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### Chair's Message for June

by *Dave Alderman*



Mayor Mendenhall announced her new recommended budget in early May and if you're like most people, the first thing you ask is "Will it raise my taxes?" Unfortunately, most people stop there, especially if the answer is "No."

No tax increase, then it doesn't really impact me. However do you agree with where the money is spent? On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the City Council will be taking public comments on the budget. This is your time to let the City Council know what you support.

To view Mayor Mendenhall's proposed FY 21-22 Budget visit [www.slc.gov/2021Budget](http://www.slc.gov/2021Budget). Learn more about the ways to provide your feedback at <https://fy22-slc-budget-slcgov.hub.arcgis.com>.

The mayor works with each City Department to determine their budgets based on the priorities that she has outlined. This budget recommendation is then presented to the City Council. It's the City Council that has the authority to adopt the budget, which must be done by the end of June. They frequently adjust the Mayor's recommendations, sometimes drastically, to reflect their own values and those of their constituents. This year they have set two meetings to receive public comments.

The last of these is June 1<sup>st</sup>. You can also provide comments by email or phone.

This year's General Fund budget is \$350 Million. The General Fund is what pays for our street repairs, Fire Department, homeless services, and Police Department. This is where the majority of discretionary spending is found.

Three years ago, the City Council approved a sales tax increase that focused money on street repair, affordable housing, transit, and neighborhood safety. I think most people would agree that these areas still need improvement.

One piece of the Mayor's budget proposal that I'm sure will be scrutinized is increasing the Police Department budget to pre-Covid levels while implementing the Equity in Policing

## GACC June 2nd Virtual Meeting

- 7:00 to 7:05 Welcome, Announcements.
- 7:06 to 7:45 Reports: Fire, Library, Police, Council, City, School Board, Legislative, LDS Hospital.
- 7:46 – 8:00 5th Avenue Pump House – **Sharon Turner**, Public Utilities
- 8:01 – 8:30 Elks Block Redevelopment Project – **Nelson Knight, David Davis**.
- 8:31 to 8:40 New GACC Committees.
- 8:41 to 8:50 Open Forum.
- 8:51 to 9:00 Adjourn.

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recommendations. For example, hiring six additional social workers to fully staff the Co-Responder program and implementing additional crisis intervention training. Last year, there was a very vocal contingent that wanted to reduce the size of the police department and they are likely to be active this year again. While they have some very good and valid ideas, I strongly believe that decreasing the police budget is not the way to achieve the type of police department this city needs. I encourage you to let our City Council representative know your thoughts.

Joe Biden has famously been quoted as saying "Don't tell me what you value, show me your budget and I'll tell you what you value." This is your opportunity to tell the City Council what you value. Contact them to make your voice heard.

the **AVENUES**

**Community Meetings**

If you have questions please contact GACC Chair Dave Alderman at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org). All are welcome!

**GACC Council Virtual Meeting**

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**GACC Board Virtual Meeting**

GACC Board Virtual Meeting will be on **June 9th** at 7 p.m. If you wish to participate, send a message to the chair Dave Alderman at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto: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](http://www.slclpl.org/branches/view/Corinne+and+Jack+Sweet).

**The library is open!** Welcome back! Come in to pick up holds, browse the collections, use a computer, and request reference help. Check with the library for current hours.

**Super Summer Challenge: Kingdoms of Wonder**

Set out on a grand adventure with your City Library! Starting June 1, stop by any City Library location and grab your FREE Super Summer Challenge Tracker. Inside you'll find reading challenges and exciting activities to do at the Library and throughout the city. Four different trackers will be available: Babies & Toddlers, Kids, Teens, and Adults. Each has activities the whole family can do together! You can also go paperless by tracking your progress online with Beanstack <https://slclpl.beanstack.org> or by downloading the Beanstack Tracker app.

