



of the **Greater Avenues Community Council**
REPRESENTING THE AVENUES AND FEDERAL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOODS OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Feeling At Home In Our Community; Take Our Online Survey

by Dianne Leonard
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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 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, June 10, 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. *June 11: Gallifreyan Calligraphy*: Explore the language of Doctor Who by creating your own Gallifreyan calligraphy. *Superhero Medallions* Saturday, June 13, 2015 11 a.m. Kids ages 8-12 can design and make their own superhero medallions using the Library's 3D modeling software and printer. Registration is required and opens one week before this program; call the Sweet Branch at 801-594-8651. *Zoo Mania*, Saturday, June 20, 1 p.m. Animal Heroes! Learn about inspiring animals that have saved the day and their human companions. Kids can see and pet the animals and check out a great animal book, too. Don't forget your camera. *Book Bag Decorating*: Thursday, June 25, 5 p.m. Create a personalized book bag to transport your Super Summer Challenge materials in style. *Magic with Paul Brewer*: Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m. Prepare to be mesmerized by the power of magic. Kids and families will enjoy an engaging and entertaining magic show by Utah's top magical entertainer. *Family Yoga* fourth Monday of each month 7 to 8:00 p.m.

Salt Lake City is one of 22 places in the U.S. where refugees are resettled by the International Rescue Committee. Escaping war or persecution, 2,274 refugees have arrived in Utah in the last two years from such troubled countries as Iraq, Bhutan, Syria and Somalia. When they arrive a furnished apartment is awaiting them. You can help: The RRC needs gently used sofas, chairs, tables, lamps, and the like. Framed prints are also welcome. Volunteers will pick up anything that can be used. To donate, call Joe Dubray at (801) 930-964. —Refugee Resettlement Committee of the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City.

The Nepal earthquake experience is a vivid demonstration of the importance of preparedness and self-reliance in a disaster. Here is a chance to learn both. Train for a neighborhood CERT (Community Emergency Response Team.) Your neighbors will thank you.

The Agenda

Publisher's Statement

The monthly Greater Avenues Community Council newsletter "The Agenda" is mailed free to all residences in the Avenues. This publication is created to conduct the business of the Greater Avenues Community Council. Mail correspondence to P. O. Box 1679, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

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GACC web page is www.slc-avenues.org.

CERT basic training class, Instructor: Ron Maestas, Seven Tuesday evenings, starting June 9, 6 to 9 p.m., Federal Heights Ward, 1300 E. Fairfax Rd. To attend, please register at <http://www.slccert.org>, but in any event, please come to the first class. Location: <https://plus.google.com/115774108952236268236/about?hl=en>.

This basic training class covers home and family preparedness and safety, disaster first aid and medical treatment, small fire suppression, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and team organization. The class is open to all adults. Note: a minimum enrollment of 20 is required to hold the class.

The annual Memory Grove Cleanup, which had been scheduled for May 16, was cancelled due to the threat of rainy weather. Cleanups with smaller groups of volunteers are planned, said organizer Phil Carroll.

Mayoral Candidates Slated to Face Community Council June 3

On June 3rd at our Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting we will be pleased to have two of our candidates for Salt Lake City Mayor join us to answer questions and to briefly share with us some of their ideas for the future of Salt Lake City.

At our May meeting we identified some possible questions that we would like to pose to the candidates.

The Board refined those ideas and wrote the four questions that we will ask candidates Jackie Biskupski and Ralph Becker to come prepared to answer. We have invited Luke Garrott to join us at our July meeting and will extend the same invitation to any persons who file to run by the June 8th deadline.

The four general topics are: Issues of homelessness; Flight of families from Salt Lake City to the suburbs; Relationship building; Vision.

Please join us on June 3 at 7 p.m. at the Sweet Branch of the Library for our GACC General Meeting.

Salt Lake County

2015 Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Collections events cannot accept business waste, explosives, radioactive materials, or old tires. See our flyer for examples of waste accepted. *Accepting all household hazardous waste:*

June 4, July 2, August 6,

7:00 to 10:00 a.m.,
 Sugar House Park,
 Mt. Olympus Pavilion,
 1500 East 2100 South

June 11, July 9, August 13,

7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.,
 Sandy City Public Works,
 8775 South 700 West, no pharmaceuticals accepted.

June 18, July 16, August 20,

7:00 to 10:00 a.m.,
 Holladay City Center,
 4626 South 2300 East, no pharmaceuticals accepted.

June 25, July 23, August 27,

7:00 to 10:00 a.m.,
 Draper City Park,
 1300 East 12500 South,
 northwest parking lot, no pharmaceuticals accepted.

June 20, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Smith's,
 876 East 800 South,
 Salt Lake City
 electronics and pharmaceuticals only.

Did You Know... that collecting rainwater in Utah is not illegal?

Some may say DUH!—of course it's not illegal! But there has been a lot of confusion as to whether rainwater "harvesting" is legal or illegal. And previously in this state, it *was* illegal!

