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REPRESENTING THE AVENUES AND FEDERAL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOODS OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

CHAIR'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH

by GACC Chair Joseph "Jurphy" Murphy



2024 Objectives of the GACC Board

As we wrap up the first quarter of 2024, I'd like to inform you of the GACC Board's Annual Objectives and how we hope to better serve you:

1. Document our internal processes

- in order to provide more transparency to the community in how the GACC operates, and to facilitate knowledge-sharing as we get new volunteers.

2. Increase visibility of our committees' progress

- ensuring the Community can see the good work performed by our volunteers on our many committees throughout the year.

3. **Be the hub for information** around the Greater Avenues Community - increase communication methods in digital and print, and at our community meetings.

4. **Financially invest in community projects** - give back to community projects via our grants program and other projects that have community impact.

We look forward to discussing these goals for our organization during our March 6th community meeting.

Utilities & Trails & Bikes, Oh My!

Also at our March meeting, we're diving into a big project in the Upper Avenues: a new pump station replacing the old North Bench pumphouse at 18th Avenue and Hilltop Road, just north of Morris Reservoir.

This isn't just any project—it's a collaborative effort involving SLC Public Utilities, SLC Public Lands, the 18th Avenue Trailhead Improvement Project, the Rocky Mountain Power Wildfire Mitigation Project, and the I-Street Bike Park Working Group.

Feeling dizzy with all these names? No worries! We'll have a team of city staff members at the meeting to clarify everything, from who's involved to how it affects you. Plus, they're all ears for your ideas on using the old pump station's space. So, come with your thoughts and get ready to dive deep! This is our chance to help decide the look and feel of the Hilltop Road parking area that leads to the bike park and Bonneville Shoreline Trails.

Connect with Us!

Finally, I also encourage you to stay updated on the latest GACC news by bookmarking the GACC's website at www.slc-avenues.org, and following our social media accounts on Facebook at "[Greater Avenues Community Council](#)" and on Instagram at [@GACC_SLC](#).

Avenues Community Improvement Grant Applications Available!

As you may know, the Greater Avenues Community Council raises funds for various purposes including the costs of the monthly newsletter, the GACC web page, the Avenues Street Fair web page, our State and IRS registrations, and other administrative costs. The GACC Bylaws and our mission statement indicate that available GACC 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 the Avenues Community in the identification of and completion of projects to enhance life on the Greater Avenues. Our hope is that through the completion of projects that reinforce these missions, neighbors working together will enhance a sense of community, pride, safety, and joy for all Avenues Residents. We will begin accepting applications on 1 February. We will address applications as they arrive and will continue to accept applications until October 15 or until all grant funds have been awarded.

A description of the program, 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 GreaterAvenuesGrants@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to start your application!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: David "Oz" Osterczy



I visited SLC on New Years Eve, 2016 and fell in love with this city and our mountains. As both of my parents had passed and my kids were all grown, I moved to the Avenues in April 2016. With my cat Tigress I hiked the mountains. And as a photographer and artist I made many creative friends and shot many thousands of photos that became beautiful artwork. During the pandemic with so much misery I

started www.NoMoSA.art (No More Starving Artists) and the Inner-City Artists Guild (501c3) to bring help to artists in need, worldwide. We work with business owners to help them give back to their community with a subscription art service, and promote artists so they can do what they love and make a living at it. Please visit www.NoMoSA.art to help eradicate the term "starving artist" from our cultural vocabulary!

INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN THE AVENUES COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT



Caucus Night March 5, 2024

Why? to elect Precinct Officers and Delegates.

The Utah Republican Party will forgo the presidential primary election to instead poll party members on their presidential preference at neighborhood caucus meetings. Pre-registration is advised. Visit slcogop.com for more information.

The Democratic Caucus Night for House District 22 is on March 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ensign School, 775 E 12th Avenue. Meet your local Democratic leaders and candidates, open to all registered voters. Bring your ID and make sure you are registered to vote because we will elect new Precinct Officers and Delegates. Visit www.slcountydemocrats.com/caucusnight for more information on the Democratic Caucus Night.

Environment Tip for March by Tom Brooks

It is recommended that we replace our home or apartment furnace and A/C filters at least once every 90 days. This is a general rule. The factors that can shorten that time can alter if your HVACs are running more than usual. Also if you have cat(s) with a lot of dander or dog(s) that shed. High quality filters do a better job, but they need changing just as often as inexpensive filters. If your landlord doesn't change them out, then you need to, for your own safety, utility bill, and health.



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Avenues Street Fair Planning Begins!

