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Chair's Message for May

by Dave Alderman

Last week, I did something I used to consider normal. I had brunch at some friends' house. Three couples (all vaccinated), sitting around a table, inside, without masks, having a normal conversation. The next day, I did something I



now take for normal I put on a mask and went to the hard-ware store. Next month, we have an airplane trip planned (old normal), but we'll wear masks the whole time (new normal). It seems that as we move to whatever the new normal will be, it won't happen overnight. There will be some transition time and probably all of us will move there at a different speed but signs are there that we may be at a turning point.

Two of the GACC's signature events are being planned. The Memory Grove Clean Up will be May 15, starting at 8 AM. This is an outdoor event, with people spaced apart, and we're asking that everyone wear a mask. It won't be the old normal, but it will be a start. If you're comfortable with that setting, please join us.

We've also started planning for the Avenues Street Fair, to be held on September 11th. That's over 4 months away and it's impossible to accurately predict what will happen by then. But with the number of vaccinations rapidly increasing, we're very optimistic that the Street Fair can go ahead with near normal activity. Of course, we'll be working with the County Health Department to make sure that what we're doing is safe. We need lots of volunteers to help with planning now and those meetings are still being held via Zoom. So if you're interested in helping, please contact me.

Speaking of Zoom meetings, at some point we will be able to hold our meetings again in the Library. I understand that not everyone will be comfortable gathering in a confined space, especially at first. And Zoom has allowed some people to participate that wouldn't have been able to otherwise. I expect that we will continue with some type of hybrid Zoom process, even when we can go back to inperson meetings. We won't rush to be the first ones to start meeting in-person. We'll watch and see how City Council and other organizations handle the logistical and technological issues. But we can plan for the day when we can all

GACC May 5th Virtual Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome, Announcements.

7:06 to 7:45 Reports: Fire, Library, Police, City, County, School Board, Legislative.

7:46 to 7:55 Salt Lake Academy of Music – **Steve Auerbach.**

7:56 to 8:40 SLC Housing Supply and Affordability
Issues – **Prof. James Wood, Kem Gardner Policy Institute.**

8:41 to 8:50 Open Forum. 8:51 to 9:00 Adjourn.

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get together again in person.

Please get vaccinated when you can, wear a mask when around others, and let's get to the new normal as quickly as we can.

Memory Grove Cleanup Saturday, May 15th, 8:00am to 11:00am

Residents will help weed flowerbeds, trim trees, mulch and pick up fallen debris. SLC Parks Dept will provide equipment and supplies. All volunteers please wear a mask! Bring hats, gloves, water, sunscreen and wear appropriate shoes. Bring the whole family for some fun that serves everyone!

A Complimentary Lunch will be served to all volunteers courtesy of Intermountain LDS Hospital.





Community Meetings

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

GACC Council Virtual Meeting

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GACC Board Virtual Meeting

GACC Board Virtual Meeting will be on *May 12th* at 7 p.m. If you wish to participate, send a message to the chair Dave Alderman at *gaccchair@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 is open!

Hours: Mon-Thu • 11am-7pm - Fri-Sat • 11am-6pm

Stop by for 60-minute computer sessions, holds pickup, browsing, and reference help. We're still doing our part to keep everyone safe, so masks will be required and social distancing will be enforced. And if you're not ready to return to the buildings, curbside pickup will still be available with Holds To-Go.

Kids Calendar

Look for storytimes, book reviews, as well as other activities on Biblioboard! It is a platform SLCPL is using for online programming and is found on the City Library website *slcpl.org* Storytimes online *slcpl.org/virtual-storytime*; Online Book review *slcpl.org/favorite-reads*; Online Creative corner *slcpl.org/creative-corner*.

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.

The Agenda

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Teen Calendar

Teen Squad Summer 2021- Teen Squad is a summer-long volunteer opportunity for teens to gain job skills and pursue a library-related project of their own choosing. Interested teens can apply at any time between May 1st and May 15th, and will have up to 2 months to complete their project and any needed volunteer hours.

