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Federal Heights neighborhoods
of Salt Lake City, Utah

**NEW!! Important Meeting Changes:
starting with our June 1st community
meeting we will meet In Person
at the Sweet Library + a Virtual Option.
The meeting time is now 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

Chair's Message for June

by Gwen Springmeyer

BIG CHANGES!

The Greater Avenues Community Council began meeting virtually in May of 2020. Those two years of meetings have been successful with vital topics and significant rates of participation.

The board members believe it is now time to return to in-person meetings. The dilemma is the library has changed its closing time from 9:00 to 8:00 pm. We considered moving to a new location. We have held our meetings in the library for over two decades, so moving seems wrong. The collective memory of the board members could not remember meeting at a time other than our customary 7:00 to 9:00. Staying with the library but changing our meeting time seems like the best option. Because some still need to isolate, we will include a virtual option.

Starting with our June 1 community meeting, we will meet in the Sweet Library at 455 F Street. We will also provide the option to participate through Zoom. The meeting time is 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

We will post the Zoom Meeting Link and Password at <https://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on June 1. We will all need patience as we work out equipment issues. We anticipate it will feel good to be back in the library and rewarding to see our neighbors. While at the same time, those who are not ready for in-person events will still be able to participate. The shift in time will likely be the most difficult adjustment. We may feel rushed trying to get to a meeting at 6:00, but happy to end at 8:00. It will still be light when we finish, which will be delightful.

Our June 1 meeting will start with an informal meet and greet with Senator Derek Kitchen and Dr. Jen Plumb, the two candidates for the new Senate District 9. If you would like to chat with them directly, we invite you to come to the library at about 5:45 pm. From 6:00 to 6:30, we will listen to a moderated forum with the two candidates.

Beginning at 6:30, we will listen to a discussion about the route changes for UTA buses on the Avenues. Councilmember Chris Wharton will moderate this forum with representatives from UTA and Avenues residents.

Around 7:00, we will begin our regular community reports from representatives from the City, State, and the community. At about 7:55, we will need to put the chairs away and be out the door by 8:00.

So please mark your calendars now. Be prepared for some things to be different. And remember to be patient with us as we transition.



GACC in Person and Virtual Meeting June 1, 2022

Meeting Agenda

*5:40 – Informal candidate meet and greet prior to formal meeting at 6:00. Meet Dr. Jen Plumb and Sen. Derek Kitchen.

6:00 - **Senate District 9 Candidate Forum – Dr. Jen Plumb and Senator Derek Kitchen** with moderated questions and answers.

6:30 – **UTA Route Changes - Nichol Bourdeaux**, Chief Planning & Engagement Officer and **Eric Callison**, Manager of Service Planning.

7:00 – Community Reports: Fire, Police, Legislature, City Council, SLC School Board, Mayor's Office, Public Lands, Library, LDS Hospital, U of U.

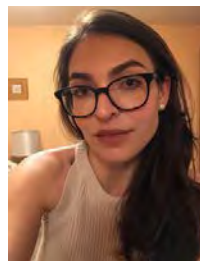
7:45 - Open Forum.

7:55 - Adjourn, Stack Chairs, Talk to Neighbors, leave by 8pm.

The GACC June 1 Community Meeting will be hybrid.

Meet in person at the Sweet Library, 455 F Street, or join on Zoom or Facebook live streaming.

(We will post the Zoom meeting link and password at <https://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on June 1).



GACC Member Highlight: Elyse Goldstein
District: Mid-east Avenues
Committees: GACC Urban Forestry

Growing up in SLC, I have always loved the Avenues. A couple of years ago, my husband and I were fortunate enough to move into an old Victorian in the lower Avenues. We are grateful for our wonderful neighbors, the Lindsey Gardens for our dog, and our walks amongst the beautiful trees and gardens here. The trees are so grand and extraordinary that it is essential to take care of them. Educating the public about their water needs will be critical as the summers grow warmer. As storms become more unpredictable, we need to enlist the community in identifying fallen or dangerous limbs overhead. Join me in the Avenues Urban Forestry Committee to protect them! Contact me via goldenpeach36@gmail.com.

