I hope you all had as much fun as I did at the Avenues Street Fair on Saturday, September 8th! 11th Avenue provided such a beautiful setting for our community as fairgoers shopped, danced, and enjoyed a bite to eat. Thank you all for coming to the Fair, and a special thanks to those who volunteered their time to help plan such an amazing event.

Did you have an opportunity to visit GACC’s booth at the Fair? We love chatting with our neighbors about the work we do and the impact we can have on our local communities. If you are all interested in learning more about ways you can make a positive impact in our community, I invite you to reach out to me. I also look forward to seeing you at our Community Meeting on October 3rd, where past chair Dave Alderman will present a list of Nominees for the 2019 GACC Board. If you haven’t already, please consider giving a small amount of time to our board, or one of our committees (Avenues Community Choir, Avenues Athletic Association, and Street Fair).

As you will see in our upcoming Community Meeting Agenda, we are in for a busy and productive night. Not only will we hear from representatives from two projects that are impacting our community (Canyon Road Pump House & Ronald McDonald House), Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski will be leading our main event with an update and Q&A discussion. Please come prepared with your questions, and arrive early if you’d like to assure yourself a seat!

One last item… my parents visited from New Jersey the weekend after the Street Fair and we headed down to Moab for a couple days. What view or site do you think was most memorable for them? I wish I could tell you that view was experienced while floating the Colorado River, hiking around Arches NP, or while tapping-in for triple-bogie on the 18th hole of the Moab Golf Course. The most memorable views actually came while traveling westbound on US-6 as we neared the town of Spanish Fork while on our way home. We exited the canyon just hours before it was closed in connection to the Bald Mountain and Pole Creek Fires. We witnessed entire mountainsides engulfed in flames, and countless firefighters racing up the canyon to receive their instructions before heading in to help in whatever way they could. The views in Moab were spectacular, but I’ll never forget our ride down the canyon while watching the fire and its destruction.

It is important that our community recognizes the incredible efforts the Salt Lake City Fire Department put forth on July 24th as they battled the Ensign Peak Fire. Residents were trapped in their neighborhoods, and had to hike downhill to the Capitol for safety. While no structures caught fire, flames did come within feet of several homes. It seems as if that day came and went so quickly, and the proper thanks and recognition is due to the firefighters involved, as well as those working to help other communities around the country. Thank you for your service.

It’s not a secret that Utah summers have been getting warmer and drier. Couple that with the landscape our neighborhood is in, and we are sure to have future issues related to fire in the future. Are you ready? Are your neighbors ready? Have you mitigated the risk of fire on your property? The time is now to begin working on these types of projects, not in July of 2019 when temperatures read 101 degrees. The City is putting forth a great effort to educate our neighbors on the mitigation, preparation, and prevention of fire related issues. Please refer to the article in this newsletter, and please reach out to me if you have any questions.
Build a Spooky Graham Cracker House, Saturday, October 13, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Read with force to battle goblins, wyverns, and the dreaded gelatinous hunt for ancient treasures, and use your wits, magic, or brute force to battle goblins, wyverns, and the dreaded gelatinous creature. Dungeons & Dragons is a game of adventure, imagination and near-limitless possibilities. If you’ve been curious but unsure how to start, it’s time to roll the dice and join this campaign for beginners. An experienced D&Der will guide you, and all the necessary materials and manuals will be provided.

Young Adult Voter Registration, Thursday, October 11 at 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Teens and young adults who will be 18 years old by Election Day (Tuesday, November 6, 2018) can register to vote online and get information for first-time voters. Draconids Meteor Shower Stargazing Party, Monday, October 8, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Registration is required. Teens and tweens 10+ can “camp out” under the shooting stars and watch the Draconids meteor shower. Skype Event with Author Zoraida Cordova, Friday, October 12 at 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Registration is required. Teen readers, don’t miss this chance to Skype chat with Zoraida Cordova, author of the “Vicious Deep” trilogy and the “Brooklyn Brujas” series. The first 10 to register will receive a free copy of “Labyrinth Lost.” Spooky Thai String Dolls, Tuesday, October 16 from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Make your own witch, zombie, or voodoo Thai String Doll, a Halloween keepsake that will look great on your book bag, keychains, or rearview mirror. Halloween Teen Lock-In, Friday, October 19 at 6 p.m.-8 p.m. A darkened library after hours is the perfect setting for a one-minute horror movie. Use Instagram Stories to create your movie, the solve puzzles with a spooky Escape the Room challenge. Coraline and Crafting, Monday, October 22, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Tweens and teens can sit down for some snacks and Halloween crafting while watching the movie Coraline.

