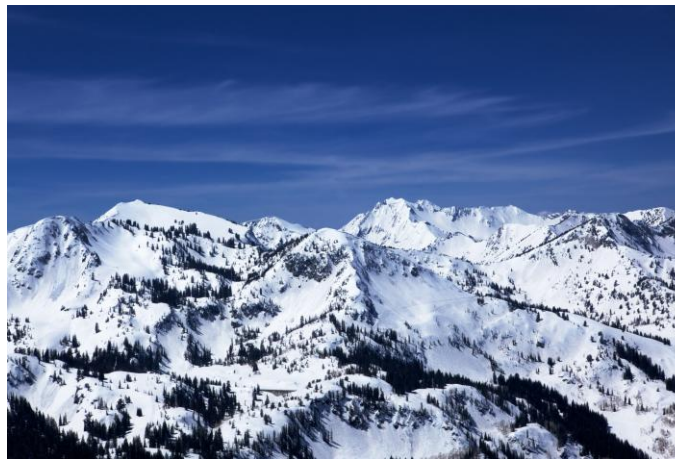




## TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS

March 2025



Butler Fork Basks in Blue

### SPRING FORWARD!

Set your clocks ahead an hour! This weekend marks the start of Daylight Savings Time, so remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 9.

We look forward to having longer afternoons to enjoy the springtime sunshine!

### MSD MOVES TO NEW OFFICES

The Municipal Services Department is moving a new office location at 860 LeVoy Drive, Suite 300, (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) in Taylorsville, UT 84123. They will be open for business on Monday, March 10. The MSD desk phone numbers will be changing to (385) 910-5600; however, cell phone numbers will remain the same. You can visit the Staff Directory on their website for updated phone numbers: <https://ut-greatersaltlakemsd.civicplus.com/Directory.aspx>



## THINKING OF RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE?

### Qualifications to Run for Office

- Be a United States citizen at the time of filing
- Be a registered voter of the Town of Brighton
- Be a resident in Brighton for 12 consecutive months prior to the general election.
- Not be a convicted felon

### 2025 Election Calendar

- May 1 – Notice of offices up for election (Brighton has Mayor + 2 Council seat terms that end in 2025)
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 9 – Candidate Filing Period
- August 1 – Last day to register to vote
- August 12 – Primary Election
- November 4 – General Election

Prospective candidates can declare their candidacy at the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District Offices, 860 W. LeVoy Drive, Taylorsville, UT 84123. They will provide forms and information about financial disclosure, how to submit a candidate profile to the VOTE.UTAH.GOV agency, and a pledge of fair campaign practices.

For more information: [Election Information | Greater Salt Lake MSD, UT](#)

## UDOT ZERO FATALITIES PROGRAM

UDOT is reaching out to help make our roads safer by sharing 3 short videos that promote safe driving practices.

The Zipper Merge: <https://youtu.be/L9bnyYAKd3o?si=hXGImASH-yd-v9if>  
Roundabout Safety: [https://youtu.be/qQ9j9FO\\_nrc?si=qOeMa\\_iVyHaxlok7](https://youtu.be/qQ9j9FO_nrc?si=qOeMa_iVyHaxlok7)  
School Bus Safety: <https://youtu.be/Y70n8MbWrn0>



For questions or comments, contact Laurie Huntsman, UDOT Zero Fatalities Outreach Coordinator. Email: [lhuntsman@utah.gov](mailto:lhuntsman@utah.gov) Phone: 435-896-7667



## CANYON PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

At a recent Town Council Meeting, Solitude's General Manager Amber Broadway, pointed out that Solitude spends a significant amount of money to reduce canyon traffic. Brighton Resort has similar costs. Both resorts say they have no interest in bringing more cars into the canyon and are committed to finding ways to move cars off the highway. Here's a cost estimate from Solitude:

- \$500,000 annually to provide free public bus service for all IKON pass holders.
- \$25,000/year for the upkeep of the Park n' Ride at the mouth of BCC.
- \$225,000/year for employees and guests to have a free UTA bus ticket.
- \$35,000/year for free gear check service at Moonbeam for guests.
- \$75,000/year for the private employee LeBus service
- \$40,000/year to supply 12 UTA Rideshare vans for employees
- \$50,000/year to pay employees when they take the Rideshare vans (\$30/each day)
- \$25,000/year for rental space at Hillside Shopping Plaza to park employee vehicles.
- \$15,000 for the Big Cottonwood Mobility Action Plan (BCC-MAP) study in 2024.

