



## TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS

JULY 2024



Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling.

~ Margaret Lee Runbeck.

### NO BURN RESTRICTION STAGE 1

The Town Council put a NO BURN-STAGE ONE restriction into effect from July-September due to extremely dry conditions. This means:

- No campfires except in permanent fire pits at private homes with running water present.
- No campfires or open fires of any kind on private vacant lots.
- No smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- No operating chainsaws, motorcycles, or ATVs without a working spark arrestor.
- Outdoor grills are OK with proper clearance of flammable materials.
- Fireworks in the canyon are always prohibited.
- Campfires in Short-Term-Rentals are always prohibited, unless by actual owner.

## ROLLING LANE CLOSURES FOR BCC HIGHWAY 190

Beginning Monday, July 8, temporary traffic control devices and pilot cars will be in operation between MP 4 and MP 4.5 (Torpedo Hill and Stairs Gulch) as crews begin bridge work. The road will be partially open with pilot cars assisting traffic during construction and repaving.

Drivers can expect up to 15-minute delays and should plan ahead when traveling through the canyon.

Roadside parking between MP 4.5 and MP 8 (Stairs Gulch and Rock House) will be prohibited for up to two weeks as crews prepare the road for paving.

### What to Expect

- Daytime work, occasional night work as needed
- Temporary parking lot closures during paving operations
- Potential noise, dust, vibration, and plates on the road
- Increased traffic within the canyon
- One-way, alternating traffic controlled by temporary traffic signals and pilot cars
- All traffic, including bicyclists, are required to obey traffic operations

For more information call the UDOT hotline at 385-446-6800.

## TWIN LAKES TO BE DRAINED BY JULY 15

Salt Lake City Public Utilities Department (SLCPUD) will begin repair work on the control gate at Twin Lakes Reservoir. The project requires that Twin Lakes Reservoir be drained by July 15, 2024. There will be increased vehicle traffic to the dam on the access road, which runs from Brighton Resort to the Dam. The trail to Catherine Pass will remain open. Some areas may not be available for public access at all times. Construction is planned for July, August, and September, 2024. Safety is the top priority for SLCPUD, so please help by staying clear of construction equipment and work areas. If you see any trespassing in construction areas, please notify UPD at (801) 743-7000

Contact Information. Please contact SLCPUD directly with any questions or concerns:

Storage Reservoir Program Manager: Bernard Mo (P: 801-483-6835 | E: [Bernard.Mo@SLCGov.com](mailto:Bernard.Mo@SLCGov.com))

SLCDPU Public Engagement PIO: 801-483-6757 | E: [SLCDPUEngagement@SLCGov.com](mailto:SLCDPUEngagement@SLCGov.com)

Salt Lake City's Department of Public Utilities 24-Hour Dispatch P: 801-483-6700 Salt Lake City

## ALL ON-MOUNTAIN EVENTS **CLOSED** AT SOLITUDE JULY 18-21

All on-mountain events at Solitude will be closed from July 18 to July 21 because of the Total Archery Challenge. Solitude is working closely with the Forest Service to ensure a safe and successful event for the community. The town should be prepared for increased crowds and vehicles during this timeframe because it is an exciting and popular event.

For questions: Sarah Bekken: [s.bekken@solitudemountain.com](mailto:s.bekken@solitudemountain.com).

For info on Total Archery Challenge: <https://totalarcherychallenge.com/events/salt-lake-city-ut/>



## HOUSING SIZE OPEN HOUSE

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Brighton's Town Council adopted *Section 19.24.050 A. Gross Square Feet of the Combined Primary and Accessory Structures*. The maximum gross square feet of the combined primary and accessory structures on a property shall be five thousand square feet (5,000 sq. ft.).

Based on Public Input, the Town Council is open to considering amendments to this standard, taking into consideration unique character areas. Before moving forward, the Council would like to seek public contribution on this topic. Please come to the Open House to provide your input:

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 31, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**PLACE:** LDS Chapel located at [8171 S Brighton Loop Rd, Brighton Utah](https://www.brightonutah.com/8171-S-Brighton-Loop-Rd).

