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Brian Head Town News

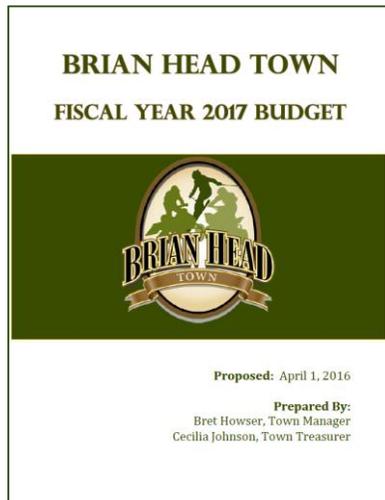
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Brian Head Town Manager Recognition

Bret Howser, Brian Head Town Manager was recognized at the Town Council meeting of March 22, 2016 for his part in helping draft Senate Bill 258 which was passed at the last legislative session. Senate Bill 258 re-defined the “hold harmless” provision for the distribution of sales tax for Brian Head Town, Alta, and Carbon County.

Fiscal Year 2017 Strategic Plan & Budget

The Town Council has adopted a strategic plan for Fiscal Year 2017 (Jul 2016 – Jun 2017), and is holding public hearings on the annual budget which funds that strategic plan during May and June. Both the strategic plan and the proposed budget can be found on the front page of the Town’s website: brianheadtown.utah.gov. I encourage everybody who is interested in how the Town spends taxpayer dollars to improve the quality of life and the visitor experience in Brian Head to peruse these documents. We’ve worked very hard to make them easy to understand and transparent.



Major items that are proposed in the new budget include a \$200,000 annual set-aside for street improvements and one additional full-time public safety officer (police/fire/EMS). The proposed budget is balanced without a tax increase.

Public input is always appreciated. If you have input or ideas regarding the Town’s proposed budget that you wish to share with the Town Council, you can submit them via email to cajohnson@bhtown.utah.gov and/or you may attend the public hearing scheduled on May 24, 2016, at 1pm in Town Hall. Any written comments received will be shared in the Council meeting. The budget is slated to be adopted on June 14, 2016.



Mayor Deuschlander congratulates Town Manager Bret Howser for his part in SB 258 - March 22, 2016

News from the Utility Department

This message is for residential utility customers who only receive garbage billings from Brian Head Town! Garbage bills will be mailed out annually, starting with the July 31, 2016 billing (we have been billing you quarterly). This is to save on mailing costs and should work more efficiently for both the customer and the billing entity. Thanks!

For those of you that have requested to have your utility bills emailed to you – we are having problems with our utility email accounts but are working on the issue. In the meantime, we will be mailing you your bills. Hopefully, the problem will be fixed soon. Once our email system is working correctly and, if you would like to receive your utility bill via email as opposed to snail mail, please email your information to Wendy Dowland at wdowland@bhtown.utah.gov or call (435) 677-2029. Thanks to our customers. We enjoy serving you!

Brian Head Summer Events (June, July, and August 2016)

(Contact Brian Head Resort at (435) 677-2035 or Brian Head Town at (435) 677-2029 for more information)

July 2-4, 2016 - Independence Day Celebration - "Fun" means something different to everyone. For some, it's exploring mountain trails. For others, it's taking the kids to the nearby Cedar Breaks National Monument. And for others, it's live music and beer. Brian Head Resort will be bursting at the seams with fun stuff for every inclination this Independence Day! There are activities for the entire family – including music, food, beer, hiking and biking. And you can't miss the Brian Head Fire Department's annual pancake breakfast and spectacular fireworks display. We have visitors from all over who enjoy the best fireworks in southern Utah on the 4th of July. Come join the fun!

July 15, 2016 – Plein Air Arts Afire Silent Auction - *Plein Air* is a French expression meaning, "open air," and refers to the act of painting outdoors in full view of the subject. Plein air artists capture the spirit and essence of a landscape by interpreting the natural light, color and movements of their subject into their works. The exhibit theme will feature studio pieces illustrating parks found in Southern Utah in addition to Plein Air paintings created during the 2016 Cedar Breaks Plein Air Art Event. Artists are challenged to document the mood, seasons and rhythms found within southern Utah's national parks and monuments by drawing and painting the landscapes Plein Air, or outdoors on site.

About the Exhibition: All selected artists will be given free access to Cedar Breaks National Monument and are welcome to paint in the area anytime leading up to the event. This ideally will allow artists to capture Cedar Breaks and the surrounding scenery during their many moods and seasons. There will be 3-4 schedule artist demonstrations on July 15th. Artists will explain their process and answer visitors' questions for a single two-hour period. These demonstrations are schedule to take place at Brian Head Resort.

About the Artists: Ten artists will spend the week of July 11-16 painting Plein Air pieces in various media to be hung from July 16-September 1 at the brand new Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA).

