



BRIGHTON'S GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

BRIGHTON LAND USE WORKSHOP...YOU'RE INVITED!

You're invited to another open door-style workshop where residents, business owners, and other partners will work with MSD staff to focus on LAND USE needs and vision for the Town of Brighton.

DATE: September 15, 2021

TIME: 6-8 pm

PLACE: The Brighton Chapel (8171 S Brighton Loop) Or visit the website: bit.ly/lrp-brighton

Here are the major themes from community voices at the August 22, 2021 General Plan kick-off meeting. The majority of attendees were secondary homeowners, which indicates their significant voice in town governance. Thanks to everyone who came or filled out the on-line survey.

- Make permitting processes more understandable to property owners.
- Reduce impacts of noise and light pollution
- Address natural disaster risk (fire, avalanche, floods, etc.)
- Expand opportunities for all community members and stakeholders to get involved in decision-making processes.
- Pursue traffic safety improvements, particularly to address bicyclists in the Canyon
- Consider impacts of taxing structure on fixed and low-income property owners.
- Expand multi-modal transportation options and consistency of service.
- Beautify Town infrastructure
- Act as stewards of the pristine Canyon ecosystem and abundant natural resources.
- Maintain a rich social network and community feel.
- Enhance community amenities and add places for social gathering.
- Preserve community design characteristics
- Improve trail infrastructure to better address impacts of visitors.



The Annual Revel Marathon will return to Big Cottonwood on Saturday, September 11, 2021 after last year's COVID recess. There will be rolling closures of the highway between 6-11 am. Expect slow traffic and a spectacular amount of colorful runners. This is the ONLY special event using Big Cottonwood Road that donates back to the community. Each year Brighton Institute receives about \$4000 for community outreach programs. Thanks to Revel for their consideration of community needs and impacts! More info: <https://www.runrevel.com/bcm>



ICE CREAM AND CANDIDATES TOWN HALL MEETING
Meet-the-Candidates
Share Ideas for the Old Fire Station Property on the Loop

DATE: Friday, October 1, 2021

TIME: 6-8 pm

PLACE: New Fire Station #108

BRIGHTON CANDIDATES

Mayor: Dan Knopp (unopposed)

Town Council: Carolyn Keigley, Eli Lovett, Keith Zuspan (two to be elected)



BIG COTTONWOOD CREEK TRASH CLEAN-UP DAY
Volunteers Needed!

The Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) and Cottonwood Heights is hosting a Trash Cleanup Day in partnership with the second statewide Pack It Out Utah Week. The cleanup day is on **Friday, September 17th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** We will meet at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride and then pick up trash along Big Cottonwood Creek. They will provide gloves, hand sanitizer, and garbage bags. Be sure to wear clothing you won't mind getting dirty. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



CAMPFIRES IN BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON

A Conversation with Guy Wilson, USFS Fuels Specialist

Q: Why are campfires being allowed in Forest Service Campgrounds when fire danger is so high?

A: Camp areas have established concrete pads surrounded by dirt, metal fire rings, water availability and we continually maintain the vegetation to a safe distance. Should unsafe short term weather conditions materialize the camp host can notify campers and monitor the area quickly. We evaluate fire risks daily based on current and expected weather forecasts and are coordinating with the State and County fire agencies to change any restrictions as close to the same timeframe as possible to reduce confusion. Here is our forest web site. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/uwcnf> It has a map and the best explanation of each criteria.

Q: Brighton moved to stage 2 (no open campfires in town) in June. There is concern from residents that fires in campgrounds send mixed messages to short term rental vacationers that fires are OK. Also some are concerned about the proximity of their homes to campgrounds if a spark were to fly.

A: These sparks or embers lofted generally are small in size and don't travel past established barriers and can't maintain enough heat past these barriers to generate a fire. Camp areas have established concrete pits or rings, and brush is well maintained, plus watchful campground attendants can notify campers quickly if a fire is too large, and or in the event of short term unsafe weather conditions in campgrounds. We continually worked hard to create and maintain shaded fuel breaks around the campgrounds to make them fire resistant for the surrounding forests and communities, yet attractive with no clear-cutting. Our priority is to maintain a healthy and fire resistant ecosystem that benefits all.

