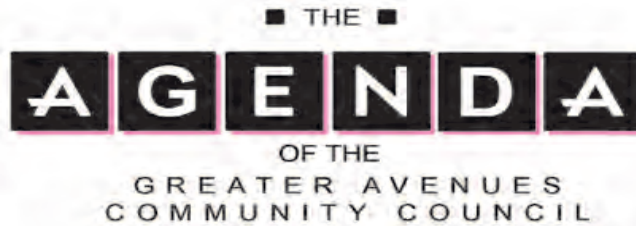


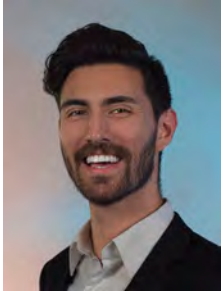


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Chair's Message for November

by GACC Chair Joseph "Jurphy" Murphy

Last month, I had the chance to travel overseas, whenever locals learned I was from the USA, the conversation quickly turned to the upcoming US election. They were often surprised to learn that voting in the USA is optional, unlike their compulsory

system. I shared with them that voting is our privilege—it's up to us to educate ourselves on the issues and candidates and then use our agency to cast a ballot.

In October, the GACC, in partnership with the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council, Downtown Community Council, the League of Women Voters of Salt Lake and Preservation Utah's Memorial House hosted an incredible candidate night social.

This was a fantastic opportunity for community members to engage with candidates and learn about their platforms. Thank you to the numerous organizers, volunteers, and local busi-nesses who donated services and refreshments.

As we enter November, I join many others in encouraging you to vote. Your ballot includes individuals who will shape our schools, county recreation facilities, property taxes, and even judicial appointments—decisions that directly impact our lives.

Lastly, I invite you to our GACC Community Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6th at 6 pm. You'll have the opportunity to vote on the 2025 GACC Board members, who are eager to volunteer their time to keep making the Avenues the wonderful community in which we live.

November 6th Community Meeting Agenda

- 6:00-6:04 **Welcome** - Joseph "Jurphy" Murphy
- 6:05-6:24 **Rocky Mtn Power Wildfire Mitigation-**
Amy Merritt-Smith
- 6:25-6:39 **Rio Grande Plan**--Robyn Christensen
- 6:40-6:49 **GACC Elections** - Merrilee Morgan
- 6:50-7:04 **Rezone 128 North N Street** -
Jim Jenkin, GACC Land Use Committee
- 7:05-7:39 **City and Committee Reports**
- 7:40-7:49 **Open Forum**

6:00 p.m., In-person at the Sweet Branch Library, 455 North F Street and on Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted at www.avenuescouncil.org on Wed., November 6th at 5pm.

November's Environmental Tip

By Tom Brooks

Please, vote like the future of your environment depends on it!

<https://vote.utah.gov/>

<https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/clerk/elections/>



Board Member Spotlight - Heather Hubbard

I am Heather Hubbard. My mother has lived in the Avenues for over 35 years, and I joined her as an Avenues resident in 2020.

Here are five things about me:

1. I have six children and three grandchildren.
2. I teach first grade.
3. I enjoy skiing, arts & crafts, DIY, friends and good food.
4. I know the names of most dog breeds by sight.
5. I dream of winning Survivor!

Being involved in the GACC has made me feel part of a group of people who are givers. It has opened my eyes to the good being done in our area and around Utah.

It is very comforting to have a community where we can go to get answers to our questions and feel involved in making things better.

One of my favorite quotes is "The people crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do." (Steve Jobs)

It's Time For Our 2025 GACC Elections

By Merrilee Morgan, 2024 Nominating Committee Chair

On October 3, 2024 at the Community Council meeting, the Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates for the 2025 Officers and Board members.

At the October meeting, there were no additional nominations from the floor which means, as per our Bylaws, the slate will remain as presented and no further names will be added at the November meeting. The vote will occur at the November 6th GACC Community Council meeting.

Officer Candidates:

Chair: Dianne Leonard	Treasurer: Ryan Kendrick
Chair Elect: Steve Miller	Past Chair: Joseph (Jurphy) Murphy
Secretary: Lori Galindo	

Board Candidates (* denotes a new board member):

Area 1 Canyon Rd/ West Avenues:

- *Cory Cullimore
- Lori Galindo
- Jim Jenkin
- Ryan Kendrick
- *Allie Palmer
- *Brita Priest

Area 2 – Ensign/LDS Hospital:

- Jenn Beck
- Heather Hubbard
- Hilary Jacobs
- Blake McClary
- Paul Walton
- Kathryn Wright

Area 3 Northcrest

- *Andrea I. Delgado
- Carlton DeTar
- Craig Provost
- Jill Van Langeveld

Area 4 Mideast

- Michael Hughes
- Dianne Leonard
- Sam Pannunzio
- David "Oz" Osterczy
- *Cheryl Hostetter

