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Federal Heights neighborhoods
of Salt Lake City, Utah

Chair's Message for February

Our Valuable Virtual Meetings

by Gwen Springmeyer

As Chair of GACC, I was very impressed with the Community Reports during the first hour of our January meeting. It was a smorgasbord of public information. We had representatives from Fire, Police, Legislature, City Council, SLC School Board, Mayor's Office, Public Land, LDS Hospital, and the Library. There was something for everyone. From crime to new trail signs. From homelessness to library activities. Each guest came prepared with vital information to keep us informed and involved. They seemed happy to tell us what we needed to know. If you miss a meeting, you will find notes posted on our website. Those notes will include all this valuable information.



At our February meeting, we will welcome Senator Todd Weiler. Beginning January 1, 2023, he will represent a large section of the Avenues. Please see the Senator Todd Weiler article and the map at the end of this article. When I talked with Senator Weiler, he agreed now is a good time to get to know each other. We are grateful he has decided to take time while the Legislature is in session to start this process.

The GACC currently has 30 Board Members. They live in all 9 Avenues Areas and bring many different points of view. You can find all 30 on our website. The board's primary tasks are setting the Community Meetings' agendas and contributing articles for our newsletter. At our community meetings, we learn about something new each time. We hear many zoning requests, but we will also learn about wildfire preparedness, activities on the University of Utah campus, transportation projects, and other topics proposed by board members. The goal is to provide information. The board does not form positions on issues. If the members present decide to take a position on something during a discussion at a Community Meeting, the board would then facilitate that process. The item for consideration is posted on our next agenda and voted on during the next meeting. The leadership then communicates the results to the appropriate entities. This is a process that has served us well for many years.

I have enjoyed hearing of all the wildlife sightings. Of course, there are always deer. It has been fun to hear reports of coyotes communicating with each other and wandering through the cemetery. I love an occasional hawk flying overhead, and it seems our flock of wild turkeys gets bigger every year. There have even been reports of bobcats and cougars spotted on wildlife cameras. While most of this is enjoyable, there can be problems living this close to the foothills. If you have issues, you can contact the Division of Wildlife Resources for help. They have a list of service providers if you need something like removing a raccoon from your chimney.

GACC February 2nd Virtual Meeting

- 7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Announcements.
- 7:05 to 7:55 Reports: Fire, Police, Legislature, City Council, SLC School Board, Mayor's Office, Public Land, LDS Hospital, Library.
- 7:55 to 8:00 Senate District 23 - **Senator Todd D. Weiler.**
- 8:00 to 8:05 Thriving in Place - UofU Planning Students.
- 8:05 to 8:25 Cloud 9 Live/Work Units – Adaptive Reuse **David Gellner**, Salt Lake City Planning **Kevin Blalock**, Blalock & Partners.
- 8:25 to 8:35 Madeleine Choir School Fieldhouse -New Construction **Anne Mooney**, Sparano & Mooney Architects
- 8:35 to 8:45 2021 Accounting- **Michael Hughes**, GACC Treasurer.
- 8:45 to 8:55 Open Forum.
- 8:55 to 9:00 Adjourn.

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The Zoom meeting ID and password will be posted at <https://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 p.m. on February 2nd.

The Agenda

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Community Meetings

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GACC Board Virtual Meeting

GACC Board Virtual Meeting will be on **February 9th** at 7 p.m. If you wish to participate, send a message to the Chair Gwen Springmeyer, at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street, 801-594-8651, www.slclpl.org/branches/view/Corinne+and+Jack+Sweet.

Kids Calendar

•**Look for virtual events and activities** such as storytimes, book reviews, Tinkerlab and more on biblioboard

<https://library.bib-lioboard.com/module/kids--twins>

•**Tween Steam** activity kits will be available at the beginning of the month to pick up and take home. While supplies last.

•**Take-n-Make kits** for kids will be available to pick up and take home at the beginning of the month. While supplies last.

Teen Calendar

•**Teen DIY on Biblioboard and Teen Blog** - any teens or tweens interested in fun crafts curated by Teen Librarians should check out the SLCLPL Teens page on our website (<https://services.slclpl.org/teens>). You'll find links to our videos and blog posts as well as some curated book lists and other activities you can do at home. **Adult Calendar**

•**Sweet Reads** Get to know some of the faces from your neighborhood and read a variety of books from all sorts of genres. This book club will meet virtually on Zoom, on Tuesday Feb 22 from 7-8:30pm. January's book is *I am the Messenger* by Markus Zusak.

Email Jen Scott at jscott@slclpl.org if you would like to join!

•**Take and Makes** Drop by the Sweet Library to pick up a craft kit that you can take home and complete! All of the materials needed for the craft are included, and we will have a new craft at the beginning of each month. The craft for February are mini snow hats. While supplies last.

•**50 Books Adult Reading Challenge** Join this new year-round reading challenge for adults. Reading can bring you a lifetime of adventure, knowledge, wisdom, and fun! The City Library challenges you to read 50 books — there's no deadline, so you can go at your own pace. Stop by any City Library location to pick up your 50 Books Tracker, where you can track your progress, win prizes, and find prompts to inspire your next read.

Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. **FREE!** Everyone Welcome! Contact Jan Root for our current location and for any questions at 801-455-2082, janroot@xmission.com.



Tuition-free public charter school for grades 7-12 (801) 596-8489
*caring teachers
personal and flexible*

City Academy, City Academy for 7th-12th grade students, 555 E. 200 S., www.cityacademyslc.org, 801-596-8489.

