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REPRESENTING THE AVENUES AND FEDERAL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOODS OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

A Good Question: Just What Does The Community Council Do?

by Dave Alderman
2016 Chairman

I'm often asked what does a Community Council do?

Our bylaws spell out several areas, but most of our time and effort is spent to 'promote activities that enhance and enrich our community'.

Utah is known as a state full of volunteers. By several surveys, Utah has the highest percentage of volunteers of any of the United States. And the residents of the Avenues are certainly no exception. I've been impressed by the willingness of people to get involved, not just in the Community Council activities, but in schools, churches, community gardens, trail building, politics, homelessness, and everything in between.

One of the hallmarks of our neighborhood is that we have a lot of passionate people who take action.

We had the opportunity to meet some of these volunteers at our last Board meeting. The Avenues Athletic Association is now an official committee of the Greater Avenues Community Council. It's a group of neighbors who got together and found others with a similar interest and watched their organization grow. See the accompanying article to learn more about them.

Another relative newcomer to the GACC Committees is the Avenues Choir. This is another group of neighbors who got together and basically said "let's put on a show!" OK, there's a lot more work behind the scenes than that. However, in December, the 75 or so choir members put on their third concert for several hundred attendees at Libby Gardner Hall.

Every year we have dozens of volunteers work at the Street Fair. Some are involved for six months in the planning; many more work during the set-up, take-down and running of the Fair. We have people working on the Popperton Plots Community Garden that don't even have a plot, but they're interested in helping out and want to promote the concept of community Gardens.

One of our biggest volunteer opportunities is the Memory Grove Clean-up, scheduled for May 14th this year. Scores of people, including from outside the Avenues, help clean up and spruce up the park on our border.

We have other committees, including ones responsible for the neighborhood CERT program, transportation issues, and updating our website. And the work that goes into this newsletter. As the Board and the GACC continue to work on priorities for



Dave Alderman,
2016 Chair

GACC Community Meeting

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

February 3, 7 p.m.

- 7:00 to 7:05 p.m.—Welcome, Announcements.** Chair.
- 7:05 to 7:30—Reports:** Fire, Library, Police, City, County, School Board, Legislature.
- 7:30 to 7:35—2015 YE Financial Update,** Michael Hughes, Treasurer.
- 7:35 to 7:40—GACC Committee Update,** Dave Alderman.
- 7:40 to 8:00—Proposed Project,** New single family residence at 214 E. 10th Ave.
- 8:00 to 8:20—Bryant Middle School Update,** James Yapias, Principal.
- 8:20 to 8:30—ASSIST Housing Programs,** David Woodman, Roger Borgenicht.
- 8:30 to 8:40—Avenues Athletic Association,** Dave Langeland.
- 8:40 to 9:00—Adjourn and Clean Up.**

2016, we'll update our committee lists to reflect those priorities. These committees also provide a great opportunity for anyone to get involved in areas where they may have an interest.

Each of these volunteer opportunities is a committee of the GACC which provides support in the way of leadership, publicity, accounting, and sometimes financially. But the real power comes from the volunteers who donate their time and effort to enhance and enrich our community.

So here's a big *thank you* to everyone who gets involved to make this a better neighborhood.

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS**GACC Council Meeting**

Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 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, February 10, 2016, 7 p.m., Sweet Library.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slclpl.org. *Book Baby*, Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.; *Storytime*, Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. *Playtime @ Sweet*, Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. Ages 0-5 and their caregivers; *Sweet Thursdays*, 4 p.m.; *1st Thursday*, Kids Art & Science; *2nd Thursday*, LEGOs at the Library; *3rd Thursday*, Crafty Thursday; *4th Thursday*, Family Yoga. *Valentine Craft and Button Making*, Saturday, February 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. *Appy Hour Storytime*, Saturday, February 27 at 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Take part in a fun-filled storytime using interactive apps and eBooks. Kids ages 3–5 will enjoy stories and activities enhanced by digital technology, while their families will learn how to find, evaluate, and use apps for their little ones. Space at each Appy Hour Storytime is limited to 10 families. Registration is required and opens one week before this program. To register, call the Sweet Branch at 801-594-8651 starting February 20. *Art Exhibit - Blackened White* by John Sproul ends Feb 20. John Sproul has been a professional artist for more than 20 years and has exhibited throughout the United States (including New York and extensively in Los Angeles), parts of Europe, and Malaysia. **Sweet Library is closed all day on President's Day, February 15.**

Website Committee Looking for Avenues Photos. The GACC has a committee currently working to upgrade our website. We are looking for high quality photos that we may be able to use for the website. The submitter will retain ownership of the photo(s) but the GACC will have the right to use them, including altering the image (cropping, Photoshop, etc.). For more information, email slavenues@gmail.com.

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.

