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July 2025 Chair’s Message

by 2025 GACC Chair Dianne Leonard

There are many circumstances and choices that have led us to live and work in the Greater Avenues Community. College students may live here because there was a large home many years ago divided into affordable apartments. Other young families may be renting or purchasing homes, condominiums, or apartments. In our community are generational residents. We have residents who purchased a lot and designed and oversaw the building of their dream home. Some of us came late to the community. No two stories of coming to and living on the Avenues is the same. Part of the draw for those choosing to live in our community are the businesses —We have retail, restaurants, coffee shops, medical, educational, and other businesses calling our neighborhood home. We have schools, parks, accessibility to downtown. We live withing walking distance of the Flagship University of the State. We have historic homes that have been here for over 100 years and brand new homes built within the last year. We touch the foothills, Memory Grove, and City Creek Canyon, offering hiking and biking opportunities right outside our front doors.

Salt Lake City and our Land Use Committee are working on an updated Greater Avenues Community Plan that will help direct zoning and other land use decisions in our neighborhood for the next several decades. As we heard at our June GACC Community meeting, these Community Plans will align with the goals and visions set forth in Plan Salt Lake adopted December 1, 2015. This plan is online: <https://www.slcdocs.com/Planning/Projects/PlanSaltLake/final.pdf>

Of particular interest to our work is the section titled Neighborhoods (p.17 of the plan). In this section it states, “It is important that we embrace and support the character and uniqueness of each neighborhood, while understanding the important role that they play in helping us reach our collective Vision.” We need your help in defining the character of the Avenues. Our character is difficult to define but impossible to miss. I am asking those of you who are students, renters, home owners, long-time, and new residents and business owners from ALL areas of the Greater Avenues (Upper Avenues, Lower Avenues, Memory Grove and Federal Heights) and ALL sizes and shapes of homes—large, small, condo, apartment—and all kinds of business to help us with this work. Please answer these two questions and email me your response. We will use them as we craft our proposals for the Community Plan. gaccchair@slc-avenues.org

What does living or working in the Greater Avenues Community mean to you?

How would you define the character of our neighborhood?

If you have concerns or questions that I can help you with please feel free to reach out!

Have a safe and happy July!

July 2nd Community Meeting Agenda

- 6:00-6:10 pm **Welcome and Announcements—**
GACC 2025 Chair Dianne Leonard
- 6:10-7:00 pm **Community Reports—**
City Council, Salt Lake School Board, SLC Mayor’s Office, SLPD, Fire Department, Sweet Library
- 7:00-7:15 pm **North Bench Pump Station**
- 7:15-7:30 pm **Foothills Trails updates, Cycling, hiking, and dog etiquette and enforcement**
- 7:30-7:40 pm **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Application tips and tricks**
- 7:40-7:45 pm **Open Forum**
- 7:50 pm **Clean up and Adjourn**

Community Meetings

GACC Community Meeting - July 2 - Hybrid

The July 2nd GACC meeting will be held at the Sweet Branch Library, and on Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted at 5 pm on July 2nd at www.slc-avenues.org.

GACC Board Meeting - July 9 - Hybrid

The July 9th Board Meeting will be held at the Sweet Branch Library, and on Zoom. If you need the Zoom link or special accommodations you can contact Dianne Leonard at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org.



Board Spotlight—Allie Palmer

I'm a new member of the GACC, but I'm excited to contribute to the neighborhood I love so much! I've lived on 2nd Avenue for the past 7 years, after moving to SLC from Tooele for school. I work in research at Huntsman Cancer Institute, and in my spare time, I enjoy reading, gardening, hanging out with my cats, patronizing local businesses, and spending time at the parks nearby. I tell everyone I know how great the Avenues are and hope to be here for the long-term!

District 3 City Council Update by *Chris Wharton*



Hello Neighbors,

I hope you're enjoying the sunshine! My family and I loved seeing so many of you out and about recently! Thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves for the Memorial Day Cleanup—your efforts made a real difference. And a heartfelt thanks to everyone who showed up for the

Pride Parade with so much color, joy, and love. Your spirit continues to make our city a more inclusive and vibrant place.

