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Chair's Message for October *by Dianne Leonard*

As I write, it is still a few weeks before October, and so I sit on that cusp between Summer and Autumn. I am harvesting from the garden and putting up produce to be used until the next season of growth comes once again. It is that magical turning of time and weather. Fewer hours

of daylight and cozy nights inside are just around the corner.

As we head into October, we have a couple of defining events that are rapidly approaching. On October 1st, our Civic Engagement Committee will join with the Westside Coalition and other Community Councils to offer up a comprehensive Candidate Forum. This will come in time for us to fill out our ballots and make some significant decisions. I am excited for this event as an opportunity to hear one last time from the candidates and also as an occasion for us to partner with Community Councils from across the city. Our City Council Candidate Forum last year was such a success that we have taken it even bigger this year. Special thanks to Westside Coalition and the GACC Civic Engagement Committee for providing us this opportunity.

On October 10th, we will come together to host and participate in the 49th annual Avenues Street Fair. Our committee, led this year by Jessica Dalrymple, is hard at work on final details. There is still time for you to volunteer a couple of hours on Saturday, the 10th if you haven't already signed up. The Street Fair is more than just a huge neighborhood block party. We help small businesses and cottage crafters increase their income, we provide critical information and support at booths such as Wildfire Preparedness and CERT, and we offer a chance for the neighbors to socialize and listen to music provided by local bands. The proceeds from the Street Fair are used to fund the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletter, The Agenda, to ~9,000 homes and businesses in the Greater Avenues.

A portion is used for our Community Improvement Grants, and to keep our website and other community information sources running.

At our October meeting we will learn about planned wildfire mitigation projects in City Creek, we will discuss line-of-sight issues at intersections on the Avenues, and will have the opportunity to nominate candidates for GACC Board and Executive Board positions for 2027.

The GACC Elections will be at our November 4th Community Meeting, and the newly elected Board takes over following the December Community Meeting.

Happy October to you all! If you have questions or concerns, please reach out.

gaccchair@avenuescouncil.org

PS If you hear from neighbors who are not receiving the newsletter, have them let me know, but be aware if they have blocked mailers and other bulk mail, they will not receive the newsletter. It is mailed bulk and so if that restriction is in place, the newsletter will not arrive in their mailbox. We post the newsletter online and we have extra copies at our First Wednesday meeting. The library has copies in the information rack by the door.

Dianne

OCTOBER 1 - Candidate Forum at Fairpark! 5:30 p.m.
Promontory Bldg. Park off 10th West.

OCTOBER COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Community Meeting - October 7 - Hybrid

The GACC meeting will be held at the Sweet Branch Library, and on Zoom at 6:00 pm. The Zoom link will be posted at 5 pm on Oct 7 at www.avenuescouncil.org.

GACC Board Meeting - October 14 - 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@avenuescouncil.org.

OCTOBER 7 COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

6:00-6:15 pm	Welcome and Announcements - Dianne Leonard, GACC Chair
6:15-6:25	Open Forum
6:25-6:45	City Creek Planned Fuels Reduction -Patrick Nelson, Watershed Program Manager
6:45-7:00	Parking Strip Cleanup and Curb Painting
7:00-7:45	Community Reports
7:45-7:50	Adjourn and Clean Up



Board Member Spotlight: Jill van Langeveld

I became an Avenues resident in August 1966 when I married a "born and bred" Avenues' son and discovered how convenient the location was for getting to school at the "U" and to my part-time job. I soon learned that the Avenues is more than a great location;

it is full of very interesting and talented people. In the 90s, I felt that I needed to give back to the community, so I volunteered for the Street Fair and eventually was entertainment chair for 12 years because it was so fun to work with such special, dedicated neighbors. I'm still volunteering for the fair, and each year I meet more special neighbors. I've chaired the GACC twice, in 2005 and 2019. The most fun is being with the board members on the 2nd Wednesday each month to plan the next GACC meeting. I have lived on 6th Avenue, Northcliffe Drive, and now on 2nd Avenue. I love the vibe. I don't want to leave. Join the fun! Get involved!



City Council District 3 by Chris Wharton

Hello Neighbors! I cannot wait to see all of your creative costumes this year as you trick-or-treat in the neighborhood! Please remember to be safe in the dark by wearing bright colors, glow sticks, or reflective tape so that drivers can see

our little ones! If possible, walk on the sidewalk, if there is not one, walk at the edge of the road facing traffic and always stay alert! Be sure to inspect all candy before eating it and throw away anything that is unwrapped, homemade, or suspicious.

In keeping with the spooky theme, the Friends of the Cemetery are putting together a nomination to have it designated as a historical landmark. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, they rely heavily on fundraising and grant money to restore aging infrastructure and maintain the resting place of our ancestors. Donate here: <https://www.friends-slc-cemetery.com/donations/>

Last month, the Council received an update about the proposed Expanding Housing Options, and we all agreed that additional efforts needed to be made to inform those impacted by the ordinance if approved. The Planning Commission has tabled this item, but when the Council has received a recommendation, we are hoping to send out a Citywide mailer with that information, so keep an eye out for that!

