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Chair's Message for November

by Dianne Leonard

There is snow in the mountains and it didn't rain on the Street Fair. Yahoo! Our 49th Street Fair was an amazing day on 1st Avenue and adjoining blocks on the streets from I to O. A huge thank you to the neighbors who shared their lovely piece of the Avenues with so many. We owe a great Thank You to Jessica Dalrymple and the planning committee for their months of hard work and dedication. It was wonderful to have the help of so many volunteers. We even had a volunteer fly in from Texas to aid the effort. This was her 3rd year helping out! We had a new resident stop by and volunteer to come and help clean up. We appreciate so much the help you all gave. Next year will be our 50th Avenues Street Fair!

We were able to participate with the West Side Coalition and other Community Councils for a Candidate Night on October 1. Many thanks to Merrilee Morgan, Hilary Jacobs, and David Berg for working to help make this night a great success. Ballots have been mailed and must be received by 8:00 pm on November 3, Election Day. Postmarks are no longer sufficient. If you are not registered, Voters may register in person on Election Day with two forms of valid ID. Please get out and vote! I was contacted by a neighbor this month asking me to remind you all that in Salt Lake City the dog ordinance requires all dogs to be tethered to their walker. Within city limits, dogs controlled by e-collars are in violation of code if they are not also tethered to their walker or in a designated off leash area. I see many each day walking their dogs without leashes. I have not, to this point, had any issue with off leash dogs approaching either me or my dog. This is not the case for all in our neighborhood. Your dog may be friendly and just running in for a pet or to say hello, but that is not clear to those who do not know your dog. Our neighborhood should be welcoming to all.

We have also heard concerns about increased car and van residents overnighting on the Avenues. If there are issues such as abandoned belongings, vandalism, or threatening behavior, please call the police and ask for assistance. 911 for emergencies and (801) 799-3000 for other concerns.

In the coming months, we will once again be asked to participate in the point in time count of unhoused individuals in our neighborhood and across the city. Last year we had only four volunteers to canvass the entire neighborhood. When the call comes, please consider giving up a few hours to help with this important count that helps fund services via federal and state grants.

As autumn changes to winter and temperatures drop, our Service Committee will once again put out a call for volunteers to help with an Unsheltered Movie Night at the First United Methodist Church when a Code Blue opens emergency shelters. Please be mindful of the humanity of all and treat others with dignity and kindness. I love our neighborhood for its service.

Each month we gather to hear from presenters regarding topics that are timely and relevant. I hope that if you have not ever attended one of our first Wednesday Community Council meetings you will join us. Please reach out to me at gaccchair@avenuescouncil.org with suggestions of topics, or with questions or concerns. -Dianne

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Community Meeting - November 4 - 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 Nov 4 at *www.avenuescouncil.org*.

GACC Board Meeting - November 11 - 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 contact Dianne Leonard at *gaccchair@avenuescouncil.org*.

NOVEMBER 4 COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

6:00-6:15	Welcome and Announcements-Dianne Leonard GACC Elections Street Fair Recap Community Kindness Award
6:15-6:25	Open Forum
6:25-6:50	Juan Becerra – LDS Temple Reopening plans, Traffic issues, Dates, Invitation to Attend.
6:50-7:05	Josh Rebollo - RMP Utah Community Clean Energy Program and rates presentation.
7:05-7:45	Community Reports
7:45-7:50	Adjourn and Clean Up

Board Member Spotlight - Michelle Shuttleworth

I was born and raised in Salt Lake City and have lived here all my life, pioneer stock, as they say, starting with my great-great-great-grandfather, Heber C. Kimball. My husband and I moved to the Avenues, where we raised our family. I can't imagine living anywhere else!

I joined the GACC after meeting one of the board members at the 2025 Avenues Street Fair. I learned some things from her about our neighborhood that I never knew! At the time, there was no one representing the Eastern Avenues. That's when I decided to join the GACC. There's no better neighborhood!

City Council District 3
by Chris Wharton

Hello Neighbors, On November 10th and 17th at 7:00 pm, the Council will hold a public hearing on the Expanding Housing Options Proposal. I hope you will all show up to share your opinion.

