

# AGENDA

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## GACC Tracks Activities That Have Enhanced And Enriched

by Jill Van Langeveld  
2019 Chairwoman

I'd like to continue our conversation about "What good is the Greater Avenues Community Council?" by talking about another objective found on the website: Promote activities that enhance and enrich the community. What kind of activities do you think would "enhance and enrich" the Avenues? What kind of activities would "enhance and enrich" you?

A little over five years ago, some neighbors in the eastern Avenues area were talking about their love of music, the fun they had in choirs and how much they missed singing regularly in a good choir. Surely there are others in the neighborhood who would also like to sing choral music? They talked to another neighbor, Peggy de Azevedo, who was willing to donate one night a week to direct a community choir. They found a church building that they could use for free. These neighbors imagined a community choir that was free and open for anyone to join with no auditions, just the desire to sing beautiful music and willingness to say "I'll be there."

But how could they get this concept out there so others could be a part of this dream? They came to a GACC Board Meeting to share their idea.

The Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir became an official GACC committee. Last December was their fifth holiday concert at Libby Gardner Hall—to full houses each year.

If you didn't make the concert last year there are links on their website [www.AvenuesChoir.org](http://www.AvenuesChoir.org) for two songs or their full concert. The Choir accepts donations to pay for the music and rental of the hall and the GACC Treasurer, Michael Hughes, keeps track of it along with other GACC monies.

A few years before the Choir became a committee, a group of people from the midwest Avenues area noticed that the LDS Church buildings in the Avenues had basketball courts that were not being used and there were people who would like to play basketball. The AAA or Avenues Athletic Association was born.

They now sponsor co-ed basketball, volleyball, soccer and are hoping to expand their pickle ball tournament of last summer.



Jill Van Langeveld  
2019 Chairwoman

### GACC Community Meeting

February 6, 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

**7:00 to 7:05 – Welcome, announcements**

**7:06 to 7:35 – Reports,** Library, Police, Fire, City Council, Mayor's Office, Legislature, LDS Hospital

**7:36 to 8:05 – Bryant Intermediate School and Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE):**

Principal Larry Madden

**8:06 to 8:19 – Salt Lake City School Board:**

Katherine Kennedy

**8:20 to 8:29 – 2018 GACC Financials,** Michael Hughes

**8:30 to 8:40—Warm Springs Alliance:** Sylvia Nibley, Board Chair

**8:41 to 8:50 – Open Announcements**

**8:51 to 9:00 – Adjourn,** Conversations with neighbors & Clean-up

(Michael manages their money, too). Expansion, however, takes more volunteers.

Our Memory Grove Clean-up began with a group of young people looking for a service project. Now the second Saturday in May brings several hundred people together for a spring cleaning of Memory Grove with the City providing tools and LDS Hospital providing lunch.

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## AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org). Open to the public, all welcome.

### GACC Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org). Open to the public, all welcome.

### Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

**Sweet Branch Library**, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue). **ALL City Libraries will be closed Monday, February 18 in honor of President's Day.** • All Ages: Valentine Day Cards. Saturday, Feb 9, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Create a hand-made Valentine's Day card for that special someone. We'll provide a variety of materials, so you can be as creative as you like!) • Kids Calendar. Playtime @ Sweet. Tuesday at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Playtime for children 0 to 5 years-old and their caregivers. 2nd Tuesday is 'Musical' Playtime & 3rd Tuesday is 'Building Zone' • Playtime Book Baby. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. • Preschool Storytime. Thursday at 10:30 a.m. • Art & Maker with Clever Octopus. Every Wednesday at 4 p.m. • Valentine's Sock Hop, Saturday, February 9 at 11 a.m. Young dancers ages 3-7 can grab props and dance their socks off to music from a Librarian DJ.) • Winter Book Series Showdown, through February 28. Cast your vote for your favorite book series from the bookmark. Any time you read a book from a series on the list, check it off and show a Librarian. Then make your voice heard by voting with a thumbs up or down sticker. • Teen Calendar, Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners. Tuesday 5, 12 & 19 at 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Your quest begins at the Sweet Branch! Form a party, hunt for ancient treasures, and use your wits, magic, or brute force to battle goblins, wyverns, and the dreaded gelatinous cube. An experienced D&Der will guide you, and all the necessary materials & manuals will be provided. • LEGO's Mindstorm Robotic Explorers, Friday, February 1 at 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. A new adventure in robotics. Tweens, create your own programmable LEGO® robo-creature. Make it walk, talk, grab, think, shoot, and do almost anything you can imagine! REGISTRATION REQUIRED. • 9th Avenue Reading Crew: A book club for Tweens. Thursday, Feb. 7, 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Sweet Branch tweens, assemble! The 9th Avenue Reading Crew is a book club for tweens in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade. Every other month the crew can get together and discuss a