Looking ahead, we have plenty to look forward to:

- The **4th of July celebrations** will light up the city with fun for all ages. Here are all the fun events planned!

tinyurl.com/IndependenceDayActivities2025

- **Salt Lake City Drone Show on July 5th at Jordan Park from 8 pm - 10:30 pm**, a crowd favorite that keeps growing each year.

- The beloved Days of '47 Parade returns, honoring our heritage with style. Find more information here

tinyurl.com/DaysOf47Parade2025.

In addition to the festivities, I want to let you know that we're continuing to work hard on local issues that matter—from improving safety and walkability in our neighborhoods, traffic calming, and parking enforcement, to preserving the character of our historic districts. As always, I'm here to listen. If there's something you'd like to see in our community or an issue you think needs more attention, don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you a joyful, safe, and connected summer. See you around the neighborhood!

Salt Lake City District 3 Council Member Chris Wharton
Chris.Wharton@slc.gov, 801-535-7726

Be Fire-Safe with All Outdoor Activities

by *Amy Merritt-Smith*

The Fourth of July and Pioneer Day (7/24) holidays are almost here, reminding us to safely celebrate

these events. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public show staged by professionals. The Gateway hosts a July Fourth evening of activities and fireworks. Alternatively, Salt Lake City will light the sky with its second annual Drone Show for each event.

www.slcityevents.com Consider celebrating at home with glow sticks, noise makers or silly string instead.

Remember that fireworks are prohibited east of 900 East and north of South Temple.

Operate fire pits per manufacturers' instruction, placing them at least 15 feet from all flammable

structures and surfaces. This includes homes, buildings, trees, sheds, vehicles, adjoining properties, and wood decks, among other things. Keep your fire pit away from overhanging branches.

Finally, clean up any dry plant material around your property. Your green waste can or the free annual green waste Call-to-Haul are good disposal options.

<https://www.slc.gov/sustainability/waste-management/c2h/>

100 South Reconstruction June 2025 Update

by *Leah Jaramillo*

New sidewalks, curb, and gutter are nearing completion on the north side of 100 South. The eastbound only traffic configuration will remain in place through project completion in mid-August. Traffic Update: As needed, traffic on 100 South may be reduced to only one eastbound (uphill) lane for a few hours at a time. This will only occur between 9 am and 4 pm to avoid conflict with peak travel times.

To maintain emergency access to the medical campus and hospitals, 100 South is limited to two eastbound (uphill) traffic lanes only. No westbound access on 100 South will be provided during construction. Access to 1455 East, North Campus Drive, Federal Way and Central Campus Drive will remain open. However, because of the critical hospital access that 100 South provides, drivers not seeking medical care are encouraged to take an alternate route. Neighborhood Streets: While not recommended, the project team has seen a significant increase in drivers using local streets like Federal Heights Drive and Penrose Drive as alternatives to 100 South. If you are using these neighborhood streets, please be sure to slow down. Pedestrian/Bicycle Notice: Pedestrian access will be maintained on the south side of 100 South while crews reconstruct the north side through mid-June. Please



follow the posted signage. North/south crossings are available at University Street and Wolcott Street. Cyclists should note that the traffic signal at Wolcott Street may not detect bicycles during construction, and they may need to use the pedestrian call button to activate the signal to cross north/south.

Greater Avenues Community Improvement Grants Available by *Peg Alderman*

Apply at <https://avenuescouncil.org/project/grants/> for community improvement funds. Applications are now being accepted. Use the QR code to apply or email us with any questions at www.greateravenuesgrants@gmail.com.



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Environmental Tip: Become a Water Saver

by Jill Van Langeveld

Only approximately 1.2 percent of earth's water can be used as drinking water! The rest is locked up in glaciers, ice caps, and permafrost, or buried deep in the ground. That's why it's so important to conserve water where we can. Each American uses an average of 82 gallons of water a day at home. To waste less water: ♥ Take shorter showers. ♥ Place a bucket in the shower to catch water as you wait for the water to warm up. Then use it for watering your garden, or houseplants, washing the dishes or mopping the floor. ♥ Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth. Only turn it back on to rinse. ♥ Save pasta water by placing a bowl to catch it under the colander. Let it cool before using it to water your plants or reuse it again to cook (it's a great thickener for sauces, or for cooking rice and other grains). ♥ Consider installing a rain barrel in your home if you have a yard. This way you can catch rainwater and reuse it around the garden. ♥ Recycle! One ton of recycled paper can save 7,000 gallons of water and saves considerable landfill space, reduces energy consumption, decreases the need for landfill and incineration CO2.



