



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

## Taking Stock of What Worked and What Didn't This Year

by Dianne Leonard  
2015 Chairwoman

Fall is in the air and my thoughts turn to that final harvest of the season.

Time to take stock. Which of my garden crops were happy in their location and produced well, which could have done better, which were a total bust—zucchini—and then the question, “why?”

What did I do well, what could I do better next year, what was successful that I might make part of my yearly practice?

For me, fall is also the time that I measure another personal year—I love long rambles through the fallen leaves and the reflective way it makes me feel.

I was thinking the other day about the decision that I made two years ago to up my commitment to the Greater Avenues Community by agreeing to participate in the chair cycle. I can certainly evaluate this last year as chair using the same standard with which I measure my garden. I can see some things I've done very well, and some that I have fallen short on but just the same as with my garden, I love the process.

As we have the opportunity in November to choose a new chair-elect and several board members I am excited at the way so many long-time and new residents willing to give of their time and energy to keep our neighborhood vibrant and relevant.

As I have attended Planning Commission, Historic Landmarks and City Council meetings this year I have been impressed by the way that residents from the Avenues are involved and concerned about how things work in our city. I am in awe of the vast knowledge and commitment Avenues residents have.

In an article in the Salt Lake Tribune on November 27, 2014, it was reported that for the elections held a few weeks earlier, Utah had the third lowest voter turnout in the nation.

We consistently have the largest turnout for our monthly



Dianne Leonard,  
2015 Chair

### GACC Community Meeting

November 4, 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- Capt. Winkler; Police-Detective Greg

Lovell; Salt Lake City School Board, Katherine

Kennedy; Salt Lake City Council, Stan Penfold.

**7:35-7:45—Legislative Updates:** Representative

Rebecca Chavez-Houck; Senator Jim Dabakis.

**7:45-8:00—GACC 2016 Election.**

**8:00-8:15—Accessory Dwelling Unit consideration**  
in Salt Lake City.

**8:15-8:45—Presentation from The Road Home.**

**8:45-8:55—Open Forum.**

**8:55—Adjourn and Clean Up.**

meetings of any Community Council in the city. I hope that we will have a record number of residents show up on November 4 to vote for our 2016 Greater Avenues Community Council Board. Don't forget to vote in the City elections this month as well.

See you on November 4 at 7 p.m.

—Dianne

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## AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**GACC Council Meeting**

Wednesday, November 4, 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, November 11, 2015, 7 p.m., Sweet Library,

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

**Sweet Branch Library**, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slcp.org. *Book Baby* 10:15 a.m. and *Storytime* 11:15 a.m. every Wednesday. *LEGOs at the Library*, Saturday, November 14 at 2 p.m. *Family Yoga*, Monday, November 23, 6:30 p.m. *Tech Class* sign-up starts November 28 for 3D Modeling with tinkercad Ages 8 and up. *Art Reception* for Sigfredo Alonzo Mendoza Saturday, November 7 at 3 p.m.  
**LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY: November 11, Veterans Day, and November 26 & 27, Thanksgiving holiday and closing at 6 p.m. November 25.**

**Volunteer Opportunity at The Road Home.** The Road Home will hold a volunteer orientation November 12 at 5 p.m. at The Road Home (210 S. Rio Grande St.) in the board room. No advance registration is required, and background checks will be conducted after the orientation.

**Volunteer Opportunity at the Utah Food Bank.** The organization has filled its spots for warehouse volunteers but has other volunteer spots open. Here is the web site for volunteering: <https://www.utahfoodbank.org/volunteer-signup>.

**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.

**Utah Arts & Museums** is holding the second round of Arts Project grants. The application deadline is Nov. 13, 2015. Utah Arts & Museums granted over \$48,000 to 32 organizations across the state in its first round of fiscal year 2016 Arts Project grants, and will grant approximately \$30,000 in its second round. Contact the Community Arts Coordinator, at 801-236-7541 or visit [heritage.utah.gov/utah-division-of-arts-museums/grants](http://heritage.utah.gov/utah-division-of-arts-museums/grants) for more information.  
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**The Agenda**

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## The Japanese Beetle: A visitor you don't want to see in your garden.

The state's attempt to find Japanese Beetles on the Avenues has recently turned up—well, nothing. And that's a good thing.

Joey Caputo, insect specialist with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, told The Agenda that since an article ran in the newsletter in September, researchers have found no additional beetles in more than 100 traps.

The traps had been set to lure in any stray beetles. Later, the traps would be retrieved and inspected.

Caputo said "we have had no new specimens captured in traps or collected by residents."

