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

Of Neighborhood Traditions and Fireworks in the Dog Days of Summer

by Dianne Leonard
2015 Chairwoman



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Welcome to the “dog days of summer!”

This is my favorite time of the year. Warm (hot) summer nights, fresh produce from my garden and from the nearby farms, sitting still watching the bees buzz from flower to flower.

The “dog days of summer,” just in case like me you didn’t know, got their name from the Romans who noticed that the brightest star in the Canis Major constellation, Sirius, rose and set with the sun. They surmised that the heat from the star added heat to the sun, making it the hottest time of the year.

We use stories and traditions to frame much of our lives. The way we celebrate seasons, holidays and personal times are all influenced by the history and culture of our families and the places we live. I’ve been thinking a lot these past few weeks about the traditions we embrace and how they are changed by time and circumstance.

Just a few years ago we lived in a neighborhood that was probably one of the highest per capita consumers of fireworks in the nation. Our old neighborhood embraced the three days before and three days after fireworks rule with amazing gusto. On July 1 at 12:01 a.m. you could count on being saluted awake with the first barrage. On July 7 at 11:59 p.m. came the grand finale. Restocking was a neighborhood tradition so that on July 21, the fun could all begin again.

Living here on the Avenues, we’ve embraced a new tradition, we drive to the fireworks and don’t have to explain to the children and grandchildren why we only watch the neighbors “do fireworks” instead of buying our own. Some things get smoothed out very nicely!

When we lived in Germany, we gathered with other Americans and German friends in a park near our home to grill and celebrate. Early the morning of the 5th, we would get the boys up to watch the fireworks happening on the television thousands of miles away. Tradition. In Japan, the fireworks shows on the American Bases was a tradition much celebrated and loved by Americans and our Japanese hosts alike.

One tradition that I thought about a lot this 4th of July is the opportunity we have to elect those who represent us and to interact with them in meaningful ways.

This past week I was able to attend a hearing of the Historic Landmark Commission where two residents of the

GACC Community Meeting

August 5, 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: Fire, Police, City Council.

7:25-7:55—Legislative updates: Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck; Senator Jim Dabakis.

7:55-8:20—Rezoning on the Avenues.

8:20-8:40—Safe removal and relocation of insects and critters.

8:40-8:50—Open forum.

8:55—Adjourn and clean Up.

Avenues had items of business before the commission. Outside the commission room was a large poster advertising that this commission and the Planning Commission are looking for interested citizens to serve on these bodies. We have a great tradition of service and civic engagement among our residents.

Many of us have traditions that involve gathering with friends and family and food. In the summer we look for restaurants and porches/patios with great shade and views, in the winter we gravitate to warm and cozy places to gather. Street fairs and outdoor festivals are a tradition that many embrace. The chance to try a new food—or the opportunity to eat something only available at that particular event—gets us going as we save that date and make our plans. The traditional hike, run or bike ride in the summer; the annual snowshoe moonlight hike in January, whatever our traditions are, they have an origin.

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 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, August 12, 2015, 7 p.m., Sweet Library,

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slcp.org. *Book Baby* Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. *Preschool Storytime*, Wednesday mornings at 11:15 a.m. *Music Together*, August 12, 10 a.m. Bring your book babies and learn how every child's development benefits from early exposure to music and movement. *Hero Donation Challenge*, Thursday, August 20, 5 p.m., Be a hero for homeless pets. Using supplies provided by the Library, teens can create cute toys that will be donated to a local shelter. *Hero Storytime*, Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m., Calling all heroes! Dress up as your favorite superhero and join us for a high-flying adventure full of spectacular stories, songs, and other fantastic fun. Parents, bring your cameras to catch all of the action-packed awesomeness. *Crafty Thursdays at Sweet*, Thursday, August 13, 4 to 5 p.m. Join us the second Thursday of each month to participate in a craft, knit, or cross stitch project, or one special project offered each month during the summer. This event is suitable for kids and teens ages eight and up. *Strange Environment: Photography by Jared William Christensen*, exhibit continues through Saturday, August 15.

Call for Artists: The Avenues Open Studios artists invites all Avenues artists to join us on August 29, 2015 for our annual arts event where 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. Information; Anne Albaugh (801) 554-9805.

