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Next meeting Thurs 6/23 6:30 pm
Northwest Community Center

Issue 101

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Town Hall Meeting on Fairpark Arena

Exciting news for the Fairpark neighborhood! There will be a town hall meeting on Thursday, June 30th in the Grand Building at 7pm (155N 1000W) to share information and answer questions about the 10,000 seat arena proposed to be built on the current site of the rodeo grandstand on the Utah State Fairgrounds. The proposal for the arena includes funding from the State Legislature, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, LDS Church and private funding sources. The Arena will house the Days of '47 Rodeo, and will be able to hold other events throughout the year. "It's a jewel. As a community, we have always recognized the importance and historical value of the Fairgrounds, not only for our community, for my community, for the state. This is going to help the state Fairpark to be self-sustaining to be able to keep the fair in Salt Lake City and on the west side," Representative Hollins said. "This is an investment toward economic success and stability. After 20 years of studying, adjusting, and budget tightening it is time to allow the Fairpark to be a revenue generator we all know it can and will be."

This is a potential game changer for the Fairpark, with potential to create revenue streams to make the fairgrounds sustainable going forward. The Fairpark Community Council supports the proposed arena and we hope you will join us at the town hall meeting to get more information, and find out how we can support this initiative. State Senator Luz Escamilla, Representative Sandra Hollins, Representative Brad Wilson, and State Fairpark Executive Director Larry Mullenax will be in attendance.

The Fairpark Community Council is your forum for learning about and addressing issues that affect your life. Please join us the 4th Thursday of every month, except July and November, 6:30 PM, at the Northwest Community Center. We welcome you to attend and participate.

Agenda

Fairpark Community Council June 23, 2016

- 6:30 Welcome and Start Meeting/Announcements
- 6:40 Public Safety Report: Det. Dustin Marshall and Det Eldon Oliver Fire Station 7
- 6:50 City Council Members/Legislative Report-Those in Attendance
- 7:10 Mayor's Office Report Nate Salazar and Hildegard Koenig
- 7:20 Green Urban Lunch Box Presentation
Jessica Collette, Green Urban Lunch Box
- 8:00 Adjourn

Making Fairpark Community Council Meetings More Accessible

The Fairpark Community Council Board is seeking to extend its outreach to help as many residents as possible have access to our monthly meetings. Here are two items for your consideration.

Childcare at meetings: Have you wanted to attend a Fairpark Community Council Meeting but have not been able to due to lack of childcare? Are you a volunteer who would be interested in helping with childcare efforts at our monthly meetings? We want your opinion! Please participate in our survey to help us increase our outreach efforts to include all Fairpark Community residents! <http://goo.gl/forms/pVINZm-HOxBM1MIsZ2>

Spanish Translation Services: Fairpark Community Council is seeking Spanish translation services for our written material (brochures, etc.) in an effort to extend our outreach. If you have contacts who either volunteer or do this work professionally, please either write in the comment field here or send to: deannadeesings@gmail.com



dirt2table

Building a Greenhouse: Growing a Community

It's a Wrap! Here is a list of the final figures from Fairpark Community's First Annual Plant Sale:

- 4,500 total plants, 160 unique pre-orders resulting in 2,373 plants pre-ordered, 1,977 plants sold day of, 150 donated to a non-profit organization
- Hundreds of seeds given away on plant sale day
- 500+ volunteer hours on the project
- 28 varieties of Heirloom tomatoes, 16 varieties of Peppers, 3 varieties of Eggplant, and 3 varieties of herbs
- \$8,053 donations: \$1,500 Salt Lake City Signature Event Fund Grant \$6,553 in kind

Hot plants (that is, the first to sell out) included:

Tomatoes: Beefsteak, Black Brandywine, Black Krim, Burbank, Hillbilly, Martino's Roma, Matt's Wild Cherry, Sugary Cherry, Sungold Cherry, and Tiny Tim