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Community Meetings

GACC Community Meeting - Hybrid

Wednesday, June 1st at 6:00 pm, Sweet Library. All are welcome. Go to <https://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on June 1st for the Zoom meeting ID and password. For special accommodations, contact GACC Chair Gwen Springmeyer at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org.

GACC Board Meeting - Hybrid

Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00 pm, Sweet Library. All are welcome. If you wish to participate or for special accommodations, contact GACC Chair Gwen Springmeyer at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street, 801-594-8651, <https://about.slcp.org/sweet>

All Ages

Super Summer Challenge June 1 - Aug 13. You can dive into reading challenges and fun activities to do at the Library, at home, and throughout the city starting June 1.

A tracker is available for all ages and each has activities the whole family can do together! You can also go paperless by tracking your progress online with [Beanstack](#).

Kids Calendar

Take-N-Make kits for kids will be available to pick up at the beginning of the month. While supplies last.

Storytime kits with storytime activities and a preschool craft will be available at the beginning and third week of the month. While supplies last.

Teen Calendar

Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners (10 years old and up) A friendly introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for first-timers, led by an experienced player. Held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Registration is recommended.

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 June 28 from 7-8:30pm. June's book is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Email Jen Scott at jscott@slcp.org if you would like to join!

Take and Makes Kits Drop by the Sweet Library to pick up a craft kit that you can take home and complete at the beginning of each month. While supplies last.

50 Books Adult Reading Challenge Join this new year-round reading challenge for adults. 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.

The Agenda

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Celebrate Trails Day with Save Our Foothills • Saturday, June 4 in Memory Grove Park. • 10 am to 2 pm • FREE! Nature Hike • Kid's Nature Scavenger Hunt • Activities • Prizes • Join us and 14 local groups to learn more about conservation and preservation. • Stay green — walk, bike or take the bus. Parking available at the Capitol or in surrounding neighborhoods, a short walk away. For more info, email info@slcfoothills.org.

The Salt Lake City Trails Alliance stands for *Trails For Everyone* and believes an improved and well-planned network of foothills trails that accommodates the needs of all users improves the quality of life and helps make Salt Lake City a unique and attractive 'world-class city'. Contact: Ashley Patterson slctrailsalliance@gmail.com, or visit these web pages <https://slctrailsalliance.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/slctrailsalliance>, or <https://www.instagram.com/slctrailsalliance/>.

Wildfire Preparation Tips! by Shane Carlson

Wildfire "season" is approaching. Time to remove the "fuels" in your Home's Ignition Zone (HIZ). For information on HIZs and how SLC's "Call to Haul" program can help dispose of green waste, see the "June 2022" links on the GACC's Wildfire Preparation web-page at <https://www.slc-avenues.org/our-neighborhood/wildfire-preparedness>.

Environmental Tips

by Tom Brooks

Speak up, PLEASE! Fellow Environmental activist Katharine Hayhoe recently spoke at the U of U. She cited a Pew Research study that, at it's highest point, reported 85% of US citizens put Climate Change as their #1 concern. Yet, only 5% reported ever discussing the topic. Why? Because we don't know what to do. So, here's the first thing you can discuss: Electrification! Discuss with your family, friends and neighbors the need to replace gas engine devices with tools and vehicles that use electricity.

UTA scheduled Route Changes for August 2022



Representatives from UTA will attend the June 1 GACC Community Meeting to explain what Avenues bus routes will change in August and why they believe it is necessary. Residents of the areas of the Avenues impacted by these changes will also speak. Councilmember Chris Wharton will moderate. For more information, visit the link <https://www.slc-avenues.org/>. This discussion will be in person at the Sweet Library on Wednesday, June 1, at approximately 6:30 pm. Or go to <https://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on June 1 for the Zoom meeting ID and password.

Post - Memorial Day Clean Up at the Cemetery



The Friends of the Salt Lake Cemetery organization is holding a volunteer event to help the cemetery go green! Volunteers will remove Memorial Day decorations and separate them into green and non-green waste. In prior years, everything went to the landfill. This project will eliminate that waste and help our environment.

