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Got a Problem With Your Neighbors? Why Not *Talk* to Them!

by Dave Alderman 2016 Chairman
I recently had the opportunity to attend the Planners Day at the annual convention of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. I know, sounds like fun, right?



Dave Alderman
2016 Chair

One of the speakers told a story about a group of citizens (not in Salt Lake City) who were concerned with an issue with a particular neighbor. So they went to the City Council to get a new code written that would solve the problem. Then they addressed how to track it and enforce it. And they all agreed on a course of action, until someone asked “Have you talked to your neighbor?”

This past week, I’ve been able to witness a few instances where Avenues residents decided to talk to their neighbors. One is a serious matter that involves an increase in residential crime in a particular area. One of the residents organized a meeting with police and contacted neighbors who wanted to attend, some of whom had not met each other before. Since then, they’ve organized group text lists and other ways to stay in contact and look out for each other. I wish the circumstances that required their actions didn’t exist, but the outreach to neighbors was great. Their actions, combined with some on the part of the Police and City, should make the area safer. We all struggle with crime, especially car prowls and package theft where having neighbors watch out for each other can make a difference.

Another example was not as serious, but still important to some. The City has plans to replace the playground at Lindsey Gardens. There are a lot of people who love the merry-go-round there and don’t want to see it removed. I’m not an expert on merry-go-round safety, but it seems there are some issues that need to be addressed. These may or may not be easily corrected, depending on whom you speak with. But this group took action to talk to neighbors and initiated a petition to ask the city to retain the merry-go-round. At press time, we don’t know the outcome of this situation. But by talking to their neighbors, they were able to make their voices heard on this issue.

While on the subject of Lindsey Gardens, the City has started to look at plans for the old tennis courts there. At our November General Meeting, we will have an opportunity to provide input to the Parks Department on how this area should be managed. Look for more information in our November newsletter.

Back to the subject of talking to neighbors – we had a great

GACC Community Meeting

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

October 5, 7:00 p.m.

Reports — Receive timely updates from our Fire, Library, Police, City, County, School Board, and Legislative representatives.

2017 Candidates Announced – Nominations Accepted from the Floor.

State and Federal Candidate Q&A – Candidates for Utah Governor and Attorney General, US Senate and House of Representatives answer questions on key issues.

Open Forum — An opportunity for Council members to make brief presentations on items that may of interest to the Community.

opportunity to visit with lots of our neighbors at the Avenues Street Fair. We had over 100 Avenues residents who volunteered to help, either with set-up and clean-up, or planning, or manning booths. The Avenues is a big neighborhood and many of these people had not met before. And that doesn’t include all the residents who stopped by the GACC Booth.

These actions all leave me thinking that we live in a great neighborhood. Yes, we have crime, but neighbors take it upon themselves to take actions. And no, we don’t always have the input with the City Departments that we would like, but we still have the opportunity to make those discussions happen.

Our next general meeting will have a Q&A session with candidates for Governor, Attorney General, US Senate, and

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

GACC Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slcp.org. • *Children*: Playtime for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Tuesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. • *Book Baby (ages 0-3)*: Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. • *Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)*: Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.; • Playtime at Sweet, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; • Art & Science: Theme Shadows, Thursday, October 6 at 4 p.m.; • Legos at the Library, Thursday, October 13 at 4 p.m.; • Craft at Sweet, Pumpkin painting (while supplies last), Thursday, October 20 at 4 p.m.; • Family Yoga, Thursday, October 27 at 4 p.m.; • Adult, Art Exhibit - High Places Make Me High, by J. Calhoun ends Oct 22, 2016; • Author in the House - A Special Halloween Edition. October 27, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; • Teen, Teen Advisory Board. Friday, October 21, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Annual Holiday Concert of the Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir (SLACC) will be on Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Libby Gardner Concert Hall at the University of Utah. Music will include seasonal secular and sacred selections. Admission is free. All Avenues residents and their family and friends are invited. SLACC is open to all adults age 18 or older. Email cclarkcclark@gmail.com for information about how to join the Choir. SLACC is a non-denominational, non profit, and all-volunteer organization.

Avenues Exercise Class -Free- Federal Heights LDS Ward, 1300 Fairfax Road. Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Stretching, Weights, Mat Pilates. Renate Nebeker 801-534-1443.