Take & Makes - available while supplies last!

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 May, we'll be reading The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Richardson and will be meeting on May 25 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 May craft is a Pinecone Bird Feeder. While supplies last.

Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class,

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. FREE! Everyone Welcome! Contact Jan Root for our current location and for any questions at 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.

Salt Lake County Senior Centers reopened on April 19, 2021

We are excited to welcome you back into the 10th East Senior Center at 237 S 1000 E! Some new processes will be in place for activities and the lunch program.

Programming resumes: Secure your spot in a class! All classes & programs will require pre-registration.

Reservations are required for Fitness Rooms, Billiards Room, Computer Lab, Table Tennis & Pickleball Courts.

Lunch two ways: The current curb side pick-up program will continue behind the building, or you can dine inside the center. Reservations are required for either option.

Curbside pick-up available from 10:15 – 11:00 AM. **Dine-in** available at 11:30 AM (seating will be limited). Precautions will include wearing a well-fitted mask, maintaining physical distancing, and practicing other prevention measures when attending the 10th East Center.

To register, call us at 385-468-3140.

Visit our website at Slco.org/aging-adult-services/.

Utah Theater and Capitol Theater Special Initiative

Salt Lake City Corporation has received a petition to initiate a local law that would immediately designate the Utah Theatre at 144 South Main Street and the Capitol Theater at 50 West 200 South Street as landmark sites under City Code 21A.340.020.B. It is anticipated that the proposed new law will be included on the ballot for the municipal general election on November 2, 2021. If designated as Landmark Sites, the Utah Pantages Theater would not be demolished as is currently proposed. See more at https://www.slc.gov/attorney/recorder/initiatives/.

Air Quality -- What Can I do? I'm only one . . . continued from the March newsletter

I've found 3 more things we can add to our list of actions printed in March to help improve our air quality. Each of us can find things we can do. Remember -- every **little** action helps! If you hear of any other good suggestions for improving our air quality, let me know at *jill.van@hotmail.com* with Air Quality as the subject title, and we will add them to our growing list. If you need a copy of that list, also contact me.



The City has given us three different cans for *weekly pick-up*: (1) Green for garbage, (2) Blue for recyclable plastics, paper and cardboard and (3) Brown for yard waste. They also provide an optional 4th can for glass which is a *bi-weekly pick-up*. My hus-

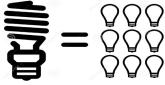
band won't place our cans on the street unless they are over half full. I discovered that he's smarter than I realized and I already knew he was pretty smart.

If the driver

doesn't need to make a stop, raise the mechanical arms to pick up the can, empty it into the top of the truck and finally step on the pedal to get the truck moving again, the driver can save energy and pollution by skipping my partly empty can which I can put out the following week.

☐ I will only put my City pick-up cans on the street when they are at least half full.

We can replace incandescent lights with new technology lights like LED's which give the same amount of light (lumens)



using much less energy/electricity. They also last so much longer. When these new lights first came on the market, they were extremely white and harsh and many people, including me, did not like them. The first

compact fluorescent lights I purchased were so white I couldn't stand them in the house so I put them outside in my front porch light fixture and the yard lamp. They worked great out there and I also discovered that when the kids slammed the front door, there was no filament in the light bulb to break and need replacing. As soon as they brought out the "soft white" I was sold. They are also dimmable if you need that feature.

They cost a little more, but they use less energy/electricity and last so much longer that they are better in the long run for both your pocketbook and the air we breathe. What more can you ask?

 $\hfill \square$ As my old lights burn out I will replace them with new light technology.

