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REPRESENTING THE AVENUES AND FEDERAL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOODS OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Upcoming: Community Council To Meet With Mayoral Candidates

by Dianne Leonard
2015 Chairwoman

In the age of the 24-hour news cycle it is easy enough to become so inundated with stories that there isn't time to process the impact of what's going on.

I know I find myself trying to give context and meaning to things that are happening around the world at the same time I am trying to understand things that have immediate effect. With so much happening around us, and often with seemingly little impact on my day-to-day life, it is easy for me to become an observer rather than a participant.

There is fighting in Ukraine (and many other places) but this doesn't directly change anything about my day other than an occasional flash of wonder if my son's former host-family from his study abroad are doing well. I wonder if their son who is entering high school this year will have the opportunities that he was looking forward to when he shared his hopes and dreams those many years ago. And then I continue on with my day.

More than once in the last few months as I have talked with friends and co workers about the upcoming elections I have heard the statement, "It doesn't matter who is in office. Things just go on the same."

Or my very favorite, "Once they get into office they just do what they want. They pretend to listen to what we are concerned about to get our vote and then as soon as they are elected, forget it."

This kind of thinking makes me feel very sad and frustrated because I still believe that we can and should have a voice even after the voting booths are put away for another term.

I know that it is difficult to feel influential on a global level—most of us will just spend our lives throwing the starfish on the beach into the sea one at a time—and even at the national and state level change can be slow and there are many more voices that influence policy and law.

We are in an election cycle where we can see some "closer to home" issues addressed and where our voice and our vote can make a difference.

This year the GACC Board decided that we would like to give Avenues residents another opportunity to meet the folks who would like to run our city for the next four years.

We have extended an invitation to the three candidates currently running for Salt Lake City Mayor to come and spend some time sharing their ideas and listening to the residents of our neighbor-



Dianne Leonard,
2015 Chair

GACC Community Meeting

May 6, 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, Stan Penfold City Council update.

7:25-7:45—Legislative Updates: Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck; Senator Jim Dabakis.

7:45-8:00—University of Utah Updates.

8:00-8:20—Discussion of questions we'd like to ask the mayoral candidates when they visit our meetings in June and July.

8:20-8:45—Care of our trees and plants. Water-wise plants and our big trees—can the two coexist?

8:45-8:55—Open Forum.

8:55—Adjourn and Clean Up.

hood reveal what is important to them.

Mayor Ralph Becker, former State Rep. Jackie Biskupski, and Councilman Luke Garrott have all been invited to come and spend time with us at our GACC Community meetings in June and July.

At our May 6 meeting we will spend a few minutes creating a set of questions that we will ask the candidates to come prepared to answer when they join us.

This is your chance to help us ask the things that are important to you.

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 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, May 13, 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 am. Preschool Storytime. Every Wednesday at 11 am. LEGOs at the Library. Saturday, May 2 from 2 to 3 p.m. **Sweet Branch 30th Anniversary May 4 - 9.** Movie Breakfast Club, Monday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. Movie "Goonies", Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. Movie "Desperately Seeking Susan," Friday, May 8, 3 p.m. **30th Anniversary Celebration** Saturday, May 9, noon to 3 p.m. Come celebrate with goodies, giveaways, and games! *Art Reception* for Kirk Henrichsen, May 9, 3 - 5 p.m. *Art Exhibit:* "Land & Sky: Views from the Avenues and Beyond" by Kirk Henrichsen begins May 4. *Summer Reading for All Ages* starts Saturday, May 30. A Summer Reading kick-off party will happen at the Main Library with activities from noon to 5 p.m.

Wasatch Elementary's annual Arts Showcase on May 15.

Please join us as Wasatch Elementary, 30 'R' Street, celebrates 21 years of the Arts at our school on May 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event is open to the public and includes a community art store, silent auction, and most importantly our students' amazing art projects from the 2014-15 school year!

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.

Second Annual "Spring Fling" Concert and Silent Auction at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 2, at the church, 203 South 200 East. Featured 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 4 p.m.; music and food at 5:30 p.m.

The Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir. The Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir will be performing their First Annual Memorial Day Concert at Libby Gardner Concert Hall on Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the whole family. The spring concert will feature the beautiful voices of our Avenues friends and neighbors as well as a talented sampling of Avenues musicians for this energetic, patriotic slice of Americana. For more information visit avenueschoir.org.

