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Representing the Avenues and
Federal Heights neighborhoods
of Salt Lake City, Utah

Chair's Message for March

Community Engagement
by Gwen Springmeyer



The GACC currently has an engaged board. The 28 members live in all nine Avenues Geographic Areas, so we have representation from B Street to Tomahawk Drive. Our members have exceptional institutional memory with several past presidents. We are equally balanced male and female. We work on various issues, from supporting the Avenues Choir to reviewing zoning applications. We work to prepare for the threat of a wildfire, clean up Memory Grove, preserve the cemetery, educate about tree care, support a community garden, provide orange crosswalk flags, and put on a fantastic street fair.

But recently, we wondered if we have an equally engaged community. Here are some ways you can make a difference.

Engage with the Legislature - The current Legislative session ends on Friday, March 4. You can attend meetings at the Capitol, or join hybrid virtual meetings. Go to le.utah.gov for information about the Legislators, Bills, Committees, and a Calendar. With a bit of effort, you can figure out how to participate and have an impact on issues that matter to you. Senator Derek Kitchen dkitchen@le.utah.gov and Representative Jennifer Daily-Provost jdprovost@le.utah.gov are our current representatives. They love to hear from their constituents = You.

Make sure you are registered to vote - Go to the state voter registration website <https://secure.utah.gov/voterreg/index.html> or visit the Salt Lake County Clerk's office for other options. <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/voter-registration/> or the County Complex at 2100 South State.

Become a Delegate - Attend your neighborhood caucus meeting and get elected to represent your precinct. The Republican Caucus meetings are on March 5, and the Democratic Caucus meeting are on March 22. Watch for media notices about the meetings or go to the party's website. For information about other political parties visiting their websites.

Educate yourself about the candidates - Watch for newspaper articles, visit candidate websites, and read the mailers that come to your home. Find out which candidates represent your values and will vote as you would vote.

Vote - Watch for details about primaries but remember the general election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Participate with the Greater Avenues Community Council - Maybe we seem like we are not like you. Maybe we seem like we are from a different generation. But in reality we are you. We are your voice. Your way to be seen, heard and valued.

Please see the spotlight of one of our valued board members.

GACC March 2nd Virtual Meeting

- 7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Announcements.
- 7:05 to 7:55 Community Information: Fire, Police, Legislature, City Council, SLC School Board, Mayor's Office, Public Lands, LDS Hospital, Library.
- 7:55 to 8:00 Crosswalk Flag Eagle Scout Project - **Zachary Burke.**
- 8:00 to 8:30 **Mayor Mendenhall.**
- 8:30 to 8:45 Parleys Canyon Quarry- **Andrew Smith.**
- 8:45 to 8:50 Open Forum.
- 8:50 to 9:00 Adjourn.

The GACC February Community Meeting will be virtual, on March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

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

GACC Board Member Spotlight



Joseph "Jurphy" Murphy
District: Midwest Avenues
Committees: Bylaws, Community Projects, & Website Management

I moved to the Aves in 2021 and got involved with the GACC because of this newsletter and wanted to hear more about what's happening in the community. My favorite part of being on the GACC is getting to work alongside so many of my neighbors who want to make this a better place. Outside of the GACC, I work at an engineering firm and am involved in LGBTQ community outreach.

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Community Meetings

If you have questions please contact GACC Chair Gwen Springmeyer, at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. All are welcome!

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GACC Board Virtual Meeting

GACC Board Virtual Meeting will be on **March 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.slcp.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.biblioboard.com/module/kids--tweens>.

•**Tween Steam activity kits** will be available at the beginning of the month to pick up and take home. This month's activity kit is Barbie® Bungee. While supplies last.

•**Take-n-Make kits** for kids will be available to pick up 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 SL-CPL Teens page on our website (<https://services.slcp.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 March 22 from 7-8:30pm. March's book is Piranesi by Susanna Clarke. Email Jen Scott at jscott@slcp.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 March are wooden bookmarks. 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.

City Academy, for 7th-12th grade students, 555 E. 200 S., www.cityacademyslc.org, 801-596-8489. In-Person Open House Saturday March 5, 10:00-11:30 am. We are your neighborhood tuition-free public charter school. We are now holding Pre-Registration for next year 2022-2023. Please visit our website, email office@cityacademyslc.org, or call 801-596-8489 for more information or to book your own personal tour. Highlights at City Academy include engaging, relevant learning, Gifted Music School classes, serious visual arts education, Cambridge International advanced placement program, and an expanded Computer Science Career Pathway Program.

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 - 4:00 PM. Lunch 11:30 AM -12:15 PM.

Medicare Counseling: Tuesday, March 15 at 11:00 am. Learn about Medicare and related issues with Mary Boyer, Salt Lake County Medicare Counselor.