On March 18, 2021 *CNN Business* reported on a message from Shailesh Jejurikar, CEO of Procter & Gamble's fabric and home care division. This is the company that makes Tide laundry detergent. He said that Tide has recently launched a



campaign to decarbonize laundry. The goal is for consumers in North America to do three out of every four loads of laundry with cold water instead of hot by 2030, up from about half today. That would

eliminate the power consumption required to heat cold water. If this goal is met, Tide told *CNN Business* that it will have the same impact on greenhouse gas emissions as removing about a million cars from the road each year. "There is no tradeoff. You will save \$150 a year in energy costs, your garments will last longer. And by the way, you're helping to save the planet. It's a

beautiful win-win-win if we get this right."

Of course Tide wants you to keep buying its detergent and wouldn't suggest you do anything that would make you want to change brands so what I'm hearing is that it makes no difference what temperature setting you use, your clothes will still come out clean. We have been washing whites on warm/cold and everything else on cold/cold. For the next couple of months at our house we are going to try whites on cold/cold and see what happens. If they start looking dingy, we'll go back to warm/cold. Even if we go back to washing our whites with warm/cold, we'll still fall into his goal of three out of four loads in cold/cold.

☐ I can do at least three out of every four loads of laundry with cold water instead of hot water.

by Jill Van Langeveld

675 F Street Re-Zone Vote Results

At the April 7 GACC General Meeting, a vote was held on the revised proposal for rezoning the property at 675 N. F Street.

Combining the early email voting and the vote at the meeting, the rezoning proposal was opposed 1244 to 25. A letter has been sent to the Planning Division with this result.

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 rezone of the property. The Planning Commission meeting has not been scheduled as of press date for this newsletter. Comments can still be made to the Planning Division at *daniel.echeverria@slcgov.com*.

3rd Avenue Car Clinic Closing

Everybody knows a good car repair shop is hard to find. Finding a good car repair shop right in the middle of your neighborhood is like finding a unicorn. The 3rd Avenue Car Clinic has been hiding right in plain sight in the middle of the lower Aves since at least the early '60's.

Bobby Rose has been the owner since 1987. Bobby has seen a lot of changes, especially with the computerization of cars. Another big change was when he had to upgrade the old pump meters because they didn't allow for gas prices over \$1.00 a gallon. When he started, his shop wasn't that unusual but these days most gas stations are attached to a convenience store, not a repair garage. It's an understatement to say that he has developed a loyal clientele.

When neighbors and customers heard that Bobby had decided to retire, many commented how much they trusted Bobby and his advice. So they decided to plan a retirement celebration. Holly Webster, one of the celebration organizers, said she had been taking her cars to him for over 30 years. The celebration will be held on May 27th at 5 PM. Check *Nextdoor.Com* for details as the event gets closer.

Also with his retirement, the history of the 3rd Avenue Car Clinic will also come to an end. The site is planned to become a townhouse development, pending City Council approval, adding much needed housing to the lower Aves. The gas pumps will remain open through June, and Bobby plans to be around cleaning out the place through the end of the month.

Avenues Open Studios

This group of Avenue artists is planning September Open House Art Show on 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-the-grid.



SLAM: Salt Lake Academy of Music is music education with heart and soul. A free-standing, SLC-based nonprofit music school in Sugar House, SLAM offers musical instruments and instruction on a free-to-fee sliding scale to any Salt Lake County child regardless of background or socioeconomics

SLAM's instructors are vetted, mostly masters-level music teachers, bandleaders, recording artists and producers who offer lessons, performance, recording, production, and touring programs. They are led by the 15-year, award-winning management team who brought School of Rock to the western USA from 2005-2008 and went on to create SL County's most award-winning youth music program, MusicGarage.Org from 2009-2019.

Launched in January 2020, SLAM offers online and inperson instruction in classical, jazz, rock, blues, bluegrass, and electronic music with a 100%, 15-year incident-free safety record, both pre and post Covid-19. SLAM provides services for seniors, adults and professionals seeking hourly rehearsal and recording studio time. All of revenues support SLAM's mission for youth.

If you have attended the Avenues Street Fair over the last



15 years, you have heard from the hundreds of students who have learned in the programs developed by longtime Avenues resident and SLAM Executive Director Steve Auerbach's earlier efforts

There are hundreds of photos,

videos, reviews and testimonials online at *slamslc.org*.

