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Chair's Message for September

by Merrilee Morgan



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

September is one of my favorite months of the year. Over six decades ago, my parents married this month and I cherish the opportunity to celebrate their union. This month also brings us to our community's crowning event - the Avenue's Street Fair. The Street Fair leadership team has been phenomenal

examples of volunteerism. Over the last six months they have donated many Saturday mornings to planning another fantastic Fair. If you want to be a part of this dynamic team, there's still time to sign up. Don't be shy, we need you, especially as we look forward to celebrating our 50th Street Fair anniversary in 2025!

School is now in session and we are experiencing a shortage of crossing guards. Salt Lake City is hiring to fill these positions but until then, it's all of our responsibility to keep our kids safe. Please obey the speed limit and pay close attention when making right hand turns. I'll see you at the Fair!

2023 Street Fair Update

The Avenues Street Fair is less than a month away so make sure you mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9th! The location is on 7th Avenue between H and N Streets. Thank you to our wonderful neighbors on 7th Avenue who have agreed to share their street for a day with thousands of our neighbors.

Volunteer! We need a ton of help! While our planning committee began planning back in March, the weekend of the fair is where we will need the community's support. From setting up, traffic control, children's activities, stage management, to closing and cleanup. You can volunteer for just an hour -- or more if you like! Come have fun connecting with neighbors in our Avenues community! To volunteer or obtain more information, please apply to volunteer on our event website: <https://www.eventeny.com/events/volunteer/?id=5293&type=public> and contact Paul Walton at 801-674-7292 or pwalton@dsdmail.net with any questions. Please visit our website (avenuesstreetfair.org) for additional information, Daniel Sowards, 2023 Avenues Street Fair Chair

GACC in Person and Virtual Meeting September 6th from 6:00 pm to 7:50 pm *Agenda*

6:00-6:01	Welcome
6:01-6:10	Dr. Christine Grant , Superintendent, Salt Lake City District
6:11-6:15	Ashley Anderson , Salt Lake City Board Member
6:15 -6:25	Peggy de Azevedo , Artistic Director of the Avenues Community Choir
6:26-6:46	Kelly Hannah , Presenter on the Great Salt Lake
6:47-7:30	Community Reports; Legislature, City Council, Mayor's Office, Fire, Police, LDS Hospital, Library, Trails, Transportation
7:30-7:40	Vote on Ivory Homes Planned Development Application
7:40-7:50	Open Forum

The September 6th Community Meeting will be a hybrid. Meet in person at the Sweet Library, 455 F Street, at 6:00 pm, or join with Zoom. We will post the Zoom Meeting Link and Password at <http://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on September 6th

Member Spotlight: Ryan Kendrick



It's been a great honor to serve on the GACC Board this year. My wife (Melissa) and I moved to the Avenues about eight years ago, and we love the unique, charming atmosphere of the Avenues. We enjoy going on bike rides up Memory Grove and City Creek Canyon with our two kids, and love the quick, easy access to skiing and other outdoor activities. Melissa and I are both BYU grads, and I earned an MBA from Westminster College (now Westminster University). I enjoy skiing, reading, traveling, and spending time with my family. I've included a photo of our recent ski trip to Bariloche, Argentina.

We love the Avenues, and it's been a fantastic opportunity to serve on the GACC board this year.

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GACC Board Meeting - Hybrid

September 13th, 2023 at 6:00 pm, Sweet Library. All are welcome. If you wish to participate or for special accommodations, contact GACC Chair Merrilee Morgan at Gaccchair@slc-avenues.org

Community Resources

Sweet Library Events www.slcp.org/801-594-8651

All Locations are closed on Labor Day Monday, Sept 4

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.

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

Book Club: For September, Sweet Reads will be discussing *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson. Please join us on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00pm in the Sweet Branch Meeting Room. Copies of next month's book will be given out at the end of the meeting.

Art Exhibit: Photographer Jessye Castro's exhibit titled *Near and Far* will run through September 23, 2023. Stop by the Sweet Branch Library to see it.

Free Yoga Class Open to All

The free community yoga class that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM at the LDS Chapel at 135 A Street.

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.

