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I'm Not Giving Up On My Snow Dance Just Yet

by Brian Berkelbach I was lucky enough to return to Pennsylvania and New Jersey over the holiday season, where I attended numerous holiday parties, saw lots of family, and ate entirely too much food.

Having just spent nearly 10 days with my parents, I assumed I was off the hook from calling my Mom for a few days. After all, my job, service, love-life, and social updates had been thoroughly exhausted. Well I was wrong—my Mom called me on January 3rd saying, “You think one of my four boys would call to check in on us, we are in the middle of a bomb cyclone”!



Brian Berkelbach

As an avid skier, I have become increasingly interested in the weather. Initially, my interest derived from selfish intentions; I wanted to know where I needed to be to ensure I was skiing the deepest powder.

While powder skiing still remains a passion of mine, I am mostly curious in upcoming weather systems for the purposes of clearing out the inversion we all are living with on a daily basis. I often find myself crossing my fingers for the next “bomb cyclone.”

My prayers have mostly been unanswered this year, as the current snowpack is reporting at just 59% of the median in our region (as reported by the USDA/NRCS on January 17, 2018).

While I am not going to give up on my snow-dance quite yet, I am motivated more than ever to make the necessary behavioral changes to enhance our air quality situation in the Salt Lake Valley. The alternatives of not doing so are simply not an option in my opinion.

Should we have to wait for weather systems to improve the air quality in our valley, or are there things we can be doing today to improve the situation? I encourage each of you to read the articles contained in this newsletter, and have discussions with your family about ways you can contribute to our shared cause.

I also look forward to seeing you at our community meeting on February 7th, where we will hear from experts on air quality, including Kerry Kelly from the University of Utah Chemical Engineering Department and Gwen Springmeyer from UCAIR

GACC Community Meeting

February 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

7:00 to 7:05 p.m.—Welcome, Announcements

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

7:45 to 8:20—Air Quality and You: What Do

All the Numbers Mean? Kerry Kelly, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering, University of Utah

8:20 to 8:35—Simple Things You Can Do to

Improve Air Quality, Gwen Springmeyer, UCAIR

8:35 to 8:45—Open Announcements

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

(Utah Clean Air Partnership) (<https://www.ucair.org>).

As always, if you are unable to attend our meeting in person, please head over to our FaceBook Page (Greater Avenues Community) where we will be live-streaming the meeting. But trust me, you'll have more fun with your neighbors at the Sweet Library!

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 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, February 14, 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. **All Ages:** Newbery Reading Challenge: For 95 years the American Library Association has awarded the Newbery Medal to the book that makes the most distinguished contribution to children's literature. In time for the announcement of the 2018 Medal-winning book, the City Library is hosting a Newbery Reading Challenge. Kids, teens, and adults who read one Newbery Medal-winning book receive an Honor pin. Participants who read five books receive a Medal pin and can enter a drawing to win four tickets to the Tumbleweeds Film Festival. • Grandeur of the Galaxy: Space Storms with Clark Planetarium Friday, February 23, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. registration required. • "The Princess and the Frog" Saturday, February 10, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. **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, February 8, 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, February 10, 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. • Valentine Card Making, Saturday, February 10, 2

p.m. - 3 p.m. Make your loved ones' Valentine's Day a little sweeter by sending them a homemade card. Create your own Valentine cards with supplies provided by the Library. **Teen Calendar:** • Coding Club: Monday, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Registration required. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. Ages 8-18. • First Friday Teen Movie "Pacific Rim," Friday, February 2, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. • Film in the Crafternoon, "Princess Bride," Saturday, February 17, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. • String Voodoo Doll Crafting, Saturday, February 24, 1-2 p.m. **Adult Calendar:** • Art Exhibit: Vivid Image-ination: Mixed Media Artwork by Miroslava K. Vomela, runs January 8 to February 24. • Film in the Crafternoon. "Princess Bride," Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. • Sweet Reads: Persuasion, Tuesday, February 27, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Call to Avenues artists! Submissions are requested for the 4th Annual Avenues Community Fine Art Show to be held April 29 at the LDS meeting house at 2nd Avenue and K Street. Submissions will be juried. For information, contact Rod Heiss at: rodheiss@gmail.com.