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

Stepping Up Your Nutrition: Monday, April 11, 9:30 am-12:00 pm. Discover the importance of balanced nutrition for fall prevention and identify key factors that contribute to malnutrition in this special workshop. Please register in advance.

Dealing with Dementia: Thursday, May 26, 9:30 am-1:00 pm. This workshop provides tips and strategies for caregivers on best practices for caring for their loved ones and themselves. Facilitated by one of our very own Health Educators from the Aging & Adult Services Health Promotion team. There will be a 30 minute break for lunch.

Fitness Drumming: Wednesdays at 2:15 pm. Using rhythm as the source of inspiration to discover a new group fitness experience. Fitness Drumming combines the benefits of a traditional physical fitness program with the brain affected benefits of music and rhythm. Also known as, Drums Alive®, this program fosters a healthy balance physically, mentally, emotionally and socially! Join a class and experience how it provides an element of fun and creative expression.

Masks are required. Everyone entering a Salt Lake County senior center will be required to wear a mask while inside.

Please give us your suggestions. There is a feedback survey and open suggestions form available at the front desk. Please complete the survey and give to a staff person.

Email blast for current news. You may join our email blast to receive updates and information by giving your email address to **the front desk**.

Find us Online: View our website with access to the calendar, newsletter, and menu at <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.

Utah Red Cross accepting applications for in-person summer leadership camp for high school students.

Overnight camp June 20-24 at Camp Pinecliff near Coalville. 9th, 10th, or 11th graders or home school equivalent may attend.

\$250 includes lodging, meals and materials. Fee waivers available if needed. Email UTNV.Volunteer@redcross.org;

apply at <https://www.redcross.org/local/utah/volunteer/leadership-development-camp.html>

The Agenda

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Mayor Mendenhall at March 2 Meeting



SLC Mayor Erin Mendenhall

The GACC will welcome Mayor Mendenhall to our March 2nd Community Meeting. You may want to review her recently released 2022 Work Plan in preparation for the meeting. Go to <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2022/02/03/mayor-mendenhall-releases-2022-work-plan/> to find information about the plan. There you can review her four key priorities of Growth, Environment, Community, and City Family, along with specific goals for 2022.

You will also find links to the January 25 State of the City Address and the 2021 Report Card.

Salt Lake City Council Redistricting

by Gwen Springmeyer

According to the Gardner Policy Institute, Council District 3 is almost exactly on the mark for the optimal population. The 2020 Census shows District 3 only growing by 40 people, which is right on optimal. District 4 has seen the most population growth with 4,621 more people, or 16% larger than the optimal population. This increase is likely due to the increase in housing units in District 4. Therefore, District 3 will likely stay mostly the same, and District 4 will probably be geographically smaller after redistricting.

For detailed information regarding the Redistricting Process, go to the City Council webpage at <https://slc-redistricting-slcgov.hub.arcgis.com/>. The redistricting website will include an option for the public to draw and submit map recommendations.

2020 Census Results by Council Districts Summary Table						
Council District	Census Population		Change from 2010 to 2020		Deviation from Optimal District Population (28,532)	
	2010	2020	#	%	#	%
One	27,505	28,032	527	2%	-500	-2%
Two	27,306	26,395	(911)	-3%	-2,137	-7%
Three	26,302	28,572	2,270	9%	+40	0%
Four	26,716	33,153	6,437	24%	+4,621	16%
Five	25,904	26,936	1,032	4%	-1,596	-6%
Six	26,546	28,767	2,221	8%	+235	1%
Seven	26,132	27,868	1,736	7%	-664	-2%
TOTALS	186,411	199,723	13,312	7%		

Eagle Scout Project - Avenues Crosswalk Flags

by Zachary Burke, Boy Scout Troop 34, SLC

I am a member of Boy Scout Troop 34 which is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church located on C Street in the Avenues.

As an Eagle Scout candidate, I decided to put my efforts towards making our roads safer for pedestrians. My goal is to provide 1,500 orange crosswalk flags which will be distributed to the Avenues' city-approved crosswalk holders.

I have lived in Salt Lake and I frequently rode and walked through downtown Salt Lake City and the Avenues. One of the things I have noticed over time is the disappearance of the orange crosswalk flags.

It is the goal and intention of each person as they leave their home to return safely. Sadly, we do not always meet this goal. In 2020 Salt Lake County had 346 reported incidences of pedestrian involved accidents. The United States has an average of 2.5 million accidents occurring at intersections. In 2021, 38% of pedestrians motor accidents took place in a crosswalk. These statistics highlight the need for increased safety measures at intersections and crosswalks.

Providing flags at a crosswalk for pedestrian use makes the person holding the flag more visible. It will also indicate to the driver that someone is about to cross the road. Our intersections and crosswalks are used most heavily by students walking to and from school, and the elderly taking walks. These two groups are most likely to misjudge traffic.

