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Chair's Message for April

by Dave Alderman



Every April, Utah holds the Great Shakeout to publicize awareness around Earthquake Safety and Emergency Preparedness. The

GACC usually has a presentation on 96 hour kits or other emergency topics. Last year, we had an earthquake, pandemic, windstorm and associated power outages. It's like 2020 was one long emergency drill. So this year instead, we will have a presentations on wildfire mitigation projects. This is a topic we should all be aware of, even if we don't live in the Wildland Urban Interface.

Any of us could be impacted by a wildfire in the foothills, especially if you hike or bike in City Creek, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, or the new Foothills Trail system. Also, please check out the article on the Reverse 9-1-1 system and consider signing up to get alerts about emergencies. Our April 7th GACC community meeting will also have the vote on the revised plan for rezoning on F Street and a recap of the Legislative session from our State representatives.

This month, I find myself writing a newsletter article about our newsletter. Over the last several months, many of you have commented that the newsletter is late. The monthly meeting may be over before you even know what's on the agenda. The GACC Board recognizes the situation and has taken several steps to try to get the Agenda out earlier.

several steps to try to get the Agenda out earlier. We use the Agenda to publicize items of interest to the Avenues community – Zoning Issues, Public Utilities Projects, Parks and Trails updates, Avenues Businesses, and other topics. It's also the major way we publicize the agenda for our monthly meetings.

For years, we have been able to have this monthly newsletter delivered to every address in the Greater Avenues area by the first of the month. However, in the last 6-8 months, we've found that our old timing no longer works. First, we changed the mailing company we used and that helped some, but not enough. We're now changing the whole timing of our process to try to get the newsletter out earlier.

We routinely get asked – can someone opt out of the paper copy and just get an email version? The

## GACC April 7th Virtual Meeting

7:00 to 7:05	Welcome, Announcements.
7:06 to 7:45	Reports: Fire, Library, Police, City,
	County, School Board.
7:46 to 8:05	Legislative Update - Representative Jen
	Daily-Provost, Sen. Derek Kitchen.
8:06 to 8:20	Vote on 675 F Street Rezone.
8:21 to 8:35	RMP – Wildfire Mitigation Project –
	Power Line Replacement – Michael
	Lange.
8:36 to 8:46	Firewise Community Preparedness Day -
	Shane Carlson.
8:47 to 8:51	Open Forum.
8:52 to 9:00	Adjourn.

Details will be posted at the GACC website **https://slc-avenues.org/.** The password and meeting ID will be posted at **https://slc-avenues.org/** at 5 p.m. the day of the 7 p.m. meeting.

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short answer is No. We basically draw a line around the Greater Avenues area and use a mailing service to send the newsletter to every address in that area. There's not really a process that allows us to pull out individual addresses. The follow up question is why not just go to a full email version? There are two reasons – one is that a lot of residents like to get the paper copy every month and secondly, there's not a good way to keep a current email roster of the area. We have a lot of people that move in/out of the neighborhood every year and it would be a logistical nightmare to try to keep track. We do post the newsletter on our website, under the News & Events tab, around the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

So keep looking for the Agenda in your mailbox every month and if we happen to be late, please check out our website at *www.slc-avenues.org*.





## **Community Meetings**

If you have questions please contact GACC Chair Dave Alderman at *gaccchair@slc-avenues.org*. All are welcome!

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## GACC Board Virtual Meeting

GACC Board Virtual Meeting will be on *April 14th* at 7 p.m. If you wish to participate, send a message to the chair Dave Alderman at *gacchair@slc-avenues.org*.

## -Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street, 801-594-8651, www.slcpl.org/branches/view/Corinne+and+Jack+Sweet.

The library will reopen Express Services on Monday, March 15. The book shelves will be open this time. *Kids Calendar* 

Look for storytimes, book reviews, as well as other activities on Biblioboard! It is a platform SLCPL is using for online programming

#### Storytimes online slcpl.org/virtual-storytime; Online Book review slcpl.org/favorite-reads; Online Creative corner slcpl.org/creative-corner.

and is found on the City Library website slcpl.org

Phone-A-Story - 801-594-8676.0 Any time of day, you can hear a quick children's story recorded by one of our wonderful Librarians. You can choose between a story in English or Spanish, with a new story every two weeks.