Avenues Exercise Class Federal Heights LDS Ward, North Entrance, 278 N. Alta Street. Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. FREE. Everyone welcome!

Avenues Baseball is about to start its 2018 season! Are you a boy or girl aged 5-12? Do you dream of hitting home runs? Stealing bases? Tossing no-hitters? Playing big-league ball? If so, Avenues Baseball is your first stop to diamond glory! We are an all-volunteer, community-based, non-profit organization that runs a youth baseball league for kids aged 5-12. Registration is now open at www.avesbaseball.org. Practices begin mid-March with the game season running April 2 through June 2. Most games will be at Lindsey Gardens here in the Avenues, with a few games at Herman Franks Park at 700 East and 1300 South. For more information, visit www.avesbaseball.org, or e-mail us at info@avesbaseball.org. Hurry up spring...let's PLAY BALL!

Save The Date: Annual Memory Grove Cleanup is set for 8 a.m. Saturday, May 12. Join your neighbors helping to clean up and freshen up Memory Grove then enjoy a free lunch.

Street Fair planning is underway! The GACC announces that Daniel Gaffin is the Chair of the 2018 Avenues Street Fair. The 2018 Avenues Street Fair will be Saturday, September 8, but location is not yet set. Visit our website www.http//slc-avenues.org or email gaccchair@slc-avenues.org for more information.

Every few years, the GACC chooses a community project that we can support financially. Past projects include the Popperton Plots Community Garden, Memory Grove Clean-Up, and the creation of subcommittees including the Avenues Athletic Association and Avenues Choir. The GACC is exploring new projects in 2018! We're calling for your ideas on projects you'd like to see in the Avenues. Think Shark Tank: Avenues. Send all proposals to Brian Berkelbach (gaccchair@slc-avenues.org) for consideration. The GACC board will review each submission, and invite you to come and present your idea at a Community Meeting where we will then let the community decide!

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Best To Avoid "Orange" Air Quality Days If You're Planning Outdoors Exercise

by Nate Blouin

Salt Lake City is known for its access to recreation and the outdoors, but when the inversion creeps in every winter for days or weeks at a time, residents are forced to consider the bad air quality's adverse effects on their health.

We love to run, bike, sled and hike, but in the pursuit of healthy exercise, we may be putting ourselves at risk related to the particles circulating in our air.

In short, the blame for our air quality can be attributed to two general factors: the valley's unique geography, acting as a giant bowl that traps air and everything it contains in times of high pressure, and emissions related to vehicles, buildings,

industry and other various sources. One measure of air quality is particulate matter concentration, measured as micrograms per cubic meter. The particle of main concern to Salt Lake City is known as PM2.5, or particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers.

Studies show wide ranging detrimental effects inflicted upon people exercising outdoors in times of poor air quality. Exposure to elevated levels of PM2.5 leads to an elevated heart rate and blood pressure during exercise, as well as inflammation of the lungs and oxidative stress after the fact. But there is good news - the effects of exercise generally outweigh the risks of working out while the air is bad.

There are a number of things we can

do to minimize damage to our bodies while still enjoying the benefits of exercise. As a runner, my general rule of thumb is to exercise indoors on days rated by the Utah DAQ as 'orange' or worse (see air.utah.gov for more information).

If you're dead-set on getting outdoors, go higher: numerous studies have shown that pollution decreases with elevation during our inversions.

Clear air can sometimes be found as low as the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Thankfully as I mentioned earlier, exercise has been shown to offset many of the negative effects of air quality, so by getting out there and doing your best to avoid the worst days you're going to end up with a positive impact on your overall health.

Following recent week-long bouts of dirty air, most of us are quite aware of fluctuations in Air Quality in Utah. The GACC Board has decided to focus on Sustainability and Air Quality in this coming month and year. We get daily reports on air quality with our local news, and many look online to find more specific data for our individual neighborhoods.

The University of Utah Department of Chemical Engineering has developed a less expensive pollution monitor and is attempting to distribute some of these monitors throughout the Salt Lake Valley area to be better equipped in analyzing the

pollution and factors which are affecting the monitor readings. The U of U partnered with Purple Air to pull their data. Many people have purchased Purple Air monitors. The data are available through the website: www.purpleair.com/map.