new, exciting book. February's book is *The Gallery* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald. • Passive Teen Programming, available all month Teens can now come to the library anytime for some passive programming! Just head to the teen room to find games, puzzles, Take & Make crafts to do at home, and more! • Adult Calendar, Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners. Tuesday 5, 12 & 19 at 6 p.m.-8 p.m. An experienced D&Der will guide you, and all the necessary materials & manuals will be provided. • Bob Ross Paint-Along, Saturday, February 2, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Follow along with the "Golden Knoll" episode. Supplies will be provided. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. • Art Exhibit. Time and Light Souvenirs. Pinhole Photography by Candelaria Atalaya. Exhibit runs through February 23. • Sweet Reads. Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. A monthly book club for the Avenues! Discover new books and get to know the faces in your neighborhood. Light refreshments will be provided at each event. • Salty City Writing Workshop Series—Love Stories, Saturday, February 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. A workshop series for stories of love in all its many forms. Each session will feature a writing prompt, workshop time, discussion, and feedback. Bring your own laptop or favorite notepad for writing. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**Exercise Class** Mondays and Wednesday, 8:30 to 9:40 am —FREE— 278 North Alta Street. Federal Heights Ward, east entrance. Everyone welcome! Call if you have questions or would like more information or send an email to [renatenebeker@gmail.com](mailto:renatenebeker@gmail.com) (Renate Nebeker, 801-534-1443.)

**2019 Avenues Street Fair Call for Artists.** Each year the Avenues selects an artist to create an original work of art that says "What the Avenues Means To Me." This art becomes the theme of this year's Fair, and the artist is given a complimentary booth at the Fair. Send in your interest and samples of your art to [streetfair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:streetfair@slc-avenues.org). Past Featured Artists and their work can be seen at <https://avenuesstreetfair.org/activities-schedule/featured-artist>. We will make a selection by April from all those who express interest by then.

**GACC Communications Committee - Call for Volunteers.** Are you a social media junkie and/or tech wizard and would like to help the GACC get the word out to our residents about all the things happening in the Avenues? Please consider serving on our communications committee by contacting our Chair Jill Van Langeveld, [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org).

**Memory Grove Cleanup call for volunteers.** To help plan the annual Memory Grove cleanup, please call Phil Carroll at 801-573-7009 or email [altapac@aol.com](mailto:altapac@aol.com). Planning takes place mid-March through the event on May 11.

**DRUMS ALIVE!** Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. This Cardio class combines movement with the powerful beats and rhythm of drumming for a brain and body workout. 10th East Senior Center, 237 S. 1000 East. Plenty of parking in the rear. \$2 if you are not 60 yet. Questions: 435 468-3140.

**Interested in how the City plans for snow removal on your street?** Check out the map here: <https://www.slc.gov/mys-treet/snow-removal-priority-map/>.

**City Academy**, 555 E. 200 South, 801-596-8489, [www.city-academyslc.org](http://www.city-academyslc.org), 7th-12th grade public charter school since 2000. "Sage the Musical" February 21-23 at 7 p.m. \$7 for

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### The Agenda

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## What a little bit of paint can do...

Ever eager to please its patrons, the 10th East Senior Center has upgraded its pickleball court--to paint.

Players have struggled with taped-on striping for some time now, paying penance, possibly, for being able to compete where it's warm. Recently the tape was ripped up and the court given a proud new set of stripes.

Brand new markings, though, have a definite appeal: you can see them, and you don't trip over them.

Bad news for youngsters though: while play is free for seniors, those under 60 get to play for \$2. Weekdays except Thursday, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Wear shoes which won't mark up the hardwood floor. Paddles are available at the Center. Plenty of parking in the rear of the building at 237 S. 1000 East, 385-468-3140 for details about times.



Happy hands point to new pickleball striping at 10th East Senior Center. photo by Cindy Cromer

## Chair's message, from page 1

A few neighbors wished that they had a neighborhood garden where they could grow their own peas and tomatoes. When the idea came to the GACC, I thought "that will never fly" but was willing to see where it went.

Was I ever wrong. We now have a waiting list of would be gardeners who want to rent a plot at "Popperton Plots."

Our biggest event of the year is the Street Fair, covering five linear blocks with two stages full of entertainers donating their musical talent and 200-plus vendors.