The event will be held on the evenings of Wednesday, June 8th, and Thursday, June 9th from 6 to 8 PM, and on Saturday morning, June 11th from 9 AM to 11 AM. Please meet in front of the Sexton's house (corner of N and 4th Ave. This is a great opportunity for you to support our cemetery, enjoy the green space, meet your neighbors, and contribute to your community. For more information, contact Paul Anderson at 801-364-6613 or paul@pbageo.com. If you are interested in helping, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAA2DA0FDCE9-post> or scan the QR code.

FOOTHILL FORUM

The foothills are alive! Part II: Oaks throw a party

by Jon Seger and Jack Longino

It's now June and the foothills are slathered in new stems, leaves and flowers of plants, all gleaming and waving in the breezes. The brightest and fastest-growing ones catch our eyes – deservedly so – because their dazzling shows of vitality will fade as the summer heat comes on and soil moisture departs. Some of these are annuals that will live, reproduce and die over just a few weeks and then scatter their seeds to survive the alternately hot and frozen times until next spring (or the next, or the next ...) when they'll sprout and give it another try, from scratch!) More are perennials that will grow a bit, and make some seeds, then senesce their above-ground parts and hunker down as living rootstocks, waiting out the hard times while maintaining a hold on their site that worked well enough this year, so with luck it will be good again next year. And then there are the trees. A few maples make it in relatively shady and well-watered spots, but our dominant tree is the amazing Gambel oak (*Quercus Gambelii*) that seems to flourish almost everywhere. Its secrets are extreme patience, and self-help. Like the perennial herbaceous plants, it favors its roots over all else. It also extends them horizontally and grows bulbous organs called lignotubers, in which it stores water and nutrients. These can be used to keep the stems alive, and under good conditions, to send up new ones.

This spreading strategy gives rise to scrubby clumps of stems called clones because they're all the same genetic individual. But spreading is optional. We could find no evidence that clumps of Gambel oak on a hillside in Lime Kiln Gulch had grown at all during the 15 years between 2006 and 2021, from comparing their sizes in some high-resolution aerial survey photos provided by the Salt Lake County Surveyor's office.

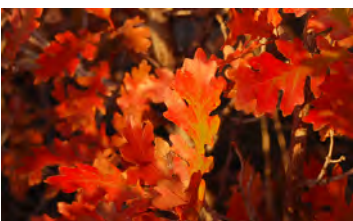
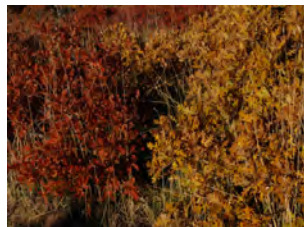


In person, today, those clumps look perfectly healthy.

The photo here shows about 60 years of growth rings from near the base of a skinny 9-foot stem that was cut down recently. Rings from the last couple of decades (those in the light-colored sapwood are extremely narrow, indicating little growth of that stem over many years.

But it and its clone survived, presumably making a few acorns while waiting for better weather. Among its other self-help skills, Gambel oak is remarkably good at allowing its sapwood to dry out and then refilling it when water becomes available. By shading the ground around its stems and maintaining an extensive root system, it creates islands of favorable habitat for itself, and incidentally for many small plants and arthropods such as the aphids that support much of the foothills ant community.

Gambel oak on the Avenues trails

**Cemetery Sustainability Champions**

by Jenny Hewson

This month and next, we will run two articles on sustainability at the Cemetery with a focus on Watering. The Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery are grateful to Keith van Otten, the City Sexton, for providing wonderful information on the unique watering needs of the Salt Lake City Cemetery. We are happy to share this information and bring awareness to the public as Cemetery staff constantly strive to balance the multitude of community and cemetery needs. This month we'll cover some background on the Cemetery and next month focus on the irrigation system and the technology being used.

The perpetual needs of perpetual care

Each time a grave is sold in the cemetery, the cemetery enters a contract for Perpetual Care of the property of the grave. This contract guarantees the purchaser proper care of, and a manicured landscape, within the cemetery grounds, particularly the turf on top of the graves. Imagine how complicated this becomes when we experience... DROUGHT conditions! We have, by the way, been experiencing drought conditions for the last several years and we are, in fact, already in a drought for 2022.

It is a delicate turf balance!

The Cemetery staff constantly balance maintaining the turf to a condition that ensures the cemetery is a comfortable place to visit loved ones while keeping water conservation a top priority and not overwatering. Quite the task!