Natural History Museum Of Utah—The Museum is pleased to offer four Free Days each year in appreciation for the important Zoo, Arts and Parks funding we receive from Salt Lake County. Monday, October 10. Go to <https://nhmu.utah.edu/free-days-nhmu> to secure free tickets.

The Agenda

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Is Lindsey Garden's Merry-go-Round Doomed?

For several years, the city has had revamping the Lindsey Garden playground on the drawing board. Money was allocated several years ago and work was to start this summer.

Recently a construction fence went up around the site and neighbors wondered what was to happen to the whirling disk ride commonly called the merry-go-round.

The rendering of the new playground, shown here, doesn't show the merry-go-round,

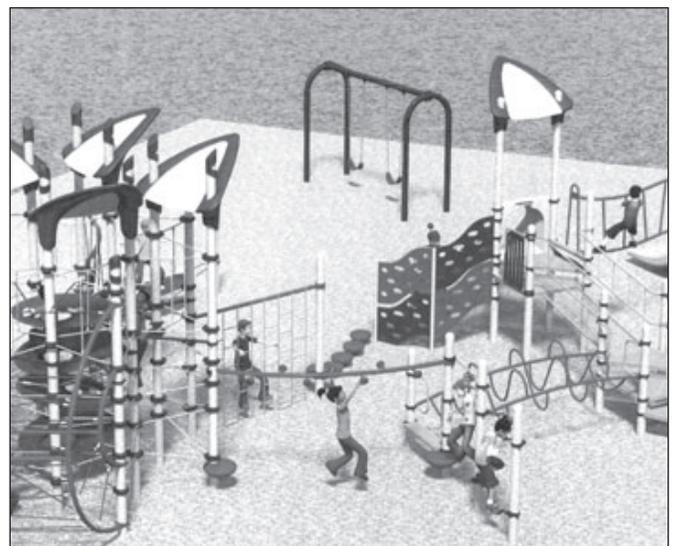
City officials, unaware of the local sentiment toward the merry-go-round, made no space in the new playground for it.

Problem is, the merry-go-round is extremely dangerous and doesn't meet ADA standards. This means the city cannot even contemplate keeping it in its present condition.

The city has proposed three alternatives: keeping the merry-go-round as a nonfunctioning art piece, buying a new compliant merry-go-round at a cost of \$23,000 or refurbishing the merry-go-round at a cost of \$25,000. To be safe the new merry-go-round must have a speed governor. No more whipping it around as fast as players can go. It also would have to have a different surface underneath as the present sand surface gets rutted.

Kristin Riker, parks director in the new administration, may meet with the Community Council in November to air the issue. Meanwhile, GACC has been promised the merry-go-round will be preserved during discussions.

The matter is very much up in the air as this newsletter goes to press. More information will come in November.



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House of Representatives. It's a great way to see these candidates in person and hear their thoughts on key issues and yes, talk to your neighbors. I hope you can join us.



Avenues kids kick off the 2016 Street Fair with a parade down 6th Avenue. Photo by Dave Van Langeveld.

No Surprise: Great Weather Helps Boost Street Fair Turnout

What a great day!

Attendance at the 2016 Street Fair might have even been better than last year. We had great weather and a great turnout. Thousands of people came to the Fair on 6th Avenue to listen to music, shop at the vendor booths for art, jewelry, clothing and more, and enjoy good food.

The day started with a Children’s Parade that might have set a record for participation. The kids led the way, showing everyone how to have fun.

The Children’s Area was busy all day long as kids played games, played in the sand boxes and drew chalk art on the sidewalk. Who knows, maybe one of them will be in the People’s Art Gallery one day. For over 6 hours, they kept four face painters busy. Not to mention the two gallons of bubbles that they (literally) blew through.

We had a great mix of bands this year, everything from solo acts and duets to a 17-piece band. We had food vendors who covered the world, from barbecue to Belgian to Asian and everything in between. Plus snow cones and frozen yogurt and all the other health foods.

