

# AGENDA

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### U. of U. Campus Drive Rebuild

## 24-hour Work Schedule And Widespread Area Impact

The University of Utah and Utah Department of Transportation are starting a project about May 2 that promises to upset traffic patterns for most of the summer.

Possibly the most prominent of the many disruptions will be mandating eastbound traffic only on North Campus Drive from 100 South all the way to the several hospitals at the end of the drive. This is to ensure that traffic gets through to the hospitals. Once there at the hospitals, you'll have to go south on Mario Capecchi Drive to leave the area.

But wait, there's more. Work will go 24 hours a day at first, in order to keep construction overall time frame at a minimum.

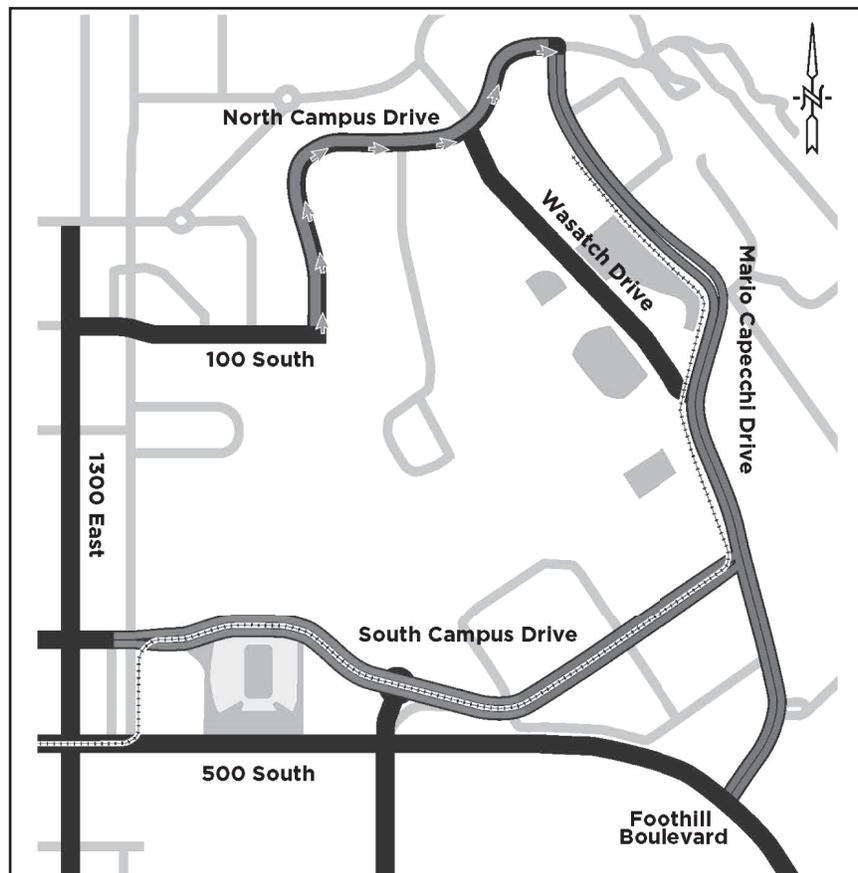
**The project will be discussed at the Greater Avenues Community Council meeting on May 2 at 7 p.m. at Sweet Library.**

You can expect North Campus Drive to be reduced to one eastbound lane for hospital traffic; nighttime work and lane closures from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.; noise, dust and vibration; congestion and delays; trucks and equipment entering and leaving work zone.

Here is the schedule:

#### **May through June:**

Kennecott Mining Building to Mario Capecchi Drive, reduced to one eastbound lane only;



#### **June through August:**

Mario Capecchi from North Campus Drive to Foothill Boulevard/South Campus Drive east of the Utah Museum of Fine Arts to Mario Capecchi, single lane off-peak closures on weekdays and weekends;

#### **June through August:**

South Campus Drive from University Street to Utah Museum of Fine Arts, night and weekend work only.

The project will improve ADA access and safety improvements for cyclists. Engineers say as much as they wanted to, there is no room to widen North Campus Drive

More project details are available at:

[UDOT.Utah.gov/campusdrive](http://UDOT.Utah.gov/campusdrive).