Other support initiatives include:

- Introduction of paid parking in 2018.
- The paid parking program incentivizes carpooling, which recently had a 57% increase in the number of vehicles with four+ on the busiest days.
- Solitude funded the creation of the Solitude carpool app, and extended free use to Brighton resort, a platform that averages about 250 ride shares per month.
- Solitude brought the Town of Brighton and Brighton resort to the table to implement a canyon-wide parking reservation system.
- Solitude altered lift hours to 8 am opening in winter and 5pm closing in the spring to help alleviate canyon congestion.
- When the Town of Brighton and USFS raised concerns about lack of summer bathrooms, Solitude opened its main facility to the public for 24-hour access.
- Solitude has partnered with Wasatch Backcountry Alliance to run shuttles to the resort for their uses for the last two seasons.

Mayor Knopp is urging UDOT to implement the projects in the BCC-MAP study that would allow 2 lanes around the Brighton Loop and mobility hubs at Brighton and Solitude to make bus service more efficient. UDOT's final decision will come out in May 2025.

## MEET LOCAL AUTHOR LINDA ANDRUS

DATE: March 21

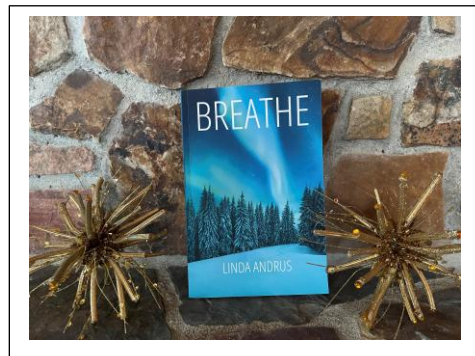
TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Big Cottonwood Fire Station

Local Silver Fork resident Linda Andrus will give a Brighton Institute talk about her world-wide medical adventures that include some of her work as a traveling nurse during Covid. Her new book, titled

*Breathe*, is an astonishing account of the dedication of many medical people in the last few years. Travel destinations include Peru, India, Nicaragua, Navajo Nation, British Columbia, Thailand, and cities all over the USA.

Available on Amazon: [Amazon.com : Breathe by Linda Andrus](https://www.amazon.com/Breathe-by-Linda-Andrus/dp/1641524444)



## STAR GAZING AT BRIGHTON



NASA Ambassador Jason Trump (no relation to pres.) presented a star-studded lecture to a crowd of residents at the Milly Chalet on March 2nd. His hero is Bill Watterson, author of the Calvin and Hobbes comic strip. In the past he was a ballroom dance competitor, so he had the audience rotating and spinning around the room to demonstrate how the earth travels in space. Jason reminded everyone of the total lunar eclipse on March 13. The lecture was to end with

a ride on the lift to view the winter constellations, but a snow squall scuttled the grand finale. Suddenly a multi-jointed bright green monster groomer, lights ablaze, appeared right in front of the Milly windows to tamp down the snow. Wide-eyed viewers were transfixed by the light show, almost as amazing as a ride on the lift. The event was sponsored by the Brighton Resort and the Brighton Institute.



## CCF PARTNERSHIP

The Town of Brighton will fund several Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (CCF) programs this coming year:

- \$15,000 for Weed Mitigation
- \$5,000 for Adopt-A-Trail Program (Butler Fork and Mill D North Trails)
- \$15,000 for the Naturalist Program at Silver Lake



Silver Lake receives almost 100,000 visitors a year. The Naturalist Program provides visitor information services, Junior Ranger Program for kids, Family Nature Tours, restroom, trail, and parking lot maintenance. Mayor Knopp noted that CCF is also forming a fuels mitigation because of Forest Service budget cuts. The program costs are estimated at \$23,000. Other partners that donate to the CCF include the Lyon Family Foundation, the National Forest Foundation and Brighton, Solitude, Alta, and Snowbird Resorts.