Your neighborhood tuition-free public charter school is now holding Pre-Registration for next year 2022-2023. Virtual Open House Thursday, February 3, 5:30-6:30 pm. Please visit our website, email office@cityacademyslc.org, or call 801-596-8489 for more information or to book your own personal tour. We are also now enrolling new students for 2nd semester this year. Highlights at City Academy include engaging, relevant learning, Gifted Music School classes, Cambridge International advanced placement program, and an expanded Computer Science Career Pathway Program including Cyber Security and Programming and Software Development. City Academy has also become an active Certiport Authorized Testing Center, which offers industry recognized certifications in computer science and digital media.

Tenth East Senior Center, 237 S 1000 E with parking in the rear, (385) 468-3140 <https://slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center/>. Hours Monday-Friday 7:00 am – 4:00pm; Dine-In & Take-Out Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:15 PM

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

Walk With Ease: Begins on Monday, March 21. This six week walking program will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:15-3:15 pm. Walk With Ease is a gentle fitness program that helps reduce pain and improve one's overall health. This program helps participants walk safely and comfortably, reduce pain, and improve flexibility. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. We need a minimum of 12 participants to hold this wonderful class. Please tell a friend! Please check with staff to register.

Medicare Counseling: Tuesday, February 15 at 11:00 AM. Learn about Medicare and related issues with Mary Boyer, SLCo Medicare Counselor.

The Virtual Senior Center: offers programming that you can do from the safety of your own home! These programs include online, video conference, telephone, and self-guided activities that require neither phone nor computer. A variety of class types are now available ranging from support groups, exercise classes, education, arts & crafts, and more. Access the Virtual Senior Center online at: slco.org/aging-adult-services/virtual-senior-center/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating President's Day: We are closed Monday, Feb. 21.

Masks Required: due to increasing COVID cases, anyone entering a Salt Lake County operated senior center will be required to wear a mask while inside. Please keep each other safe by wearing a mask at all times.

Daily Lunch: Lunch is available between 11:30 am and 12:15 pm for dining in the center and/or taking out a meal to enjoy at home. Masks are required in the dining room unless actively eating or drinking.

Find us Online: View our website with access to the calendar, newsletter, and menu. <https://slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center/>

Free community yoga class: Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-9:30. LDS Chapel 135 A Street. Please bring your own mat and strap. Questions, Barbara Cramer 801-355-1856.

Salt Lake City Planning Invites Comments on the Cloud 9 Live/Work Units - Adaptive Reuse Project

Kevin Blalock, the architect and property owner, is requesting Design Review & Planned Development approval for the Cloud 9 Adaptive Reuse Mixed-Use project at 706 9th Avenue.

The subject property is approximately 2,800 square feet in size and is located in the CN Neighborhood Commercial zoning district.

The proposed design will be an adaptive reuse of the existing building and will occupy the same footprint. The project is seeking approval to add a third story to the existing building. The intent is to create three (3) individual 3-story live/work units.

A formal Design Review is required to reduce the front and corner side yard setbacks for the added story as the existing building does not meet the required setbacks.

Planned Development approval is required to approve an additional 5-feet of building height to a total building height of 30-feet due to the slope of property.

The virtual online Open House for this project is at

<https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/12/13/cloud-9-live-work-units-adaptive-reuse/>.

Submit a comment or question to Senior Planner David J. Gellner, AICP, david.gellner@slcgov.com, or call 801-535-6107.

Cloud9 - Mixed Use Development - Live/Work Units



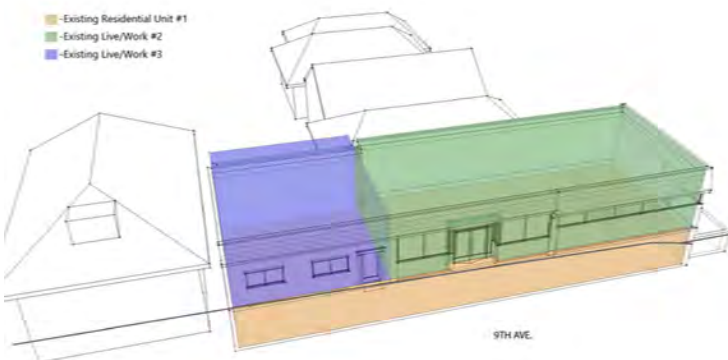
CLOUD 9 - ADAPTIVE REUSE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT



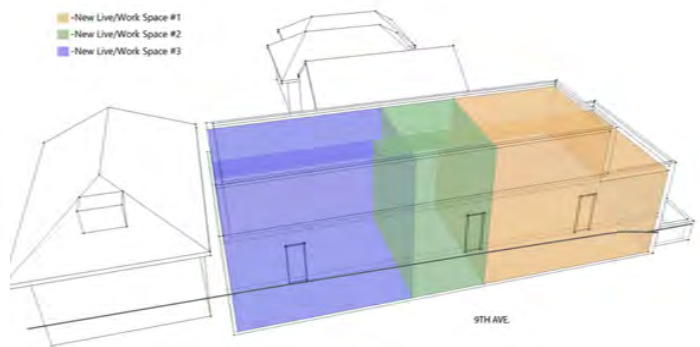
Proposed, looking southeast



Proposed, looking northeast



Existing



Proposed

Sen. Todd Weiler 2023 Utah Senate District to Include Upper Avenues

Senator Todd Weiler will soon represent the upper & middle Greater Avenues, now part of Sen. Derek Kitchen's district.

You've likely heard about the recent redistricting process Utah went through following the 2020 census. The most significant change for residents of the Greater Avenues is that the area formerly represented by one state Senate District will be split into two districts. The North Greater Avenues will be grouped into a Senate District including South Davis County and Rose Park, represented by State Senator Todd Weiler of Woods Cross.

