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*Representing the Avenues and
Federal Heights neighborhoods of
Salt Lake City, Utah since 1976.*

February 2024 Chair's Message by 2024 GACC Chair Joseph "Jurphy" Murphy Have Your Voice Heard in Our Utah Legislature!



Thank you to all who attended the January Community Council meeting and provided feedback about issues that matter to you in the Avenues! The open house meeting was a huge success, and we received many valuable comments via email, Zoom, and in person.

Our board is reading each and every comment to see if and how the GACC can enhance the community or connect you to the appropriate agencies that can help.

Our February 7th Community Council Meeting will be in the middle of the 2024 Utah Legislative Session, which runs from January 16 through March 1. During the meeting you'll have the opportunity to hear from your Utah legislative delegation about their priorities and progress:

- **House District 22 Representative Jen Dailey-Provost**, jdprovost@le.utah.gov, covering all of the Greater Avenues;
- **Senate District 8 Senator Todd Weiler**, tweiler@le.utah.gov, covering the northern portion of the Aves above 4th Ave on the west half and above 7th Ave for the Eastern Aves;
- **Senate District 8 Senator Jen Plumb**, jplumb@le.utah.gov, covering the southern portion of the Aves and Federal Heights.

I hope you take the time to attend our February Community Council meeting on Wednesday, February 7th, to learn more about our state issues.

Below are some tips on how to get involved in the state legislative process:

1. **Follow Legislation.** Hundreds of bills are filed every year. Go to Bills and Resolutions for the 2024 General Session (<https://le.utah.gov/DynaBill/BillList>) to access all bills. You can read the bill language, who the sponsors are, and stay informed about pending committee hearings. You can even subscribe to bills that are important to you to be notified of any wording or status changes as they go through the legislative process.



2. **Attend Committee Hearings.** One of the best ways for your voice to be heard on a bill is to comment during committee hearings. Each bill will have a public committee hearing that you can attend either in person or virtually. Here is a guide to attending online: le.utah.gov/Documents/2023VirtualMeetingInstructions.pdf



3. **Call and Email Your Legislators.** If you can't attend a committee hearing, you can still make your voice heard by calling or emailing your legislature (emails listed above) and telling them which bills you support or oppose.



Tip: Putting the word "Constituent" in the email subject line makes them more likely to open, read, and respond.

4. **Be Ready to Act.** The legislative session runs very quickly, and bills are often introduced and brought to a vote in just a few days - sometimes in a single day. Keep on your toes and be ready to act!



GACC in Person and Virtual Meeting - February 7th

from 6:00 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

- 6:00-6:01 Welcome - **Joseph "Jurphy" Murphy**
- 6:01-6:04 Call for Volunteers for GACC Promo Video - **Daniel Sowards**
- 6:04-6:29 Legislative Report from Elected Officials-**Jen Plumb, Todd Weiler, Jennifer Dailey-Provost**
- 6:29-6:34 GACC Civic Engagement Committee-**David Berg**
- 6:34-7:20 Community Reports-SLC Council, School Board, Police, Fire, Library, LDS Hospital, Mayor's Office
- 7:20-7:30 GACC 2023 Financial Report-Ryan **Kendrick, GACC Treasurer**
- 7:30-7:40 Open Forum
- 7:40 Adjourn, put away chairs

*The February 7th Community Meeting
will be a hybrid. Meet in person at the Sweet Library,
455 F Street, at 6:00 p.m., or join on Zoom.*

*We will post the Zoom Meeting Link and Password at
5:00 p.m. on February 7th at <http://slc-avenues.org/>*

GACC Board Member Spotlight: Jenn Beck

My husband, Phil and I met while attending the University of Utah and we moved to the Avenues back in 1999 as young parents.



We raised our four kids here and love it! We had always wanted to live in the area. Now, we have three grandkids and our youngest daughter is at the University of Utah.

