



## TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS

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Photo by Fred Z. Saunders

What a wonder to feel so big and so small all at the same time. ~ *Sara Carruth*

Recently two longtime Silver Fork residents took a short hike into the woods and noticed a small moose lying on the ground. Adjusting to the shady light, they then noticed the mama moose lying down, and realized her baby moose was just being born. Another small moose stood close by. Mama moose gave a “No Photos” glare and the couple hurried on, blinded by the wonder they had stumbled upon. A week later this photo appeared on Facebook of what is likely that new little family.

Moose babies are not only adorable, they are miraculous mammals that can run faster than humans at just three days old. Moose twins weigh approximately 14 pounds each and pack on an estimated pound a day to finally reach an adult weight of about 1400 pounds in a couple of years. At birth, they are over two feet tall, with most of the height in their legs. Watch for them in wetland areas and drive carefully in case they decide to cross the road, especially at night and twilight.

## HISTORIC CONSTRUCTION YEAR



This 1940s photo shows the Salt Lake Aquaduct being installed as a main drinking water conduit from Big Cottonwood Canyon to Salt Lake City. It's currently being updated by Salt Lake City Public Utilities. The current Big Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant, built in 1959, will also be remodeled (but not until after the 2034 Olympics). In another historic step, Rocky Mountain Power agreed to underground electric lines in Big Cottonwood. For these reasons, we are experiencing a historic record number of construction projects in the canyon. Here are highlights:

**Wasatch Blvd/Ft. Union Intersection: August 13-30**, there will be significant traffic delays for 3 weeks with single lanes in both directions. This is part of the new SLC water pipeline that will continue down Ft. Union Blvd to Nutree Drive, then proceed south to connect with Sandy's Metro Water Treatment plant. The \$84M project will finish in the Fall of 2026  
For more info: [Cottonwoods Connection | Safeguarding Our Water](#)

**Guardsmans Pass: Monday, August 19 - 22**, Guardsman Pass Road between the Winter Gate and the Pass Overlook will be closed to all daytime traffic to allow crews to safely shoulder and stripe the road. Drivers headed toward Park City, or the Heber Valley will need to reroute via I-80 (Parley's Canyon) or US-189 (Provo Canyon). During this work, Guardsman Pass Road will reopen every night and close again early the following morning to allow for uninterrupted late-night travel. The road is scheduled to reopen for daytime travel as early as **Friday, Aug. 23**.

**Big Cottonwood Road: Monday, August 19 - 22**, crews will begin grinding and striping between the Mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon and Mineral Fork Trailhead (MP 1-8). During this time, drivers can expect one-way alternating traffic controlled by flaggers and pilot cars. This work is a rolling operation, meaning the road will be closed in one-mile increments with changing traffic patterns.

### **Rocky Mountain Power Project**

Cardiff/Mt. Haven Area: Crews are boring and installing conduit on Cardiff Fork Road, laying road base, cleaning up and hauling off debris on Moose Haven Lane and Wild Clematis

Forest Glen Area: Crews are installing boxes and trenching along Lupine Ridge Road, then will start trenching at the top of Wilderness Road. The entry gate will be blocked during the day. Please use the green gate off Skyline View Lane.



## SILVER LAKE BOARDWALK UPDATE

The Silver Lake Boardwalk restoration project is almost finished. There is a 280 ft. portion near the Visitor Center that was paid for by the Town of Brighton. When an unexpected funding shortfall came as a result of the need to drive the boardwalk posts deeper to bedrock than anticipated, the Town stepped in to help the Forest Service with \$120,000. The Town Council decided it was in the best interest of the Town and the thousands of visitors who need a beautiful place to recreate. Thanks Forest Service, Trails Utah, and Town of Brighton for this stellar new Silver Lake boardwalk.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The total cost for the main boardwalk portion of the project is almost \$3 million from USFS. Renovation of the soft surface trail portion cost approximately \$400K, furnished by Trails Utah, plus the extra boardwalk section funded by the Town of Brighton for \$120K. The entire project cost stands at almost \$3.5 M. During the summer and fall seasons, Silver Lake can see up to 4000 visitors a day! The estimate for annual visitation to Silver Lake is 250,000 people.



## CHIPPER DAYS RECORD

UFA Wildland Fire Crews are back in the neighborhood chipping slash and brush piles after being called out on a wildfire last week. So far, it's our largest Chipper Days ever, with a record 110

families signed up. In all, neighbors spent 1550 hours and over \$2,000 in arborist costs. UFA asks that we keep track of the hours and dollars spent clearing wood and brush because we use that as in-kind match for the next year's Chipper Days grant. Thanks to Emergency Manager Jane Martain for coordinating this project, and to all participants for helping Brighton be a Defensible Space.

