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## Operation Rio Grande on Agenda for Nov. 1 Meeting

by Kim M. Bowman Jr. This month at our 2017 Chairman community meeting we will be receiving an update on Operation Rio Grande and the state of homelessness in Salt Lake City from Rep. Greg Hughes, Speaker of the Utah State House of Representatives, and Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski.



Kim M.  
Bowman Jr.

Fair to say our November meeting is the most high-profile we will have all year.

I'm sorry to miss it, as I will be on military orders out of state in November, but I leave you in the very capable hands of our Chair-Elect and sole nominee for 2018 GACC Chair, Brian Berkelbach.

I hope you attend our meeting prepared to ask important, even difficult questions about the local and state response to the issues surrounding homelessness.

I encourage you to come ready to discuss the new homeless shelters, the leadership and organization of Shelter the Homeless, the closing of the downtown shelter operated by the Road Home, the number of substance abuse rehabilitation beds available now and planned in the next six months, the number of first responders and attorneys who have been hired to accommodate the increased demands of the Operation, and what concrete steps are being taken to ensure this isn't the beginning of a never-ending action or the first brick in a "bridge to nowhere."

We're fortunate to have two of the leaders of the Operation there to make sure the members of our community understand and can take part in the government response.

A reminder about the people we're talking about who are homeless here in Utah: 46% are families, 29% are children, and up to 13% are veterans.

While there are a lot of statistics about homelessness, fundamentally I still believe this is an issue of morality. It's important to remember that the vast majority of homeless people are not chronically homeless (only 3.9%).

Instead they are temporarily in need of help (80% need shelter for less than two weeks), and a lack of affordable housing is the number one reason for homelessness.

With so few affordable options, and a minimum wage that is \$3.25 below the poverty wage for a single parent with three children living in our county, it only takes one financial emergency like a missed paycheck or unexpected medical bill to leave many

### GACC Community Meeting

November 1, 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

- 7:00 to 7:05—Welcome, Announcements (Chair).**
- 7:05 to 7:35—Reports:** Street Fair, Library, Police, Fire, City, School Board, Legislature.
- 7:35 to 7:45—2018 GACC Board Election**
- 7:45 to 8:45—Homelessness Update** from Rep. Greg Hughes, Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives and Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski
- 8:45 to 8:50—Open Announcements**
- 8:50—Adjourn**
- 8:50 to 8:55—Conversation with Neighbors/  
Clean Up**

temporarily homeless.

We can be a part of the solution to these hardships, and have both a unique opportunity and obligation to be involved in changing these people's lives for the better.

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**AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**GACC Council Meeting**

Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 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, November 8, 2017, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

**Sweet Branch Library**, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slcp.org. Kids Calendar: Code Club. Monday, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Ages 8-18. Registration is required. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. • Playtime @ Sweet. Tuesday at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Playtime for children 0 to 5 years-old and their caregivers.) • Book Baby. Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. • Preschool Storytime. Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. • Art & Maker with Clever Octopus. Every Wednesday at 4 p.m. For these weekly events we're partnering with Clever Octopus, a local non-profit that uses reclaimed and reusable materials that would otherwise be destined for the landfill. Each month we'll explore famous artists and learn about their process before adding our own unique twist. • River, Swamp, Cave, Mountain. Performed by Plan B Theatre. Saturday, November 11 at 11 a.m. "Five-year-old JJ (who has lots of questions) and eight-year-old Izzy (a know-it-all who doesn't know it all) are siblings who have recently lost their grandmother. They embark on a funny and touching hero's journey to try to make sense of loss, grief, death and life." • Preschool Dance Party. Thursday, November 9 at 4 p.m. Dancers ages 3-7 can put on their finest dancewear and dance their socks off at our monthly dance parties. We'll have props and instruments to play with while our librarian DJs spin exclusive setlists. **Teen Calendar:** • Coding Club: Monday, 4 - 6 p.m. Registration is required. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. Ages 8-18. • Film in the Crafternoon. "Labyrinth" Saturday, November 18 at 2 p.m. • Teen Tim Burton Film Series. "The Corpse Bride". Friday, November 17 at 4 p.m. **Adult Calendar:** • Art Exhibit. The color of places. *Landscapes* by Cookie Allred. Reception, Saturday November 4 at 3 p.m. • Bob Ross Paint-along. November 11 at 2 p.m. • Author in the House: Alex Caldiero: An artist in residence at UVU in the Philosophy and Humanities department. Thursday, November 16 at 7 pm • Film in the Crafternoon. "Labyrinth" Saturday,

November 18 at 2 p.m. • Sweet Reads at Avenues Proper 376 8th Ave on November 28, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**The Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir (SLACC)** is rehearsing for its annual Christmas concert December 20. The concert will be at Libby Gardner Concert Hall near Second South and University Street. SLACC is organized as an official committee of the Greater Avenues Community Council.