Holding an orange crosswalk flag where motorists can see will decrease the likelihood of a vehicle pedestrian accident. Additionally there are times of day when visibility is impaired for drivers such as dawn, dusk, driving east in the morning or driving west in the evenings. It is my hope that with the provision of these flags, all Avenues residents will be safer as we use our roads as drivers or pedestrians.

Thanks to Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake City Transportation, Salt Lake City Streets Division, and the Greater Avenues Community Council for their support of my Eagle Scout project. I may be asking Avenues residents to help assemble the flags after the materials, paid for by UTA, are delivered.

Calling Avenues Artists: Street Fair "Featured Artist" Statements Due April 6th!

by Daniel Gaffin

The Greater Avenues is now accepting Statements of Interest from prospective Street Fair Featured Artists. The selected artist provides a unique and original painting or digital art piece that represents the artist's concept of what "The Avenues" means to them. This image becomes the visual theme for the Street Fair, slated for Saturday, September 10, 2022.

The statements are due by April 6th. The Street Fair Committee will select the Featured Artist and notify all candidates by the end of April. The artwork is due to GACC on May 15th, 2022, and then is used in all Street Fair promotional items, with the original art remaining the property of the artist. The chosen artist is provided a complimentary booth at the Avenues Street Fair. More details are available on the GACC website – <https://avenuesstreetfair.org/>. To submit a Statement of Interest, please email danielgaffin@gmail.com.

The Avenues Street Fair Planning starts in March! Our first meeting will be Saturday March 12th @ 9:00AM on Zoom. If you would like to volunteer please reach out to this year's chair, Daniel Gaffin 801-550-1294, danielgaffin@gmail.com to get the link for the meeting!

Air Quality -- Recreational Fires

by Jill Van Langeveld

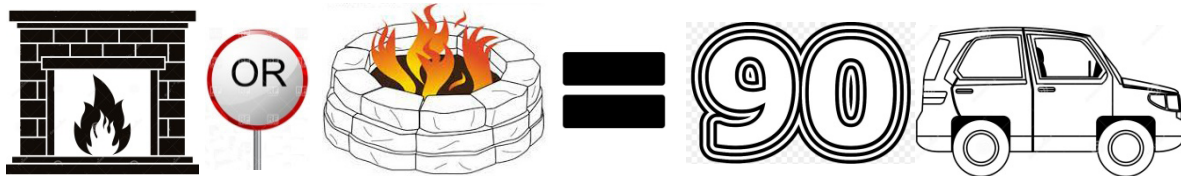
We have a fascination with fire. Many people think the warm flames in the fireplace make a pleasant way to end a cold winter day. Watching the dancing flames in a backyard fire pit with friends adds a sense of closeness. Sitting around a campfire and roasting marshmallows is a relaxing way to end a day of exploration. However, if you are burning wood in that fire, it can be very bad news for the environment and your own health.

1. The smoke releases methane, carbon dioxide, and black carbon into the air, all of which contribute to climate change.
2. The smoke pollutes the air with particulate matter – which is especially harmful to human health. Even low levels of wood smoke can cause lung tissue scarring, coughing, wheezing, headaches, eye irritations, asthma attacks, heart attacks, strokes, lung cancer and premature death.

Air quality officials in the State of Washington found that smoke that goes up and out the chimney from an indoor fireplace recirculates back into the home and also enters neighbors' homes, even when their homes are energy efficient and weather tight. The fine and ultrafine particles in wood smoke are so small that tightly sealed windows and doors do not stop them from entering.

There are cleaner alternatives. Learn about your options before burning wood in your backyard. Switching to natural gas or propane reduces harmful air pollutants. Kits that convert existing fire rings and pits to natural gas or propane burners are available at hearth and patio stores.

We can increase our enjoyment of outdoor fires by knowing we're doing all we can to burn cleanly, safely, and responsibly for our family, neighbors and community.



One fireplace or fire pit emits as much particle pollution as 90 sport-utility vehicles.

Geology of the SLC Foothills and Adjacent Wasatch Mountains

by Daniel Schelling and Hilary Jacob



Late Paleozoic limestones exposed along the summit-ridge of Black Mountain were horizontal when deposited in a shallow marine environment, but now stand vertical as a result of geologic events that occurred during the Cretaceous Period.

Utah is famous for its geology! People come from all over the world to see the astounding geological formations exposed in Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce, and Zion National Parks. However, how many people know about the fascinating geology that exists throughout the state, including the foothills and mountains adjacent to Salt Lake City? While the geology in our neighborhood may be more subtle than in the National Parks, the story it tells is more complex and equally amazing.

