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**September 2025 Chair's Message**  
*by 2025 GACC Chair Dianne Leonard*

September always feels like a new beginning for me. Summer is over, school begins and the air changes. Mornings and evenings are cooler and filled with the sounds of insects increasing in intensity as they prepare for winter.

The Greater Avenues celebrates this change of seasons with a huge party for residents and friends. This year on September 13 we will enjoy our 48<sup>th</sup> annual Street Fair. 8th Avenue between D and K Streets will be filled with music, laughter, vendors, food, and friendship. The day begins with the Children's Parade at 9 am and concludes with tired and committed neighbors returning the street to the lovely pace of "regular life." On the GACC website there is an interesting history of the Street Fair. We are still seeking more neighbors to volunteer for a couple of hours to help us make this street fair one to remember.  
<https://avenuescouncil.org/street-fair/>

The heat and lack of rain has turned our hillsides and wild open spaces from the lush green of spring and early summer to the long dry grasses of fall. At our meeting this month we will have a presentation regarding HB 48 Wildland Urban Interface fire code revisions, homeowner's insurance status and impact, and potential insurance legislation. SLC Fire Department personnel and Representative Jennifer Dailey-Provost, District 22, are invited. A Q&A session will follow. This is important information not only for those directly at the interface but for all of us. Insurance companies are scrutinizing risk more sharply than ever before as natural disasters increase. Rates are partially based on zip code and since we all share a zip code, rate increases and coverage limitations could impact us all.

On October 15, Capitol Hill, Fairpark, and The Greater Avenues Community Councils will host a Candidate Night with the Candidates for City Council District 3. This event will be at the Marmalade Library from 5:30-7:30pm. This will be a great opportunity for you to chat with all of the candidates in one visit and to hear from them as they address issues facing the entire district.

I hope that as you transition from the long less structured days of summer to the routine of Fall you will feel refreshed and ready for cooler weather, the changing beauty of the landscape and the opportunity to gather with friends and neighbors at our September Community Council Meeting. Hope to see you on September 3rd at 6 pm at the Sweet Branch Library or on Zoom! If you have questions or concerns you can email me at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org)

Dianne

**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**GACC Community Meeting - September 3 - Hybrid**  
The GACC meeting will be held at the Sweet Branch Library, and on Zoom at 6 pm. The Zoom link will be posted at 5 pm at [www.slc-avenues.org](http://www.slc-avenues.org).

**GACC Board Meeting - September 10 - Hybrid**  
The Board Meeting will be held at the Sweet Branch Library, and on Zoom beginning at 6 pm. If you need the Zoom link or special accommodations you can contact Dianne Leonard at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org).

**SEPTEMBER 3RD  
COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA**

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|--------------|---|
| 6:00-6:10 pm | <b>Welcome and Announcements—</b><br>GACC 2025 Chair Dianne Leonard   |
| 6:10-7:00 pm | <b>Community Reports—</b><br>City Council, County Council,<br>Salt Lake School Board, SLC Mayor's<br>Office, SLPD, Fire Department,<br>Sweet Library  |
| 7:00-7:10 pm | <b>Tyler Fonarow—</b> Director, Trails &<br>Natural Lands, Salt Lake City Dept<br>of Public Lands   |
| 7:10-7:30 pm | <b>Rep. Jennifer Daily Provost—</b><br>HB 48 Bill overview<br><b>SLC FD—</b> Salt Lake City implementation<br><b>Rep. Jennifer Daily Provost—</b><br>Statewide Pooled Homeowner's<br>Insurance Plan |
| 7:30-7:40 pm | <b>Questions and Answers</b>  |
| 7:30-7:40 pm | <b>Open Forum</b>   |
| 7:50 pm      | <b>Adjourn and Clean Up</b>   |

**Seeking a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer**

The Greater Avenues Community Council is seeking a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to help keep our neighborhood's finances strong and transparent. These volunteer roles oversee our budget, track expenses, and ensure accurate reporting. You'll work closely with the board to support community events, grants, and projects. Prior accounting or bookkeeping experience is helpful but not required—just bring attention to detail and a willingness to learn. If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back and strengthen our neighborhood, we'd love to hear from you.

Email [treasurer@slc-avenues.org](mailto:treasurer@slc-avenues.org) to get started.