Peppers: California Wonder, Gypsy Hybrid, Jalapeno, Poblano, Purple Beauty, and Rainbow Bell Mix Eggplants: Black Beauty and Mixed Fingers

This is what happens when a community comes together for to build something good! And this project was good. It was phenomenal! It got vegetables growing in the backyards of Fairpark Community Residents. People who never grew vegetables in their lives are now growing their own food. And they are proud of it! **Remember to submit your photos of your gardening adventures to dirt2tableslc.org to post in our Flickr album:** <https://flic.kr/s/aHskyUjQk3>

Volunteer for Adopt-A-Spot Clean-up

Join us for the next Adopt-A-Spot clean-up! The Adopt-A-Spot program goal is to protect native vegetation, water quality, and aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitat while providing access and educational opportunities to the public. The next Adopt-A-Spot event will be held on Saturday July 16th from 9-11am. Meet in the parking lot east of the Northwest Community Center.

Biking the Jordan River Parkway Trail

Isn't summer time wonderful for recreational biking? As we eagerly anticipate the bridge to be built, connecting the last section of unfinished trail, it's still easy to travel this path for 50 miles from Utah Lake north to the Great Salt Lake through Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties! On any given day, one can see individuals and families pedaling the Jordan Parkway Trail. Here are two resources to help you get started on this journey!

The Jordan River Commission provides a digital guide, map and information on the river itself:

<http://jordanrivercommission.com/jordan-river-parkway-trail-map>

Bike SLC provides maps also, but additional information on the master plan, municipalities along the trail, and more:

<http://www.bikeslc.com/jordanriver-trail/default.html>

Remember your helmet, water and sunblock before you set out - and have fun!



VBS 2016

Place: Cornerstone Church

Date: July 11-15

Kids K- 6 Grade

Time: M-F 6-9

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VBS Sunday July 17th 10:30AM
Children and Parents invited

Fairpark Celebrates LGBT Pride Month in June

In Fairpark, we value diversity and appreciate cultures from all corners of the Earth. This is a neighborhood rich with a history of welcoming new residents from different backgrounds for generations. We will be focusing on the LGBT Pride Month of June and we had the opportunity to sit down with one of our local west side celebrities, artist and drag performer, Miss Gia Bianca Stephens. Let's get started neighbors!

LGBT Pride Month History

Did you know that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan? The Stonewall riots were a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In major cities across the nation the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. Utah Pride Day which was celebrated earlier this month drove record numbers to the Pride parade, the 2nd largest parade in the state only outdone by the Days of '47 Parade. Utah is also the number one state for gay parents raising children.

Gia Bianca Stephens – Rocky Mountain National Showgirl, Local Performing Artist



She's even more beautiful in real life than she is in pictures. Tall, statuesque and stunning, Gia Bianca Stephens has been performing for years and could possibly be Fairpark's most glamorous resident. Lately though, she's been taking her talents to the national level. "Things really kicked off when I ran for the Mountain States National Showgirl Pageant. After winning in

Utah, I showed up to my first pageant at a national level and made second alternate. To make top 3 my first time was really, really cool." Gia is also the current reigning Rocky Mountain National Showgirl for both 2015 and 2016. She is a former Queen of Hearts (2014) with the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire, a local non-profit organization that raises money for local causes such as cancer awareness, HIV-AIDS patients, homeless youth and scholarships. When she is not performing at local venues, Gia manages Bodega/The Rest restaurant on Main Street in downtown Salt Lake City. "Pageantry as a whole on the national level has changed over the last decade. Because there are so many pageant systems, there are so many options, and I'd love to continue to compete in the pageant circuit. This is something I really love to do! It gives me the opportunity to entertain, raise awareness, and fundraise for great causes. It's a blast! I've been focusing on National Pageantry lately, but I'm looking forward to stay involved in the local community!"

