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Got A 96-Hour Kit? Are You Keeping It Updated By Season And Age Of Food?

by Dianne Leonard
2015 Chairwoman



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As I sit here looking at a blank page on my computer, waiting for some inspiration to hit I am struck by the sounds of busy people going back and forth all around me. It is not much different sitting outside here in New York than it would be sitting outside on one of the great patios that we can enjoy in Salt Lake City—well it is MUCH colder here and I am typing with gloves on—there are busy people everywhere.

The thought that comes to my mind over and over is that we have all become so busy and occupied with our lives that we sometimes live in very reactive ways rather than being proactive.

After our meeting recently, talking about what the city is prepared to do for us but also how much we need to rely on ourselves and our community in an emergency situation, I went home and took stock of what we have and don't that I think we would need in case of a serious natural disaster that would cut our power and water and perhaps cause us to leave our home. A long time ago we built 72-hour kits for each member of our family.

When the kids left home, we sent them off with their 72-hour kit in the trunk of their car.

As we've added new members of our family, we have created kits for them. I wish that this was a happy ending story where I could report that all my family is now rotating their kits, have upped them to 96 hour kits and have become leaders in their community in rallying folks to get prepared.

The reality is that in one of the kits the kids now keep climbing gear. In another camping equipment—as my son pointed out, there's still toilet paper in his camping and climbing bags. I feel sooo good about that! And on and on. Four kits created. Four bags repurposed.

My husband and I have kept our 96-hour kits current and one of our daughters-in-law has taken the challenge. She and I rotate our food and water every 6 months and she changes the size and season of the clothes in the kits of her children. So all is not lost. I have not given up.

As we plan the monthly GACC meetings, I get really energized thinking about the opportunity we have to learn and share as a community. I hope that you feel that way too.

Next month we'll be learning about issues surrounding our

GACC Community Meeting

April 1, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

7:00 to 7:05 p.m.—Welcome and Announcements,
Chair.

7:05-7:25 p.m.—Reports: Library, Fire, Police, City,
County, School Board.

7:25 to 7:55—State Legislative Report, Rep. Rebecca
Chavez-Houck, Sen. Jim Dabakis.

7:55 to 8:10—Report on elevated walkway at
100 South and North Campus Dr., University
spokespersons.

8:10 to 8:30—Transportation issues; representative(s)
of the City.

8:45-8:55 p.m.—Open Forum then Adjourn.

streets. We identified this as one of our top ten areas of interest at our January meeting and I am very excited to learn more.

See you at our next meeting, April 1, 7 p.m. at Sweet Library!

The reality of prep kits is that 72 hours is an unrealistic time frame. In a major disaster, it's more likely that help won't arrive for 96 hours. See pages 3 and 4 for more.

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chairman at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

GACC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 7 p.m., Sweet Library,

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slclpl.org. *Book Baby* Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.; *Preschool Storytime*, mornings at 11 a.m. *Book Baby* 10 a.m., Wednesday; *Family Yoga*, March 23 7 p.m.; *Stuffed Animal Sleepover*, drop off stuffies Friday April 17, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; pick up stuffies and watch slide show, Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. *LEGOs at the Library*, Saturday, April 4, 2 to 3 p.m.; *Organic Gardening presented by Wasatch Community Gardens*, Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. *Art Exhibit* by Brian Uhri ends April 21.

Downtown Farmers Market is finishing up the Winter Market season at the Rio Grande Depot with final markets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 11 and 25. More information at <http://slcfarmersmarket.org/>.

Looking for some free fun? Go to this web site for information on free admission days to numerous local entities participating in the Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP) program. Click on <http://slco.org/zap/free-events/> and key in your desired dates.

Avenues Exercise Class—Free—Federal Heights Dr. at Alta Street, (Federal Heights church building.) Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Stretching, Weights, Floor Pilates. Renate, 801-534-1443. Fridays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Aerobics, Dianne, 801-363-5643.

Wasatch Elementary Annual Rummage Sale. 30 "R" Street. Saturday April 11, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and support the rich arts programs at Wasatch Elementary by shopping for great furniture, clothing, books, games and household items. You won't want to miss it!

Enjoy Easter celebrations for children and families. First Presbyterian Church (C St. & South Temple), Child Development Center. On Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m., the church is offering an exciting children's Easter Egg Hunt. This is a free event, and all are welcome, no registration required. On Sunday, April 5, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., the church will conduct Easter Day Worship with music for organ, choir, and brass, and Easter messages for children and adults.