**Avenues Exercise Class**, -free- Everyone Welcome! Federal Heights Ward, 1300 Fairfax Road, Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Renate 801-534-1443.

**City Academy, 555 E. 200 S.**, 801-596-8489, www.cityacademyslc.org, Your neighborhood middle and high school. Art Stroll and Choir Performance: Wednesday, November 8, 6:30-8 p.m., free. "Broadway Review" – a rousing musical theater production, Thursday-Saturday, November 16-18, nightly at 7 p.m.

**The 24th Season of the Eccles Organ Festival** continues Sunday, November 12 at 8 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Madeleine with a recital by David Baskeyfield, a talented young English concert organist now based in Rochester, New York. The concert program includes music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, César Franck, Franz Liszt and Marcel Dupré. All performances of the Eccles Organ Festival are free of charge and open to the public. For more information call (801)328-8941 or visit the website ecclesorganfestival.org.

**Join Wasatch Elementary 6th Graders** for their annual Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 10th, 2017. There will be a school performance at 9:00 a.m. and a community performance at 11:00 a.m. in the Wasatch Elementary School Auditorium (30 R. Street). We invite veterans, their families, and our community at large to attend this special tribute our service men and women. The Veterans Day performance will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. - please arrive early.

**West High Students Ask For Help in Donations Quest**

Hello our names are William Hughes and Ronan Razak and we are ELPers\* at West High School. We are currently in a class called Utah Studies where we have to do a project to better Utah.

For our project we chose to get people to donate supplies for pets to Best Friends Animal Society.

We have decided to do this by setting up donation boxes for people to use.

Donation supplies include food, blankets, toys, beds, towels, and leashes. Cash is also accepted but a little differently. If you would like to donate cash please contact us by phone or email Thank you for helping out!

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\*Known as ELPers, these 7th and 8th graders take core courses with their grade level peers, but also mingle with high school age kids in appropriate elective classes. The program is designed to support students through this developmental stage while challenging their minds to learn and grow.

**The Agenda**

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## Amended Salt Lake City ordinance on waste recycling every business and apartment owner should know about

Salt Lake City has amended its solid waste and recycling ordinance and in January, businesses and multi-family developments will need to comply.

While Single-family residences are already required to participate in both curbside recycling and compost programs, the larger units haven't been so regulated.

It is estimated the businesses and multi-family properties produce 50% of all waste in the Salt Lake City, but only 10-15% of that waste is currently recycled.

Salt Lake City has a goal to achieve Zero Waste by 2040, which means all waste is recycled, reused, or composted instead of being sent to a landfill.

In an effort to increase business recycling and reduce waste to the landfill, Salt Lake City amended its Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance (9.08.200) to include business and multi-family properties. The amendment went into effect January 4, 2016. Businesses have until January 4, 2018 to comply.

When widespread business and multi-family recycling goes into effect, more than 20,000 tons of material will be kept out of the landfill.

Furthermore, by recycling, businesses have the potential to save money and make a favorable impression on their customers.

The city has helpful information on this web site: <http://www.slgreen.com/business-recycling>

Single-stream recycling programs, such as the blue cans provided to most Salt Lake City residential properties, accept the following items:

- Cardboard
- Mixed paper (newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, old files, reports, etc.)
- Metal food and beverage cans (aluminum, tin and steel cans)
- Plastic containers marked #1 - #7 (no plastic bags or Styrofoam- though check with your hauler to be sure)
- Food and beverage cartons (no food wrappings)
- If your business produces glass or compost, recycling those materials will help you meet the requirements. If you are not sure if the waste your business generates is recyclable, please email [slrecycles@slgov.com](mailto:slrecycles@slgov.com) for more information.