**Kids Calendar**

Look for storytimes, book reviews, and Super Summer Challenge programs like The Care for Magical Creatures on Kids and Tweens Biblioboard <https://library.biblioboard.com/module/kids-tweens>. Phone-A-Story call 801-594-8676. Any time of day, you can hear a quick children's story recorded by one of our wonderful Librarians. You can choose between a story in English or Spanish, with a new story every two weeks. Take & Make kits for kids. While supplies last. Introducing year-round reading programs for kids from 0-18! Kids track their progress and earn prizes. Pick up your free reading tracker (1,000 Books before Kindergarten, 200 Books before 4th, and 100 Books before Graduation) at any City Library, or register for a digital tracker at [slclpl.beanstack.org](https://slclpl.beanstack.org). Happy reading.

**The Agenda**

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**Teen Calendar**

Activism Club - June 7th and June 21st, 3-4 pm. Are you interested in social justice, the environment, helping the homeless, animal rights, and more? Civically minded teens are welcome to join our virtual summer activism club. We will choose an issue, and the rest of the summer will be devoted to learning about the issue, finding some way to help, and possibly presenting what you worked on to the public. Anyone with questions can reach out to Meagan at [mgonsalves-vorwald@slclpl.org](mailto:mgonsalves-vorwald@slclpl.org). Author Event with Zoraida Córdova- June 28th (time TBD) Teen and tween author Zoraida Cordova will be joining the library for a virtual author event! The first 10 teens to RSVP will receive a free copy of Labyrinth Lost, the first novel in her Brooklyn Brujas series. Interested teens can email [mgonsalves-vorwald@slclpl.org](mailto:mgonsalves-vorwald@slclpl.org) or [scosta@slclpl.org](mailto:scosta@slclpl.org) to reserve your book. Take & Makes - available while supplies last! 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 the fourth Tuesday of each month. In June, we'll be reading Elantris by Brandon Sanderson and will be meeting on June 22 at 7pm. Please email Jen Scott at [jscott@slclpl.org](mailto: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 June craft is fairy houses! While supplies last.

**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](mailto:janroot@xmission.com).

**City Academy**, 555 E. 200 S., [www.cityacademyslc.org](http://www.cityacademyslc.org).

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**Salt Lake County Senior Centers** are excited to be open. Our new hours are Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

We are excited to welcome you back into the 10th East Senior Center at 237 S 1000 E! Some new processes will be in place for activities and the lunch program.

**Programming resumes:** Secure your spot in a class! All classes & programs will require pre-registration. Reservations are required for Fitness Rooms, Pool, Computer Lab, Ping Pong, Tennis & Pickleball Court.

**Lunch two ways:** The current curb side pick-up program will continue behind the building, or you can dine inside the center. Reservations required. Curbside pick-up available from 10:15 – 11:00 AM. Dine-in available at 11:30 AM (seating will be limited).

**Precautions will include wearing a well-fitted mask, maintaining physical distancing, and practicing other prevention measures when attending the 10th East Senior Center.**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** Tuesday, June 1st 9:00 am to 3:00 pm A chance for you to give the gift of life through blood donation. To schedule your appointment or for more information, please log on to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the Sponsor Code: "10EAACenter" or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**EnhanceFitness** is a multi-component, group physical activity program that aims to help older adults at all levels of fitness become more active, energized, and empowered to sustain independent lives and prevent functional decline. EnhanceFitness class will be starting at 10th East Senior Center on June 2nd from 8:00 to 9:00 am. The classes will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is an ongoing class limited to 25 participants. If someone misses more than 3 classes in a row, they will be replaced with the next person on the waiting list. To register, call us at 385-468-3140.

Visit our website at [Slco.org/aging-adult-services/](http://Slco.org/aging-adult-services/).

## Air Quality—Can Grilling Be Green?

The summer months are grilling season for many people. While outdoor grilling has a small environmental impact compared to some other things we do each day, we still need to look at all our activities and how they impact air pollution. Like other areas in our lives, a few tweaks can make a big difference. The following suggestions to make grilling “greener” are from Derrick Riches who has written about all things grilling for over 20 years. My comments are in *italics*.

