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**Representing the Avenues and
Federal Heights neighborhoods
of Salt Lake City, Utah**

Chair's Message for April

Dear Avenues Residents,



My thanks to our Community Council and Board members who donate their time to our community each month. Thank you to the concerned citizens who find time to study the issues and who call and write our legislative members. Thank you to everyday citizens who shovel their neighbors' sidewalk when it snows, or rake their leaves, to those who tend gardens and to the block captains who stock orange flags at intersections. There's a place for all residents at the table of the Community Council and I'm grateful to be your neighbor.

Last month during my "**Take the Board to the People**" campaign, I heard a few of the many reasons why people love living in the Avenues. Many Avenues residents love the proximity to Memory Grove, the foothill's, bike trails, access to downtown and the U campus and the quaintness of the historic district. Compared to other medium sized cities, residents stated they enjoy relative peace and quiet. Indeed, Salt Lake is uniquely appointed to our geographic relationship to the natural world and the amenities of city life.

As our population increases, the City's housing and transportation plans are constantly being modified. At our April Community Council meeting, we will hear from a City Planner who will inform us about the City's 5-year Affordable Housing Plan. As citizens, you have the opportunity to let your voice be known regarding the direction planning is going. Please be proactive about educating yourself regarding policy changes and how these changes could affect you. If you are unable to make it to the Community Council meeting, you can attend online Open Houses to learn more about upcoming changes, then let your voice be heard during the typical 45-day public comment period. Visit slc.gov/Open_Houses/Planning for details.

Furthermore, at our April meeting, you'll hear from our elected officials summarizing the 2023 legislative session, from our resident Fire Wise representative and from our Salt Lake City Urban Forester. We'll also host our Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill.

I hope to see you there or stop by and introduce yourself at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th from 9:00-10:00am at the church on 18th and Hilltop Avenue.

Warmest Regards, Merrilee Morgan

GACC in Person and Virtual

Meeting April, 5th 2023

Agenda

- 6:01-6:15 District Attorney – **Sim Gill**
- 6:16-6:40 Legislative Reports – **Jen Dailey-Provost**
Jen Plumb, Todd Weiler
- 6:41-6:54 Salt Lake City Five-Year Year Moderate Income Housing Plan, **Ruedigar Matthes**
- 6:55-7:05 Salt Lake City Urban Foresters, **Tony Gliot and Megan Roy**
- 7:06-7:15 Salt Lake City/GACC Fire Wise Liasion **Shane Carlson**
- 7:16-7:20 Emergency Preparedness Fair, GACC CERT Coordinator **Carleton DeTar**
- 7:21-7:50 Community Reports: Fire, Police, City Council, Mayor's Office Liaison, Public Lands, Transportation, LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City Sweet Branch Library'

The April 5th GACC Community Meeting will be a hybrid. Meet in person at the Sweet Library, 455 North F Street, or join with Zoom. We will post the Zoom Meeting Link and Password at <https://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on April 5th.

GACC Member Spotlight: *Martina Nesi Lenzi*



We moved from Chicago to Salt Lake City six years ago. We rented a property near Memory Grove and we fell in love with it!

After two years we decided it was time to buy a house in this beautiful neighborhood. Now we live on 10th Avenue. I and my husband are originally from Italy. We have two girls and they attend Ensign Elementary where I also work as an office assistant.

Since 2019 I've been the Editor of this amazing monthly newsletter "**The Agenda**" that every month fills everyone up with useful information about our amazing community!

GACC Community Meeting - Hybrid
April 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm,
at Sweet Library and on Zoom. See www.slc-avenues.org at 5:00 p.m. on April 5 for the Zoom link.

GACC Board Meeting - Hybrid
April 12th, 2023 at 6:00 pm,
at Sweet Library and on Zoom. See www.slc-avenues.org on Wednesday April 12 at 5pm for the Zoom link.

Community Resources

Sweet Library www.slcl.org/ 801-594-8651

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

Preschool Storytime. Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Stories, rhymes, and fun to help kids get ready to read! Ages 3-5

Playtime. Friday mornings from 10 am - noon. Playtime is an unstructured time for little ones to play with toys and make new friends! Drop in anytime between 10am-12pm.

Lenses 4 Literacy. Thursday April 27, 11am-12pm. The City Library is partnering with Eyecare4Kids to provide free vision screenings for families. No appointment is necessary.

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 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Adult Calendar:

Art Exhibit: The Sweet Branch is hosting an art exhibit "The Color of Water" featuring artist Cookie Allred. The exhibit will run until April 29, 2023.