With the end of the pandemic, I have been looking for ways to get back out into our community, and I saw Gwen Springmeyer's note in the newsletter about new board

members. I decided it was time to participate!

I worked in urban planning in the 90's and then became a real estate broker in 1997. I hope that my experience can contribute to this wonderful community that we have loved for so many years, and I look forward to learning even more about our area and meeting more Avenues residents in 2024!

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GACC Board Meeting - Hybrid

February 14th, 2024 at 6:00 pm, Sweet Library. All are welcome. If you wish to participate or for special accommodations, contact GACC Chair Jurphy Murphy at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org

Community Resources

Avenues Sweet Branch Library Events

455 North F Street, SLC, 84103, www.slclpl.org, 801-594-8651
Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays.

ALL City Libraries are CLOSED on President's Day, Feb. 19

Kids Calendar

Book Baby Storytime. Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. A fun storytime that encourages playful interactions between little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0-3

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

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

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 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Adult Calendar

Book Club: Sweet Reads Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room to discuss *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Copies of March's book, *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, will be handed out at the end of the evening.

Art Exhibit: A new art exhibit featuring artist **John Butler** will start with a reception on February 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sweet Branch Meeting Room. "I was born with a pencil in one hand and a paintbrush in the other." John Butler can't recall the time he started in art. Come and enjoy his pieces that depict "*A Day in the Life*". The exhibit will run through the end of March. See more at <https://events.slclpl.org/event/9842324>.

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The GACC web page is www.slc-avenues.org

Help Wanted: Volunteer Newsletter Designer

After many years of diligent service to the GACC, Martina Nesi-Lenzi has decided to step down as our newsletter editor and designer. We are so grateful for all of the tremendous work she has given to our Avenues community!

Consequently, the GACC is seeking an enthusiastic volunteer to help ensure the proper layout and production of our monthly newsletter content.

Basic Qualification: Able to use Adobe InDesign (we provide and train), and able to meet monthly production deadlines.

Preferred Qualifications: Graphics skills, prepress experience and familiar with publication processes.

If interested or for more information, please contact newsletter@slc-avenues.org.

Call for Video Volunteers

The GACC is excited to share that we're working on a photography/video series highlighting the amazing culture and diversity in the Avenues, and we are seeking volunteers to spotlight.

The video we're creating will take less than five minutes, with the subject answering three questions on-camera related to the Avenues.

The video interviews will be woven into a brief video that will be used on (1) our website and (2) as part of promoting the Avenues Street Fair.

Both of these visual projects are meant to showcase our friends and neighbors in the community authentically, reminding each other that the people we pass on hiking trails, local shops, etc. all have a unique and valuable story to tell.

We hope anyone considering participating can set aside any camera shyness and embrace this community-building idea.

Please email Daniel Sowards at danielsowards@gmail.com for more details.



Tenth East Senior Center

385-468-3140 or slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center
237 S 1000 E, M-F 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Enter on the north side for plenty of parking in the rear. In addition to fitness classes such as yoga, the Center is adding new February activities:

Valentine's Day Holiday Meal and Live Music (ragtime and jazz): Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Aging Mastery Program: Begins Thursday, February 15, Noon-1:30 pm, ends April 18th, with guest experts.

Tai Chi for Arthritis: Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., an ancient form of Chinese exercise.

Exercise Class by U of U: Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m., during the University semester, with a focus on balance and strength.

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.

Free Yoga Class - All Are Welcome

The free community yoga class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM at the LDS Chapel at 135 A Street. Please bring your own mat and a strap. Barbara Cramer, 801 355-1856.

Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir Thrills Standing-Room-Only Audience

The 100 member all-volunteer and non-denominational Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir (SLACC) presented its eighth Annual Holiday Concert in Libby Gardner Concert Hall at the University of Utah on the evening of December 18, 2023 to an enthusiastically engaged standing-room-only audience.