Happy Summer! by Ashley Anderson

Last month, the Salt Lake City School District Board concluded our annual budget cycle. This was the 30th consecutive year our district was given a Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International. Highlights from the upcoming budget include:

- AAA bond rating to support the rebuilds of West and Highland, and a field house for East
- Ongoing investment in the Sustainability Resolution led by students
- Increased investment in the BTS Arts program and the ongoing employment of certified teacher librarians, unique among most public districts

While there was no recommended property tax increase this year, one challenge remains the ongoing use of tax-increment financing for city development. Next year, more than 10% of the total of our operating budget will be diverted to developers. Members of our finance team have expressed their ongoing concern about the impacts of using tax-increment financing as detrimental to our budget goals.

Feedback? Email ashley.anderson@slcschools.org

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Free Outdoor Summer Concert

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Family-friendly event. The public is welcome!

Community Kindness Program - Winner for June!

by Jenn Beck

Rob Udarbe was nominated by his neighbor, **Paul Walton** for his service to the neighborhood. Paul says:

"Rob is so happy to help people. He has helped with countless move-ins and outs in the neighborhood and he also helps people find rental housing who are looking in the Aves. He has done yard work for elderly and single mother neighbors. He also drives an elderly woman, who can't drive, to Smiths each week for her grocery shopping. He is an amazing person who loves to serve! "

Rob will receive a \$25 gift card to an Avenues business of his choice!

This award happens every month! Avenues residents can nominate others in the community. Each month The GACC Service Committee will recognize the randomly chosen winner to receive a \$25 gift card from an Avenues business of their choice!

To submit a nominee:

- 1) Send an email to Jenn Beck at jennjbeck@gmail.com
- 2) Provide the name and contact info (phone & email if possible) for the person being nominated
- 3) Give a brief description of the service/kindness

Thank you to those who submitted nominations and to those who serve our community!



Porcupine Points By Hilary Jacobs

Who's the prickly guy who strips bark from trees for dinner? The North American porcupine, our second largest rodent after the beaver. Found across the continent from mixed forest to desert shrub habitats, these strict vegetarians eat

seasonally, enjoying evergreen needles and inner tree barks during the winter.

We easily recognize porcupines by their long quills, modified dark hairs that are hollow and barbed with white highlights. This is their defense against predators. If raising their quills isn't warning enough porcupines will quickly back up swinging their tail defensively and, if they make contact, painfully quill the offender. Porcupines are mostly solitary and want nothing to do with us. Respect their space... Keep yourself and your pups quill-free safe.

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Sunday - Closed

All Locations: Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge: Color My World. Pick up a tracker to start your summer reading challenge!

All City Library locations are closed on 7/4 and 7/24.

KIDS CALENDAR

Book Baby storytime. Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am.

Preschool Storytime. Thursday mornings at 10:30 am.

Playtime. Friday mornings from 10 am - noon.

Raptor Adaptations: Presented by Hawkwatch International. Thursday, July 17 at 3 pm.

Color Craze in Collage Workshop. Friday July 25 at 3 pm.

Beavers in the Beehive State - with the Salt Lake City Park Rangers. Thursday, July 31 at 2 pm.

TEEN CALENDAR (10 years old and up)

Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners: First and third Tuesday of each month from 6 - 8 pm.

Summer Read-A-Thon for Teens & Tweens Thursday, July 10 at 2-4pm.

ADULT CALENDAR

Book Club. 7:00pm on July 22, 2025 to discuss *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez.

Printing Circle with Saltgrass Printmaking: Saturday, July 12th from 2-4pm in the Sweet Branch Meeting Room.

Avenues Community Plan Update

The Salt Lake Planning Department is taking public comments Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Avenues Smith's Food & Drug, 402 E 6th Avenue, 84103. See more at: <https://www.slcppl.org/planning/2025/05/29/avenuesplan-update/>

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Block Party at Hatch on July 24!