Call for Artists: The Avenues Open Studios artists would like to invite all Avenues artists to join us on August 29, 2015 for our annual event. This is an event by artists for the community. There is no judging, no censoring, no requirements for admission. Join us to show and sell your art in your home or yard. If you don't have a good venue, we will help find one. All disciplines welcome. For information: Anne Albaugh, (801)554-9805.

Virginia Street water line: Part of Virginia Street's water main will be replaced in early summer, according to the city's public utilities department. The purpose of the project is to replace aging water lines on Virginia Street from Crestline Circle/Fairfax Road to Fifth Avenue/Federal Heights Drive. This should reduce the maintenance needed on the water line in this street. Fire flow and water pressure within this area may improve the city said. Residents will be given two-weeks' notice prior to the start of construction.

Wild Grape Bistro has closed.

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Speaking of focusing on places where your voice and vote can make a difference—I continue to get emails and phone calls from residents with questions and opinions about things they would like to see—or see less of—on the Avenues. I love hearing from you. Thank you for taking the time to share and ask.

These contacts represent just a small fraction of the residents in our community. As the GACC Board talked about how to know what more of our neighbors were thinking we decided to give a different technology a try.

This month we are implementing a Resident's Poll on the GACC website. At intervals we plan to put a link to a new poll on our website asking for your opinion about plans that are brought before the community and action you feel that we as a neighborhood should take.

Because of ongoing conversations, the first poll asks questions regarding the placement of signs at the entrances to our neighborhood.

Our goal is to make the surveys brief—no more than five questions—and to use the feedback we get to inform further surveys. I urge you to take a couple of minutes to visit the GACC website <http://slc-avenues.org> and let your voice be heard.

I also look forward to hearing other questions you'd like us to ask in the future.

I hope to see you at the next GACC meeting on May 6, 7 p.m. at the Sweet Library.

—Dianne

The Agenda

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Businesses may face additional recycling duties.

The City is considering additional recycling requirements for businesses and multi-family residences.

Those who would be affected: business license holders who generate more than eight large garbage bins of garbage per week.

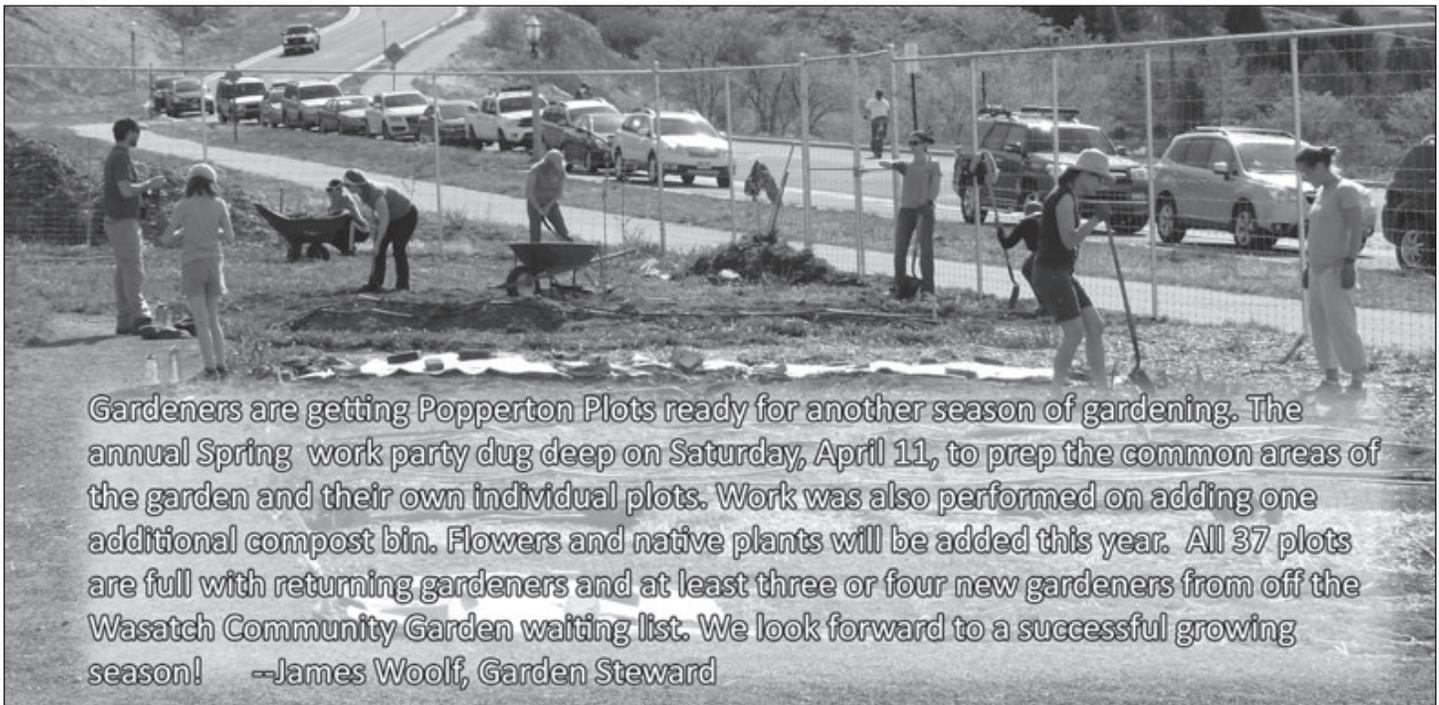
Business license holders include all types of commercial business, services and retail, as well as apartment and condo