The Street Fair is a great opportunity to showcase our unique neighborhood—the community spirit that allows this to happen, the eclectic houses and the unique talents of our residents, such as Caroleine James, our Featured Artist this year, and Zosia Weglarz, the winner of the People’s Choice Award from the People’s Art Gallery, both of whom are still students. Plus the more than 60 Avenues businesses and non-profits that had booths showcasing their work.

The Street Fair is also the annual fundraiser for the

GACC. We won’t have the final numbers in until well after this newsletter goes to print. But from a preliminary look, it appears that we were successful in contributing to the GACC bank account. These funds help us continue to support projects like the Popperton Plots Community Garden, the Avenues Community Choir, the Memory Grove Clean-up and the monthly mailing of our newsletter.

This wouldn’t be a successful event without the efforts of a lot of people and we want to thank all those who volunteered to help during the day (especially the West High School National Honor Society and Boy Scout Troop 34), the bands that played all day long, the businesses which donated to the Opportunity Drawing, the churches that donated tables and chairs, the artists that participated in the People’s Art Gallery, the marchers in the Children’s Parade and especially the Fair goers.

And a 'Thank You' goes to all the residents on 6th Avenue who shared their street with a few thousand people. We hope the inconvenience of the day was offset by the fun of having all that activity happen almost in your front yard.

—Dave Alderman

Creation of a master plan for future operations of the Salt Lake City Cemetery will be the topic of an open house November 16 at 6 p.m. at the Salt Lake City

Public Library. The cemetery has for years functioned on fees alone, but now as the cemetery fills up that source of funding will need to be augmented.

The People's Art Gallery Enjoyed Another Successful Year

We displayed 54 works of art, with more than half from artists age 18 and under. Many visitors commented on the wide variety of works. I was pleased that there was so much diversity, but wish we'd had some three-dimensional pieces. We can work on that next year.

Of the items on display 16 were marked for sale. There were two sales on Saturday and there may be more as a few people inquired about works that were not marked for sale.

Our volunteers were excellent and their enthusiasm helped bring people in to vote for the People's Choice Award. Between 400 & 500 votes were cast.

We had a double winner. The People's Choice Award winner was in the 10 - 14 year old category. She is Zosia Weglarz, whose winning work was a watercolor entitled "Sunflowers." The "professional judge" also awarded her the first place ribbon in her age category. —Anne Mitchell



Zosia Weglarz with her winning watercolor.

Age 9 & under:

- 1st - "Cartel Being Eaten by Sharks" - Erik Cruz
- 2nd - "Elvis as a Chicken" - Gemma Ciriollo
- 3rd - Untitled - Lucy Weber

Ages 10 - 14:

- 1st - "Sunflowers" - Zosia Weglarz
- 2nd - "Jackson" - Ady Hein
- 3rd - "Giraffe" - Mabel Bates

Ages 15 - 18:

- 1st - "Gazing" - Bea Hurd
- 2nd - Untitled - Benjamin Kieda
- 3rd - "Red Man" - Kate Williams

Adult Amateur:

- 1st - "Harvest Moon" - Madeline Stanfield
- 2nd - "Transcendence" - Matt Monsoon
- 3rd - "First Avenue" - Jenna Ward

Adult Professional:

