

OF THE

GREATER AVENUES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Chair's Message for February by Laura Cushman

What is the Greater Avenues Community Council, and more importantly, why should I care? Over the years, or maybe even just more recently, you may have asked yourself these exact questions. It is likely, if you are reading this newsletter, you are curious about and interested in what occurs in your neighborhood and the Greater Avenues community. Issues



present in your neighborhood directly impact your day to day living. That is why you should care. That is why we should all care.

Is there an intersection you are worried about, or just generally have concerns about pedestrian safety in the Avenues? Send us a note! A new sign or cell tower pop up in your neighborhood bothering you? Tell us about it! Not sure who you should support in an upcoming election? Attend one of our candidate nights! Do you know of an interesting community event coming up? Share it in the newsletter! Want to take care of your lawn, but are also concerned about water conservation? We can find a speaker for that! Chances are, if you are wondering about these things, someone else is too.

The GACC board is comprised of residents from all over the Avenues, with varying backgrounds and interests, but who come together every second Wednesday of the month and try to answer some of these questions. We may not always have an immediate answer, but we are certainly willing to do the legwork to find them.

At the January General Meeting, there was clearly

continued interest in the Inland Port, so we have invited a speaker this month to present on, and perhaps answer some of your questions. Our council continues to monitor the progress of the 4th Avenue Well Project and disseminate information as often as we can to Avenues constituents. Last year, GACC organized and hosted 2 successful Mayoral debates and are already planning for 2020. over 40 years, the Avenues have organized a celebration of community that now exists in the form of a spectacular Street Fair occurring every September. The first Street Fair Committee meeting will be in March.

Our council is committed to giving back, and with the funds raised from the street fair, we are able to support efforts like the Avenues Athletic Association, Memory Grove Clean-up, Avenues Choir and community sponsored projects. I am excited to share that this year, the Community Sponsored Service Project will be the addition of a Gazebo

GACC Community Meeting February 5 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Library - 9th Avenue and F Street

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome, Announcements. 7:06 to 7:45 Reports: Library, Police.

Fire, City, School Board, Legislative,

LDS Hospital, Committees, Lara McLellan Handwerker, SLC 7:46 to 8:05

Transportation Planner – Enhanced bus service system and Frequent Tran-

8:06 to 8:45 Taylor Stevens, Reporter for Salt

Lake City Tribune - Inland Port History

and Updates.

8:46 to 8:50 Open Announcements

8:51 to 9:00 Adjourn, Stack Chairs, Talk to

Neighbors and Leave.

at Popperton Park. We have established a Service Project Committee to be led by Gwen Springmeyer. The goal of this project is to design, build and have this new structure ready for the community to enjoy by year's end. If you are interested in joining this effort, or are just looking for a little more information, please send me an email gaccchair@slc-avenues.org

Thank you for caring and taking an interest in your community. I look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon!

The objectives of the Greater Avenues Community Council are to:

- Provide a forum to discuss issues of mutual concern.
- Establish working groups and committees to facilitate issue resolution.
- Promote activities that enhance and enrich the community
- Make improvements to the community in order to protect the unique character of the Avenues.
- Provide and expand communication links with governmental, civic and community organizations.
- Provides benefit to the broader Avenues community with the use of GACC funds.





Community Meetings

For special accommodations contact GACC Chair Laura Cushman at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all are welcome.

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., Sweet Library.

GACC Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 12 2020, at 7:00 p.m., Sweet Library.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street, 801-594-8651,

www.slcpl.org/branches/view/Corinne+and+Jack+Sweet.
All Locations will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 for Presidents Day.
Kids Calendar: Tuesday at 10 am-11:30 am. Playtime@Sweet
(Playtime for children 0 to 5 years-old and their caregivers).
2nd Tuesday is 'Musical' Playtime & 3rd Tuesday is Preschool Build

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Tuesday Feb 4, 3:30pm. Kidding Around Yoga With Sarah Bly Kidding Around Yoga combines traditional yoga techniques with original music, games, and other activities, guiding children and adults as they focus their minds, stretch their bodies, and have fun.

Wednesdays at 10:30am. Book Baby Storytime.

Wednesdays at 11am. Sensory Playtime.

Wednesday at 3:30pm. Art & Maker with Clever Octopus . Make art and practice sustainability! Clever Octopus Creative Resource Center provides reused, repurposed, or donated supplies and clean, discarded materials that have been saved from the landfill.

Thursday at 10:30 am. Preschool Storytime.

Sat. Feb 8, 10:30am. Valentine's Preschool Dance Party. Young dancers ages 3–7 can grab props and instruments and dance their socks off!
Sat Feb 8, 11:00am-2pm. Valentine Card Making. Make a valentine for someone special! We'll provide all sorts of materials so you can express yourself any way you want!

Teen Calendar: Tues. Feb. 4, 11, & 18 at 6pm-8pm. Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners. An experienced D&Der will guide you, and all the necessary materials & manuals will be provided.

Take & Make DIY Kits. Teens can now come to the library anytime for DIY Kits!