Q: Brighton no longer allows outdoor campfires for short-term rentals. Is that a good idea?

A: That's up to the Town Council. But, consistency is always helpful. It's difficult for us to go out of restrictions for a week or a few days, then have to go right back in. In our case, we also don't want to make one canyon different than the other.

Q: Have the recent rains made any difference?

A: We evaluate our fuel conditions daily but take physical samples bi weekly to verify the actual moisture content of fine and heavy fuels. I thought you would be interested to know the results of our 3rd week of August fuel samples. We saw a noticeable rise in fuel moisture content from the recent rains in our fine fuels and a more average (for this time of year) fuel moisture content in our heavy fuels. So fire restrictions ended on September 2nd at 0001 hrs. on all Uinta Wasatch Cache N.F. lands. However we will continue to evaluate these conditions weekly and monitor the long term forecast should we need to resume restrictions.

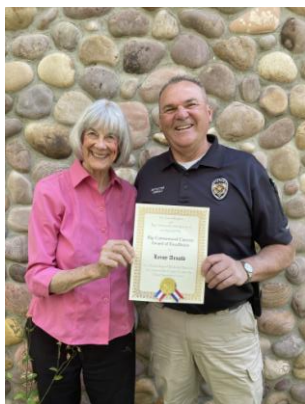
Q: What can we do to help you mitigate wildfire in Brighton?

A: We have been working actively with the Town of Brighton and the UFA on the Fuels Mitigation Project. To sign up see this link: [FUEL MITIGATION PROJECT.pdf \(registeredsite.com\)](#). Also the annual Chipper Days to create Defensible Space has helped. USFS is encouraging homeowners to use Chipper Days for fuel reduction on any USFS property that is 150 ft. from their home. Residents can get permits to do that work from the SL Ranger District Office, 6944 S. 3000 East. Hours Monday – Friday - 8am – 4:30 pm. Phone: 801.733.2660.

CANYON PATROL UPDATE



In late July UPD received a local report of an illegal camp in the Willow Heights area. Officer Lee Arnold and UPD Officer Dawn Larsen called on the Forest Service to investigate. USFS and SLC Watershed coordinated the clean-up efforts. It was a difficult all-day task getting everything out of the area. Thanks to everyone for helping. Did you know you can report issues or problems in your community? The Citizen Reporter Tool allows you to report code enforcement, illegal parking and camping, health issues, trash collection, etc. Just go to: bit.ly/msd-cpr



Officer Leroy Arnold has been this canyon’s loyal and beloved Community-Oriented Police liaison since 2015. He will retire this month with our best wishes and gratitude for his years of service. We have always thought he should be in the movies because of his dramatic upbeat reports and kindly care rendered to us. In times of sadness, he advised us with compassion and wisdom, and he proactively kept us abreast of events that would impact canyon citizens. We will miss his commitment, optimism and the example he offered of policing at its BEST.

His next set of wheels measures 13 ft high! He will be driving the huge Oar Hauler Trucks at the Kennecott Mine. It’s been a long-time dream of his, but he will miss the satisfaction of helping people out in rough situations. He counts Big Cottonwood Canyon as one of the best jobs he’s ever had because community members look out for each other.



BRIGHTON EMERGENCY OPS UPDATE

September is National Preparedness Month with a focus on four elements this year:

Make a Plan.

<https://www.utah.gov/beready/family/make-a-plan.html>

Build a Disaster Supply Kit for Home and Car

<https://www.utah.gov/beready/family/documents/BRUDisasterSupplyArtx.pdf>

Encourage Young People to Get Involved in Emergency Preparedness.

Stay Aware of Watches and Warnings.

GENERAL WARNINGS: Make plans and consider moving persons with mobility or medical issues. Please use common sense and evacuate at any time you feel uncomfortable or see active fire behavior.