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Puppy Mills by Paul Zuckerman

Utah is one of the nation's fastest growing states with one of the youngest demographics. Naturally, it is attracting many new businesses. One of these are pet stores that sell puppies. Over 90% of dogs purchased in stores and online are sourced from the nearly 10,000 puppy mills primarily located outside our state.

Puppy mills are a variation of factory farms. They are licensed by the USDA but standards of care and oversight are minimal.

Breeders are motivated to maximize profit while keeping costs low. This combination of limited inspection and profit motive results in dogs confined in stacked wire cages barely larger than their bodies. They are bred constantly until they can no longer produce litters. They, along with their puppies not given opportunities to leave their cages to run, play and socialize in spite of videos from breeders and sellers suggesting otherwise.

Pet store owners purchase these puppies from brokers who buy them from the mills. Brokers provide minimal data to the stores of where the puppies come from, vet care they received or medical and behavioral conditions they may have, allowing sellers to present customers with misleading claims to make a sale. Pet store and online sales practices include high prices for puppies that may only look like pure breeds, predatory financing terms and guarantees written to protect the seller over the customer.

There have been incidents in our state of a pet taken home that suffers from infectious diseases including life-threatening Parvo. Some animals will suffer from orthopedic abnormalities and behaviors ranging from fear, withdrawal or aggression.

All of this leads to expensive vet bills on top of the exorbitant purchase price and financing if chosen by the customer.

Happily, many puppy mills have been shut down. There are 446 ordinances nationwide, including twelve here in Utah. We can put an end to puppy mills by asking friends, family and co-workers to spread the word about adopting or fostering from local shelters and rescues. Suggest they find local breeders eager to invite them to visit to see the conditions the animal is raised in and to interact with their animals to ensure that the home would be a good fit. Ask folks you know to shop at pet stores that sell supplies only but may occasionally showcase shelter/rescue pets. Suggest they find prospective pets on Petfinder.com and Adoptapet.com. All of these are ways we can help relieve the crowding of our shelters and ensure good outcomes for families and animals waiting for a home.

Environmental Tips!

See you at the FAIR! We will have trees for purchase at the Avenues Street Fair! The Blue Spruce Tree you purchase at the Avenues Street Fair will:

1. Capture CO2
2. Release Clean Oxygen
3. Provide Shade
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Tenth East Senior Center, a Salt Lake County program.

237 S 1000 E, Salt Lake City. Call our main desk for more info at 385-468-3140 or visit www.slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center

Monday Through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lunch served 11:30-12:15. Parking in the rear, enter north side.

In addition to fitness classes such as yoga, the Center is adding new activities in September: Fall Equinox Party with a Jazz Trio, Thurs. 9/21, 11:30;

Stepping On weekly class for fall prevention beginning Tues., September 5th, 12:00-2:00

Full class schedule: <https://www.slco.org/globalassets/1-site-files/tenth-east-senior-center/calendar.pdf>

Farmers Market, Thurs. 9/14, 11:00 bring your own bag for free produce!

Great Salt Lake Perspectives by Kelly Hannah

As I've been advocating for Great Salt Lake over the years, I'm often and eagerly asked "What can I do to help save the Great Salt Lake?" and in my mind's eye, I can't help but see Hamlet's visage as he grapples with life's most profound questions in the "to be, or not to be" soliloquy.

When I started on this article, I found myself writing about all of the typical things: the heavy metals in the dust storms blowing through our communities and those particles settling into our snowpack, shortening our winters, the near collapse of the ecosystem last year and the legislative progress that we have and have not made. I wrote about the American Pelican colony, once 20,000 strong, that was absent from Gunnison Island this year, raising the question of what we might call an island that is no longer surrounded by water. I considered the causeway, its breach and its berm, and I wondered if this Lake is still Great now that we've divided it in half, completely disconnecting the north arm from the south arm. This division, I hope, will be temporary. I was writing about all of these things, but something was amiss.

The question was plaguing me, "What can I do to help save Great Salt Lake?" I found myself utterly distraught, paralyzed all of a sudden in the face of the many challenges surrounding the Lake, and our watershed, and the drought, and the fires, the floods, the unhoused, the hungry, development, zoning, schools, parks. Too much! Shut down!! What can I do? "Aye, there's the rub."