Did You Know?

complexes. Typically, businesses with more than 10 employees would be impacted, but depending on the type of company, smaller organizations

might generate enough waste to be required to comply as well.

You can learn more by searching for "salt lake city open city hall" or scan the QR code here.



Gardeners are getting Popperton Plots ready for another season of gardening. The annual Spring work party dug deep on Saturday, April 11, to prep the common areas of the garden and their own individual plots. Work was also performed on adding one additional compost bin. Flowers and native plants will be added this year. All 37 plots are full with returning gardeners and at least three or four new gardeners from off the Wasatch Community Garden waiting list. We look forward to a successful growing season! --James Woolf, Garden Steward

2015 Avenues Street Fair

Planning continues for the Avenues Street Fair, to be held this year on Saturday, September 12. The location is still to be announced, but lots of activity is already underway. Our second meeting was held on April 11th.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sweet Library.

You can apply now for a booth! Applications are available on the GACC website and Facebook page and are due by July 31. After that there will be a late fee, if booths are still available. So it's best to get your application in early. Booth prices are \$150 for a food vendor, \$100 for retail vendors, and \$80 for non-profits.

In addition, there is a \$50 security deposit that will be refunded, if you stay for the full day and clean up your area afterward.

One of the highlights of the Fair is the People's Art

Gallery. Please consider participating in this unique event. Avenues residents may enter art to be judged and win prizes, and even offer their work for sale.

There are categories for Children, Teens, Adult Amateur and Adult Professional. Don't think you're a painter? Previous entrants have included photography, jewelry and even small sculptures. More information will be available on the website in the near future.

Of course, we'll have entertainment on two stages again this year. We plan to have a range of musical styles to appeal to everyone. If you are interested in performing, please contact Dylan McDonnell at mcdonnelldc@gmail.com.

And yes, there is still a need for volunteers to help with planning. As of this writing, we still have openings for Publicity, Children's Parade, and Electricity.

If you have a desire to be involved please contact Dave Alderman at davealderman@hotmail.com, or come to the meeting on May 9.

Mayor Ralph Becker, in April, placed Salt Lake City under a Stage 1 Water

Record Drought Will Hit This Area Hard

Salt Lake City has been placed under a "Stage 1" advisory

are doing everything we can to address this problem for the short and long term.”

Advisory in accordance with the Salt Lake City Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

The least restrictive of five stages, a Stage 1 Advisory, calls for water customers to be watchful in regards to water use by avoiding over-watering and water waste.

Officials said the city was able last year to save some reservoir water such that there is available now some 90% of normal water needs. The mayor said, “unfortunately, Salt Lake City is not immune to the realities of the climate change crisis and our recent below average snowfall is a clear sign of that. We

Public Utilities offers these simple recommendations for using less water:

- Adjust sprinkler controllers to reflect the season and weather
- Check sprinkler systems for broken or misaligned spray heads
- Check indoor faucets and fixtures for leaks and repair promptly
- Sign up for a free sprinkler check by calling 1-877-728-3420
- Visit <http://slcgardenwise.com/> for water-saving tips and landscape information

BE WATER-WISE OUTDOORS

Sprinkler Tips

Tune up your sprinklers readjustments (i.e. repair broken, clogged, or misaligned heads).

