



## FEBRUARY BCCA MEETING

**DATE:** Monday, February 10, 2025

**TIME:** 7 pm

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 15 Solitude's Torchlight Parade & Fireworks Show ▪ Alphorn Concert (3 pm Village Square) ▪ Magic Show & Lasagna Dinner (4:15 pm Last Chance Lodge) ▪ Avalanche Dog Demo (4:40 pm outside Last Chance) ▪ Torchlight Parade & Fireworks start at 6:45
- February 19 Brighton Ski with an Arborist ▪ Join a Tree Tour to explore native species, habitats, and conservation ▪ 11 am- 12:30 pm ▪ Meet at bottom of Snake Creek Lift ▪ Free, lift ticket required.
- February 21 Ski Waxing Clinic ▪ Join Nordic ski enthusiasts for a demonstration of the latest waxing techniques ▪ 3:30 pm ▪ Solitude Nordic Center at the Brighton Loop ▪ Free ▪ No sign-ups needed ▪ Participants do not bring equipment-only passion, pencil and paper.
- March 2 Stargazing Party at Brighton ▪ Join NASA Solar System Ambassador, Jason Trump for a brief lecture about the night sky, then take a free trip on the Milly lift to the top for a closer look at the constellations. ▪ Meet at Milly Chalet for hot chocolate and cookies ▪ 6:30-8:30 pm ▪ Registration required: [Register HERE!](#)
- March 25 Cottonwood Canyons Camp ▪ Utah Amphibian & Reptile Review with wildlife biologist Chris Frauenhofer ▪ 6-8 pm ▪ Millcreek Library (2266 E. Evergreen Avenue).
- Mondays Big Cottonwood 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
- SkiMo Team Help our local SkiMo team reach a dream and put Brighton on the map for Skimo fame. Click here for more info: [World Championship Fundraiser — Silverfork Skimo](#)

**MINUTES** January 13, 2025 (see page 2)

**FINANCIALS** Checking \$544.73 Savings \$30,824.74

**UPD REPORT** Detective Anna Walker

### BUSINESS

- Town of Brighton Update – Lise Brunhart, Carolyn Keigley
- Resort Updates – Kim Doyle, Nick Sieckowski
- National Conservation & Recreation Area discussion (see p. 5 for our current position)
- Other



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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Central Wasatch Symposium ▪ January 9-10 ▪ Millcreek City Hall ▪ To register and for more information, follow this link: <https://cwc.utah.gov/central-wasatch-symposium/>.

**MINUTES** November 11, 2024 Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **FINANCIALS**

Checking \$544.73 Savings \$30,824.74 (\$730 in interest earnings this year)

Proposed Budget Request to Town of Brighton - \$8,700 (see Request on p. 6)

### **UPD REPORT**

Detective Anna Walker reported that during December, the call for dispatch was 231 calls. Although there were many calls, many were mostly vehicle assists. We didn't have any vehicle burglaries. Crime is down in the Cayon.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan-Brian Buckhout**

Brian Buckhout joined the meeting to review the newly adopted Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Brian Buckhout serves as an Emergency Planner for MSD, he is contracted through Unified Fire Authority under the emergency management department. He comes with a decade of emergency response background as well as 7 years of emergency management in response division at California Office of Emergency Service.

Brain presented why we are adopting the CEMP. He covered the commonalities and differences from the 2020 EOP.

#### **Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) 2020**

- **Purpose:** Primarily focuses on immediate response and recovery actions with coordination of municipal and county resources, including emphasis on NIMS and ICS.
- **Scope:** Applies to towns, metro townships, and unincorporated areas within the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District.
- **Activation:** Triggered by the declaration of a local emergency; coordinated through the Salt Lake County Emergency Coordination Center (ECC).
- **Key Components:**

- Hazard analysis and mitigation planning (2019).
- Incident Command System (ICS) and Emergency Support Functions (ESFs).
- Emphasis on coordination with county, state, and federal agencies.
- Annual review and revision.

### **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) 2024**

- **Purpose:** Broadens to include preparedness and mitigation actions alongside response and recovery, establishing a holistic approach to emergency management.
- **Scope:** Serves multiple communities including Brighton, Copperton, Magna City, White City, and the City of Kearns, with support from Salt Lake County and Utah DEM.
- **Activation:** Similar bottom-up approach but provides a structured process for involving senior leadership and policy groups, with a three-tier activation level at the ECC.
- **Key Components:**
  - Comprehensive integration of community, municipal, and private sector resources.
  - Emphasis on preparedness and community engagement.
  - Updated hazard assessment based on the 2024 Salt Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
  - Maintains regular updates, record-keeping for revisions, and detailed protocols for response escalation.

### **Commonalities**

- **Incident Command and Coordination:** Both follow NIMS and use ICS to streamline coordination across different government levels.
- **Resource Allocation:** Both documents prioritize using local resources before escalating to higher levels for support.
- **ECC Utilization:** Each plan outlines conditions for activating the Salt Lake County ECC in response to incidents of varying scales.

### **Differences**

- **Focus on Preparedness:** The 2024 CEMP expands beyond immediate response to include preparedness activities and public education, while the 2020 EOP has a stronger emphasis on immediate response actions.

Brian fielded questions from the group. The presentation was beneficial and informative. Jane Martain is our contact person in case of an emergency. She will coordinate communication. The new CEMP is attached to the email.