Many residents were understandably frustrated by the recent redistricting process. The silver lining is that the GACC will now have two Senators to speak on our behalf, and for the first time in decades we will have representation in each of the two political parties that currently make up the Utah Legislature.

Though many issues are nonpartisan, it's long been observed that any given initiative in the Utah Legislature has a better chance of passing if championed by a Representative or Senator from the majority party. The redistricting change formally takes place Jan 1, 2023 and we'd like to be proactive. The time before then is seen by many as a transition period.

Residents in the new Senate District may wish to reach out to Senator Weiler in addition to Senator Kitchen concerning legislative issues.

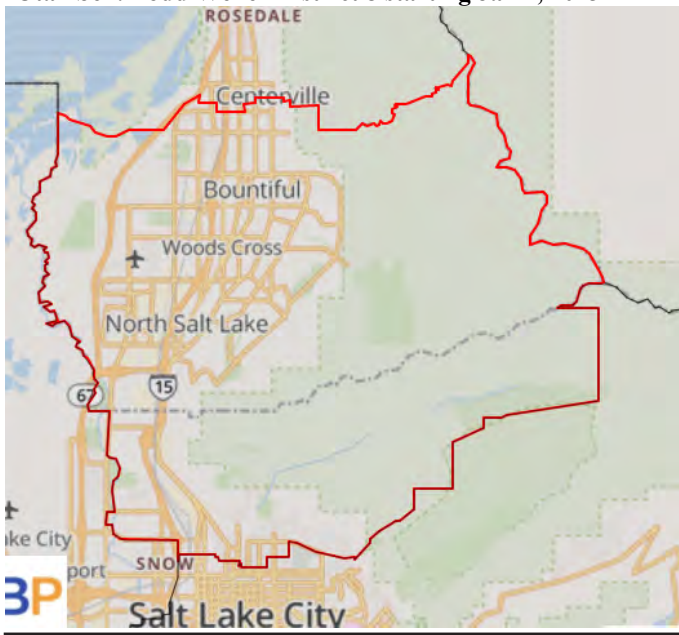
Utah State Senators serve four-year terms. Elections for new Senate District 9 (Kitchen) will be this November, and new Senate District 8 (Weiler) in November 2024.

In a recent phone call Senator Weiler pointed out he works in SLC and since the 2010 redistricting, he has represented Rose Park and is familiar with SLC issues. He also is excited that Utah's Capitol building is in his new district, and he points out that there are many similarities between the upper Bountiful benches and the upper Avenues. He describes himself as a pragmatic problem solver often working across party lines on bipartisan issues.

Senator Weiler was appointed to the Utah legislature in 2012. He serves on the Senate Business, Rules, and Labor/Retirement standing committees, and the Social Services Appropriation Committee.

Contact Sen. Weiler at <https://senate.utah.gov/sen/WEILER/>
See an outline of his priorities for the 2022 session at <https://www.cityweekly.net/utah/salt-lake-city-lawmakers-call-their-shots-ahead-of-the-2022-legislative-session/Content?oid=17804827>
By David Berg

Utah Sen. Todd Weiler District 8 starting Jan 1, 2023



City Creek Canyon Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

City Creek Canyon is a protected watershed above the water treatment facility that is located approximately 3 miles up the canyon from the City Creek gate entrance.

City Creek Canyon collects water from the nearly 20 square miles of watershed that feeds the 14.5 mile long creek.

The City Creek Water Treatment facility was the first Utah municipally-owned water treatment plant and was brought fully online in 1955.

From aging pipes to seismic vulnerability, the facility is in need of infrastructure upgrades to continue to provide reliable drinking water to the Salt Lake Valley.

An upgrade project is currently in the "planning and design phase." It is anticipated that the work will begin in the Fall of 2022 or possibly Spring of 2023 and is estimated to be completed in one and a half to two years. Construction will impact canyon use but it is projected that the canyon will be open ninety percent of the time.

The project team has developed a survey to "understand the values, questions and concerns" regarding the project. For more information and to complete the survey, visit the website at www.KeepItPureCityCreek.com.

The website has an interesting time-line of the history of City Creek as a source of Salt Lake City's drinking water. There is also an anticipated project schedule.

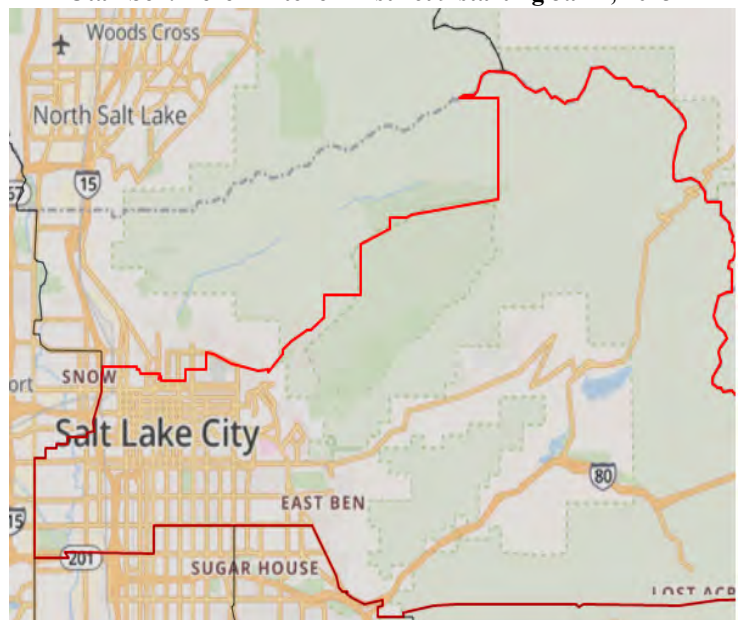
by Kathryn Wright



February Environmental Tip from Tom Brooks

When it comes to our environment, we can all do better. Please make a New Year's resolution to be more environmentally conscientious every day. Practice Trip Chaining by combining your errands when out in your car.