**1. Avoid petroleum-based lighter fluids and self-lighting charcoal.** These release petrochemicals into the atmosphere. Instead, use a charcoal chimney, an electric charcoal starter, or natural lighter fluids to get your fire going. *You can also simply bunch up a couple pieces of newspaper and place them in the middle of the charcoal grate. Then build the coals up around the paper in a pyramid fashion, light the newspaper, and let it go. This will take longer to fully light than with a chimney, but the fire should still be ready in less time than it would take to burn off all traces of lighter fluid. According to the EPA every year Americans release over 14,000 tons of VOCs into the atmosphere from the 46,000 tons of lighter fluid burned every year. Remember it's those VOCs (volatile organic compounds) that come from cars and various chemicals, which combine with NOx (nitrogen oxides) and our hot summer temperatures to form our smog.*

**2. Choose a superior charcoal.** Natural charcoals and lump charcoal made from furniture scraps and waste wood without additives and binders make a cleaner fire that reduces your pollution output. *The additives and the binders along with the lighter fluids are reasons for the strong smell which can leave a taste on your food if it is not completely burned off before you begin cooking.*

**3. Switch to gas.** Gas grills are much more energy efficient than charcoal grills and produce far fewer pollutants.

**4. Switch to natural gas.** Many grills have a natural gas option. Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel and burns much cleaner than propane grills.

**5. Reduce preheat times.** Most gas grills are ready to cook in 5 to 10 minutes. Charcoal takes 15 to 20 minutes to be ready for cooking. Plan your cooking time to correspond to when your grill is ready and don't leave your grill burning any longer than you need to.

**6. Clean your grill** while it is still hot after you cook instead of increasing your preheating times. When the grill is cool, you can use a mixture of water and baking soda to clean off the cooking grates.

**7. Clean out your grill regularly.** The build-up of grease and food particles in your grill will produce unnecessary smoke. Also don't forget to clean out grease drip trays under your grill.

**8. Avoid disposable dishes and utensils** for your next cookout. A few minutes washing dishes is better than a pile of paper plates and plastic forks in the garbage.

**9. Trim excess fats from meat.** Not only will this make

your grilling healthier, reduce flare-ups, but also reduce the release of harmful chemicals from the air.

**10. Make informed decisions about your next grill.** Unfortunately, many grills are simply not built to last. Buying a higher quality, longer lasting grill will not only save you money in the long term but reduce the pollution from manufacturing, packaging, shipping, and recycling (hopefully) of the grills you buy. When it comes to charcoal grills, look for one that can be shut down. This means that when you are done grilling you can close the vents and the lack of oxygen will put out the fire saving the remaining charcoal for your next cookout. When it's time to light up the grill again all you need to do is shake off the ashes, add a little more charcoal and light. This lets you control how much you burn and reduces the amount you spend on charcoal. Careful management of the charcoal you burn can save you a lot of money and be good for the environment.

Salt Lake City has a Good Neighbor Guide that shows several ways how being a Good Neighbor can help with our air quality. I wrote about that last August. Search both “SLC Good Neighbor Guide” and “SLC Recreational Fire & BBQ's” sites and you'll find some very helpful information. When you scroll to the end of the Fire and BBQ's site you will find this paragraph: *Any recreational fire or open flame cooking will be considered a “Nuisance Fire” regardless of whether it is done within fire code or not as soon as it is reported by any person for any reason (smoke coming into a neighbor's open window, a safety concern, etc.). This reporting is typically done through the fire department's non-emergent contact number. If a fire response crew is dispatched to the fire's location they will make a decision or recommendations based on their findings, and they have the authority to require extinguishment. Please contact Salt Lake City Fire Dispatch Non-Emergency at 801-799-3000 option # 7.*

***So Grill Green, Be a Good Neighbor, and have a wonderful summer outside.***



by Jill Van Langeveld

## Friends of the Salt Lake Cemetery - Go Green

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 Thursday, June 10th, and Friday, June 11th from 6 to 8 PM, and on Saturday morning, June 12th from 8 AM to noon. Please meet in front of the Sexton's house (corner of N and 4th Ave). Bring gloves, water, a mask, hand sanitizer, and if you have one, a five-gallon pail (not required). This is a great opportunity for you to support our cemetery, enjoy the green space, meet your neighbors, and contribute to your community. Contact Paul Anderson at 801-364-6613 or [paul@pbageo.com](mailto:paul@pbageo.com).