**2024 WASATCH WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL & Brighton Days 2024**

**Brighton**  
July 13  
Brighton Ski Resort

**Solitude**  
July 14  
Solitude Mountain Resort

celebrating jointly with Brighton Days

Offering free guided and self-guided wildflower walks and educational booths.  
Free registration at [cottonwoodcanyons.org/wwf24](https://cottonwoodcanyons.org/wwf24)

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## BRIGHTON DAYS AND WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL

The popular Wildflower Festival and Brighton Days are being held jointly in a tribute to the Nature and History of Big Cottonwood Canyon. On Saturday, July 13, there will be Wildflower Tours, craft and history booths, music, food, and nature booths. Exhibits include Hawk Watch, Discovery Gateway Children's Museum, and Tracy Aviary. On Sunday July 14, the Festival will move to Solitude Resort where arts and music are featured. The events are sponsored by the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation and the Brighton Institute. Here are the details:

**SATURDAY, JULY 13 BRIGHTON RESORT 9 am until 2 pm**

*Food will be available for purchase at the Blind Miner's Coffee Shop at the Brighton Center*

**SUNDAY, JULY 14 SOLITUDE RESORT 9 am until 2 pm**

*Food will be available for purchase at the Stone Haus Pizzeria and Creamery*



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS

The law enforcement split mandated by the Utah Legislature between the County Sheriff's Office and the Unified Police is finally complete. We now have a new team of officers working for the Town of Brighton. The local town office is at Fire Station #108. Sergeant Ed Twohill is the lead officer with Detective Anna Walker serving as our community liaison. Residents are invited to stop in for an informal meet and chat with Sgt Twohill. He is eager to meet us, and will answer any questions we have.

**DATE:** Sunday, July 28, 2024

**TIME:** 5-7 pm

**PLACE:** Fire Station #108



## STATE OF SOLITUDE

**As you Wanna Be!** That's the slogan Solitude is using to focus on a quality guest experience. They will encourage guests and employees to come as they are and enjoy the activities and beauty that Solitude has to offer. The Annual State of Solitude public meeting was held June 19 at the Moonbeam Lodge. Various Directors offered the audience some of the Hits & Misses of last season's operations.

### THE HITS

**Events.** Solitude employees sponsored many enjoyable activities for guests and locals, including a torchlight parade, fireworks, Chocolate Lovers Fest, Pond Skim, Beach Party, Free Sunday Concerts, Outdoor Yoga, Geology Hikes, Frisby Golf, Mountain Cycling Program, and Summer Sunset Cinema.

**Military Honors.** Season passes for active military members are \$149, with all proceeds going to the High Fivers Foundation, a charitable organization that provides relief for injured military veterans.

**Solitude Fund.** This fund provides funding assistance for locals and employees who need a bridge to help and healing during life's challenges. Applications are available at the office.

**Transit.** Free UTA passes are provided for all Ikon Passholders.

**Village Store.** Basic groceries are available to guests and locals. Let them know what products you would like them to carry.

### THE MISSES

**Parking Fees.** Adjustments had to be made in the parking fee structure as the season progressed. The parking fees help pay for the UTA Ski Bus, the Employee Van Pool, and the Reservation System Administration. Parking fees will continue in the coming year, but flexibility is needed in the early season and at times during the spring.

**Lodging.** Solitude has engaged a new company called Net Promoters Satisfaction Loyalty Program to assist with lodging management. It will streamline the reservation experience.

### **THE SOLITUDE SUMMER**

**Construction.** No new building construction is planned for the coming year, however, there will be a lot of work and refinements on the bicycle trail system.

**M-Th Breakfast Discounts for Locals.** Solitude is offering a Half-Price Breakfast for locals at St. Bernard's, Monday-Thursday.

**M-Th Lunch Discounts for Locals.** Grab a Buy-One-Get-One-Half-Off Lunch at Honeycomb Grill for locals, Monday-Thursday.

**Fri-Sun Spa Discounts for Locals.** Solitude Mountain Spa is offering Brighton residents 25% off treatments Friday through Sundays for the summer season (through October 6th). Call the Spa to book 801-535-4137

For all discounts, an ID with a Brighton address is needed.

### **THE SOLITUDE SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS**

**July 6 Weed Pull** - Weed pulling for a healthier watershed!

Free registration at [link](#), choose "Plant Stewardship Volunteer"

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm Meet in the Upper Parking Lot

**July 9 Trail Stewardship** - Trail work for a sustainably trail system!

Free registration at [link](#), choose "Trail Crew Volunteer"

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm Meet in the Moonbeam Parking Lot

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**Aug 1 Solitude Weed Pull** - Weed pulling for a healthier watershed!

Free registration at [link](#), choose "Plant Stewardship Volunteer"

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm Meet in the SRL Parking Lot

