

# AGENDA

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## Our Local Parks Loom Large on the November Council Agenda

by Dave Alderman  
2016 Chairman

One of the benefits of living in the Greater Avenues is the access to outdoor space.



Dave Alderman  
2016 Chair

In fact, we have more acreage in Parks and Open Space than other community councils. We also have diversity, with everything from natural areas in the Foothills and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to the formal parks at Memory Grove and Popperton Park and even the small pocket parks on B Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Our next meeting will have representatives from the Parks and Open Spaces Department, with special presentations on a couple of Lindsey Garden projects.

As we reported last month, the old playground equipment at Lindsey Gardens is being replaced. However, the old merry-go-round has been stored and plans and cost estimates are being prepared to reinstall it. There will be a community-led effort to raise the funds to replace the merry-go-round. There's a great YouTube video on the story and the two young women that started the movement. You can find it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=39gc\\_tNjWvA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39gc_tNjWvA), or just Google "Lindsey Gardens Merry Go Round" and you should find it. We'll hear from them at the meeting. We'll also have more information on the fund-raising project, once costs and timing are known.

Parks Department officials will discuss the tennis courts at Lindsey Gardens, or rather what to do with the space where the old courts are. The retaining wall is failing and is too expensive to repair. Before the Parks Department makes any changes, they want to get input from the community. See story on Page 4.

One reason that we'll be able to do without the courts at Lindsey Garden is that the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Tennis and Pickleball courts have been undergoing a refurbishing and should be open for play soon, just in time for winter. But we'll have a brand new facility to use come next spring. See story on Page 3.

A pickleball court installed on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and C Street has been very popular since opening.

Of course, the biggest open space in our neighborhood is the City Cemetery. Many may not realize that this is the largest municipal cemetery in the country. Over 125,000 people have been buried there. Only about 5,000 plots are left and most of those have already been sold. These sales have been the revenue source for funding the basic maintenance and operations of the

### GACC Community Meeting

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

November 2, 7:00 p.m.

**Reports** —Updates from our Fire, Library, Police, City, County, School Board, and Legislative representatives.

**GACC Officer and Board Elections** – Participate in our annual elections.

**Lindsey Gardens Merry Go Round** – Learn about the project to save the Lindsey Gardens Merry Go Round, from the 12 year olds who started the project.

**Parks and Public Lands** –Parks and Public Lands Director Kristin Riker will be here to seek input on Lindsey Gardens Tennis Courts and answer other questions about our parks.

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

Cemetery. So the city is developing a Master Plan to map what the Cemetery will look like in the future and how it will be funded. They have already held some Open Houses to get input, but we'll have them back early next year to provide more input.

That's just a few of the things going on in our Avenues area parks. Our November meeting will be a great time to catch up on the Lindsey Gardens projects, but also ask questions about other parks. I hope to see you there.

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**AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**GACC Council Meeting**

Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

**GACC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

**Sweet Branch Library**, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slclpl.org. • *Children*: Playtime for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Tuesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. • *Book Baby (ages 0-3)*: Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. • *Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)*: Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.; • Playtime at Sweet, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; • *Art & Science*: Thursday, November 3 at 4 p.m. Theme is MEASUREMENT. Recommended ages 4 - 8. • *LEGO at the Library*, November 10 at 4 p.m. Recommended ages 5 and up. • *Crafty Thursday*: November 17 at 4 p.m. • *No Family Yoga: Library is closed for Thanksgiving*. • *NEW! Coding Club*. Starts on Monday, November 7, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Develop computer coding skills at your own pace in a creative and collaborative environment. Kids and teens ages 8-18 can take part in weekly workshops where they'll be able to work through a self-guided programming curriculum with the help of Library staff. Registration is required for each session. • *Adult programs: Art Exhibit: 'Precise Nature' by Brooklyn Otten* opens and Art Reception is Saturday, November 5, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. • *Introduction to Coffee and Chocolate*, Thursday, November 10, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Join the Library and local coffee and chocolate experts Caleb Maurer and Liz Struthwolf for this delicious and informative workshop. At this event, you'll learn about local chocolates and will be able to sample some sweet treats. You'll also learn tips on how to properly brew great-tasting coffee. • *Author in the House*: Guest author poet, performer, and fiction writer Gino Sky is the featured writer for November's Author in the House at the Sweet Library. Gino is the author of the Rocky Mountain cult classic "Appaloosa Rising", "Coyote Silk", "Wild Dog Days", and "Near the Postcard Beautiful" among other works. Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m. **Library closes early at 6 p.m. on Wednesday,**

**November 23, closed Thursday, November 24, closed Friday, November 25.**

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

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

**Living With the Neighborhood Wildlife**

Every few weeks we hear about some wild animal or other being spotted/chased/captured in our cozy Avenues environment and we are surprised.