Curious About Your Ancestors? What country did they live in? Did any of them serve in the Civil War? Could they read and write? Did they migrate to America? When? Why? Were their lives difficult? Are you related to an outlaw or a pirate? Royalty? Inventor? It all starts with one name. At the 2015 Avenues Street Fair, September 12, you can discover the secrets of your family's past. The Ensign LDS Stake will be sponsoring a Family History booth with free genealogy and family history tools.

The Agenda

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INTRODUCING THE 2015 FEATURED ARTIST

Each year the Street Fair Committee selects an artist who will prepare an original piece that describes what the Avenues means to him or her. This design becomes the official promotional art for the Fair.

This year's choice is

Julie Lewis, an Avenues resident and a Utah native. Julie has prepared an original watercolor that shows her love for the eclectic nature of the Avenues. Look for Julie's work on Street Fair posters around the neighborhood or visit the GACC website - www.slc-avenues.org.



Julie Lewis

Julie's work shows strong ties to the natural beauty of Utah and its varied landscapes. She is known for her brilliantly colored watercolor landscape paintings which contain a whimsical and surreal humor. Julie is represented by David Ericson Fine Art Gallery.

Julie is very passionate about art. She grew up in a family that valued art and artists. She's been a full time volunteer art teacher at Wasatch Elementary School and a driving force behind the Wasatch Art Showcase.

Julie originally moved to Salt Lake City to go the University of Utah. She has called the Avenues home ever since. She loves the location close to downtown and the University, with easy access to the mountains and wilderness practically at her back door. She likes the eclectic housing styles and the inclusive attitude of the neighborhood. She's also appreciative that it's dog friendly. You'll find most of these attributes in the work that she did for the Street Fair.

The Avenues is also where Julie met her husband. While riding her Harley during the winter, she would often see another Harley rider and wondered who else would be out riding in the winter. Eventually she found out that he was a neighbor and, well the rest is history.

Of course, you'll be able to buy Julie's work on a T-Shirt at the GACC booth, with proceeds going to the GACC general fund. But Julie will also have a booth, near the GACC booth, where you will be able to see this year's original artwork as well as some of her other work. Please stop by.

—Dave Alderman

Sing, sing, sing! Get involved! A successful holiday concert last December under their belt, the Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir will begin rehearsing in mid-September in preparation for the 2015 Holiday Concert. Interested in joining the choir? Please visit avenueschoir.org or email avenueschoir@gmail.com for details.

Gleaming New Pickleball Court Now Open at 5th Ave. and C Street

The Avenues' beautiful new pickleball court is finished and open.

The formerly run-down tennis court at 5th Avenue and C Street has a new fence, and a new surface and new pickleball markings on two courts.

Now the courts need players.

Pickleball players say it is the "most exciting sport sweeping the country." Part tennis, part badminton, but loads of fun this racket sport is played on a 20' by 40' court or a gymnasium floor, is great for racket sport enthusiasts, but limits the amount of required mobility to play the game."

It is thus more accessible to seniors and smaller children.

St. George, predictably, has a lot pickleball activity, with 30 courts. Ogden City also has embraced the sport. Fifth Avenue will be the only such court on the Avenues.

The court has no lighting, as always, so there will be no night play.



2015 Avenues Street Fair: Countdown to September 12 has Begun

Mark your calendar for September 12th for the Avenues Street Fair! The Fair will run from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. This year we are located on 3rd Avenue between O and T Streets. This is a great location with lovely homes and shady trees, which will be a great backdrop to all the activity of the Street Fair. A special thanks to our neighbors on 3rd Avenue who have agreed to share their street for a day with a few thousand of their closest friends.

Come spend the day shopping in some of the 200 booths that feature area businesses and local artists and artisans. Or you can pick up information from some of the community organizations that will also

be there. We'll have a Children's Activity Area open all day. And there will be two stages, with musical acts for all tastes. And bring your appetite, because we'll have lots of food and drink vendors. More information will be available closer to the date, or visit the website at www.slc-avenues.org.

Other ways to participate include:

Join the **Children's Parade**. The Parade starts at 9 a.m. at the east end of the Fair. Children are encouraged to wear a costume, or decorate your bike, wagon, scooter, or whatever. Bring your pet, your parents, or grandparents with you.

Enter the **People's Art Gallery**. All Avenues residents are invited to enter their artwork into the People's Art Gallery.