Book Club: Sweet Reads Book Club will be reading and discussing *A Spy Among Friends* by Ben Macintyre. Visit www.slcl.org/bookclubs for more information. Copies of the book are available at the Sweet Branch Library.

Earth Day Celebration: On Wed, April 19th at the Sweet Library from 6:30-7:30pm come and celebrate Earth Day by making Seed Eggs to plant in your home garden or backyard. All supplies are provided. No registration required.

Free Yoga Class Open to All. Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30 AM, LDS Chapel 135 A Street. Bring your own mat and a strap if you have one. Questions, Barbara Cramer 801-355-1856.

Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class.

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 Everyone Welcome! Contact Jan Root for our current location and for any questions at 801-455-2082, janroot@xmission.com.

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Tenth East Senior Center, 237 S 1000 E, M-F 7:00-4:00 with lunch 11:30-12:15. Enter on the north side for plenty of parking in the rear, 385-468-3140 or slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center. In addition to fitness classes such as yoga, the Center is adding new activities in April: Dementia Dialogues on Mondays, 4/3 to 5/1, 10:00-11:30; Writing Group: Wed., 4/19, 12:30-2:00, facilitated by the Community Writing Center; Mahjong for Beginners on Thursdays, 10:30-12:30; Mahjong for Experienced Folks on Thursdays, 1:30-3:30. Bone Health Optimization Friday, 4/7 at 10th East Senior Center, 237 S 1000 E, 10:30-12:00. Register at 385 468-3140



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MEMORY GROVE CLEANUP
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from 8am to noon with lunch at 11

The Incredible Gambel Oak

by Maria Goller

Gambel Oak woodlands protect our watershed by stabilizing the soil and supporting a plethora of life not readily apparent to most passersby. It begins beneath our feet; a world of soil, roots, microbes, invertebrates, and fungi that we can never fully experience. I know almost nothing about subterranean ecosystems but they are intriguing support systems for the landscapes we see around us. Just above the soil, the decaying leaf litter shelters a wide variety of creatures including spiders, slugs, woodlice (pillbugs), ticks, and millipedes. Ecological surveys of Gambel Oak woodlands beginning in the 1940s demonstrated that many more invertebrates live in oak leaf litter than in surrounding grassland habitats. They are excellent foraging areas for insectivorous birds and other creatures that like dining on arthropods, seeds, and/or acorns.

As we move off the ground and up the oak trees, we find lichens, beetle larvae, and other small creatures hidden within the gnarled bark. The branch network is dense and provides protection for singing birds or rock squirrel sentinels looking out for danger. It is easy for a junco to hide amongst the branches but not so easy for a Cooper's hawk to dive in after them. Some birds nest on the ground or tucked into the thicket.

Smaller branches, twigs, acorns, and shoots provide good forage for various mammals, although Gambel Oak contains tannic acid which is toxic in large quantities. Oak stems are also home to a fungus that causes stem galls - puffy, blister-like growths. Leaves are eaten by various insects like leafrollers and cankerworms, which in turn are delectable to birds. Many different gall wasps lay their eggs in leaves, causing small bumps or round balls to form. These are leaf galls and are generally harmless to the plant while providing shelter for the tiny larvae. Other parasitoid wasps lay their own eggs on the gall wasp larvae, if they can find them, for their own larvae to devour. Most gall wasp species are partly parthenogenetic, meaning that some generations are entirely female and reproduce asexually.

This article is only a short preview of the incredible life found in Gambel Oak woodlands. I hope it makes you curious about the organisms we can step outside to observe and discover.

Sim Gill, SLC District Attorney

Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill will be visiting with the Greater Avenues Community Council on April 5th at 6:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to have your voice heard, answer any questions you may have, and help you gain a deeper understanding on the role and function of the District Attorney's Office. Sim Gill was first elected as Salt Lake County District Attorney in November 2010. As a veteran prosecutor, Sim is a champion on issues of therapeutic justice, criminal prosecution, and alternatives to prosecution. He has long been an advocate of taking a systems-level approach to the issues of criminal and social justice, focusing on collaborative and community-oriented approaches to problem solving. We hope you will join us for this opportunity!

Calling Avenues Artists: Street Fair "Featured Artist" Statements Due April 2nd!

by Daniel Sowards

The Greater Avenues is now accepting Statements of Interest from prospective Street Fair Featured Artists. The selected artist provides a unique and original painting or digital art piece that represents the artist's concept of what "The Avenues" means to them. This image becomes the visual theme for the Street Fair, slated for Saturday, September 9, 2023.