Utah Sen. Derek Kitchen District 9 starting Jan 1, 2023



Madeleine Choir School Seeks Community and City Planning Approval To Build Fieldhouse

The Madeleine Choir School is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for New Construction of a Principal Building from the Historic Landmark Commission in order to build a new two-story fieldhouse building on their campus at approximately 67 North B Street.

Proposed is a new 16,500 sq.ft. field house with additional needed classroom space. The student population is not proposed to change for the Madeleine Choir School. The proposed Field House will fulfill a long-standing need. The proposed structure has been carefully placed within the historic campus to have a strong relationship to the school central quad.

The new building would be located on what is currently open space, and would have new frontage on B Street and on 2nd Avenue. No existing buildings on the campus would be altered. The school is listed as a landmark site on the SLC Register of Cultural Resources and is also in the Avenues Historic District.

The proposed structure is situated on its site in a manner that allows building facades to be oriented toward 2nd Avenue and B Street. Existing front yard setbacks and spacing of side yards and access are reflected in the proposal. The building entrance to be oriented toward 2nd Avenue to the North and from the internal campus quad from the South.

Exterior materiality was developed through a careful analysis of the Avenues context, which helped establish the exterior materials and color palette. The proposed structure is located on the site in a manner consistent with the spatial rhythm of the street and neighborhood. Historic alley/access network patterns and widths are preserved.

The massing of the building is partially determined by the program requirements and also considers the characteristics of the area as the basis the proposed structure. The massing is broken up and stepped down on the North and South sides to create a rhythm connecting the building to its context and providing a similar width and scale to other structures found along the street.

The proposal draws upon fundamental design elements pulled from the campus context, including the adjacent Erbin Hall building. The use of an updated massing is compatible with this existing style and allows for the proposed structure to create interest and visual compatibility while also expressing that the structure is new. A careful contextual analysis was conducted and the color of the façades was generated using the palette of the surrounding context.

To submit a comment or question please contact Project PlanPlanner Nelson Knight, Senior Historic Preservation Planner, nelson.knight@slcgov.com, 801.535.7758. Planning Staff processes the application, communicates with the applicant to understand the project, and seeks input from the community.



Location of new building near corner of B St and 2nd Ave



Rendering from B Street looking west.



Rendering from B Street and 2nd Avenue looking southwest.

The virtual online Open House on this project is at <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/12/14/madeleinechoir-school-fieldhouse/>.

During and following this comment period, the Planning Division will evaluate the proposal against the applicable design standards for this area, taking into consideration public comments as they relate to the standards, and will develop a recommendation for the Planning Commission.

Pioneer Park Redesign - City Wants Survey Responses

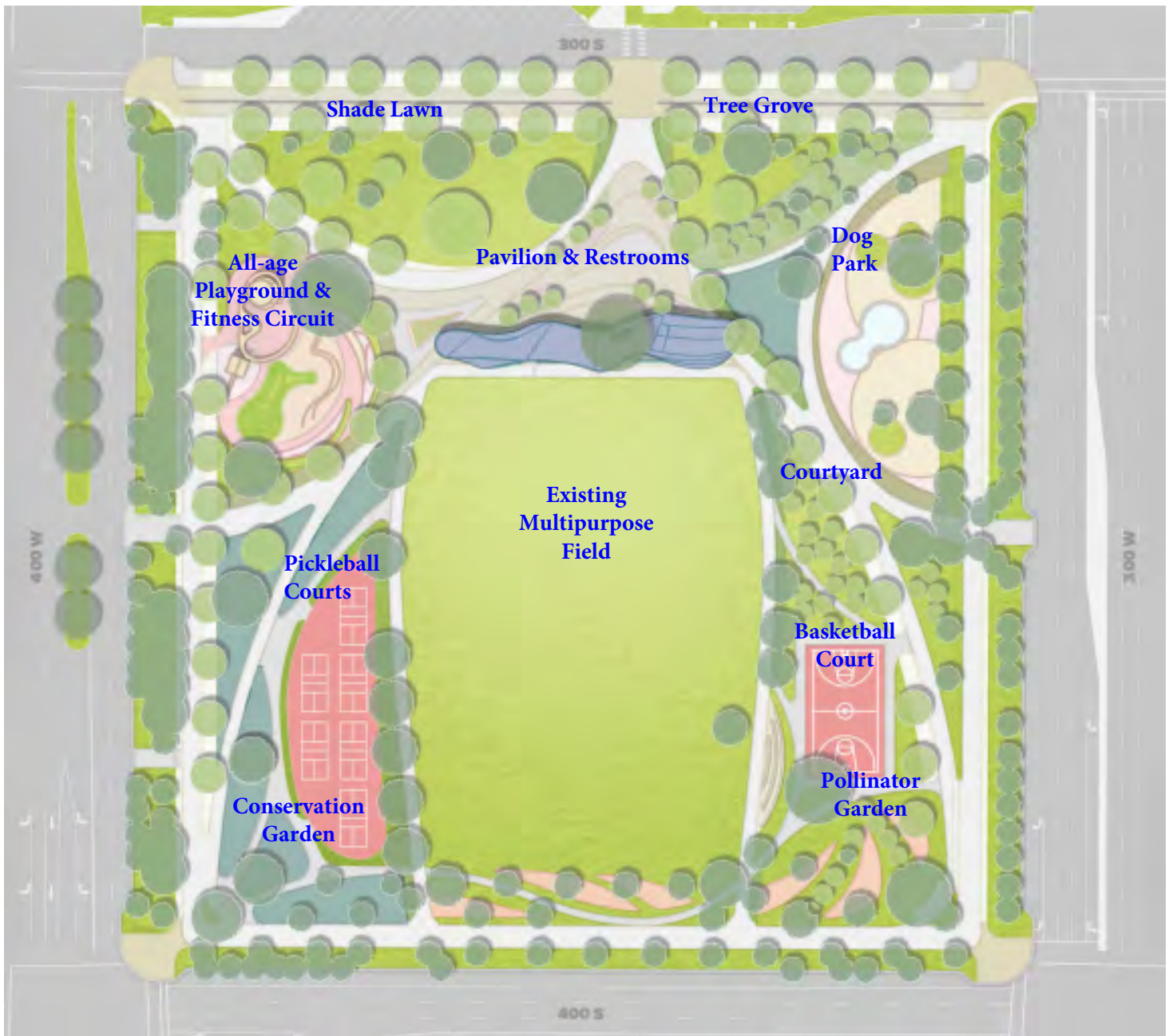
As both a neighborhood-serving park and regional destination for events and activities, Pioneer Park must provide many functions for those that live, work and visit downtown.