Second Annual "Spring Fling" Concert and Silent Auction at

First United Methodist Church. FUMC invites friends and neighbors to eat delicious food, and shop for Mother's Day gifts on Saturday, May 2, at the church, 203 South 200 East. This year's performers are "Mountain Spirit" and "Otter Creek." Children's activities and tours of the historic building and organ restoration will be available. No admission charge for the concert, but donations will be accepted. Silent auction bidding starts at 4 p.m. Music and food at 5:30 p.m.

A community blood drive is set for Thursday, April 2 from 3 to 8 p.m. The drive will be conducted by ARUP (Associated Regional and University Pathologists.) Donations will be used to support the University of Utah Hospital, Huntsman Cancer Center, Primary Children's Hospital and Shriners Hospital. The Blood Drive will be at the LDS 18th Ward at 135 A Street.



The 60-voice Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir will perform its first-ever Memorial Concert on May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Libby Gardner Concert Hall. The concert will be free and will celebrate America and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The annual GACC Memory Grove Cleanup has been scheduled for May 9.

Chairman Phil Carroll said the format will be the same as in the past: meet at the Grove around 8 a.m., cut, hack and dig for around three hours then enjoy a lunch at 11 a.m. in the park on 4th Avenue.

Sponsors this year are, in addition to GACC, Councilman Stan Penfold, the LDS Hospital and Ensign LDS Stake. Salt Lake City Parks workers will be on hand as ever, to provide your hand tools and to haul away mounds of debris.

So set aside the date, and be ready to join your neighbors in meaningful work that benefits the whole community.

Oh, and wear a good hat, good shoes and bring gloves.

The Agenda

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You can get a 20% tax credit for rehabilitating an historic site?

It's called the Utah Historic Preservation Tax Credit and the Utah State Division of History knows all about it.

It does seem too good to be true and in fact, there is a catch. To be eligible your property must be on the National Register Of Historic Places by the end of the project and must be used as a residence. You have three years after the completion of work to get the certification.

Once you are approved by the division you can deduct 20% of all qualified rehabilitation costs from your Utah income or corporate franchise taxes.

You can't take the credit for any property used for commercial purposes, including hotels or bed and breakfasts.

Did You Know?

Work may include interior and or exterior repair, rehabilitation, or restoration, including historic, decorative, and structural elements as well as mechanical systems. All of the proposed ongoing or completed work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and be approved by the State historic Preservation Office

Some examples of eligible work items include:

- repairing/upgrading windows;
- plumbing repairs and fixtures;
- refinishing floors, handrails, etc.;
- repairing or replacing roofs;

porches;

- new furnace, A/C, boiler, etc.;
- new floor and wall coverings;
- electrical upgrades;
- necessary architectural, engineering, and permit fees;

The purchase price of the building, site work (landscaping, sidewalks, fences, driveways, etc.), new additions, work on outbuildings, and the purchase and installation of moveable furnishings or equipment (window coverings, refrigerators, etc.) do not qualify for the credit.

- compatible new kitchens & baths;
- reversing incompatible remodels;
- painting walls, trim, etc.;
- repointing masonry;
- reconstructing historic

Get Ready for the Great Utah Shakeout April 16

What the heck is the Great Utah Shakeout?

It's an exercise aimed at preparing you for the eventuality of a pretty big earthquake happening right where you are standing.

Utah is in an earthquake zone and as a matter of ominous and foreboding fact, our Avenues sit right on threads of the Wasatch Fault.

Experts characterize a big shake not in terms of "if", but "when."

The next Utah ShakeOut Day of Action will be on April 16.

For general information, see <http://shakeout.org/utah/>. On or close to this date, professional and volunteer first responders, state and local emergency managers, the Utah National Guard, businesses, hospitals, schools, churches, and even single families and individuals will be conducting earthquake drills.

The exercises are intended to encourage all of us to think about and test our readiness for a major earthquake. As an individual, your participation can be as modest as practicing "drop, cover, and hold on" and checking or starting a 96-hour kit.

Many of us will be able to participate in planned earthquake drills at work or at school. Contact your school or business for information.

CERTs, Red-Cross-trained shelter volunteers, amateur radio teams, and medical reserve corps members will practice emergency response and shelter preparation.