Thurs. Feb 13 from 4pm-5pm. Teen Tech Thursday. Teens and Tweens are invited to the Sweet Branch every second Thursday for a different tech-related activity. This month we will be using app music kits to

The Agenda

Publisher's Statement

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FEBRUDRY

come up with our own songs.

Sat. Feb 22 from 2pm-3pm. Teen Activism Club. In this monthly club teens can discuss local, national, or international issues. Then, you can form a task-force to enact change! Meetings are held the fourth Saturday of every month.

Adult Calendar: Tues. Feb 4, 11, & 18 at 6pm-8pm. Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners. An experienced D&Der will guide you, and all the necessary materials & manuals will be provided.

Art Exhibit Breaking Through: Paintings by Fred Graham · Exhibit runs from Jan 4 - Feb 22.

Tuesday, Feb 25 at 7pm-8:30pm. Sweet Reads. A monthly book club for the Avenues! Discover new books and get to know the faces in your neighborhood. Light refreshments will be provided at each event. This month's book is The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern.

Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class!

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. FREE! Federal Heights Ward Building, 278 North Alta Street, East Entrance.

Everyone Welcome! Questions? Renate Nebeker, 801-534-1443, renatenebeker@gmail.com

City Academy, 555 E. 200 S., 801-596-8489, www.cityacademyslc.org, 7th-12th grade public charter school celebrating 20 years. Now enrolling for fall 2020. Call for a personal tour or to shadow in classes.

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 sign ups are online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4daaa922a3f58-ronald7.

Tenth East Senior Center: 237 South 1000 East, there is plenty of parking behind the building. For more information about any events, call 385 468-3140.

Income Tax Services by Appointment: Tuesday's–9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Free income tax preparation assistance provided by AARP. The program for tax assistance is terrific. Because it is sponsored by AARP, the recipient only needs to be 50. The phone number for an appointment for tax assistance is 385 468-3140.

Stepping On: Tuesday's 10:30 a.m. February 11th – March 24th Join this 7 week workshop where you'll learn exercises and strategies to help prevent you from falling.

5th Annual Winter Decathlon: Thursday, February 27th.

Come enjoy a day of Fun & Games! Contact your local Senior Center for further information.

Book Club: Wednesday, February 19th- 1:30 p.m.

The book to read is Exit West by Mohsin Hamid.

Live Music & Dancing: Wednesday & Friday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Sponsored by the Advisory Committee).

Tai Chi: Thursday 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Zumba: Thursday 3:45-4:45p.m.

Personal fitness with university students: Tuesday & Thursday

12:00-1:30p.m. (Begins January 21st).



GACC is pleased to annunce 2020 GACC Board and Officers

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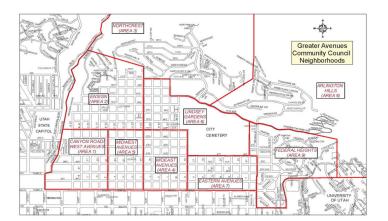
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More info on the GACC Vision and Bylaws at https://slc-avenues.org/about-the-council/vision-bylaws.

"If you will just tell me when the next emergency will be, I can be prepared."



Sorry, I can't do that, but I can tell you when the Avenues Emergency Fair will be: Saturday, April 25th at Wasatch Elementary School.

We still have a CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS because even though we now have the Financial Chair (Michael Hughes) and the Vendor/Presenter Chair (Mo Reeder) to work with our Publicity Chair (Robyn Christensen) and Event Set-Up Chair (Dave Alderman), we still need volunteers to help with either in the planning stage or the day of stage or both. If you can help,

The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th 7:00-8:00 pm church at 135 A Street, southwest door downstairs.



Calling Avenues Artists: Street Fair "Featured Artist" **Statements Due April 5th!**

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 12, 2020.

The statements are due April 5th. The Street Fair Committee will select the Featured Artist and notify all candidates by the end of April. The artwork is due to GACC May 15th, 2020 and then is used in all Street Fair promotional items, with the original art remaining the property of the artist. The chosen artist is provided a complimentary booth at the Avenues Street Fair. More details are available on the GACC website - www.slc-avenues.org. To submit a Statement of Interest, please email danielgaffin@gmail.com

The Avenues Street Fair Planning starts in March! Our first meeting will be Saturday March 14th @ 10:00AM located at the Sweet Library on F Street. If you would like to volunteer please reach out to this years chair, Daniel Gaffin 801-550-1294, danielgaffin@gmail.com or just show up!

What is the Census

The decennial census is a point-in-time count of every person living in the United States, regardless of citizenship status. Required by the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the count once every 10 years.



Why It Matters

The census tells us how Utah and Salt Lake City are growing and changing. It also unlocks billions in federal funding to make sure we have the community resources we need.

So, if you care about your local schools or if police respond when you dial 911 — Get counted. If

you want to make sure there's a hospital near your neighborhood counted. Or if you want Utah to have a stronger voice in Congress -

SLC Counts 2020's goal is to provide residents with accurate and easy to understand information about how the census works, how census data is used and how the census helps our community.