The first meeting of the 2024 Avenues Street Fair Planning Committee will be Saturday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m. at 649 E South Temple. Parking and entrance at the north end of the building.

If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to this year's Street Fair Chair Daniel Sowards at danielsowards@gmail.com.

This year's Fair will be on September 14th. Our first two tasks are to select a location and this year's Featured Artist. Join us at the meeting to help us plan! Visit www.avenuesstreetfair.org for more information.



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www.slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center

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March activities include:

Aging Mastery, Thursdays, 2/15-4/18, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Exercise with U students, Tues&Thurs, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Launch for Spring: Thurs, March 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with Americana Music and a special meal.
Stronger Memory will start April 25 and will run until July, Thursdays 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Free Yoga Class

Open to All Contact Barbara Cramer at 801-355-1856 for location

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:30 a.m.**

Avenues Neighborhood Exercise Class

FREE! Everyone Welcome!
Contact Jan Root at 801-455-2082, or janroot@xmission.com

**Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30 to 9:40 a.m.**



The City Library

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Mon-Thurs 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Fri & Sat 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

SWEET READS BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m.
will meet in the meeting room to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR BEGINNERS

1st & Third Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
A friendly introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for first-timers, led by an experienced player.

BOOK BABY - AT SWEET

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
A fun storytime that encourages playful interactions between little ones and their caregivers.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Stories, rhymes, and fun to help kids get ready to read!

PLAYTIME - AT SWEET

Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tune in, Talk More, Take Turns! Playtime is an unstructured time to play with toys and make new friends.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



The build-up of plastic waste in the world has long been a concern - one only heightened by the discovery of persistent "microplastics" in our environment (see Wikipedia for a detailed description). Salt Lake City has a fine recycling program, but "recycle" is only the last "R" in the three 'R's of waste reduction. Recycling requires energy to collect, transport, and process waste, so only

some of the initial cost invested to produce the waste material is recovered. The most effective way to keep plastics and other materials out of the waste stream is to "Reduce" how much of them one acquires. For example, buying a shampoo bar in a box, rather than a bottle of liquid, generates very little plastic waste; "Reusing" a refillable container to take shampoo to the shower eliminates some plastic waste; "Recycling" however, only salvages some of the waste stream to a downstream use.

As we seek to tread more lightly on the earth, keep the three R's in mind.

Thank you, Jim Jenkin



Questions for the Mayor?

Please reach out to Alicia De León, Community Liaison, District 2 & 3

Alicia.Deleon@slcgov.com

385-454-3824 (Hablo español)

<https://www.slc.gov/mayor/staff/alicia-de-leon2/>



The 2024 Mayor's Office Office Hours Schedule is online at <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/community-office-hours/>. Beginning February 2024, you can catch the Mayor's Outreach Team every other month, in communities throughout the City! Visit the web page to see the dates.



2nd + 2nd Coalition Unsheltered Movie Nights

The 2nd and 2nd Coalition is a multi-organizational coalition that includes First United Methodist Church, Unsheltered Utah, Our Unsheltered Relatives (OURs), and other groups working to keep our unsheltered friends warm and safe on especially cold nights in Salt Lake City.

This is an all-volunteer operation that relies on people like you to keep it going.

We are so grateful to all of you for helping us continue to open the doors of the First United Methodist Church and St. Mark's Cathedral on extremely cold nights for our unsheltered neighbors to stay warm, eat delicious food, and watch movies!

Location: First United Methodist Church, 203 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111-2437. Contact Merinda Cutler, 512-289-2010, merinda.cutler@gmail.com, or visit bit.ly/2and2movienights23

Volunteers can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AADAD2E5-unsheltered2#/>

The main tasks for volunteers are:

- Setup/Cleanup Team (helps set up/clean up the church, distribute mats and blankets, clean in the morning, and organize/store supplies)
- Safety & Welcome Team (helps greet & check in guests, and monitor different areas of the church)
- Hospitality Team (helps serve and clean up snacks, hot drinks, and dinner/breakfast, distributes donations)
- Transportation Team (uses personal vehicle to drive around to pick up unsheltered friends)

DONATIONS: We purchase food and

supplies each night as needed with your cash donations, which you can give through Venmo (@Unsheltered-Utah) or PayPal (@UnshelteredUtah).

We can accept donations of blankets, adult winter coats, hats, gloves, warm socks, waterproof adult shoes, sleeping bags, tents, hand warmers.

You may drop medical, travel hygiene, fuel, adult winter wear donations, etc. during business hours at Brickyard Kennel, 1221 E 3300 S, Millcreek, UT.

Thank you for helping the unhoused.