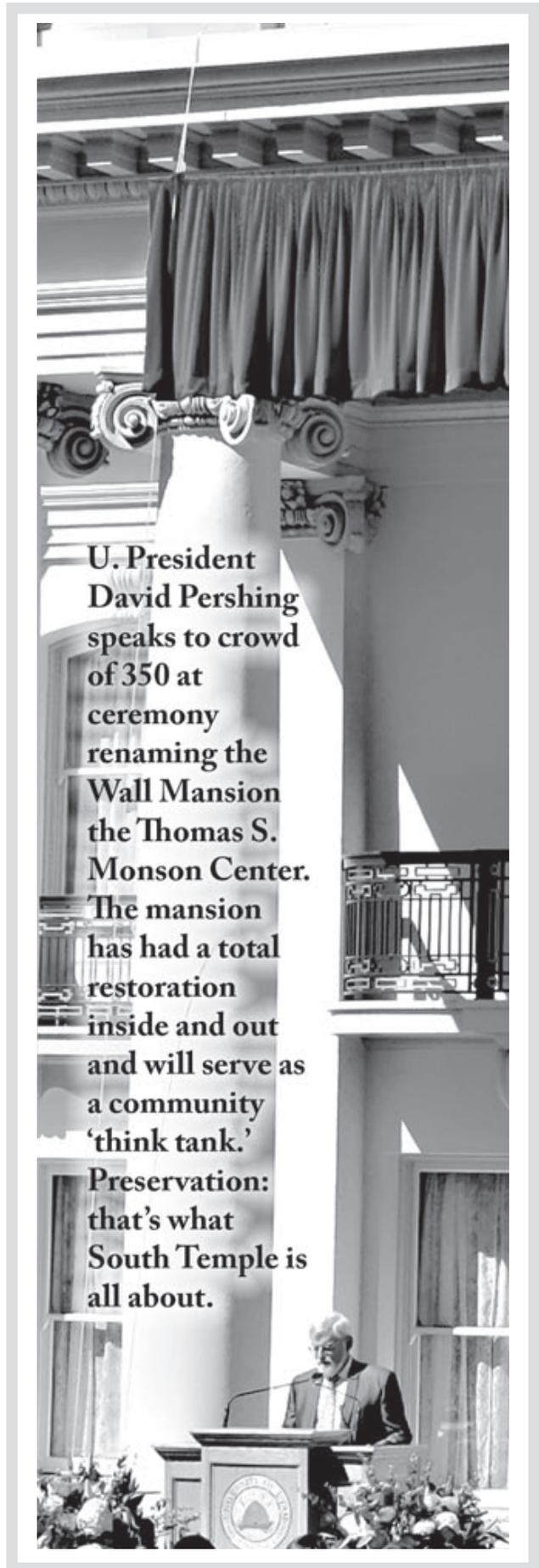
- 1st - "Rose Hat" - Suzanne Tornquist
- 2nd - "Lucky Rabbits' Feet" - Julie Lewis
- 3rd - "Trail Boss" - Gunter Radinger

Did You Know?

The Avenues area was called the "dry bench" when people first began building homes here. That's because there was no water and people who wanted water had to haul it in themselves. Water finally came to the high Avenues in 1908.

Says Wikipedia, "Originally, all of the streets were named. North-south streets were named for trees, and east-west streets had names like "Fruit", "Garden", "Bluff", and "Wall" (for what are now 2nd through 5th avenues respectively).

"By 1885 the north-south streets gained their current alphabetical designations (A Street through V Street, although V was turned into Virginia Street)."



U. President David Pershing speaks to crowd of 350 at ceremony renaming the Wall Mansion the Thomas S. Monson Center. The mansion has had a total restoration inside and out and will serve as a community 'think tank.'

Preservation: that's what South Temple is all about.

Reporting Problems to the City is as Easy as Grabbing Your Smartphone

Have you had a chance to try out SLC Mobile?

City officials say "SLC Mobile is a free, simple, and intuitive online and smart phone application that enables the residents of Salt Lake City to identify quality of life and environmental issues and report them to the appropriate department for quick resolution.

"Powered by CitySourced technology, the application uses your smart phone's GPS to automatically provide the issue's location, simplifying the reporting process for both you and City staff. Once you have submitted an issue, you track resolution efforts within SLC Mobile or via the web. SLC Mobile is free to download (at <http://www.slcgov.com/slcmobile>) and use."

The service has been around for several years and is being used in many cities across the country.

This is not the same as calling 911, the city advises. It is not monitored by first-responders. You have to have your GPS enabled for it to work

SLC Mobile works like this: First, launch the app. Click "report an issue."

Then snap a picture or create a video or sound clip. Click the use/attach/escape button on your phone. Select an issue category. Select "submit" and quickly the problem is sent to the city department that deals with those issues.

A trick: the app requires you send some sort of media file. Just sending text won't work.

If the issue you are reporting is a water or sewer emergency, call 801 483-6700 which is a 24 hour number, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. For street lighting emergencies call 801 483-6738. The app does not work outside of the city limits of the Salt Lake City. However, the app is powered by a program called CitySourced, which provides tools and services for locations across the country. To learn more about their other mobile and online reporting tools, visit CitySourced.com.



Advisor: Your device information is
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WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2016,
7:00 P.M.
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