Area 5 Midwest

- Phil Carroll
- *Chris Barker

Area 6 Lindsey Gardens

- David Berg
- *Courtney Henley
- *Tracy Lewis
- Merrilee Morgan
- Joseph (Jurphy) Murphy
- Cheryl Hostetter

Area 7 Eastern Avenue

- Robyn Christensen
- *Leonard Thomas

Area 8 Arlington Hills

- Tom Brooks
- Amy Merritt-Smith

Area 9 Federal Heights

- Peg Alderman
- Gene Fitzgerald
- Steve Miller
- Gwen Springmeyer
- *Peggy de Azevedo

Plan to attend and vote in person at our November 6th, 2024 Community Meeting!

The nominees will begin their service after the December 4th GACC Community Meeting.

See more at www.avenuescouncil.org/gacc-board

Zoning Change Request On N Street

By Jim Jenkin, GACC Land Use Committee Chair

The City has received a Zoning Map Amendment petition to rezone the property at 128 North N St from SR-1A to R-MU-35 (Mixed Use; 35 ft height) and has advised the GACC, as required by City code.

The owner(s) proposes to build an additional five units of housing on the site. This property is located immediately south of the new townhouse development on the Southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and N Street, (currently zoned MU-35), and has an existing fourplex.



The GACC Land Use Committee was able to review the proposal and present it to the GACC Board in October. The Board has asked the Committee to summarize the project in the regular November Meeting; a full presentation by the applicant and the Planning Department was not requested by the City.

Application materials are available for your viewing on the GACC site at avenuescouncil.org/project/land-use/, as well as on the Salt Lake City Accela Citizen's Portal: aca-prod.accela.com/SLCREFF/Default.aspx, then enter petition number **PLNPCM2024-01079** in the search bar.

The blue areas highlighted below show the new construction details.



The Public Comment Period for this Project ends November 22nd, so please send your thoughts by that date.

INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN THE AVENUES COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT

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Support the Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir by donating today! As a non-profit, we rely on your generosity to provide enriching musical experiences for our members and patrons. Your donation helps cover vital costs like sheet music, venue rentals, and concert production, ensuring our annual holiday concert remains a beloved tradition.



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Join us for our 9th Annual Holiday Concert on Dec. 16th at 7:30pm in Libby Gardner Concert Hall, University of Utah. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Demand is high and seating is limited. Come early to get a seat.

Donate now by scanning the QR code or send a check to 1116 E 2nd Ave. All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for being part of our musical community.



Avenues Annual Sock Drive

It's time for the Avenues annual sock drive! We will be collecting new, warm socks for children, women, and men from November 7th-21st.



You may leave them on Ali Barnes' porch, 373 5th Avenue or text Ali with any questions 801-631-8084.

Good places to buy warm socks—Amazon, Costco, Smith's Marketplace. Thank you for making a difference!

SALT LAKE COUNTY AGING & ADULT SERVICES logo and contact information for Lara Kandolin, B.S., CYT, JSJ, Center Program Coordinator.

M-F 7:00-4:00 lunch 11:30-12:15 Location: 237 S 1000 E Enter on north side for parking in rear. www.slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center

Drums Alive: Mondays, Aug. 5 - Oct. 28, 8:30-9:30am.

In addition to the numerous fitness classes such as yoga, programs for the holidays start with a special meal and live music on November 22. The Center will be closed on 11/11 for Veterans Day and on 11/28 and 11/29 for Thanksgiving.

Community Events

Free Yoga Class Open To All: Tues & Thur 8:30am LDS Chapel at 135 A Street. Contact Lori Morris, 801 414-7049

Avenues Neighborhood Exercise Class: Mon & Wed 8:30-9:40am FREE! Everyone Welcome! Contact Jan Root 801-455-2082 janroot@xmission.com

Community Plant-Based Potluck Nov 9

Save the Date! The next Whole Food Plant Based community potluck luncheon will be held Saturday, Nov. 9th, at noon in the Social Room of Terrace Falls Condominiums, 171 East 3rd Ave. SLC. Please join us and bring a favorite dish made without animal products, added oils or sugars! Off street guest parking is available.

IJ & Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center logo and address: 2 N Medical Drive www.sljcc.org

Hanukkah Market: Nov. 3rd | 12-5pm, Free Admission Vendors apply for free to be part of Hanukkah Market!