The common answers are promoting calls to action – emails to our legislators and rallies on Capitol Hill, marching protests, petitions and social media posts. Yes, all of these are important... AND they all focus on calling others to action. It may just be that the most effective solutions come from our own personal actions. What does it look like when I hold myself accountable for the lake or the canyon? What does it look like when you hold yourself accountable for the unhoused or the hungry? What does it look like when we take personal accountability for these things? Not all of them, but one. What if we were to pick just one, and take responsibility for it? I wonder if it is in this personal responsibility that we find water for the Lake, clean air for our communities, food for the hungry, balanced growth. One individual step at a time, but these are my steps and your steps, and our collective steps are powerful.

"To be, or not to be: that is the question:" so keep your eye out for that tangible cause that opens your heart, a reality-riddled pursuit! Embrace it and let it stir your passion because the answer may simply come in two parts; a tangible pursuit – that opens our heart. Let us build a bridge between them and walk across.

And when you can, get out to Great Salt Lake for a back float!



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Salt Lake City District Elementary Boundary Study for Potential School Closure

by Ashley Anderson, Salt Lake City School District Board Precinct 3

As kids in the Greater Avenues head back to school, I know many families have questions and comments regarding the Boundary Study of our district elementary schools.

I want to thank families and community members who've participated in public meetings or shared their feedback online. The best way to find ongoing information and share feedback is on the landing page at <https://www.slcschools.org/departments/information-technology/boundaries-and-planning/population-and-boundary-study>

For additional public information meetings regarding the Boundary Study, please save these dates:

- Tuesday, September 12 from 6 pm – 8 pm at Bryant Middle School;
- Saturday, September 23 from 9 am – 11 am at Glendale Middle School;
- Wednesday, October 4 from 5 pm - 7 pm at Northwest Middle School;
- Thursday, October 19 from 7 pm – 9 pm at Hillside Middle School.

I want to assure families of children at any district school that no matter what district staff recommend at the conclusion of the 120-day boundary study period, this academic year will proceed typically from PreK-12, with all kids looking forward to the programs and traditions offered in their building.

Alongside this larger conversation, many community members have participated in school supply drives through partners including City Council District 7 and the United Way. I encourage those looking to make a positive difference to consider asking a school's main office if there are commonly used supplies that may help our classrooms, and to follow our district's Education Foundation throughout the year for ways to get involved.

As always, reach out to me personally any time via email to ashley.anderson@slcschools.org.

Environmental Tip for September

by Tom Brooks

See you at the Avenues Street Fair where we will have trees available for adoption!

The GACC Tree Committee is excited to partner with environmental nonprofit O2 Utah, <https://www.o2utah.org/>, to bring 500 trees to the Avenues Street Fair for adoption by local families!

O2 Utah is an environmental nonprofit whose mission is to clean our state's air and eliminate our contributions to climate change through electoral involvement, policy development, and change-making projects.

We will have blue spruce and sequoia tree varieties at the Fair, as saplings ready to plant. The trees have been ordered from the Jonsteen Company in the Pacific Northwest. Fall is a perfect time to plant a new tree. There will be a small adoption fee of \$5 per tree.

The tree you purchase at the Avenues Street Fair and lovingly plant and nurture at home will:

1. Capture CO2
2. Release Clean Oxygen
3. Provide Shade
4. Grow into a Beautiful Living Tree to Admire
5. Provide Bird Habitat
6. Filter our Water
7. Stabilize our Ground

The GACC/O2 Utah Tree booth will be at the Avenues Street Fair on Saturday, September 9th, between K and L Streets, south side.



Save Wasatch Elementary School - Wasatch is Ready to Welcome and Grow

by Debbie Hummel, Wasatch PTA President and Julia Lyon, PTA Secretary

Wasatch Elementary School, located in the lower Avenues, is one of seven elementary schools the Salt Lake School Board is considering for closure due to declining district-wide student enrollment.

This would be a mistake because Wasatch Elementary:

- Has a track record of educating a diverse population of students from the lower Avenues and central city, including underserved kids and families in transition.
- Offers a unique arts-integrated curriculum, giving all children K-6 instruction in the visual arts, music, drama and dance every year. No other SLC public school offers kids the same opportunity.
- Is centrally located between downtown and the University of Utah. It's long been sought by families looking for a convenient location near where they work.
- Is a proven draw from outside of the school district.

