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Avenues Offered Everything I Wanted in a Great Place to Live

by Brian Berkelbach
2018 Chairman

I made a decision in early 2016; I love Salt Lake City, and want to be here for years to come. I spent almost 7 years in Colorado before arriving to Utah in 2013, and then rented a small apartment on I Street before moving downtown for a year.

I had specific instructions for my realtor in 2016; I wanted to return to the Avenues, and was eager to begin looking for my dream home. My initial parameters for home ownership included proximity to downtown, a trail system, views of the city, and neighborhood charm.

Well, nearly two years later, my reasons for deep appreciation of the Greater Avenues continues to grow, mostly for reasons I would have never envisioned. For me, the core reason I love calling the Avenues home is the relationships I've made with neighbors and the interest of community engagement everyone seems to share.

I am beyond excited to assume the role of Chair of the GACC for 2018! We have a number of new faces on the Board this year, as well as decades of experience from other familiar faces in our community. I would be remiss not to give special thanks to those who have mentored me throughout the transition, including Dave Alderman (recent past Chair) and Kim Bowman (immediate past Chair).

Last year, I served as the Chair of the Avenues Street Fair. The 2017 fair took place on 8th Avenue, and featured nearly 200 vendors, 12 bands, artists, and food of all varieties. The Fair has been and continues to be quite successful, and the GACC intends to direct proceeds from the Fair's success to a community project in 2018. Past projects include Popperton Plots Community Garden, Memory Grove Clean-Up, and the Avenues Choir. We look forward to involving you in the conversation as we determine an additional project that enhances our Avenues community.

As always, there are a number of priority issues our organization will continue to push forward with the help our loyal readers and neighbors. 2018 GACC initiatives include Education, Crime,



Brian Berkelbach
2018 Chairman

GACC Community Meeting

January 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

7:00 to 7:05—Welcome, Announcements

7:05 to 7:45 —Reports: Library, Police, Fire, City, School Board, & Legislative

7:45 to 8:45—Ballot Initiatives: 1) Income and Sales Tax Increase for Public Education Initiative, 2) Medical Marijuana Initiative, 3) Independent Redistricting Commission Initiative, 4) Direct Primary Elections for Party Nominations Initiative, 5) Medicaid Expansion Initiative)

8:45 to 8:50 —Open Announcements

8:50—Adjourn

8:50 to 8:55—Conversation with Neighbors/Clean Up

Emergency Preparedness, Community Service, Affordable Housing/Homelessness, and Sustainability (Solar, Air Quality, Transit, etc.).

Historically, we have provided education and communicated

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 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, January 10, 2018, 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.slcp.org. **Sweet library is closed on January 1 & 15. Kids Calendar:** Code Club. Monday, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Ages 8-18. Registration is required. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. • Playtime @ Sweet. Tuesday at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Playtime for children 0 to 5 years-old and their caregivers.) • Book Baby. Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. • Preschool Storytime. Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. • Art & Maker with Clever Octopus. Every Wednesday at 4 p.m. Each month we'll explore famous artists and learn about their process before adding our own unique twist. • Preschool Dance Party, Thursday, January 11 at 4 p.m. Dancers ages 3-7 can put on their finest dancewear and dance their socks off at our monthly dance parties. • Read with Me: Scarlet the Therapy Dog. Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Scarlet, a friendly and furry certified therapy dog from Therapy Animals of Utah Pet Partners, will be hanging out at the Sweet Branch as a reading buddy for kids. Young readers can practice reading out loud to Scarlet, who's always patient, never corrects them, and always enjoys being gently petted. Kids can bring their favorite book or grab one off the shelf. **Teen Calendar:** • Coding Club: Monday, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Registration is required. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. Ages 8-18. • First Friday Teen Movie "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children". Friday January 5 from 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. • Crafting the World of Harry Potter, Friday, January 12 from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Film in the Crafternoon. "Wonder Woman" Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Registration is required. • Teen Book Crafting, Wednesday, January 24 from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. **Adult Calendar:** • Art Exhibit, Vivid Image-ination: Mixed Media Artwork by Miroslava K. Vomela begins January 8. The Art Reception is January 13 at 3 p.m. • Bob Ross Paint-