This time the Salt Lake City Office of Emergency Management is arranging CERT, shelter, and amateur radio exercises at the Bonneville Elementary School (1145 S. 1900 East, Salt Lake City) and North Star Elementary School (1545 N. Morton Dr,

Salt Lake City). More details will be announced soon.

Please see <http://www.slcgov.com/em> for registration details when they are posted or send e-mail to Carleton DeTar (detar@physics.utah.edu) to subscribe to an e-mail list for emergency-preparedness announcements.

—Carleton DeTar

Planning for the 2015 Street Fair is now underway. While the location has not been decided, the date is set for Saturday, September 12.

The next planning meeting is set for April 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sweet Library.

There are still plenty of opportunities for volunteers. Even if you can't make the organizing meetings, there will be plenty of opportunities to help, including on the day of the Fair.

Applications for booths should be available by early April. Check the GACC website for more details.

We are still accepting applications for the Featured Artist. The applications are due April 3. The selected artist provides a unique and original painting or digital art that represents the artist's concept of what "The Avenues" means to them. This image becomes the visual theme for the Street Fair.

The artwork is due to GACC by May 15, and is then used in all the Street Fair promotional items, while the original artwork remains the property of the artist.

The Featured Artist is provided a complimentary booth at the Street Fair. More details for applying are found at www.slc-avenues.org.

Send Statements of Interest to Dave Alderman, this year's Street Fair chair, at davealderman@hotmail.com.

U. Plans Pedestrian Bridge on North Campus Drive Near 100 South

As the University of Utah carries out a major renovation of the Rio Tinto Kennecott Mechanical Engineering Building, a pedestrian bridge over North Campus Drive, just north of the present shuttle stop, is included in the plans.

The "new" building will house the entire Mechanical Engineering faculty, staff, and most of its graduate students and labs.

Highlights of the new building include:

- Conference rooms
- Student meeting rooms
- Tutoring lab
- Computer lab
- Design project space
- Teaching labs
- 150 seat lecture hall.

The fully ADA

accessible pedestrian bridge, which will have an elevator from ground level and be open 24/7, will help ease congestion of cars and students afoot.

The U. says "the (bridge) will negate the necessity to use

the existing diagonal crosswalk at the intersection of 100 South and North Campus drive, and will eliminate the crosswalk at Federal Way."

Around the corner and a few yards west, the U. is building a new 240-car parking terrace to empty onto Wolcott St. Spokespersons from the University are scheduled to attend GACC's April 1 general meeting at Sweet Library (7 p.m.) to detail the project and answer questions.



U. Rendering of new home of the Mechanical Engineering Department shows planned pedestrian bridge over North Campus Drive. There will be an elevator.

I think about the "big" earthquake when I am away from my children. The fear of a disaster overcomes me when I am up early to exercise, at the store, or perhaps driving miles away from my family. What if the earthquake occurred at that moment? What if it took me 18 hours to get home because the roads, bridges, and overpasses were impassable? Are my kids, husband, and neighbors safe? Do they remember where to go for help? Would there be shelter when they arrived at our neighborhood elementary school?

Because I will be in control of very little from that moment on, it helps me in these moments to know that I have begun to take the steps to be personally prepared. For it is the many small steps that help ease my panic when it unexpectedly rises.

As the Wasatch Elementary School Community Council Chair, I'm accustomed to thinking about safety. In our school, our students practice emergency drills every month. Our Council and PTA have made sure each classroom has an emergency backpack for evacuations. We are vigilant about improving policies and procedures for keeping our nearly 500

Friends and neighbors. . .we are the volunteers

enrolled children and staff safe. Within the Council and PTA, we also advocate preparedness opportunities offered by Salt Lake City including S.A.F.E Neighborhoods (Schools Aid Families in Emergencies – Grab your kit, walk to school!) and C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) programs.

Participating in both of these programs has taught me that preparedness begins at home. It has also taught me that our City's first responders will be overwhelmed in a large disaster. This January, the GACC spent our meeting brainstorming community and city goals for 2015. We identified emergency preparedness, neighborliness, and being proactive rather than reactive. We invited presenters to our March general meeting to talk about what the City can and cannot do. We also learned about 96-hour kits and received information about how to start one at home.