### **Firewise Community-Mike Swinsick, Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP)**

Barbara gave a brief history of Brighton's wildfire efforts: In 2000 BCCA members attended a national Firewise meeting where they had to write 5 wishes to protect their community from wildfire:

1. Tell residents about Defensible Space and encourage them up to be the "other fire fighters" of the canyon. BCCA won the National Smokey Bear Award in 2003 for those efforts.
2. Get locator road names and addresses so emergency providers could find people and cabins. In 2010 residents christened 73 new names for our local streets.
3. Get a new Fire Station. We did that in 2010, with obnoxious lobbying from BCCA.
4. Get metal reflective address signs to help in a wildfire. We've got most cabins covered!
5. Change the Rules! There was intense opposition to Defensible Space concepts from Save Our Canyons, FCOZ, and Salt Lake County. Rule changes came gradually with the last FCOZ rule that required 3 new trees for each cut tree, falling away in 2024.

She then introduced Mike Swinsick and Fire Wise. He noted that the State of Utah has online resources to help us understand what being a Fire Wise Community entails (see links below). They also supply federal grants to fund Chipper Days. Unified Fire works with Brighton's CWPP plan to help reduce wildfire threat in our community.

Here is a link to the current Brighton CWPP: [COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLAN](#)

Here is a link to Firewise Living: <https://Utah Firewise Living>

Here is a link to Firewise Landscaping: [Firewise Landscaping for Utah](#)

Here is a link to a list of Firewise Plants: [Firewise Plants for Utah Landscapes | Fact Sheets](#)

Barbara mentioned the plans for the Gravel Pit at the base of the canyon. She is interested in how they will provide wildfire safety through the building structures and plants. Mike reminded us that homeowners can do a lot of work to reduce the risk of fire around our homes. House Bill 48 is a bill Mike is tracking. It is about requiring Firewise building standards throughout the valley.

Chipper days in Brighton were one of the biggest to date this year. Jane announced we want to start signing up for Chipper Days in April. John Knoblock noted that with the inspiration of Brighton, the upper part of Millcreek has now established Chipper Days. UFA's Fuel Mitigation team works with the cabin owners and should start after Chipper Days. Forest Service will also be working on Fire Mitigation. Concerns were voiced about fire mitigation on properties owned by SL County, Forest Service, Salt Lake Public Utilities, and other areas with many downed trees and fire hazards. Jane said many of the agencies will hopefully work together to address the risks in each area.

### **Town of Brighton Update – Lise Brunhart and Carolyn Keigley**

Lise Brunhart said Title 18 in the Brighton Code was approved and voted on.

The Brighton NODES are up and running - Check out more information here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/55479880f49b4d448ff25d949f14e076>

Please take a moment to fill out the survey via the QR code on the site. Give as much information as possible. The town wants detailed comments that will guide the plan. Rocky Mountain Power announced they will continue to bury the electric lines next summer. SenaWave is hoping for a federal grant to bury the internet fiber lines at the same time. Carolyn Keigley added that Chipper Days and Rocky Mountain Power need to coordinate work.

To renew Short-term Rentals, owners no longer need a water or sewer availability letter. The new directives are listed here: <https://www.brighton.utah.gov/administration/page/short-term-rentals-town-brighton>

Carolyn is pleased that the tire sticker program is working, and they are checking at the base of the canyon. Carolyn asked us to check out the Central Wasatch Commission website—a perfect resource for understanding how all entities work together. The State of Utah is investing heavily in a parking area at the mouth of the canyon. The State focuses on solving the issues in our canyons, specifically addressing transportation.

Resident passes (Yellow Passes) are available from Jane Martain. The sticker program is available until Feb. 28. Kirk also reminded us we need to continue to talk about Parking Limits and Reservations.

### **Resort Updates**

Kim Doyle - Brighton – A Star Party is scheduled with a NASA Ambassador Jason Trump leading a discussion about constellations on the evening of March 2 at 6:30 at the Milly Chalet. Sign-up required. The 88th Anniversary of Brighton will be held on January 31st on the Alpine Rose Deck, including a Laser Light show. The holiday weekends will be open for Sunday Night Skiing.

Nick Sieckowki - Solitude – On January 18<sup>th</sup> and February 18, Solitude will feature many events, including a Torch Parade. They just hosted a National Championship - SkiMo racing, featuring many 2026 Olympians. Round House events are coming up...great events with fabulous food. Thirsty Squirrel - many events are happening. Also there are themed ski clinics - check them out. Nordic Night on January 25<sup>th</sup> is a great way to celebrate the full moon with smores and a campfire. Chocolate Lovers Event. Ski around and sample different Chocolate on the hillside on February 8. Ski Patrol Director - Doug Catherine will present a lecture about Avalanche Mitigation at Solitude.

Solitude has set up a weekly AA meeting for Mondays at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

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**Big Cottonwood Community Council Concerns with the NCRA (National Conservation and Recreation Area) Federal Designation**

1. The NCRA could be approved AFTER there is adequate infrastructure to handle the 1.7 million visitors that currently come to this canyon each year.
  - The NCRA could limit or complicate efforts to provide transportation, restrooms, and trailhead improvements for the wide variety of families and age groups.
  - The NCRA may not bring adequate funding to provide maintenance of current public recreation facilities and trails.
  - The NCRA is likely to attract more visitors before there is adequate infrastructure to support even the current number of visitors.
2. A winter emergency egress is needed in Big Cottonwood as a matter of basic public safety. The NCRA could provide that protection by adding it to the NCRA draft.
3. A Right-of-Way agreement between the US Forest Service and UDOT to allow for maintenance of transportation issues in the Highway 190 corridor should be included in the NCRA draft.