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of Salt Lake City, Utah

Mass Transit Anyone?

Chair's Message for June by
Jill Van Langeveld

A friend of mine gave me a "picture" book: Salt Lake City Then and Now by Kirk Huffaker, executive director of Preservation Utah. Kirk found old photos, took new photos from approximately the same spot, and then compared and commented. Pages 60 and 61 are photographs of Main Street at 400 South taken in 1914 and "recently."



There were a few changes but you could easily recognize the beautiful old buildings. Even though there were still horse drawn wagons in 1914, the streets looked surprisingly similar with cars parked on the edges and tracks down the middle with electric powerlines for the "old" trolleys and the "new" TRAX trains.

My Grandmother used to say, "What goes around, comes around." I love history.

The first trolley service in Salt Lake City began on July 17, 1872. It was pulled by two mules and went from 300 West at South Temple to 300 South at State Street and back again. A ride was expensive, 10 cents. I'm sure it was quite an experience because mules aren't known for their cooperation.

A Salt Lake Tribune story on Nov. 18, 1873, told how two mules, named Sin and Misery, were frightened and dashed down South Temple, scattering bystanders as passengers jumped clear. When the driver and conductor finally jumped, the mules simply stopped. Mules (and horses) also caused a pollution problem creating 60 tons of manure and 3,000 gallons of urine annually, requiring regular street cleaning. Remember, most of the streets were unpaved dirt/mud.

In 1889 Salt Lake City was one of the first cities to electrify their trolley system. By the 1890s trolley lines existed on 1st, 3rd, and 6th Avenues. Because of the tracks these streets are wider and flatter than the other Avenue streets. Wider and flatter streets make staging the Avenues Street Fair in September much easier.

In 1902 the trolley system had expanded to Sandy and up City Creek Canyon, but the rail lines were denser in the Avenues than any other part of the city except downtown.

By 1914 there were 145 miles of electrified trolley tracks carrying 38.9 million passengers -- a one year record. It was estimated that half of the city's residents rode the trolleys daily.

By 1921 the streetcar system ran along 9th Avenue. What happened to our City's trolley/streetcar system?

GACC Community Meeting

June 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Library - 9th Avenue and F Street

7:00 to 7:05 — Welcome, Announcements

7:06 to 7:40 — Reports: Library, Police, Fire, City, School Board, Legislative, LDS Hospital, GACC Committees

7:41 to 8:01 — Utah Transit Authority - routes and fees

8:02 to 8:22 — City Transportation Division - repairs and planning

8:23 to 8:44 — 4th Avenue Well - Discussion and community vote to Support or Oppose the City's plans for a Pump House in Historic City Creek Park

8:45 to 8:50 — Open Announcements

8:51 to 9:00 — Adjourn, Conversation with Neighbors & Clean Up

In one word: cars.

People soon began complaining that the trolleys hindered the car traffic flow and the electric power lines were unsightly.

Rubber-wheeled trolleys started running in 1928, but they still could only go where there were overhead electric wires. Gasoline powered buses could go virtually anywhere.

On May 31, 1941, Deseret News wrote that the last trolley would make its final run that night. However one trolley line continued operating until 1946, from 900 South and 1300 East to the University of Utah. My husband Dave has fond memories of going with his Father on one of the trolley's final runs.

Tracks in the Avenues were torn up and repaved, including 1st, 6th and 9th Avenues, ending the era of trolley and electric trains. TRAX would open its first line in 1999 hoping to decrease the pollution and traffic snarls of cars and buses.

What happened to 3rd Avenue's tracks? They were left in place and paved over in case they were ever needed to transport goods to Fort Douglas -- (cont. on Pg. 2)

Memory Grove Cleanup

Saturday, June 1

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Memory Grove Park Entrance

AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact GACC chair Jill Van Langeveld at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all are welcome.

GACC Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all are welcome.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street, 801-594-8651, www.slcp.org/branches/view/Corinne+and+Jack+Sweet
Music Together

Monday, June 03: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Babies, toddlers.

Playtime

Tuesday, June 4 & 25: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Preschooler, babies, toddlers.

Dungeons & Dragons for beginners

Tuesday, June 04, 11 & 18: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm. - kids.

Book Baby.

Wednesday, June 05, 12, 19 & 26: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime.

