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In the Avenues, we celebrate diversity as a strength, not a weakness

by Kim M. Bowman Jr. **The Avenues**
2017 Chairman are not all that
walkable if you

believe online ratings on sites like Zillow, but my own experiences tell me otherwise. Every day people walk by my house on their way to the park, the bus stop, the coffee shop, or nowhere in particular.

Like many of people living in the Avenues, I took my dogs for a walk to Lindsey Gardens last weekend. On my walk, I saw a section of new sidewalk the city put in last fall and some other places that could still use some work.

I said 'hi' to some neighbors, stopped briefly at a yard sale, and got a chance to watch part of a little league game by the recently-reopened playground.

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Lindsey Gardens and Memory Grove are two of only a handful of off-leash dog parks in Salt Lake City. I know that those parts of the parks can be a source of controversy.

In fact, one of the rowdiest community council meetings

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we've had in recent memory was over dog park issues a few years ago (ask Congressman Chris Stewart about the rowdiest meeting next time you see him). But I'm a big believer in something I learned from my upbringing, Star Trek, great literature, and imaginative thinkers: diversity is a strength, not a weakness. I think that's true of how we use our public spaces, too.

Having trails and parks that are and are not dog friendly, that are on leash and off leash, fenced and open all allow different experiences for a diverse group of users.

In an era that welcomes polarized positions and sowing discord over differences, what could be better for our community than to celebrate diversity where and when we can?

I know it may sound silly, but I believe the way we act and treat each other when our desires collide, including how we plan our public spaces, matters a great deal.

From the little things like dog parks, all the way up to history-defining events, we can work together to make sure that the



Kim M.
Bowman Jr.

GACC Community Meeting

June 7, 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

7:00 to 7:05—Welcome, Announcements (Chair).

7:05 to 7:35—Reports: Library, Police, Fire, City, School Board, Legislature.

7:35 to 7:40—GACC Treasurer's report.

7:40 to 7:45—Open Announcements.

7:45 to 8:45—2017 Priority #5: Dog Issues, with Stan Penfold, City Council chair; Kristin Riker, city parks and public lands director, Polly Hart of FIDOS and Michelle Blue, associate director of Salt Lake County Animal Services.

8:45—Adjourn.

8:45 to 8:55—Conversation with Neighbors/Clean Up.

minority voice is heard, respect is given, votes are earned and equal, and the better angels of our nature are given a chance in this fast-paced, social media world.

At the Greater Avenues Community Council that means tackling dog issues, and I think we're up to the task. So, be you a dog lover or someone who's less keen on K-9s, please know you are welcome and wanted in our city and our neighborhood. That's the Avenues I know, and it's one of the reasons I love to call this amazing place home.

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 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 14, 2017, 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.slcp1.org. Summer Reading begins June 1, all locations, all ages. **Kids Calendar:** *Book Baby*. Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.; *Preschool Storytime*, Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.; *Playtime @ Sweet*. Tuesday at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. *Playtime for children* 0 to 5 years-old and their caregivers. •Chris Lopez - magician. Saturday, June 3 at 4:30 p.m. •Whizgiggle Puppets Favorites - Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. •Rocket Launchers - Saturday, June 10 at 11 a.m. •Salt Lake Ballet Workshop - Saturday, June 17 at 11 a.m. •Puppet Players - Wednesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. •Toddler Dance Party - Thursday, June 22 at 2 p.m. •Tracy Aviary - Tuesday, June 27 at 3 p.m. **Teen Calendar:** •*Coding Club*. Monday, 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. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. •Teen Portal program. Wednesday, June 14 at 12:30 p.m. •Teen Mocha Chocolate Tasting, Friday, June 23 at 1 p.m. •Film in the Crafternoon, Friday, June 9 at 2 p.m. **Adult Calendar:** Art Exhibit: Sweet & Savory: works by the Sweet Staff. Exhibit runs through May 8 - June 17. •Sweet Reads at Avenues Proper, 376 8th Ave., 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. •Film in the Crafternoon, Friday, June 9 at 2 p.m. •Board in the Library, Saturday, June 24 at 2 p.m.