Prizes are given for Youth, Teen, Adult Amateur and Adult Professional categories. Last year's entries included paintings, photographs, and jewelry.

Volunteer. The Street Fair is a big production! And we need a lot of help! There's everything to do, starting the night before, from setting up, to traffic control, children's parades and games, stage management to closing and clean-up. You can volunteer for an hour...or more! So, come have fun connecting with neighbors while you help showcase our fabulous Avenues! And, volunteers get a free T-shirt. To volunteer or get more information about job descriptions, contact Peg Alderman at 281-721-8669 or halloweg@hotmail.com.

Your Vote in the Salt Lake City Mayor's Race: It Couldn't be Easier

Salt Lake City's new vote-by-mail program makes voting in this year's municipal election drop-dead simple.

You need only to remember a couple things to participate.

First, our Avenues citizens have only one race to consider: that for Mayor. Council races are for elsewhere in the city.

(Our Community Council has heard from all five mayor candidates, to help meeting attendees choose who they want for the next four years.)

You have already received your ballot in the mail.

You need to mark just one spot to vote. The ballot has instructions if you happen

to mess up the ballot in some way.

Then, sign the ballot (this is important), fold according to the instructions (it may take a minute to read them and understand them) and tear and lick to close up the ballot.

Mail it back, no stamp needed.

The election is Tuesday, August 11, but that day you will go happily about your business, because your vote will already be in the ballot box.

If you goof and forget to mail the ballot off until almost too late, remember that the city will validate all ballots with a postmark not later than Monday, August 10.

Two top candidates will go on to the

Municipal Election on November 3.

It's no secret officials have worried about voter apathy in recent years. In Salt Lake City, voter participation dropped to an average of 20 percent in 2009, 23 percent in 2011, and 19 percent in 2013. City officials think that now, they have crafted a solution to that dismal problem. Officials added "Every effort has been made to diminish the risk of voter fraud. Each ballot envelope contains an affidavit that must be signed by the voter. The signature on the envelope affidavit is compared to the signature on the voter's registration form. If the signatures do not match, the voter is notified."

Tour of Utah Will Surround the Avenues August 7

The Tour of Utah, America's Toughest Stage Race, is returning to the Avenues on Friday, August 7th from 4:30 until 7 p.m.

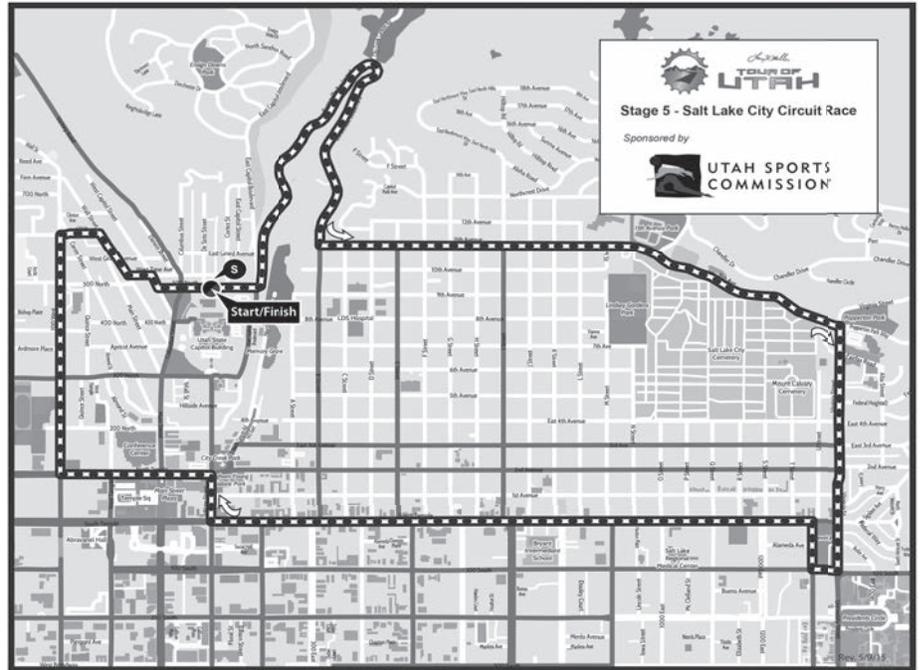
One of the favorite stages of the Tour of Utah is the Salt Lake City Circuit, a route last used in 2013. This year, however, the Circuit will feature a bit of a change.