Dr. Kerry Kelly of the Department of Chemical Engineering of The University of Utah was quite helpful in explaining some of the differences in various sensors and led me to a website that can provide more very helpful information: www.aqandu.org. She said the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality division, has the best air monitoring sensors,

followed by the University sensors and then the PurpleAir monitors. However, all are useful in providing data on relative changes in air quality. That website has a map which covers monitors from airu (U of U), PurpleAir, Mesowest, and DAQ (Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Air Quality).

Another site that is helpful in looking at changes we can make in improving our air quality is www.ucair.org. This site recommends relatively easy changes that can be made at home, at work, and in the community.

—Craig Provost

Short list of what you can do to reduce the air pollution in your life.

Because 48% of air pollution is caused by vehicles, you can:

- Drive smarter: by trip chaining, combine your errands into one trip;
- Reduce idle time;
- Take care of your car, maintaining it well;
- Adjust your driving habits;
- Avoid jack-rabbit starts;
- Buy a cleaner, more fuel-efficient vehicle or buy an electric vehicle.

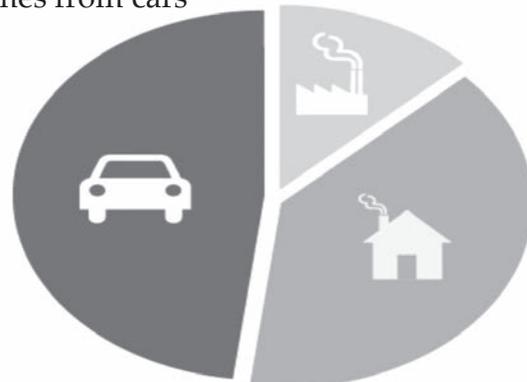
And, you can drive less by carpooling; using transit; using a bicycle or walking, or telecommuting.

Because 39% of air pollution comes from buildings, you can make these changes at home:

- Weatherize your home and maintain your furnace;
- Avoid burning solid fuels;
- Lower your thermostat and make air-friendly household product purchases.

—Gwen Springmeyer

48% of pollution comes from cars



13% of pollution comes from point sources like factories, mines

39% of pollution comes from buildings

AirBnBs: Are they a worry in your neighborhood?

by Jill Van Langeveld

Some Avenues neighborhoods are experiencing unexpected new neighbors: houses turned into AirBnB rentals. These rentals can bring with them increased noise and traffic congestion and parking problems.

Several AirBnBs have been shut down in recent months as neighbors have complained and the city has acted.

For your information, AirBnBs are illegal on the Avenues.

The reason is simple. AirBnBs require city licenses as commercial operations, and the Avenues doesn't have any areas that are zoned for such activities.

Salt Lake City enforces zoning ordinances on a complaint-driven basis. That is, the city requires you, the resident, to first make the call before anything is done. Here are the details:

Salt Lake City Code 5.14.010 defines a "rental unit" as a building or portion

of a building that is "Used or designated for use as a dwelling by one or more persons; (and) available to be rented, loaned, leased, or hired out for a period of one month or longer; (or) arranged, designed, or built to be rented, loaned, leased, or hired out for a period of one month or longer."

Through application of city codes, the Salt Lake City Business Licensing Division classifies any "business" that offers a rental agreement for less than 30 days as a type of commercial lodging service, so it needs a different license.

As such, a short term rental property may not be licensed in most residential zoning districts.

It is true that the state enacted a law, effective last year, that forbade cities from barring the "listing" of short-term rentals.

But, importantly, the law, HB 253, does not prevent any city from prohibiting short term rentals.

HB 253 doesn't cover enforcement against short term rentals, so call the City to investigate and enforce. You can do that anonymously, but you need to call or email and do it often. If it is also bothering your neighbors, get them to contact Civil Enforcement as well. Call or email with your evidence of an AirBnB or any short term occupancy: (801) 535-7225.

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Airbnb is an American company hosting an online marketplace and hospitality service for people to lease or rent short-term lodging including vacation rentals, apartment rentals, hostel beds, or hotel rooms. The company does not own any lodging but is a broker receiving percentage service fees from both guests and hosts.