The Street Fair Committee is organizing their first planning meeting in March. That party takes a lot of volunteers to pull it

off each year. Care to help?

To find activities that enhance and enrich the community takes people with an idea, people who are willing to make it happen, and it takes getting the word out. That's what the GACC can do—bring people together. It is all about neighbors. But we can't do a thing without you—your thoughts, your ideas, your time and effort. So I'll ask again: What kind of activities would "enhance and enrich" you? Don't be shy, speak up; this is your GACC.

Email me your suggestions, questions or concerns at [GACCChair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:GACCChair@slc-avenues.org)

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adults, \$5 for children. Now enrolling for fall 2019. Call for a personal tour or to shadow in classes.

**Newsletter editor trainee** - if you have a nose for news, some desktop publishing skills and want to learn, we are looking for a reliable, organized person to train to take over the monthly production of our GACC newsletter The Agenda. At least a one-year commitment is desired. Please contact [newsletter@slc-avenues.org](mailto:newsletter@slc-avenues.org) if you are interested.

**First 2019 Street Fair Planning Meeting** and Call For Volunteers. Our first meeting is set for March 2, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Sweet Branch Library. Contact Daniel Gaffin at 801-550-1294, or [streetfair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:streetfair@slc-avenues.org) to find out ways you can volunteer to help plan the best community celebration around.

**Ensign Gallery Stroll**—March 15th 5-8 p.m. An evening of art, fun, food and fundraising for the whole family. Everyone welcome to enjoy student visual and performance art as well as participate in the silent auction. All proceeds support Ensign Elementary's arts enrichment program. 775 E 12th Avenue.

**The Open Classroom** - Parent-Cooperative K-8th School, 134 "D" St., 801-578-8144, [www.OCslc.org](http://www.OCslc.org), Prospective Parent Information Night: February 5, 6:30-8 p.m.

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The direct Instagram link for the GACC is: <https://www.instagram.com/slcavenues/>

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## Old Water Main at J Street to be Re-routed for Better Access

City water officials are starting an extensive digging project in streets between 18th Avenue and 13th Avenue to replace an aging water main that has been a problem for years.

Water engineer Blayde McEntire explained the water main, running straight south from the Morris Reservoir at Hilltop Road, has sprung leaks several times, requiring digging in peoples' yards.

That's because the pipeline "is now aligned under houses, driveways and yards."

In addition, the pressure reducing valve at 13th Ave. will be updated and the area "replaced with an updated, sleek design."

All work will be in the roadway, starting in a westerly direction along 18th Avenue, down Northmont Way, Northhills Drive to Aloha Way and Northcrest Drive to the valve.

The pipeline goes all the way back to the late 1890s, officials said. Work will begin sometime this month and be complete in June.



**Mystery bunker-like structure houses a pressure reducing valve for the upper Avenues water system.**

## Crane Will Show Up At 4th Avenue Well In February; Work Is For Study Of Pump, Officials Say

City water officials have continued planning their revised version of the proposed 4th Avenue Water Treatment Plant, dubbed a "pump upgrade", but also announced some work will go forward that may alarm some neighbors.

Jesse Stewart, department engineer, said that as engineers try to decide which of many alternatives exist for the upgrade, a crane will be moved to the 4th Avenue mini-park to do work on the pump.

He said a consulting firm will study the pump by pulling it out of the hole.

And "some trimming of limbs" will be necessary he said.

He said he didn't want neighbors to think it was the well project beginning in earnest.

That work, on whatever compromise plan is decided, is still set for winter 2019-2020.

The 50-year-old well has provided a substantial percentage of the city water system's water during the summer months. It has operated under a waiver of chlorination requirements that whole time.

Engineers are worried the external transformer that powers the pump can no longer be repaired if it goes out. And that means the power supply would have to be replaced, and that, in turn, could void the well's 'grandfathered' status. Loss of that status would require an entire rebuilding of the pump house to, among other things, bring the entire operation above ground. And that, in turn, means a large

pump house and chlorination facility, which Memory Grove neighbors rail against.

The crane will show up in February.

## Choir sets Spring concert

Call for Singers!

The Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir is announcing a Memorial Day Concert performing a number of traditional American folk songs and a selection of patriotic favorites in honor of our local veterans.

The Avenues Choir is looking for singers to join our ranks this spring.

Rehearsals will begin Thursday, March 7 from 7-9 p.m. at the chapel on 4th Avenue and P Street and run for 9 consecutive weeks.