Join the Salt Lake City Council in the conversation about the budget and City services. Your input is needed on City services and how tax revenues and fees should be spent.

Learn more about the proposed budget and ways to provide your feedback at <https://fy22-slc-budget-slcgov.hub.arcgis.com>.

Austin Kimmel, Salt Lake City Council Staff, Salt Lake City Corporation, 801-535-7636, [Slccouncil.com](http://Slccouncil.com).

### Avenues Street Fair

Planning is underway for the 2021 Avenues Street Fair. It will be held on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> but there is lots to do between now and then. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Dave Alderman at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org). Also the website for the Avenues Street Fair is now accepting applications for Vendors. Anyone interested in having a booth, participating in the People's Art Gallery, or being considered for a slot on the entertainment stages, should visit <https://avenuesstreetfair.org/>.



### GACC Firewise Subcommittee

The GACC has a new Firewise subcommittee. We're the first Firewise candidate community in SLC and we will be helping the City learn about what does and doesn't work as we go. Does working with other members of the Avenues community sound like a great way to reconnect after a very challenging year? Are you looking for a way to get involved in making the Avenues safer? Are you interested in learning more about fire risk on the Wildlands/Urban Interface and sharing that knowledge with your neighbors? Does being involved in a new GACC sub-committee and having a hand in how it takes shape sound like fun? Does organizing efforts to help neighbors in need sound like it could be fulfilling? Do you want to ride in a fire engine? (Sorry, I know it sounds fun but it won't be part of being on the sub-committee). Do you want to learn more about this new sub-committee?

If you answered yes to any of these questions (except the one about riding in a fire engine), get in touch with the Firewise subcommittee chair, Shane Carlson at 801-596-3939 or [AvenuesWildfireLiaison@comcast.net](mailto:AvenuesWildfireLiaison@comcast.net) and we can get things started! There's a lot to do and we look forward to working with you.

### Encore for Dwarf Irises

John Zastowney in Holladay is dividing his dwarf irises again. He made them available to GACC members two years ago. Maximum height: 12 inches, sun loving, drought tolerant. Send an email to [3cinslc@live.com](mailto:3cinslc@live.com) to get on the list for delivery in July and August.

### Urban Forestry GACC Subcommittee

As the newly formed Greater Avenues Community Council Subcommittee of Urban Forestry, I am seeking a few resident volunteers to join the Urban Forestry Committee. If you are interested in promoting the tree canopy of our neighborhood, this could be a fit for you. Initially, we will be working in collaboration with SLC's Urban Forestry goals, identifying areas where trees can be planted, educating residents about tree health, arbor care and the services offered by SLC's Urban Forestry department. If you are flexible, willing to grow as the committee develops, and have a few hours a month available, this could be a fit for you. Please contact me, Merrilee Morgan, at 801-913-4046.

### Pride Week 2021 - it's happening June 1-7



Due to COVID-19, we will not have the traditional vendors, food, beverages, stages or live entertainment this year. We're hopeful all of that will return in 2022.

There will be a Utah Pride Story Garden, which will be open June 3-7, in Washington Square/City & County Bldg.

An interactive outdoor exhibit with 20 unique themed gardens celebrating our LGBTQ+ community. Curated with national and local partners, guest

will be allowed access to roam through this a-MAZE-ing exhibit. To ensure the safety of guests, date and time specific tickets will allow a limited number of attendees within the Story Garden at any one time. All tickets must be purchased online.

\*Due to Covid, the first hour each day reserved for Seniors and Immunocompromised individual. Tickets are available now and access is limited to maintain social distancing, so get your tickets online now at <https://www.showelix.com/tickets/pridestorygarden>.

There will be a Rainbow March & Rally – Raise Our Voices. Starting at the State Capitol and proceeding down State Street & Harvey Milk Boulevard on June 6th.