## Did You Know?

Businesses contribute up to 50 percent of waste in the city, but only 10 to 15 percent of the waste that gets currently recycled. City officials are hoping to change that with amendments to the city recycling ordinance.



by Detective Alen Gibic,  
Salt Lake City Police Dept.



Det. Gibic

It is fall. School has been in session for a while now so continue to be cautious of buses with flashing stop signs and children playing on the sidewalks.

Also please be aware of burglaries and protect your property by locking it up and keeping it safe.

Be on the lookout for suspicious people who roam your neighborhood seemingly without anywhere to go.

Call dispatch at 801-799-3000 to report such behaviors.

I would like to add that these are bizarre times for law enforcement. Morale is low, staffing is lower and the pool of qualified candidates is becoming more of a puddle.

This is your city and your law enforcement. If you support law and order then I encourage you to be louder than the vocal minority who seemingly is out to demonize good men and women who go to work every day with good intentions.

E-mail me on anything you might have questions about, even if it is seemingly not law enforcement related. I can direct you to the right people if I am unable to assist you. Thank you.

## City Makes "Leaves Only" Cans Available Free

City officials are making brown cans available free if you have a large volume of leaves. However, they suggest processing your leaves into mulch.

"We'd like to encourage folks to mulch some of them at home, which is great natural fertilizer and cuts down on the need to dispose of leaves all at once," says the website. More at <https://slgreenblog.com/2017/09/21/compost-leaves/>.

The city says "It's also important to keep leaves out of the gutters and storm drains. This can cause localized flooding, and organic material is actually a source of stormwater pollution that harms aquatic life." Learn more here: <https://slgreenblog.com/2017/10/12/its-leaf-season/>.



## Community Council Elections Set for General Meeting November 1

At the October General Meeting, Dave Alderman, on behalf of the nominating committee, presented the slate of candidates for the Officers and Board for the GACC. No additional officer candidates were nominated from the floor. Nominations are now closed, so the officer candidates are running unopposed. The final vote will be held at the November General Meeting. Because the Chair-Elect moved during the year, we are electing both Chair and Chair-Elect for next year.

All officers and Board members will assume their new position at the close of the December General Meeting. Nominees for the officer positions are:  
**Chair** – Brian Berkelbach  
**Chair-Elect** – Jill Van Langeveld  
**Treasurer** – Michael Hughes  
**Secretary** – Nate Blouin  
 The slate for Board of Directors is:  
**Canyon Road/West Aves**  
 Bonnie Athas\*  
 Benjamin Ward  
 Nate Blouin

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 Laura Thomas  
 Christopher Wharton  
**LDS Hospital**  
 Dave Jonsson\*  
 James Woolf\*  
 Elizabeth Duszak  
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**Eastern Avenues**  
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 Genevieve Atwood\*  
**Arlington Hills**  
 Janet Barnett\*  
**Federal Heights**  
 Gwen Springmeyer\*  
 Gene Fitzgerald  
 \*current board member

By Mike Fowler

### Update on the Avenues Athletic Association

The Avenues Athletics Association (AAA), a committee of the Greater Avenues Community Council, is a non-profit organization that facilitates several sport activities for residents of The Greater Avenues area.

The primary focus of the AAA is to create solidarity and foster a sense of community by providing fun and competitive recreation for local residents.

Currently, there are three organized leagues, each one played during different times of the year: volleyball (September – November), basketball (January – March) and soccer (May – July). With the completion of the 11th Avenue pickleball courts, we are in the process of developing a pickleball league.

All Avenues residents 18 years of age and older are invited to participate in any sport, in any way.

In addition to playing in the league

sports, there are many volunteer opportunities to plan and ensure the smooth operation of each league.

The Avenues Athletic Association is completely run by volunteers. Nobody is compensated because the purpose is to provide community members with additional ways to connect with their neighbors and we feel that one way of connecting is through community service.

The fees charged to players are used to cover facilities fees, equipment expenses, and referee costs (for basketball only).

We invite every Avenues resident to feel welcome to participate in the AAA.

If playing sports doesn't interest you very much, we hope residents feel welcome to volunteer and participate in the community (and meet a few of your neighbors).

Many of our volunteers also par-

ticipate in the league as athletes, splitting their time between playing and providing support for running games.

For the current volleyball league—and in preparation for the upcoming busy basketball and imminent pickleball leagues—there are many current opportunities for volunteers. They include building captains, score keepers, game assistants, webmasters, and advertisers.