## District 3 City Council Update by Chris Wharton



Dear Neighbors,

Last month, the Council held public hearings on: •Updates to the City's Party & Gathering Ordinance to improve enforcement around disruptive events •Design Review Standards and Downtown Parking zoning amendments •This year's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) proposals

The Council will take public input in September on a proposed zoning text amendment related to West High School. I encourage you to get involved—either in person, online, or by reaching out directly. Public hearing details and agendas can be found at: [slc.gov/council/agendas](https://slc.gov/council/agendas)

In August, I toured Make Salt Lake, a community maker-space with tools for woodworking, sewing, 3D printing, and more. You can check out photos from the visit on Instagram: [@slcdistrict3](https://www.instagram.com/slcdistrict3) or visit their website to learn more at [makesaltlake.org](https://makesaltlake.org).

[Chris.Wharton@slc.gov](mailto:Chris.Wharton@slc.gov), 801-535-7600



## School Board Update

by Ashley Anderson

It is exciting to see long-standing traditions and new community events on the calendar for schools in the Greater Avenues. On September 19th Ensign Elementary will hold their annual Fall Bash and Open Classroom will have

a Walk-a-thon, and on September 24th, the Wasatch Elementary PTA will host a Culture Night. These are only the start of many exciting activities this school year!

For secondary students at West, fall athletics are underway and getting out to a game is a great way to show support. You can find the full schedule for fall sports and activities here: [westpanthersathletics.com/](https://westpanthersathletics.com/)

As the year goes on, please always feel free to reach out to me with your questions and ideas for Precinct 3 in the Salt Lake City School District

– Ashley Anderson, Salt Lake City School District Board Precinct 3 [ashley.anderson@slcschools.org](mailto:ashley.anderson@slcschools.org)

## Candidate Forum for City Council District 3

Hosted by The Greater Avenues Community Council, Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council, and Fairpark Community Council

Marmalade Library, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 5:30-7:30 pm

5:30-6:00 Reception & Candidate Information Tables

6:00-6:25 Moderator & Candidate Introductions

6:25-6:55 Candidate Forum - Pre-Submitted Questions

6:55-7:05 Candidate Forum - Q&A from Virtual Guests

7:05-7:20 Candidate Forum - Q&A from In-Person Guests

7:20-7:30 Candidate Closing Statements

Candidates in alphabetical order:

David Berg

Liddy Huntsman

Blake McClary

Jake Seastrand

Chris Wharton

Submit questions in advance for the candidates by emailing Merrilee Morgan at [merrilee01@msn.com](mailto:merrilee01@msn.com)



## Batting for Bats By Hilary Jacobs

Imagine a mammal that flies like no other creature, who lives in almost every global ecosystem, and whose appetite pollinates plants (nectar eaters) or controls agricultural pests (insectivores). This marvel of evolution is the bat. Eighteen species, all protected, roost in nooks and crannies throughout Utah, from high mountains to deserts. Nocturnal, insectivorous bats venture out at night to hunt, using complex echolocation to nab countless mosquitoes, beetles, moths, etc. During the day bats roost—hang by their back feet—to rest and conserve energy.

Bats' membranous wings are supported by elongated arm and hand bones providing dexterity that enables remarkably agile flight. If our hand to body proportions were like bats our middle finger would be about seven feet long! At dusk look for shadows flitting and diving around you. If you're lucky you'll see bats feasting while zigzagging across the night sky.

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**Ladies Night Out**

Thursday, October 9  
6 – 8 p.m. | LDS Hospital  
Education Center (Bldg. 5)

**Intermountain Health**

Scan the code above for more information on our Ladies Night Out events.

# 2025 AVENUES STREET FAIR!

*Saturday, September 13th*

*From 9 am to 6 pm on 8th Avenue Between D and K Streets*

## Children's Parade

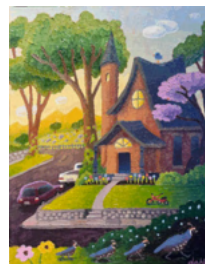
**GATHER AT 8:45 AM AT EAST  
STAGE 8TH AVENUE AND K ST**