The fact is that by now all 50 states, including late-to-the-party Colorado, have made harvesting rainwater generally legal. In Utah, 2010 and 2013 amendments to Utah law made rainwater harvesting legal—with some limitations.

For instance, you must use collected rainwater only on your own property, and the maximum you can store (with a free permit) is 2,500 gallons.

But if you are going to store no more than 200 gallons, go for it. No need to register.

For most people, a plastic rain barrel and a commercially-available diverter valve that goes on a downspout will suffice to collect water for garden use.

If you have no more than two barrels which store no more than 100 gallons each, you needn't register with the state. If you have a larger setup, you'll need to register with the state, but that registration is free. The limit for everyone is 2,500 gallons.

Did You Know?

In Utah, the nation's second-driest state, water has an interesting history.

Water has a value, just like real estate, and it can be bought and sold as water "rights." The right to capture (or pump) and

store water has caused huge disputes around the state, and they continue even to this day. The State Engineer is the "czar" of everything water in Utah, and that office determines ownership of water rights. Disputes are usually settled on the basis of "first in time, first in right."

(In bygone years, people could get killed in disputes over cattle ownership; in Utah it was water rights.)

The theory behind laws restricting rainwater harvesting was that falling water was owned by the public, and that capturing it for private use was stealing. But as water gets tight and it seems such a shame to let it go into the storm drains and be wasted, that philosophy has melted away.

By the way, though in many parts of the world the drinking of rainwater is okay—even necessary—in Utah it is considered a no-no, says the state. You cannot be sure what's in rainwater, after it passes through the atmosphere and drips down off your roof.

Street Fair Update: Booth Applications, Donors & Sponsors, Volunteers

The Avenues Street Fair is planned for Saturday, 12 September, so mark your calendar. The location is dependent on approval from the city for our permits, but planning is well underway. Members of the Planning Committee are busy canvassing residents along the possible location, completing permits, auditioning entertainment, and preparing for the Children's Area and the People's Art Gallery.

The next planning meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 9 a.m. at the Sweet Library. Besides being a lot of fun, the Street Fair is the annual fund-raiser for the Greater Avenues Community Council. This effort is only possible with the support of our vendors, corporate sponsors and donors. We are now accepting applications for booths. These are now available at the GACC website - www.slc-avenues.org. This year we have the capability of accepting the applications on-line, as well as printing it off. The deadline for submitting is 31 July.

Every year we count on the generous support of our Corporate Sponsors and contributors to our opportunity drawing. For those who have supported us in the past, thank

you and we will be contacting you again in the next few weeks. If you have a business and have not been a sponsor before, please take this opportunity to consider doing so. Corporate Sponsors, who contribute a minimum of \$500, will receive a free booth at the Street Fair and will have their logos displayed on our advertising and promotional materials. Avenues area businesses who donate to the opportunity drawing have their business recognized at the booth during the Fair, in the newsletter, and during the drawings.

The Greater Avenues Community Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donation is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, to the extent allowed by IRS regulations.

If you are interested in these opportunities, please contact the planning committee at davealderman@hotmail.com.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer to help on the day of the Fair, such as stocking water stations, monitoring recycle bins, or set-up and tear-down of the GACC booths. Most of these are only for a couple of hours during the day and we can generally schedule mornings or afternoons to meet your schedule. While we don't know our exact needs yet, if you are interested in volunteering please email hallepeg@gmail.com.

Wasatch Community Gardens

Workshop: Water-wise Vegetable Gardening : Sweet Library. Thursday, June 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Having a productive and healthy vegetable garden during the dry, hot summers of Utah can be challenging. This class will help your garden thrive without growing your water bill during the heat of the sum-

mer. Topics will include how to prepare your soil to retain moisture, when and how much to water, various watering techniques including drip irrigation, tips to avoid excess evaporation.

This event is part of a series of workshops offered through The City Library and Wasatch Community Gardens and is free and open to the public. If you would

like to register for the event, please visit wasatchgardens.org/workshops and choose the \$0.00 scholarship option. Registration is not required to attend.

See more at: <http://www.slclpl.lib.ut.us/events/view/3866#sthash.UJy-Cmtp8.dpuf> or scan this code:



Land Use 101: The Appeal Process

by Sydney Fannesbeck

Like every city and town in the State that has a zoning ordinance, Salt Lake City is required to have an appeal authority established by ordinance.

The several purposes of an appeal authority include: requests for variances from zoning requirements, appeals from decisions applying the land-use ordinance, and appeals from fees charged.

Until fairly recently, appeals in Salt Lake City were heard by either the Board of Adjustment or by the City Council. Just a few years ago, the appeal process was changed. The Board of Adjustment was eliminated, and replaced with a Hearing Officer. While it meant excluding public participation in the appeal process, the legal community is certainly more comfortable with the new arrangement.