The Salt Lake Foothills and adjacent mountains are composed primarily of sedimentary rocks deposited over a period of 550 million years. The oldest sedimentary rocks, visible on the western ridge of Grandview Peak, are Cambrian sandstones deposited between 545 and 520 million years ago (Ma). The youngest sedimentary layers are unconsolidated sandstones and conglomerates that accumulated along the shores of Lake Bonneville between 30,000 and 13,000 years ago. The summit ridge of Black Mountain includes Late Paleozoic (325-248 Ma) shallow marine limestones and sandstones. These once horizontal, fossil-

rich layers were faulted and rotated during the Cretaceous Period (145-60 Ma) and now stand nearly vertical!

The red sandstones that make the cliffs of Red Butte formed as sand dunes during the early Jurassic (206-180 Ma). These rocks are equivalent to the red and white sandstones that we see in Arches, Capitol Reef and Zion National Parks, all of which were originally sand dunes as well! In contrast, the Foothills above lower City Creek are cemented conglomerates that were deposited as mud-flows, landslides and alluvial fans along the flanks of the rising Wasatch Mountains during the Miocene (24-5.3 Ma).

Finally, look south across the Salt Lake Valley from the Foothills. The steep western flank of the Wasatch Range is located along the presently active Wasatch Fault. The Salt Lake Valley has dropped an estimated 20,000 feet relative to the summits of the Central Wasatch Range since the early Oligocene (35-30 Ma). That's the same height as Mt. Denali in Alaska, the highest mountain in North America!

For many geologists, the geology of the Salt Lake City area is every bit as interesting as that seen anywhere else in the Rocky Mountain region, including Utah's famous National Parks. Next time you are out in the Foothills, look around and enjoy the rocks in our back yard.



Environmental Tip

by Tom Brooks

ADVANTAGE - Dimmable LED Lights
- Avoid inflating electricity costs and enjoy better lighting of your living spaces. LED bulbs can save you as much as 90% over incandescent bulbs. They can last five times as long, reducing the need to replace

burned-out bulbs. Warm LEDs are more conducive to relaxation and sleep. Full-spectrum LEDs favor plants and accent your furnishings. Reducing your Electricity consumption helps our environment by burning far less carbon-based fuels.

Do you know about the major gravel pit proposed for Parleys Canyon?

by Andrew Smith



Parleys Canyon before the proposed gravel pit

On November 24th, to the surprise of residents and communities along the Wasatch Front, a SL Tribune article was published about an application filed with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOG M) for a 634-acre limestone

located about three miles from the mouth of Parleys Canyon.

This proposed gravel pit came as a shock to all who care about air, water, wildlife habitat, our mountains, and the quality of life of our communities.

The mine, once dug, blasted, and hauled away will permanently scar the mountainside. It will leave residents, recreationists, travelers, and wildlife to live with degraded mountain habitat, water, and air quality.

About the Proposed Gravel Pit:

- The area would cover up to 634 acres. (One square mile is 640 acres.) This is about 480 football fields.
- Expected life is about 100 years, but the scarred mountainside will be seen forever.
- For perspective: The 116-year-old Bingham Copper Mine covers 1,900 acres. This proposed mine would be nearly one-third that size.
- The Kilgore/Harper gravel pit in Parleys, since 1991, covers 11.2 acres - a mere 1.7% the size of the proposed gravel pit.

Potential Environmental Impacts:

- An increase in dust and air pollution, affecting the Valley's residents, businesses, schools, and open land. Other pollution includes noise, light and emissions due to an estimated increase of 140 semi-trucks per day.

• The proposed gravel pit operation is located within a protected watershed. The northeast slope of Grandeur Peak would be devastated. Our sources of water would be threatened.

• Increased avalanches, rock slides and wildfires from mining operations.

• The area is zoned as Forestry & Recreation, which stands for allowing

"uses to the extent such development is compatible with the protection of the natural and scenic resources of these areas for the continued benefit of future generations." (Code of Ordinances: Chapter 19.12.010)

• There are over 30 gravel pit operations in our surrounding area – from the Point of the Mountain to Ogden.



Parleys Canyon after the proposed gravel pit

If you want more information please check the website <https://www.saveparleys.org/>

Neighborhood House is a non-profit treasure in Salt Lake City that provides quality pre-school, youth programs, AND adult daycare based on each client's ability to pay. We are going to collect drawing paper,



markers, colored pencils, and art supplies to help in the adult daycare program. This program gives much needed respite to adult caregivers, giving them a safe and enriching place to take their loved ones during the day. The art supplies are a much needed part of their daily activities. Supplies can be left on my porch at 373 5th Ave March 7-21. Call or text Ali Barnes at 801-631-8084 with questions. Check out nhutah.org you'll be impressed! Thank you!



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