



of the **Greater Avenues Community Council**
REPRESENTING THE AVENUES AND FEDERAL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOODS OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Thanks to all who helped with, and tolerated, our 2015 Street Fair

by Dianne Leonard
2015 Chairwoman

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Dave Alderman and his fantastic committee aided by an outstanding group of volunteers for putting on such an amazing Street Fair!

I am so appreciative of the neighbors on 3rd Avenue and the adjoining streets for allowing us to use their on-street parking, electricity and yards. They sacrificed their peaceful and quiet Saturday so that we could host the city at our Street Fair.

I loved seeing so many of the neighbors enjoying Street Fair watching parties on their lawns and porches. As I was walking up and down the fair it was gratifying to hear so many positive comments about the Avenues and our community event that is known to bring in folks from far and wide.

The favorite comment I heard was one young fellow saying to his friend, "This is great. Do you think they do this every weekend?" I had to laugh.

At the GACC Booth we had an informal opportunity for voting on the proposed neighborhood entry signs. One of the things that we noticed is that those in favor of the signs were far more likely to vote than those opposed. We still have our poll on the website for another few weeks. So, if you'd like to voice an opinion—and these votes online and at the Street Fair were just opinions, not formal votes—please head to the website to chime in.

As I've said many times—and a few in this column over the months—decisions are made by those who show up.

Speaking of showing up, it appears that the candidates for mayor will not be showing up in District 3 for a debate event so I would encourage you to attend one of the other debates around the city. Please check the candidates' campaign pages for updates on the location of their appearances.

As the seasons change and we get ready for fall, I am looking forward to our next few meetings. We identified several neighborhood interest topics in January at our meeting and I am feeling good about the progress we've made addressing those.

At our October meeting we will have another great program. We will have representatives from The Road Home,



Dianne Leonard,
2015 Chair

GACC Community Meeting

October 7, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

7 p.m.—Welcome and announcements, Chair.

7:10-7:35—Reports: Library-Kim Christopherson; Fire-Police-New Liaison, Det. Greg Lovell; City, Michael Stott, Stan Penfold; Legislative Updates: Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck; Senator Jim Dabakis.

7:35-7:45—GACC 2016 Candidates Announced.

7:45-8:05—Carolina Roa, Bird Survey.

8:05-8:45—Homelessness affects everyone.

Presenters from The Road Home will talk with us about changes in services, how the Downtown Master Plan affects the homeless population and suggestions for the best way to show compassion and offer help.

8:45-8:55—Open Forum.

8:55—Adjourn and Clean Up.

a report on the bird survey and information about getting involved in the next bird count, and we will take nominations from the floor and announce the slate of candidates for the 2016 Greater Avenues Community Council Board.

I hope to see you all on October 7!

—Dianne

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

GACC Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 7 p.m., Sweet Library,

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Bryant Middle School, 40 S. 800 East. The school will host the Utah Symphony October 7 with morning performances for Bryant students at 9:30 a.m. and then students from Wasatch, Ensign, Jackson, Franklin, and Washington Elementary will enjoy a performance at 10:50 a.m. On October 9, Bryant will be hosting Author Stuart Gibbs, writer of children's spy and humor series. This will be in the new Bryant Library. On October 15, 16 and 19, there will be no school. On October 23, 7 a.m., Bryant School Community Council Meeting will be held in the Hospitality Conference Room. On October 26 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bryant will host the Food Pantry Truck in the Bryant Faculty Parking Lot.

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slcpl.org. Book Baby 10:15 a.m. and Storytime 11:15 a.m. every Wednesday. Kids Art and Science Club, every Wednesday at 4 p.m. beginning in and through October, for ages 4 - 7. Mine Craft Tech Club, ages 8 to 12, every Thursday at 4 p.m. Registration required and begins September 24 at 10 a.m. The documentary, "Alive Inside" will be shown at Sweet Library on Saturday, October 3 at 2 p.m., provided by Music & Memory Coalition. Bring old Apple devices w/chargers to donate to the library until November 1. Art Exhibit: Movement in Film by loveDANCEmore through October 17. The Utah Puppet Players Present: Pumpkinella, Saturday, October 17, 1:30 p.m.

Popperton Plots - The Avenues Community Garden. The garden has had a successful second growing season! Thank you to all the gardeners and volunteers who helped keep the garden looking good. On October 1 at 7 p.m. at the Sweet Branch Library, the gardeners will hold their fall meeting to discuss winter garden preparation. New gardeners looking to join in the 2016 growing season are also welcome to attend.

Avenues Exercise Class -Free- Federal Heights LDS Ward, 1300 Fairfax Road. Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Stretching, Weights, Mat Pilates. Renate Nebeker 801-534-1443.

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The Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir Warms Up For 2015 Season



If you visited the Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir booth at the Avenues Street Fair, thank you!

At the fair, the choir signed up more than 20 new singers to help kick-off the 2015-2016 concert season.

The fall rehearsal block has begun in preparation for the Holiday Concert, and we invite any singers who would like to join the choir to contact avenueschoir@gmail.com.