- Invest in a rain switch or moisture sensor. A rain switch will automatically shut off watering during rain storms, while a moisture sensor "senses" when the soil has dried out and turns irrigation back on.
- Avoid puddling and runoff. This is evidence of over-watering. Typically excess water will evaporate or run off before being absorbed into saturated soil.
- Adjust your automatic timer to coincide with weather changes. Don't set it once and then leave it for the entire watering season. Change your watering schedule and adjust for monthly weather changes.
- Use the right sprinkler in the right place. Turf, trees, flowers, and shrubs sometimes benefit from different types of sprinkling systems (i.e. spray heads vs. drip irrigation). Learn what types your plants need.
- Water the plants, not the sidewalk! Adjust your sprinklers so they avoid driveways and sidewalks as much as possible. No matter what your parents taught you, you can't get a bigger driveway by watering it.

Watering Tips

- Watch the "Cycle and Soak" video for proper watering tech-

niques.

- Don't water in the middle of a hot day. Watering when it's cooler allows water to penetrate into the root zone where it can be helpful to the plant. A good rule-of-thumb is to not water between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Water deeply. Deep soak your lawn's root zone where the water won't evaporate as quickly and will do the most good for the plant. By using a soil probe (or even a screwdriver),

You can find Water Usage/Waste Calculators at <http://waterwiseutah.org/caculators.htm> (yes, the URL is misspelled.)

you can determine if your soil is moist in the root zone, and if you need to water. If it's moist, don't water! Don't over-water. Excess watering means that fertilizers and pesticides will move out of the root zone of the plant, rendering them inef-

fective. What's worse is that those toxins can penetrate into the groundwater, impacting water quality and increasing the environmental burden.

- Avoid watering on windy or rainy days. If it's windy, wait a day. If it's rainy, wait a day. Don't water in adverse weather.
- Put soup cans out on your lawn and determine how much time it takes to put 1 inch of water on the ground.
- Avoid watering the entire lawn for the few brown or dry patches.

Turf Tips

- Aerate your lawn in the spring or fall, then over seed with a lawn mix designed for our local conditions. Talk to a nursery professional or your USU County Extension Agent.

GACC starts survey link. First topic: Entry signs for the Greater Avenues Community

This month the GACC Board is initiating a new way for you as members of the community to give your opinion about things that are going on here in our neighborhood, city and state.

Each month we are going to put a link for a new short poll on our website, <http://slc-avenues.org> This month we are starting with a topic that there has been some good discussion about; Entry Signs for the Greater Avenues Community. We have five brief questions that we hope will give you a chance

to express your feelings. We plan to use the results of this poll to inform more questions in the future—I learned a new term, *answer piping*, which means using the answers to previous questions in future questions.

I hope that you will take a few minutes each month and share your opinions with us. I am always happy to get your emails and phone calls about immediate concerns or with suggestions for topics for General Meetings—and now, future polls. I can be reached at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. —Dianne

The GACC Memory Grove Cleanup has been scheduled for May 16

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.



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.

Sponsors this year are, in addition to GACC, Councilman Stan Penfold, the LDS Hospital

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.

Update on Cemetery Turf Damage

Our Salt Lake City Cemetery was hard hit over the winter by a spraying error that devastated the grass on about 40 percent of the cemetery.

City officials said the repairs could cost \$300,000 or more, but they promised they could make most of the repairs by Memorial Day. "We have have a contractor on board working to restore the damaged areas," the city said.

"It was a regrettable and unfortunate employee error." City Sexton Mark Smith told *The Agenda* that "Memorial Day is fast approaching and the Cemetery intends to have restoration work completed in a fashion that will allow the public to enter all sections of the Cemetery with as few restrictions as possible. It will take several months to a year for the renovation to fully grow in."

The Cemetery will issue progress reports up to Memorial Day using various social media sites. <http://www.slcgov.com/cemetery>, he said.

Workers are power raking some of the areas to remove the damaged turf and preparing these areas for new turf to be planted. In other areas they are preparing the area to have new sod. For further information you may contact the Cemetery Office at 801-596-5020.



NEIGHBORHOOD Update

Top 10 Ways to Avoid Injury This Season

Whether you are training for a marathon this year or just enjoying a regular exercise routine, injuries are a pain. Come and talk with one of our Sports Medicine physicians and one of our trainers about ways to avoid injury this season and what to do if you do start feeling those nagging aches and pains.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 | 6:30 p.m.

LDS Hospital Education Center

Presenting: Chris Bell, MD and Marie Perkins, MA, ATC/L, CKTP

Bring your family, friends and training partners and enjoy this opportunity to socialize and get some free Q&A with the LDS Hospital Sports Medicine Team.



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