Avenues residents can call 801-577-BAND for a no-oblig

Avenues residents can call 801-577-BAND for a no-obligation 30-minute trial lesson.

Salt Lake City is Reimagining its Natural Lands, Urban Forests, City Parks and City Golf Courses

Salt Lake City Public Lands (https://www.slc.gov/parks/) is excited to announce the second community engagement window of the "Reimagine Nature: SLC Public Lands Master Plan"! When complete, this new master plan will be the guiding vision for the City's four public lands divisions over the next 20 years (Parks, Trails & Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Golf).

During the first engagement window, which took place between August and October 2020, Public Lands staff received over 4,400 survey responses, spoke with over 2,300 people at on-site "pop-up" events, and engaged with over 250 people through community and stakeholder presentations.

Building on this extensive community input, the City is developing the master plan guiding vision and a set of transformative projects.

To learn more about the master planning effort, visit *ReimagineNatureSLC.com*. On the site, you can watch a prerecorded video presentation about ten transformative public lands' projects that will guide the new Public Lands Master Plan. You can also take a brief online survey to provide your feedback about these projects.

Public Lands staff have organized a number of "In-Person Meet and Greets" where they will be on-site talking with site-users about the master plan. A full list of "In-Person Meet and Greets" is available on the Updates tab of the Reimagine Nature website at https://www.reimaginenatureslc.com/updates.

Memory Grove Clean Up May 15th

After missing 2020 due to Covid, our annual Memory Grove Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 11:00

a.m. Meet at the Park entrance and please wear a mask. There is a lot of work to do! Wear good outdoor shoes and bring a hat, gloves, sunscreen and water. Salt Lake City Parks will provide tools, materials, wheelbarrows and trucks. A complimentary lunch will be provided by Intermountain LDS Hospital for all volunteers

following the cleanup. Bring the whole family and join the fun that preserves and beautifies Memory Grove Park! If you would like additional information, please contact Phil Carroll at *altapac@aol. com*, or call 801-573-7009.

Housing and Affordability

On May 5, the GACC welcomes local housing and economics expert James A. Wood who for over a decade served as Director of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University of Utah. Mr. Wood specializes in research, analysis and commentary on the housing, construction and real estate industries as well as the Utah economy.

Mr. Wood will present the relationship between housing and affordability at the national and local levels to give us an idea of what affordability means, current housing trends, and his suggestions of how to interpret the many projects we see around us including the proposed Ivory Homes 675 F Street development, the townhome project replacing the gas station at 3rd Avenue and N Street, the Elks Building remodel on 1st Avenue, and many other recent projects we see being built in the City.

The meeting will be on Zoom so look for the meeting link on Facebook at 5pm on May 5th, and on the GACC web page at *www. slc-avenues.org*. Be prepared to be informed, and bring your questions because after his presentation Mr. Wood will be answering questions.

The 3rd Avenue and N Street gas station townhome project has been sent by the Planning Commission with a positive recommendation to the City Council. Our District 3 Council member Chris Wharton is taking comments on this project via email at *chris.wharton@slcgov.com*. More on the project can be seen at *slcgov.com* under citizen portal, then planning petition number PLNPCM2020-00703.

The 675 F Street Ivory Home rezone application is still being considered by Salt Lake City Planning Department, who will make a recommendation for or against to the Planning Commission, who will make a recommendation for or against to the City Council, then the City Council will discuss and vote. The GACC has taken two community votes on this matter and submitted the results to the City. You may still contact City Planner Daniel Echeverria at *daniel.echeverria@slcgov.com*. More about the project can be seen at *slcgov.com* under citizen portal, then planning petition number PLNPCM2020-00334.

Salt Lake City has a virtual open house on the Elks Block Redevelopment project at https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/03/30/elks-block-redevelopment-project/. The GACC has invited project developers to speak at an upcoming GACC meeting.