along, January 6 at 2 p.m. Registration is required. • Film in the Crafternoon, "Wonder Woman" Saturday, January 20 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. • Sweet Reads. "The Book of Unknown Americans," Tuesday, January 23 at Sweet Library from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. • Author in the House: James W. Ure - author of "Seized by the Sun," Thursday, January 25 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Avenues Athletic Association (AAA): Avenues Athletic Association (AAA): Basketball registration is now open. Registration is open until January 8, 2018. The season lasts January 11 - March 29. Sign up as an individual or as a team, with friends or to make new ones. Volunteers are needed to help run the games, update the web page, be a photographer or help plan other sport leagues. For more information for how to participate as an athlete, volunteer or both, see www.aaaslc.com.

Avenues Exercise Class, -free- Everyone Welcome! Federal Heights Ward, 1300 Fairfax Road, Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Renate 801-534-1443.

City Academy, 555 E. 200 South, 801-596-8489, www.cityacad-emyslc.org. Your neighborhood middle and high school. New student registration now for 2nd semester which begins Jan. 17. Information Hour for prospective students for Fall 2018 at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23.

10th East Senior Center, 237 S. 1000 East. Indoor Pickleball Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2:30 p.m. Stay warm playing on the maple dance floor. Free to anyone 60 or older. Under 60? Come as a guest. You must wear tennis/gym shoes on the floor. The Center has pickleball equipment available at no charge. Sponsored by Salt Lake County Aging Services. Call 385 468-3140 with questions.

Bryant Middle school (40 S. 800 East) is partnering with Wasatch Elementary to host a screening of "Screenagers," a film about growing up in the digital age, on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 PM. The screening runs for 1 hour 10 minutes and will be followed by an expert discussion panel. Please join us for this free event.

Save the Date! Bryant Middle School's Open House will be held the evening of January 25, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We invite your student and family to Bryant to learn more about our school community, academic programs, and after school offerings. More details at <https://bryant.slcschools.org/>.

The Agenda

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Did You Know?

On special request, Salt Lake City will help you get your garbage cans to the curb and back. The city's website explains: "Salt Lake City is proud to provide extra assistance for residents who require help moving their can to the curb and back. To register for the free program, please call (801) 535-6999."

What is an ADU and Why You Should Care

by Jill Van Langeveld

With the end of WWII, there was a housing shortage in many cities across the US. People started carving out apartments in their homes to make more space for another couple/family and make a little extra money.

Salt Lake City was no different. Many of the large homes on the lower Avenues were made into multiple apartments.

My parents lived in one of these as newlyweds in 1945. The Avenues is very convenient to Downtown and the bus and streetcar system at that time made getting around very easy without needing a car. Location! Location!

There was a need so more and more homes were carved up. Because they could make more money moving out to the suburbs and renting the whole home, many owners did just that or they sold to speculators.

Any family can tell you that the more people living in a space, the more upkeep is needed to keep that space in good condition.

Well, that was not happening in many areas of the Avenues. Some areas which needed much TLC were not getting it because of their absentee landlords.

Banks began the illegal practice of “Red Lining” the lower Avenues. This is the practice of putting a red pencil line on a map around an area that they considered a high risk so they wouldn’t make loans for more than 25% of the property value.

Money was not as available to property owners who wanted to make improve-

ments to their property. In the 1970s and 1980s a number of Avenues neighbors got together to try to remedy this situation. After much strenuous effort, they were able to get zoning ordinances passed to allow for managed growth, end the “red lining” and some areas of the Avenues were designated “historical” which has its own set of advantages and disadvantages.



Jill Van Langeveld

The Avenues is a very diverse community. The original plans for the Avenues show small narrow lots on the block faces with bigger lots on the corners.

So we have a wide variety of homes, making the Avenues a very visually interesting place to live and walk.

Because of the many advantages for living on the Avenues, we have a pretty high density population – close to 9,000 residences. Again more people put more stress on resources—think of both off-street and on-street parking availability and traffic at certain times of the day.

An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a room or set of rooms in a single-family home in a single-family zone that has been designed or configured to be used as a separate dwelling unit and has been established by permit.

ADUs generally include living, sleeping, kitchen and bathroom facilities and have a lockable entrance door. It can be built within or attached to the principal home or it can be a detached standalone.