Visit <https://avenueschoir.org/project/2023-concert/> or the QR code for a photo album of the audience and performers, and the concert program.

The choir was honored to be introduced by Governor Michael Leavitt, President of the Tabernacle Choir. The program included 11 choral selections across a broad spectrum of sacred and secular seasonal music, one of which included a hauntingly lovely young soprano solo and another with a graceful ASL interpretation.



In addition to excellent piano accompaniment, several of these pieces were also accompanied by professional musicians playing various combinations of violin, harp, percussion, bagpipes, and organ.

Interspersed among the choral pieces were guest professional musicians performing four instrumental and ensemble selections including an impressive piano solo, several toe-tapping Irish folk songs (fiddle, mandolin, bass, and percussion), a pensively beautiful country ballad (deep baritone vocal with mandolin,



violin, bass, and percussion), and a rousing, rumbling organ solo. Peggy de Azevedo, Artistic Director of the Choir, was elated with this year's concert: "This was the best and most balanced group of singers we have ever been able to assemble," she said. "I am thrilled with their commitment, professionalism, and generosity in giving of their time. The choir was splendid and the performances of our guest professional musicians were absolutely top notch! This high quality performance truly included something for everyone."

Weekly rehearsals for the SLACC's ninth Annual Holiday Concert to be held in December will begin September 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the historic LDS meetinghouse at 4th Ave and P St. All singers ages 16+ are invited to join this inclusive and welcoming community without cost or audition.

SLACC is a non-denominational, all volunteer, non-profit organization operating as an official committee of the Greater Avenues Community Council (GACC). Our mission is to increase unity in the Greater 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, Arts & Parks (ZAP) Program. To donate, please visit us at <https://avenueschoir.org/product/donations/>.



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Illuminating the Red-tailed Hawk

By Hilary Jacobs

The next time you are out for a walk, make a point of looking up—into the sky, on treetops, utility poles, or on fenceposts - and there's a good chance you'll see a Red-tailed Hawk. Red-tails are the second largest Buteo hawk in North America, occupying open habitats.

Noted for broad rounded wings that span nearly four and a half feet, these hawks appear in dark, rufous, and light morphs (forms). Most common, the light morphs have ruddy brown backs and heads, and a short, wide red tail.

When seen from underneath these hawks are pale with a dark band across the belly, white throat, dark shoulder bars, and black tipped feathers. When soaring, you'll see the sun glow red through their tails.

Whether flying or perched Red-tails scan the ground for prey. They eat mostly small mammals but also birds, snakes and carrion. Like Great-horned Owls and Magpies, Red-tails build big stick nests—up to 6 feet tall and 3 feet across—in tree tops or on high ledges, affording them safety and good views. As you walk look for nests hidden high in the tree tops.

Listen for the Red-tailed Hawk's classic screech. You'll probably recognize the sound because Hollywood plays a Red-tailed Hawk call whenever there's an eagle on screen. If you hear the call, take a look, as you may be privy to a special event. Once, the call alerted me to an airshow of tumbling and turning and screeching as one Red-tail tried to steal prey from another's talons. Ultimately the prey was dropped, the thief flew away and the hunter resumed searching for dinner.

Note that Scrub-Jays and Steller's Jays, both commonly seen in the Foothills, can perfectly mimic the Red-tail call. So, when you hear a Red-tail, look closely... you may have been fooled!

While generally we see less wildlife in the Foothills during the quiet winter months you will actually see more Red-tailed Hawks. With the arrival of winter cold, birds from the far north join those living further south. Hence this is a good time for you to become familiar with this quintessential hawk.



Message from Chris Wharton District 3 Salt Lake City Councilmember



In January I was honored to be appointed Vice Chair for Salt Lake City Council for 2024. I look forward to serving in this leadership role again alongside Chair Petro.

Salt Lake City has experienced a lot in the last few years and I am committed to applying everything we've learned to make our city an even better place to live for all.