Sound Bath: Nov. 10th & 24th | 2pm Members \$20/class | Public \$35/class

Virginia Street Reconstruction logo and contact information: virginiastreet@slc.gov 888-556-0232

Roadway reconstruction continues on the west side of the intersection of Virginia Street and 11th Avenue at Popperton Park Way. Plan ahead and use alternate routes. Flaggers are present to control traffic. Access to Shriners' Hospital, Fairfax Road and Popperton Park will remain open as work proceeds. Curb, gutter and sidewalk removals will occur on the west side of the road starting September 10th. Concrete placement will follow. Pedestrians should use the east side of Virginia Street until the west side sidewalk is completed and reopened. Southbound vehicle traffic access remains closed between 11th Avenue and 3rd Avenue through fall. Virginia Street will remain northbound only from 3rd Avenue to 11th Avenue. Please pay attention and drive cautiously. No parking is allowed on Virginia Street between 11th Avenue and 3rd Avenue during this project. www.slco.gov/mystreet/2024/01/03/virginia

Volunteer Tree Planting Event at the Cemetery Saturday, November 16, 9:00 a.m. to Noon



In Sept of 2020, a huge windstorm blew through Salt Lake City and knocked down over 270 trees in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. The Cemetery was closed for over 6 months while staff determined the damage and miti-gated potentially unsafe conditions from the fallen trees.

In Nov of 2021, the Cemetery received accreditation as an Arboretum, named the Mark Smith Memorial Arboretum after the long-time Sexton who died in 2019.

Since that time, volunteers have replanted 135 trees. These efforts have been led by the Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery, Tree Utah and Salt Lake City Urban Forestry. While these trees cannot match the size and scope of the ones that were lost, they will make a difference in the future.

On Sat, Nov 16th, there will be another opportunity to help restore the lost trees. Friends of the Salt Lake Cemetery and SLC Urban Forestry will host another tree-planting event.

Come join us and maybe you'll be the one to plant the 200th replacement tree! We'll meet at 9 AM at the Sexton's House at the corner of 4th Avenue and N Street, and we plan to work until noon.

All tools will be provided. Bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Keep an eye on the weather and dress appropriately.

We ask for people to sign up in advance if possible, so that we'll know how many trees we can plant.

For more information and to sign-up, please visit friends-slc-cemetery.com/ or scan the QR code.



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Mon-Thurs 10:00 am-8:00 pm, Fri & Sat 10:00 am-6:00 pm

November Library Closures:

- Monday, Nov 4 - Closed for staff training
- Wednesday Nov 27 - Close early at 6 pm
- Thursday Nov. 28 - Closed for Thanksgiving
- Friday, Nov 29 - Closed for the day after Thanksgiving

KIDS Calendar

Book Baby Storytime (Ages 0-3)

Wed. mornings at 10:30am A fun storytime that encourages playful interactions between little ones and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3- 5)

Thur. mornings at 10:30am Stories, rhymes, and fun to help kids get ready to read!

Playtime Fri. mornings from 10:00 am - 12:00pm An unstructured time for little ones to play with toys and make new friends! Drop in anytime between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Learn and Grow Playtime. Wed, Nov 13th at 11am. Bring your kids to an open playtime while meeting other grown-ups and learning about your children's development through play.

TEEN CALENDAR

Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners (10 years old and up)
An introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for first timers, led by an experienced player. Held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

ADULT CALENDAR

Sweet Reads Book Club Tues, Nov 26th, 7:00pm in the meeting room to discuss **Braiding Sweetgrass** by Robin Wall Kimmerer. This will be the last Sweet Reads session for 2024. We will meet again on Jan 28, 2025 to discuss **Bel Canto** by Ann Patchett.

Art Reception and Exhibit: Come and enjoy the newest art exhibit at Sweet by Gregory Parascenzo titled Two Views of the Moon. An art reception will be held on Saturday, Nov 9th from 4-5:30pm. Gregory uses unconventional materials, collages, found objects in collaborative efforts to create his paintings. The exhibit will be available to view through Dec 21st, 2024.

Great Salt Lake Management Plan

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is charged with the management of Great Salt Lake Lands, and they are updating their Comprehensive Management Plan for the Lake. The Division is seeking public input in this critical process to ensure that the plan includes the community's priorities. Share your top issues and concerns regarding the management of Great Salt Lake in support of a robust and democratic process. Take the survey at survey123.arcgis.com/share/2d37b8e4f70a467da56b799e7d0874c9

Water Our Trees Or Lose Them

By Jim Jenkin

It is essential that trees receive additional water during the year, including through the winter, and property owners are responsible for watering public street trees.

You can see the signs of impending death in the dried trips of leaves spread over the tree. Please see slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/tree-care-information/ for recommended watering amounts and methods. Let's save some trees!

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The Greater Avenues Community Council recognizes the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes, whose ancestral homelands we occupy today. The Council honors the enduring relationship that exists between these peoples and their traditional lands, and we thank them for their longstanding land stewardship.



The Agenda is the monthly newsletter of the Greater Avenues Community Council, and is mailed free to all residents.

Rocky Mountain Power Wildfire Mitigation Project

Rocky Mountain Power has begun wildfire mitigation activities in the Foothills Natural area above the Upper Avenues. These activities include updating the power transmission equipment and poles to minimize the risk of wildfire. This project will impact the trails and other areas of the Foothills.