TLDR: The proposal could make it easier to build smaller and/or multiple homes on some lots across a significant portion of the city, potentially affecting housing options and neighborhood density.

What could this proposed zoning change mean for our community? The proposal would allow Small Lot Dwellings by right in R1, R2, SR-1, and SR1-A zones—meaning they could be built without special zoning approval if they meet the proposed standards.

Potential impact: 36% of all city land; 77% of residentially zoned land.

Proposed standards: Minimum lot size: 2,000 sq. ft.; Maximum gross floor area: 1,200 sq. ft. per unit; Maximum building footprint: Single-family: up to 1,000 sq. ft.; Duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes & townhomes: up to 850 sq. ft. per unit

The existing zoning would remain, but these would become an additional development option. The proposal also changes building height, setbacks, lot width, and building coverage rules in the R1 and SR-1 zones.

With kindness and respect, Chris

School Board for November *by Ashley Anderson*

Every November, the National Education Association celebrates American Education Week to show appreciation for public school districts across the country. Consider supporting our schools in the Greater Avenues on November 16-20!

Monday 11/16: write a letter sharing the value of public school with a representative or newspaper.

Tuesday 11/17: volunteer for a PTA, give time or resources to a school pantry, or contribute to the Salt Lake Education Foundation for a program you care about.

Wednesday 11/18: thank an Education Support Professional like a school custodian, child nutrition staff, or school secretary for the work they do.

Thursday 11/29: learn about our local educator unions, SLEA and UEA.

Friday 11/20: consider being an "Educator for a Day" by applying for the substitute pool.

If you are looking for other ways to support a Salt Lake City public school, or have ideas about work the School Board can do, please reach out to me any time at ***ashley.anderson@slcschools.org***.

See more about the Salt Lake School Board at

https://www.slcschools.org/board-of-education-home

Consider donating to help families with school lunches

here ***https://www.saltlakeeducationfoundation.org/online-donation***

See the latest on West High School construction here: ***https://www.slcschools.org/west-construction***

North Bench Pump Station: Exciting Update! *By Sophie Friedrichs, SLCUP and SLC Public Lands Construction*

Milestones: The 18th Ave. Hilltop parking lot and trailhead will open in November! The drinking fountain remains out of service until the Station is operational. Trail users can access the Foothills through the new parking lot and realigned Meadow Trail. I Street Bike Park users and hikers who prefer the singletrack dirt trail can turn left 100 yards past the trailhead. The east entrance at 683 18th Ave. remains closed. Waterline connections requiring temporary shutdowns will occur in late Fall 2026. The new pump station will be operational late Fall/Early Winter 2026.

Public Utilities and Public Lands collaborated on a restoration plan for the pump station project and Meadow Trail realignment and resurfacing. Construction-impacted areas will be fenced off for recovery and restoration.

Call 855-925-2801 or visit the project web page at *https://www.slc.gov/utilities/north-bench-pump-station/*

GACC Annual Elections by Joseph Murphy

The November community meeting will include an election for the 2027 GACC Officers and Board.

2027 GACC Officer Candidates:

Jenn Beck, Chair-Elect

JoAnn Whirledge, Secretary

Nate Brunner, Treasurer (incumbent)

2027 GACC Board Candidates:

Area 1 Canyon Rd / West Aves: Allie Palmer, Jill Van Langeveld, Jim Jenkin, Lori Galindo, Ruth Morgan*

Area 2 Ensign: Blake McClary, Hilary Jacobs, Jenn Beck, Kathryn Wright, Paul Walton

Area 3 Northcrest: Carleton DeTar, Nate Brunner

Area 5 Mideast Aves: Ashley Parcell*, Cheryl Hostetter, Dianne Leonard, Jess Dalrymple, JoAnn Whirledge, Kati Miller

Area 6 Lindsey Gardens: Courtney Henley, David Berg, Devanshi Shah*, Joseph Murphy, Merrilee Morgan

Area 7 Eastern Aves: Michelle Shuttleworth, Peg Alderman

Area 8 Federal Heights: Gwen Springmeyer

Area 9 Arlington Hills: Amy Merritt-Smith

Emeritus: Craig Provost, Phil Carroll, Gene Fitzgerald.