Rather than being surprised or frightened, it should be remembered we are in *their* habitat, being surrounded on two sides by the wilds of the Wasatch Mountains and they don't know we live here now.

How would you react if you were hiking in the hills and encountered a cougar, or stepped into your garden and came face-to-face with a moose?

There is a web site devoted to getting along with wildlife and it's chock full of information for avoiding conflicts when wild animals wind up in our yards and gardens.

The web site suggests that we:

- Never approach or try to touch wildlife.
- Never feed wildlife.
- Remove attractants from our property, including pet food, water sources, bird feeders and fallen fruit.
- Always hike, jog or bike with a companion; make noise to alert wildlife of your presence.
- Never leave children or pets unattended.
- Keep dogs leashed, especially when on trails.
- Secure trash in a locked receptacle.
- Contain pets and livestock at night.
- Trim vegetation around our property, and close off crawl spaces to reduce hiding places.



For more, much more, go to

<http://www.wildawareutah.org/living-with-wildlife/> or use this QR code to load the site instantly.

**The Agenda**

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Workers lay sod at the side of twelve bright new tennis and pickleball courts next to the 11th Avenue Park. Several years in the works, the project cost \$1.4 million. There are six courts each. Pickleball has soared in popularity since its invention in Washington state in 1965. The game is traditionally played on a badminton-sized court

with special pickleball paddles made of wood or high-tech aerospace materials. The ball is similar to a wiffle ball, but slightly smaller. The lower net and wiffle ball allow the game to be accessible to people of all ages and abilities, while still allowing more competitive players to test their mettle. There are more than 75 places to play pickleball in Utah.

## **Slate of 2017 Community Council Officers Faces Vote at November Meeting**

The Nominating Committee of the Greater Avenues Community Council is proud to announce our 2017 Candidates for the GACC Board. We also would like to extend a heartfelt 'Thank-You' to those who will be leaving our Board. There are some who have served on our Board for many years and we are very fortunate every year to have new members join. Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. You will

notice on the slate that our Past-Chair and Chair for 2017 are not listed. Dave Alderman will move to the Past-chair position and Kim Bowman, who was voted in as Chair-elect for 2016, will move into the Chair role for 2017. This follows our bylaws and ensures a smooth transition of leadership. Our community council is a model for the city. Please join us November 2 to show your support for our 2017 GACC Board. —Dianne Leonard

### **GACC Candidates 2017** **Officers**

Chair Elect: Brian Hatton  
Treasurer: Michael Hughes  
Secretary: Peg Alderman

### **Executive Board**

• *Area 1, Canyon Road/West Avenues:* Bonnie Athas, Sarah Winkler. • *Area 2, LDS Hospital,*

*Dave Jonsson, James Woolf. • Area 3, Northcrest, Carleton DeTar, Dave Van Langeveld, Jill Van Langeveld. • Area 4, Mideast Avenues,* Dianne Leonard. • *Area 5, Midwest Avenues,* Phil Carroll, Jasper Clayton. • *Area 6, Lindsey Gardens,* John Johnson, PJ Secrist, Tara Wakefield, Andrea Olson, Brian Berkelbach, Kim

*Bowman. • Area 7, Eastern Avenues,* Genevieve Atwood, Bob Farrington, Brian Hatton, Stephanie Hatton, Peg Alderman, Dave Alderman. • *Area 8, Arlington Hills,* Janet Barnette. • *Area 9, Federal Heights,* Gene Fitzgerald, Gwen Springmeyer.

## City Ponders Fate of Tennis Courts at 7th and N

City planners are weighing options for what to do with the long-abandoned and unmaintained tennis courts at the 7th Avenue entrance to the city cemetery.

As they are next to Lindsey Gardens, the courts seem a logical choice to be filled in and serve as the new dog park.

Cemetery administrators would like them added to the cemetery's land area.

As the city has just spent \$1.4 million upgrading the 11th Avenue courts and refurbishing the 5th Avenue courts, it might seem to some that the 7th Avenue courts are surplus and should be used for something else.