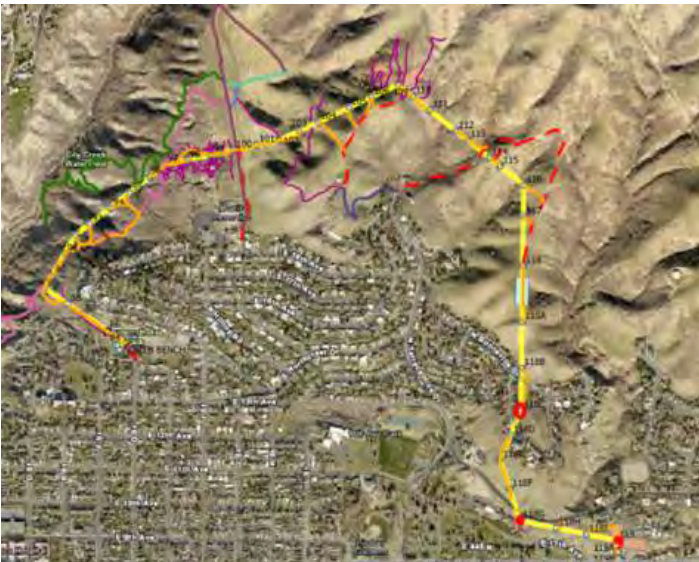
More information about the project, maps of the activities, and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at pacificorp.com/transmission/transmission-projects/foothills-wildfire-mitigation.html

The RMP project managers are Brant Swander, brant.swander@pacificorp.com, and Brad Knoles, brad.knoles@pacificorp.com.

Salt Lake City Public Lands Department is also providing regular updates regarding this project, including information about current trail closures, at www.slc.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/rocky-mountain-power-wildfire-mitigation-project/.

Trail users are encouraged to visit the website for the latest trail closure information.

Area: City Creek to the Bonneville Trail Shoreline Access Trailhead and continuing to Popperton Park



Rocky Mountain Power has closely followed the actions taken by other regional utilities and has created its response designed to meet Utah's specific wildfire risk profile.

Crews will replace the aging wooden 46-kilovolt structures with new 138-kilovolt weathering steel structures that will be an average of six feet taller than those currently in place.

GACC Community Meeting November 6th - 6:00 p.m. Sweet Library and Zoom

Roundabout at 300 North State Street

Crews have begun pouring concrete for the new roundabout at the State Street and 300 North intersection. There may be an increase in truck traffic, truck noise, and back-up alarms during this time.



Construction of the roundabout is anticipated to be complete in approximately eight weeks, with crews returning in the spring for landscaping work and final touches.

To remain on schedule and take advantage of good weather, crews may extend work hours to 9 p.m. some nights. Due to shorter daylight hours as we move further into fall, nearby residents can expect increased construction lighting in the work zone in the mornings and evenings.

For the safety of everyone involved, we ask that you do not approach crews while they are working. All questions or concerns should be directed to the project hotline at 385-800-7003 or project email at capitolhillimprovements@utah.gov.

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Elegant Elk

By Hilary Jacobs

If you hear a distant bugling in the hills come autumn, it is likely a North American bull elk wooing females during their mating season.



The elk, or wapiti (Shawnee for "white-rumped," is the largest deer species in North America. Known for their large antler "racks," which are used to spar and settle disputes, these majestic animals live in herds in open forest habitats, grazing on grasses and browsing on leaves, twigs and bark.

As winter approaches elk migrate from higher mountain plateaus to lower prairies and valleys, ensuring more reliable food supplies. The SLC Foothills are home to elk herds that winter on sunny, south-facing meadows, including those on Mt. Van Cott.

Disturbing elk may force herds to migrate further downslope into the city. Please respect their space as you enjoy these iconic animals from afar.

Rio Grande Plan

The Rio Grande Plan, riograndeplansaltlakecity.org, is a citizen-led initiative to take some of the railroad tracks on the west side of downtown underground.

The Rio Grande Plan is the first step towards a more comprehensive downtown rail transit network.

This project will eliminate eight at-grade crossings through SLC, reconnect the east and west sides of the city, improve resident safety, and make the city easier to navigate.

The Rio Grande Plan will allow the revitalization and reuse of the 114-year-old Rio Grande Depot, making it our new central transit station for Amtrak, Frontrunner, TRAX, and buses. The Rio Grande Plan also reimagines 125 acres of previously underutilized downtown land.

This project will reinvigorate the Depot District by removing barriers, make the city more bike and pedestrian friendly by integrating the Green Loop post RGP construction, and allow citizens from all over the state to fully enjoy the city.

Come to our presentation at the GACC meeting on November 6th to learn more about the Rio Grande Plan.



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