The statements are due April 2nd. The Street Fair Committee will select the Featured Artist and notify all candidates by the end of April. The artwork is due to GACC on May 31st, 2023, and then is used in all Street Fair promotional items, with the original art remaining the property of the artist. The chosen artist is provided a complimentary booth at the Avenues Street Fair. More details are available on the Avenues Street Fair website - <https://avenuesstreetfair.org/>.

To submit a Statement of Interest, please email danielsowards@gmail.com.

The Avenues Street Fair Planning! Our next meeting will be Saturday April 8th @ 9:00AM. If you would like to volunteer please reach out to this year's chair, Daniel Sowards 801-602-6562, danielsowards@gmail.com for the details for the next meeting.

Housing Crisis

by Salt Lake City Planner Reudigar Matthes

The current housing crisis demands a bold response.



Salt Lake City is creating a new housing plan, called Housing SLC, that envisions a more affordable city for everyone and prioritizes individuals and households who face the greatest risk of housing insecurity, displacement, and homelessness. Based on months of engagement with and feedback from the community, the City has drafted a plan that responds to the needs in the community, which

are centered around three goals:

1. Make progress toward closing the housing gap of 5,500 units of deeply affordable housing and increase the supply of housing at all levels of affordability while reducing overall water use and improving air quality.
2. Increase housing stability throughout the city.
3. Increase opportunities for homeownership and other wealth and equity building opportunities.

Housing SLC is currently available for public comment. The public comment period closes on April 16.

You can read the entire plan and provide comment at www.slc.gov/housingSLC.

Emergency Preparedness Fair - Saturday, April 22

The GACC is joining with the LDS Ensign and Emigration Stakes to host an Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, April 22, from 1-4 PM at the Ensign Elementary School. It's free! There will be information about building 96-hour kits, presentations by the SL Regional Hospital, LDS Hospital, the American Red Cross, Ham Radio, Salt Lake Office of Emergency Management, the SL Fire Department and more. There will be a raffle and prizes. Come to have fun and to learn how to prepare for emergencies and keep your family safe.

FireWise

by Shane Carlson

Over the last several years, below average precipitation and devastating winter wildfires such as the Marshall fire in Colorado made clear that wildfires were a year-round concern. This year, above average precipitation has provided some relief so long as the precipitation continues and the likely increase in vegetation doesn't turn into even more dried out fuel this upcoming Fall. That said, I strongly encourage everyone to view wildfire preparation as a year-round activity with Spring, Summer and Fall focused on wildfire resistant landscaping, hardening structures against the threat of wildfires and the removal of potential fuels. Winters and early Spring are a great time to organize your Go Bags and to make plans (specifically, two evacuation routes, relandscaping and structure hardening both main and secondary buildings, as well as other structures such as fencing). Make sure those Go Bags and plans include your pets!

National Wildfire/Firewise Community Preparedness Day is May 6th (<https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/National-Wildfire-Community-Preparedness-Day> - always the first Saturday in May). Several Salt Lake City service divisions (including Sustainability and Public Utilities, along with Fire) have joined with the Utah Department of Natural Resources – Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (DNR-FFSL) to assist with fuels removal for residents living within the GACC Firewise candidate community boundaries. Visit the SLC GACC Firewise web-page (<https://www.slc.gov/fire/community-wildfire-preparedness-day/>) for details about Firewise community boundaries, fuels pile guidelines, and how to report the time and resources used in the removal of fuels from your property (this last step is REQUIRED to be eligible for fuels pick-up – we need your address to know where to send the pick-up crews!).

The SLC GACC Wildfire web-page (linked to above) is a great resource for actions you can take to make your home and property more resistant to wildfire. The GACC Wildfire Preparedness web-page (<https://slc-avenues.org/firewise>) also has a number of links to resources.

If you would like an individual consultation, please e-mail SLC Fire Dept. at SLCWildlandFire@slcgov.com to request a free wildland fire home assessment. For other questions, contact your Greater Avenues Firewise Community Liaison, Shane Carlson, at (801) 596-3939 or firewise@slc-avenues.org.

Many of you have asked for landscaping guidance. The Utah State University Extension Office (a great resource for all things gardening) has information on both Firewise landscaping (<https://extension.usu.edu/preparedness/files/Firewise-Landscaping-for-Utah.pdf>) and Firewise plants (<https://extension.usu.edu/preparedness/files/Firewise-Plants-for-Utah-Landscapes.pdf>) that are suitable for the Salt Lake City foothills.