****New to GACC Board***

New District 3 Mayor's Office Liaison Josh Rebollo

Hello! I'm Josh Rebollo, your new District 3 Liaison in the Mayor's Office. After seven years as a liaison in other parts of the city, I'm excited to work with District 3 community members. I am deeply passionate about community engagement and honored to represent the Mayor's Office at community council meetings and in the community. Outside of work, you'll find me reading, walking my dog, and working on projects at home in Ogden, where my partner and I recently purchased a beautiful, century-old home. I look forward to seeing and hearing from community members at monthly GACC meetings and responding to your calls and emails. Feel free to contact me anytime with your questions, concerns, and feedback for the City.

Josh Rebollo, 385-232-1989, ***Joshua.Rebollo@slc.gov***

Community Clean Energy Program by Josh Rebollo

Salt Lake City is working with Rocky Mountain Power and 15 other Utah communities to launch the Community Clean Energy Program. Starting in January 2027, Rocky Mountain Power customers in Salt Lake City can support the dedicated build-out of new, utility-scale renewable energy to meet our communities' electricity demand, helping Salt Lake City achieve net-100% clean electricity for residents and businesses. Residents will begin receiving official notices about this program in November. The program will automatically add a $4.00 clean energy line item to Rocky Mountain Power bills starting in January, with the option to opt out. Hear SLC Sustainability staff explain how the program works, pick up a yard sign, and get your questions answered at the GACC November 4 community meeting.

Civic Engagement and Voting by Merrilee Morgan

Last month, the GACC's Civic Engagement Committee, the West Side Coalition, and The League of Women Voters co-hosted a Candidate Night at the State Fairgrounds. The candidates represent the residents of District 3 (D3), which includes the Greater Avenues, Fair Park, Rose Park, Glendale, and Poplar Grove. Thank you to all who attended.

Your feedback is important to us, and we'd like to know if you are interested in combining future civic events with the other D3 communities. Email GACC's Civic Engagement Chair, David Berg, at ***dberg.gacc@gmail.com*** and let him know.

By now you should have received your Official Ballot. Inside the Vote By Mail instruction pamphlet, please find directions, dates, tracking, and drop box locations. And don't forget to find your personal "I Voted" sticker. For more information about in-person voting, visit ***www.slco.to/Election2026***

Black Bear Rambles by Hilary Jacobs

"I'm a young black bear with a rumbly tummy. This hot, dry summer has reduced the nuts and berries my family needs to prepare for winter. Last week I followed my nose, searching for something yummy. When I looked up, I wasn't in my forest anymore. It was noisy and scary! But there was a comforting tree. Trees mean safety, so up I went, settled in, and fell asleep. When I awoke, there were people (whom I usually avoid) lifting me gently from the tree. Now I'm safe! But I do miss my native home." Thank you to the SLC Fire Department for helping this young bear. Drought is pushing bears into neighborhoods to find food. Please put away all temptations: seeds, pet food, grills, garbage. If you see a bear, keep a safe distance! Call the UT Division of Wildlife Resources or local dispatch at 801-799-3000, and let the SLCFD Heroes come to the rescue.

Greater Avenues Wildfire Fuels Reduction by Amy Merritt-Smith, GACC Wildfire Preparedness Committee Chair

Salt Lake City Public Lands, in partnership with the Fire Department and Department of Public Utilities, is leading efforts to reduce wildfire risk across its natural lands by prioritizing high-risk areas, investing in short- and long-term fuels mitigation, and protecting habitat for local flora and fauna. Public Lands conducted wildfire mitigation efforts along the Sweet Switchbacks stairs from A Street down into Memory Grove this Fall from early to mid-October. Three additional City properties will be addressed through November. Public Lands has committed to continue assessing wildland-urban interface (WUI) priorities in the Foothills and interface with the Avenues. They plan to schedule more work before the 2027 wildfire season, and hope to partner with residents living on the open space boundary to support their efforts on their properties. For more information: ***https://www.slc.gov/parks/salt-lake-city-public-lands-wild-urban-interface-fire-plan/***