Get Out and Vote November 6
Salt Lake City officials are asking for your support November 6 to issue $79 million in bonds to fix city streets.

Some two-thirds of the city’s streets are in poor condition—or worse—and need urgent repairs, according to a survey conducted last year. Road conditions were rated by a van equipped with technology to detect damage on 4,100 segments of road in Salt Lake City. The stretch on 100 South between 1300 East and University Street is said to be in the worst condition.

Road maintenance in the city hasn’t been adequate for more than a decade, according to the city council.

Now if Salt Lake City wants to give new life to its nearly 600 miles of roads, the study projects it will cost $20 million a year for the next decade.
No Surprise Here: Street Fair Was A Bang-up Success

by Daniel Gaffin

Forty years, plus or minus…what a wonderful Avenues tradition! This year’s Street Fair didn’t disappoint starting the day off with a double rainbow as our nearly 200 vendors feverishly set up for a busy day.

Kicking off the day’s festivities the Children’s Parade was as lively as ever. The energy was contagious and brought smiles and cheers from everyone.

Thank you to our many volunteers who spent countless hours selecting just the right mix of food, entertainment, and artistic talent to make this year’s fair a hit for everyone.

Our featured artist Kelli Spencer created a hit this year creating a piece of art that truly represented the Avenues and will go down in the record books for being very popular as our T-shirts sold out!

I also want to thank our corporate sponsors, vendors, churches, etc., each of which donated in various ways to make sure the Fair was a great success. And thank you to our neighbors on 11th Avenue; you helped us throw the party of the year and we couldn’t think of a more picturesque venue than your front yard.

The Street Fair is the annual fundraiser for the GACC. Previous projects and initiatives include the Popperton Plots Community Garden, Memory Grove Clean-up, Avenues Community Choir, and the monthly mailing of our newsletter.

The transformation of 11th Avenue over a 24-hour period was an incredible site to see. I want to thank everyone who participated in planning as well as those who helped with day-of activities. The Avenues Street Fair is truly about community. It is one of the things I love most about our neighborhood. Thanks again to our sponsors:

- Brookdale Senior Living Solutions
- Capitol Hill Construction
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- Salt Lake Ensign Stake
- KRCL
- Intermountain Healthcare LDS Hospital
- Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment
- Smiths
- Zions Bank
- Metro Display
- Catalyst
- Salt Lake City Weekly
- Slug Magazine
- Salt Lake City
- Salt Lake Regional Medical Center

Free Program From SLC Fire

In the wake of the Ensign Peak fire, which took place on July 24, Salt Lake City has experienced an increase in the number of requests for home assessments.

This is a free program to assess your home’s potential for ignition during a wildland urban interface fire. To schedule a free assessment of your home’s fire risk, please contact us at wildfireprotection@slcgov.com or call 801-799-4128.

With cooler weather and birds having completed their nesting season, fall is a great time to perform fuel mitigation. Contact us and we can help you make your home more resilient to wildfire.

For breaking information about incidents in your area, safety tips, and education resources, you can visit www.slcfire.com or follow us on Twitter, Facebook or Pinterest:
- Twitter: @slcfire
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SLCfire/
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PEOPLES ART GALLERY

WINNERS

- Ages 9 & under:
  1. Emma Preslar - "Self Portrait"
  2. Claire Stormont - "My Room"
  3. Bobbi Smith - Untitled

- Ages 10-14:
  1. Lizet Hernandez-Cortes - Untitled
  2. Jakeline Olvera - Untitled
  3. Collin Johnson - Untitled

- Ages 15 - 18:
  1. Zosia Weglarz - Untitled
  2. Madison O'Shea - "Ineffable"
  3. Jayda Gillette - Untitled

- Adult Amateur:
  1. Anne Goodman - "Aurum"
  2. Haruka Pinegar - "Bread in a Basket"
  3. Miguel Alejandro Pabon - "Labyrinth Canyon of the Green River"

- Professional:
  1. Maria Deshotel - "Contemplations of the Monarch at Sunrise"
  2. Suzanne Tornquist - "Big Fish"
  3. Juule De Haan - "Fancy Buttons"

- People’s Choice Award:
  - Miguel Alejandro Pabon
  - Thanks to Mary Shaub of Avenues Custom Framing who donated the 2018 People’s Choice Award prize.