After talking to more than 1,000 people at events, reviewing 1,800 online survey responses this summer and holding stakeholder meetings and workshops this fall, Salt Lake City Public Lands Department is pleased to present its **Pioneer Park – Your Downtown Park** vision plan.

The City would like residents to watch the video here <https://www.slc.gov/parks/pioneer-park-improvements/>, then take the survey at https://designworkshop.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5mTfCmtuIUQRFZk

This survey is estimated to take five minutes to complete. One survey per household please. The survey responses will help the City prioritize which projects of the vision plan to fund and construct first.

The general plan is shown below and the entire plan renderings can be seen at this link: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2022/01/Pioneer-Park-Rendering-Packet-v2.pdf>



Salt Lake City Public Lands February 2022 General Report

Trails & Natural Lands is pleased to announce our new Recreational Trails Manager Tyler Fonarow, who has broad responsibility for projects and initiatives that advance the quality and accessibility of the City's recreational trails. See the latest on the Foothills Trail System Plan [HERE](#).

The Salt Lake City Foothills Natural Area consists of approximately 6,000 acres of canyons and foothills bordering the northern and eastern limits of Salt Lake City. The Foothills are bordered by Davis County to the north, established neighborhoods to the west and south, and protected Salt Lake City watershed lands to the east.

The **SLC PARKS, NATURAL LANDS, URBAN FORESTRY AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD (The Pnut Board)** advises Mayor Erin Mendenhall and the Salt Lake City Council on issues relating to the City's parks, natural lands, urban forestry and trails.

Primarily, the board is tasked with providing and overseeing strong stewardship of the City's parks, natural lands, urban forest and trails; educating the public and advocating for the City's parks, natural lands, urban forest and trails policies; and encouraging and facilitating public involvement and input, and the incorporation of that input into the City's parks, natural lands, urban forest and trails plans and policies.

We thank all the volunteers serving on this Board. See more [HERE](#) about their important work.

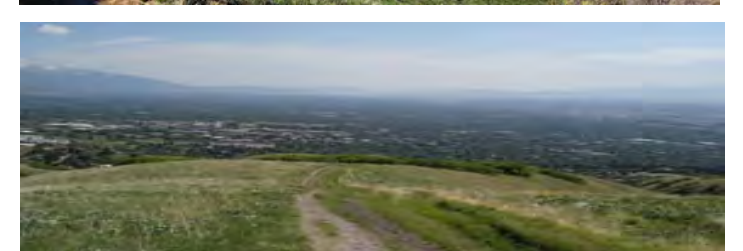
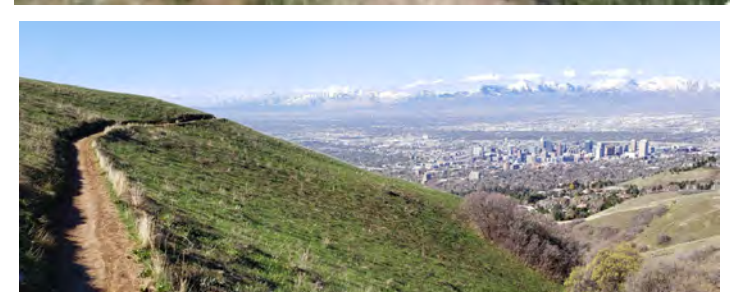
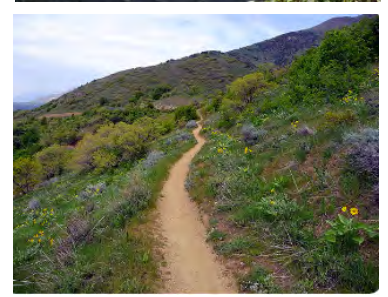
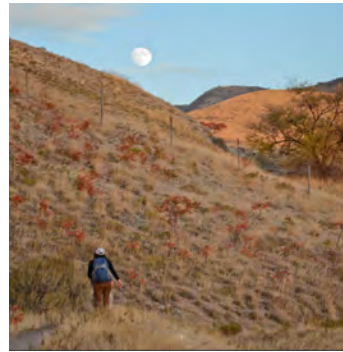
Salt Lake City Firewise Community Preparedness Day

Salt Lake City Fire Department (SLCFD) would like to encourage Avenues residents in and near our Wildland Urban Interface areas to begin protecting their homes from the risk of wildfires. You can help your home survive wildfire on its own by creating a buffer to slow the spread of fire and limit the ability of embers to find and ignite material.