Most citizen boards and committees are legislative or advisory in nature, but the appeal authority acts in a quasi-judicial manner and as such is constrained by legal requirements. (I once had a board member ask if it was just a “matter of common sense.” I had to explain that common sense had nothing to do with it – the only thing that really mattered was the law).

As a quasi-judicial authority the Hearing Officer will act like a

judge to hear and decide issues of fact and interpret local land-use law accordingly, but should never create new law or just rely on “common sense” or opinion.

Regardless of who or what the appeal authority is, no appeal can be filed until some land-use body has acted on the issue. That acting body is often the Planning Commission or the Land-Use Administrator. Once a decision is made, an appeal can be requested. There will be a fee charged.

An appeal authority has to respect the due process rights of each of the participants. This means that all interested parties have a right to be heard, must be given notice, and an impartial hearing.

In Salt Lake City the standards of review of an appeal are established by ordinance. All participants should come prepared to address those standards. The appeal is not a chance to rehear all the arguments. In most cases, the applicant will need to show that the city (planning commission) erred in making its decision. Too often, the applicant will want testimony reheard or to argue that the body did not use good judgment. Those things may be requested or said in a hearing but are not considered in an appeal.

The applicants may also be required to prove that they are in some way damaged as a result of the decision. Without damages, cases have no merit. Decisions made by the appeal authority can be further appealed to the Third District Court.

City Has Some Reminders About Being A Good Neighbor

Every now and again we like to take a look at the city's very helpful web page on tips and hints for living and getting along with others in the city.

Here is an edited list of our favorites:

CRIME

Call 911 for immediate assistance (emergencies). Call the police department at (801) 799-3000 for non-emergency response. Contact your district's Community Intelligence Unit (CIU) detective to report crime problems in your community. To submit a tip: Call dispatch (you may remain anonymous) or submit it online at www.tipsubmit.com.

FENCES

Must be kept upright and in good condition; cannot be over 4 feet in front yard, 6 feet in back; a permit is required to construct a fence (see “Development”). Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

GARAGE/YARD SALES

Households limited to 2 sales, no more than 3 days in length, per calendar year; signs must be removed within 3 days of sale. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

GARBAGE CANS

Out by 7 a.m.; may be out night before pickup; must be off the street by midnight on day of pickup. Household (green bin) garbage cans—City Sanitation Customer Service: (801) 535-6999. Dumpster violations—call number on dumpster or Salt Lake Valley Health Department: (385) 468-3835.

GRAFFITI

Must be cleaned immediately; call to report for cleanup; adopt a spot by covering graffiti with paint supplied by the City. Off the Wall: (801) 972-7885.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Do not throw paint, batteries, oil, cleaning supplies, chemicals, CFL and fluorescent tube light bulbs, or electronics in trash or include them with your annual cleanup. Tires can be taken to the landfill, limit of 4 tires at one time. Take hazardous waste and electronics to the hazardous waste office at the landfill or annual hazardous waste collections sites sponsored by Salt Lake Valley Health Department: (385) 468-3835; Landfill Household Hazardous Waste: (801) 541-4078.

HOUSING ISSUES

No more than three unrelated adults (two beyond one family) living together in a single housing unit; must have heat and water. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

JUNK & OUTDOOR STORAGE

Yards are not to be used as storage areas for unlicensed vehicles, building materials, appliances or other items commonly known as junk. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

LITTER

Must keep in garbage cans; not permitted to blow into street or neighbors' yards; do not sweep into street. Environmental Health: (801) 313-6641; Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225

NOISE

Is restricted by the county health regulation on noise. Daytime (7 a.m.-10 p.m.) Noise complaints – Health Department: (385) 468-3835; After hours/weekends: (801) 580-6681. Loud music from residential properties is a disturbance of the peace – Contact SLC Police Dispatch: (801) 799-3000.

OUTDOOR BURNING

Do not burn trash. For patio fireplaces or culinary purposes, fire must be less than 3 feet wide and 2 feet tall, 25 feet from structures or combustible material, constantly attended, with extinguishing

equipment ready. Special burns such as pit roasting need to be cleared by the Fire Department. Fire Prevention Bureau: (801) 799-4150.

PARKING

Public Property—No parking on street for more than 48 hours without moving; cannot park within 5 feet of driveway, 20 feet of crosswalk, 30 feet of stop sign, over sidewalk, on parking strip; only one car per licensed driver per household on street. Parking and Enforcement: (801) 535-6628; Private property—No parking on lawn; vehicles must be on a hard surface and be registered. Permit required for installation of new concrete. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

PARK STRIPS

Property owner or tenant responsible; no weeds; must be 33 percent vegetation; vegetation/landscaping not over 18 inches high and non-continuous specimen plants may be as tall as 36 inches high, 10 feet away from the ends of the strip and do not form a continuous hedge; tree planting and trimming must be cleared by Urban Forester. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225; Urban Forester: (801) 972-7818; Conservation: (801) 483-6860.