With kindness and respect, Chris



Mule Deer Munchies by Hilary Jacobs

Have you noticed the many mule deer in the Avenues this summer? Dry weather has drastically reduced their usual food sources, and shady, watered yards are like a welcome mat

for deer on the search for nutritious green plants and flowers. The lack of food can have an impact on multiple generations of deer. Without sufficient calories, does cannot produce enough milk for their fawns. Hungry deer are also more vulnerable to diseases, impacting herds. This may tempt you to feed hungry deer, but please don't! Deer have sensitive stomachs, and they struggle to digest unusual foods. If deer have chosen refuge in your yard, enjoy watching them from afar, as they happily nibble and munch their lunch!



Boo! School Demographics Update by Ashley Anderson

Halloween isn't the only scary thing happening this season, schools are also preparing for October 1st enrollment counts, which determine district funding! Since 2018, births in Salt

Lake County have significantly declined. As births and student enrollment decrease, so does funding for the resources schools, teachers, and programs need.

As your School Board member, I continue to advocate strongly for tax reform that would ensure more of our property tax dollars stay in the classroom rather than be diverted to development. With ongoing reductions anticipated, retaining every dollar is critical to doing good work for our kids.

If you are a parent in public schools, the best support you can offer the district and your student is regular attendance. Chronic absenteeism impacts student achievement, but also impacts school funding. Best of all, parents and caregivers can use the new Edia text system to monitor attendance and excuse any absences.

Email me with your own thoughts about school funding and student attendance! ashley.anderson@slcschools.org

"Say Goodbye - to Dear Old West High"

Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Future by Paul Walton

In Spring 2026, we broke ground on the new West High School building, which is currently under construction on the east side of 300 West. The first concrete walls are up. While we are excited to celebrate new opportunities, resources, and technological advances for our 21st Century Panthers, we also want to honor and celebrate the people and stories created in these hallowed halls for over a century. We invite you to come back and ponder lessons learned during your high school years - and then share them with us. We will hold events throughout the next four years including:

The First Annual Classic and Custom Car Show - Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 11 am-2 pm.

We plan a **Golf Tournament in the fall of 2027.**

Please join us for **Say Goodbye-themed Dinners** for Choir, Football, STEM Competitions, and other activities.

You can also contribute through Career Fairs, Classroom Presentations, Job Shadows, Internships, and Financial Sponsorships. Details and updates are available on the West High website: west.slcschools.org.

JARED WRIGHT

FOR SCHOOL BOARD PRECINCT 3

Twenty-two years as a teacher, principal, and parent in Salt Lake City schools have given me something no policy brief can: a deep, firsthand understanding of the challenges our families face and a clear vision for how we move forward. It's time to put that experience to work.

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49TH AVENUES STREET FAIR!

October 10 Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm
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- Set up booths
- Vendor support
- Children's activities
- Clean up

Animals of the Avenues by Libby Peterson



People's Art Gallery

The application deadline is **October 2** for submissions for the People's Art Gallery. This deadline is almost here!

You can submit an application through the website here:

www.avenuescouncil.org/street-fair

Questions?

Contact Kathryn at 385-235-9882 or

kathrynwright7@gmail.com.

Entertainment Line Up

Children's Parade gather at 9:45 am at M St stage

Applied Music Programs 10:30 - 11:15 am

DIYA 11:40 am - 12:25 pm

Salt Lake Strummers 12:50 - 1:35 pm

Wasatch Music Coaching Academy 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Valkyrie 3:10 - 3:55 pm

High Nowhere 4:15 - 5:00 pm



Silent Auction & Raffle

Bidding and raffle tickets open October 1.

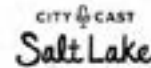
Scan to bid on auction items and grab your Traeger Griddle raffle ticket!

Getting There

Bike Vallet at M St – enter from South Temple

ADA Drop-off at 1st Ave at I St and 1st Ave at O St

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The Community Kindness Program Winners for August are Bob and Dawn Ann Bullough!

The Bulloughs were nominated by their neighbor, Jana Hofeling who said: "DawnAnn and Bob Bullough lead a congregation at Capitol Hill Senior Living Community and they have embraced that responsibility with remarkable dedication and love. They spend many hours each week at the center caring for members of their congregation, offering friendship, encouragement, spiritual support, and a consistent presence in their lives. Their commitment goes far beyond fulfilling an assignment; they have created meaningful relationships with the people they serve and have become an important part of the community at Capitol Hill. Their service is not limited to those who belong to their congregation. They have taken the time to know virtually every resident by name and generously offer their friendship, attention, and service to everyone they encounter. They notice people who may be lonely, take time to visit, listen to their stories, and look for ways to brighten their days. Through countless quiet acts of kindness and many hours of personal service, DawnAnn and Bob demonstrate a genuine love for others and have made Capitol Hill Senior Living Community a warmer and more caring place for residents, families, and staff alike."