Message from Chris Wharton

District 3 Salt Lake City Councilmember



March is National Women's Month, giving us a chance to honor and celebrate the often-unrecognized achievements of women in our society. I'm excited to connect with you and share the latest updates and happenings in our vibrant community, including events that highlight women's contributions and accomplishments in history, law, politics, science

and technology, medicine, business, the arts, and more.

March is also the month of St. Patrick's Day. I hope you will join me in celebrating Hibernian culture and Irish Americans in particular. This year's St. Patrick's Day parade will be on March 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Gateway, 400 W 200 S.

As always, I am committed to ensuring that our city remains a place for everyone, and your involvement and support are crucial in achieving this goal. If you have any questions or concerns, or if there are specific events you'd like to participate in, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's make March a month of unity, celebration, and community engagement.



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West High Health Clinic

Students at West High have access to a healthcare clinic on campus. After successful fundraising and coalition building by the Salt Lake Education Foundation (SLEF), the University of Utah Clinic will increase student access to primary care and wellness services.

When students can get immunizations, physicals and sick visits at school, they are less likely to be absent. Research also shows that students are 21 times more likely to access mental and behavioral support at a school based center.

In order to be seen at the clinic, West High students must have an authorization form. For more details, email WHSCadmin@hsc.utah.edu or visit the clinic website via the QR code. This is just one of many projects by SLEF, a non-profit arm supporting the SLC School District. Learn more at saltlakeeducationfoundation.org.

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Rattled by Rattlesnakes?

by Hilary Jacobs

Have you ever heard a sound like castanets while walking in the Foothills?

There's a good chance it was a rattlesnake's cautionary tail! The Great Basin rattler shown is the only one of seven Utah rattler species that lives in the SLC Foothills.

Rattlers are easy to identify. They have large triangular-shaped heads with heat-sensing pits located between their eyes and nostrils. And, of course, the rattle at the end of their tail, evolved to scare away danger. The loud buzz occurs when they flick their tail up to 90 times per second, twice the speed of a hovering hummingbird's wings!

Rattlesnakes are ambush predators, holding their rattle up to move quietly. They use thermal "vision", vibration detection, and sensitive smell to locate and strike prey, injecting venom through long, hollow fangs that swing forward when they bite.

To stay safe in rattlesnake country, remain alert. If you hear or see one, give it space and leave. These snakes want nothing to do with you, and will defensively strike only if they cannot escape or scare you away.

Rattlesnakes are protected in Utah, playing a vital role in predator-prey balance. They are, however, threatened by habitat loss, poaching and extermination campaigns.

If you meet a rattlesnake, always remain respectful, and consider how fortunate you are to glimpse this beautifully adapted reptile in its natural home.



Morris Reservoir Pump House 18th Avenue at Hilltop Rd.

The Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU) is designing a new pump station to replace the aging North Bench Pump Station near 18th Avenue and Hilltop Road.

The new station, to be located north of the Morris Reservoir, will enhance energy efficiency, reduce operational costs, and improve water distribution.

During construction, it is planned to maintain access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and I-Street Bike trails.

Construction is expected to start in late summer or fall of 2024. SLCDPU is coordinating with other local projects to minimize community impact. For inquiries, contact Chloe Morroni at slcdpuEngagement@slcgov.com or Sophie Frankenburg at sfrankenburg@logansimpson.com.

This project will be the keynote topic at the March 6th GACC neighborhood meeting.

City Creek Treatment Plant Upgrade

Construction continues and public safety remains a top priority. Hikers please remain on trails M-F, do not cross the road. There is no canyon access beyond site #16 on weekends and holidays.

To receive text alerts about City Creek Canyon access during construction, text CCWTP to 833-271-7589. To stay updated on City Creek Canyon construction activities, visit: tinyurl.com/CCWTPSignUp. Contact Us by Phone: 801-616-3336, by email: Info@keepitpurecitycreek.com, or on the web at www.keepitpurecitycreek.com.

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Salt Lake City Transportation Project Updates

Virginia Street Reconstruction - Virginia Street will be reconstructed from South Temple to 11th Avenue starting late spring or early summer. The work will replace the asphalt surface, add sidewalks on the west side, install uphill bike lanes, traffic calming elements, improved bus stops, and intersection safety improvements. Visit www.slc.gov/mystreet/virginia, contact virginiastreet@slcgov.com or call 888-556-0232.

Traffic Calming - Take the Liveable Streets Survey at <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/plans-studies/livable-streets/> to give the City feedback on where to prioritize funding for traffic calming. Constituent Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) funds can also be applied towards traffic calming. The next opportunity to apply for funding through this program is fall of 2024.