Not all land is Salt Lake City Cemetery land

Another important, and perhaps unknown fact is that there are two areas inside the Salt Lake City Cemetery that are not maintained by Salt Lake City. They are located on the South side of the Cemetery and are highly visible to those traveling or living around the area. These areas use their own water connections and irrigation systems for control. Cemetery staff received many complaints regarding overwatering in these sections last year and both Cemetery staff and Public Utilities reached out to help increase awareness and resolve issues.

Monitoring and how you can help

The Salt Lake City Cemetery and the Public Lands Department are committed to making water conservation a top priority. Cemetery staff work closely with the Salt Lake City Public Utilities Department and their Water Conservation staff to ensure the best management practices are constantly being implementing, especially during the ongoing drought conditions.

In a continual effort to be sustainable stewards of the Cemetery, Cemetery staff performs these tasks:

1. Constantly monitor the landscapes and sprinkler systems;
2. Implement new maintenance methods and watering technologies wherever possible;
3. Strive to balance the multiple needs while providing the community with enjoyable public spaces.

HOWEVER:

1. the cemetery covers over 127 acres and the cemetery staff cannot feasibly check every system for damage or adjustment to the same level as a homeowner.
2. To prevent evaporation and promote conservation, the irrigation systems operate after hours when staff have gone home for the evening.

YOU can help: If you are enjoying the Cemetery and notice an irrigation system problem (a blown head, for example, please let the Cemetery know by:

1. Visiting <https://www.slc.gov/request-report/> from your desktop or tablet, or by installing the **SLCMOBILE** app on your cellphone, or
2. Calling the Cemetery: (801) 596-5020, or
3. Sending an email to cemetery@slcgov.com.

MOST importantly: Please provide accurate details of the exact location of the issue and if at all possible, provide a photo that includes some background location references to assist staff in locating it out in the field.

How Does Our Air Quality Stack Up Against the Rest of the Country?

by Jill Van Langeveld

April 21, 2022, the American Lung Association released their 23rd annual “*State of the Air*” report. Their “report card” tracks and grades American’s exposure to unhealthy levels of (1) short-term spikes in particle pollution, (2) annual particle pollution and (3) ground-level ozone.

A quick review: **Particle Pollution** is unhealthy and can be deadly. They come from wildfires, wood-burning stoves, coal-fired power plants, diesel engines and other sources. Technically known as PM2.5, the microscopic particles can trigger *asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes, and cause lung cancer*. The report has two grades for particle pollution: one for “short-term” particle pollution, or daily spikes, and one for the annual average “year-round” level that represents the concentration of particles in each location.

Ground-Level Ozone is a powerful respiratory irritant whose effects have been likened to a sunburn of the lung. Inhaling ozone can cause *shortness of breath, trigger coughing and asthma attacks, and may shorten life*. Ozone pollution occurs when a combination of other pollutants — typically produced when fossil fuels like gasoline, diesel, or coal are burned — “cook” together in sunlight. Warmer temperatures driven by climate change make ozone more likely to form and harder to clean up.

How did Salt Lake County rate?

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION'S REPORT CARD FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY 2021		
24-HOUR SHORT-TERM SPIKES IN PARTICLE POLLUTION	ANNUAL PARTICLE POLLUTION	GROUND-LEVEL OZONE
	PASS	

Actually we are improving. We had the “lowest ever” measurement for short-term particle pollution. We were only the 20th- worst city which is better than 17th – worst rank in last year’s report. Two years ago we ranked 7th so you can see all the things we have been trying to do to help make a difference are showing that we are making progress, however slowly. Our spikes come mostly because of our winter inversions and summer wildfires. We need to “Stop burning Utah” as Deidra Henderson, Utah Lt. Governor, said in a recent news conference. Also, Salt Lake City ranked two spots better in this report for ozone pollution. We moved from 8th-worst city to 10th-worst city in the U.S. Noticed that we did PASS the Annual Particle Pollution. We need to keep up our good work for reducing PM2.5 annually and work harder on those Short-Term Spikes and Ozone reductions.