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**AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**GACC Council Meeting**

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org). Open to the public, all welcome.

**GACC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org). Open to the public, all welcome.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

**Sweet Branch Library**, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651. **All ages: May the 4th Be You: Star Wars Day.** May 4, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. You don't need a ship with lightspeed to get to Star Wars Day, just a good pilot to get you to the Sweet Branch! Enjoy galactic crafts, prizes, snacks, a costume contest, and a screening of the one that started it all, Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope. **Kids Calendar: Code Club**, Monday, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 8-18 Ages. Registration is required. **Playtime @ Sweet.** Tuesday at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Playtime for children 0 to 5 years-old and their caregivers.) **Book Baby.** Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. **Preschool Storytime.** Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. **Art & Maker with Clever Octopus.** Every Wednesday at 4 p.m. Each month we'll explore famous artists and learn about their process before adding our own unique twist. **Preschool Dance Party.** Thursday, May 10 at 4 p.m. Dancers ages 3-7 can dance their socks off at our monthly dance parties. **Read with Me: Scarlet the Therapy Dog.** Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Scarlet, a friendly and furry certified therapy dog from Therapy Animals of Utah Pet Partners, will be hanging out at the Sweet Branch as a reading buddy for kids. Kids can bring their favorite book or grab one off the shelf. **Teen Calendar. Coding Club:** Monday, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Registration is required. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. Ages 8-18. **Film in the Crafternoon.** "Empire Strikes Back" Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Adult Calendar.** Art Exhibit. Student Artists: Works by Bryant Middle School Students May 10 - June 23. Art Reception, Bryant Middle School, May 10, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Bob Ross Paint-a-long** Saturday, May 5 2 p.m.-4 p.m. **SCORE: Business Growth Strategies with Social Media Strategies.** May 19, 10 a.m. - Noon. To register, visit Salt Lake SCORE's website at [saltlake.score.org](http://saltlake.score.org) or call 801-957-5453. **Sweet Reads.** The Storied Life by Aj Fikry Tuesday,

May 22 at Sweet Library from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. **Author in the House.** Star Coulbrooke. Thursday, May 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. **Wasatch Elementary Arts Showcase,** May 19, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 30 R Street. On May 19 the halls of Wasatch Elementary will be transformed into an art gallery to showcase the amazing art created by our students and teachers throughout the year. There will also be a community art gallery where you can purchase pieces by local artists, a silent auction where you can bid on classroom art projects, and if you are hungry, food for purchase.

**Pickleball Tournament:** Due to scheduling conflicts, the inaugural Avenues Pickleball Tournament being hosted jointly by the Greater Avenues Community Council and the Avenues Athletic Association is being rescheduled to June 8-9. Stay tuned to this newsletter and to [www.aaaslc.com](http://www.aaaslc.com) for more information.

**Free yoga classes for people 60-plus** at the Tenth East Senior Center, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Bring your own mat or borrow one from the Center. Experienced instructors. 237 South Tenth East with plenty of parking in the rear.

**Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class,** Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 to 9:40 a.m., —FREE—Federal Heights LDS Ward, north entrance, 278 North Alta Street. Everyone Welcome! Renate Nebeker, 801-534-1443.

**The Avenues Street Fair Planning has started!** If you would like to volunteer please contact this year's chair, Daniel Gaffin 801-550-1294, [danielgaffin@gmail.com](mailto:danielgaffin@gmail.com) or just show up! We are also looking for Avenues area artists for the People's Art Gallery. Artwork will be judged and prizes will be awarded in four categories: Under 12 years, 13 to 18 years, Adult Amateur and Adult Professional. Applications due by August 15. More information at <http://avenuesstreetfair.org/>. And we are now accepting vendor applications for the Fair. Applications are due by 31 July. More information is available on the website.

**City View Memoriam** - Memorial Day weekend we will be serving hot dogs and drinks the whole weekend, from Saturday the 26th through Monday, May 28, from 11:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. each day.

**City Academy,** 555 E. 200 South, 801-596-8489, [www.cityacademyslc.org](http://www.cityacademyslc.org), Tuition-free 7th-12th grade public charter school since 2000. Now enrolling new students for fall 2018. Pickleball Tournament May 18-19 at 11th Avenue Park, see website to sign up. Graduation June 2 at 2 p.m. at the U of U Student Union building.