See details on CCIP funding at www.slc.gov/Finance/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/08/FY24_FundedCIPProjects-Summary-Handout.pdf.

Email Kyle.Irvin@slcgov.com with any questions about City Transportation projects.

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GACC Committee Spotlight: CERT

CERT (short for **Community Emergency Response Team**) is a nationwide FEMA-supported program that trains volunteers to help their neighbors

in the event of a disaster that overwhelms local professional responders. Think of events such as a major earthquake, extensive urban wildfire, etc.

The Salt Lake City Fire Department runs CERT classes that cover home preparedness, disaster first aid and medical treatment, light search and rescue, and team organization.

The GACC's CERT Committee promotes emergency preparedness and encourages residents to get CERT trained, while coordinating with the Salt Lake City Office of Emergency Management, the Salt Lake Crossroads Amateur Radio club, and local churches.

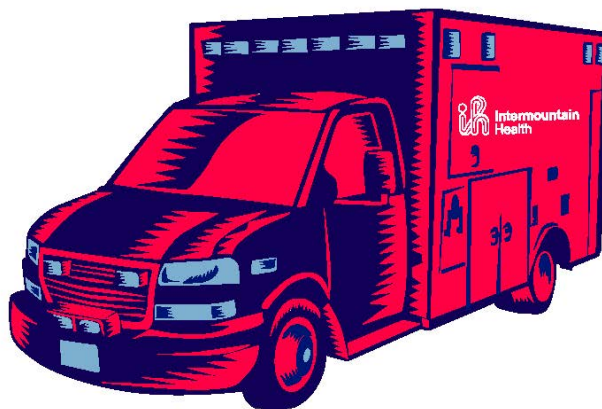
In the past year GACC CERT co-organized a neighborhood emergency preparedness fair, ran an informational booth at the Avenues Street Fair, and conducted a CERT exercise at the Ensign Elementary school. Another exercise is being planned for April, to be announced. Come join us! Contact Carleton DeTar at detar@physics.utah.edu.

SLC Emergency Management Give Pulse Program Announced

The Salt Lake City Office of Emergency Management invites volunteers to sign up with the "Give Pulse" app for notifications on emergency management events and opportunities.

There are two subgroups: General events like Stop-The-Bleed classes at www.givepulse.com/group/915921-Salt-Lake-City-Emergency-Management, and a subgroup for those who are CERT-trained at www.givepulse.com/group/915929-Salt-Lake-City-CERT.

GACC Board Meeting - March 13th
The March GACC Board meeting will be on
 March 13th, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Sweet Branch Library, 455 North F Street and on Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on March 13th at 5:00 p.m. at www.slc-avenues.org.



ER and Trauma Services Public Open House at LDS Hospital!

March 16
 10 a.m. - Noon
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GACC Community Meeting March 6 - 6:00 p.m. Sweet Library and Zoom



MAIN LIBRARY
Urban Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 02
11:00AM - 4:00PM

It's The City Library's 3rd Annual Seed Swap! Bring garden seeds to share (or pick some up from our Seed Library and partners) and have fun with all sorts of seed and garden crafts and activities.

NOTABLE DATES

March 1 / March 4	Democratic Presidential Primary - In-person early voting period ends, March 4 last day for mail-in Ballots.
March 2 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Seed Swap Main Library
March 5 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Caucus Night (D) Ensign Elementary (R) Bryant Middle School
March 6, 6:00 p.m.	GACC Community Meeting Sweet Library and Zoom
March 9, 9:00 a.m.	First 2024 Street Fair Meeting 649 E South Temple
March 13, 6:00 p.m.	GACC Board Meeting Sweet Library and Zoom
March 16, 11:00 a.m.	St. Patrick's Day Parade The Gateway
April 3, 6:00 p.m.	GACC Community Meeting Sweet Library and Zoom

March 6th Community Meeting Agenda

6:00 - 6:01 p.m.	Welcome - GACC Chair Jurphy Murphy
6:02-6:12 p.m.	2024 Objectives of the GACC Board
6:13-6:43 p.m.	Morris Reservoir Pump House at 18th Avenue above Hilltop Rd. by So- phie Frankenburg, SLC Public Utilities
6:44 - 7:30 p.m.	Community Reports - Legislature, Mayor's Office, City Council, School Board, Police, Fire, Library, LDS Hospital, GACC Committees
7:31 - 7:40 p.m.	Open Forum

The March 6th Community Meeting will be held in person at the Sweet Library, 455 F Street, and on Zoom. The Zoom meeting link and password will be posted at 5:00 p.m. on March 6th at www.slc-avenues.org/



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