One of their conclusions was that climate change is degrading air quality in the U.S. Rising temperatures and other impacts associated with climate change contribute to more frequent and intense wildfire smoke, as well as making ozone air pollution more likely to form. That makes our personal reductions that much more essential. Research has shown (and my personal experience last August until the snow flew) that an N95 or KN95 mask will block 95% of PM2.5 particles thus making it easier and safer to breathe during a pollution event. Use your freedom to choose.

We can’t ignore it because we all need to breathe. The American Lung Association encourages everyone to get involved in the fight for cleaner, healthier air. Their website has lots to see, learn and do. See some of their recommendations for action at <https://www.lung.org/research/sota/protect-yourself-community>

Memory Grove Cleanup was a success!!

by Brian Berkelbach



Sixty degrees and sunny... we couldn’t have asked for a more perfect setting for the 24th Annual Memory Grove Cleanup! Nearly 200 volunteers came out to our neighborhood gem on Saturday, May 14, 2022, to help remove dead branches, pull weeds, plant flowers, and distribute new mulch around the park. We certainly saw many more youth volunteers this year, a theme that we hope continues! While some cleanup tasks can be strenuous, we saw nothing but smiles from folks around the park that beautiful spring morning. We

want to thank all volunteers who participated in such a fantastic community event. A big thanks to some of our partners, including Salt Lake City Parks, for helping to coordinate, manage, and promote the project.

We also want to thank LDS Hospital for providing lunch to all those who participated in the cleanup and the Memorial House for providing their lead gardener to help volunteers make an already beautiful building that much better.

Lastly, we need to thank Phil Carroll, who has chaired this event since its inception. We are so grateful that he continues to lead the effort to make this day so special.

Our photo contest winner goes to Michael Hughes! Look at all these kids working hard! Thank you to all who participated in helping make Memory Grove Park look its best. More photos at slc-avenues.org.

Headstone Restoration Workshop



The Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery and the Salt Lake City Cemetery are proud to host a Headstone Restoration Workshop on Friday, June 17, from 9 am to 3 pm. This workshop is appropriate for amateurs wanting to give a little TLC to headstones of relatives, professionals looking

to compare techniques, or anyone else interested in preservation. Jonathan Appell, a nationally recognized expert with Atlas Preservation in Hartford, Connecticut, will lead the workshop. Jon is doing a national tour and conducting 48 workshops in 48 days. To learn more about his effort, visit his website at: <https://48statetour.com/schedule/salt-lake-city-utah>.

During the workshop, Jon will restore several headstones in the Cemetery and demonstrate techniques for leveling and cleaning. This workshop is free, but to help us better plan, please pre-register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4eaeaa2da0fdce9-headstone> or scan the QR code.

For more information about the Friends of the Cemetery, visit <https://slc-avenues.org/friends-slc-cemetery>.

Salt Lake City Public Lands Urban Forestry Tree Watering Calendar

As you're soaking up the sun this summer, remember to water your new trees!

Our Urban Forestry Division created a helpful calendar this year to serve as a guide for taking care of your trees. During the summer from June to September, newly planted trees should be watered 2 to 3 times per week.

Water the mulched area with a hose until the ground is saturated and fill the watering bag if it is empty.

When it rains enough to completely soak the ground, watering can either be postponed for a day or skipped. Find additional instructions and an electronic version of the watering calendar at <https://www.slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/tree-care-information/>

Mulching

Providing mulch around a tree has numerous benefits, but it needs to be done correctly or it will do more harm than good. Mulch should be 2-4 inches thick and extend to the drip line of the tree. Mulch should be in an even flat layer, not piled up around the tree and no mulch should be touching the trunk. Refer to the diagram below for proper mulching technique. Properly mulching a tree helps insulate the soil and root zone from temperature swings and compaction. It also serves as a physical barrier to string trimmer and mower damage. Juvenile tree trunks are very sensitive to mechanical damage from string trimmers and a mulch ring helps keep them away from the trunk of the tree. Still, it is important to take care NOT to hit the tree's trunk with lawn care equipment.



Monitoring

Urban Forestry does the best we can to monitor and maintain all the trees that make up the urban forest, however with 85,000 trees, we need help from the adjacent property owners. If the park strip tree adjacent to your property looks stressed, it could be due to a number of factors and requires a trained arborist to determine the appropriate course of action. Keep a close eye on the park strip tree(s) near your property and call Urban Forestry as soon as you suspect a problem, so we can provide service to the tree before it is too late.