The Avenues has formed a Firewise Community to help residents learn about and prepare for the wildland fire threat in our neighborhood. As a part of that effort, several service divisions of Salt Lake City (including, Sustainability and Public Utilities) have joined with the Utah Department of Natural Resources – Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (DNR-FFSL) to host a Community Wildfire Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 1.

On May 1, Greater Avenues residents that are within the proposed Firewise Community boundaries are encouraged to remove brush and other natural fuels from the target zones around your home. Households will be allowed to create a pile of limbs and brush on the median area between the curb and sidewalk that will then be collected and chipped by DNR-FFSL.

This program is a partnership between Salt Lake City, Utah DNR-FFSL and the Greater Avenues Community and is not a part of Salt Lake City's compost program or Call 2 Haul bulk waste program. You will still be eligible for your annual Call 2 Haul collection in addition to this special flammables removal event. Please contact your Greater Avenues Firewise Community Liaison, Shane Carlson, at (801) 596-3939.



Salt Lake City Accessory Dwelling Unit Annual Report

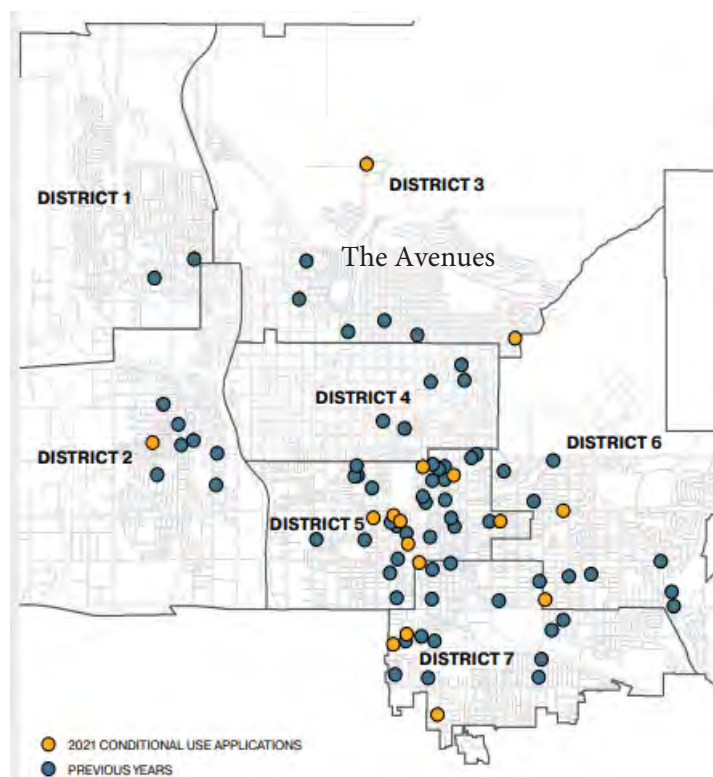
The Salt Lake City Council adopted an updated Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance in October 2018. That ordinance requires the Planning Division to produce an annual ADU report. The report is required to include the following information: The number of applications received; the address of each application for an ADU; a map showing the locations of approved ADUs; and an explanation of the reasons an application may have been denied.

The 2021~ report has just been released, and can be seen [HERE](#). The City Council will be reviewing this report in February.

WHAT IS AN ADU?

An accessory Dwelling Unit is a complete, secondary residential unit that can be added to a single family residential lot. ADUs can be attached to or part of the primary residence or be detached as a separate building in the backyard. ADUs are often referred to as mother-in-law apartments, backyard cottages, granny flats, and alley way cottages, detached dwelling units, and many other similar terms.

In 2021 the City approved 27 new ADU's shown on this map. The average size of the ADU's approved was 540 square feet. See the report for more details about the ADU approval process.



Avenues Boy Scout Troop 34 Excels at Service and Community Projects

February 8th was the 112th birthday of Boy Scouts of America.

Troop 34 Scouts have been organized for over 100 years, and continually active in the Avenues!

Troop 34 had a strong 2021, collecting hundreds of pounds of food and over \$400 in cash donations, all of which was donated to the Utah Food Bank.

Three Life Scouts and Eagle Candidates began their Eagle Projects. You may have seen Catcher McCardell in the news presenting Donate Life license plate plates to the Utah State Legislature. Thank you to Rep Paul Ray, R Clearfield for the initial sponsorship of the legislation, which was signed by the Governor, and over 500 applications have come in from the public, making the new oprgan donation license plate a reality.

Two more Scouts, Rowan and Tobin, have completed their Eagle projects, Rowan Burnett provided numerous STEM kits to several schools, and Tobin providing community COVID presentations and Covid supplies to the local homeless shelters.

Additional Eagle projects being worked on at the time of this article are Sam Andrew with the building of cat trees to the Utah Animal Adoption Center, and Zachary Burke providing 1,500 crosswalk flags to the GACC.

It should be noted that each Eagle project is led by that individual scout, who plans the project, sources materials, sources donated supplies and labor and sometimes funds, and leads the project that provides a huge positive impact to their chosen beneficiary.

The Scouts had several elections to the Order of the Arrow, and also camped in Goblin Valley, the Hoodoos, hiked 8 miles in the Little Wild Horse and Bell slot canyons. During campouts the Scouts hone their skills of cooking, cleaning, and camping. Lifetime skills that all can benefit from.

Many scouts attended Camp Loll in July, earning merit badges and rank advancements.

