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Dr. Jana Edward Tells us All About Jackson Elementary



It's back to school season again and for this month's West Side Spotlight, we met with Dr. Jana Edward, Principal of Jackson Elementary. This K-6 school is located in the north east quadrant of Fairpark is home to over 500 students as well as 35 teachers and administrators. Dr. Edward has been with the school for seven years, and has her Doctorate in Educational Leadership

and Policy from the University of Utah. She said, "I love the community! They have been so involved and supportive of Jackson. Just look at our Community Garden! It happened in a weekend and we feel the support from the community!"

One unique aspect of Jackson as a west side school is their veteran staff. "The majority of teachers have been here for over 5 years, with several spanning their entire careers," she said proudly. Jackson also has a thriving Dual Emersion program where two thirds of the K-5 students are taught in both English and Spanish.

Edward is very proud that Jackson was the recipient of an "Apple Connected Grant" which equipped the school with iPads, MacBook Airs, Apple TVs and projectors. "We are the only one to one Apple supported elementary school in the district," she said. The students are in an immersive technological environment where they are able to produce learning themselves while sitting in class, using iBooks creator, or KeyNote to make presentations for discussion. "Watching 2nd graders using iPads to create presentations is pretty cool. We also use them for math fluency." The school is also home to the Beverly Taylor Sorenson program where 3rd through 6th graders learn to play the violin.

Jackson is a school that encourages students to think about college, even at a young age as an AVID school. Also known as Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID trains educators to use proven practices in order to prepare students for success in high school, college, and a career, especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education. "It's never too early to talk to kids about college and expose them to a college campus," she said.

For residents reading this article thinking, "I don't have any kids," or "My kids are grown up. What does this have to do with me?" Schools are the backbone of our community. As tax payers, we support our local schools and having good schools brings residents to our neighborhood. Having good schools is known to increase our property values and build the positive brand of our community. "The Fairpark Community Council is committed to building strong relationships with the schools in our area. It's what's best for our community long-term," said Jade Sarver, Treasurer of the FCC. For more information, visit <https://jackson.slcschools.org>.

Agenda

Fairpark Community Council
August 25, 2016

- 6:30 Welcome and Start Meeting/Announcements
- 6:40 Public Safety Report and Discussion of Motorized Vehicles on the Jordan River Trail Det. Bryce Curdie and Det. Eldon Oliver Fire Station 7
- 7:00 City Council Members/Legislative Report
- 7:20 Mayor's Office Report Nate Salazar and Hildegard Koenig
- 7:40 Candidate for Salt Lake County At-Large Council Seat: Catherine Kanter
- 8:00 Adjourn



Pedal in the City: Safety Tips for Back to School



As children head back to school, parents whose children bicycle should be sure that they are aware of safety items. Parents Central has a page of back to school bicycle safety resources. (<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/OnTheMove/BikeTip.htm>), ranging from things like fitting a bicycle helmet, bike inspection advice, choosing a safe bicycle route, bicycle safety songs for children and a bicycle activity kit.

Here are some general items for consideration:

- Check with the school to make sure your child is allowed to ride their bicycle to school. Some schools do not allow students to ride bicycles to school until they reach a specific grade.
- Make sure your child always wears a bicycle helmet! Failure to wear one could result in a traffic citation. Furthermore, in the event of an accident, helmets reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- Obey the rules of the road; the rules are the same for all vehicles, including bicycles.
- Always stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Choose the safest route between home and school and practice it with children until they can demonstrate traffic safety awareness.
- If possible, try to ride with someone else. There is safety in numbers.

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Utah State Fairpark Arena Construction Underway

We at the FCC are extremely proud to have established a strategic partnership with the Utah State Fairpark to help drive economic development along North Temple. We met with the Executive Director Larry Mullenax again this week to get an update. As you may have seen, demolition is nearly complete of the old arena, bleachers and horse stables to make room for our new state of the art outdoor equestrian and concert venue. This State-sponsored project is well under way and went through the appropriate DFCM contractor processes selecting Okland Construction as the General Contractor on 8/5. Demolition is set to be complete 8/19 and construction begins 8/22 with a completion date set for July 1, 2017, just in time for the Days of '47 Rodeo. Because of the construction, motorized events and equestrian events have been cancelled for this session of the Utah State Fair. In its place, the circus and live music events will run all 11 days.