According to district data, nearly three dozen families from outside of the district boundary attend Wasatch, so the district could lose a way to attract students amid declining enrollment.

- Would be the second school in the lower Avenues shut down by the district: Lowell Elementary, now home to the Open Classroom, was shut down in the last round of school district closures.

We're engaging with the Greater Avenues community because we believe keeping this neighborhood school contributes to a dynamic, walkable and bikeable neighborhood. Wasatch is a reason many families choose to move here. Closing this successful school, which earned an "A" on the most recent state-issued school report cards, could discourage families from joining our community.

But it's not just about the impact on the neighborhood. We believe public schools like Wasatch add to the vibrancy of Salt Lake City. Wasatch provides a common ground for kids of all backgrounds to learn and thrive. More than 30 percent of our students come from lower income families. We are eager to welcome more students, more families from all backgrounds. We are ready to grow.

If the school board does vote to close schools on the list, current elementary school boundaries will need to be redrawn. Increased traffic through the neighborhood could result.

If Wasatch closes, our school community will be broken, our families and educators scattered throughout the city. We believe this will create new challenges for students, especially those who may have been historically underserved. We believe a better solution is to welcome more students to Wasatch, improve our building and recognize the value our longstanding arts program provides. Put it this way: kids love to come to school at Wasatch. Why would we want to discourage that joy?

We are aware of the position the school district finds itself in, with shifting demographics, fewer students per building, rising housing costs and a need to downsize. However, Wasatch is exactly the kind of school that the district should be promoting as a success, working to maintain and investing in.

Wasatch is the right school in the right location. With the state passage of the school voucher program, which will allow hundreds of families to opt out of public education, Salt Lake City is at a crossroads. We believe this is the moment to value highly successful schools like Wasatch Elementary.

Please comment to the school board about how important Wasatch Elementary is to our community here <https://saltlakedistrict.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV-bm7M6vIXQLQQAHC> or go to slcschools.org.

For more information on how to help or to request a Save Wasatch yard sign, go to savewasatch.com. We are grateful to the Greater Avenues community. Together, we can show our children how much we care! Also see us at the Avenues Street Fair.



Avenues CERT Training Drill Held

The GACC CERT team organized a disaster response exercise on Tuesday, August 15, supported by the Salt Lake Fire Department Office of Emergency Management (SLCFD OEM) and the Crossroads Amateur Radio Club.

About 12 volunteers from GACC and elsewhere gathered at Ensign School (our local elementary school for the Safe Neighborhoods program) for training and a mock emergency if-the-field drill.

The premise of the exercise was that there had been a moderately severe earthquake that required an initial quick assessment of damage in the neighborhood to prepare for a follow up by search and rescue teams.

The exercise began by organizing the command post and setting up two teams. Chiton Hawk of Crossroads Radio was incident commander, linking Ensign to Poluice Emergency Headquarters by Ham Radio.

The teams walked two or three blocks into the field and reported back to the command post about pre-scripted scenarios about disaster damage. The teams added additional mock incidents of their own.

The exercise had two main objectives: first to get a sense of what would be involved in surveying a large portion of the Avenues after a disaster, and second, to test the feasibility of using popular hand-held radios of the FRS or GMRS type to communicate between teams and with the command post at Ensign.

Lessons Learned:

1. Surveying on foot, especially when carrying CERT equipment, is difficult. If possible, it would be more practical to survey via automobile. Manual victim transport over distances of 1/4 mile with our hills would also be very difficult. Either treatment in place or auto transport to the ad hoc medical treatment center might be the best alternative.
2. The twelve volunteers who participated were all CERT savvy. In a real disaster there would very likely be a flood of untrained volunteers who would need guidance from CERT trainees. The plan would be to make sure each survey team had at least one trained CERT team leader.
3. Experienced HAM assistance for team organization and communication with government agencies is vital.

Prior to the event Dave Western, KF7NQY and President of the Crossroads Amateur Radio Club, completed form ICS-205 to establish radio frequencies for the exercise.