July 16, 2016 – 2nd Annual BBQ, Blues & Brews - The meats have been marinated and the cookers are fired & stoked! There will be mouth-watering ribs, chicken, brisket and pork, masterfully marinated and seasoned, then smoked for hours to the point of perfection. This ain't just grilling, this is art! Who will be the Champion? Watch as some of the best pit men in Southern Utah line up ready to do battle, apron to apron. Cooking on steel smokers the size of small cars! Think you have what it takes to win the competition? Winners will walk away with some sweet cash prizes and medals, along with the title as best BBQ on the mountain!

July 22 – 24, 2016 – 2nd Annual Brian Head Resort Car Show - If there is one thing that can bring people from all around the world together, it's a love of cars. Auto shows are traditionally the biggest events in the automotive industry, and they attract people from all over the country every year! While there are literally hundreds, if not thousands of car shows held every year around the country, some are massive and some only attract a couple hundred spectators. But they all have value, and provide a chance for people to check out their favorite models! Brian Head Resort's Car Show is a one-of-a-kind Car Show held at 10,000 feet, and surrounded by majestic views! Brian Head Resort is Southern Utah's premiere auto event for automotive and performance enthusiasts to interact and share thoughts and ideas with other car lovers! Being enthusiasts ourselves, we want to everyone to come up and see all the amazing cars in this year's show. Last year we had well over 300 cars at the show, and hosted close to 10,000 spectators!

August 6, 2016 – Brian Head Resort Festival of Flavors - Festival of Flavors is a fusion of music, friends, great views and premiere brews! Come enjoy Utah's finest breweries, wineries and distilleries while enjoying live entertainment! The Festival of Flavors is your opportunity to taste regional wines, sample gourmet cheese and enjoy life! Local artisan vendors will be there too! Kid-friendly activities include mix flavored sodas! Need even another reason to come up? We will also have scenic chairlift rides, disc golf, mountain biking, rock climbing wall and other [activities](#) available during the event. Along with the drinks, activities, entertainment and food, guests will be able to vote on their preferred drink!

August 13 & 14, 2016 – Flyin' Brian Mountain Bike Races – The go-ride gravity series offers some of America's best gravity racing!

Go to www.brianhead.com to sign up for any of these events or to obtain more information on any events.

Fun News from Utah's Southwest Wildlife Foundation

Dear Friends of the Southwest Wildlife Foundation,

This has been an incredible week! My week started Sunday, April 24th doing a wildlife program and Parowan Gap tour for one of my favorite groups, the sixth graders from the Washington Episcopal School in Washington DC. Then my week ended providing the same wildlife program and Parowan Gap tour for the third and fourth graders from the Foothills Montessori School in Henderson Nevada. Two schools literally at opposite ends of our country.

As most of you know I provide more than a hundred wildlife programs a year, but this week was a little different. In a world where the occupants of this planet seem like they want to destroy themselves; the news is full of wars, crises and angry politics. It has gotten to the point where I almost hate to turn on the television. Our beautiful planet seems somehow dark and discouraging, and then I get an opportunity to spend a few hours with some of the most amazing young people that you will ever meet. Both schools serve very large metropolitan communities. The children come from every ethnic, religious and cultural background.

The first thing that I noticed was how bright and intelligent these children are; interested, inquisitive and asking amazing questions. As we talked about the ancient peoples of the desert southwest; their writings, their stories and their culture; both these groups of children had an almost reverent and very respectful appreciation for the Parowan Gap, considered by the native people as sacred ground.

None of the children are related to the ancient Anasazi's, the Fremont's, the Ute's or Piute's. They have no connection to the cultures or religious beliefs of these ancient people. Every child seemed to understand that even though this was not their culture or their belief system, that the ancient writings and the ground surrounding the Parowan Gap was just as sacred as any other sacred place on the planet and should be respected and appreciated for its values and teachings.

Next I bring out my friends, a live hawk, falcon and golden eagle and we spend about an hour talking about the wildlife that can be found around the southern Utah area, and my work as a wildlife rehabilitator. Of course most of the children have already read my book, "Healer of Angels" and they understood my life's dedication to wildlife rehabilitation and wildlife education.

Then to my surprise the children had a gift for me and the Southwest Wildlife Foundation. Both schools had organized a fund raiser for our organization. The 6th graders at the Washington Episcopal School organized a bake sale and raised over \$900 to help feed the sick, injured and orphaned wildlife we care for. The third and fourth graders at the Foothills Montessori School sponsored a read-a-thon and combined, raised more than \$2,200, to again help feed our sick, injured and orphaned wild critters. At both gift presentations, I was beyond speechless. This is truly sacred money. I know that some of the children dug deep into their piggy banks to help me continue my life's work. Even now I do not have the words to express how grateful I am to these children and to their parents and teachers; for the parents and teachers set the foundation for the creation of such amazing young people.