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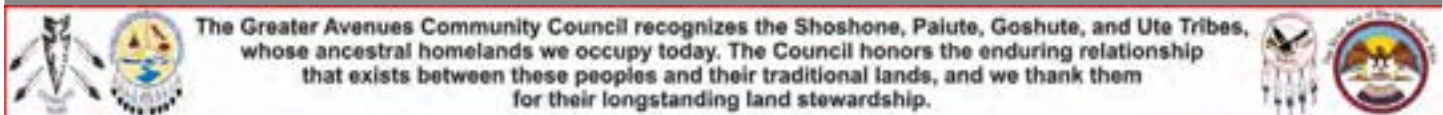
Salt Lake City North Bench Pump Station Replacement Project by Sophie Frankenberg

Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU) is in the final stage of designing a replacement pump station for the existing North Bench Pump Station (NBPS) located near the intersection of 18th Avenue and Hilltop Road in Salt Lake City. The new pump station will be located just north of the Morris Reservoir. The new pump station will reduce operational costs and significantly increase energy efficiency and improve water distribution.

SLCDPU will maintain the existing pump station through construction and then repurpose the structure after the new pump station is operational. Access to both the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and the I Street Bike Park will be maintained during the project.

Construction is scheduled to begin late summer/fall 2025. SLCDPU will continue to engage with those who will be most affected and update the Greater Avenues Community Council as work progresses.

For more information or questions about the project please reach out to Chloe Morroni at chloe.morroni@slc.gov or Sophie Frankenburg at sfrankenburg@logansimpson.com.



The Capital Improvement Program (CIP): SLC's Suggestion Box by Joseph "Jurphy" Murphy



Got an idea of how to improve the city or the Greater Avenues community? Does it cost more than \$50K? Maybe you want to improve Lindsey Gardens? Or want better trails in the Foothills? Or more speed humps in the Avenues?

SLC's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the method constituents can propose their ideas to be included in the city's annual budget. Come to our July GACC meeting to hear more about the process--as well as some tips and tricks--from a member of the CIP advisory board.

Use the QR code to learn more about the process and timeline. Constituent applications are due at the end of September.

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2025 Avenues Street Fair Featured Artist Trevor Dahl has created this image as this year's theme art. Look for his booth at the street fair on September 13th!



Announcing the 2025 Avenues Street Fair: 8th Avenue between D and K Streets

by Joseph "Jurphy" Murphy

The GACC is excited to announce the location of the 47th annual Avenues Street Fair: **8th Avenue stretching from D Street to K Street**. This is our annual fundraiser that brings the entire community together and celebrates the unique character of the Avenues—so save the date on **Saturday September 13, 2025!**

Apply: Use the QR code to apply to have a booth, food truck, or to be a sponsor of the Street Fair. But act fast because the planning committee is actively vetting applications.

Volunteer: Whether you're new to the Avenues or you've been around a while, this is a great way to meet your neighbors and interact in an inspiring way. We need you! Example duties include Friday night prep, Saturday morning set-up, a variety of tasks throughout the fair, and evening tear-down. Some positions are sit down and smile, some are get up and get your steps in. We need everyone. You can learn more on our volunteer website:

<https://avenuescouncil.org/street-fair/volunteer>.



Avenues Artists: Enter Your Artwork in the Fair!

Applications are now being accepted for the People's Art Gallery at the September 13th Avenues Street Fair. Artists of all ages and abilities who live on the Avenues are invited to enter a work at no cost.

Submissions may include paintings, drawings, photography, jewelry or sculpture. The art will be on display all day during the Street Fair and fair attendees vote throughout the day for a youth and an adult People's Choice Award and age group awards.

The 2025 People's Art Gallery application is available at www.avenuescouncil.org/street-fair. The deadline for entries is September 5th.

Contact Kathryn Wright at kathrynjwright7@gmail.com or **385-235-9882** for further information. Winners from 2024 are shown here.



Avenues Free Exercise Class *by Jan Root*

The best fun way to stay in shape! The Avenues has a free exercise class that has been meeting twice per week since 1986! It helps us older people with core strength, flexibility and balance.

People of all abilities and ages attend. Currently Jan Root leads the class. We meet at the Federal Heights Ward (1300 Fairfax Road) gymnasium at 8:30 am on Mondays and Wednesdays (enter from the east). Our exercise sessions typically run a little over an hour. Rug samples are available to use for floor cushioning or you can bring a towel or yoga mat. janroot@xmission.com