GACC officers have invited City Parks officials to attend the November meeting, on Wednesday, the 2nd, to discuss the options, costs, advisability of the various options and to answer questions.



**Wasatch Community Gardens** has aimed to place public art at some of the community gardens. Popperton Plots came up with the idea of a mural children's play area. The west side of the shed is part of that, and seemed a natural canvas. Popperton Plots formed a subcommittee and the theme of agricultural art from the 1930s and 40s was suggested. Anne Penrod and Penelope Hebrew collaborated on the design and gardeners approved. The design has been drawn on the shed and will be painted soon!

## Did You Know?

The Avenues was a popular area for new homes because of its proximity to downtown. Transportation became a major draw for settlement when the Salt Lake Railway Company offered mule and horse-drawn trolley rides in 1872. In 1889, the trolleys were converted to electric. A competitor, the Salt Lake Rapid Transit Company incorporated in 1890 and the companies competed fiercely until merging in 1903. The trolley system expanded to other parts of the city as the Utah Light and Traction Company. Rail lines were denser in the Avenues than any other part of the city save downtown. The tracks were removed in the 1940s after National City Lines acquired (and dismantled) the trolley lines in favor of rubber-tired buses.

## The New Draft Transit Master Plan: Speak Up for Better Avenues Service

After an extensive public outreach campaign starting in 2015, the draft Salt Lake City Transit Master Plan is ready for review. The primary purpose of the Salt Lake City Transit Master Plan is to identify needs particular to Salt Lake City residents, employees, and visitors and to evaluate potential strategies for meeting those needs.

In Salt Lake City, most people associate transit with UTA. And, fairly or not, UTA has a reputation in many areas similar to cable TV companies and root canals. But with an increasing population, changing demographics, and continued concern about air quality, Transit is a concern for all of us.

This draft was developed with input from many different organizations and individuals. And now the City is asking for additional public input. This is a great opportunity to help shape the plan and provide your input on how you would use transit and what you want to see in the plans.

The timing is relatively quick, so don't wait too long. You can provide feedback via the Open City Hall page on the Salt Lake City website or [http://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/79/Issue\\_4085](http://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/79/Issue_4085). Your feedback is needed by midnight on Monday, November 7, 2016.

The main recommendations in the draft are:

Implement a frequent transit network (FTN) to provide reliable, efficient, and frequent transit service that takes advan-

### City's Draft Transit Master Plan Available for Review and Comment

tage of the City's strong street network grid.

Develop pilot programs and partnerships for employer shuttles and on-demand shared ride services that extend the reach of fixed route service for employment areas or neighborhoods that lack sufficient density or demand to support cost-effective frequent transit service.

Develop enhanced bus corridors that help transit run faster and more reliably, and offer high quality stop amenities that make riding transit comfortable and attractive.

Implement a variety of transit-supportive programs and transit access improvements that overcome barriers to using transit in terms of information, understanding, and access (including pedestrian and bicycle facilities and affordability).

The goals outlined in the Master Plan are:

- Improve air quality
  - Increase the number of people riding transit
  - Provide a safe and comfortable transit access and waiting experience
  - Provide a complete transit system that supports a lifestyle
  - Provide access to opportunity for vulnerable populations
  - Create economically vibrant, livable places that support the use of transit.
- Dave Alderman

## 6 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING A MAMMOGRAM

Teresa Reading, MD

A woman has a one-in-eight chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime. But if detected and treated early, breast cancer has a high survival rate.

1. **Mammograms Work** - Since the implementation of screening mammography in the early 1990s, deaths from breast cancer have fallen by more than 30 percent.
2. **It's Fast and Safe** - Those who have a mammography have a small amount of radiation exposure.
3. **Don't Jump to Conclusions** - An unusual result that presents itself during a mammogram does not mean you have breast cancer.
4. **Prevention is Key** - Mammograms can detect cancer early by showing changes in the breast up to two years before you can feel them.

5. **Know Your Schedule** - Intermountain Healthcare and many other experts from around the country recommend the following breast cancer screening guidelines:

- **Women age 20-39:** Perform a breast self-exam monthly and a clinical breast exam every three years
  - **Women age 40 and over:** Perform a breast self-exam monthly, a clinical breast exam yearly, and have a annual mammogram
  - If you have a **family history** of breast cancer you should talk to your physician about beginning mammogram screenings earlier
6. **It's Not All About Genetics** - 85 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of the disease.

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