Look for Take & Makes for kids. While supplies last. Introducing year-round reading programs for kids from 0-18! Kids track their progress and earn prizes. Pick up your free reading tracker (1,000 Books before Kindergarten, 200 Books before 4th, and 100 Books before Graduation) at any City Library, or register for a digital tracker at slcpl.beanstack.org. Happy reading.

### Teen Calendar

Tween LGBTQ+ Book Club, April 20th 4:30. This book club is an inclusive, safe, monthly hangout for LGBTQ+ tweens and tween allies ages 10-12. We will choose books about characters who identify as LGBTQ+, play games, write, and have conversations. This month we will be discussing Sylvania, a graphic novel available on webtoons. Zoom Link and current book selection available at slcpl.org or the library's Facebook page. If you have questions or would like to register

#### The Agenda

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to receive your monthly goodie bag, please email mgonsalves-vorwald@ slcpl.org or jperez@slcpl.org

Teen Book Club, Sat, April 10th 2-3pm. Sweet Teen Squad member Kamryn will lead a discussion on Dear Evan Hansen. Zoom link for the event can be found at https://slcplteens.weebly.com/ or by emailing mgonsalves-vorwald@slcpl.org.

Animal Crossing with the City Library, Fridays 4-6. The library hosts virtual event hours for library patrons that play the game to come visit and interact with our library in a digital space. Visitors can explore the island and our virtual library building, use our "Makerspace," and ask staff questions. The library's Island is open Fridays from 4-6pm. Our Friend Code is SW-6225-7649-2110

#### Adult Calendar

Sweet Reads Get to know some of the faces from your neighborhood and read a variety of books from all sorts of genres. This book club will meet virtually on Zoom, on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In April, we'll be reading Kim Jiyong, Born 1982 by Cho Nam-Joo and will be meeting on April 27 at 7pm. Please email Jen Scott at jscott@slcpl.org if you would like to join!

Take and Makes Drop by the Sweet Library to pick up a craft kit that you can take home and complete! All of the materials needed for the craft are included, and we will have a new craft at the beginning of each month. The April craft is a wildflower seed bomb. While supplies last.

Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class, Federal Heights Ward Building, 278 North Alta Street, East Entrance. Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. FREE! Everyone Welcome! Questions? Jan Root, 801-455-2082, janroot@xmission.com.

*City Academy*, 555 E. 200 S., *www.cityacademyslc.org*. Are you tired of the same-old, same old-school? A wide range of options for learning in class, online, at local colleges and in our city. Smaller classes and flexible scheduling. Check us out at *cityacademyslc.org* or call 801-596-8489.

**Tenth East Senior Center:** Join the Health Promotion Team and guests every Tuesday at 2 PM via Webex. Join with this link: *https://slco.webex. com/meet/healthy* for Healthy at Home Webinars. Virtual Senior Center is going strong! To register for classes, call 385-468-

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We're on YouTube! Enjoy a variety of classes, including arts and crafts, exercise, tech tips, educational lectures, and more! Check it out and don't forget to subscribe at *www.Youtube.com/c/SLCOAgingAdultServices*. AARP will be offering tax-aide service at 10th East Senior Center. Any Senior 55+ can call to schedule an appointment. You will need to make three separate trips to 10th East, one to pick up Intake Kit, second to drop off Intake Kit to a tax counselor, and third to pick up completed taxes. Taxpayers will remain in their cars. The tax counselor will meet them at their cars to gather their intake kits. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please call 385-468-3140. Tax appointments are available on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Lunch is available at 237 S 1000 E, Monday-Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM through drive-thru. Enter on the north side of the building. The Caregiver Support Program currently has a very small waitlist for the limited in-home respite program – a program that provides a break to family and non-professional caregivers. Besides the in-home respite program, the Caregiver Support Program is currently offering the Leonardo Art Kit Project, Caregiver Talking Point discussions, support groups, and more. If you or your friends are caring for family and friends, please call 385.468.3280 for more information.