So in 2016, he said, "we will continue high density delimiting trapping to monitor the infestation and conduct further outreach to the Avenues community."

The researchers had a booth at the Street Fair in September and had earlier placed 500 door tags around the Avenues to ask residents to be alert for the insects.

Japanese Beetles, *Popillia japonica* Newman, are a highly destructive pest to ornamentals, trees, shrubs, turfgrass, and vegetables says the department's website.

"First discovered in the eastern United States in 1916, the Japanese beetle has threatened agriculture and horticulture by slowly moving south and west.

"In 2006, a small population of adult Japanese beetles was detected in Orem. An aggressive eradication effort resulted in a 95% reduction of this population by 2010.

"The invasive pest is especially harmful because the adults and grubs feed on plants and can cause significant damage when in high numbers.

"Together, the adults and grubs feed on several hundred plant species (and) some of the most susceptible plants are grown in Utah.

"Adult beetles feed on the upper leaf surface, removing leaf tissue and releasing an aggregation pheromone that attracts additional beetles to a potential food source," says the web site.

Continuing, "If it is possible and convenient for you to catch any Japanese beetles you spot we would ask that you do so. Once you've captured the beetle please preserve the specimen either by freezing it or by pouring enough rubbing alcohol into the container to fully submerge the specimen."

If you capture or see a Japanese Beetle: UDAF asks you immediately contact them by phone or email—(801) 972-1669, or [jcaputo@utah.gov](mailto:jcaputo@utah.gov).

### Who's Number One? Volunteer a Guess!

Did you know Utah is considered the Number One state for volunteering?

Salt Lake City has a web page for persons looking for volunteer opportunities. Here is the web site: <http://www.slcgov.com/volunteer>.

You can always Google "utah volunteer opportunities" and you will get a number of links of groups that need your help on a volunteer basis.

On the city site you also sign up for the volunteering newsletter. Who knows? You might find a volunteer job that will change your life!

## GACC elections set for council's November meeting

Kim M. Bowman, Jr. will head the list of officers to be elected at the GACC meeting on November 4.

Bowman is uncontested for the chair-elect position, which means he will become chair-elect in 2016 and chairman in 2017.

Chair-elect Dave Alderman becomes 2016 chairman in December, having been elected in 2014.

Council members, which, under bylaws of the organization are any Avenues residents in attendance at the meeting during which the election is held, will also ratify a slate of board members for 2016.

Proposed officers for next year also include Michael Hughes as treasurer and Peg Alderman as secretary.

Proposed as board members are: Bonnie Athas, Sydney Fonesbeck, Cristina Wilson, Sara Winkler, Dave Jonsson, Dustin Lipson, James Woolf, Carleton DeTar, Dave Van Langeveld, Jill Van Langeveld, Dianne Leonard, Andrea Olson, Jolene Worth, Phil Carroll, Michael Hughes, Kim M. Bowman Jr., John John-



Kim M. Bowman Jr.

son, PJ Secrist, Tara Wakefield, Dave Alderman, Peg Alderman, Genevieve Atwood, Mary Ann Wright, Bob Farrington, Brian Hatton, Stephanie Hatton, Janet Barnette, Gene Fitzgerald, Gwen Springmeyer.

Kim and his wife Nadia live on 9th Avenue and J Street with their dogs, Remy and Starry, and their cats Tilde and Race.

Kim is the Interim Manager of the Department of Population Health Sciences at the University of Utah Health Sciences. Prior to working for the University, Kim practiced law in Salt Lake City.

Kim received his law degree from the University of the Pacific, a master's degree in gerontology (aging) from the University of Southern California, an MBA from Westminster College, and two bachelor's degrees from the University of Utah. Before college, Kim attended public school in the Salt Lake City School District, graduating from East High School like his father and grandfather before him. Nadia also has a JD from the University of the Pacific and is currently a PhD student at the University of Utah.

## Should Avenues have Welcome Signs on the Borders?

### GACC Board Votes to See Possible Designs

The GACC board has decided to seek designs for a possible set of 'Welcome to the Avenues' signs to be placed strategically around our neighborhood.

GACC has been investigating the possibility of placing signs like those bordering Rose Park and Sugarhouse.

The council provided an opportunity for the public to weigh in on the idea both at the recent Street Fair and on the council's web site.

At the Street Fair, more than 100 persons turned in comments. The sign on the box was, "Do you want signage welcoming people to the Avenues?"

Some 14% were opposed to the idea, while 86% expressed approval, which ranged from mild to enthusiastic.

GACC has been kicking around the idea of signage for a number of months, but there have been no designs or art work to show people.