PETS

Dogs—No quantity limit. Must be licensed (fine for failure) with rabies vaccine. Cannot run loose, must be on leash. Owners must clean up feces weekly. Barking dogs are a nuisance. Cats—No quantity limit. Must be licensed (fine for failure) with rabies vaccine. Residents may trap wild/nuisance cats. Animal Services: 385-GOT-PETS (385-468-7387).

RECYCLING

Residential recycling (blue bin) and yard waste (brown bin) services are part of the city's garbage service. Glass recycling is available with extra fee or use a free drop-off site. Go to www.slcgreen.com for details. For availability of city ser-

vices to business and multi-family units, call (801) 535-6438. High rise, business, and multi-family recycling is available through most waste haulers.

Residential Service—Streets and Sanitation Customer Service: (801) 535-6999. Business and multi-family units—sustainability Office: (801) 535-6438.

SIGNS

Signs may not be placed on public property (parking strips, utility poles, etc.) without permission from City. Signs on private property are controlled by ordinance. Information—Buzz Center: (801) 535-7700. Violations—Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

TRAFFIC SIGNS & SIGNALS

Requests for new signs/signals—Transportation: (801) 535-6630; Missing or damaged signs—Sign Shop: (801) 535-6992.

TREES

Privately-owned—Trees that encroach or fall on a neighbor's property are a civil matter between property owners. City trees—Adjacent property owners are responsible for watering city trees in the park strip. Cannot plant, trim or remove city trees without permission. A planting program is available to request a tree. Urban Forester: (801) 972-7818

VENDING

Mobile food vendors not allowed in residential areas. Cart and truck vendors must have a business license and food handlers permit. Ice cream vendors need business license to be posted on the vehicle. On public property—Property Management: (801) 535-7133; On private property—Permits: (801) 535-7700.

WEEDS

Lawn or any weeds over 6 inches is a violation; enforcement between April through October. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

Noxious Dyer's Woad, Fast-spreading Weed, Pops Up in City Cemetery

City officials in mid-May put out a call for volunteers to pull weeds in the City Cemetery.

The target: the dreaded Dyer's Woad, a pretty springtime plant that has dreadful qualities.

Dyer's Woad is a non-palatable, aggressive weed with allelopathic* properties. Originally cultivated as a source of Indigo dye, this species escaped cultivation and has a history of establishing itself across thousands of acres of western rangeland.

Dyer's Woad may be a winter annual, biennial, or a short-lived perennial. Heights of one to four feet are common. A thick tap root may penetrate to five feet deep.

Dyer's Woad was introduced from Europe for production of textile dyes. It thrives in waste areas, gravel pits, road sides, pastures, field edges, and disturbed soils.

The City has periodically reached out to the community for help in controlling Dyer's Woad and thistle.

The cemetery, meanwhile, is dealing with a spraying accident last year that killed a lot of the turf. This year the cemetery crews have been re-seeding turf or replacing turf hopefully to have a lot

of the damage mitigated by Memorial Day.

*Can produce biochemicals that inhibit growth of nearby plants.



Dyer's Woad produces pretty yellow blossoms that appeal. But down deep, the weed is a monster.

Replacement of Main Water Line on Part of Virginia Street Set For June

Salt Lake City has announced plans to replace aging water lines on Virginia Street from Crestline Circle/Fairfax Road to Fifth Avenue/Federal Heights Drive during June, creating some traffic disruption and water shutoffs.

But the city says after the project, water

pressure should improve and water flow to fire hydrants will increase.

A city announcement said "a majority of the work will take place within existing roadway surfaces."

Short-term road closures or detours may be required. Before construction activities begin, notification will be sent to

each residence in the areas adjacent to the work.

Water shutoffs will be necessary but in most every case, the city promises, residents will be informed 48 hours ahead of time and the shutoffs shouldn't last longer than six hours. The job should be completed by June 30.



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NEIGHBORHOOD Update

New Medication Drop Box at LDS Hospital

More deaths in Utah are caused by prescription medication overdoses than car crashes. With this in mind, Intermountain Healthcare and the state's prevention campaign, Use Only As Directed, have joined forces to educate the public about the health crisis and encourage Utahns to save lives — not medications.

As part of this campaign, a permanent medication disposal drop box has been installed in our neighborhood at the LDS Hospital Pharmacy. Anyone can bring in their old or unused medications and dispose of them properly at this dropbox. It is accessible during regular pharmacy hours (Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.).

For more information, visit UseOnlyAsDirected.org.

Here are a few steps to remember when dropping off your unused medications:

- No Illegal Drugs are allowed.
- Leave medications in original packaging/containers when possible.
- No liquid containers more than 4 oz. Place liquid containers in a plastic baggy before depositing.
- NO sharps containers, needles, syringes, batteries, aerosol spray cans, trash, medical devices, chemicals, or other hazardous materials.
- The box is only available when the pharmacy is open.
- If locked, please return during pharmacy hours. Do not leave medication outside of the box or pharmacy.