Thursday, June 06, 13, 20 & 27: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Parker Solar Probe - With NASA JPL Ambassadors

Monday, June 10: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - kids.

Life-Sized Candyland

Monday, June 10: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Musical Playtime

Tuesday, June 11: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Portal 2 Playthrough

Wednesday, June 12, 19 & 26: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Kidding Around Yoga with Sarah Bly

Friday, June 14 & 28: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Business Growth Strategies with Salt Lake SCORE - How to Increase Sales

Saturday, June 15: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - pre registration required <https://saltlake.score.org/content/take-workshop-251>.

Paint- along : The Starry Night

Saturday, June 15: 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Adults - Pre-registration required on library website.

Preschool Dance Party

Monday, June 17: 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Preschool Building Zone

Tuesday, June 18: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Chris Lopez Magic Show

Monday, June 24: 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. kids.

Sweet Reads Tuesday, June 25: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Adults.

Virtual Reality - Universe Sand-box

Thursday, June 27: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. All ages.

Judgment Call Robot Demos

Friday, June 28: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Teens.

City Academy, 555 E. 200 S., 801-596-8489, www.cityacademyslc.org. Tuition-free 7th-12th grade public charter school since 2000. Enroll now for FALL 2019.

Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class: Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. - FREE! - 278 North Alta Street, Federal Heights Ward, East entrance. Everyone welcome! Call if you have questions Renate Nebeker 801-534-1443 or renatenebeker@gmail.com.

10th East Senior Center: 237 S. 1000 East, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Daily lunch, daily activities for Seniors. 385-468-3140, www.slco.org/tentheast.

Shriners Hospital for Children, 1275 E. Fairfax Rd, 801-536-3500, www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/salt-lake-city.

Ronald McDonald House, 935 E South Temple, 801-363-4663, <https://www.rmhcslc.org/>. Volunteer opportunities and Adopt-a-meal scheduling, contact Kacie Pecor kacie@rmhcslc.org or sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4daaa922a3f58-ronald7>.

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remember this was at the end of World War II.

Whenever 3rd Avenue is in need of repaving, you can see a pair of even cracks appear in the pavement going up the middle of 3rd Avenue and curving onto Virginia Street. The stories of the electric trains continue. What do you think will happen next?



Building the 3rd Avenue Trolley Tracks



Preparing for tracks on 1300 East at 900 South – recognize the old East High School?

The Agenda

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Utah Transit Authority at June 5 GACC Meeting

UTA officials will be at the June 5 GACC meeting to discuss survey results, free fare days, bus rapid transit and other issues.

UTA serves many different goals, including reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, stimulate development in urban centers, provide an affordable transportation alternative to driving, get people to jobs and school, provide service to everyone who pays for transit, and connect people to social services. UTA has a limited budget, so doing more of one thing can mean doing less of another.

UTA is asking for help determining their priorities as they work to attracting as many riders as possible while servicing as many places as possible. Please take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/UTASC_Central.

Learn more and be prepared with questions on June 5 by going to www.rideuta.com/About-UTA/Active-Projects/Service-Choices/Get-Informed.



Greater Avenues Community Council

MEET THE CANDIDATES

for Salt Lake City Mayor

IHC/LDS Hospital Auditorium
9th Avenue and C Street, Salt Lake City
Wed. July 10th 7:00 p.m.

Save the date for the Mayor Candidates debate on **July 10** at LDS Hospital. Do you have any questions for the candidates? Please email your questions in advance to our debate moderator, Gene Fitzgerald, at genefitzgerald37@gmail.com.

There will be no regular community meeting of the GACC in July at the Sweet Branch Library.

SLC Trail Trekkers

June 5th @ 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Parley's Historic Nature Park, 2667 Heritage Way (2 Miles, Moderate)

June 19th @ 6:30 - 9:00pm: "Living Room" Sunset Hike. Park at 383 Corlorw Row, just south of the Utah Museum of Natural History. (2.2 Miles, strenuous, bring a headlamp or flashlight).

<https://www.slc.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/slc-trail-trekkers/>.



Transportation Division at June 5 GACC Meeting

Salt Lake City Transportation Division officials will be at the GACC meeting on June 5 to discuss their latest efforts to improve traffic flow in the City and provide for future growth.

They will also present information on accident mapping, green bike program and motorized scooters. SLC Transportation is working on updating the City's Master Transportation Plan, last updated in 1996.

