



TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS NOVEMBER 2022



“What good is the warmth of summer
without the chill of autumn to give it sweetness.”
John Steinbeck

BRIGHTON GENERAL PLAN

After a year in the making, Brighton’s General Plan will be submitted to the Town Council on November 8, 2022. The 353-page document includes the following Chapters:

1. Introduction
2. Community Background
3. Public Outreach and the Planning Process
4. Land Use
5. Transportation
6. Housing
7. Natural Resources, Recreation, and Tourism
8. Resilience and Infrastructure
9. Appendix

High-Priority Action Items

(In no particular order)

- Update FCOZ
- Adopt maximum size for single-family homes
- Establish minimum building setbacks
- Incentivize water efficiency
- Create a Brighton Loop Master Plan
- Create a Signage Masterplan
- Create a Digital Infrastructure Plan
- New walking and multi-use paths
- Inventory existing housing conditions
- Zone for public utilities
- Update commercial zoning
- Provide for new/flexible commercial zoning
- Create an economic opportunity plan
- Update property maintenance standards
- Short-term rental review
- Review IADU Ordinance
- Reduce Traffic
- Advocate for a capacity study
- Increase Bus Transit
- Review land use and WUI regulations

Many thanks to the Planning Commission and our MSD Planners for making this huge project possible. To see a copy of the complete plan visit:

<https://brighton-general-plan-gslmsd.hub.arcgis.com/>



UDOT STICKER PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to promote vehicle safety by pre-inspecting tires to show they have been approved for travel up canyon when the Traction Law is in effect.

TO SIGN UP:

- Choose which tire company you want to visit (see below).
- Fill out the digital form BEFORE you go to the tire shop.
- Then contact the tire shop to make an appointment.

Burt Brothers: 13 Locations

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/C6Dk7m5j5qnU1AgU6>

Big O Tires: 18 Locations (New this year)

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/2zBrK9revsiBRVYq7>

CJ's Pit Stop: MOBILE (New this year)

CJ's Pit Stop is a mobile tire shop that will come to you for sticker program tire inspection. Inspections are by appointment only. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/ukkjE4WD2ndktMCf8>

If you have multiple vehicles, please fill out the form for each vehicle. You may use the same email address, but let the inspector know you have multiple vehicles under the same email address.

A reminder that the sticker program is free, completely voluntary, and will run from October 20, 2022 to February 28, 2023. Stickers are NOT REQUIRED to drive Big or Little Cottonwood Canyon. If a vehicle's tires/traction devices meet the requirements, a sticker is placed on the windshield as a way of recognizing that the vehicle has proper traction devices for traveling in the canyons when the Traction Law is in effect.

For more information visit [UDOT Cottonwoods website](#)
For information on public transit service visit the [UTA website](#)
Find others to carpool or vanpool with on the [TravelWise Utah website](#)

COSTS ARE GOING UP

PARKING TICKETS. The Town of Brighton raised the parking fine along Highway 190 from \$25 to \$150. Citations will be issued to the owner of the vehicle. It is hoped that the increased fine will encourage drivers to be alert and responsible about where they are parking.



SEWER. Big Cottonwood Canyon Improvement District (BCCID) has proposed a monthly fee increase from \$38/month/ERU* to \$43/ERU/month.

*ERU means Equivalent Residential Unit. Some customers pay more than others because they place greater demand on the system.

1 ERU	\$43/month	up to 3 bedrooms/3baths
1.3 ERUs	\$58/month	4 bedrooms/4baths
1.6 ERUs	\$73/month	5 bedrooms/5baths
2 ERUs	\$86/month	6 bedrooms/6baths

Reasons for the fee increase: Costs for sewage processing have risen substantially in the past 3 years, due to the new sewer treatment plant and increased treatment requirements. Public Comments are welcomed at the Budget Hearing to be held Thursday December 8th @ 6:00PM in the BCCID Office located at 8021 Brighton Loop Road, and virtually: Utah Public Notice Website-utah.gov

TRASH. The Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) is proposing a rate increase:
Full-time residents: Increasing from \$14.75 to \$16.00 per mo.
Seasonal residents: Increasing from \$8.50 to \$9.75 per mo.
Trailer Rental for Bulk: \$190.00 from \$175.00 and Green: \$55.00 from \$45.00.

