



BRIGHTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE

Jane Martain was recently hired by the Town of Brighton to supervise the Brighton Emergency Operations Plan (BEOP). She will assist local Emergency Teams with any required call-ups (we hope there will be none in '21), training, and updates to the team contact lists. She will also serve as Brighton's representative on the MSD (Municipal Services District) Emergency Operations unit. She has been a resident of Silver Fork for 34 years and is excited to help the town maintain a system to inform people about emergencies in a safe and timely manner. Her 42 years of experience as a teacher and professor in the Jordan School District, University of Utah, and Westminster College will bring some great organizational skills to the community. Thanks go out to our amazing volunteers Kelly Lether and Doug Fry for spearheading the Emergency Operations effort for the past several years.



RESOLVE TO BE MORE PREPARED

By Julie Harvey, Municipal Services District Emergency Management Planner

If we learned anything from 2020 it is that just when you think you've seen everything, something new comes along. With this lesson in mind, I urge you to resolve to increase your preparedness for disasters and emergencies in 2021.

Each month we will be presenting information provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (<https://www.fema.gov/> or <https://www.ready.gov/>) or the Do 1 Thing website (<https://do1thing.com/>). We will be providing reminders to do simple things like check your stored water supply, check the batteries in your flashlights, or checking the phone numbers in your emergency contact list. If you complete the actions I recommend, you'll be a little more prepared each month. The thing about preparedness is it never ends; batteries always go dead, stored food passes expiration dates, or addresses and phone numbers change. This year resolve to do something each month to be resilient if something unexpected happens.

In January 2021 make a plan with your loved ones for what you need to do if you have to evacuate. (<https://do1thing.com/tasks/evacuate>) Choose two places for your family to meet. One should be right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire. The other should be outside of your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate. Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel, stay with friends or family in a safe location, or go to a shelter. Hold evacuation drills at home.

Practice getting out of the house quickly, and drive your planned evacuation route. The more you practice, the more confident you will be if you really have to evacuate.

Plan ahead for your pets. Due to health concerns, pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters; however, there may be a pet shelter set up nearby during large evacuations. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation route in case a designated pet shelter is not available.

Do 1 Thing. (n.d.). *Make a Plan : Plan what to do if you have to evacuate*. Retrieved December 15, 2020, from <https://do1thing.com/tasks/evacuate>



UDOT WINTER ROAD MANAGEMENT

This year UDOT has become stricter about the Traction Laws. Canyon Patrol is turning cars around if they don't have proper snow tires on snowy days. Here's a brief video that explains the new policies:

<https://youtu.be/fLa8sILwOIO>

TRASH VOUCHERS

The Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) is offering free Trash Vouchers. These certificates are good for one free trip to the landfill (worth \$175) for property owners in the canyon. It will work for bulky trash or green waste (although green and bulky cannot be mixed together). For more information contact Keith Zuspan (keithzuspan@brighton.utah.gov). Keith is our representative on the WFWRD Board of Directors.



AVOID COVID VACCINE SCAMS

To avoid COVID-19 scams, remember:

You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.

You can't pay to get early access to the vaccine.

Nobody official will call about the vaccine and ask for your Social Security, bank account, or credit card number. To learn more, visit ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams and consumerresources.org/beware-coronavirus-scams

STIMULUS CHECK TRACKING

The IRS has an online tool that will let you track your stimulus check payment. The tool is called the "[Get My Payment](#)" portal, and it's an updated version of the popular tool Americans used to track the status of their first-round stimulus checks. (*To find out how much money you will get, use the [Second Stimulus Check Calculator](#).*)

With the updated tool, most people will be able to check the status of both their first- and second-round stimulus payments (if you received more than one first-round payment, the tool will show you only the most recent payment information).



NEXT BRIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2021 – 6:30 pm

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