Weekly rehearsals are held every Thursday at the chapel on 4th Ave and P Street from 7-9 p.m. Stop by and check us out! Anyone is welcome to come listen in at rehearsals.

The Annual Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Libby Gardner Concert Hall. An exciting rumor we don't mind spreading: Santa Claus will be at the concert! Please mark your calendars and plan to bring the whole family.

For more information about the choir please visit avenueschoir.org or contact avenueschoir@gmail.com.

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South Temple Neighborhood Gets A New Traffic Signal At 1100 East

Residents in the Wasatch Elementary/Salt Lake Regional Hospital neighborhood are realizing a years-long dream: a new traffic light is going in at 1100 East South Temple.

Hardware is up and the signal heads are bagged for now, but the lights will go active in October, said Robin Hutcheson, city transportation director.

Once uncovered, the signals will flash for about 48 hours to acclimate drivers to their presence, she said. Then, the traffic lights will go into operation 24/7, she said.

There will be pedestrian time buttons so pedestrians can have enough time to cross South Temple.

There will be a left-turn cycle for westbound traffic to turn onto 11th East.

Janet Barnette, Wasatch spokeswoman who helped push for the signal, said school patrons "are excited" to see the light finally happening.

Cost for the installation, approved way back in 2013, is \$275,000, said Ms. Hutcheson.



After years of planning, a new traffic signal will start operating soon at 1100 E. South Temple.

Wasatch Elementary has had a playground across South Temple for decades, and students can cross safely by using the tunnel. However, the tunnel is only open during school hours, so evenings, week-

ends, etc., pedestrians are on their own to cross on the surface.

Some 500 persons, students and parents, have to cross South Temple for school every day.

Fire Department Needs Your Views on Wildfire Protection Plan

As we see the images from the devastating wild fires in Washington, California, and other states this year, we all cringe hoping that those affected will be OK, and able to recover soon. It tends to make us pause and ask, "What if ..?"

What if that was my house in the path of a fast-moving wildfire? Could the fire department protect my house? My family? Could that even happen here? The answer to, "Could that happen here?" is *yes* it could.

Not every place in Salt Lake City is at risk, but there are locations in the Greater Avenues area that do have a high wildfire risk.

The answer to the question, "Could the fire department protect my house?" is maybe.

Many factors go into whether or not a property can be protected while a wild-

by Capt. Matt Taylor, SLCFD

fire is approaching. This leads to the next question that should be asked and that is, "Can anything be done about it?" The answer to that question is *yes*.

As the wildfire season begins to wind down (hopefully) the wildfire planning season is just beginning.

The Salt Lake City Fire Department is writing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and we are seeking help from the community. As we build the plan we will identify projects that are important to the community, environmentally sensitive, and will help protect your home and family from the devastating effects of wildfire.

These projects, when completed, will give the firefighters a fighting chance to save your home, and will allow them to be safer.

It is important to the fire department and the community that we have input from all the stakeholders including homeowners, the water department, the department of natural resources, and others.

We are seeking interested volunteers to be on the planning committee. No experience is needed, only a desire to help protect your community.

The planning committee will meet at least once a month to develop the plan. Meeting times will be contingent on the availability of the members.

If interested please contact Captain Matt Taylor at Matt.taylor@slcgov.com.

At this time committee size is not restricted, so if you know of anyone else that is interested please have them contact Captain Taylor as well. Come One Come All; let's make Salt Lake City a "Fire Adapted Community."

Our 2015 Avenues Street Fair Packs 'em In

That was fun! Let's do it again next year!

From the first step of the Children's Parade until the last note from the Brown Dog Band, Saturday, September 12 was a day full of fun, food, music, art, and sunshine.

Several thousand people came to The Avenues Street Fair on 3rd Avenue to listen to music; shop at the vendor booths for art, jewelry, clothing and more; and enjoy the good food. There was also plenty of sunshine as the afternoon temperature reached into the 90's.

It was also a great opportunity to showcase our unique neighborhood—the beautiful, old houses and large shady trees on 3rd Avenue, the unique talents of our residents, such as Julie Lewis, our Featured Artist this year, and Matt MonsoOn, the winner of the People's Choice Award from the People's Art Gallery, and the more than 60 Avenues businesses and non-profits who had booths showcasing their work.

The Street Fair is also the annual fundraiser for the GACC. While we don't have the final numbers in yet, it appears that we were successful in replenishing the coffers. These funds help us continue to support projects like the Popperton Plots Community Garden, the Avenues Community Choir, the Memory Grove Clean-up

and the monthly mailing of our newsletter.

An event like this takes a lot of people to be successful. So thanks to everyone who participated—those who marched in the Children's Parade, artists who submitted to the People's Art Gallery, the volunteers who staffed the booths during the day, the bands, the businesses that donated to the Opportunity Drawing, the churches that donated tables and chairs, and of course the fair-goers.

A special thank you is due to the understanding residents on 3rd Avenue who shared their street with a few thousand people for a day and to everyone who worked on the Planning Committee, starting back in March when there was still snow on the ground and finishing in the 90 degree sunshine.

And thank you to all the vendors who had a booth this year.

We especially wish to thank our corpo-



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See you next year!