The next step is to seek possible designs, and see what the public thinks.

"In order to create a comprehensive proposal for our community to consider, we are asking Avenues artists to submit designs for a sign that matches the feel of our historical neighborhood," said Kim Bowman, board member.

"The final decision of whether or not to add signs, where they would be located, and design will be carefully weighed and discussed at GACC meetings over the coming year. Designs should be submitted to kimbowmanjr@gmail.com," he said.

Each sign (from just one to two or three, placed on main roads) might cost several thousand dollars. GACC contemplates spending internal funds only. No public money or tax money would be involved.

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## Kim-Scott Miller

Greater Avenues Community Council lost an enthusiastic and faithful team member during October.



Kim-Scott Miller, 60, had been instrumental in the success of the Street Fair the past several years by running the Peoples' Art Gallery contest and getting all the Fair's required permits. He passed away unexpectedly on October 4.

He was a third grade teacher at Taylorsville Elementary. He had been a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and participated in many acting and singing companies in Salt Lake City, Alexandria, VA and Cambridge, NY.

Former GACC chairs Michael Hughes and Mary Ann Wright said Kim-Scott had been a valuable behind-the-scenes worker at the Fairs, and will be greatly missed.

# Raccoons: Here to Stay on the Avenues?

Get used to it. Raccoons are our neighbors. They have adapted extremely well to the urban environment, and they seem to particularly like ours.

Recently a number of raccoon sightings have come to our attention.

If it will do some good, here are some tips about you, your neighbors, and your dogs and raccoons.

Cute though they are, raccoons are dangerous to both property and pets. They are destructive to property, and can carry diseases that could kill your dog if they bite him.

There are many reasons not to feed raccoons. Here are a few:

- Raccoons are a very successful opportunistic species and are not endangered.
- A large population of raccoons will crowd out other species. Shrews, bats, squirrels and over 100 species of birds should take precedence over helping raccoons, which do not need your help to thrive.
- Healthy raccoons breed plenty more

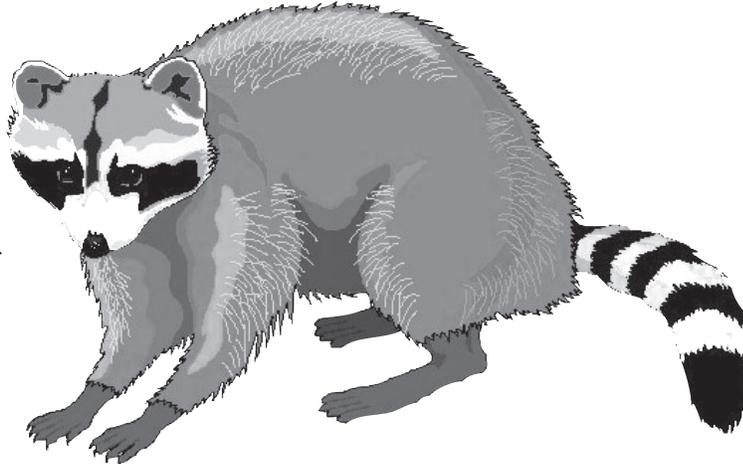
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## Takeaway message: Don't feed raccoons.

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raccoons.

- Raccoons are destructive. They will tear apart buildings to get at food.
- Raccoons are feisty and will attack if cornered.



- Raccoons are disease carriers. Some diseases, like rabies and parasites, can be fatal to humans.
- You're not doing wild animals, endangered or not, any favors by feeding them.
- Raccoons will infect your pet with rabies and kill it.

If a raccoon is afflicted with rabies—

and in some studies, 70% of those tested were shown to have been exposed—the symptoms may not be

noticeable at first. In the initial, apparently symptomless stage, the animal may be more friendly or tame than usual.

In later stages, the raccoon can become stuporous, or highly aggressive. In this latter case, the raccoon may attack anything coming to its notice. In the final stages, the raccoon moves stiff-legged, walking with an unnatural gait like a puppet on a string.

Producing an excess of saliva and possibly experiencing paralysis in their throats, raccoons may also appear to drool and froth at the mouth. Because the virus is transmitted through saliva, it may pass from a sick animal to a healthy one via a bite or through mucous membranes.

More information at this web site:

[https://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/NR\\_WD\\_002.pdf](https://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/NR_WD_002.pdf), or you can scan this QR code.




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## Salt Lake City Cemetery set for some big improvements

Our City Cemetery is in line for some important upgrades in coming months.

The City Council has set for funding some new restrooms at the Cemetery, a new fence, roadway upgrades and perhaps a rebuild of the stone wall on 11th Avenue.