Pruning of Trees in Parking Strips

Pruning of all city trees (growing between the sidewalk and road) is done by the Salt Lake City Urban Forestry Program. Call our office for an evaluation if the park strip tree is in need of pruning.

Watering

In Salt Lake City's hot and dry climate, trees need to have supplemental watering to survive. It is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to water trees in the parkstrip. Urban Forestry provides a watering bag with each newly planted tree. This bag can be left on the tree for the first 2 years, except during winter months, and removed at the end of the second year. Newly planted trees need to be watered 1-2 times per week in spring and fall and 2-3 times per week in summer. Unlike watering a lawn, the goal of tree watering is to have saturation deep in the soil. Tree roots are usually 18-24" deep. Water the mulched area directly with a hose for 5-10 minutes and then fill the watering bag if it is empty. The watering bag is not meant as the sole source of water for the tree; instead, it is meant to keep the roots moist in between deep watering with a hose.

Saturating the soil deeply is vital to proper tree root development. Deep watering encourages roots to grow down in the soil which helps achieve proper anchorage for the tree. Watering with a sprinkler will not saturate the soil to the proper depth and most of the water is lost to runoff and evaporation.

When the tree has been in the ground for 2 years, remove the water bag and discard it or store it for later use on a different tree. The tree's roots will be beyond the bag after 2 years and the most effective means of watering is direct watering with a hose.

As the tree grows, it will need supplemental water for its entire life. The exact amount of water is variable but generally 5-10 gallons per inch of trunk diameter is recommended. Water should be applied evenly at a low flow rate until the soil is saturated to a depth of 18."

11th Ave Park Walking Path Is Under Construction

The walking path circling 11th Ave Park is currently under construction. The old asphalt path is being replaced by a new 4' wide concrete path. Public Lands is excited to implement this update as concrete will have a longer lifespan than the previous asphalt path. This path is also frequently used by walkers and joggers in the area. We expect this project to be complete by the end of June depending on material availability.



Summer 2022 City Park Watering Strategies

Public Lands has implemented watering strategies to reduce water use during our State's extreme drought. This includes:

- Postponing watering parks until the temperatures are consistently above 75°F for several consecutive days.
- No watering between 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Keeping mowing height for grass between 3" - 4" to reduce water demand.

While we actively monitor parks for broken sprinkler heads, prolonged watering, and other irrigation issues, we greatly appreciate community members keeping an eye out for any issues that arise. To notify Public Lands of irrigation issues, call our office at (801) 972-7800 or use the SLC Mobile app.

Slow The Flow Watering Schedule

Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, in conjunction with Utah State University, developed this watering schedule. It is recommended that ½ inch of water be applied to the lawn during each interval. With average water pressure and fixed pop-up heads, this would take approximately 21 minutes. Apply in cycles to maximize penetration of water into the soil and to the root zone. Set the timer to run for seven minutes, repeated three times, with one hour between each cycle to achieve 21 minutes or ½ inch of water per interval. In June and July, water once every 3 to 4 days.

The Avenues Street Fair Planning Committee

by Daniel Gaffin

We are busy working on the behind-the-scenes tasks for the September 10th Street Fair. It takes a lot of participation from the community to put on such an event.

We have a great committee but we still have a few empty volunteer positions. Please consider joining your neighbors to plan this event to be the best. Your input is needed and valued. Reach out to me at danielgaffin@gmail.com for all the details.

Our next Street Fair Planning meeting is Saturday June 11th, at 9:00 a.m. at 649 East South Temple.

If you are not available to help us before the Fair, we need dozens of volunteers on the day of the event. To sign up to help on the day of the Fair, please reach out to our volunteer coordinator, Paul Walton, pw Walton@dsdmail.net.

Applications are also open for the People's Art Gallery! It is free to apply and have your art on display during the Fair at our People's Art Gallery. This opportunity is only available to Avenues residents. We award prizes in these categories: Children, age 9 and younger, Youth age 10-14, Young Adult age 15-17, Adult Amateur, and Adult Professional.