> Memory Grove Cleanup Saturday, May 15 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Memory Grove Park Entrance



## 675 F Street Rezone Vote

At the April 7 GACC meeting, we will hold a vote on the revised proposal for Rezoning the property at 675 F Street. The request is to rezone from the current Foothills Residential District to Form Based Urban Neighborhood 1 District.

We have increased our limit for Zoom meeting and we encourage anyone interested to attend the virtual meeting. We are also allowing vote by mail for this topic, for those that are not able to make the meeting. Voting will be open from 1 April until 9 PM on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please email *votegacc@gmail.com* with your vote, specifically stating if you support or oppose the rezoning. You must be an Avenues resident, age 16 or older, or property owner to participate. To confirm your eligibility, we ask that you provide your name and address in the email. And a reminder that if you vote by email, you may not vote again at the meeting.

The results will be presented to City officials after the meeting. The Planning Division staff is preparing a report to the Planning Commission, who will review the report and hold a public meeting, before making a recommendation (either supporting or opposing the application) to the City Council. The City Council will vote on a re-zone of this property.

Ivory Homes, Preserve Our Avenues Zoning Coalition and City Council District 3 member Chris Wharton discussed Ivory Homes' revised plan for building homes on the 675 North F Street 3.2 acre parcel at the GACC meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A recording of the meeting is available on our website www.slc-avenues.org.

The revised Ivory Homes plan is to build twenty single family homes on the site with fifteen of the homes having an Accessory Dwelling Unit. You can view the revised proposal at the City's Open House website: *https://www.slc.gov/ planning/2020/05/29/fr-3-to-fb-un1-zoning-and-master-planamendment/*.

You can also comment or ask questions through that site. The Preserve Our Avenues Zoning Coalition is opposed to the rezoning. You can view their concerns on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/preserveouravenueszoning/.

#### **Register for 'Reverse 9-1-1'**

Salt Lake City 911 has partnered with Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) to provide a regional Emergency Notification System (ENS) for the citizens of Salt Lake County. This ENS uses the 911 system to provide a means to send telephone, SMS text, and email notifications regarding emergency situations or critical public safety information to residents and businesses within Salt Lake County. Because of this, it is sometimes call a reverse 911 system. The notifications are directed towards those that are impacted by, or in danger of being impacted by, an emergency or disaster.

This system delivers information and instructions regarding emergencies, disasters, or other public safety issues. It will be used to notify those homes and businesses at risk within the affected area and will provide information regarding the incident and/or actions to take (such as evacuation). The system utilizes the region's 9-1-1 database, and thus is able to contact land-line telephones whether listed or unlisted.

However, because the system uses the region's 9-1-1 database, only land-line numbers are automatically added into the system. With more of us dropping our land lines and relying entirely on cell-phones, it is recommended that we register our cell phones (cable phones or VOIP phones) for emergency alert notifications.

Similarly, if you would like to receive an email notification, you must register the email addresses at which you wish to receive the notification. The Salt Lake County system is designed to provide targeted alerts to County residents in affected areas. For example, the system could provide information about an evacuation due to a neighborhood gas leak. To sign up, please go to the Salt Lake City Office of Emergency Management site, *https://www.slc.gov/em/alert-registry/* it will direct you to the registration site.

#### Community Wildfire Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 1

As the weather begins warming up and neighbors turn their attention outdoors, Salt Lake City Fire Department (SLCFD) would like to encourage Avenues residents in and near our Wildland Urban Interface areas to begin protecting their homes from the risk of wildfires. You can help your home survive wildfire on its own by creating a buffer to slow the spread of fire and limit embers' ability to ignite material.