We hope you will join us on May 5 for what is sure to be a very informative presentation by Professor James Wood.

Avenues Street Fair

We are planning the Avenues Street Fair hoping we will be able to hold it safely!

We are still looking for a co-chair and many volunteers. If you are interested in planning please contact Dave Alderman at **gaccchair@slc-avenues.org.** Thank you.



Treegators (The Green Tree Watering Bags)

Do you have Treegators on new trees in your parking strip that were planted by the City? Or have you seen Treegators in your neighborhood? Here's what you need to know. Tree Watering Bags (Treegators) were provided with every newly planted City parkstrip tree between 2016 - 2019. The Salt Lake City Urban Forestry Division stopped using Treegators in 2020, and here's why:

The Treegators can give a false sense of security because the bags suggest that as long as they are filled once or twice a week, the tree is getting enough water. This is not always the case! Treegators are only effective as a supplement to a primary tree watering system.

If the bags are left on indefinitely, damp can develop at the base of the tree which can lead to bark damage and decay. Treegators can become clogged and, therefore, not disperse water efficiently. Treegators cannot be recycled. However, if used effectively, Treegators can aid young trees when the following steps are implemented:

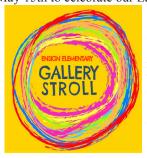
- -In addition to filling the Treegator two times per week (to prevent the root ball from drying), new trees require 2-3 deep waterings per week. This can be done with a hose, watering bucket, or irrigation system. The soil should be saturated to a depth of 12". For a young tree this is about 10 to 15 gallons (twice per week);
- -Remove Treegators when not in use (from late fall thru early spring);
- -Treegators should also be removed for a couple of days every two weeks during the growing season to allow air to circulate at the base of the tree;
- -Check your Treegator regularly to make sure it is dispensing

water. A filled and functioning water bag should be empty within 10 hours;

-Do not use Treegators on trees that are larger than 3 inches in trunk diameter.

All newly planted City parkstrip trees now come with a green watering bucket. These watering buckets include tree watering information and instructions, and they are recyclable! Best of all, watering newly planted trees with these buckets is highly effective in providing a concentrated, measurable amount of water deep into the soil when applied slowly. This way the tree can absorb the water, and it does not run off! Your tree will thank you. More tree watering information can be found on the Urban Forestry page of the City's website: *https://www.slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/* or by contacting your Salt Lake City Arborists at (801) 535-7818.

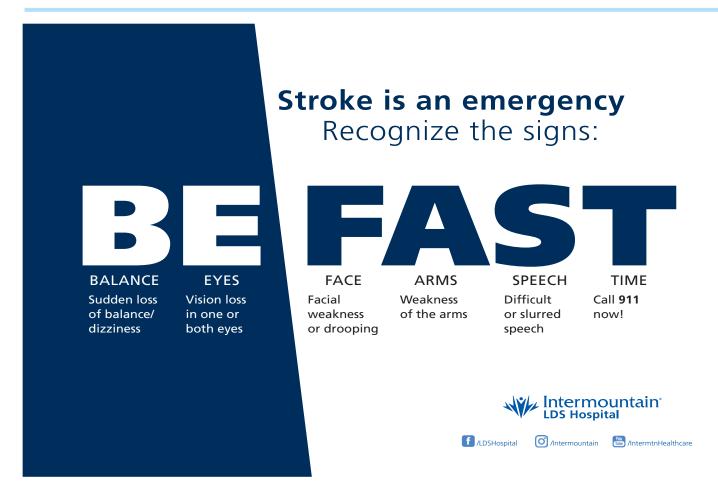
Please Join The Ensign Elementary PTA For Our Annual Gallery Stroll Fundraiser on the afternoon of May 15th to celebrate our Eagles' arts achievements, watch the



6th grade Tinikling performance, create a take home craft, bid in a silent auction, and mingle together with our Ensign community. All funds raised will go toward fine arts instruction and materials.



For more details visit www.ensignpta.org.



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