Miguel Alejandro Pabon displays his Peoples’ Choice Award.
The Greater Avenues Community Council has joined neighbors in protesting the city’s plan to “upgrade” the 4th Avenue Well. The plan calls for a water treatment plant in the small mini-park that would be complete with chlonination and fluoridation capabilities. The building would be 995 square feet, the size of a small house.

Six large mature trees, including one sycamore that is 4 feet in diameter, will need to be cut down to allow for the fenced compound.

City officials say the water well provides 15% of the city’s water and the present underground facility is unsafe for workers. If chemical treatment is provided the entire facility has to be above ground.

GACC Chairman Brian Berkelbach wrote in behalf of the board that “the byproduct of this project is the potential desecration of the gateway to city Creek and memory Grove.”

He said it is important that “we preserve the historical and cultural connection between the city center and City Creek which gave life to the city in its earliest day and continues to this day as a reverent and peaceful place.”

The chairman said “we would never alter Temple Square to such an extent, so why would we do it here?”

The well upgrade has been reviewed by the Historic Landmarks Commission and the verdict wasn’t good. Commission members batted down the plans and told Public Utilities to try a new design.

The well was drilled in 1968 and is 464 feet deep. It provides clean, pristine water. Operating only in the summer, it serves downtown and north and west below the capitol. Its water does not serve the Canyon Road area which gets its water from City Creek at a much higher elevation.

Officials say the well, which has been trouble-free according to neighbors, needs an electrical upgrade and ventilation and if work is done on the electrical system the entire well must be brought up to standards set by the federal government.

The work is planned to take place the winter of 2019-2020 when the well can be taken off-line.

The building, housing everything but a large generator, is to be nearly 14 feet high. Neighbors have suggested off-site injection of treatment chemicals to minimize the necessity of such a large building in the small park.

For security, the entire compound will be surrounded by a 6-foot-high wrought iron fence with a rolling entrance gate on the Canyon Road side.

Jesse Stuart, deputy director of public utilities, told The Agenda that the plans circulated are essentially the first draft and that the well appearance may change.
Expansion on M Street is on tap for Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House is sharing plans to create a private backyard greenspace directly north of the House on “M” Street.

The fenced backyard, accessed by key card, will include a winding path, raised planters, flowers, natural and engaging critter rocks, spitting frog and puppet stage and lots of room for children and families to play, run, relax, and heal together.

The non-contributing* medical office building will be demolished and asphalt removed to build the greenspace. The two historic homes will be preserved with adaptive reuse and be more visible from the street, as now they cannot be seen.

The day-use homes will offer needed programming space for patient families. The project is part of a $2.7M Park that LOVE Built capital campaign supported entirely by private charitable contributions.

Ronald McDonald House does not anticipate negative impacts on traffic or parking as the project will serve existing pediatric patient families better—rather than a project that serves additional families.

The project will increase available parking with two additional street parking stalls. Smoking will not be permitted in the greenspace expansion and the exterior lighting will be low-level pathway lighting.

Ronald McDonald House is staffed 24-hours per day, with a nighttime security guard and cameras installed and monitored on its property. All guests and visitors to the expansion space must first check in at the Ronald McDonald House front desk to obtain card access to the space. The greenspace will be closed by 9 p.m. each day. Immediate neighbors will be notified of the demolition timeline and during construction Ronald McDonald House will work to mitigate the disruption in the neighborhood, minimize dust, noise and inconvenience.

Thank you to the Avenues community for thirty years of inspiring support.

—Carrie Romano

*not of historical value

Building at left will be demolished for Ronald McDonald House Expansion.

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Free Community Flu Shot Clinic

**FREE FLU SHOTS**

Tuesday, October 16 | 6 to 8 p.m.
LDS Hospital Main Lobby | 8th Avenue & C Street

Flu shots for adults and children 9 and older while supplies last. For more information call 801.408.1285.
This month’s meeting:
Wednesday,
October 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Sweet Library,
9th Ave. at F Street

Greater Avenues Community Council thanks LDS Hospital for their generous sponsorship of our activities.

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