Apply here to enter your art into the People's Art Gallery: <https://www.eventeny.com/events/applications/application/?id=833>

Featured Artist Chosen

The 2022 Avenues Street Fair Committee has selected Avenues resident Deborah Day as the 2022 Avenues Street Fair Featured Artist! Congratulations Deborah, and thank you for creating a wonderful representation of the Avenues as this year's theme art, shown below.



Born and raised in the Avenues, Deborah's favorite part of living here is the diversity-from the architecture, to the yards, to the people themselves. We look forward to having Deborah and her art at the 2022 Avenues Street Fair as our Featured Artist! See more about the Fair at www.avenuesstreetfair.org.

June 28 is Primary Election Day

by David Berg

There will be candidates vying for a spot on the November ballot for the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, and the non-partisan Salt Lake School Board District 3 race in the Avenues. You can vote in one party primary or the other, but not both. The non-partisan School Board race will appear on both ballots, and on ballots for residents not voting on a party primary ballot. Other political parties (Libertarian, United Utah, etc.) have no primary this year.

The Republican primary will have U.S. Senate incumbent Mike Lee and challengers Becky Edwards & Ally Isom, and U.S. House of Representatives District 1 incumbent Blake Moore and challengers Tina Cannon & Andrew Badger. The Democratic primary is for residents in the new State Senate District 9 (below 4th Avenue west of G St, below 7th Avenue East of G St & lower Federal Heights) and is between incumbent Derek Kitchen and challenger Jen Plumb. Both candidates will be in person at our **GACC June Community Meeting at the Sweet Library on Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 pm**. The meeting will also be on Zoom. Go to <https://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on June 1 for the meeting ID and password. Candidates Derek Kitchen and Jen Plumb will be available at the library for an informal chat at 5:45pm.

The non-partisan Salt Lake School Board District 3 primary candidates are Curtis Linton, Frank Langheinrich, and Ashley Anderson.

The last day to register to receive a ballot by mail or request a different ballot is June 17. Ballots will be mailed out to registered voters beginning June 6. Early and Election Day in-person voting will be available at the SL County Elections office and Trolley Square on weekdays June 14th - 24th (& June 28).

At polling sites you can register to vote or update your voter registration until 8 pm Election Day. The Utah Republican Party has chosen to close their primary elections, meaning only voters registered as Republicans can vote in their primary. The last day to change your voter registration party affiliation was March 31. Those not currently affiliated with a political party and those not currently registered to vote can affiliate to receive a closed primary ballot until Election Day.

Democratic Party primary elections are open to all registered voters, including voters registered with any other political party.

If you still have questions, you may go to the SL County Elections Website <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/>, or contact GACC Board Member David Berg at dberg.gacc@gmail.com. He will answer your questions and help you navigate through the process. Most important – **VOTE!**

State Street Waterline Project Update

by Duke Richardson

Work is well underway on SLCPU's State Street Waterline project. Crews have laid over 200 feet of new pipe, working their way north through the intersection of North Temple/2nd Ave/State Street.

Traffic patterns in the project area will be shifting periodically to accommodate the waterline work, at the intersection of State Street and 2nd Avenue, and sewer repairs, on 200 North and Hillside Avenue.



Drivers should use extreme caution in the work zone, follow all posted signage and traffic cones, and use an alternate route to avoid the area when-ever possible.

If you haven't already, sign up for regular email updates at www.statestreetwaterline.com, to ensure you are receiving the most up-to-date information about project progress and changing traffic patterns.

Questions? Reach the project team any time via the project hotline at 385-341-2898, or email statestreetwaterline@gmail.com. Thank you for your patience as the project continues.

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Or to join the meeting virtually,
go to <https://slc-avenues.org/> at
5:00pm on June 1st for the Zoom
meeting ID and password.

More Slow The Flow Watering Tips (continued from Page 6)

Watering less frequently and more deeply will save water, money, and time by reducing water consumption, decreasing the need for frequent fertilizer applications, lessening the likelihood of disease, reducing the presence of weeds, and making your lawn stronger and healthier. It is also recommended that mowing heights be set to 2-1/2 to 3 inches. Longer grass means deeper roots and shaded soil, thus reducing water demand. An added benefit to mowing higher is that weed seeds are less likely to germinate, and that translates to fewer weeds, a win-win!

*The GACC encourages your support of these events and businesses
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