There are 130,000 burial sites in the Salt Lake City cemetery and at present there are just over 124,000 graves. The cemetery covers 120 acres.

The cemetery's inadequate and outdated rest rooms are located

behind the sexton's building just inside the gates at 4th Avenue and N Street. The wall was built as part of a 1938 Works Progress Administration work project.

The spectacular murals in the State Capitol Rotunda are examples of other WPA projects from the depression era. Other examples are the Salt Lake County Library in Midvale, the Midvale City Hall and the Midway Town Hall.

Also in the works is a new fence along N Street.

### The Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir Tunes Up For 2015 Holiday Concert Dec. 17



Singers have toiled the last eight weeks preparing for the Avenues Community Choir's Second Annual Holiday Concert. The event will be December 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Libby Gardner Concert Hall. For more information about the choir visit [avenueschoir.org](http://avenueschoir.org) or contact [avenueschoir@gmail.com](mailto:avenueschoir@gmail.com).

**Hogle Zoo Military Appreciation Day:** November 11 admission is free for service men and women. Gates open from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; grounds open until 6:30 p.m.

## It's Our GACC Election Season, Too

by **Dave Alderman**, **GACC Chair-elect** As I write this article, the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles are on Monday Night Football, and the Kansas City Royals are playing the Toronto Blue Jays in an American League Playoff Game. The overlap of Football Season and Baseball Season can only mean one thing—it's officially Election Season!

And I don't mean Presidential Election Season, because it seems to always be Presidential Election Season.

No this is election season that's closer to home. As you'll see in the accompanying articles, the GACC will hold our general elections at the November meeting. We again have a slate of enthusiastic, energetic, involved nominees, who want to serve as officers and board members. Please take the time to read the article and learn about our incoming officers.

But we also have a city election this November. Every registered voter should have received a mail-in ballot for the Salt Lake City Mayoral election. There's no excuse for not voting. No one needs to worry about long lines or getting off work or the weather or whatever excuse might have been used before.

It's easier than ever to vote. Biskupski or Becker – it's your choice.

So what are the issues that you care about most? Homelessness, air quality, golf courses, bike lanes, parking meters, public

transportation, dog parks, prison relocation? Each candidate has made their stances known. Earlier this year, we at the GACC were lucky enough to have all 5 prospective primary candidates appear at one of our General Meetings. As the luck of the draw had it, both Jackie Biskupski and Ralph Becker were at our June meeting, where they answered questions on homelessness, flight of families from Salt Lake City to the suburbs, relationship building, and their vision for Salt Lake City. More information for each candidate can be found on their respective websites.

Of most concern is the historically low voter turnout that Salt Lake City has experienced. In 2011, Ralph Becker won the election with slightly less than 13,000 votes. The City decided to go to mail-in ballots to help combat the low turnout. In the August primary election, approximately 28,000 votes were cast out of 70,000 registered voters. So it's important to let your voice be heard.

And if that's not enough, we also have Proposition 1 on the ballot, which would raise our local sales tax to increase funding for transportation. This money will go to Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and .

We all have opinions about road repairs and bus service, but is the extra tax worth it? It's up to you to decide. Please take the time to get informed about our local elections and vote.



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## NEIGHBORHOOD Update

### Free flu shots will be offered to the community on November 12

Free flu shots will be offered to the community on **Thursday, November 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.** in LDS Hospital's main lobby. The shots are available while supplies last for adults and children age 9 and older. Please pass the word, and if you have questions, call 801-408-2182.

#### The best way to prevent and spread influenza: Get vaccinated.

The American Heart and Lung Association says everyone's at risk for getting and spreading the flu. Even healthy people can spread the flu without knowing it. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone age six months and older get vaccinated.

Many people ask if they can still get the stomach flu even though they get their flu shot and that's possible because stomach flu and influenza are different and the flu shot only protects against influenza.

**STOMACH FLU**, also called gastroenteritis is an irritation of the stomach and intestines and is usually caused by a virus, bacteria, spoiled food, or unclean water. Symptoms include abdominal cramps, pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. **Stomach viruses are notorious for spreading rapidly, usually because of poor hand washing.** There is no vaccination available to protect you from stomach flu.

**INFLUENZA, OR THE REGULAR FLU**, is a viral infection much like a cold except it usually starts forcefully. Its symptoms are fatigue, fever, and respiratory congestion.

Finally, it's important to take additional measures to reduce the spread of infection. They include washing your hands frequently, contain your coughs and sneezes, and avoid crowds during flu season.



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