Salt Lake Temple Reopening Schedule by Juan Becerra

The Salt Lake Temple Celebration will happen April 5, 2027 through October 1, 2027. Temple Square will host many experiences to honor this moment and the temple's physical beauty and monumental history. It is also about creating a joyful experience and explaining the nature and doctrine of what goes on in the temples worldwide. Salt Lake City will host an estimated one million in-person visitors and thousands of volunteers. People can join from home virtually or attend in person for tours, broadcasts, special productions, and more. We invite the Avenues community, in gratitude for being our neighbors and for enduring the long construction period. See more at ***https://www.templesquare.org/eng/celebration.***

The Community Kindness Program Winner for November is Lori Galindo!

Lori was nominated by her neighbor, Paul Walton, who said: "Lori watched our home and took care of our dog while we were out of town. She also did our laundry, washed our windows and glass front door, and when we came home, we had a vase of flowers on our table. And she refused payment!! What an amazing person!" We thank Lori for her amazing acts of service, and she will receive a $50 gift card to an Avenues business of her choice!

PLEASE SUBMIT NEIGHBOR NAMES FOR FUTURE AWARDS! We know there are Avenues residents who are quietly going about doing good. Let them know you notice them and nominate them! We draw a winner every month to highlight the amazing acts of kindness and service in our community. Nominate your neighbors, friends, teachers - anyone who is showing care and respect through service in our community. Winners receive a $50 gift card to a business of their choice in Avenues!

Rules/Instructions: Nominees must live in the Greater Avenues to qualify. To submit a nominee, simply

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

November Environmental Tip *by Jill Van Langeveld*

Switch to zero waste coffee products. Make that life-giving nectar even better by investing in reusable mesh filters or recyclable coffee cup pods rather than plastic or paper versions.

IJ & Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center ***www.slcjcc.org, (801) 581-0098***
2 N Medical Drive, SLC UT 84113

Wed. Nov 4, 7:30pm, author ***John Kornfeld, "Inheritance of Memory"***, Social Hall, free, book signing afterward.

Sun. Nov 8, Noon-5pm, ***Hannukah Market***, handmade gifts from 40+ artists and makers. Bring the family!

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Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday - 10 am - 6 pm
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All City Library Locations will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Sweet Library November Events:

Kids Calendar

Book Baby Storytime. Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. A fun storytime that encourages playful interactions between little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0-3

Family Storytime. Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Stories, rhymes, and fun to help kids get ready to read! Ages 2-4

Playtime. Friday mornings from 10:00 am to noon. Playtime is an unstructured time for little ones to play with toys and make new friends! Drop in anytime between 10:00 am and noon.

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 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Adult Calendar

Art Reception: Join us for an opening art reception for ***Under Our Feet by Keersten Jensen***. The reception will be held Sat. Nov. 14, from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Sweet Branch Meeting Room. Keersten Jensen is a Utah-based oil painter and educator whose work centers on the beauty of ordinary places, familiar landscapes, and the small moments we easily pass by. The exhibit will run until Dec. 26, 2026.

Book Club: The Sweet Reads Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm to discuss ***The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon***. Note: The November book club will be the last book club for 2026.

Volunteer Tree Planting at the Cemetery Nov. 14
by Dave Alderman

The Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery and Salt Lake City Urban Forestry will host a tree-planting event at the Cemetery on Saturday, 14 Nov., beginning at 9:00 am.

Although we have replaced the 270+ trees that were uprooted in the 2020 windstorm, there is still work to be done. These trees will also contribute to the Mark Smith Arboretum. This volunteer activity is a great opportunity to support our cemetery, enjoy the green space, meet your neighbors, and contribute to your community. We hope you can join us. Volunteers will need to wear closed-toed shoes, bring gloves, sunscreen and a water bottle. For more information and to sign up, please visit *https://www.friends-slc-cemetery.com/* or scan the QR Code.