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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 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, June 10, 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. *June 11: Gallifreyan Calligraphy*: Explore the language of Doctor Who by creating your own Gallifreyan calligraphy. *Superhero Medallions* Saturday, June 13, 2015 11 a.m. Kids ages 8-12 can design and make their own superhero medallions using the Library's 3D modeling software and printer. Registration is required and opens one week before this program; call the Sweet Branch at 801-594-8651. *Zoo Mania*, Saturday, June 20, 1 p.m. Animal Heroes! Learn about inspiring animals that have saved the day and their human companions. Kids can see and pet the animals and check out a great animal book, too. Don't forget your camera. *Book Bag Decorating*: Thursday, June 25, 5 p.m. Create a personalized book bag to transport your Super Summer Challenge materials in style. *Magic with Paul Brewer*: Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m. Prepare to be mesmerized by the power of magic. Kids and families will enjoy an engaging and entertaining magic show by Utah's top magical entertainer. *Family Yoga* fourth Monday of each month 7 to 8:00 p.m.

Salt Lake City is one of 22 places in the U.S. where refugees are resettled by the International Rescue Committee. Escaping war or persecution, 2,274 refugees have arrived in Utah in the last two years from such troubled countries as Iraq, Bhutan, Syria and Somalia. When they arrive a furnished apartment is awaiting them. You can help: The RRC needs gently used sofas, chairs, tables, lamps, and the like. Framed prints are also welcome. Volunteers will pick up anything that can be used. To donate, call Joe Dubray at (801) 930-964. —Refugee Resettlement Committee of the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City.

The Nepal earthquake experience is a vivid demonstration of the importance of preparedness and self-reliance in a disaster. Here is a chance to learn both. Train for a neighborhood CERT (Community Emergency Response Team.) Your neighbors will thank you.

The Agenda

Publisher's Statement

The monthly Greater Avenues Community Council newsletter "The Agenda" is mailed free to all residences in the Avenues. This publication is created to conduct the business of the Greater Avenues Community Council. Mail correspondence to P. O. Box 1679, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

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GACC web page is www.slc-avenues.org.

CERT basic training class, Instructor: Ron Maestas, Seven Tuesday evenings, starting June 9, 6 to 9 p.m., Federal Heights Ward, 1300 E. Fairfax Rd. To attend, please register at <http://www.slccert.org>, but in any event, please come to the first class. Location: <https://plus.google.com/115774108952236268236/about?hl=en>.

This basic training class covers home and family preparedness and safety, disaster first aid and medical treatment, small fire suppression, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and team organization. The class is open to all adults. Note: a minimum enrollment of 20 is required to hold the class.

The annual Memory Grove Cleanup, which had been scheduled for May 16, was cancelled due to the threat of rainy weather. Cleanups with smaller groups of volunteers are planned, said organizer Phil Carroll.

Mayoral Candidates Slated to Face Community Council June 3

On June 3rd at our Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting we will be pleased to have two of our candidates for Salt Lake City Mayor join us to answer questions and to briefly share with us some of their ideas for the future of Salt Lake City.

At our May meeting we identified some possible questions that we would like to pose to the candidates.

The Board refined those ideas and wrote the four questions that we will ask candidates Jackie Biskupski and Ralph Becker to come prepared to answer. We have invited Luke Garrott to join us at our July meeting and will extend the same invitation to any persons who file to run by the June 8th deadline.

The four general topics are: Issues of homelessness; Flight of families from Salt Lake City to the suburbs; Relationship building; Vision.

Please join us on June 3 at 7 p.m. at the Sweet Branch of the Library for our GACC General Meeting.

Salt Lake County

2015 Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Collections events cannot accept business waste, explosives, radioactive materials, or old tires. See our flyer for examples of waste accepted. *Accepting all household hazardous waste:*

June 4, July 2, August 6,

7:00 to 10:00 a.m.,
 Sugar House Park,
 Mt. Olympus Pavilion,
 1500 East 2100 South

June 11, July 9, August 13,

7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.,
 Sandy City Public Works,
 8775 South 700 West, no pharmaceuticals accepted.

June 18, July 16, August 20,

7:00 to 10:00 a.m.,
 Holladay City Center,
 4626 South 2300 East, no pharmaceuticals accepted.

June 25, July 23, August 27,

7:00 to 10:00 a.m.,
 Draper City Park,
 1300 East 12500 South,
 northwest parking lot, no pharmaceuticals accepted.

June 20, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Smith's,
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Did You Know... that collecting rainwater in Utah is not illegal?

Some may say DUH!—of course it's not illegal! But there has been a lot of confusion as to whether rainwater "harvesting" is legal or illegal. And previously in this state, it *was* illegal!