**Avenues Athletic Association Soccer League,** May 10-July 12. Games are Thursday nights at the Popperton East & West fields, 7 and 8 pm. Cost is \$10. Registration details coming soon at [www.aaaslc.com](http://www.aaaslc.com).

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Salt Lake City is mulling whether to eliminate the \$2 licensing fee for bicycles. Registration would continue, and be possible online. See <http://www.slcgov.com/> and click on the news link on the left side of the page.

## Chairman's Message

by Brian Berkelbach  
2018 Chairman

I feel badly when our Avenues neighbors arrive at our monthly community meetings only to find that all of the chairs are occupied.

I then remind myself to try and find a positive outcome from every negative situation.

Well, a packed room with limited seats suggests to me that our community is engaged, and I couldn't be happier to report that.

Fortunately, we will be rolling in additional seats for our May meeting! The GACC is hosting a candidate night, where we will hear from the Utah State Senate candidates running for District 2: Derek Kitchen, Jennifer Plumb, and Chase Winder. I encourage you to come out to meet the candidates and have your questions answered regarding the issues most important to you.

Numerous times in my life I've been told that I live under a rock as it relates to national and global issues, I know I need to do a better job in being better informed.

But to be honest, I am mostly interested with the issues that affect us here in Utah, the Salt Lake Valley, and most specifically, the Avenues.

We hope that you will come out and join us on May 2nd as the candidates speak on the issues that directly affect our everyday lives, including Clean Air, Transit, Education, Economic Development, Homelessness, Healthcare, and more.

After brief introductions from each of the candidates, a moderator will pose questions for each of the candidates' comment. Please send your questions ahead of time to [gaccchair@slc-avenues.org](mailto:gaccchair@slc-avenues.org). I'll be sure to save you a seat!



Brian Berkelbach  
2018 Chairman

### GACC Community Meeting

May 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m.  
Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

**7:00 to 7:05 p.m.—Welcome, Announcements**

**7:06 to 7:35—Reports:** Library, Police, Fire, City, School Board, Legislative, LDS Hospital

**7:36 to 7:45—Call 2 Haul Program,** Salt Lake City Sustainability Department

**7:46 to 7:55—Campus Drive Road Update**

**7:56 to 8:40—Candidate Night,** Senate District 2. Forum with Derek Kitchen, Jennifer Plumb, & Chase Winder

**8:41 to 8:50—Open Announcements**

**8:50—Adjourn**

**8:50 to 8:55—Conversation with Neighbors/ Clean Up**

### Memory Grove Cleanup: Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. to Noon

Spring is here and so is the Annual Memory Grove Clean-Up. Join this ever-popular event and help spruce up our wonderful Memory Grove Park.

Dress for the weather, bring sun protection, good shoes and gloves, we will provide the tools. Afterwards, lunch is provided, thanks to LDS Hospital.

The city will haul away the mounds of weeds and trimmings we pull out. There will be projects for all levels of workers.

### Popperton Plots - The Avenues Community Garden

It is Spring and time for planting! Popperton Plots held its annual Spring gardeners meeting in March.

At that meeting, it was decided that we would not expand the garden this season, but we would focus on the community circle areas, extend the mural all around the shed, better define the walkways, expand the compost bins, install a kestrel box, and finalize the purchase and installation of the pergola. Funding efforts are underway to make the pergola happen.

To control certain pests, we are not planting anything in the squash family.

As of this writing there was at least one plot available for rent for the season.

The cost is \$30 and you may apply here: <https://wasatchgardens.org/join-a-garden?view=Contributions> Be sure to choose Popperton Plots as your preferred garden.

Thank you to Van Hoover and everyone at Wasatch Commu-

nity Gardens for your oversight and planning assistance.

The Avenues Community Garden is a great place to look out over the City and to see the collective efforts of our gardeners.

Please do not take anything from the rented plots. Extra harvest will be placed in the bin at the entrance gate.

The annual Wasatch Community Gardens Plant Sale will be Saturday, May 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Rowland Hall School, 720 South Guardsman Way, Salt Lake City.