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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Follow the Event here

Fall Is the Time to Fire-Proof Your Yard by the GACC Wildfire Committee

As leaves drop and temperatures cool, Fall is a great time to prepare your property for the next wildfire season. A little prep now can make a big difference in protecting your home and our whole neighborhood.

Get a free home and yard assessment: Sign up for a defensible space assessment where SLC Fire Department representatives walk your property with you and point out your biggest landscaping and structural risks, along with the easiest fixes. Register at ***https://www.myslc. gov/s/article/Defensible-Space-Assessment***.

Tackle fall yard upkeep to reduce wildfire fuel as dry leaves and brush can fuel wildfire embers, and embers ignite many homes. Spend a weekend working on your yard and encourage neighbors to do the same. Please properly dispose of all debris.

Priorities: Rake leaves and needles from your yard, roof, and gutters; Clear dead plants, dry grass, and fallen branches; Trim tree limbs hanging over your roof or chimney; Move firewood piles and propane tanks away from the house; Remove debris from under decks and porches. For more wildfire preparedness tips, visit ***https://beready.utah.gov/utah-hazards/wildfire/.*** Together, we can keep our Avenues neighborhood safer!

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

New Utah Bicycle Safety Laws by Bike Utah
See all the new bicycle laws at
https://www.bikeutah.org/bicyclelaws

Street Fair Recap *by Jessica Dalrymple, Street Fair Chair*
The Avenues Street Fair landed on October 10 this year with perfect temperatures, turning leaves, and more than 10,000 people filling the streets.
Troop 34 Scouts and the Wasatch Elementary PTA kicked things off with a flag ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance and a kids' parade full of kazoos and flags.
Live music all day kept the blocks humming, and Libby Peterson's art was such a hit that the T-shirts sold out!
Animals of the Avenues became a parade of its own, with neighborhood dogs posing for photos and one boy proudly bringing his pet chicken!
In a wonderful twist, two cars left parked along the route, which looked like a nuisance that morning, turned out to be stolen and were recovered by their owners by the end of the day! Thank you Salt Lake P.D.
We couldn't be more grateful for our volunteers who brought their A-game this year. Seeing more than 100 neighbors show up to help is what makes this Avenues Street Fair uniquely ours!

Free Neighborhood Meditation Sessions
by Drifting Mountain Zen, 181 B Street
Tuesday, Thursday, 7:30-8 am,
Wednesday Meditation/Meetup: 7-8 pm,
https://www.driftingmountainzen.org/

People's Art Gallery Awards
The People's Art Gallery displays and celebrates the work of Avenues artists at our annual Avenues Street Fair. The artwork is professionally judged, and awards are given. This year's judge was Hannah Elliot.

Youth ages 0-9 - 1st place Ffion Chodoriwsky-Walsh, **My Cat in a Field**; 2nd place Rosemarie Weeks, **Owl in Summer**; 3rd place Ehrhardt Matthes, **2026 Collage**.

Youth ages 10-13 - 1st place Cece Barker, *Aqua Flames*; 2nd place Althea Hedges, *Leaning*; 3rd place Eleanor Baskett, *Eye See You*.

Youth ages 14-18 - 1st place Scarlet Hedges, *Spider*

Adult Amateur - 1st place Pamela Brocato, *Riverway*; 2nd place Eric Johnsen, *The Greater Light*; 3rd place Kayla Harrington, *Echo of a Girl in a Garden*

Adult Professional - 1st place Anne Penrod, *Pray for Rain*; 2nd place, Kirk Henrichsen, *Henrieville Ridge*; 3rd place Mario Alcauter, *Dolphin Eclipse*

2026 People's Choice Awards as voted by fairgoers:
Adult: Kayla Harrington, *Echo of a Girl in a Garden* (wood burning)
Youth: Marlowe Nielson, *Lorikeet the Dragon* (puppet)

The Avenues Street Fair thanks Mary Shaub for donating the Adult People's Choice award and thanks Phillips Gallery for donating the Youth People's Choice award.

See all the entries at *www.avenuescouncil.org/street-fair*.