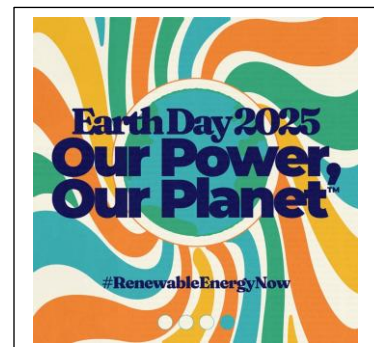
## SUMMER WEED WARRIOR SIGN-UP

The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation is coordinating a Summer Weed Pull for Brighton Communities. Ella Abelli-Amen, the CCF Weed Mitigation Director, is volunteering to bring in her crew to help citizen volunteers with noxious weed concerns. Forest Glen, Brighton, and Cardiff have already signed up for her help. If your community has volunteers who would like help with weed control in their neighborhood, text Laura Bossard (801.558.5294) to get signed up.



## EARTH DAY STARTS WITH YOU

Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22, 2025, and is a great time to reflect on the small actions that can make a big difference for our planet. The theme this year is "Our Power, Our Planet" and encourages people to transition to renewable energy sources and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.



One simple yet impactful way to help is through recycling; it reduces the waste of natural resources and turns materials like paper, plastic, and metal cans into new products. As we celebrate Earth Day, remember that our daily choices matter. By recycling we're contributing to a greener world for future generations. Let's make every day Earth Day!



## CWC IS HIRING

Two positions are available on the CWC Staff:

- **Communications Director** (40 hours/week) [Job description](#)
- **Summer Research Intern** (9-12 hours/week) [Internship description](#)

To apply, please send your cover letter, resume, and a list of three references (name, position, relationship, phone number, and email address – we will not contact your references without notifying you first.) in a single PDF to Sam Kilpack at [samantha@cwc.utah.gov](mailto:samantha@cwc.utah.gov) with the subject line “(Your name) Communications Director Application” or “(Your name) Research Intern

Application.” Please include your name in all documents.


The deadline to apply for both positions is March 30, 2025. Learn more about the available positions on the CWC's website.



# Fire School 101

BE A FIREFIGHTER FOR A DAY

March 21, 2025, 6:30am-4:30pm



Giving elected officials and other decision-makers a glimpse into the physical and emotional demands that our firefighters face on any given day


Helping participants make informed decisions about staffing, equipment, and other fire protection strategies



Each student in Fire School is assigned a union firefighter host, ensuring a personalized educational experience. The purpose is to define terms, show probable workloads, and compare staffing at emergency scenes so that we may provide a clearer picture of our profession. The majority of the day is spent in medical and fire scenarios giving students first hand knowledge and experience with our day to day operations.







Use QR code to register

Fire School Video



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- March 25 Cottonwood Canyons Camp ▪ Utah Amphibian & Reptile Review with wildlife biologist Chris Frauenhofer ▪ 6-8 pm ▪ Millcreek Library (2266 E. Evergreen Avenue). Sign up here: [Signup HERE](#)
- March 27 Carolyn Keigley's Famous Whole Wheat Bread ▪ Carolyn will demonstrate how to create a dazzling loaf of bread from healthy ingredients. ▪ Place: 11185 Mountain Sun Lane ▪ 6 pm ▪ Class cap is 18 ▪ [Sign up HERE!](#)
- April 17 Bike Tune-up and Repair ▪ 6-8 pm ▪ Fire Station 108 ▪ David Taylor has a passion for trail riding and has managed bike shops for many years. He will share his expertise and love of mountain trails with us. [Sign up HERE!](#)

## MEETINGS AROUND TOWN

### **Brighton Town Council**

Second Tuesday of each 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**

Second Monday of each 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**

Second Monday of each month – 7 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065 Phone Connection: +1-253-215-8782

### **Big Cottonwood Historical Society Meeting**

Third Wednesday of each month 10:00 am – Location TBD

### **Brighton Planning Commission Meeting**

Third Wednesday of each month – 6:00 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

## RESOURCES

[Big Cottonwood Historical Society](#)

Check out stories about Big Cottonwood: [Historical Society-Brighton Institute](#) If you have pictures, stories, or documents, let us know! Join in the adventure to discover and share canyon history!

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**

Monday of each week • 5:30-6:30 pm • Honeycomb Room, lowest level of the Inn at Solitude. • Free parking at the Solitude Village upper entry • In-person only.

**[Environmental Dashboard](#)**

The Central Wasatch Commission's Environmental Dashboard has some great information about our canyon. Access the Environmental Dashboard at this link: [CWC Environmental Dashboard \(utah.gov\)](#)