ADUs are different than a legal duplex.

A legal duplex is a home with two dwelling units in a multi-family zone. A legal duplex will not have restriction on rentals, while an ADU usually requires the property owner to live in one of the dwelling units.

In September 2012, the Salt Lake City Council passed an ADU ordinance for Salt Lake City. The ADUs have become important component of housing stock in many cities large and small who are close to having built out the available land within the city.

The 2012 ordinance did not produce the desired units—only a handful--so in 2015 and again in 2017 the City Council has reexamined the ordinance and made proposals hoping to increase the use of ADUs within the City, however neither passed.

The reasons most given at the public hearings by City why residents who were not in favor of the changes to the ordinance::

- Lack of parking
- Increase in traffic
- Problems because of smaller lots
- Could the Avenues return to the problems of the 1950s through 70s?
- Problems of enforcement because enforcement is complaint driven
- People always worry about their property values going down

The City Council plans to revisit the ADU Ordinance in the spring of 2018. We need to watch and listen to what they present and decide if we like how their revisions will affect our lives and those of our neighbors. Then we need to make our views and suggestions known.

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our progress at our monthly community meetings and in our newsletter. We have learned that some initiatives (emergency preparedness, neighborhood watch programs, etc.) are quite difficult to implement via a newsletter.

So, I am excited to report that representatives from the GACC Board located in your area of the neighborhood will be

hosting GACC sponsored block parties throughout the year to disseminate information and implement various programs.

What a great way to meet your neighbors!

Stay tuned for other staple events in 2018, including the 2018 Avenues Street Fair, annual Memory Grove Clean-Up, Avenues Choir, and our second Pickleball

event.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our community meeting on January 3 where we will hear from representatives from each of the ballot initiatives. If you are unable to attend, please be sure to “like” our FaceBook page (Greater Avenues Community), and tune in for a FaceBook live video of the entire GACC meeting.

City Approves New Transit Master Plan

Imagine a bus service that comes frequently enough that you don't worry about the schedule. Or mass transit that runs late enough that you could get a ride home after having dinner out.

We were supposed to have flying cars by now; but a fast, reliable, and convenient mass transit system would be OK, too.

At their December 5th meeting, the Salt Lake City Council adopted a new Transit Master Plan. The plan is a framework for how the City's transit system will evolve between now and 2040. It's recognized that our current system has a lot of shortcomings (for example, only half of the 44 bus routes operate outside commute hours and provide midday service). And with the growth expected by 2040, it's clear that changes are required.

The goal is that by 2040, approximately three quarters of people living and working in Salt Lake City will be within a quarter mile of a transit stop. To accomplish this, several objectives were identified, including:

- Establish a Frequent Transit Network that would operate on arterial streets and connect major destinations and neighborhoods with all day service, at intervals of 15 minutes or less.
- Improve access and amenities, such as shelters and bike parking at bus stops.
- Improve the supporting networks, including bike and pedestrian access to bus stops, schedule and service information, parking, and fare/pass programs.



Lexie Humphrey

To implement the plan, major issues will still need to be addressed, such as strengthening the City's partnership with UTA and identifying new funding options. But a vision for what's needed is a good first step, even if it doesn't include flying cars.

For more information, visit the City's website www.slcgov.com/transportation/transit/plans.

—Dave Alderman

New City Council Representative for District 3

In 2018, District 3 will have a new City Council representative.

Chris Wharton won the general election in November and will be sworn in with the other members of the City Council at noon on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Chris plans to attend GACC meetings and report on important issues that are before the City Council and may impact Avenues residents.

A little background on Chris – He has lived in the Salt Lake area his whole life and is the 6th generation of his family to live here. He was born at LDS Hospital, so you could say he also has a life-long connection to the Avenues.

Chris graduated from Westminster College with a degree in history before obtaining his law degree from the University of Utah.

After working as an associate attorney for several years, Chris opened his own firm. He has been involved in various community organizations and causes, including serving two terms on the Salt Lake City Human Rights Commission.



Chris Wharton

Chris looks forward to finding solutions to address complex issues like sustainability, affordable housing, neighborhood safety, arts and culture, homelessness, outdoor recreation, and more. Although he won't have much spare time in the coming months, he enjoys independent films, travel, hiking, and food trucks.