**Exercise Classes at the Tenth East Senior Center,** 237 S. 1000 East with plenty of parking in the rear. Free for 60+ and \$2 for under-60. **Yoga:** M-F 9:00-10:00 a.m. Different instructor each day. **Enhanced Fitness:** M, W, F 12:30-1:30 p.m. with strength training, flexibility and balance, and aerobic and cardio. **Circuit Training:** T & TH 10:00-11:00 a.m. Instruction on using the equipment safely and designing an individualized program. **Qi-gong:** Tuesday 10:00-11:00 a.m. An ancient Chinese health care system. Call 385-468-3140 with questions.

**Decades-Old Practice Will End**

**Goodbye to Annual Neighborhood Cleanups; This Year You'll "Call 2 Haul"**

An annual perk enjoyed by many homeowners on the Avenues will go away this year: the ability to put piles of yard refuse and a lot of other stuff on the curb and have the city haul it away for free.

Instead, the city is touting a new "Call 2 Haul" program where you call the city for a pickup date and the city sends out a truck just for you.

True enough, the traditional program was abused by some and the city had to deal with construction/demolition waste, and such things as whole buildings were broken up and dumped at the curb. And the bonanza that it was for scavengers who recycle metals also proved to be a nuisance to neighbors as the scavengers often made messes.

But long-time avenues residents came to appreciate knowing that at certain appointed time of the year trucks would be by to haul off yard and garage waste.

Says the city's website, "this program is for large bulk items; it is not for whole house cleanup projects, large construction

or large landscaping projects.

"First you must determine what type of bulk items you would like to have the city collect.

**Tips for using Call2Haul:**

- You can use the service any time of the year—but only once a year;
- You may deposit up to 4 tires;
- Up to 2 additional brown containers are available on request;
- Electronic waste (TVs, computers, printers, etc.) will be accepted;
- No amount of dirt/rocks sod or concrete will be permitted.

"Then, beginning June 18, you may call 801-535-6999 during business hours to schedule a pickup. You will be offered

several pickup options. Choose the one that works for you. Once you receive confirmation of the pickup you will have only a 24-hour window before the pickup to place your refuse."

There will be no general curbside pickup this year.

The website warns that Call2Haul is not a "pile" program. Rather, it is for disposing of large bulky items.

Here are some rules: Construction material is not permitted. Loose small items are not permitted unless bagged or boxed. Botanical waste should be cut and placed in brown compost containers to the extent possible. No amount of dirt, sod, rocks, concrete or asphalt will be permitted. Household hazardous waste such as paints, oil, fluorescent lights, batteries and other chemicals and flammable or explosive materials will not be permitted.

There is extensive information at [http://www.slcdocs.com/slccgreen/Waste&Recycling/Call\\_2\\_Haul\\_Handout.pdf](http://www.slcdocs.com/slccgreen/Waste&Recycling/Call_2_Haul_Handout.pdf).

**Don't get carried away with xeriscaping**

Not so long ago, xeriscaping was all the rage. All over town, homeowners tore out their water-hungry grass and planted drought-resistant plants.

While Xeriscaping is great when it's new, the truth is after a few years, many yards are overgrown, the plants aren't thriving, trees in the xeriscaped area are stressed, and the ground-cover cloth, if any, is worn out.

Spring is the season of home improvements in the Avenues, including yard work and renovations...residents of Salt Lake City should remember that the parking strip is city property.

What you can and can't do on the city's strip is regulated, and the strip must remain 33 percent planted.

Furthermore, trees on your parking are city property, and property owners are supposed to keep them healthy. And watered.

You should remember that the tree in your park strip will still require watering, regardless of what the rest of the strip requires.

Trees in the strip provide shade, deaden traffic noise and pro-

vide more oxygen to the atmosphere. They are a valuable public resource. Mature trees cannot scrounge enough water from our dry Utah climate to survive without your help.

Examples of good and bad strip conversions can be found throughout the Avenues. Some greenery survives, much doesn't. Bark mulch leaches compounds into the soil that make it a tough environment for some plants.

