](#)

SEPTEMBER 9 | Revel Marathon ▪ 6 am – 10 am ▪ Highway 190

MEETINGS AROUND TOWN

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 (No meetings in July or December)

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

3rd Wednesday of the Month – 6:00 pm – Fire Station #108 or virtually at

<https://slco.webex.com/meet/wgurr> Meetings | Brighton Utah

RESOURCES

Environmental Dashboard

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