LDS Hospital Presents a Suicide Prevention Forum with featured speaker Greg Hudnall from Hope4Utah. June 14 at 7:30 a.m. LDS Hospital Auditorium (2nd Floor Education Center). A light breakfast will be provided.

Free Movies in the Parks—Mark your calendars for June 9 and June 23 for movies under the stars at parks in/near the Avenues. The city is sponsoring free movies at Lindsey Gardens June 9, "Hook" and on June 23, at Reservoir Park,

The Agenda
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"The Karate Kid." Bring blankets and your own chairs. Popcorn is free while it lasts. Join us from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for pre-movie music and food by The Food Truck League. Movies start around 9:15 p.m. Other parks farther away also will have movies. See <http://www.slcgov.com/slcevents/slc-events-friday-night-flicks>.

City Academy, 555 E. 200 South, 801-596-8489, www.cityacademyslc.org, Your Avenues Neighborhood middle and high school - now enrolling for fall 2017. For a personal tour or more information, call our office. Graduation June 3 at 2 p.m. at the University of Utah.

Avenues exercise class -free- Federal Heights church building, 1300 Fairfax Road. Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Call Renate Nebeker 801-534-1443.

Recent work by Avenues Open Studio Artists on display July 3 through August 24 at Sweet Library. Also, call Anne Albaugh (801) 554-9805, for details on Open Studios exhibit event on September 16.

Free concerts at Historic Brigham Young Park, North Temple and State Street. June schedule, all at 7:30 P.M.

- 2 *Dallyn Vail Bayles*, Broadway and inspirational recording artist.
- 6 *SunShade 'n Rain*, Nostalgic musical program in three-part harmony.
- 9 *Mama's Boys*, Western and bluegrass music by the Shumway family band.
- 13 *Relic Acoustic Band*, Memorable tunes from the sixties and seventies.
- 16 *Utah National Guard 23rd Army Band*, Popular band music and patriotic selections.
- 20 *Joshua Creek*, Award-winning country/Americana recording act.
- 23 *Kelly and Laura Griffiths*, Favorite Jazz and Broadway tunes.
- 27 *Pizzicato Strings and Co.*, Youth playing music of the cinema.
- 30 *Beehive Statesmen Chorus*, Classic barbershop.

Mayor Biskupski Cleans Out Dead Wood



Courtesy SLC

... at Memory Grove Park in the annual Memory Grove Cleanup. Mayor Jackie Biskupski, in front, was among an estimated 200 volunteers

who helped remove 12 dump truck loads of mostly tree limbs and brush. Also, a campsite near the gate was eradicated. Phil Carroll, cleanup director, said the noontime hamburger cookout for the workers, sponsored by LDS Hospital, was "again a hit."

New Tennis and Pickleball Courts Finally Open



Photo by Gwen Springmeyer

Mayor Jackie Biskupski, Kristin Riker (at the podium), Kim Bowman and James Henshaw open new pickleball courts. Oh yes, there's tennis, too.

After years of anticipation, the new tennis and pickleball courts at the 11th Avenue Park are open and in use.

On Friday, May 12, Mayor Jackie Biskupski and GACC Chair Kim Bowman officially opened the courts, much to the delight of a large group of tennis and pickleball enthusiasts gathered for the event.

While there are many courts in other Utah communities, these courts are the first courts in Salt Lake City designed exclusively for pickleball and they are already extremely popular. The six courts are filled most days with happy pickleball players of all ages.

Organized open play is available every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Just bring your own paddle and join the fun.

The Avenues Athletic Association is forming a pickleball league. Contact James Henshaw at jamesh1015@gmail.com for information and to sign up.