SLCFD and your Greater Avenues Firewise Community liaison are continuing their efforts to form an NFPA Firewise Community in the Greater Avenues to help you learn about and prepare for the wildland fire threat in your neighborhood. As a part of that effort, several service divisions of Salt Lake City (including, Sustainability and Public Utilities) have joined with the Utah Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (DNR-FFSL) to host a **Community Wildfire Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 1.** On May 1, Greater Avenues residents that are within the proposed Firewise Community boundaries are encouraged to remove brush and other natural fuels from the target zones around your home.

Households in this zone will be allowed to create a pile of limbs and brush on the median area between the curb and sidewalk that will then be collected and chipped by DNR-FFSL in the days following the event. Please refrain from putting materials in the street or gutter even if your property does not have a sidewalk or City right-of-way. A pile will only be eligible for removal if:

1. your residence is within the proposed Firewise Community boundaries;

2. the size of the pile is equal to or less than the prescribed size identified for the program;

#### 3. you fill out an online form reporting the number of hours and resources spent on removing wild land fire fuels around your home.

Please note that this program is a partnership between Salt Lake City, Utah DNR-FFSL and the Greater Avenues community and is not a part of Salt Lake City's compost program or Call 2 Haul bulk waste program. You will still be eligible for your annual Call 2 Haul collection in addition to this special fuel removal service.

To find out if your home falls within the proposed Firewise Community boundaries, learn about chipper pile restrictions **and fill out your online form**, visit *www.slcfire.com/Wildland* and click on the link "Community Wildfire Preparedness Day." If you would like an individual consultation on how best to improve your home's chances of surviving a wildland fire event, please e-mail *SLCWildlandFire@slcgov.com* to request a free wildland fire home assessment. If you have specific questions about this event, please contact your Greater Avenues Firewise Community Liaison, Shane Carlson, at (801) 596-3939.





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## Salt Lake City Cemetery Update

Good progress continues to be made at the cemetery to repair the windstorm damage. Stump removal continues on root balls that do not contain pieces of headstone monuments, with the contractor averaging five stumps a day and 60 todate. The next step is for a monument removal contractor to address the monuments located in the stumps and root balls, and the contract for this process will be awarded as soon as possible. While the timing is tight, there is much momentum ahead of Memorial Day. The new Friends of Salt Lake City Cemetery group *https://www.slc-avenues.org/friends-slccemetery* continues to work closely with the Cemetery and, together, they are in the early stages of planning volunteer projects for members of the community to support Memorial Day preparation as well as decoration removals a week after.

## Salt Lake City Foothills Wildfire Mitigation Project

Rocky Mountain Power is undertaking a transmission line reconstruction project in order to mitigate wildfire risk along the **wildland-urban interface (WUI)** areas in the foothills of Salt Lake City.

By replacing older wood poles with new weathering steel, RMP will reduce the flammability of the structures. The new lines will include optical ground wire (OPGW), which provides a fiber optic communication path between substations, so that electrical protection devices can operate within milliseconds, as opposed to seconds, ensuring that far less energy is released to the ground in the event of a fault. This reduces the likelihood that power lines will be an ignition source that causes a wildfire.

Although 90-plus percent of the project described above is located in the Fire High Consequence Area in the Foothills, a small percentage of the line goes through neighborhoods. The project is a reconstruction project with no change to the current alignment.

For more information, visit: https://www.pacificorp.com/ transmission/transmission-projects/foothills-wildfire-mitigation.html or you can call 801-220-4221 or email Construction-Projects@pacificorp.com. Please be sure to include the project name – "Foothills Wildfire Mitigation Project" – in your inquiry.

## Memory Grove Cleanup May 15 Save the Date!

The 23nd annual Memory Grove Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (free lunch for volunteers) in Memory Grove Park, 500 North Canyon Road, Salt Lake City. We invite all ages of volunteers to help clear brush, pull weeds and plant flowers.

We are working to make this the breakout event of the spring!



**February Food Drive:** Thanks to the generosity of our Avenues community, we donated a pick up truck full of food to the Utah Food Bank. It was 1224 pounds of food! *Thank you* for your generous donations!!! *Thanks* to Ali Barnes for coordi-

nating this event.