Troop 34 donated many hours to sorting and boxing food at the Utah Food Bank, and delivering meals to shut-ins and the elderly.

Finally, for those of you who are not as familiar with Scouting, every Scout pledges to live by these standards.

The Scout Oath:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country; to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law:

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

The Scout Motto: Be Prepared

The Scout Slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily

The Scouting program instills in these youth the values represented in the above, and teaches leadership, commitment to goals, and a dedication to service and to being a good citizen.

Thank you to the First Presbyterian Church as our chartering organization that has supported us for over 100 years.

Thank you to the many hours donated to scouting by our Troop 34 leadership and the parents of our scouts.

As a reminder, all youth age 11 and over are welcome to participate, male and female in Troop 34. Youth in Kindergarten to 5th Grade can participate in Cub Pack 3034.

Please contact Scoutmaster Shawn Neugabauer with any questions at 801-231-3283, spneuge@gmail.com, or contact Troop 34 Committee Chair Dan Zaharias, 801-808-6683, danzaharias@gmail.com.

See more about Troop 34 and Cub Pack 3034 at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1946476415446715> or at <https://fpcslc.org/scouts/>.

Air Quality -- Live to Breathe



Several years ago I found a seminar titled “How to Get Along with Difficult People.” I thought this would be very helpful in dealing with one of my children who was very difficult. It was helpful, but not like I thought it would be. I had hoped they would teach me how to make him change to make my life easier. No, what I learned was that I can’t change him or anyone else, or any situation in which I find myself. ***The only thing I can change is ME.***

This concept can be adapted to almost everything. It is very true when it comes to our Salt Lake Valley winter inversion events. Because of our geography we can’t control when we have an inversion. We can’t control how long it will last. We have to wait for a storm to come with enough wind to scour the muck out of our valley. ***We can only control OUR-***

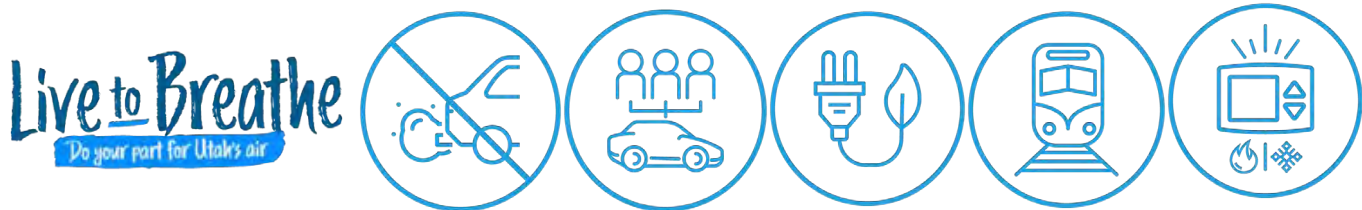
SELVES and the emissions we put into the air.

During an inversion, the pollution we put into the air doubles each day. That’s why we can go from the “good air” green designation to the “unhealthy air for everyone” red designation in only a few days.

We can’t change the fact that we get inversions so we have to change our OWN actions.

Live to Breathe is the UCAIR new TV campaign slogan and has the daughter of an advertising man, I love it. It says it so simply, in 3 words, that our actions make a big effect on how we breathe.

Type UCAIR into your browser for some helpful tips on what we can do to help this air we breathe. Can you guess what these images mean? Check them out.



by Jill Van Langeveld

What can Avenues residents learn from Colorado’s devastating December 30, 2021, “Marshall Fire”?

By Shane Carlson, Avenues Wildfire Preparedness Chair

First, far more communities are vulnerable to wildfires than most have assumed!

Next, the length of “traditional wildfire season” in the western US is growing. Utah’s “wildfire season” runs officially from June 1 to October 31. In 2021, most of Utah and many surrounding states experienced extreme drought conditions. Partially due to responsible conduct by most of Utah’s residents and partially due to good fortune, fears of a devastating 2021 wildfire season in Utah were largely unrealized. On December 30, 2021, Louisville, CO residents and business owners were not so lucky (Louisville is southeast of Boulder, CO - more suburb surrounded by grasslands than a forested foothill community – “scrub” oak and highly flammable junipers are amongst our higher risk foliage).

It appears a small structure fire driven by extreme winds rapidly engulfed much of Louisville. Ten thousand people (roughly the entire population of the Avenues) evacuated with little to no warning. While any loss of life is tragic, nearly everyone evacuated with fewer than 50 injured, and at the time of this writing, one confirmed death and one person still unaccounted for. Fire destroyed about 1,000 structures, primarily homes, some outbuildings, and some businesses. Could a similar tragedy occur in the Avenues? Under the wrong conditions, yes. A key takeaway is do not underestimate the threat of a small fire, especially in windy conditions. Would the damage here have been as widespread if a fire had started during the SLC windstorm of September 8, 2020?

Do not hesitate to evacuate if there is a wildfire, especially during a high wind event. An evacuation plan (unlike Louisville, almost all routes out of the Avenues will be in one direction – predominantly South) and a “Go Bag” with all of your essentials packed and ready for all family members (including pets) will make this easier at a time when seconds can matter. Lastly, the time to take measures to protect your family, home, and community is before a wildfire.

The GACC’s Wildfire Preparation sub-committee is working to help you plan and prepare for a wildfire in our community. We hope this will provide peace of mind and a significant fire event is never a reality. But like in Louisville, whether or not we experience a wildfire may not be up to a majority of the Avenues’ residents.

For more information, including links to resources on how to assemble your “Go Bags” and mitigation steps you can take to protect your property and your family, please visit us on the GACC wildfire preparedness web-page: <https://www.slc-avenues.org/wildfire-preparedness>.