The teams standardized on FRS/GMRS-compatible channels. All radio communication was recorded. Scott Rosenbush, K7HSR, was the scribe and relayed information to the Public Safety Building Emergency Operations Center (EOC) using ham radio frequencies (at first). Dave Western and Jed Marti, KI7NNP, manned the EOC via ham radio and later cell phone. They provided feedback on each report to the school.

4. Radio lessons learned:

a. In our neighborhoods, FRS and GMRS have a limited range of a couple of blocks, so radio traffic would often require relaying between teams.

b. Incident reports from the two teams came in at a fast rate. The Ensign command post had difficulty keeping up with the teams.

c. There needs to be a triage protocol: (1) trivial incidents that the reconnaissance team can deal with without requiring instantaneous reporting to the command post, (2) incidents that should be reported immediately to the command post, but don't need to be escalated to the EOC, (3) incidents beyond the scope of the local CERT that need EOC attention.

d. There needs to be some way to avoid duplicate reports prompting multiple responses, as in a separate call to 911 together with a CERT call to the EOC. Having exact location and time would help avoid duplication. The EOC needs to do the coordination, however.

After our neighborhood exercise, Summer Misner of SLC OEM reviewed the contents of a JIT kit that helps set up a command post. All elementary schools in Salt Lake City have this kit.

CERT Trainer Larry Love then provided some refresher medical instruction, reviewing important bandaging supplies, demonstrating how to tie a head and arm bandage, and discussing tourniquet protocols.

The Avenues CERT team is looking for more members. In a disaster we all make sure our own are safe, then we can help each other by being on the CERT Team. Info about in-person CERT classes is at

<https://www.slc.gov/em/cert/>.

The Greater Avenues Community Council will reimburse all fees to any Avenues resident who becomes CERT certified.

Free online classes are at

<https://medicine.utah.edu/dfpm/occupational-environmental-health/research/outreach/cert>

Thank you, Carleton De Tar, Avenues Cert Team Leader



Salt Lake City School District Needs Bus Drivers and Crossing Guards!

Our city government hires and retains crossing guards, and the school district employs bus drivers. Both jobs have too many openings and some (specifically crossing guards) may fit into the schedules of older adults looking to be involved neighbors.

Crossing guard information can be found here: <https://www.slc.gov/blog/2023/08/22/salt-lake-city-calls-on-the-community-to-fill-crossing-guard-positions-as-the-2023-2024-school-year-begins/>

School bus driver information can be found here (with a specific need in the Avenues!)...

Part time: <https://slcschools.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=1831>

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Wildfire Preparation Tips by Shane Carlson

Tragically, another devastating wildfire is reminding us of how vulnerable our communities can be to the convergence of the wrong conditions.

Lahaina, Hawaii was a small piece of paradise. Few foresaw the tragedy that we are just beginning to appreciate (some did). Lahaina now joins the Marshall fire (Superior, CO), the Camp fire (Butte County, CA) and others on the list of most destructive fires ever in the US.

Several factors combined to make each of these wildfires especially destructive. Abundant fuels and high winds and are at the top of most lists. A wet winter and invasive grasses combined to create an abundance of biomass/fuels.

Moderate drought conditions formed on Maui in Spring, 2023 (D1 -Drought.gov) and have persisted, drying dried out the available fuels. High winds may have downed power lines and then carried embers ahead of the fire line. Winds also downed trees that blocked egress for residents attempting to flee the fire which was advancing at speeds approaching 60 mph.

It's early but there are some lessons to be learned from the Lahaina fire. Be prepared to exit on a moment's notice. This means having a plan and assembling a "Go Bag." What you take with you as you flee an approaching fire may be all you ever take from the home you are fleeing. Under the wrong conditions, taking time to make a list and gather items while the fire is approaching could be the difference between life and death.

Go Bags should include medications, clothing, food and water (meds and food for pets as well), personal documents, a first aid kit, a flash light, power cords and phone chargers, batteries for all your stuff, a multitool, N95 respirators, cash, tooth brushes, a whistle, heavy duty work gloves, etc. There are a number of great resources on the web to help with your bag.

Go Bags should be assembled with the goal of getting you by for 72 hours. Personally, I think that's a great starting place but you might want to prepare to be away from your house for longer than three days.

We need to be ready to leave with very little notice. In addition to assembling a Go Bag, be familiar with at least two routes to exit your neighborhood. And make plans in advance to check on neighbors with mobility challenges.