### **Avenues Open Studios**

Planning September Open House Art Show September 25th. During the show, artists welcome visitors to their individual studios in the Avenues. Artists who would like to participate, please contact *annealbaugh@xmission.com* or call 801-554-9805. See the Avenues Open Studios artists at *https://www.facebook.com/ AvenuesOpenStudios*, and an interview with Gunter Radinger at *https://www.pbsutah.org/contact/avenues-open-studios-art-thegrid.* 

#### **Avenues Street Fair 2021**

We are very excited to announce that we will be starting the planning process for the Avenues Street Fair for 2021! Our first meeting will be VIA Zoom on April 10th at 9:00AM

If you would like to be a part of the planning committee please email me at danielgaffin@gmail.com so I can send the link for zoom. Daniel Gaffin, Avenues Street Fair Chair 2020,

801-550-1294, danielgaffin@gmail.com.

## **Innovations Early College High School**

Information Meeting will be on March 17th at 6:00 pm. Join us for a Zoom meeting to find out about our school. Applications being accepted now. Find the Zoom link and more information at *Innovations.slcschools.org*.

Pam Pedersen, Principal, Innovations Early College High School, 801-481-4950.



The garden is maintained by a group of dedicated

gardeners from the Salt Lake County Gardening Association. We are looking for new helpers as we have had four team members move away recently.

Our team works in the garden a few hours each week, on Tuesday mornings, from about the middle of March until Halloween. We generally work from 9-12 in the spring and fall, and as the weather warms we work 8-11 or 7-10 in the very heat of the summer. If you don't know much about gardening and want to learn, we can teach you. Some of us are Master Gardeners. Bring your own small tools, and a bucket. We have big shovels, rakes, and wheel barrows. And, we have a lot of fun! We even got an award from City



Weekly for the Best Volunteer Garden Team in Utah! For more information, contact Judi Short 801.864.7387 or *judi.short@gmail.com*.

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## **Orange Crosswalk Safety Flags**

For many years the GACC has provided bright orange flags for the pedestrian crossings in the Greater Avenues area. It fits nicely with two of the GACC's objectives: (1) Promote activities that enhance and enrich the community [*safety*] and (2) Provide benefit to the broader Avenues community with the use of GACC funds [*buy the flags*]. We think this is a good project and the GACC will continue to provide the flags. The City libraries are opening again so we can again store extra flags at the Sweet Library. The City will happily add flag holders to any corner that needs flags to help facilitate safe crossings but they now want a name of a *specific individual on record to sponsor each corner* or they will remove the holders that are already there. To be a sponsor you just need to check regularly to make sure that there are flags in the holders. When you need a couple more you can get them at the Sweet Library.

In the table below you can see which streets already have holders and which need sponsors. If you think another corner needs these flags for safer crossing, please contact us. If you think you could sponsor a corner, please contact us. Contact Jill Van Langeveld at *jill.van@hotmail.com* and put Orange Flags in the subject line.

We also need your help to *keep track of these flags*. They disappear regularly and now they are four times as expensive, so instead of spending \$500 for 1,000 flags, they now cost \$2,100, which is a bit of a jump. To put it in prospective \$ 2,100 is about half of what the community earns during each year's Street Fair. If you are interested in donating to the flag fund, you can do it right on our web page at *https://slc-avenues.org/support-us/donate-online*. We need everyone's help to keep this program going. Thank you.

Orange Crosswalk Safety Flags GACC Sponsored Corners				
Corners Sponsored	Holder Installed	Sponsor		
1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue and E Street	X			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Canyon Road	X	The Wright family		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue and D Street	X			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue and H Street	X			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue and K Street				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Virginia	X	The Richardson family		
7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and E Street	X			
7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and I Street	X	The Provost family		
11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and I Street				
11th Avenue and Virginia Street	X	The Noyes family		
12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and I Street		The Provost family		
Butler Avenue and 100 South	X			

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