The last fee increase occurred January 2014 for canyon residents. No increase was imposed for Brighton in 2018 when all other district residents had a fee increase. The 2023 increased fees will help keep up with rapidly rising costs in labor markets, maintenance rates, processing costs at the landfills and recycling facilities, and truck prices to purchase replacement trucks.

There will be a Public Hearing at the WFWRD office, located at 604 W 6960 South on Monday, November 14, at 6 pm to allow public comment on the fee increase.

For more information, visit the website: <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/fees-logistics>



Remote Recycling Education for Schools

In the Spring of 2022, the WFWRD Sustainability Team provided education to 40 classes at 11 different elementary schools throughout the District remotely. The Recycling Team has a lot of availability and would love to present the benefits of sustainable waste management. If you are a teacher, or know of a teacher, who is interested in this opportunity; contact the

Sustainability Coordinator, McKenna Tupa'i, at mtupai@wasatchfrontwaste.org or 385-468-6337.

Open Mic Night

DATES 3rd Tuesdays

December 20-January 17-February 21-March 21

TIME 6:00 PM 8:00 PM

PLACE Thirsty Squirrel (21 & Over) ([map](#))



Come play and sing or watch and cheer as the Thirsty Squirrel opens up for four special winter nights! It's a great time to meet the neighbors and enjoy our amazing local talent.

Musicians who wish to participate should arrive and sign up between 5-5:30 pm. There is a 3-song limit per musician. PA/sound equipment will be provided. Performers are responsible for providing their own cables (please bring 1/4" cables with your gear).

WATERSHED RANGER JOB OPENING

Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities has a new opening for Watershed Ranger! [Interested candidates may apply here.](#) This is primarily a field-based position with a wide range of duties in the Central Wasatch Canyons. Any questions, please feel free to reach out directly. Patrick Nelson 801.580.8063

MEETINGS

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

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

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 or click this link:

<https://gslmsd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingReporter/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 Rental Requirements

Here's a link to the Town website concerning STR details:

<https://www.brighton.utah.gov/administration/page/short-term-rentals-town-brighton>

STR Business Licensing

To apply for STR permitted use, you'll need to create a user account on the [Cityworks Public Portal](#). City works Public Portal Guide - bit.ly/cw-help

Tales of the Wasatch

The Brighton Stage Line was owned and operated for many years by Nephi and Ernest Neilson. They hauled freight, passengers, mail, newspapers and food to various stores, inns, mines, and homes in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

The little bus picked up passengers from the Deseret Gym in Salt Lake (next door to the Hotel Utah) and drove them to the Brighton Girls Camp on a daily route from June 1 through Labor Day.

The trip was a delight to all who rode in the 15-passenger bus. It was bright yellow with black upholstery. Since it had no windows, canvas protectors could be snapped down in a storm.

The bus always stopped at the stream near the Stairs area for water and to cool the engine. The next stop would be at the Community Camp (later named Spruces) which was built in 1921 on the site of the former Wasatch Tree Nursery. It had tent platforms, a small grocery store, baseball fields, and a log pavilion.

The next stop was the Girl's Friendly Camp operated by Mrs. Godbe and her sister (now known as Camp Tuttle).

The final stop would be at the Brighton Girls Camp



A small grocery store sat near the Community Camp. \$7 per week provided a tent for valley residents to escape the summer heat.
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Brighton Stage Lines



Neilson Brothers Stage Line
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where the bus would stay until it was time to return to the city at sunset.

Passengers could hike all day or camp overnight around Silver Lake. Kids went fishing, swimming, and horseback riding. There was an inn at Brighton called the Balsams, where they held dances in the evening and customers could catch fresh trout from a tank near the front door.

Sometimes bonfires were built in a large open area where residents and guests would gather round in the evening to sing and play music. Stella Nielsen remembered roasting potatoes in the bonfires, taffy pulls, and dancing to the music of a fiddle and an accordion. Anyone in the canyon was welcome to join the fun.



The Old Balsam Inn
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