EVACUATION WARNING: A wildfire threat is in your area. It would be wise to consider planning and/or packing, in the event an evacuation becomes necessary.

Remember the 6- P's:

1. Plan for the persons in your family (including a meeting place.)
2. Personal items (including toiletries, food and water for 2-3 days and special personal possessions.)
3. Prescriptions- Have your full, current supply of prescriptions packed.
4. Photographs (and other mementos) which cannot be replaced.
5. Pets (Have a plan in place and pets secured so frightened pets don't escape fenced yards or kennels.)
6. Papers- Pack all important papers, including reference phone numbers, account numbers, etc.

MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER: Occupants of the affected area(s) are asked to leave within a specified time period, by pre-designated route(s). Perimeter roadblocks are typically established. At this stage:

- ♣ You should take your family, pets, and necessary items including medications and important papers and evacuate now if you are in a Level III area.
- ♣ Check in with your local neighborhood team to let them know where you will be in case your family is looking for you.
- ♣ Drive with your lights on, safely and SLOWLY remaining aware of your surroundings as you leave.

And finally, please make sure we have your most up to date contact information by emailing Jane Martain: janemartain@brighton.utah.gov.



The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation has engaged Pathway Associates to conduct a community needs assessment to test potential new or additional uses of the historic Wasatch Mountain Lodge which sits on Forest Service land at the base of Brighton Resort. Your participation in this survey helps provide value feedback for future decision making.

The survey will be online until **Tuesday, September 21, 2021**. All responses are confidential and information will be aggregated and shared in a final report. Comments will not include any identifying information. The survey at the link below will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Thank you for your time. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73J8F9J>

SUPPORTING ALTERRA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES

The Alterra Corporation, Solitude's parent company, recently developed a non-profit Community Foundation to help members of the communities in which Alterra ski properties are located. Anyone living in Big Cottonwood Canyon is eligible to apply for charitable grants.

Businesses that may have been adversely affected by the pandemic AND individuals who are experiencing hardship are invited to apply. Check out the details at the foundation's website: www.alterramtnco.com/foundation/



TOWN OF BRIGHTON ELECTION 2021

All November 2nd Municipal Elections will be conducted by mail. Ballots will be mailed the week of October 11th according to Utah State law.

Postage-paid return envelopes are provided, so voters can send ballots in by mail. Ballots may also be returned to any of twenty drive-up ballot drop boxes (*open 24/7*) up through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you need your ballot mailed to an address other than your home address where you are registered, call 385-468-7400 or email got-vote@slco.org. The post office does not forward ballots.

For questions about voting and the election, click here <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/faqs/#VRFAQ>
To register to vote, click this link: <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/voter-registration-archived>

ANIMAL SERVICES RECEIVES CHEWY DONATION!

If you know of anyone in need of pet supplies, please contact us! Animal Services just received a large donation from Chewy to help COVID pets, including carriers, cages, cat trees, etc. Everything is brand new! For more info call: 385.232.4174 or contact Carrie Sibert Csibert@slco.org.



UTAH'S REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REPORT

With the release of the 2020 Census data, Utah's redistricting process has begun. Utah's Independent Redistricting Commission is holding a statewide tour and asking for your input on Utah's boundaries. There will be meetings across the State, but there is also the chance to respond online at this website: <https://betterboundaries.org/draw-your-map/>



IF I RAN THE CITY

Local government is one of the areas where citizens can have the most influence to affect the change they want to see, so we want to make Utah's young voices heard in local government. **IF I RAN THE CITY** is a video contest for 16-29-year-old Utah residents to share ideas about what YOU would change in your city- and to make civic participation fun!

To enter the contest, post a public video with the hashtag #IfIRanTheCity on TikTok, Instagram, Twitter, and/or Facebook with your idea to run YOUR city by 5:00pm on October 22, 2021. Winning participants will get prizes including cash and the chance to shadow your Mayor or City Councilperson! For more info, click here: [If I Ran The City Video Contest | Voterise | Utah](#)



SALT LAKE COUNTY URBAN WILDLIFE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

UWAP is operated by APHIS, an extension of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is ONLY for the removal of skunks and raccoons. Call 385-419-3405 Leave a message before 9AM for faster response. Education and Trapping Service **Monday - Friday** Do not trap over the weekend.

