



TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS

JUNE 2024



BRIGHTON BREAKFAST & PARADE THURSDAY ▪ JULY 4 ▪ 2024

- 8-10:30 am** **Breakfast at the Milly Chalet featuring the Music of Dave McCormick**
Menu: Breakfast Burrito and beverage \$8.50
Yogurt Parfait \$6.00
- 10:15 am** UPD closes vehicle access to Brighton Loop.
Parade Participants gather in Brighton Chapel Parking Lot for staging.
- 10:30 am** **Parade** – Two times 'Round the Loop (optional for Walkers)

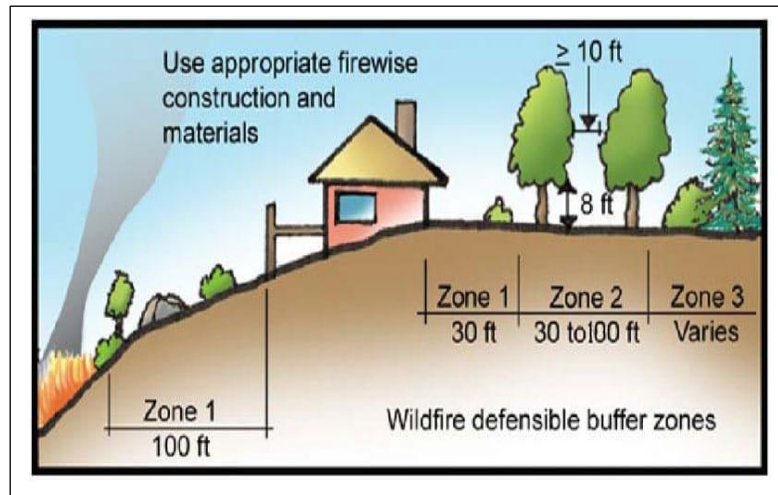
CANDY POLICY Please no candy throws from vehicles or bicycles for safety concerns! Instead, there will be a pre-parade candy toss so excitable kids won't dart into the road during the official parade.

UNCLE SAM'S CANDY SCRAMBLE After UPD motorcycles clear the roadway, they will be followed by a candy-loaded ATV tossing candy around the Loop. Motorcycles will clear the roadway again, and the official parade will begin two times 'round the Loop (once for walkers).

PARADE AT YOUR OWN RISK This event can present dangerous situations. Be advised that you participate at your own risk. The Town of Brighton, Brighton Resort, Brighton Institute, and the Community Council are not liable for injury or damages. The responsibility for juveniles remains with their family at all times. Walkers, bicyclists, and vehicles may have limited visibility, so careful supervision is required. Safety is your primary goal in this national patriotic celebration.

CHIPPER DAYS BEGIN JULY 29

Each year since 2008, UFA and Utah Forests Fire & State Lands have spent thousands of dollars in Big Cottonwood Canyon to encourage homeowners to create Defensible Space around their homes and neighborhoods. The service is free! All they ask is that we keep track of the hours spent clearing wood and brush. We use those hours as in-kind match for the next year's Chipper Days grant. Our homeowners make the neighborhood safer, and protect all homes in



the area. Don't forget that Chipper Days begin on July 29st. [Sign up for Chipper Days Here](#)

This year, the US Forest Service will focus on Big Cottonwood Canyon for their fuel mitigation efforts. Be prepared to see cutting and chipping on public lands during the summer, and controlled burning of wood stacks in the fall. This interesting 15-minute video explains their latest approach to wildfires. [Good Fire, Bad Fire: Inside the Race to Restore America's Forests](#)

ISO FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Recently local UFA officials released good news that Brighton's ISO Fire Rating is 2-X. The Insurance Service Office (ISO) is an agency that provides information to insurance companies about the fire-preparedness in most communities in the US. The 2 is an excellent score (we used to have a 9-ISO rating before the fire station was built). The X means we are a rural area. If

you are talking with your insurance company, this could be helpful information. Thanks to residents from Mill D North, here is an excellent link about ISO ratings:

[How ISO Fire Ratings Impact Your Home Insurance | Bankrate](#)

Q: How are ISO Ratings Determined?

A: There are four categories that the ISO considers:

- Fire department: firefighter training, communications, number of firefighters, and maintenance of equipment.
- Water supply: number of hydrants, amount of water available.
- Emergency communication systems: This evaluates how well a fire department receives and responds to emergency calls.
- Community risk reduction: Any extra practices a community develops toward fire prevention and response are recognized in this category. It includes fire safety education and fire prevention techniques.

A low ISO score suggests to the insurance provider that the likelihood of your home being destroyed by fire is low. The ISO score is only one aspect that insurance companies look at. Other factors include such things as storm frequency, crime rates, and age and maintenance of the community. Homes are not rated individually, only by community.