Salt Lake City benefits most when everyone participates, but we can't do it alone. Become a Census Champion to ensure everyone in our community is represented

When does the Census begin? Census questionnaires will be available on March 12, 2020. Expect to get a postcard reminder from the Census Bureau in early March. Census

Day is April 1, 2020. Your answers to census questions should reflect your household information on that day.

How do I complete the Census?

The Census questionnaire is available as a paper form or online. Census questions can also be answered over the phone, or in-person with a Census Bureau representative. Completing the census should take no more than about 10 minutes (depending on how many people are in your household).

Find more information on the Census at https://www.slc.gov/census/.

From a Gourmet experience to an easy lunch



What could be better than an intimate dining experience with your family on a cold and snowy January evening at one of the best restaurants Salt Lake City has to offer?

Cucina, located at 1026 E 2nd Avenue, is no longer a neighborhood secret, as foodies have been raving about the gourmet dishes and everchanging menu since the restaurant's opening in

2013. Owner and long-time supporter of the GACC, Dean Pierose, can often be spotted strolling around the restaurant conversing with neighbors while ensuring an exquisite dining experience.

Dean highlighted a new curated wine menu which was introduced in early January, as well as the restaurant's most popular



dish, which as you may have guessed, is the pasta special. Our group enjoyed two pasta specials, which was an oregano tagliatelle, with wild hedgehog mushrooms and chickweed, smothered in a bison Bolognese. While a "pasta special" might seem traditional, I promise the experience

is anything but, as Cucina's chef Joey Ferran. has introduced hyper-seasonal ingredients and rotating flavors that are guaranteed to satisfy your taste buds.

Our party also enjoyed the seasonal sourdough flatbread, mushroom & butternut squash wellington, fried avocado, and roma crunch wedge (topped with popcorn chicken). As is always the case, we hadn't left any room for dessert, but somehow found the willpower to order





some treats after being presented with our options. We devoured the Colombian dark chocolate lava cake and the goat cheese pot de crème, which are both pictured here in the newsletter.

> Cucina is open 7 days of the week. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for upcoming dinner events, concerts, and menu changes throughout the year.

> Lastly, I want to bring our readers in on a little secret. After a long day of work, school, travel,

etc., be sure to stop in Cucina and order from their case of fresh dishes, appetizers, and desserts. What a way to surprise your family with a fresh, delectable, homemade meal and a clean kitchen! My wife thinks I'm an incredible cook, but I owe all the credit to Cucina!

Brian Berkelbach e. berkelba@gmail.com c. (609) 425-2169.

Trip Chain to Improve Air Quality

Trip chain by grouping errands together to save time and money, conserve gas and reduce the number of trips you make.

- 60-90% of light-duty vehicle emissions occur within the first 50 seconds of operation after a cold start.
- Chaining trips can help reduce emissions by eliminating cold starts and related emissions spikes.

Jill Van Langeveld

















New Cemetery Sexton Hired

Salt Lake City Public Land has just hired a new City Cemetery Sexton. Keith joined the City in 2008 and has served in the roles of Irrigation Supervisor and Property Maintenance Supervisor. As Irrigation Supervisor, he oversaw the central control irrigation system as well as the plumbers and irrigation technicians. As Property Maintenance Supervisor, he supervised the



Siemens Energy Savings project which converted over 800 light fixtures to LED lamps and added over 100 irrigation locations to central control to increase efficiency and cost savings.

Keith brings extensive knowledge and experience to his new role, in which he will be managing one of Salt Lake City's most important historical landmarks.

Trails & Natural Lands Division Surveying Unique Plants in Foothills

The Trails & Natural Lands Division's Ecological Resources team has been busy surveying and mapping unique trees and shrubs in the city's foothill open spaces.

One of the team's most interesting observations has been the occurrence of low-growing woody trees and shrubs like



Cliffrose and Netleaf Hackberry more than a century old. While these plants may be only several feet off the ground and have a woody stem that may be only 4-6 inches in diameter,

it is apparent that many individual plants have been slowly growing on steep and rocky slopes in the foothills since before the first pioneers arrive in the Salt Lake Valley.

Survey and mapping work carried out by the Division helps the City better understand the unique ecology of the Foothills Natural Area, and work to protect these unique plants that are an important reminder of our natural heritage.

Salt Lake City Trails and Natural Lands 1965 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104.

The next Community Dialogue will be
Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 at the Shriners Hospital
for Children auditorium, 1275 E. Fairfax Road -- corner of
11th Ave. and Virginia St. Dr. Cynthia Burrows from the
University of Utah Chemistry Department will talk
about cancer. Watch for more information in
your GACC's March Agenda.



Saturday, February 1st at 1 p.m.

LDS Hospital Auditorium | 8th Avenue & C Street

Legislators representing our community will be present to provide updates and answer your questions about hot topics and bills that affect our community. Please come and join the discussion! Refreshments provided.



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

SWEET LIBRARY,
9TH AVE. AT F STREET

Important dated material. Please deliver in-home by January 31.

Greater Avenues Community Council thanks LDS Hospital for their generous sponsorship of our activities.

We encourage your support of these events and businesses who give their support to the Greater Avenues Community Council.