## Children's Play Area

**BETWEEN D AND E STREETS  
IN PARK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BOOTHS**

**FEATURED ARTIST:**

*Trevor Dahl*



**NEAR GACC BOOTHS JUST EAST OF G STREET**

## KEY BOOTHS:

**GACC Headquarters** -

three booths east of the SE corner of G

**Salt Lake City Fire Dept** - SE corner of G

**First AID - IHC** - SW corner of G

**EMT/Gold Cross Ambulance** - SW corner of G

**West Stage** - between D and E

**East Stage** - between J and K

**ADA Parking** - west of West Stage, between D and E

**ADA Parking** - east of East Stage, between J and K

**Free Water Stations** -

at intersecctions of E, F, G, H, I and J

**Portapotties & Handwashing stations** -

at intersecctions of E, F, G, H, I and J

## Band Schedule

### WEST STAGE

**SLAM** 9:30 - 10:45 AM

**Rockin' Robin** 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

**The Innuendos** 1:00 - 2:15 PM

**Emily Hicks** 2:45 - 4:00 PM

**Jim Bone & The Dig** 4:30 - 6:00 PM

### EAST STAGE

**Lisa And The Missing Pieces** 10:00 - 11:10 AM

**Doxatunes** 11:40 AM - 12:50 PM

**Wasatch Music Coaching Academy** 1:20 - 2:30 PM

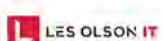
**Stephanie Dana** 3:00 - 4:10 PM

**The Drought** 4:40 - 6:00 PM

## EVENTS AND INFO



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## 2025 People's Art Gallery at the Street Fair!

The application deadline for submissions for the People's Art Gallery is almost here! Submit a People's Art Gallery application through the website [www.avenuescouncil.org/street-fair](http://www.avenuescouncil.org/street-fair) by September 5th! Questions? Contact Kathryn at 385-235-9882 or [kathrynjwright7@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynjwright7@gmail.com).

## People's Art Gallery Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to staff the People's Art Gallery booth at the Street Fair on September 13th at the Fair. Two-hour shifts are available. Sign up to volunteer through the website [www.avenuescouncil.org/street-fair](http://www.avenuescouncil.org/street-fair) or contact Kathryn at 385-235-9882 or [kathrynjwright7@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynjwright7@gmail.com).





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### Sweet Library August Events by Sharon Robinson

Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Friday & Saturday - 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Sunday - Closed

Monday, September 1 - Library Closed for Labor Day

Stop by the Sweet Branch Library's booth at the Avenues Street Fair on 9/13 between E and F Streets on the South side. Lots of prizes will be available!

### KIDS CALENDAR

**Book Baby storytime.** Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am.

**Preschool Storytime.** Thursday mornings at 10:30 am.

**Playtime.** Friday mornings from 10 am - noon.

### TEEN CALENDAR (10 years old and up)

**Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners:** First and third Tuesday of each month from 6 - 8 pm.

### ADULT CALENDAR

**Book Club.** The *Sweet Reads Book Club* will meet at 7 pm on 9/23 to discuss *James* by Percival Everett. At the end of the meeting, copies of October's book, *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz, will be handed out.

**Art Exhibit.** Michael Peterson's art exhibit, titled *Mostly Prints*, will be available to view until 9/20. Michael lives in Nephi, Utah and enjoys printmaking, often repeating images and sometimes adding other media.

**Make Your Own Tote Bag Class.** Join us on Thursday, 9/25 from 6-7:30 pm to create a unique design on a tote bag. Select from a wide assortment of vinyl images that you will then heat press into your canvas tote bag. All supplies will be provided. No registration required.

### Neighborhood Plant-based Potluck Luncheon

Saturday, October 18 at noon

Terrace Falls Condos Social Room (5th floor)

171 E. 3rd Ave (east entrance)

Everyone is welcome! Bring healthy whole foods with minimal oils, salt, and sugar. Avoid animal products and refined grains. Contact: Laura at [lapdunn50@gmail.com](mailto:lapdunn50@gmail.com).

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### Back-to-School "Hall Pass" Special

Sign up Sept. 7-14 for a free 1-week membership

### Swim Lessons & Swim Team

New! Now available to non-members!

### Walking Tour of SLC's Jewish Cemetery

Sept. 18. RSVP: [community@slcc.org](mailto:community@slcc.org)

### Pickleball Tournament

Sept. 7. \$50/person. Reservation required.

### FIRST Lego League

Begins Sept. 14 for grades 2-4

### How Fire Codes and Insurance May Affect Your Property

By Amy Merritt-Smith

Beginning January 1, 2026, Utah House Bill 48 mandates that about 1,700 Salt Lake City properties at the wildland urban interface (WUI) are subject to new building and property fire codes, which may also impact those property's future insurability.

The City is currently reviewing HB 48 mandated WUI fire codes for incorporation into existing building codes. You are invited to participate in this process at the link below. HB 48 will also rate and assign a tiered WUI property classification resulting in an annual fee. This legislation establishes that an owner may access resources to bring the property to the first or second classification by applying WUI building standards. The State will develop a database beginning on January 1, 2028, and accessible to WUI property and casualty insurers to learn WUI-designated property classifications.