Brighton can be grateful to UFA for providing an outstanding fire infrastructure with equipment, training, and the new four-person crews. We will celebrate with them at the UFA Pancake Breakfast on September 21 at Fire Station #108.

CHERYL LENZER - UPD DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

We always knew Detective Lenzer was an approachable and diligent community liaison for Canyon Patrol. Her reliability and kindness gave residents help and encouragement in tough times. What we didn't know is that her investigation of a local fraud case uncovered a nationwide, multi-tiered fraud scheme. When she presented her findings to the US Attorney's Office, they immediately formed a Task Force to assist in resolving the case. It has resulted in federal indictments of several suspects across the country. She has always been a local hero and her reputation continues to grow. We are very proud of her.



CANYON PATROL AWARDED DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION



The winter of 2023 had over 900 inches (75 ft) of snowfall, a record not seen since the 1940's. Yet the UPD Canyon Patrol remained on the job. There were an unprecedented number of temporary road closures, with almost 1500 hours logged to staff the closures. In addition, 98 avalanches struck the roads, and 34 full-canyon closures occurred. Some officers didn't see their families for days. They sacrificed hundreds of

hours maintaining order in the canyon. Their unwavering efforts exemplify the highest standards of service to the community.

The Canyon Patrol Unit includes 21 members: Sergeants Mike Hill and Ed Twohill; Officers Brian Todd, Garrett Simon, Shane Franchow, Jerry Jacobson, Kyle Wilkins, Forrest Martinek, Jim Rodrigues, Brady Robinson, Dawn Larsen, Trevor Parker, Troy Lopez, Jeff Sanderson, Dave Wilson, Saul Bailey, Ryan Lim, Aaron Omer, Kyler Roush, Cheryl Lenzer, and Mike Loyd.

SILVER FORK LODGE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

A Town Hall meeting was held May 21, 2024, to discuss the purchase of the Silver Fork Lodge by the Town of Brighton. Over 50 homeowners attended to learn more about it and offer comments.

Town Council Considerations

Councilman Keith Zuspan opened the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation noting reasons why the Town Council is considering the purchase and possible uses of the building:

- Preserve canyon history. Potential buyers claimed they might level the building.
- Preserve a community gathering spot in a central location with parking available.
- Preserve the restaurant by offering a reasonable lease to an outside vendor.
- Offer a package drop-off area.
- Potential office spaces could be located in what are now hotel rooms.
- Provide space for a "micro-school" for youth.
- Provide a public space for the Big Cottonwood Historical Society.
- Increase recycling capacity for paper and glass.
- Increase town storage space.

Council members also listed potential downsides of buying the property:

- Annual maintenance and repair costs



- The possible need to hire a part-time building manager
- The need to contract with a concessionaire to run the restaurant
- Perceived conflict of interest with the mayor being the seller

He pointed out that Brighton, which incorporated as a Town in 2020, has a fund balance of \$4.7 million that was collected through the community resort sales tax and transient room tax. Town budget officials said that the town would be able to replenish the capital fund in the next three years.

Right of First Refusal Agreement

Town Attorney Polly McLean outlined a plan of how the Lodge might be purchased through a Right of First Refusal Agreement. This agreement stipulates that for \$100,000 down, the Town gets priority on purchasing the lodge for \$4.5 million. If anyone else makes an offer on the lodge, the town can match the price and secure the property, or it can cede the purchase if the offer is too high. If no other offers arise within one year, the original \$100,000 will go toward the purchase price. The contract also gives the town an out: If it decides not to purchase the lodge within a year, and no other offers have been made, the town can pay \$500,000 and not buy it. The agreement also says the town has 120 days from signing the Right-of-First-Refusal to do "material due diligence," where it can back out of the agreement if it deems the purchase is not worth it. In that case, the original \$100,000 payment would not be given back.

Following the Townhall Meeting, the Town Council unanimously approved entering into a Right-of-First-Refusal purchase agreement for the Silver Fork Lodge. More information can be found at the following links:

[Brighton Town Hall Audio Recording](#)

[KSL News Article](#)

WASATCH FRONT WASTE & RECYCLING NEWS

Congratulations to Jr. Vigil, National Waste & Recycling Association Driver of the Year!



Jr. joined our team in August 2011, and since that time, he has earned 16 awards for his outstanding efforts, going above and beyond, excellent customer service and providing community education while on his route. He has also won Safety Hero Awards for the high level of safe operations of the equipment he is assigned.

The District sponsored Jr., a guest, and his Manager (Sione Tuione) to the WasteExpo NWRA Awards Breakfast which was held in Las Vegas last month. Jr. was one of four winners that the National Waste & Recycling Association invited to sit for panel interviews and take questions from the audience. Corporate Executives from

Peterbilt Motor Company also honored Jr. at the conference and expressed their appreciation for his years of safe driving. We are proud and honored to have Jr. on our team! Congratulations!