PLEASE SUBMIT NEIGHBOR NAMES FOR FUTURE AWARDS! We draw a winner every month, highlighting the amazing acts of kindness and service in our community. Winners receive a \$50 gift card to an Avenues business of their choice!

Rules/Instructions:

- 1) Send an email to Jenn Beck at 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 have submitted nominations and to those who serve our community! - Jenn Beck

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455 N F Street

Sweet Library October Events:

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday - 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday- Closed

Kids' Calendar

Book Baby Storytime. Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am.

Family Storytime. Thursday mornings at 10:30 am.

Playtime. Friday mornings from 10 am - noon.

Puppets in the City presents: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Saturday, October 10 at 11 am.

Firefighter Storytime with the SLC Fire Department. Thursday, October 15 at 10:30 am.

Teen Calendar

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

Adult Calendar

Art Reception. Join us in a closing art reception for the exhibit Rebirth and Healing by Professor Nancy Steele-Makasci. Saturday, October 3 from 4-5:30 pm at the Sweet Branch Meeting Room.

Book Club. The Sweet Reads Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 27 from 7-8 pm in the meeting room to discuss *Practical Magic* by Alice Hoffman. At the end of the evening, copies for November's book, *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon, will be passed out. The November book club will be the last one of the year.

Call for Entries - Art Exhibitions. Submissions are being accepted September 26-October 10. For more information about the art exhibitions visit slcp.org/callforentries.

Jewish Community Center

2 N. Medical Dr., 801-581-0098,
www.sljcc.org



IJ & Jeanné Wagner
Jewish Community Center

Pink Day! A Breast Cancer Awareness Event

Friday, October 2 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | JCC East Lawn
Free and open to the public, the event includes Free Mammograms from 2:00 - 6:00 pm (must reserve ahead), live music, games, and prizes.

92NY Presents: NPR's The Daily Host Michael Barbaro and Ellen Vora - Season of the Witch

Wednesday, October 14 | 6-8 pm | JCC Dance Hall
Social Hour and Livestream. Free and open to the public

Active Aging: Seasonal Nutrition for Lifestyle & Performance

Thursday, October 22 | 11 am | JCC Dance Hall
Presented by Trainer Cari Junge, explore seasonal wellness inspired by modern nutrition and Ayurvedic principles. Free.



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.



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October 31 from 3:30-5 pm
135 A Street Church Parking Lot.
Trunks open at 4:45 pm. See ad Pg. 6

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

GACC Community Meeting
October 7th - 6:00 pm
Sweet Branch Library and Zoom



Protecting City Creek Canyon and Our Drinking Water *by Chloe Morroni*

It has been an intense year for wildfires in Utah, and the drought, coupled with increasingly severe wild-fire behavior, has only made things worse. City Creek Canyon is an important source of drinking water for The Avenues and is historically a wildfire hot spot.

Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU) is taking a proactive approach to protect the public and safeguard the City's drinking water supply. SLCDPU is proposing a wildfire mitigation project at the beginning of 2027. The project includes ridgeline fuel breaks along select portions of the canyon's south ridge and a shaded fuel break along the main canyon road. SLCDPU is looking forward to providing more information on this project at October's Community Council meeting.

Emergency Alert! Now What?

GO, Safely

by the GACC Wildfire Preparedness Committee

Last month you learned how to sign up for emergency alerts. But what happens after one is received during a wildfire?

The Greater Avenues has nine evacuation zones. To determine what zone you are in, check the map at <https://fire.slc.gov/wildland/>.

During a wildfire, you could be alerted that your zone is in Ready, Set, or Go status. When it is time to GO - do you know how to safely leave a zone? Identifying evacuation routes before you need them is an important step in emergency planning. Do you know where the dead-ends are? Can you anticipate where traffic may bottleneck? You should have several potential travel routes in case one route is blocked by the fire or by emergency vehicles and equipment.

Make sure all the drivers in your family know the best routes to **GO, Safely**.

Cub Scout Pack 3034

is starting back up from summer break. The Pack is non-denominational for boys and girls grades K-5. We meet Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, at First Presbyterian Church, 12 C St. SLC. Anyone is welcome. Contact Dan Zaharias Call/Text **801 808-6683** or email scoutingfpc@gmail.com.



Help Improve Popperton Park Playground!

A Capital Improvement Parks Project application (#017889) has been submitted for Popperton Park Playground improvements. We are collecting signatures and feedback for this initiative to improve Salt Lake City's public spaces and infrastructure. Not only will this benefit the local community, but with Popperton's proximity to Shriners Children's Hospital this creates an opportunity for the playground to serve patients, visiting families, hospital staff, and others who spend time in the area.

More information on SLC CIP program can be found here - <https://www.slc.gov/Finance/home/capital-improvement-program-cip/>

Scan the QR code or follow the link to take the survey:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MGK82P6>

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