—Gwen Springmeyer

Wild Rose Sports owner says he's hanging it up. Tim Metos, owner of the business since the '80s announced in a postcard mailed to the Avenues he's closing the business, 702-3rd Ave., in June. Tim, an East High and U. of U. graduate, said he is retiring on his own terms. He has headed a company popular among bicyclists and Nordic skiing enthusiasts.



Cop Corner
By Det. Alen Gibic,
SLCPD Community Intelligence Unit,
801-799-3623

It's that time again! Nice weather is upon us.

I would like to remind everyone that people will be out jogging, walking their dogs and riding bikes. Children will soon be out of school and playing outside. Please be mindful of pedestrians and take care of each other.



Det. Gibic

- Remember that there are criminals out there looking to take advantage of you as well.
- Remember to put away your yard maintenance tools away when not in use so no one can steal them.
- Remember to keep your garage doors closed even if you are outside so no one can see what is inside.

Just because you don't get anything stolen on Saturday afternoon, does not mean that criminal won't be back to steal what they saw inside while you're away.

June theme for our monthly photo contest: "Fun in the Park"

Congratulations to Janet Barnett, whose picture of a balsamroot cluster is our photo contest winner!

Please send your June photo submissions to gaccchair@slc-avenues.org by June 10.



Street Fair Planning Ramping Up; Entertainer Applications Due by June 30

Our Avenues Street Fair planning process has established great momentum and what a joy it has been! I want to thank everyone who has volunteered thus far for their time and dedication to our wonderful Avenues community.

Our volunteer force will continue to grow as the Street Fair date nears (September 9th) so stay tuned for ways in which you can get involved.

Please know that we are still accepting applications for entertainers (applica-

tions due by June 30th). Additionally, our vendor booth applications have opened (see below) and we are urging arts, crafts, food and retail vendors, as well as political and non-profit organizations to apply. The event will host just 200 booths, so act fast!

Local artists should begin considering submitting an application to participate in the “People’s Art Gallery”. A professional judge will present awards in five categories: 0-9 years, 10-14 years, 15-18

years, adult amateur, and adult professional. Plus, one work will receive the coveted “People’s Choice Award”!

We will release the location of the 2017 Street Fair, as well as this year’s Featured Artist, in the July newsletter. Please visit avenuesstreetfair.org for additional information. Lastly, please feel free to contact me directly with questions (berkelba@gmail.com).

—Brian Berkelbach,
2017 Avenues Street Fair Chair

To submit an online application please visit avenuesstreetfair.org. Booth applications are due July 31.



Avenues Kids Enthusiastically Welcome New Lindsey Gardens Playground

Mayor Jackie Biskupski joined parks officials to officially open the new playground at Lindsey Gardens.

The new construction is part of an overall project to improve the Park’s amenities.

Included are upgrades to the middle and lower baseball fields. The lower field will be having the soil removed and replaced with new ball field mix and the middle field is being pushed out 25 feet to allow for bleachers in the back and new mix. The playground features the newest in colorful kid-safe climbing equipment on an impact-absorbing base.

The baseball fields work should be completed this summer.

What You Need To Know About Special Exceptions To Zoning Ordinances

by John Becker

Salt Lake City zoning ordinances have requirements like height, setbacks, uses, height of retaining walls, and slope. Zoning districts have additional requirements. Overlay districts have additional standards based on geographic features or land uses.

Owners, developers and builders can apply to the Planning Department for special exceptions to those rules. Special exceptions were previously called variances.

When a special exception is requested, only abutting property owners are notified. Even though you may be a neighbor, if you are not an abutting property owner, you may never know until after the approval is given and the building is underway.

Considerations for denying the request for a special exception include:

- substantial impairment of property value to the neighborhood;
- material impact to the character, public health, safety of the neighborhood;

- incompatibility with the surrounding development; and loss or damage of natural, scenic or historic features.

Special exceptions can be granted by the Planning Department staff. Immediate neighbors have only 12 days to comment on the first notification. If enough questions are raised, the Planning Department will likely refer the decision to the Planning Commission (made up of citizen volunteers).