University of Utah January 2022 Community Forum Recap

Harbor Bay Real Estate is a Chicago based developer which has proposed a development on University Street at 300 South, including the University's Fine Arts West building. Building Salt Lake published information in May of 2021 about this project [HERE](#).

The project proposes a 10-12 story mass timber, mixed-use, all-studio project with townhomes along one side as seen here. This proposal is not a University of Utah sponsored project. Presently the University of Utah is not engaged in any active redevelopment discussions related to the Fine Arts West building on University St. and 300 S.



The U has a need for additional housing units on campus. Fall 2020 enrollment saw an overall increase of students to 33,047 - up from 32,818 in 2019. Enrollment of first-time freshmen increased 5.5% and new transfer students increased by 9.5%. The university also saw a record number of graduate student enrollment with 8,404 graduate students. It is expected that a new record will again be set when Fall 2021 enrollment is published.

The Ivory University House project is being developed for 2022 groundbreaking as a private partnership with the Clark and Christine Ivory Foundation and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The goal is to build, manage and maintain a multi-building, 536-unit student community adjacent to the U's campus, on property owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the intersections of Mario Capecchi and South Campus Drive. The development will replace the current LDS meetinghouse at that location. Contact Community Liaison Shawn Wood, shawn.wood@utah.edu, 801-585-9244 with any concerns or questions about The Ivory University House project. The parcel will need a rezone. See more about the project [HERE](#).



The University Safety Department broke ground in February 2021 on their new public safety building, located on 500 South east of Guardsman Way. The structure has been designed to be all-electric to align with University campus-wide sustainability goals, and it will include an emergency generator and back-up systems to maintain emergency communication functions, data connectivity and building functionality to primary systems. This building is part of the University of Utah's efforts to achieve accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. See the 2020 University Safety Report [HERE](#). The University of Utah is a public, not private, institution and subject to all state and federal regulations. University of Utah officers must adhere to all rules and regulations set by the Peace Officer Standards and Training, is subject to open records requests, must be compliant with state and federal laws when it comes to transparency and compliance. U of U Police can be contacted at 801-585-COPS (2677).



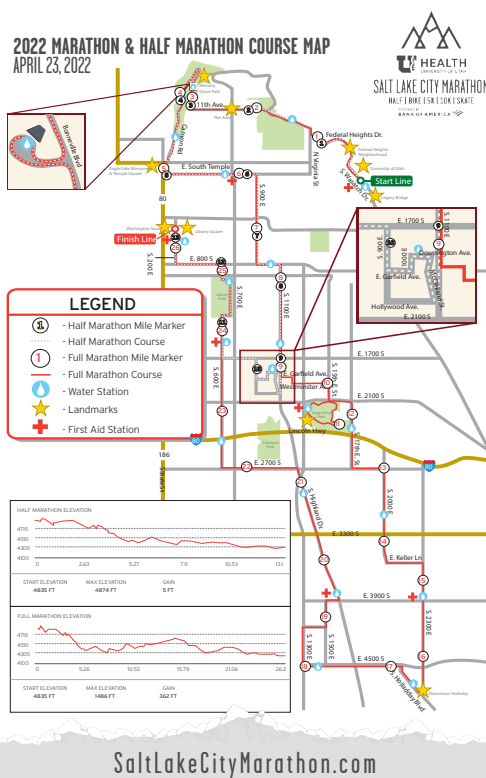
U of U Sustainability is the integrated pursuit of social equity, environmental integrity, and economic security for current and future generations. The U is a member of the University Climate Change Coalition a collection of 22 leading research universities in North America working together to address climate change. The University of Utah Sustainability Dashboard is an interactive tool to measure sustainability performance and can be seen [HERE](#).



To be added to the University Community Forum email distribution list sign up [HERE](#).

Salt Lake City Marathon – April 23, 2022

As we look ahead to this exciting event, it is wise to put it on your calendar now. While we enjoy the



festivities, they can disrupt our regular routines.

As you can see on the course map, it is six events with Full Marathon, 10K, 5K, Bike, and Skate. The start is on the U of U Campus. The course goes through Federal Heights, along 11th Avenue, up and back City Creek Canyon, and around the Capitol. In the past, we have hosted a Water Station in Memory Grove. It is likely we will do this again if we can assure the safety of the volunteers. We plan to have a representative at our March meeting.

Preservation Utah

Save the Date:
Historic Homes Tour - May 21 - Central City

Seeking Volunteers:
Contact Liz at liz@preservationutah.org

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Preservation Utah

is planning a home tour in CENTRAL CITY, a sister historic district, on May 21. First, please save the date. Secondly, the tour requires lots of volunteers who get to attend the tour for free.

Third, if you know owners or tenants in Central City who might be willing to share the historic character of their homes, please ask them to contact liz@preservationutah.org.

Thriving in Place

by Ivis Garcia

The City & Metropolitan Planning Department at the University of Utah is one of the consultants along with Baird + Driskell Community Planning and UC Berkeley's Center for Community Innovation/Urban Displacement Project to work on the **"Gentrification Assessment & Displacement Mitigation Plan"** (Thriving In Place, for short) for the Salt Lake City Department of Community and Neighborhoods.

In the fall of 2021, two courses, Zoning for Equity and Community Engagement In Planning, collected background information for the Plan including (1) conducting interviews, (2) collecting demographic and housing data, and (3) analyzing ordinances, policies, and City practices. Their work is located here, http://plan.cap.utah.edu/gentrification_assessment/. You will find specific information about the Greater Avenues.

Students will provide a 5-minute presentation of their work at the February 2 GACC Meeting.

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