The fact is that by now all 50 states, including late-to-the-party Colorado, have made harvesting rainwater generally legal. In Utah, 2010 and 2013 amendments to Utah law made rainwater harvesting legal—with some limitations.

For instance, you must use collected rainwater only on your own property, and the maximum you can store (with a free permit) is 2,500 gallons.

But if you are going to store no more than 200 gallons, go for it. No need to register.

For most people, a plastic rain barrel and a commercially-available diverter valve that goes on a downspout will suffice to collect water for garden use.

If you have no more than two barrels which store no more than 100 gallons each, you needn't register with the state. If you have a larger setup, you'll need to register with the state, but that registration is free. The limit for everyone is 2,500 gallons.

Did You Know?

In Utah, the nation's second-driest state, water has an interesting history.

Water has a value, just like real estate, and it can be bought and sold as water "rights." The right to capture (or pump) and

store water has caused huge disputes around the state, and they continue even to this day. The State Engineer is the "czar" of everything water in Utah, and that office determines ownership of water rights. Disputes are usually settled on the basis of "first in time, first in right."

(In bygone years, people could get killed in disputes over cattle ownership; in Utah it was water rights.)

The theory behind laws restricting rainwater harvesting was that falling water was owned by the public, and that capturing it for private use was stealing. But as water gets tight and it seems such a shame to let it go into the storm drains and be wasted, that philosophy has melted away.

By the way, though in many parts of the world the drinking of rainwater is okay—even necessary—in Utah it is considered a no-no, says the state. You cannot be sure what's in rainwater, after it passes through the atmosphere and drips down off your roof.

Street Fair Update: Booth Applications, Donors & Sponsors, Volunteers

The Avenues Street Fair is planned for Saturday, 12 September, so mark your calendar. The location is dependent on approval from the city for our permits, but planning is well underway. Members of the Planning Committee are busy canvassing residents along the possible location, completing permits, auditioning entertainment, and preparing for the Children's Area and the People's Art Gallery.

The next planning meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 9 a.m. at the Sweet Library. Besides being a lot of fun, the Street Fair is the annual fund-raiser for the Greater Avenues Community Council. This effort is only possible with the support of our vendors, corporate sponsors and donors. We are now accepting applications for booths. These are now available at the GACC website - www.slc-avenues.org. This year we have the capability of accepting the applications on-line, as well as printing it off. The deadline for submitting is 31 July.

Every year we count on the generous support of our Corporate Sponsors and contributors to our opportunity drawing. For those who have supported us in the past, thank

you and we will be contacting you again in the next few weeks. If you have a business and have not been a sponsor before, please take this opportunity to consider doing so. Corporate Sponsors, who contribute a minimum of \$500, will receive a free booth at the Street Fair and will have their logos displayed on our advertising and promotional materials. Avenues area businesses who donate to the opportunity drawing have their business recognized at the booth during the Fair, in the newsletter, and during the drawings.

The Greater Avenues Community Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donation is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, to the extent allowed by IRS regulations.

If you are interested in these opportunities, please contact the planning committee at davealderman@hotmail.com.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer to help on the day of the Fair, such as stocking water stations, monitoring recycle bins, or set-up and tear-down of the GACC booths. Most of these are only for a couple of hours during the day and we can generally schedule mornings or afternoons to meet your schedule. While we don't know our exact needs yet, if you are interested in volunteering please email [hallopeg@gmail.com](mailto:hhallopeg@gmail.com).

Wasatch Community Gardens

Workshop: Water-wise Vegetable Gardening : Sweet Library. Thursday, June 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Having a productive and healthy vegetable garden during the dry, hot summers of Utah can be challenging. This class will help your garden thrive without growing your water bill during the heat of the sum-

mer. Topics will include how to prepare your soil to retain moisture, when and how much to water, various watering techniques including drip irrigation, tips to avoid excess evaporation.

This event is part of a series of workshops offered through The City Library and Wasatch Community Gardens and is free and open to the public. If you would

like to register for the event, please visit wasatchgardens.org/workshops and choose the \$0.00 scholarship option. Registration is not required to attend.

See more at: <http://www.slclpl.lib.ut.us/events/view/3866#sthash.UJy-Cmtp8.dpuf> or scan this code:



Land Use 101: The Appeal Process

by Sydney Fannesbeck

Like every city and town in the State that has a zoning ordinance, Salt Lake City is required to have an appeal authority established by ordinance.

The several purposes of an appeal authority include: requests for variances from zoning requirements, appeals from decisions applying the land-use ordinance, and appeals from fees charged.

Until fairly recently, appeals in Salt Lake City were heard by either the Board of Adjustment or by the City Council. Just a few years ago, the appeal process was changed. The Board of Adjustment was eliminated, and replaced with a Hearing Officer. While it meant excluding public participation in the appeal process, the legal community is certainly more comfortable with the new arrangement.