Salt Lake City adopted the City's first ever Transit Master Plan in 2017. This plan establishes the City's vision, guides decisions and identifies investment priorities to meet the community's existing and future public transportation needs. <http://slcrides.org/>.

Summer Fire Safety Concerns by the Salt Lake City Fire Department

Warmer weather is coming! Wildfire is a threat we face in the Avenues. Residents can help protect their homes and structures by limiting the amount of flammable vegetation within the zone 0 to 5 feet around the house.

Trim branches that overhang your home, porch, garage and deck. Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks/porches.

Ensure your home and neighborhood has legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Conduct an annual insurance policy check-up to adjust for local building costs, codes and new renovations. Create or update your home inventory to help settle claims faster.

Develop, discuss and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for pets. Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a pre-designated meeting place.

Always evacuate if you feel it's unsafe to stay.

Call 9-1-1 to report any active fire.

See more fire safety tips at <https://www.slc.gov/fire/>.

University of Utah Summer 2019 Construction

Several construction projects on campus are scheduled to begin in the coming months.

More details can be seen here: <https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/summer-2019-construction/>.

News Bite

We are adding business emails to our list so if you are interested, send us your contact information.

Send us info on any new **Avenues businesses** to newsletter@slc-avenues.org.

4th Avenue Well Observations by Craig Ogan

Walking down the 4th Avenue Stairs leading to City Creek Park at 7:15 this morning I was struck by the beautiful morning light on the old foliage in the park and the pleasant quiet of the Parks, just birds singing.

In a year, if the City Council does not veto Public Utilities plans, I'll be greeted in the Park by a 14-foot tall, almost 50-foot Long and 12-foot wide Water Treatment building. My ears will be vexed by the constant hum of a 455 HP above ground pump.

The opinion of our broad group of City Creek Park supporters is that this building is arguably not necessary. This is not a "have to do" project, it's a "Public Utilities wants to do" project.

The water is pure at the source, no disinfection necessary. There has not been a health issue from the pure water deriving from the well for the 60 years it's been in operation. The addition of chlorine may be a potential health hazard to nearby neighbors.

The well is serviced now by a submersible pump which is noiseless in the neighborhood and below ground.

Yes, the well needs maintenance and the workers need a safe work space, but we believe there are unexplored alternatives to this planned above-ground building which would not destroy the aesthetics of the Park and the surrounding historic neighborhood.

Fix the well, make it safe, keep it underground, and leave the park and the trees alone.

Please visit our Facebook page at No Water Treatment Plant at Memory Grove, and send your thoughts to Council Member Chris Wharton at chris.wharton@slcgov.com.

Memory Grove Cleanup June 1

Originally scheduled for May 18th, the 23rd annual Memory Grove Cleanup will take place on **Saturday June 1st**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Memory Grove Park, 450 North Canyon Road, Salt Lake City.

We invite all ages of volunteers to help clear brush, pull weeds and plant flowers.

Check in at the entrance gate on Canyon Road. Wear appropriate clothing, bring gloves, water, and sunscreen. All tools will be provided by Salt Lake City Parks Department.

Intermountain LDS Hospital will again provide a free lunch to all volunteers!

Thank you to Salt Lake City Corporation, Salt Lake City Parks Department, the Ensign Stake, Greater Avenues Community Council, and Intermountain Healthcare/LDS Hospital for supporting this project.

Thank you to the event organizers GACC Board Members Phil Carroll and Brian Berkelbach.

<https://www.slc-avenues.org/news-events/latest-news/item/95-memory-grove-clean-up-scheduled>.

4th Avenue Well Observations by Public Utilities

The 20" diameter well was drilled in 1943 to a total depth of 464 feet within an underground vault on the northeast intersection of 4th Avenue and Canyon Road.

The well does not meet several current design and safety standards. The vault has only one access point and high voltage electrical controls are within the vault. A change in atmosphere or a water leak coming in contact with electrical components could be life threatening.

The well supplies 3-7 million gallons per day to the Salt Lake City water system, supplying approximately 12,000 connections. It is an important and reliable water source for the City that provides culinary water to single and multi-family residential consumers as well as hundreds of commercial and industrial consumers in downtown Salt Lake City and the surrounding area.

The planned improvements would remove the safety hazards and bring the well into compliance with current standards.