Chris and his husband live in the lower Avenues with their dog and two cats.

—Dave Alderman

Holiday Tree Collection

Can Collection: Residents are encouraged to cut up their trees (into 4 foot pieces or smaller) and put them in the brown curbside compost can for collection on their regular weekly waste collection day.

If possible, please dispose of your holiday tree no later than your collection day the week of Monday, January 15.

Ornaments and lights must be removed. Flocked trees are not accepted.

Residents are requested to cut trees into several pieces, which accommo-



dates an easier fit into the brown compost cans.

However, residents who cannot cut their trees are encouraged to place them curbside for collection and asked not to overfill the brown bin.

Wintertime Suspension of Brown Bin Collection

To save fuel and improve air quality during inversion season, Salt Lake City temporarily suspends collection of brown compost bins for a short time each winter. The 2018 dates are January 22 to March 2, 2018.



by Detective Alen Gibic

The holidays are my favorite time of year. However, just like every year we will see all the “Grinches” coming out in full force to steal your stuff. Package and mail thefts have been a problem. Consider investing in locking mail boxes and arranging you packages to be delivered to a secure location. I am out four days a week (five hours per day) patrolling the Avenues.



Det. Gibic

I have come across persons in the Avenues who were there only to steal your stuff. Lock your doors when you are away and close your garage doors even when you are home.

This is also a time when many people will have their vehicles stolen in the morning. Leaving your car running to warm up in the morning is not a good idea. First, we have terrible air quality this time of year. Second, unless you have remote start, criminals will get in and drive away.

Remember that the Avenues are generally the safest place to live in the city and my intent is not to scare you.

Memory Grove Co-Chair and Street Fair Chair

The GACC is seeking volunteers to help lead two of our signature events – the Memory Grove Clean-up in May and the Avenues Street Fair in September.

We are looking for co-chairs for the Memory Grove Clean Up, to work with long-time chair Phil Carroll. This will be the 21st year of the Clean Up, which draws up to 300 volunteers who weed, rake, and mulch at the park. The co-chairs will work with the Chair to coordinate with the City Parks Department, LDS Hospital and other organizations, including the GACC, Scouts, churches, and schools.

GACC is also seeking a volunteer to chair or co-chair the Avenues Street Fair, held the second Saturday in September. The job coordinates an experienced group of volunteers to plan all activities of the fair (children’s area, entertainment, artists, booths, etc.), as well as the logistics that make it all happen (permits, traffic, water, recycling, etc.). This requires running monthly meetings, beginning in March.

The rewards are innumerable and include making new friends, getting a behind-the-scenes look at a major community event, and personal satisfaction. If either of these sound like the volunteer opportunity that you’ve been waiting for, please email gaccchair@slc-avenues.org with your statement of interest.

2018 NUTRITION TRENDS

Emily Krueger, RDN

Many of us are ringing in the new year with resolutions, and the food industry is paying attention to what consumers want. Nutrition and sustainability are definitely at the top of the list.

Here are some of the top new food trends you can look forward to for 2018.

MUSHROOMS

It’s rumored that this fun and nutritious fungus will find their way into products such as bottled drinks, soup broths, chocolate, coffee and smoothies in 2018. Experts also predicted that they will also be showing up in body care products, such as in soap or hair products since mushrooms contain some potassium, fiber, and vitamin B6.

ROOT TO STEM COOKING

Reducing food waste has been a hot topic for a little while, from looking at how to prevent waste in school cafeterias to food markets donating food past sale date to those in need. This is a trend that will only become bigger in the upcoming months. The idea is root to stem cooking, using the entire plant. Foods like broccoli stem slaw, pickled watermelon rinds, and celery leaves are likely to make it onto many plates.

FLORAL FLAVORS

We’ve always added petals to our culinary dishes, but this year the market will be blooming with drinks and snacks that are infused with lavender, rose, pink hibiscus and elderflower.

SUPER POWDERS

Because these powders are so easy to add to dishes, they are making their way into smoothies, lattes, baked goods, and even soups! Matcha, cacao, and maca root powders are becoming more popular substitutes for coffee. Other powders that you are likely to find are kale, spirulina, and turmeric.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 3, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
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