



TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS

AUGUST 2023



Photo by Maridene Alexander

BRIGHTON DAYS VISITOR

This magnificent Great Horned Owl came to the Wasatch Wildflower Festival on Brighton Days courtesy of Hawk Watch. Crowds gathered to see several rescued raptors as part of Hawk Watch's outreach to promote stewardship and appreciation of wildlife in Big Cottonwood Canyon. A record-breaking 1,349 people attended the event sponsored by Cottonwood Canyons Foundation and The Brighton Institute. Here is a link to NPR's radio interview about the event: <http://bit.ly/3pIwBAX>

Did you know that owls don't actually have eyeballs? Instead they have eye tubes from their brain, which means their eyes are fixed in place. That's why they have to turn their heads so far around to see.

Advice from an Owl: ▪ Stay focused ▪ Be whoo you are ▪ Trust in a wise friend ▪ Glide through the dark times ▪ Be observant because sometimes life is a hoot! ~ Ilan Shamir



BRIGHTON ELECTIONS

Thanks to our candidates for stepping up at the Ice Cream & Candidates Town Hall Meeting. Each one was a star! Adrienne Aldous, Jeffery S. Bossard, Lise Sorensen Brunhart, Gavin Ganung, and Heidi Westfall prove what amazing people live in this Town. Check here for more information about our candidates: [Current Candidate List | Salt Lake County Clerk \(slco.org\)](#) 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. If you are not yet registered to vote, here's the place to sign up: <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/voter-registration/>

ELECTION TIMELINE

August 15	Primary Ballots Mailed to Voters
September 5	Primary Election
October 31	General Election Ballots Mailed to Voters
November 21	General Election



PROPERTY TAX NOTICES IN THE MAIL

No Tax by the Town of Brighton

Property owners throughout Salt Lake County are receiving their 2023 Notice of Property Valuation & Tax Changes from the Salt Lake County Auditor. Brighton taxpayers may notice that there is no property tax from the Town of Brighton.

The Town Council has worked hard to keep tax increases at bay, in spite of pressure from Salt Lake County for a franchise tax on electricity and phone service to pay more for emergency services.

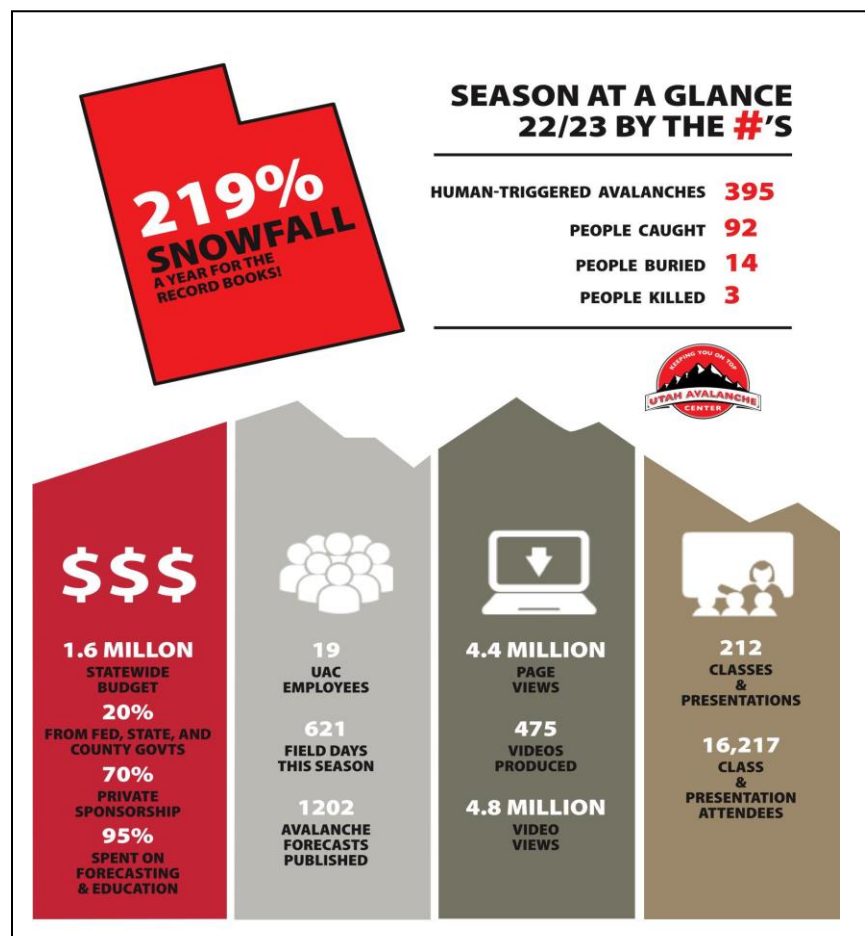
The 2023 Notice has a new feature—a QR code at the top right of the notice—that gives property owners the ability to find additional information about each taxing entity’s line item.