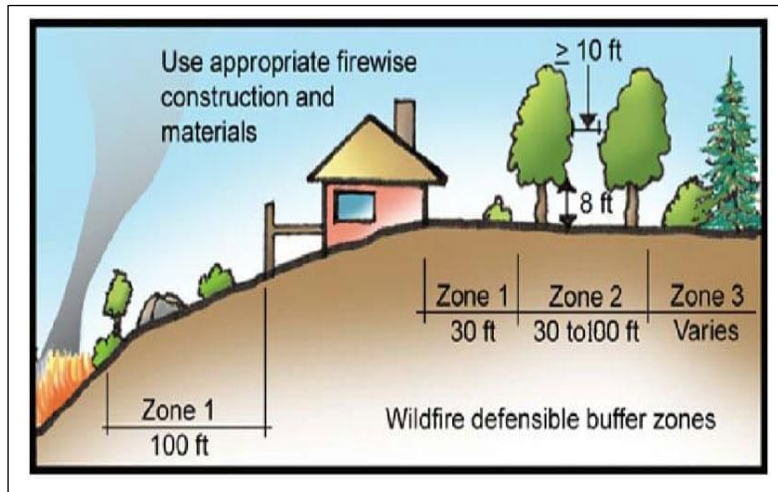
**Sep 7 Solitude Weed Pull** - Weed pulling for a healthier watershed!

Free registration at [link](#), choose "Plant Stewardship Volunteer"

Time 9:00am - 1:00pm Meet in the SRL Parking Lot

Everyone is welcome at Solitude, visitors and locals alike.

Come On Up...Just As You Wanna Be!



## CHIPPER DAYS BEGIN JULY 29

Each year since 2008, UFA and Utah Forests Fire & State Lands have spent thousands of dollars in Big Cottonwood Canyon to encourage homeowners to create Defensible Space around their homes and neighborhoods. The service is free and we have had a great response from homeowners. UFA asks that we keep track of the hours spent clearing wood and brush because we use those hours as in-kind match for the next year's Chipper Days grant. Our homeowners make the neighborhood safer, and protect all homes in the area. Don't forget that Chipper Days begin on July 29. [Sign up for Chipper Days](#)



## GLASS RECYCLING

Glass is 100% recyclable! If you recycle one glass bottle, it saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours, power a computer for 30 minutes, or a television for 20 minutes. Whitmore Library has a Glass Recycle Bin in the parking lot.

## TRAILER RENTAL PROGRAM

WFWRD (Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District) offers a one-time free trailer reservation for Brighton residents. They have both bulk trailers and green waste trailers that you can reserve to help with your household clean-up tasks.

These trailers are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. You can reserve your trailer online a <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org>. or call to make your reservation (385) 468-6325.



## SUMMER EVENTS

### Music Concerts

- Sundays at Solitude Resort - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Solitude Village Green -Free-
- Saturdays & Sundays at Brighton Resort – Free – BBQ available for sale

**Sunset Cinema** ▪ Thursday nights, July – September ▪ Moonbeam Center at Solitude Resort  
**Outdoor Yoga** ▪ Solitude Resort 10:00-11:00 a.m. Village Green – Free -

**Flea Market** ▪ Sundays-June to Sept -10 am-5 pm – Brighton or Solitude-Check website: BCC Flea Market

**Cooking in the Cottonwoods** ▪ Wednesdays ▪ 6:30 pm ▪ Milly Chalet ▪ Reserve at: Cooking Classes

**Sunday Brunch at Milly Chalet** ▪ Sundays ▪ 10:30 am – 2 pm ▪ Reservations at: Milly Brunch

### Brighton Days & Wasatch Wildflower Festival

- July 13 ▪ 9 am-2 pm ▪ Brighton Center
  - July 14 ▪ 9 am – 2pm ▪ Village Plaza at Solitude
- For more information visit: [Wasatch Wildflower Festival](#)



**Trail Run** ▪ July 14 ▪ Big Cottonwood Canyon Classic ▪ 7 am ▪ Meet at Alpine Rose Lodge ▪ 9.5 mi ▪  
For more information visit: [Big Cottonwood Canyon Classic](#)

**Open Mike Night** ▪ July 18 ▪ Thirsty Squirrel at Solitude ▪ 5:30-8:30 pm

**Total Archery Competition** ▪ July 18-21 ▪ Solitude Mountain Resort ▪ Trails closed for safety.

**Chipper Days begin July 29** ▪ To sign up visit: [Chipper Days in Big Cottonwood](#)

**Kids' Day at Solitude** ▪ August 4 - Noon to 4 pm – Crafts, music, games – Village Green

**Revel Marathon** ▪ September 14 ▪ 6-11 am – Rolling-lane closures, slow traffic

**Open Mike Night** ▪ Sept 19 ▪ Thirsty Squirrel at Solitude ▪ 5:30-8:30 pm

**UFA Pancake Breakfast** ▪ September 21 ▪ Fire Station #108

## MEETINGS IN TOWN

### Brighton Town Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – 6:30 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

OR [www.utah.gov/pmn](http://www.utah.gov/pmn) (You can subscribe to this website to receive automatic notifications.)

### Brighton Institute Meeting (No meetings in July or December)

2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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/>

## GLORIOUS FOURTH

Thanks to all who participated in the Brighton Breakfast & Parade! Perfect weather, spirited crowd, fond memories. Here's a brief review.