People's Art Gallery Results

One of the highlights of the Avenues Street Fair is the People's Art Gallery, where Avenues residents can enter their artwork. Prizes are given to those judged to be the best in each category. In addition, all fairgoers may vote for the People's Choice Award.

This year's winners are:

12 and under:

- 1st - "Sunflower" - Molly Barnette
- 2nd - "5th and 6th Grade Portraits" - En-

sign Elementary

3rd - "Love" Eve Behunin

Ages 13-18:

- 1st - "Shoes" - Caroline James
- 2nd - "Portrait Of A Young Girl" - Kate Williams
- 3rd - "Through Rose Colored Glasses" - Joanna Bossart

Adult Amateur:

- 1st - "Isaac" - Ben Kieda
- 2nd - "Jewelry" - Marriott Bartholomew
- 3rd - "Snake Bracelets" - Sara Sandberg

Adult Professional:

- 1st - "Undone" - Rebecca Bossart
 - 2nd - "Hollow Horn Bear" - Suzanne Tornquist
 - 3rd - "Constellation Angel" - Julie Lewis
- People's Choice Award:*
 "SLC Panorama / Mountain, Moon, Sun (triptych)" - Matt MonsoOn
 Thanks to all the area artists who entered. Special thanks go to Evan Smith as our Judge and Kim-Scott Miller, Anne Mitchell and our volunteers.

November 4: Our own GACC elections.

November 3, 2015 is our General Municipal Election Day and we encourage you to vote.

However, if you want to get in on an even more local election, then come to the Sweet Library at 7 p.m. on November 4 and vote in person for our GACC officers.

The Council is preparing a slate of candidates for the coming year. The terms will begin in December.

At the Street Fair, people came by the GACC booth and asked about serving on the GACC Board. It is not too late to let GACC know that you want to help.

Contact is Mary Ann Wright, maw@pbageo.com.

People ask what we do. It is as broad

a spectrum as one could imagine. It is all things community: the Street Fair, community garden, xeriscape demonstration garden, input on our parks, interface with the Mayor and other community councils, working with the University of Utah, interacting with neighbors and having a voice in how our area develops. If you chose to live in the Avenues because you like the area, you'll find a 'home' at GACC!

The Road Home: There are some 'misperceptions' out there

by Matt Minkevitch,
Executive Director

First and foremost, I would like to thank the residents of the Avenues for their support of The Road Home. Homelessness is an issue that knows no geographical boundaries and therefore I would like to share with you all some recent thoughts I have shared with our supporters.

Over the past months there have been many stories in the media about The Road Home and what we do. The majority of the stories have told of inspiring volunteers, new programs, and exciting changes. There have also been some that have reported misperceptions about our agency. I would like to address some of these so that you can better get to know our agency and the important work we do.

One misperception is that crime on Rio Grande Street is directly related to the shelter's location. While this is an easy association to make, it is not a correct one. The

Road Home works closely with the Salt Lake Police Department to create a safe environment for the people we serve. We do this in a number of ways. Inside of the shelter we have a zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol, which begins with searching residents for contraband prior to entering the shelter. We have secured 24/7 private security to monitor the inside of the shelter. Additionally, our private security assists outside by monitoring the area around the shelter; however the issues are great and it will take more than private security alone.

Our partnership with local law enforcement is vital to keeping people safe in our area. We truly appreciate our relationship with the Salt Lake Police Department and we embrace the implementation of their new strategy which focuses on maintaining order in our neighborhood. We are grateful for Interim Chief Mike Brown and Deputy Chief Josh Scharman for their leadership. We have seen visible improvement since they began their efforts. Too often people in need of our

shelter have been vexed by the problems that law enforcement officers are now addressing.

Another great misperception is that shelter enables people to remain homeless. A lack of affordable housing is what drives people to become and remain homeless. As we make a concerted effort as a city, county, state and nation to create housing which people of modest means can truly afford, then we will make lasting change and progress towards combating homelessness. As a community, the creation of more deeply affordable housing is imperative to solving the issue of homelessness.

The Road Home is here to serve people with emergency services, case management, and housing. We continually strive to modify and enhance our programs to best serve the needs of our community and those struggling to overcome homelessness. To learn more about The Road Home, who we are and what we do, please visit our website at www.theroadhome.org.



NEIGHBORHOOD Update

New Restorative Yoga Class for Cancer Survivors

Join us at LDS Hospital for a new restorative yoga class for anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. The class runs every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in LDS Hospital's South Auditorium and is taught by certified yoga instructor, Bill Held, through the non-profit A Quality Life Community.

What is Restorative Yoga?

This class will work with specific yoga postures to cultivate restorative health and promote balance in your life. Various tools will be utilized to enhance and explore the depths of existing postures while working to expand your range of motion. We will be targeting the breath to create space and promote fresh oxygen exchange to those areas that are tight or have experienced injury.

Who can attend?

Nearly everyone has been impacted by cancer in some way. Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer is invited to attend. All ages and skill levels are welcomed. Please bring a friend and enjoy an hour focusing on yourself and your well-being.

For more information, call 801-408-2182.



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