



## TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS JANUARY 2023



Celebrating connections with the wonder of the season,  
The return of light and longer days, and  
Connections with places of beauty and peace

*Adapted from old Danish and Celtic Solstice Poems  
Grosbeak Photo by Lisa Engelhard*



## SUSTAINING DIVERSE RECREATION IN A HEALTHY WATERSHED

You are invited to share your opinions, hopes, and dreams about trails in the canyon! The Tri-Canyon Trails Master Plan is the first-ever trail plan for Little Cottonwood, Big Cottonwood, and Mill Creek Canyons. Salt Lake County and the Forest Service will identify opportunities to protect watershed and ecosystem health while providing diverse recreation opportunities.



Several in-person Public Listening Sessions are scheduled. Please share this information with your networks and encourage people to go online to participate in the survey at [tricanyontrails.org](https://tricanyontrails.org)

JANUARY 11 | 6 pm | Viridian Event Center | 8030 S. 1825 West | West Jordan UT 84088  
 JANUARY 26 | 6 pm | Wheeler Farm Activity Barn | 6351 S. 900 East | Murray UT 84121  
 FEBRUARY 6 | 6 PM | Millcreek Library | 2266 E. Evergreen Ave V Millcreek UT 84109

## BCC-MAP SURVEY BEGINS IN JANUARY

The Big Cottonwood Mobility Action Plan (BCC-MAP) will reach out to the public in January to ask questions about how transportation could be improved in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The study will:

- Evaluate the existing network, identify gaps, and consider past plans.
- Develop mobility hubs that feature amenities, reliability, and year-round service.
- Protect critical resources.
- Define a prioritized list of near-mid-and long-term recommendations



Watch for this exciting outreach in January. The project is being conducted by the Central Wasatch Commission.

## CANYON TRAVEL NOTES

**Snow Berms.** Snowplow drivers are asking for our help in busting the berms in driveways and entry roads that are created by the big UDOT plows. Their mission is to clear the snow on busy days and the equipment unfortunately doesn't have the ability to groom around smaller areas. They would also appreciate our efforts to disburse the berm to the landscape, and not back onto the road. It's all part of living creatively in the snow. Cheers to our joyfully lighted snowplows and their brave drivers!



**UTA Updates.** UTA would like to thank everyone for helping with the challenges of the 2022-2023 Ski Bus Season at UTA. They have created a Ski Page. Check it out at: [www.rideuta.com/ski](http://www.rideuta.com/ski)

**No Roadside Parking at Guardsmans.** Sometimes Guardsmans Pass Road becomes impassible because of cars parked on the roadside. For the remainder of the winter, there is no roadside parking allowed except up by the winter gate. Private parking is still allowed for Forest Glen residents on the road at the hairpin turn.

**Parking at Solitude.** Parking is free at Solitude if you have 4 or more people in your car. Be sure to ask the parking attendant for a coupon to prove you have 4 people before checking in at the parking kiosk. Lifts open at 8 am on weekends until mid-March. Employees of both Brighton and Solitude are parking at Butler Elementary and Hillside Plaza to make extra room for customers.

**Road Closure Notices for Residents.** We are working on getting efficient messaging out to residents who are full and/or almost full time in the canyon when there are temporary road closures due to slide offs or other problems. These are not town emergencies but can cause major difficulties for residents if they do not know what is happening. I would like to compile a list of people that would like to receive a text message if there is a major delay or closure.

Please take a moment to reply if you would like to be on the Town's text list and be informed when there are road problems. I will need to know ONE best number to TEXT for your cabin.

Thank you so much!

Jane Martain, Town of Brighton, Emergency Management Planner  
801.554.1007



**SLC WATERSHED** Salt Lake City is hiring a Lead Watershed Ranger. The job description is at the link below. This is primarily a field-based position with a wide range of duties in the Central Wasatch Canyons. Please share with your networks: [Interested candidates may apply here.](#)

### US FOREST SERVICE NEWS

Bekee Hotze was recently selected as the District Ranger of the Year. In her

position as the Salt Lake District Ranger, she created a local working group to keep key partners and the public informed on projects across the district. She has worked across to implement a collaborative plan to fund and implement hazardous fuels treatments in several key canyons on the Wasatch Front. Bekee maintains close working relationships with utilities, municipal governments, non-governmental organizations, and private businesses. She sustains a culture of respect and recognition on both her district and the forest.



## PINEAPPLE SNOW SHERBET

Brought to you by the [Big Cottonwood Historical Society](#)

In 1901, James and Leoline Brown built the lovely *Balsam Hill Cabin* in Brighton. There were happy days of tramping (hiking), fishing, neighborhood parties, and romantic bonfires. lunch, then tramped to a snowbank on the Alta Divide. They brought home snow for sherbet. This is her recipe...from Brighton resident Rod Morris' book, *The Balsam Hill Cabin*. <http://www.balsam-hill-cabin.com/>



### Pineapple Snow Sherbet

From the diary of Leoline Brown ~ Brighton, Utah 1909

2 good lemons  
1 can grated pineapple  
2 cups sugar  
½ of a 10 lb. pail of snow

Grate rind and juice lemons  
Drain juice lightly  
Mix all ingredients together  
When ready to serve, mix fruit well  
with snow. If lumpy, chop it up.



**JANUARY 12 | Avalanches and the Cottonwood Canyons** ▪ Brighton Fire Station ▪ 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm ▪ Free

**JANUARY 17 | Open Mic Night** ▪ Thirsty Squirrel at Solitude Mountain Resort ▪ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm ▪ Sign-Up 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**FEBRUARY 21 | Open Mic Night** ▪ Thirsty Squirrel at Solitude Mountain Resort ▪ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm ▪ Sign-Up 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**MARCH 21 | Open Mic Night** ▪ Thirsty Squirrel at Solitude Mountain Resort ▪ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm ▪ Sign-Up 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm

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### MEETINGS

#### 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

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**

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 new Central Wasatch Commission’s Environmental Dashboard has some great information about our canyon. Access the Beta Version of the Environmental Dashboard at this link:

<https://cwcedb.utah.edu/>

### **Citizen’s Problem Reporter Tool**

The Citizen’s Reporter Tool allows you to report problems such as code violations, illegal parking, health issues, trash issues, etc.

1. Go to [bit.ly/msd-cpr](http://bit.ly/msd-cpr) or click this link:

<https://gslmsd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=c72d18a5e8e74ee2b4c202904ff62513>

2. Click on the right-hand side, select the type of problem.

3. After you enter your information, click the “Submit Problem” button to send the MSD a report.

**Short-Term Rentals.** For help in complying with the regulation, contact the MSD as soon as possible.

[https://app01.cityworksonline.com/CLIENT\\_GreaterSaltLakeMSD-Public/template/login.aspx](https://app01.cityworksonline.com/CLIENT_GreaterSaltLakeMSD-Public/template/login.aspx)

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