Plastic bags ban

It used to be okay, but now it isn't.

City officials want people to stop using brown grocery bags to throw away recyclables in the blue cans.



The reason?

The super-light bags float up and get caught in the sorting machinery. This forces workers to stop the processing line while machinery is freed of the clog.

"These delays affect the success of Salt Lake City's overall recycling operation and can impact the cost of the program," according to city officials.

"In the end, these plastic bags must be sent to the landfill to keep them out of our recycling machinery.

"Most recycling processors around the country are no longer accepting plastic bags and this directly affects Salt Lake City's recycling program, as it is for many other cities' programs across the U.S. We strive to recycle as much material as possible, but global markets and the requirements of recycling vendors mean the accepted items change from time to time."

Cop Corner



by Detective Alen Gibic

In the Avenues I have come in contact with suspicious people who do not belong there. Those people are few and far between but I document my encounter with them in case of future crimes.

Crime statistics show us that major and violent crimes rarely get committed in our district. The most we see in the Avenues is property crimes. It is a constant struggle to educate people to lock their doors and close their garages. Please help me in spreading the word. I have received more reports of mail theft. Investing in locking mail boxes will solve these problems.



Det. Gibic

Finally I would like to talk traffic. So often we are in our own world trying to live our lives that we ignore the people around us. While we are busy dealing with our life, there are people around us who are experiencing the same stresses and difficulties of life as we are. We need to remember that the people around us, are people as well with the same feelings and thoughts as us and not objects who are in our way.

Be kind to each other, drive the way you want people to drive by your house when your loved ones are outside or sleeping.

I often tell my wife that the way we treat each other when we are safely locked in our vehicles is terrible. We would never dream of treating each other when we push a grocery cart the way we treat each other while driving cars.

Event to Celebrate Tenth East Senior Center

So-called "Mid-Century Modern Architecture" will be celebrated at an event Monday, February 12, at the Tenth East Senior Center, 237 S. 1000 East.

The event will also honor architect Burtch Beall, who designed the building. The theme is "Love This Building" with hula hoops and other activities for kids, a presentation on architecture at 6 p.m. and refreshments.

The 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. event is sponsored by the Center and Salt Lake Modern, part of Preservation Utah. At 50 years old, this is the oldest senior center in the county.



The center bustles with activities, notably low cost lunches Monday through Friday. Also: art classes, wellness advice, games, trips and more. Call 385-468-3140 for more information. Come with the entire family: grandparents, parents and kids.

New owners, new menu for Avenues Bistro on Third

Four chefs have joined to buy the Avenues Bistro on Third. Kathie Chadbourne, who opened the Bistro in 2011, relinquished her lease in November. The new owners reopened in December and are offering an American bistro menu. Updates to the patio and landscaping are slated for this Spring.

TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE AIR QUALITY RIGHT NOW

The key to improving our air quality is to remember is that even small lifestyle changes can help. Here are a few ideas that you can commit to doing right now that will help get rid of that heavy grey layer of smog.

Try New Forms of Transportation - In Utah, motor vehicles are a major factor in our poor air quality.

- **Carpool:** Instead of taking many car trips a day by yourself, try carpooling with your friends, family, or coworkers to reduce the number of cars on the road.
- **Public Transit:** Try switching out your car commute for a ride on the FrontRunner, Trax, or local bus system. Public transit is a great option that can be easy on your wallet and the air we breathe.
- **Active Transportation:** If you live close enough try making your way to your destination by foot or bicycle on days when the air quality is good.

Reduce Emissions

- **Don't "Warm Up" Your Car:** It can be tempting on very cold mornings to let your car "warm up" a little before you get in. Resist the temptation. This adds unnecessary emissions into the air that you will eventually have to breathe.
- **Try Not to Idle:** There are many situations where actually turning off your car is an easy option.
- **Lower Your Thermostat:** A simple way to reduce household emissions is to lower your thermostat—even if it is just a few degrees.

Encourage Others - Last but not least, encourage your friends and family to make changes that will impact Utah's air quality in a positive way. You can challenge each other to start small—carpool once a week—and then take bigger steps as your good air quality activities become habits. The result will be cleaner air, and we all can support that.

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