The September Community Meeting features two speakers covering HB 48 WUI fire code revisions, homeowner's insurance status and impact, and potential insurance legislation. SLC Fire Department personnel and our House Representative Jennifer Dailey-Provost, District 22, are invited. A Q&A session will follow their remarks. See the online open house via the QR Code, or online at <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2025/08/07/openhouse2025-00626/>.



Comments are being accepted on the adoption of HB 48 WUI fire codes for Salt Lake City from August 7 - September 21, 2025. Please send comments to Tony Allred, Fire Prevention Bureau Division Chief, (801) 799-4162 [anthony.allred@slc.gov](mailto:anthony.allred@slc.gov).

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## Environmental Tip for September *by Jill Van Langeveld*

- **Reduce Disposable Items:** Summer activities often involve disposable products. Make it a habit to use reusable water bottles, containers, and utensils instead, keeping a set in your bag or car for easy access. Consider reusable snack bags for outings to minimize waste from single-use packaging.
- **Conserve Water Wisely:** Watering your garden or lawn during the early morning or evening hours reduces water loss due to evaporation and ensures plants absorb more water. Consider using a rain barrel to collect rainwater for watering plants and gardens.
- **Choose Sustainable Travel Options:** Opt for walking, biking, or public transportation for shorter trips to reduce reliance on cars and minimize greenhouse gas emissions. If you're traveling longer distances, consider taking a train instead of flying to reduce your carbon footprint.
- **Connect with Nature:** Take advantage of the season to spend time outdoors, appreciating the natural environment and fostering a connection that motivates you to protect it.

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## Community Kindness Program - Winner for September! *by Jenn Beck*

This month's winner of our Community Kindness award is **Lisa Evans**. Lisa was nominated by Lori Morris who said "she is one of the most kind and caring persons that I know!" She readily helps in her community through church service and volunteer opportunities. She always has a smile on her face and truly cares for each person when she is with them. And on top of that, she is the Director of the 100 Women non-profit charitable organization in SLC which meets quarterly to vote on worthy charities who then receive over \$100,000 from the group.

Lisa will receive a \$25 gift card to an Avenues business of her choice!

**WE ALL HAVE AWESOME KIND AVENUES NEIGHBORS - SUBMIT THEIR NAMES FOR THIS AWARD!** We draw randomly from the submitted names each month to highlight acts of kindness and service in our community. The randomly chosen winner will receive a \$25 gift card from an Avenues business of their choice!

To submit a nominee:

- 1) Send an email Jenn Beck at [jennjbeck@gmail.com](mailto:jennjbeck@gmail.com)
- 2) Provide the name and contact info (phone & email if possible) for the person being nominated
- 3) Give a brief description of the service/kindness.

Thank you to those who submitted nominations and to those who serve our community!

## GACC Service Committee Projects *by Paul Walton*

It is back to school time and there are lots of ways that you can help struggling families in our community. Last year Ensign Elementary school families had \$1,500 in unpaid lunches go to collections agencies. Ensign will not turn away a student who doesn't have money in their lunch account, but it adds to the parent's account. If you would like to donate money to Ensign's emergency lunch fund, you may donate at <https://ensign.slcschools.org/make-a-donation>.



Bryant Middle School would still love to receive high quality backpacks with a handful of pencils in the pocket just like last year. Wasatch Elementary would really appreciate donations for a food pantry. You can bring them non-perishable healthy snacks for kids or go to <https://wasatch.slcschools.org/make-a-donation>. Wasatch would also appreciate high quality backpacks for elementary school students.

To help us know how much impact our GACC Service Committee is having, please tell the school that your donation is on behalf of the GACC. Thank you!

Please reach out to us via email to [service@slc-avenues.org](mailto:service@slc-avenues.org) if you can help with any of our current Service Projects, or to join the committee.

See more about our service opportunities at [https://avenuescouncil.org/project/service\\_opportunities/](https://avenuescouncil.org/project/service_opportunities/)

## GACC Community Meeting Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In person at the Sweet Branch Library,  
455 North F Street, SLC 84103

and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89576201171>

Meeting ID: 895 7620 1171

Passcode: 974561

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## Volunteer at the Fair!

Even an hour of your time will help us put on an amazing Avenues Street Fair on September 13th!  
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