Free Yoga Class. Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. LDS Chapel, 135 A Street. Call the instructor, Barbara Cramer, with questions, 801-355-1856. Please bring your own mat.

The Agenda

Publisher's Statement

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Want to help throw the biggest party in the Avenues?

How about organizing the annual GACC Fund Raiser? Or working on one of Utah's premier community events? How about all three?

The first organizing meeting for the 2016 Avenues Street Fair will be held on Saturday **March 12 at the Sweet Library**, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (The Library doesn't open until 10 a.m., so you'll need to knock.)

Future meetings are planned for the second Saturday of each month. The Street Fair is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 10.

Calling Avenues Artists:**Featured Artist Statements****Due April 1**

The Greater Avenues Community Council is now accepting Statements of Interest from prospective Street Fair Featured Artists. The selected artist provides a unique and original painting or digital art that represents the artist's concept of what "The Avenues" means to them. This image becomes the visual theme for the Street Fair, tentatively slated for September 10, 2016.

The statements are due April 1st. The Street Fair Committee will select the Featured Artist and notify all candidates by mid-April. The artwork is due to GACC May 15, 2016 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. For more details or to submit a Statement of Interest, email gaccchair@slc-avenues.org.

Avenues Athletic Association Now Under GACC Umbrella

The Avenues Athletic Association (AAA) is pleased to announce it has recently become a part of the Greater Avenues Community Council.

For those unfamiliar with the AAA, it is an organization that has organized various sports leagues for residents right here in the Avenues.

For more information about our league and to register for any sport, please visit our website at www.aaasl.com.

The year started out with men's bas-

ketball starting in January, so registration is now closed for basketball but will open back up in December for the 2017 season. The participation fee was \$25 per participant for the 2016 season.

Registration for co-ed soccer starts in April with games starting in May.

Finally, registration for co-ed volleyball will start in August with games starting in September. We had many people participate in our soccer and volleyball leagues last year, and we expect another

great turnout for both leagues.

The participation fees for soccer and volleyball will be approximately \$5 per participant for each league. We look forward to some fun seasons ahead.

For those wanting to get involved with planning and organizing our sports leagues, anyone is welcome to join our planning committee. If you are interested, please contact Dave Langeland at davelangeland@gmail.com for meeting times and locations.

Salt Lake City Open Classroom is holding a Prospective Parent Information Night on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the school on 134 D Street.

The Open Classroom is a tuition-free Salt Lake City District charter school serving Pre-K through 8th grade.

Current enrollment is around 380 students in K-8th grade and the average student to teacher ratio is 21 to 1, but when parent co-ops are included our adult to student ratio is 6 to 1.

The Open Classroom considers the academic, social, emotional, creative, cognitive, and physical needs of every child. Our multi-age classes allow students to receive individualized instruction based on their personal needs.

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family if:

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- You see the value of smaller class sizes and adult to children ratios
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- You want a democratic approach to your child's education, meaning: your voice is valued and you are an integral part of the decision-making process of the school.
- You value an adaptable, healthy lunch menu that is prepared fresh every day.

Please join us for more information and a tour of the school. Visit our website at: www.ocslc.org for details.

Avenues Water Conservation Demonstration Garden Shows You What to Plant

Are you hoping to plan now for your home xeriscaping project?

It turns out that Utah is home to beautiful plants, some of which are naturally adapted to our harsh, hot summers, and cold though sometimes dry winters.

Fortunately, many native plants are ideally suited to our gardens.

Situated at the corner of 11th Avenue and Terrace Hills Drive, a corner parcel of city land has been transformed from a weedy lot to a garden for learning and inspiration.

In 2009, the Greater Avenues Community Council began working with the City's Public Utilities and others to develop a garden that demonstrates the beauty of our native plants, their role in a water-wise landscape, and their unique ability to create gentle transitions from wildland urban interfaces to urban gardens.

The garden is divided into zones representing Utah's plant communities: desert, shrub steppe, mountain meadow, dry riparian, and mountain foothill zones.

A lovely pergola funded by Street Fair earnings graces the center of the site.

For more information and lists of plant species, go to the Public Utilities website. www.slcgov.com/utilities/public-utilities-greater-ave-garden. —Mary Ann Wright



Demonstration garden shows exactly what you can do in your garden at home.

Curbside Service for Brown Compost Bins Suspended for the Winter.

Cans will take a break until Spring.

Salt Lake City announced that curbside pickup service for the brown compost bins has been suspended as of January 25.

It's not permanent though: service will resume on April 4, 2016.

The City conducted a study and found that only 1% of the brown bins are set out in winter. Sending a truck around to pick up those few cans is not efficient.

By suspending the service, the city plans to save 6,500 pounds of fuel or roughly 1,000 gallons. In addition, it will save over 1,070 pounds of air pollutants. For more information, call (801) 535-6999 or visit SLGgreen.com.