NATIONAL WASTE & RECYCLING WORKER'S DAY
On June 20th Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will celebrate National Waste and Recycling Worker's Day. Every year during the week of June 17th, waste and recycling workers are recognized and celebrated.



During this special week of celebration, we join together to thank the people who work daily to keep our Utah communities clean. Do you know a waste and recycling worker? Give them a special thank you for all of their hard work.

WELCOME JAMES KELSEY, SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR!

As we bid farewell to our dedicated Sustainability Coordinator, McKenna Tupa'i, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her contributions and commitment. McKenna has played a crucial role in advancing our sustainability initiatives, and her efforts have left a lasting impact.



We are also excited to welcome James Kelsey as our new Sustainability Coordinator. James brings nine years of valuable experience and dedication to his role at Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling (WFWRD). Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated a commitment to understanding the organization and the District, having served in various positions while enriching his academic credentials. Please note the new contact email for James: jkelsey@wasatchfrontwaste.org. Phone numbers remain unchanged. Office: (385) 468-6337, Mobile: (385) 315-4170.

INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY



On July 3rd, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will join other organizations around the world in support of International Plastic Bag Free Day (<http://www.plasticbagfreeday.org/>).

There are a lot of good ways to celebrate, and the easiest requires a simple resolution from each individual. Even if just for one day, choose paper over plastic; or even better, take your own bags to the retailers to pick up your goods. Some stores even offer discounts or other perks for the customers that bring their own!

TRAILER RENTAL PROGRAM

Spring is here, which means Spring Cleaning! WFWRD offers a one-time free trailer reservation for Brighton residents. We have both bulk trailers and green waste trailers that you can reserve to help with your household clean-up tasks.

These trailers are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. You can reserve your trailer online [Rent a Trailer Online | Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District](#) or call our offices (385.468.6325) to make your reservation.



REMINDER

No Dogs are allowed in Big Cottonwood Canyon, unless they have the special watershed license. There have been problems with people not cleaning up after their dog. Please help dogs to be good neighbors too.



Music Concerts

- Sundays at Solitude Resort - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Solitude Village Green - Free-Starts 6/30
- Saturdays & Sundays at Brighton Resort – Free – BBQ available for sale -Starts 6/16

Sunset Cinema ▪ Thursday nights – July to September ▪ Moonbeam Center at Solitude Resort

Outdoor Yoga ▪ Solitude Resort 10:00-11:00 a.m. Village Green - Free – Starts June 29

Brighton Flea Market ▪ Sundays-June through September – 10 am-5 pm – Brighton Loop

Sunday Brunch at Milly Chalet ▪ June-September ▪ 10 am – 3 pm

Thirsty Squirrel Open Mike Nights ▪ 3rd Thursdays 5-9pm, June 20th July 18th, Aug 15th, Sept 19th

Big Cottonwood Brewfest ▪ June 16 ▪ noon-5pm – Solitude Village Green

Brighton Historical Society - June 27- Darren Parry, 5th generation son of Shoshone Chief Sagwitch, will tell stories passed down from generations about his tribe and their relationship to the Wasatch. Wasatch Mountain Lodge ▪ Potluck Supper at 5:30 pm ▪ Lecture at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share if you would like to attend the Potluck portion ▪ Cost: Free ▪ Here's the QR Code that will allow you to RSVP:



4th of July Breakfast & Parade ▪ Breakfast at Milly Chalet 8-10 am. Parade begins at 10:30.

Brighton Day & Wasatch Wildflower Festival

▪ July 13 ▪ 9 am-2 pm ▪ Brighton Center ▪ July 14 ▪ 9 am – 2pm ▪ Solitude Village Plaza

Chipper Days ▪ July 29 ▪ Chipper Days begin July 29

Kids' Day at Solitude ▪ August 4 - Noon to 4 pm – Crafts, music, games – Village Green

Revel Marathon ▪ September 14 ▪ 6-11 am – Rolling-lane closures, slow traffic

UFA Pancake Breakfast ▪ September 21 ▪ Fire Station #108

MEETINGS AROUND TOWN

Brighton Town Council

Second Tuesday of each 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

Second Monday of each month – 6 pm. Zoom Meeting

[Launch Zoom Meeting](#)

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

BCCA Community Council

Second Monday of each month – 7 pm.

[Launch Zoom Meeting](#)

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

Brighton Planning Commission Meeting

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

RESOURCES

Real Time Stream Flow

Check out the actual flow rates of Big Cottonwood Creek: [Dashboard \(slco.org\)](#).

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!

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 \(utah.gov\)](#)