Games are on Thursday nights, usually from 7 to 9 p.m., at various locations (depending on the sport) but we are very flexible to schedules.

We also meet approximately every other week to discuss league play and ways to improve the experience for Avenues residents.

To find out more about the AAA, visit our website at [www.aaasc.com](http://www.aaasc.com) today. There, you can sign up to volunteer, ask a question, or sign up for a league.

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- 1 Am I at risk for addiction?
- 2 Will something else work?
- 3 How long will I be taking them?
- 4 Are you prescribing the lowest possible dose?
- 5 What's the plan to taper me off?

## Did You Know?

The three cemetery gates on 11th Avenue actually have names. The farthest west gate is called the Murdock Gate, the center gate is called the Center Street Gate and the farthest east gate is called the Veterans Gate. The east and west gates were getting new gate hardware in October, of sturdier stuff than the previous gates, which occasionally were rammed through by over-eager cemetery visitors, said Mark Smith, cemetery sexton.

**Volunteers needed**

**Avenues Community Will Have A Float In 2018 Days Of '47 Parade**

by Chuck Clark

**Avenues Community Float for 2018 Days of '47 Parade**

Historically, Days of '47 Parade floats representing the Salt Lake Avenues neighborhood have been sponsored by one of the local LDS stakes.

However, for the first time ever, the Avenues Community has been given the opportunity to enter a float in the 2018 Parade based on an inclusive vision for the entire neighborhood.

The 2018 Days of '47 Parade theme is "Pioneer Stories — Foundation For The Future". With the full support of the Days of '47 Leadership, we will expand this theme beyond the Mormon Pioneers to honor all pioneers who came to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake from 1847 through 1869 when the railroad was completed.

Our intent is to honor all pioneers who contributed to building the foundations of the great city we enjoy today. We will not only acknowledge the Mormon Pioneers but will also highlight pioneers of other religious communities as well as educators, business people, miners, railroad workers, etc.

This is an inclusive vision that we hope will attract and bring together many like-minded neighbors from among the wonderful

diversity of human perspectives represented in the Avenues.

Do you have creative, design, engineering, construction, artistic, organizational, or any other practical skills that can help produce an Avenues Community float?

Would you like to participate in a fun and unifying neighborhood project where literally everyone is truly welcome and valued? Please join us! Please send email to Chuck Clark, cclarkcclark@gmail.com for more information.

**Old 7th Avenue Tennis Courts Await New Role**

The venerable and long unused tennis courts next to the Cemetery entrance have been torn up and are slated to be a grassy area as an extension of the Lindsey Gardens Dog Park. Under the



Cemetery Master Plan, the area could someday become a maintenance hub for the Cemetery.

**3 WAYS TO USE WINTER SQUASH**

Ali Spencer, RD

Winter squash are some of my favorite vegetables and are something you should be incorporating into your diet. Winter squash include acorn squash, butternut squash, spaghetti squash, and pumpkin. Packed with vitamins A and C, antioxidants, and fiber, winter squash is also a nutritious option.

These squash have thicker, tough shells, so you'll want to separate the flesh from the shell. Although more difficult to get to, the thicker shell ensures they have a longer shelf life, which can extend for months.

**1. Roast:** Roasting will help caramelize the squash and make it taste even sweeter. For acorn and butternut squash peel and seed, then cut into 1" chunks. All you need is olive oil and salt and pepper to season. For spaghetti squash, cut in half and seed it. Pour some water in each side. Use a fork to scrape out the flesh

after cooking. Use in lieu of noodles in your favorite dish, or season with salt and pepper.

**2. Soups and Stews:** You can put cubed squash directly into a stew or chili. Or consider using roasted and pureed squash for a really creamy consistency. Butternut, acorn squash, and pumpkin are great options for this method. Even better you can use canned pumpkin for this too. You get a creamy consistency without all the fat from cream!

**3. Roasted Seeds:** In your winter squash cooking quests, you're bound to end up with seeds. Save them and separate them from pulp and strings. Rinse with water, pat dry and place in one layer on a parchment paper or foil-lined baking sheet. Toss with a bit of olive oil and your favorite seasonings and roast for 15 minutes.

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:**  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2017, 7:00 P.M.**  
**SWEET LIBRARY,**  
**9TH AVE. AT F STREET**

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