Construction Projects In The Avenues Will Move Forward This Spring

Long-awaited infrastructure improvements are moving forward in 2016.

At the Eleventh Avenue Park Tennis Courts, redevelopment of the 11 Avenue Park Tennis Courts includes six tennis courts and six pickle ball courts.

A contractor has been selected and the project is pending a building permit. Construction will start this winter and be complete by summer of 2016.

Cemetery Updates

N Street Restrooms – The Cemetery has been awarded CIP



1930s cemetery wall has seen little maintenance over the years. A renovation project set for this spring should fix all that.

funding to replace the restrooms located on N street. The plans have been approved and permits are pending. The project is in the bidding process with an estimated completion date of April, 2016.

Historic 11th Avenue Wall Repairs - The Cemetery received funding to start repair work on the 11th Avenue WPA Wall and the cobblestone retaining wall on 9th East and 405 North.

—Gwen Springmeyer

LDS is Expanding Women’s Health Services in the Avenues

Intermountain Healthcare provides women’s health services at two convenient locations in the Avenues area.

Their women’s health specialists increased in January 2016, adding a new Nurse Midwife at the Avenues Specialty Clinic and a new Obstetrician Gynecologist (OB GYN) at the Avenues Women’s Center. The Avenues Specialty Clinic welcomed Teresa Damery, Certified Nurse Midwife, to the Midwifery group. Teresa comes to the clinic from Intermountain Medical Center. She specializes in prenatal care, personal support during labor and delivery, family planning, contraceptive counseling, and overall well woman care. Her focus is to partner with her patients to bring health and wellness to their lives.

Teresa attended graduate school at the University of Utah and completed her residency with Intermountain Nurse Midwives. She has received numerous professional recognitions, including Preceptor of the Year, by the American College of Nurse Mid-

wives in 2015.

The Avenues Specialty Clinic is located on 324-10th Avenue and has an experienced team of four certified Nurse Midwives and three OB GYNs. All providers see patients at the clinic and deliver at LDS Hospital. Visit www.avenuesclinic.org or call 801-408-7500 to schedule an appointment.

Dr. Susan Rose, OB GYN, joined the team at the Avenues Women’s Center. Dr. Rose specializes in pregnancy and childbirth, adolescent gynecology, annual exams, gynecological surgery, and menopausal health.

Dr. Rose attended medical school at the University of Washington and completed her residency at the University of Utah. She is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The Avenues Women’s Center is located at 370 E. 9th Avenue. With a group of experienced OB GYNs and certified nurse midwives, they are available to assist with all women’s healthcare needs.

Visit them at www.avenueswomenscenter.org or call 801-408-6100 to schedule an appointment.

Snowy Days Still Threaten

Winter's going to continue for several more weeks and there are some tips on Salt Lake City's web site that may prove useful.

On parking during and after snow storms, the city asks "if possible, park vehicles off the streets for up to 36 hours after a storm.

"You must move your vehicle every 48 hours from where it is parked.

"If you must park on the street, try to coordinate with your neighbors and alternately park on the same side of the street. Also, do not park directly opposite another vehicle on the other side of the street, to avoid a bottle neck. Further, the city asks, "park as close to the curb as possible."

On driving: "please do not pull out in front of, or attempt to pass a snow plow. Never tailgate a snowplow truck and stay at least 200 feet away from plows at all times."

Hint: "If you can't see the mirrors on the truck, the driver can't see you."

"Be alert and drive with caution. Remember that winter storms create slick road conditions. Maintain safe distances between vehicles and decrease your normal driving speeds to allow for additional time to stop. If possible use snow tires."

"Residents who remove snow from their driveways or sidewalks are reminded that municipal ordinances prohibit placing snow or ice on any public street."



City snow removal tips



New traffic signal on South Temple at 1100 East is finally adorned on its "South Temple Style" pole and crossbar, completing a years-long quest by Wasatch School patrons to boost safety for schoolkids and others. The \$275,000 signal has been in service

for several months, but the special black steel support, to match the style used all along South Temple based on a retro design carried forward from the original historic street, took a while to fabricate. Photo by Janet Barnette.

BE HEARD.

Join us for a legislative update on February 13.

Being involved in politics strengthens our state, our communities, and our families. Intermountain Healthcare doesn't support any candidate or party, but we strongly encourage community involvement. The more good people involved in the political process, the more good our elected officials do.

Please join us for a free legislative update on **Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m. in LDS Hospital's Auditorium.** Members of the community are invited to come talk with your legislators about issues that are important to you and hear a brief legislative update. There's no need to RSVP, but if you have questions, call Jeni Jones at 801-408-2182. Light refreshments will be served.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Restorative Yoga Every Tuesday at LDS Hospital – Join us for a free 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.

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 wellbeing.

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