Scanning the QR code on your notice will bring up a digital copy of your tax notice. Each taxing entity name on your digital notice is a link you can click to review that entity's information about its budget.

If you would like to appeal the Market Value shown on the Notice visit: [Auditor - Property Tax | SLCo](#) or call 385-468-8133 for more information.

UTAH AVALANCHE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

The Utah Avalanche Center is a familiar and much appreciated organization in this canyon. The graphic is a snapshot of this year’s work. In-depth reports of weather, snowpack, photos, and other things are included in the full report which can be found [HERE](#).





CHIPPER DAYS UPDATE

Thanks to the 107 families who signed up for Chipper Days this year! In all 1,438 hours were contributed by our community toward improving neighborhood Defensible Spaces. Those hours will be used as in-kind match for next year's grant. There have been many compliments about this year's Chipper Crew. They will also spend 2 weeks providing individual home assessments in Silver Fork and plan to return next year to continue assessments in other canyon communities.

Several families have asked about where to find help with tree management. Here are some companies that neighbors have used with good success:

Atlas Tree Service 801.897.8615
Arbor Tree Service 801.485.8733
Tim's Tree Service 801.913.0604
Doug's Tree Service 801.572.5666
Diamond Tree Service 801.262.1596



G R E A T E R S A L T L A K E

Municipal Services District

HISTORY

In the November 2015 General Election, voters in Copperton, Emigration Canyon, Kearns, Magna, and White City voted to become metro townships served by the Municipal Services District (MSD). Voters in unincorporated islands voted to remain in unincorporated Salt Lake County and contract for services from the MSD. The town of Brighton incorporated in January 2020 as an MSD member. The total population served by the MSD is approximately 85,677. The Board of Trustees that governs the MSD is made up of five mayors and two council members from the member communities.

SERVICES

These services may be provided by MSD employees or under contract with Salt Lake County or a third party: **1) Planning and Zoning** - addressing, building & grading permits and inspections, plan review, land use and zoning, current and long-range planning, floodplain permits, stormwater

management planning and economic development (contracted with Salt Lake County Office of Regional Development).

2) Animal Control Services – contracted with Salt Lake County Animal Services.

3) Parks Maintenance and Operation – contracted with SLCo Parks & Rec and/or a third party.

4) Public Works - construction and maintenance of rights-of-way -- contracted with Salt Lake County Public Works Operations and Engineering, including: curb & gutter, sidewalks, streets and roads, storm drains, street lighting, Traffic signals and safety signals, snow plowing and engineering.

5) Business Licensing

6) Code Enforcement

The MSD does not provide police, fire protection or sanitation services.