The concert will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at Libby Gardner Concert Hall., under direction of Peggy de Azevedo. All rehearsals are mandatory.

To join the choir and register your interest please email [avenueschoir@gmail.com](mailto:avenueschoir@gmail.com).

For further details about the choir and the spring rehearsal block visit [www.avenueschoir.org](http://www.avenueschoir.org).



Peggy de Azevedo

## Bryant Middle School Moves Forward with STEM Track

Bryant Middle School, 40 South 800 East, is the Avenues-area neighborhood middle school.

Serving 7th and 8th grade students, Bryant Middle (<https://bryant.slcschools.org/>) has a diverse student body representing the Avenues, University, Capitol Hill, Central and Western City, and Fair Park neighborhoods.

On December 5, 2018, the Salt Lake City School Board approved a proposal, presented by Bryant Middle School Principal Larry Madden, to combine the Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE) and Bryant Middle School into one Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) track.

With the changes approved, Bryant will become a STEM-focused middle school (grades 7-8), and SLCSE will continue as a STEM-focused high school and will only serve grades 9-12. Sixth grade will not be offered in the SLCSE system at this time.

Because SLCSE currently accepts students from grades 6-12, the transition will take place gradually, over the next several years.



Bryant Principal Larry Madden, who was also one of the original founders of SLCSE, said, "I am thrilled to have the unanimous support of our school board for this change.

"We've seen great student success with the SLCSE model, and I am excited to give even more students the opportunity to experience this curriculum across two campuses," he said.

The SLCSE model, in addition to being a STEM-based curriculum, involves teachers collaborating and focusing on knowing their students well enough to provide for each student's individual learning needs.

For some, that might mean additional academic support. For others, that might mean providing more advanced curricu-

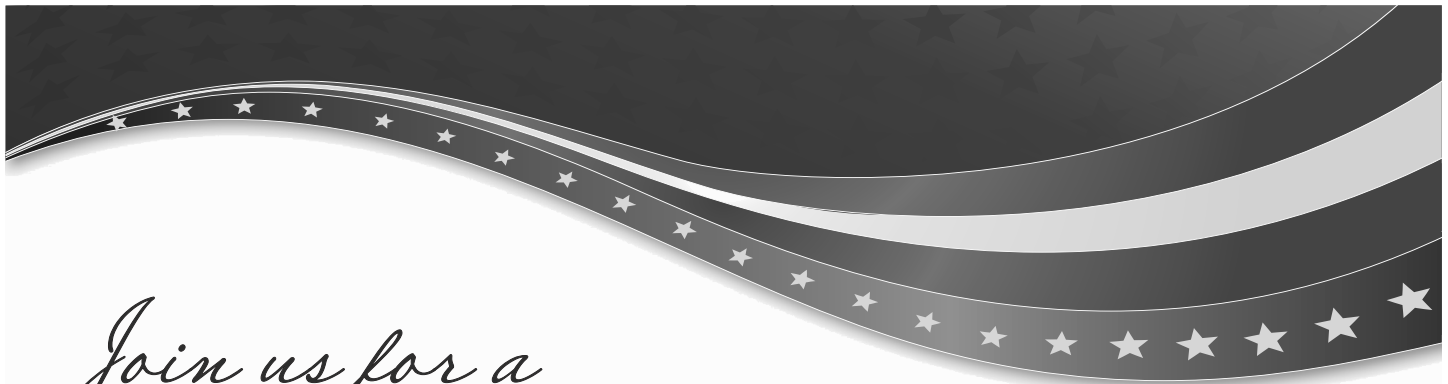
lum. But what this change means for both campuses is that all students will be given the opportunity to participate in a rigorous curriculum and will have the tools they need to succeed.

Salt Lake City School Board Vice President Katherine Kennedy said, "I'm excited for this change and especially for the innovative educational opportunities this will provide for students in our school district.

"This change will be especially meaningful to students in my precinct (Avenues and Capitol Hill), where Bryant is our neighborhood middle school. The focus on STEM education, while also honoring other subjects, is a wonderful way for Bryant to challenge our SLCSD students," she said.

Any student who lives within the Bryant Middle School boundaries may attend middle school at the Bryant campus.

Students who wish to attend high school at the SLCSE Rose Park campus (1400 West Goodwin Avenue) should complete an application before February 15 to be considered for acceptance for 2019-20 school year.



*Join us for a*

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Saturday, February 2nd at 1 p.m.**

**LDS Hospital Auditorium | 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & C Street**

We've invited legislators from around the area to provide updates about hot topics and bills that affect our local government. We hope you can come and join the discussion!

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