When this happens, the area of notification is expanded so that neighbors within 300 feet are notified. Referral to the Planning Commission requires an additional two weeks of notification.

An “aggrieved party” can appeal a decision by the Planning Commission within 10 days. It is then heard by a hearing officer, and ultimately determined by the City Council.

The process can be long, but the notification period is short. It is important for Avenues neighbors to keep each other informed.

What you can do: Keep your neighbors in the loop. Don’t be surprised by a building project in your neighborhood. You can have a voice when exceptions to zoning regulations are requested.

If you are notified of a special exception for a building project next door, let others know so they can voice their opinions.

If you have questions, contact your GACC representative or City Council Member.

Xeriscaping is Great, But Don't Forget to Water Your Trees

A few years ago, xeriscaping was all the rage. In the Avenues, homeowners tore out their water-hungry grass and planted drought-resistant plants. Xeriscaping is great when it's new, but after a few years we have the fallout from the process: many yards are overgrown, the plants aren't thriving, trees in the xeriscaped area are stressed, and the ground-cover cloth, if any, is worn out.

Our former chairman, Jim Jenkin, once wrote a helpful article for this newsletter about not letting your trees die as you at the same time enjoy the benefits of your parsimonious plantings. The article is worth another look.

Jim wrote, "Spring is the season of home improvements in the Avenues, including yard work and renovations...and I would like to remind residents of Salt Lake City that the parking strip is city property."

"What you can and can't do on the city's strip is regulated, and the strip must remain 33 percent planted.

"Furthermore, trees on your parking are city property, and property owners are supposed to keep them healthy. And watered.

"Remember, that tree in your park strip will still require wa-

tering, regardless of what the rest of the strip requires.

"Trees in the strip provide shade, deaden traffic noise and provide more oxygen to the atmosphere. They are a valuable public resource. Mature trees cannot scrounge enough water from our dry Utah climate to survive without your help.

"Examples of good and bad strip conversions can be found throughout the Avenues. Some greenery survives, much doesn't.

Bark mulch leaches compounds into the soil that make it a tough environment for some plants.

"Also, if the existing sod is not removed to lower the grade below curb level, bark (or other products) will migrate onto the sidewalk and into the street, creating possible hazards and the at-

tenant liability.

"Even if you are putting in good old-fashioned bluegrass in your park strip there are still ways to save water. One is to avoid "center strip" sprinkler installations, which make it impossible to water your entire strip without also watering the street and sidewalk; another is to avoid watering during the hot part of the day."

The City has a great pamphlet at www.slccgov.com/utilities/conservation.

Did You Know?

Mature trees can provide 260 pounds of oxygen *per year, per tree*.

Homes with mature trees are typically worth 10 percent more than homes without trees.

source: Rocky Mountain Power

2 FOOD SAFETY TIPS BACKYARD BARBECUES

By Ali Spencer, Registered Dietitian

Summer means BBQs, picnics, and other get-togethers that usually revolve around food. But as temperatures outside rise, we need to be careful about food-borne illness. Not following proper food preparation and holding techniques can result in food poisoning from pathogens like campylobacter, E. coli, listeria, norovirus, and salmonella.

STOP BACTERIA FROM GROWING

Cook food to minimum temperatures:

Poultry (whole or ground)	165 F
Ground Meat	160 F
Beef, Pork, Veal, Lamb, and Fish	145 F

Store food at proper temperatures. Bacteria thrives at 40-140 F – so keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Put away food promptly. Food shouldn't be sitting out more than two hours, or no longer than one hour when the temperature is over 90 F outside.

Wash your hands! This is how bacteria spreads. Spend 30 seconds washing your hands vigorously with soap. Watch your hands too – if you've been handling raw meat, try not to touch anything else before you wash your hands.

Keep raw and cooked foods separate. Use different cutting boards, utensils, plates, and marinades for raw and cooked meats.

Remember: Keeping your food safe will keep you outside this summer!

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:
WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 7, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
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