For more info visit: aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage

GILES FLAT AND THE JOY OF MOUNTAIN MUSIC

Giles Flat was named for Hyrum Lorenzo Giles who was born in Nanty-glo, South Wales in 1850. His father, Thomas, was a collier (coal miner) until a large piece of coal hit him in the head and knocked out both his eyes in the summer of 1848. Soon after, he became known as the “Blind Harpist” for his fine musical talent.

In 1856 the family crossed the ocean in a ship, and then this country in a handcart. Little 6 year-old Hyrum’s feet and legs were almost amputated because of frostbite when he arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. His mother and sister had died in the bitter cold. He told of how they were so hungry that they boiled the leather from boots and tires to get a warm gelatin drink that kept them going.

Thomas Giles and his son were reunited in Salt Lake where little Hyrum learned to sing, dance and play the violin. Soon the Blind Harpist and his son became well-known throughout the area, traveling from town to town to play for dances that sometimes lasted all night long. Children spent the night bedded down near the dance floor. People brought money and food to pay the musicians, who were rather prosperous in those days. Hyrum met his wife, Minnie, at Park City while playing for a dance. When he saw her, he stepped off the bandstand right onto the dance floor, proclaiming, “This is the girl I’m going to marry.” And he did.

It was silver and gold, however that made Hyrum a rich man. He homesteaded over 600 acres of land at the top of the canyon. He was the owner with Tom Kearns of the Silver King Mines in Park City, and owned the Giles Mining and Milling Company in Big Cottonwood. His land had 6 or 7 log cabins on it. Solitude Mountain Resort occupies this land today. Hyrum’s joyful spirit lives on in the recreation opportunities and celebrations that happen at Solitude year-round.



UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAYS SOLITUDE MOUNTAIN RESORT
SUNSET CINEMA | Apex Express Lawn | sundown | free

SATURDAYS SOLITUDE VILLAGE GREEN
SUNSHINE YOGA | Apex Express Lawn | 9 – 10 am | free

SUNDAYS **BRIGHTON RESORT**
BIG COTTONWOOD FLEA MARKET | Milly Chalet Parking Area | 10 am - 5:00 pm

SUNDAYS **SOLITUDE RESORT**
SUNDAY LIVE CONCERT SERIES | Solitude Village | 4 – 6 pm | Free

For Solitude event details (including star parties, geology hikes, lifts) go to:
<https://www.solitudemountain.com/things-to-do/events-and-activities>

SEPTEMBER 11 BIG COTTONWOOD REVEL MARATHON | Saturday, Sept 11 | 6-11 am | Slow traffic!

SEPTEMBER 17 BIG COTTONWOOD CREEK TRASH CLEAN-UP | Friday, Sept 17 | 10 am-1pm | Meet at BCC Park & Ride at the mouth of the canyon. [Click here](#) for info and to register.

MEETINGS **BRIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL** | September 14 | 6:30 pm | Zoom
<https://www.brighton.utah.gov/meetings>

BRIGHTON LAND USE WORKSHOP | September 15 | 6:00 pm | Zoom
<https://www.brighton.utah.gov/meetings>

BRIGHTON INSTITUTE MEETING | September 13 | 6:00 pm | Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290273487> Meeting ID: 842 9027 3487

BCCA MEETING | September 13 | 7:00 pm | Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290273487> Meeting ID: 842 9027 3487

ICE CREAM & CANDIDATES | October 1 | 6-8 pm | Fire Station #108
Meet the candidates! Discuss ideas for what to do with the old fire station property.

BRIGHTON EMERGENCY OPS MEETING | October 21 | 6:00 pm | Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85121235579> Meeting ID: 851 2123 5579

RESPONSES **UTAH REDISTRICTING QUESTIONNAIRE** | Response deadline September 30
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