



JANUARY 2026 BCCA MEETING

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026

TIME: 7 pm

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MINUTES November 10, 2025 (see below)

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UPD REPORT Detective Anna Walker

BUSINESS

- Resort Updates – Kim Doyle, Nick Sieckowski
- Town of Brighton Update-Lise Brunhart
- Brighton Institute Update-Don Despain/Laura Bossard
- HB 48 Legislative Update-Daniel Schlehuber
- UFA does not have the manpower to conduct all the fuels reduction that will be required in Brighton due to HB48. The Town could help by designing a program to reimburse families for fuels reduction work.
- Increased Public Education about Wildfire
- Other



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ATTENDANCE Kathy Anderson, Lise Brunhart, Don Despain, Tom Loken, Carolyn Keigley, Jeanette Sawaya, Anna Walker, Angus Robertson, Steve Pantuso, Paul Kuhn, Lisa Sommer, Kirk Nichols, Daniel Schlehuber, Peg Kramer, Jenna Malone, Paul Kuhn, Tom Ward, Nick Seikowski, Jane Martain, Barbara Cameron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Scotty John will be sworn in as Mayor on the 6th of January at 6 pm at the Silver Fork Lodge, along with council members Keith Zuspan and Carolyn Keigley. Everyone is welcome to join in.
- Thanks to Joe Busby, Tom & Sally Loken for keeping the Silver Fork Mailbox area clean
- Nov. 19 & 20 is the very popular Utah Water Shed Symposium at the Cultural Events Center.
- House Bill 48 will affect all homeowners in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). That includes all of Brighton. The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is presenting information about it at three statewide online meetings. In case you missed it, here's the YouTube Link: [HB 48 Public Meeting - Salt Lake City 11/6/2025 - YouTube](#)
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MINUTES October 13, 2025 Minutes were approved as submitted.

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We will be getting funds from the town. We have no expenses until the 4th of July. Think about what we could use the funds for.

UPD REPORT. Detective Anna Walker reported that in October there were 139 calls for service, and one death in the canyon. Otherwise, a quiet month in the canyon. The officers are running daily speed and traffic checks. Drone deployments have been helpful for the many rescues in the canyon. Watershed contacts have been proactive, mostly with campers.

BUSINESS

Solitude Resort Report. Nick Sieckowski reported from the SLC airport. Solitude is opening on the 16th of November, subject to conditions. The new snow-making system will be operational, and they are working to open a few runs. The Stonehouse and Village Store are still open. Everything will be open on Nov. 16th. Check the website for up-to-date information.

Town of Brighton Update. Barbara thanked Carolyn Keigley for her hard work with the UPD budget. It has been a difficult year of negotiations with Salt Lake County. Chipper Days will begin at the end of July. The Town may create a program that will provide financial assistance to property owners to help with "home hardening" in the face of wildfire.

Lise Brunhart reported that the Town has adopted the Wild Land Urban Interface (WUI) Building Code. The 468-page Hazardous Mitigation Plan was also adopted with help from Jane Martain and Brian Buckhout, the UFS-MSD Emergency Planner liaison. Look for it on the Brighton Website. Lise

noted that the Brighton Institute received a \$1 per runner donation from the Revel Marathon (\$4700) in September. They are working on resolutions for the traffic problems that occurred.

HB 48 Discussion. House Bill 48 remains unclear in several key areas following the recent meeting, and many questions are still unresolved. The proposed fees will be based solely on the size of a home's structures, not the size of the property, and will begin this year. Fines, however, will not be implemented until a later date that has not yet been determined. There is ongoing confusion about how assessments will be conducted, and all homeowners will be required to schedule an appointment. Vacant lots will not be assessed, but if a homeowner refuses to allow an assessment, their property will automatically be placed in the highest wildfire risk category.

The funds collected under HB 48 will be handled by Forest Fire/State Lands. The Town of Brighton may be able to reimburse homeowners for a portion of the cost. Actual fees have not yet been finalized and are considered placeholders; current estimates suggest that a 3,000-square-foot home could pay approximately \$40–\$60. While much of Utah falls within the wildland–urban interface, the assessment process itself remains the primary concern. Many are taking a “wait and see” approach in hopes that amendments will be made to the bill, which is widely viewed as essentially a new tax.

Beyond the fees, the potential impact on homeowners' insurance may be even more significant. Properties will be placed into three wildfire risk categories, which could trigger insurance rate increases of up to 19 percent, including automatic increases. Homeowners who have difficulty obtaining insurance may appeal to the Utah State Department of Insurance. Continued mitigation efforts are strongly encouraged to reduce wildfire risk and insurance impacts.

The bill emphasizes home hardening and defensible landscaping, and homeowners will receive a checklist outlining requirements. These include three levels of home hardening, a five-foot perimeter around structures with no shrubs, burying propane tanks where feasible, limiting conifers, and favoring sparse plantings or aspens. While buried propane tanks are being considered for new construction, they may be difficult to install in homes built on rocky terrain. Only structures are assessed under the bill, not land size, and homeowners' associations may adopt related ordinances.

Wildfire risk maps will be made available, though there is currently no map for Brighton's wildland–urban interface. Questions also remain about how Forest Service cabins will be addressed under the legislation. Residents are urged to contact their legislators, including Senator Kathleen Riebe, to advocate for needed changes.

Public participation is critical as the bill moves forward. Two additional meetings are scheduled—one this Thursday via Zoom and another on Tuesday of next week. Attendance, whether in person or online, is strongly encouraged, as continued engagement and communication with legislators will be essential in shaping the final outcome of House Bill 48.

Emergency Manager. Jane Martin urged everyone to check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Other. Food Donations- Although the shutdown is over, you can still donate at Harmons. Barbara has proposed an enclosed Tough Shed for packages near Silver Fork.

Daniel Schlehuber clarified that the new transformer boxes you see are only for power. Internet/cable and phone lines will be stubbed to the poles.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday ahead.

The next BCCA meeting is January 12, 2026.