Several families have asked about where to find help with tree management. Here are some companies that neighbors have recommended:

Atlas Tree Service 801.897.8615  
Arbor Tree Service 801.485.8733  
Tim's Tree Service 801.913.0604  
Doug's Tree Service 801.572.5666  
Diamond Tree Service 801.262.1596



### Trailer Rental & Reservation Program

As the temperatures cool down and we head into fall, WFWRD has bulk trailers and green waste trailers to rent for help with fall clean-up projects.

Brighton residents are offered one free trailer rental per year and they are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Details are available on the WFWRD website where you can also reserve a trailer, or call the office to make a reservation. Reserve early to ensure you get a trailer on the date you want!



### Sustainable School Options

Did You Know...if each student in the United States used one less pencil in a school year, we could save over 265 mature trees!

As back-to-school time approaches, we're all investing in new supplies. Here are some tips for saving money and protecting the environment while restocking your student's supplies:



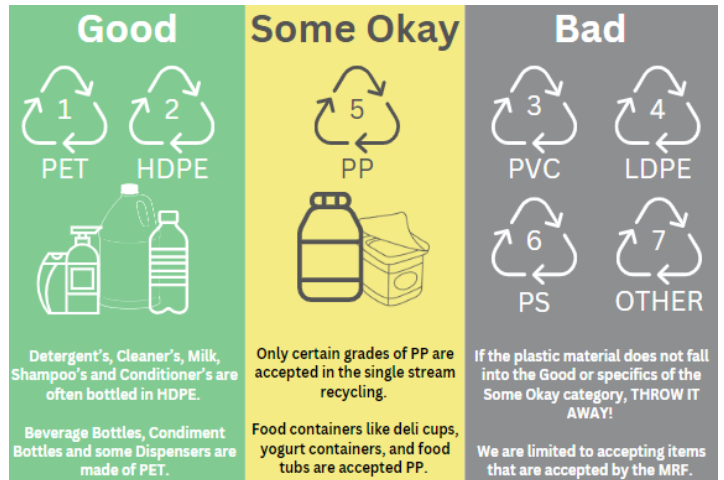
- Take Inventory: Start by checking what items you have from last year that can be used again.
- Choose Sustainable Options: Consider eco-friendly and sustainable choices when buying new items, such as recycled mechanical pencils and reusable water bottles.

## What Types of Plastic Go in the Recycling Dumpsters?

Recycling plastics can be confusing, but this guide will help you become a recycling pro!

PET (#1) and HDPE (#2): Containers of this resin type are widely accepted and include beverage, condiment, and detergent bottles, food tubs, milk jugs, and similar containers. Small to medium containers labeled #1 or #2 are generally recyclable.

PP (#5): This includes yogurt and cottage cheese containers, pill bottles, and some food-grade jars. NOTE: It must match the shape of the items listed above. If an item does match those shapes, it likely isn't accepted in single-stream recycling.



OTHER PLASTICS: Generally, these are not accepted in single-stream recycling. Use our "Recycle Right" tool at <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/how-recycle> for specific recycling options and to confirm what items are accepted.



## EVENTS

### Music Concerts

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

**Sunset Cinema** ▪ Thursday nights thru September ▪ Moonbeam Center at Solitude Resort

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

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

**Thirsty Squirrel Open Mike Nights** ▪ 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-8:30 pm, August 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

**Cooking in the Cottonwoods Classes** ▪ Wednesdays ▪ 6:30 pm ▪ Milly Chalet ▪ Reservations at: [Cooking Classes](#)

**Sunday Brunch at Milly Chalet** ▪ 10:30 am – 2 pm ▪ Reservations at: [Milly Brunch](#)

**Campfire Cookout** ▪ August 16 ▪ Wasatch Mountain Lodge ▪ Registration at [www.brightonresort.com](http://www.brightonresort.com)

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

**UFA Pancake Breakfast** ▪ September 21 ▪ Fire Station #108

## MEETINGS

### **Brighton Town Council**

Second Tuesdays – 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 Mondays – 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 Mondays – 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**

Third Wednesdays - 6:00 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

## RESOURCES

### **Seasonal Resource Links:**

[Find an Arborist](#) ▪ [Dispose of a Mattress](#) ▪ [Reserve a free trash trailer](#)

### **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 \(utah.gov\)](#)