A few good resources are <https://utahfiresense.org/>, <https://slc-avenues.org/our-neighborhood/wildfire-preparedness>, and <https://ffsl.utah.gov/fire/wildfire-community-preparedness/>

I had intended to write about our wet winter and spring along with our relatively wet summer, but my hope is that we can learn from the tragedy in Lahaina.

While favorable weather here has lowered our wildfire risk, all that water has led to an abundance of fuels in our foothills and open spaces.

Have a plan, stay vigilant, create defensible space, harden your property (especially when building or remodeling), replace vulnerable plants with a fire-wise landscape.

Lastly, don't let anxiety paralyze you.

Act to protect yourself, your family, your property and our community. And if you can, know that the residents of Lahaina could really use all of our support at a very difficult time.

One way is <https://mauiunitedway.org/disasterrelief>.

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Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes,
whose ancestral homelands we occupy today.
The Council honors the enduring relationship that exists
between these peoples and their traditional lands,
and thanks them for their longstanding land stewardship.*

Community Vote on Ivory Homes Planned Development at the September 6th GACC Meeting

In December of 2022, the Salt Lake City Council approved a rezone from FR-3 to SR-1 at 675 North F Street. The new application from developer Ivory Homes now asks the Planning Commission to approve an application for a Planned Development (PD).

Due to the timeliness of the issue, a vote will be held during the September 6th meeting. Voting will be restricted to Avenues residents and business owners and will be by in-person or Zoom ballot. Each Zoom login gets only one vote. The GACC Board, in accordance with the Bylaws, has decided there will be no further public discussion of this issue at the September meeting. Just the vote.

The wording for the ballot will be: **“Do you approve of Ivory Homes' request for a Planned Development at 675 North F Street as presented in their application to the city dated June 2023; Ref. PLNPCM2023-00656.”**

The GACC will communicate the results of this vote to the Planning Staff and the Planning Commission. For more information, see the Salt Lake City Planning Open House on this project here: <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2023/07/10/openhouse-00656>, see the Preserve Our Avenues Zoning comments here: <https://www.facebook.com/preserveouravenueszoning>, and see the Ivory Homes project web page here <https://ivoryhomes.com/capitolparkfaq>.

More project related content is in the August GACC Community newsletter here <https://www.slc-avenues.org/news-events/the-agenda-newsletter/2023-1/371-2023-08-august-community-newsletter-the-agenda-1/file>.



The Avenues Choir Continues its Annual Holiday Concert Series in 2023

The 100-member Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir (SLACC) will present its eighth Annual Holiday Concert in Libby Gardner Concert Hall on December 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is FREE. The Choir has thrilled its standing-room-only audiences with a performance of joyful seasonal music each December since 2014, with the regrettable exception the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021. The first weekly rehearsal will be Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 4th Avenue and P Street at 7:00 p.m.

SLACC is a non-denominational, volunteer organization operating as an official committee of the Greater Avenues Community Council. Our mission is to increase unity in the Avenues Community, celebrate the rich diversity in our neighborhoods, and bridge cultural and political divides through the unifying power of music. We are funded entirely through individual charitable donations and institutional support including the Salt Lake County Zoo, Art and Parks (ZAP) Program.

However, SLACC is much more than an organization. It is an inclusive and welcoming community where singers ages 16 + are invited to join without cost or audition. Peggy de Azevedo, Artistic Director of the Avenues Community Choir, is an expert in selecting music appropriate to a group of singers with broad skill diversity and adapting the music to their collective capabilities. Peggy has established a learning culture in the choir with experienced singers seated side by side with novices to help them learn the music, become better singers, and ultimately -- after twelve rehearsals -- participate in a professional-level live performance.

What is it like to a part of this special community? Here is how some of the singers have described it:

- For me music is soul food. I grew up singing and playing musical instruments and I love singing!
- Music has always had a very special place in my heart because it has a power of its own to lift my spirits, to touch my mind, and expand my thinking and my connection with my world around me.

- One of the wonderful things about the Choir is that it is free, so there is not a financial barrier to anyone joining.

Do you love music? Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to become part of a loving and inclusive community with a supportive learning culture? If so, we invite you to join us!

Visit www.avenueschoir.org for more information.