Initially, riders will follow the traditional route—starting near the Capitol, passing City Creek Canyon, east along 11th Avenue, down Virginia to the University of Utah, then west along South Temple toward Downtown.

This year the riders will then go to 200 West, up to 600 North, then up Wall Street and Zane Avenue —steep streets featuring a 20% grade, before the stage finish at the Utah State Capitol. If that route seems challenging, consider that the Stage consists of seven laps, making for 55 challenging miles. See map for details.

Spectators are encouraged to line the streets and cheer for the riders as they make the circuit. It's especially thrilling when the main group of riders, or peloton, heads down Virginia Street at 40 mph or more. Unlike the other stages, the circuit is completed multiple times. So you can stake out a spot and watch the riders come back around seven times. There will be no parking along the route after

noon on Friday, the 7th. Drivers should be prepared for street closures and significant delays. Traffic will be directed to designated cross streets where ingress and egress will be allowed in between peloton passing. Check newspapers or the Tour of Utah website (www.tourofutah.com) for more information. —Dave Alderman



An Invitation to Join the GACC Board

The current board members of the GACC invite you to join this amazing organization. To be eligible, you need to care about your neighborhood and your neighbors. You need to enjoy the quality of life we have in the Avenues, and want to preserve it. It helps if you want to learn about Salt Lake City functions and wish to influence decisions. A desire to be part of a successful community-building street fair is also a plus.

Please go to the GACC website (www.slc-avenues.org) for a map of the Avenues showing our neighborhoods and a list of current board members. The bylaws do not limit the number of representatives so we are accepting applications for representatives from all nine Avenues neighborhoods.

Mary Ann Wright is the chair of the Nominating Committee. She is recruiting new board members and creating a slate of officers for presentation at the October 7 Community Meeting.

The election is in November and the

new officers and board members take office at the December Community Meeting to serve for one year. Board members are asked to attend the community meetings on the first Wednesday of the month and the board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. Participation on committees is voluntary. Please accept this invitation to join the GACC Board.

Call Mary Ann at (801)363-1412 or email maw@pbageo.com. She will be happy to talk with you and answer your questions.

Message, from Page One

I understand (thanks Sydney) that the Avenues Street Fair began in the 70's as a time for neighbors to gather and share produce from their gardens, wine, cheese and home renovation tips and tools.

One of my favorite new traditions is attending the Avenues Street Fair. For my family this tradition began just six years ago as we were deciding if we should move to the Avenues. For us, seeing the way neighbors came together to make it happen, the fun time we and others had, helped convince us that we had found a place where we could make some new traditions, continue our

old, and bring some family heirlooms back to the place of their beginning. I have a desk, table and two chairs that were made by early residents of the valley. Their original home was just a few blocks off the Avenues on North Temple. Each day as I use these old pieces, I think about how different my life is than it was for residents of Salt Lake City over 100 years ago. I hope that as you find yourself in the midst of the "dog days" you will take some time to think about the traditions you now enjoy and those you would like to embrace and that make you smile. —Dianne

Our Avenues Water Conservation Demonstration Garden: Six Years Later

Six years after the vacant and weedy corner of 11th Avenue and Terrace Hills Drive was turned into the Greater Avenues Community Water Conservation Demonstration Garden, the project has now become more relevant than ever.

With a serious drought facing the West, local watering restrictions seem in the offing for us. Mayor Ralph Becker has issued a "stage one advisory" urging water conservation planning.

The water-wise plants at the demonstration have reached maturity and Salt Lake City uses the garden to show which plants to use for maximum effect in their xeriscaped gardens.

The City says the "garden (is) for learning and inspiration.

"This garden demonstrates the beauty of our native plants, their role in a water-wise landscape, and their unique ability to create gentle transitions within wildland urban interfaces and our own urban gardens. The garden is divided into zones loosely representing Utah's plant communities and unique ecozones." See the city web site for more information.

GACC contributed \$15,000 toward the construction of the pergola that is the set-piece of the facility.



Drought-resistant plants bid to crowd out the garden's pergola.



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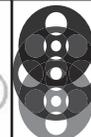
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