For those living on the Wildlands Urban Interface (WUI), now is the time to submit your applications to remove fuels on adjacent City lands (<https://www.slc.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/citizen-wildfire-mitigation-permit-program/>). Lastly, if you aren't able to remove fuels in time for the annual Firewise fuels pick-up day or IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE THE FIREWISE COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES, SLC's "Call 2 Haul" program (<https://www.slc.gov/sustainability/waste-management/c2h/>) is a fantastic resource for year round fuels (see "Green Waste") pick-up. Additionally, if your removed fuels are not too bulky (leaves and chip small to medium size branches), the year round extra compost cans available from "Call 2 Haul" (<https://www.slc.gov/sustainability/waste-management/special-curb-side-services/>) can also assist with the removal of a large amount of material (two extra green waste containers for up to four weeks collected on your regular collection day).

Volunteer Tree Planting at the Salt Lake City Cemetery

by Dave Alderman

SLC Urban Forestry, Tree Utah, the GACC Urban Forestry Committee, and the Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery will be hosting a tree-planting event on Friday, 5 May. There will be 3 separate work sessions – tentatively planned to start at 9 AM, 1 PM, and an 'after work' session at 5 PM. Volunteers will need to wear closed toe shoes and bring gloves and sunscreen. Sign-up details will be available in next month's newsletter and will also be on the Friends of the Cemetery website - <https://slc-avenues.org/friends-slc-cemetery>.

We have 50 trees to be planted. These trees will contribute to the Mark Smith Arboretum and help to replace some of the 270+ trees that were uprooted in the 2020 windstorm.

Another volunteer activity to be hosted by the Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery will be the post-Memorial Day Clean-up at the Cemetery, tentatively scheduled for the evenings of June 7th and 8th, and the morning of June 10th. Last year we had almost 200 volunteers help clean up, recycle plastic and compost green materials. Seven tons of green waste and two tons of plastic was diverted from the landfill through these efforts!

Both of these volunteer activities are great opportunities for you to support our cemetery, enjoy the green space, meet your neighbors, and contribute to your community. We hope you can join us.

April Message from Council Member Chris Wharton

Hello Neighbors,



Photo by Buesath Photography

Welcome to Spring! With Earth Day coming up, it is the perfect time to express your gratitude to mother nature by remembering to recycle, minimize your energy usage, and buy secondhand. It is important that, as a community, we work together to raise awareness of the importance of protecting the health and environment of our planet.

Celebrating Earth Day every year makes a huge difference because it recognizes the damage humans have caused while still showing massive support across the globe for protecting the planet. We are responsible for keeping our planet healthy, so I urge everyone to learn how to improve our lifestyles to be more environmentally friendly.

If you're interested in signing up for my monthly newsletter, you may go to this page <https://mailchi.mp/slcgov/council>. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Council Representative. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions regarding our community.

Local Businesses: Our circulation is just under 9,000 monthly. You can reach every home in the Avenues with an ad in this space at very reasonable rates. Info: treasurer@slc-avenues.org

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Enviromental Tips by Tom Brooks

Extending appliance life can really save our environment and your pocket book. This month we were attacked by Gremlins. You know, those pesky creatures that fry your electronic products. We minimized the impact by turning to YouTube and eBay. Repairs to our Stove, Furnace, and Dryer, totalled less than \$40 instead of hundreds of dollars for service calls or thousands of dollars for replacements appliances. Ideas or comments? Tom Brooks at cooper.brooks@gmail.com



The GACC is looking for a
volunteer webmaster.
If anyone is interested,
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gaccchair@slc-avenues.org

Wanted -- 2023 Salt Lake Marathon Volunteers

Want to get a premium T-shirt like the participants in the marathon receive?
Be a volunteer! It is a lot of fun.



Saturday April 22nd is the Salt Lake Marathon. This will be the 4th year that the GACC has sponsored the aid station/water table in Memory Grove just north of the park's entrance gates. Set up is at 6:00 am, sharp. It is still dark so bring a head lamp if you have one. Also dress warmly because we are in the shade all morning. We need about 20 volunteers but the event needs volunteers in other areas too. **You need to sign up on line ASAP.**

Just go to RunSignUp.com and click on **VOLUNTEER**; Under **Find Your Category** click on **Course. Water Station Volunteers** is at the top of the list of options. Click on **Volunteer**

and fill in the online form. If you want to be a part of our GACC water station volunteers, when you get to the box that says "Which group are you a part of," fill in **GACC C-4.5** so you will be assigned to our group. This year they added the option of signing up as a single person or as a group. If you have trouble signing up contact Jill at jill.van@hotmail.com