Most citizen boards and committees are legislative or advisory in nature, but the appeal authority acts in a quasi-judicial manner and as such is constrained by legal requirements. (I once had a board member ask if it was just a “matter of common sense.” I had to explain that common sense had nothing to do with it – the only thing that really mattered was the law).

As a quasi-judicial authority the Hearing Officer will act like a

judge to hear and decide issues of fact and interpret local land-use law accordingly, but should never create new law or just rely on “common sense” or opinion.

Regardless of who or what the appeal authority is, no appeal can be filed until some land-use body has acted on the issue. That acting body is often the Planning Commission or the Land-Use Administrator. Once a decision is made, an appeal can be requested. There will be a fee charged.

An appeal authority has to respect the due process rights of each of the participants. This means that all interested parties have a right to be heard, must be given notice, and an impartial hearing.

In Salt Lake City the standards of review of an appeal are established by ordinance. All participants should come prepared to address those standards. The appeal is not a chance to rehear all the arguments. In most cases, the applicant will need to show that the city (planning commission) erred in making its decision. Too often, the applicant will want testimony reheard or to argue that the body did not use good judgment. Those things may be requested or said in a hearing but are not considered in an appeal.

The applicants may also be required to prove that they are in some way damaged as a result of the decision. Without damages, cases have no merit. Decisions made by the appeal authority can be further appealed to the Third District Court.

City Has Some Reminders About Being A Good Neighbor

Every now and again we like to take a look at the city's very helpful web page on tips and hints for living and getting along with others in the city.

Here is an edited list of our favorites:

CRIME

Call 911 for immediate assistance (emergencies). Call the police department at (801) 799-3000 for non-emergency response. Contact your district's Community Intelligence Unit (CIU) detective to report crime problems in your community. To submit a tip: Call dispatch (you may remain anonymous) or submit it online at www.tipsubmit.com.

FENCES

Must be kept upright and in good condition; cannot be over 4 feet in front yard, 6 feet in back; a permit is required to construct a fence (see “Development”). Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

GARAGE/YARD SALES

Households limited to 2 sales, no more than 3 days in length, per calendar year; signs must be removed within 3 days of sale. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

GARBAGE CANS

Out by 7 a.m.; may be out night before pickup; must be off the street by midnight on day of pickup. Household (green bin) garbage cans—City Sanitation Customer Service: (801) 535-6999. Dumpster violations—call number on dumpster or Salt Lake Valley Health Department: (385) 468-3835.

GRAFFITI

Must be cleaned immediately; call to report for cleanup; adopt a spot by covering graffiti with paint supplied by the City. Off the Wall: (801) 972-7885.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Do not throw paint, batteries, oil, cleaning supplies, chemicals, CFL and fluorescent tube light bulbs, or electronics in trash or include them with your annual cleanup. Tires can be taken to the landfill, limit of 4 tires at one time. Take hazardous waste and electronics to the hazardous waste office at the landfill or annual hazardous waste collections sites sponsored by Salt Lake Valley Health Department: (385) 468-3835; Landfill Household Hazardous Waste: (801) 541-4078.

HOUSING ISSUES

No more than three unrelated adults (two beyond one family) living together in a single housing unit; must have heat and water. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

JUNK & OUTDOOR STORAGE

Yards are not to be used as storage areas for unlicensed vehicles, building materials, appliances or other items commonly known as junk. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

LITTER

Must keep in garbage cans; not permitted to blow into street or neighbors' yards; do not sweep into street. Environmental Health: (801) 313-6641; Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225

NOISE

Is restricted by the county health regulation on noise. Daytime (7 a.m.-10 p.m.) Noise complaints – Health Department: (385) 468-3835; After hours/weekends: (801) 580-6681. Loud music from residential properties is a disturbance of the peace – Contact SLC Police Dispatch: (801) 799-3000.

OUTDOOR BURNING

Do not burn trash. For patio fireplaces or culinary purposes, fire must be less than 3 feet wide and 2 feet tall, 25 feet from structures or combustible material, constantly attended, with extinguishing

equipment ready. Special burns such as pit roasting need to be cleared by the Fire Department. Fire Prevention Bureau: (801) 799-4150.

PARKING

Public Property—No parking on street for more than 48 hours without moving; cannot park within 5 feet of driveway, 20 feet of crosswalk, 30 feet of stop sign, over sidewalk, on parking strip; only one car per licensed driver per household on street. Parking and Enforcement: (801) 535-6628; Private property—No parking on lawn; vehicles must be on a hard surface and be registered. Permit required for installation of new concrete. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

PARK STRIPS

Property owner or tenant responsible; no weeds; must be 33 percent vegetation; vegetation/landscaping not over 18 inches high and non-continuous specimen plants may be as tall as 36 inches high, 10 feet away from the ends of the strip and do not form a continuous hedge; tree planting and trimming must be cleared by Urban Forester. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225; Urban Forester: (801) 972-7818; Conservation: (801) 483-6860.