The Council also selected Alejandro Puy to serve as Board Chair and Darin Mano to serve as Board Vice Chair for our roles as Redevelopment Agency board members.

With February being Black History Month, let's remember the importance of advocating for racial justice and equality. Black History Month is a time to celebrate and honor the contributions made throughout history, promoting inclusivity and understanding.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Email to Chris.Wharton@slcgov.com. Enroll in my District 3 email list at <https://mailchi.mp/slsgov/council>, or by using the QR code.



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Council Emails!**

Avenues Community Improvement Grant Applications Available

by Peg Alderman

As you may know, the Greater Avenues Community Council raises funds for various purposes including the costs of the monthly newsletter, the GACC, Choir and Street Fair web pages, our State and IRS registrations, and other administrative costs.

The GACC Bylaws and our mission statement indicate that available council funds be used for the betterment of our Community. We are pleased to announce that the 2024 GACC budget includes \$3,000 for Community Improvement Grants.

The Avenues Grants Committee was formed with the purpose of engaging our community in the identification of and completion of projects that will enhance life on the Greater Avenues.

Our hope is that through the completion of projects that reinforce this mission, neighbors working together will enhance a sense of community, pride, safety and joy for all Avenues residents.

We will begin accepting grant applications on February 1st. We will address applications as they arrive and will continue to accept applications until October, or until all current year grant funds have been awarded.

The application and answers to Frequently Asked Questions are available on the GACC web page at

<https://slc-avenues.org/our-neighborhood/avenues-grants>.

Projects can be of a physical nature, as well as educational, environmental.....the possibilities are only limited by your imagination. **What can make the Avenues even better for all?**

Please visit the web page to learn more, or send any questions to GreaterAvenuesGrantsGrants@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to start your application!



Enviromental Tips

by Tom Brooks

"Clean Coal" - Reality or Myth?

Burning coal contributes more CO2 to our Greenhouse Gasses than almost any other energy source (excluding wood and the burning of dung).

As coal oxidizes, one pound of coal produces 2.5 pounds of CO2. A coal power plant uses 25% of the energy it produces to capture its CO2. Coal power plants release Sulfur-Dioxide, Nitrogen-Oxide, Mercury and other metals, and a tremendous amount of heat, all of which leads to unhealthy air and contributes to Climate Change and a harmful costs to life.

The path to meeting our Paris Climate Accord commitment lies primarily with our reduction of the usage of "Clean Coal." The 1.9% reduction in pollution by the US in 2023 was attributed primarily to the reduced use of coal.

Tom Brooks - cooper.brooks@gmail.com

City Creek Water Treatment Plant Update

Even with the cold and snow the City Creek Canyon Water Treatment Plant is under construction. Mechanical, electrical, and structural modifications to the filter building are underway. Removal of the electrical utilities and flocculation basin are continuing. Mondays through Fridays we ask that you please stay safe while using the canyon trails, do not cross onto the road as construction equipment will continue to be transported throughout the canyon. During weekends and holidays, do not pass site #16, there might not be vehicles moving, but it is an active construction zone with hazards. Text "CCWTP" to 833-271-7589 to opt-in for text updates, call 801-616-3336, or visit tinyurl.com/CCWTPSignUp. Visit www.KeepItPureCityCreek.com.

Celebrate College Week at West High

Salt Lake City School District prepares students for a range of college and career opportunities. You may have already heard about our innovative internships with Stadler Rail and Utah Paper Box as well as our expanded Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways, but you should also save the dates for College Week at West High.

From February 5-9, students will explore college and career opportunities with events planned by the student government. If you'd like to volunteer for the college and career fair, or stay apprised of ways to help students with forms and applications, e-mail student government advisor, Ri Pickle – rilee.pickle@slcschools.org.

Why does College Week matter to the community? Utah has some of the lowest rates of FAFSA completion nationwide. This could mean students are missing out on federal aid, including expanded Pell Grants which don't need to be repaid.