This information was gleaned from the [utahpridecenter.org](http://utahpridecenter.org) website. Explore that site for more information.

by Craig Provost

### YWCA Supply Drive

*Thanks to everyone* for the great success we've had with our recent community service projects- **the food drive and sock drive.**



would like to invite you to come together on this next community service project. We will be collecting items for the YWCA domestic violence shelter.

They have asked for colored pencils, adult coloring books and puzzle books, children's coloring books and crayons. They need more of the adult ones as people often donate for the kids.

Masks would also be greatly appreciated. This will be June 5-19. Drop off items at 373 5th Ave (leave on porch). Any questions text Ali Barnes at 801-631-8084. Thank you!

**The Memory Grove Cleanup** was held Saturday, May 15th and the GACC would like to thank the more than 200 volunteers who showed up to beautify the park.



Memory Grove Cleanup organizer **Phil Carroll** was

honored for his decades of commitment to the event. Salt Lake City Parks presented a plaque and a bench in honor of Phil's many years of service.



We thank LDS Hospital for the lunch for all volunteers, the Ensign Stake for the tables and chairs, the GACC board and Boy Scout Troop 34 for the lunch service.

**Lifelong Learning at the University of Utah**, in partnership with the Utah Strong Recovery Project, is hosting an online workshop at no cost for the general public. We look forward to seeing you there!

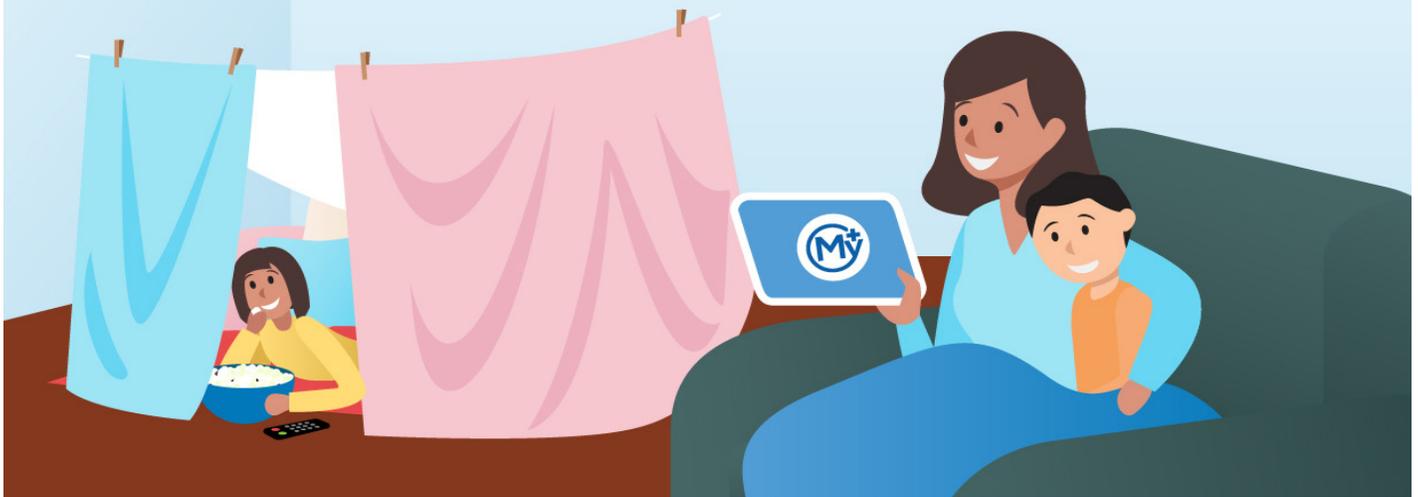


**Managing Stress:** This course will provide "hands-on" skills to reduce and manage stress. There are simple things you can do to deal with the stresses you experience. You will learn to use six specific methods to accomplish this.

Presented by Stuart Boyd, Certified mental health coach and certified disaster response Chaplain, and Dennis Perkins, LCSW and retired family counselor for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Monday, June 21, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Free.  
 Sign up at this link: [https://utah.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SjZDKvaCR0CGFpFnEIROiA](https://utah.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SjZDKvaCR0CGFpFnEIROiA).  
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