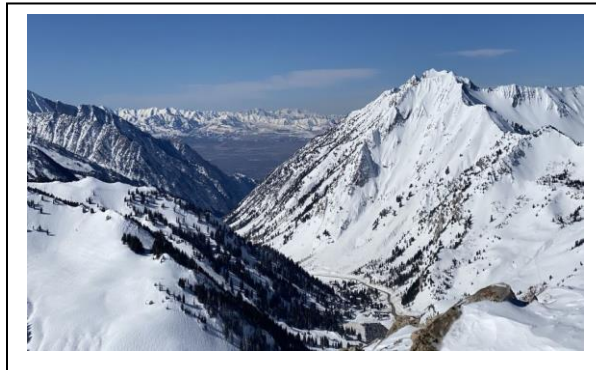
The MSD provides the following Staffing and Administrative Support for it's Members:

• Human Resources • Finance/Budgeting • Information Technology • Communications • Legal

Website: msd.utah.gov

Address: 2001 So. State Street, Ste. N3-600, Salt Lake City, UT 84190

Main Phone Line: (385) 468-6700



UDOT OPTS FOR THE GONDOLA IN LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON

UDOT released the Record of Decision (ROD) concerning the best transit solutions for traffic problems in Little Cottonwood Canyon. There will be three phases: 1) Enhanced Bus Service, 2) Snow Sheds and widening of Wasatch Blvd. 3) Gondola installation. UDOT says the gondola provides the highest travel reliability, as it can operate independently of the roadway, avoiding

delays related to adverse weather, crashes, slide offs, and slow-moving traffic. Full implementation depends on available funding. For more info visit: [ROD Summary Fact Sheet](#)
The BCCA meeting in August will feature a look at how Phase One might affect Big Cottonwood. Zoom in on Monday, August 14 at 7 pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>



REVEL MARATHON RETURNS SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

The Revel Marathon will return to Big Cottonwood Canyon in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 9th. Guardsmans Pass will be completely closed from 4:45 to 7:30 am. Then there will be rolling road closures along Hwy 190 from 7-11 am. The Wasatch 100 is also scheduled into the early morning of the Marathon, so watch out for them running in the dark. If you know anyone planning to meet a Wasatch 100 runner at Brighton Resort let them know of the travel restrictions. Revel directors make a substantial donation to The Brighton Institute each year in appreciation of canyon residents for helping host the event.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FUEL MITIGATION PROJECTS

RMP Vegetation Crews are working this summer to clear brush around electric poles and to upgrade electrical systems in residential areas. Each customer will be notified by door hanger where applicable. For questions call 1.800.221.7070. For questions about the \$22 Million project to bury electric lines, visit [RMP Wildfire Mitigation Project](#).



FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

Thru Sept 25 **Brighton Flea Market** ▪ Sundays ▪ 10am – 5 pm ▪ Brighton Center ▪ Enjoy artists, nostalgia and beautiful mountain views.

- Thru Oct 1** **Live Sunday Music Concerts** ▪ 4:00 to 6:00 p.m ▪ Solitude Village Green ▪ Free
- Thru Sept 17** **Mt. Majestic Music Series & BBQ** ▪ Saturdays & Sundays ▪ 1- 5 pm ▪ Alpine Rose Lawn
- Thru Aug 31** **Sunset Cinema at Solitude** ▪ Thursdays ▪ Moonbeam Lawn. ▪ Free ▪ Bring a parka!
- Thru Sept 7** **Outdoor Yoga** ▪ 9:00-10:00 a.m. ▪ Inn at Solitude Lawn ▪ Free
- August 31** **Open Mike Night at the Thirsty Squirrel** ▪ Solitude Village ▪ 6:00-8:00 pm ▪ Free.
Participant Sign-Up 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm
- September 2-3** **Utah Highland Games** ▪ 11 am – 5 pm ▪ Apex Express Lawn ▪ Free
- September 9** **Big Cottonwood Marathon** ▪ 4:45-11 am ▪ Guardsmans Pass to Holladay. Guardsmans Road completely closed from 4:45 -7:30 am. Then rolling road closures along Hwy 190 from 7-11 am.

MEETINGS

Brighton Town Council

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – 6:30 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)
OR www.utah.gov/pmn (You can subscribe to this website to receive automatic notifications.)

Brighton Institute Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2023 – 6 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>
Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065 Phone Connection: +1-253-215-8782

BCCA Community Council

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Brighton Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 – 6:00 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

BEOP-Brighton Emergency Operations Planning Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 2023 – 7 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>
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SUMMERTIME SNAPSHOTS