This is a great time of year for all West seniors to complete the revised FAFSA on studentaid.gov and learn about their options for college and career transitions.

Find more details on these topics on Instagram: [@westhigh.scholarships](https://www.instagram.com/westhigh.scholarships) and [@westhighcounseling](https://www.instagram.com/westhighcounseling).

Any questions or ideas about our public schools? Reach out to me via email ashley.anderson@slcschools.org

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GACC Community Meeting February 7th - 6:00 p.m. Sweet Library or Zoom



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Health of the Great Salt Lake

by Michael Hughes

The Great Salt Lake Collaborative has published a set of questions that can help citizens get informed about the issues related to the health of the Great Salt Lake. See more at <https://greatsaltlakenews.org/>.

The State of Utah has established the Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner and staff, who have drafted this strategic plan: <https://greatsaltlake.utah.gov/great-salt-lake-strategic-plan-2>. It attempts to balance what should be done to protect the Lake with what can be done given our current financial and political constraints.

Read the plan, comment to the Commissioner and to your legislators and help spread the word!

Avenues Street Fair Planning Starts in March!

Call for Volunteers

by Daniel Sowards

It is that time of year to start planning the Avenues Street Fair! As you know it takes a lot of time and effort to put on this community event each year. We have a wonderful committee who have for years taken on the responsibility to plan the fair. Some of our volunteers have been on the planning committee for 20+ years.

Our goal this year is to grow our team so that we work together to make sure our street fair continues to be the community event of the year. This year we would love to get more community members involved.

Chair	Block Captains	Electrical & Water	Business Donations	Children's Area
Children's Parade	Entertainment	Neighborhood Contacts	People's Art Gallery	Permits
Trash & Recycling	Printing, Banners, Signs	Publicity	Design Work	Opportunity Drawing
Silent Auction	Tables & Chairs	T-shirt	Volunteer Coordinator	GACC Booth Coordinator
Setup & Cleanup Crew	Water Stations	Bike Valet	Treasurer	Booth Coordinator
Vendor Outreach	Tax Forms	Web Page	Social Media	

If any of these spark some interest, please reach out. We typically meet the second Saturday of each month. Our first meeting will be Saturday, March 9th. Details will be mailed out at a later date. I appreciate the opportunity to build off of the success of our 2023 event, and to be the Street Fair Chair again for 2024! Email danielsowards@gmail.com for details of the next Street Fair planning meeting.

Calling Avenues Artists: Avenues Street Fair "Featured Artist" Statements Due March 2nd, 2024!

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 14, 2024.

Artist statements are due by March 2nd, 2024. The Street Fair Committee will select the Featured Artist and notify all candidates by the end of March. The artwork is due to GACC by May 1, 2024, 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.

For more information see www.avenuesstreetfair.org.

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



See the names and the art created by past Featured Artists here:

<https://avenuesstreetfair.org/activities-schedule/featured-artist>.

GACC in Gratitude

We wish to express our profound thanks to our diligent newsletter editor since 2019, Martina Nesi-Lenzi, who has recently resigned after five years and over sixty issues of producing our monthly newsletter The Agenda!

While juggling family, work and the monthly deadlines of producing the newsletter, gathering the articles, and tirelessly laying out each issue, interfacing with our printer and mailer, through knee surgery and Covid, Martina you have represented so highly the community service mission of our community council with your unique grace and dedication. Thank you!

Readers see Page 2 for our call for a new editor and email newsletter@slc-avenues.org



The Greater Avenues Community Council recognizes the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes, whose ancestral homelands we occupy today. The GACC honors the enduring relationship that exists between these peoples and their traditional lands, and we acknowledge and thank them for their longstanding land stewardship. See more at <https://www.nwbshoshone.com/history/>, <https://pitu.gov/>, <https://www.ctgr.us/>, and <https://www.utetribes.com/>