The new arena will be positioned from north to south, slightly east of the old arena which was positioned diagonally on the property. There will also be a new nine-window ticket box office on the east side of the complex. The project will be composed of snack bar buildings and rodeo support services. New websites for the Utah State Fairpark and the Utah State Fair will be launching in early September with a new page specifically dedicated to communications during the arena construction. Babcock Design has been selected as the architect and renderings are being finalized and will soon be available to the public. Leaders at the Fair have emphasized that the arena has been designed for events year round. For example, the old arena was not usable during the winter months because utility infrastructure would freeze. The new arena will have insulated utilities and heating so it will be useable during winter months. The new design has a cantilevered roof (like the Rio Tinto stadium but smaller) which will eliminate the view-blocking poles shown in the previous artist rendering. New renderings of the area surrounding the arena feature 70 to 80 parking stalls to accommodate horse trailers as an attempt to get them out of the neighborhood during busy events.

The goal of the new design is to cater to larger events at the Fairpark. The design also features energy efficient utilities, reduced light pollution and state of the art sound. "A special 3rd party contractor has been brought in to design a quality sound system so sound stays at the Fairpark, and out of the communi-

"Outdoor rodeos make for better television. We will be able to bring in big motorsports and equestrian events and our goal is to televise these events."

ty. I think this really demonstrates our commitment to the Fairpark community." Mullenax will be encouraging new promoters to advise or incentivize visitors to take advantage of the TRAX line. The leadership of the Fairpark has an exciting and distinct vision for the North Temple corridor as a Grand Boulevard and is exploring options to acquire additional property in the area. "White ball park could be perfect for a hotel development. We've got lots of ideas. We would love to see North Temple become a destination and are exploring ideas for an anchor project in the area."

Back to School

It's that time of year - back to school - and all the activities associated with the excitement of a brand new school year! Most schools in our area begin August 22. A list of Fairpark area schools is provided on our website with contact and some back to school night information. Registration information is available on most school websites. Most schools require these documents for registration: Proof of Residence, Birth Certificate, Immunizations, Verification of last school attended. Looking for some back to school tips? Check out PBS Parents which has some advice for easing into the new school year for parents. <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/going-to-school/back-to-school/back-to-school-tips-for-parents>



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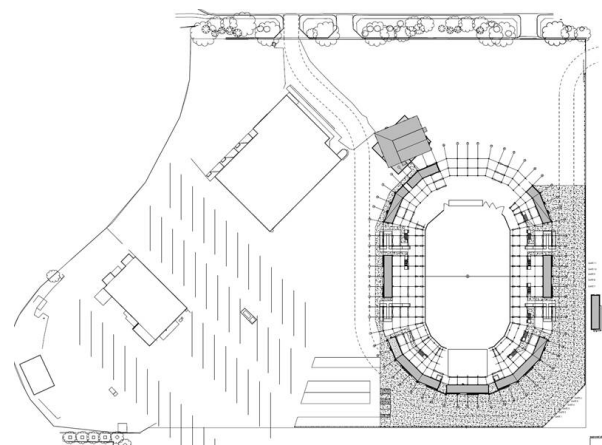
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Condo Sales Heat up in Salt Lake While Home Sales Cool Off

The Salt Lake Board of Realtors® reported a drop in the number of single-family homes sold in Salt Lake County in the second quarter of 2016, while sales of condominiums showed a double-digit percent increase. Sales of single-family homes in the most recent quarter fell to 3,863 units, a 3 percent decline compared to 3,991 units sold in the second quarter of 2015. The median single-family home price in Salt Lake County climbed to \$296,000, up 8 percent compared to \$275,000 last year. "Limited housing inventory continues to restrict home sales," said Cheryl Acker, president of the Salt Lake Board of Realtors. "The higher price points of single-family homes have led many first-time buyers to purchase lower priced townhomes and condominiums." Condominium sales in the second quarter increased to 1,208 units sold, a 16 percent increase compared to 1,044 sales a year ago.

The median price of Salt Lake condos surpassed the \$200,000 mark in the second quarter, rising to \$203,450 from \$188,750 a year ago. The median single-family home price for the Wasatch Front increased 9 percent to \$274,900 compared to a median price of \$253,000 in last year's second quarter. The average cumulative days a listing was on the market in the second quarter in Salt Lake County fell to 37 days, down from 59 days in the second quarter of 2015.



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