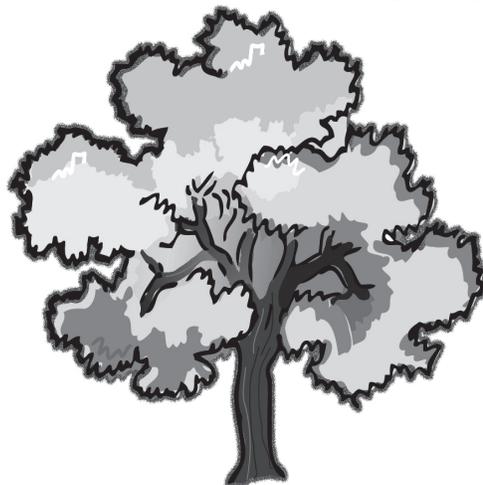
Also, if the existing sod is not removed to lower the grade below curb level, bark (or other products) will migrate onto the sidewalk and into the street, creating possible hazards and the attendant liability.

The City has a great pamphlet at [www.slccgov.com/utilities/conservation](http://www.slccgov.com/utilities/conservation).

Want an exhaustive list of water-wise plants you can plant in your park strip?

Not just any plant will play well with sand, gravel and little watering.

Click on <http://www.slccgov.com/waterconservation> and look for "2005 Parkstrip Plant List." It's a 30-page PDF you can download and take to your nursery.





by Det. Alen Gibic  
SLCPD CIU District 3



Det. Gibic

Spring is officially here.

This means many people will spend more time outdoors. Please be mindful of your neighbors when you drive your car. We will see many of the usual problems that we get every year.

The transient camps in City Creek are back and so are kids coming up behind the Avenues to hang out at night. I am currently working with city parks to help clean up many of the camps there as they are a fire hazard.

We will send patrol out to some of the usual hangouts.

Please contact me directly with any concerns or comments and we can work on them together. Phone number: 801-799-3623.

## Avenues Street Fair Seeks Bands, Artists, and Vendors

If you have a rock band, country band, big band, classical string quartet, jazz, folk, reggae, or a combination of all of the above; the Street Fair committee would love to hear from you.

Bands that are selected will be listed on our advertising materials. All entertainment at the Street Fair is unpaid; however you may sell CDs or other merchandise during your performance.

To be considered, please contact Brian Berkelbach at berkelba@gmail.com, and provide a demo, preferably via a link to a website, YouTube video, etc. For more, see our website at [www.slc-avenues.org](http://www.slc-avenues.org). We will accept applications until June 17. **Avenues Street Fair: Saturday, September 8. The next planning meeting is May 5 at 10 a.m. at the Sweet Library.**

**2018 Open Streets Event, Saturday, May 5.** This will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on West Temple, 200 South to 300 South. There will be live music, Cinco de Mayo themed activities, beer gardens, giant jenga, face painting, spike ball, chess, a petting zoo, bounce houses, science experiments, circus acts, art, a variety of delicious food trucks, and will be mostly free. <https://www.slcopenstreets.com/>

## CAN ORGANIZING IMPACT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

Whether or not you like cleaning, spring is a natural time to clear things out and start fresh. In addition to your house looking better, organizing can also benefit your mental health. Getting organized can help you improve sleep, reduce stress, reduce depression and anxiety, and make you more productive.

### Tips to Help You Get Organized

You're ready and excited to declutter and get organized. Follow these tips to get you on your way to a clutter-free space.

- **Set aside a small block of time**, usually less than an hour. Larger spans of time can leave you feeling tired and overwhelmed. Consistency, rather than one big effort is key.
- **Pull everything out.** If you're organizing a shelf or pantry, pull everything off the shelves and into a space that allows you to see everything.

Katy Halverson, *Mental Health Coordinator*

- **Clean the area** by wiping down shelves, sweeping, etc.
  - **Sort all of your items** in these categories.
    - Trash (or recycling).
    - Things to donate.
    - Things to keep. If you'll use an item, or if it's something you love, put it back on the shelf.
    - Undecided. Not sure what to do with something? Put it in a box. Date the box and look at it again in six months. Chances are, if you don't use an item in six months, you won't need it ever.
- Being organized doesn't have to take a lot of time or effort—just consistent. As you focus on being organized, your physical and mental health will likely improve.

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:**  
*WEDNESDAY,*  
*MAY 2, 2018, 7:00 P.M.*  
*SWEET LIBRARY,*  
*9TH AVE. AT F STREET*

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