PETS

Dogs—No quantity limit. Must be licensed (fine for failure) with rabies vaccine. Cannot run loose, must be on leash. Owners must clean up feces weekly. Barking dogs are a nuisance. Cats—No quantity limit. Must be licensed (fine for failure) with rabies vaccine. Residents may trap wild/nuisance cats. Animal Services: 385-GOT-PETS (385-468-7387).

RECYCLING

Residential recycling (blue bin) and yard waste (brown bin) services are part of the city's garbage service. Glass recycling is available with extra fee or use a free drop-off site. Go to www.slcgreen.com for details. For availability of city ser-

vices to business and multi-family units, call (801) 535-6438. High rise, business, and multi-family recycling is available through most waste haulers.

Residential Service—Streets and Sanitation Customer Service: (801) 535-6999. Business and multi-family units—sustainability Office: (801) 535-6438.

SIGNS

Signs may not be placed on public property (parking strips, utility poles, etc.) without permission from City. Signs on private property are controlled by ordinance. Information—Buzz Center: (801) 535-7700. Violations—Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

TRAFFIC SIGNS & SIGNALS

Requests for new signs/signals—Transportation: (801) 535-6630; Missing or damaged signs—Sign Shop: (801) 535-6992.

TREES

Privately-owned—Trees that encroach or fall on a neighbor's property are a civil matter between property owners. City trees—Adjacent property owners are responsible for watering city trees in the park strip. Cannot plant, trim or remove city trees without permission. A planting program is available to request a tree. Urban Forester: (801) 972-7818

VENDING

Mobile food vendors not allowed in residential areas. Cart and truck vendors must have a business license and food handlers permit. Ice cream vendors need business license to be posted on the vehicle. On public property—Property Management: (801) 535-7133; On private property—Permits: (801) 535-7700.

WEEDS

Lawn or any weeds over 6 inches is a violation; enforcement between April through October. Civil Enforcement: (801) 535-7225.

Noxious Dyer's Woad, Fast-spreading Weed, Pops Up in City Cemetery

City officials in mid-May put out a call for volunteers to pull weeds in the City Cemetery.

The target: the dreaded Dyer's Woad, a pretty springtime plant that has dreadful qualities.

Dyer's Woad is a non-palatable, aggressive weed with allelopathic* properties. Originally cultivated as a source of Indigo dye, this species escaped cultivation and has a history of establishing itself across thousands of acres of western rangeland.

Dyer's Woad may be a winter annual, biennial, or a short-lived perennial. Heights of one to four feet are common. A thick tap root may penetrate to five feet deep.

Dyer's Woad was introduced from Europe for production of textile dyes. It thrives in waste areas, gravel pits, road sides, pastures, field edges, and disturbed soils.

The City has periodically reached out to the community for help in controlling Dyer's Woad and thistle.

The cemetery, meanwhile, is dealing with a spraying accident last year that killed a lot of the turf. This year the cemetery crews have been re-seeding turf or replacing turf hopefully to have a lot

of the damage mitigated by Memorial Day.

*Can produce biochemicals that inhibit growth of nearby plants.



Dyer's Woad produces pretty yellow blossoms that appeal. But down deep, the weed is a monster.

Replacement of Main Water Line on Part of Virginia Street Set For June

Salt Lake City has announced plans to replace aging water lines on Virginia Street from Crestline Circle/Fairfax Road to Fifth Avenue/Federal Heights Drive during June, creating some traffic disruption and water shutoffs.

But the city says after the project, water

pressure should improve and water flow to fire hydrants will increase.

A city announcement said "a majority of the work will take place within existing roadway surfaces."

Short-term road closures or detours may be required. Before construction activities begin, notification will be sent to

each residence in the areas adjacent to the work.

Water shutoffs will be necessary but in most every case, the city promises, residents will be informed 48 hours ahead of time and the shutoffs shouldn't last longer than six hours. The job should be completed by June 30.



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New Medication Drop Box at LDS Hospital

More deaths in Utah are caused by prescription medication overdoses than car crashes. With this in mind, Intermountain Healthcare and the state's prevention campaign, Use Only As Directed, have joined forces to educate the public about the health crisis and encourage Utahns to save lives — not medications.

As part of this campaign, a permanent medication disposal drop box has been installed in our neighborhood at the LDS Hospital Pharmacy. Anyone can bring in their old or unused medications and dispose of them properly at this dropbox. It is accessible during regular pharmacy hours (Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.).

For more information, visit UseOnlyAsDirected.org.

Here are a few steps to remember when dropping off your unused medications:

- No Illegal Drugs are allowed.
- Leave medications in original packaging/containers when possible.
- No liquid containers more than 4 oz. Place liquid containers in a plastic baggy before depositing.
- NO sharps containers, needles, syringes, batteries, aerosol spray cans, trash, medical devices, chemicals, or other hazardous materials.
- The box is only available when the pharmacy is open.
- If locked, please return during pharmacy hours. Do not leave medication outside of the box or pharmacy.



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