Let me make a suggestion to all of the friends of the Southwest Wildlife Foundation, if you find yourself like I did, in a place where the world seems dark and sad, take the opportunity to visit your local elementary school and spend some time as a volunteer reading to the children, listening to their stories, answering their questions, and I promise you, that darkness will go away, and the world will somehow seem to have amazing possibilities.

Well it is time to close this letter, my golden eagle Scout and I have to get ready for a 400 mile round trip drive to Las Vegas Nevada this afternoon to make a presentation at a Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor. Thank you, dear friends, for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Martin Tyner, Founder & CEO
Southwest Wildlife Foundation
www.GoWildlife.org

(See pictures on page 4)





Cecilia Johnson & Bret Howser

Brian Head Town Receives Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that Brian Head Town, Utah has received the GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 2016 budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity’s budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated “proficient” in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

For budgets beginning in 2015, 1,491 participants received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of 18,300 appointed and elected local, state and provincial-level government officials and other finance

practitioners. The GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

Special thanks goes to Brian Head Town Manager, Bret Howser, who knows budgets inside and out and helps Brian Head Town have a very transparent budgeting process. We appreciate his expertise and his major contribution in getting this award!

Bret Howser, Town Manager, and Cecilia Johnson, Town Treasurer, prepared the FY 2016 budget and were recognized at the Town Council meeting of February 9, 2016. You can read the full document on our website at www.brianheadtown.utah.gov/



UMCA board members from left to right – Janelle Braithwaite, Leighann Wornock, Nancy Leigh (Brian Head Town Treasurer), Kari Jamez

Brian Head Town Clerk Receives MMC

Brian Head Town Clerk, Nancy Leigh, was presented with her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) Award at the Council meeting of March 8, 2016.

The MMC program is an advanced continuing education program that prepares participants to perform complex municipal duties. The program has an extensive and rigorous educational component and a professional contribution component. The MMC award is the highest honor given to a Clerk/Recorder and is only received after they have demonstrated that they have actively pursued education and professional activities.

There are 340 members of the Utah Municipal Clerks’ Association and approximately 40 Clerks/Recorders from Utah have received this prestigious certification. Congratulations Nancy on this well-deserved award!

2016 Town Clean-up and Arbor Day Celebration

Brian Head Town will be holding its annual Town clean-up day, barbecue, and Arbor Day celebration on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. Because of our snowy winter, it has been scheduled a couple of weeks later than usual this year! Please come out and join us in cleaning up the Town, celebrating spring with a barbecue, and planting trees! We love our community and everyone who supports it.

Wow, What a Season!

Brian Head Resort’s 2015/2016 winter season saw a record number of skiers and snowboarders enjoy the slopes of Brian Head Resort. With skier days surging well past the previous high mark of past years, business owners throughout the community enjoyed similar increases in business levels. The continued upgrades and resort improvements went a long way in keeping all of our visitors smiling all winter long. Based on feedback and guest surveys, many guests were first time visitors that feel as if they have “discovered” a special place and are looking forward to many return visits.

It doesn’t end with the melting snow either as we gear up for another fun filled summer season. With events and activities for every type of fun seeker, Brian Head Resort is expecting another banner season this summer as well. We will be welcoming visitors every weekend to come out and enjoy the cool mountain air, the fun events, activities and wonderful new vibe that Brian Head Resort and Brian Head Town have developed. Opening day for summer season is scheduled for June 24, 2016.



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Check out the following websites for more information on Brian Head Town:
www.brianheadtown.utah.gov;
www.visitbrianhead.org



Nicole Hudecek, Brian Head Town GSR



Lori Moreno, Brian Head Town GSR

Brian Head – Guest Service Representatives

Brian Head Town has two part-time Guest Service Representatives. They are Nicole Hudecek (soon to be Byl) and Lori Moreno. These two are familiar faces to this area. Nicole grew up in Brian Head and Lori has worked in and around Brian Head for 31 years (through her cleaning business). Between the two of them, they have a lot of knowledge of our area. Their duties include: receptionist responsibilities; answering phones and helping visitors; distributing brochures to area businesses; and helping with Town functions. Thanks Nikki and Lori for helping our Town run efficiently!

Reminder of Citizen Alert System/Replaces Reverse 911

(Reprint from September 2014 Newsletter)

Receive alerts for emergencies and other important community messages by signing up for the Citizen Alert System for Iron County, Utah. Go to <http://www.CitizenAlert.info>. This notification system enables Iron County and the cities within the County to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages using whichever method you specify, such as your home, cellular phone or business phone, email, text message, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where, you pick how.

Please take note that most phone voice alerts caller id will be from (435) 867-7610, especially in an emergency. It may be a good idea to add this phone number in your contacts list as “Citizen Alert” or something similar so that you know who it is calling you. Also, please understand this is not a phone number that you may call with questions. You must contact the agency that sent you an alert with any questions you may have.

If you have already registered your phone in the past with our old system (Reverse 911), you will need to register your information again on our new Alert System!