Costs and pros and cons of multiple alternatives have been studied, and the above-ground pumphouse has been determined to be the best alternative at this time.

See more about the City's plans for this well at www.slc.gov/utilities/fourth-avenue-well-project/.



Proposed pumphouse at Canyon Road and 4th Avenue

The GACC recommends that all citizens concerned about the 4th Avenue Well project attend the June 5th GACC meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Sweet Branch Library, 455 North F Street, where more discussion will happen on the pros and cons of the City's planned pumphouse, and a vote will be taken on recommendations to be formally presented by the GACC on behalf of Avenues residents and business owners to the City.

2019 Street Fair Introduces Featured Artist

Each year the Street Fair Committee selects an artist who will create an original piece or art that describes what the Avenues means to them. The design becomes the official promotional art for each year's Fair.

We are excited to announce the 2019 Avenues Street Fair Featured Artist is Gunter Radinger.

Gunter began painting at a young age and has pursued art ever since. He is totally self-taught and is always looking to better his art through experimentation with many types of techniques, styles and subjects. Many of his works have been sold at private showings and Gunter has completed numerous commissions.

His goal is to begin exhibiting his work at galleries to market them to a larger audience. He is also accepting new commissions.

His inspiration comes from years of travel to many places in the world, and from a variety of experiences and situations which have influenced his thoughts. He loves the natural surroundings in Utah.

Scenes of the West including western-style portraits are of special interest and inspiration for him. Much of his work centers on the Western Heritage which residents of Utah and the surrounding States have in great abundance.

Gunter's many friends have also brought back images from their travels which he then reproduces in painted

form through his unique vision.

You'll be able to purchase Gunter's work on a T-shirt at the GACC booth, with proceeds going to the GACC general fund. Gunter will also have a booth where you will be able to see this year's original artwork as well as his other work.

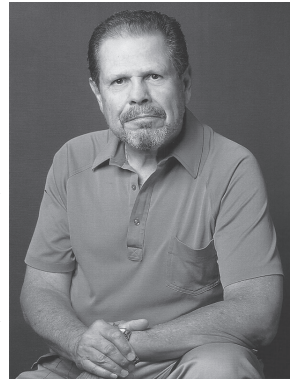
Gunter and his wife also own The Oxford Shoe Shop in downtown Salt Lake City where some of his work is on display. Stop by and say hello! His art is also visible on the web at https://www.oxfordshop.biz/?page_id=330, and on his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordshopshoestore/>.

The Street Fair planning committee needs more volunteers for various positions. Please call or email Daniel to find out more, or attend our June 15th planning meeting at at Cucina Deli, 1026 2nd Avenue.

More information about the Fair is at www.avenuestreetfair.org.

Booth applications are being accepted, and we are finalizing our permits to be able to announce the location soon.

Daniel Gaffin, 2019 Avenues Street Fair Chair
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PROCESSED FOOD: HOW AND WHY SHOULD I CUT BACK?

Liz Blike, Dietitian

Processed foods are loaded with fat, salt, sugar, and chemicals. They contribute to chronic diseases such as diabetes, certain types of cancer, and heart disease.

Here are few ideas on how to cut back and give your diet a healthy reboot.

Start small

Your taste buds will need time to adjust. Stop buying pre-made freezer meals from the grocery store. After a few weeks you may be ready to give up something else. Over time your taste buds will acclimate to the flavors of whole foods.

Plan ahead

Processed foods are convenience foods. Avoid reaching for more processed fare by meal prepping and planning ahead. Cut up fresh fruits and vegetables ahead of time. Bring snacks with you so you won't be tempted by the vending machine.

Learn to love cooking

Find recipes that make you excited to cook. Take a cooking class. Recruit a friend to cook with you.

Cook smarter

When you start to do a lot of your own cooking, try things that help you save time in the kitchen. Batch your cooking. If you know you'll need shredded chicken for more than one meal during the week, cook enough for both meals and refrigerate or freeze a portion for later. Cook large portions of rice or beans to use in multiple meals.

Use substitutions

Look for ways to substitute some of the processed items in your refrigerator and pantry. For example, use less salt by substituting garlic, spices, or herbs. Instead of eating processed meats, try buying a rotisserie chicken.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

***WEDNESDAY,
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 9TH AVE. AT F STREET***

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