Although the dots for our community goals may not have been connected at the time, I ask that we connect them now. Let's work together within our Avenues neighborhoods, ABC blocks, church groups, schools, and beyond to develop

our community plans. When the earthquake strikes Salt Lake, we

will be on our own for 96 hours before help arrives. Some 97,000 structures will be compromised in the Salt Lake Valley, and 350,000 people will be displaced. Will you be prepared to help your family, neighbors, and community?

If you aren't sure, I ask that you learn more about the S.A.F.E. Neighborhood program (www.beready.slc.com) and how Salt Lake City has partnered with the Red Cross and your local elementary school to serve as a shelter and relocation center in an earthquake disaster. Where is your nearest elementary school? When you find out, reach out to their school community council and PTA. Let's work together as community partners to develop and grow our elementary school shelter plans. Our schools will function as shelters only when we have trained volunteers to operate them. My friends and neighbors, we are these volunteers. Preparedness absolutely begins at home, but we can only prepare our communities by working together.

—Janet Barnette
Wasatch Elementary School
Community Council Chair

Land Use 101 – The City Planning Commission

by Sydney Fannesbeck

Each city and town in Utah is required by state law to have a Planning Commission, which is to be established by local ordinance.

The ordinance must detail the authority of the Planning Commission and set rules and procedures, including procedures to be used for filling vacancies and for removal from office. Such procedures should be fairly specific with the idea in mind that removal from office can be questioned in a court of law.

According to state law, there are minimal duties of every Planning Commission. These include: adopting and maintaining the General Plan; adopting and amending the Zoning Ordinance and maps; making recommendations on Subdivisions; and advising on any Annexation Policy that the city might have. (Utah Code, Title 10, Chapter 9a).

In addition to those duties specified by the state, Salt Lake City Ordinances give the Planning Commission additional powers and duties. Included are: hearing and deciding Appeals from Administrative Hearing Decisions of the Planning Director, (some specific planning decisions are made administratively by the Planning Director); approving Planned Unit Developments and Subdivisions; ruling on Conditional Uses, and on the existence, expansion or modification of Nonconforming Uses and Noncomplying Structures.

Many of these duties were added to the Planning Commission as a result of Salt Lake’s decision to do away with the Board of

Adjustment a few years ago. (Their reasons for doing so will be discussed in next month’s newsletter).

The Salt Lake City Ordinance allows for 9 to 11 members of the Planning Commission. Currently there are nine sitting members and two vacancies. Four of the current members come from District Three, which includes the Avenues and Capitol Hill. The only qualifications listed for members are that the Commission shall consist of “. . . members balancing geographic, professional, neighborhood and community interests.” A would-be Commissioner should realize that as an individual member of the Commission, she or he has very little authority. The Commission, as a body, does not make policy. It is limited by the ordinances of the city. The City Council can adopt an ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission, reject it, or revise it.

A Planning Commissioner who sees his or her role as representing a specific interest does not serve the Commission or the City well.

All meetings are open to the public and almost always consist of several public hearings. An Agenda must be posted and all meetings must adhere to requirements stipulated by the Open Meetings Act.

For your information, meetings of the Salt Lake City Planning Commission are twice-monthly on the second and fourth Wednesdays. They begin at 5:30 p.m. in the City and County Building in Room 326.

If you have never attended a Commission meeting, I suggest you do so. They can be very interesting.



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NEIGHBORHOOD Update

Give Brussels Sprouts Another Chance

Brussels sprouts may have a bad rap in your home. But, when they’re prepared correctly, brussels sprouts can move beyond just being healthy to packing some delicious flavor and texture as well. Give them another chance with this simple and yummy recipe.

Brussels Sprouts with Brown Butter

Ingredients

- 1 lb fresh or frozen brussels sprouts
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1/8 tsp kosher salt
- 1/8 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Clean and trim the brussels sprouts and cut in half lengthwise.
3. For the brown butter, start by slicing the butter into even pieces. In a sauce pan on medium low heat, melt the butter until it starts to foam. Watch the butter closely at this point. When light brown specks start to form and the butter has a nutty aroma, remove from heat and place the pan on a cool surface.
4. Toss the brussels sprouts in half of the brown butter, salt, and pepper.
5. In a roasting pan, roast the sprouts for around 18 to 20 minutes until they’re soft.
6. While the sprouts are roasting, toast the almonds in the oven for around 6 minutes.
7. Toss the sprouts and almonds together along with the reserved brown butter.



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