Gia is a co-founder the Ladies of Marmalade at Jam, a local drag show, and is currently performing regularly with local favorite Indi Skies. "Because of the new found demand related to LOGO's RuPaul's Drag Race, we started with Friday nights and that has allowed us to build a show which has been really great." [Editor's note: If you haven't caught onto RPDR yet, it's a hoot!] Gia also performs regularly at Sunday Drag Brunch Club X (445 S 400 W). When asked what makes Drag Brunch appealing to the average Joe she said, "This is appealing because this is not a night time show. There is a wide audience appeal, and you're seated, drinking mimosas and eating fabulous food. It's much more inviting, a bigger production and you can sit and eat and enjoy the show. If you don't want to navigate your way through

a packed club at midnight, this is for you! There are pop queens, old school queens, impersonators and burlesque vintage style queens." "Everyone has their hobbies. Some guys are into cars, some guys are into sports. My hobby just so happens to be gowns and feathers."

Gia has been a longtime resident the west side and of Fairpark for a few years. "I saw my house and said immediately, Yes, yes, yes!" It was very affordable and gorgeous inside. The property values have increased so much since we moved in. We had friends on the west side, and it was so close to downtown, a great location. We love our street [shout out to Marion]! It's so quiet and mellow. Our house was built in 1956 and we love it! It was so fun to put in the landscaping." Why would a Fairpark resident want to see one of Gia's shows? "It's just fun! It's entertaining. It's different! Especially with Drag Brunch, there's nothing else like it. It puts a spotlight on local performers and we all work really hard at our craft." Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information!

Fairpark Mourns the Orlando Massacre Victims

Fairpark residents were shocked and saddened about the massacre in Orlando. The mass shooting at an Orlando nightclub on Latino night was a horrific attack on the LGBT community. It was also a painful reminder of the violence and discrimination that LGBT people face across America – particularly Latina/o and Black LGBT people. When asked about how she felt about the shooting in Orlando Gia said, "It's kind of hard to think about anything else. For a lot of us, gay bars have become a sanctuary, so when something sacred like that is threatened in such a horrible way, it makes us question ourselves thinking, do I feel safe going out anymore? I still don't have my head wrapped around it. It was so terrible. I remember breaking down and thinking how awful it must be for their families and friends and community. In tribute, I performed "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor at Drag Brunch on Sunday. There are a lot of us who have been so deeply affected." She went on to say, "This was an act of terror. It was a hate crime, and it was racism. The sting of this shooting is going to affect us all for a long time. And frankly, I hope it does, because this could be a catalyst for real change. It's time to open up some long overdue discussion in our government and our communities." Kudos to you Gia!

"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

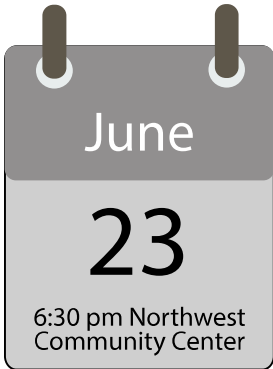
Westside Hangouts Where Everyone is Welcome!

- **Club Try-Angles** – 251 W 900 S (Open M-Th, 4pm-2am; Fri-Sun, 2pm-2am) Winner of the local "Fabby Awards" for Cheap Best Drinks, Best Friday Night bar, and Best Afternoon Crowd.
- **The Sun-Trapp** – 102 S 600 W (Open M-Th, 1pm-2am; Fri-Sun, 11am-2am) The longest running open gay bar in Utah. Local neighborhood favorite. Good for groups and outdoor patio seating.
- **Jam in the Marmalade** – 751 N 300 W (Open Wed-Sun, 8pm-2am) JAM is has been voted as "Utah's Best Gay Club" for 6 years in a row. Features the Ladies of the Marmalade Drag show.
- **Metro Bar** – 615 W 100 S (Popular on Th, Fri, Sat Nights and open for other events) Winner of "Best Nightlife" in Utah 4 years running and home to Dance Evolution Thursdays.



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Fairpark Real Estate Update

Real Estate in Fairpark is hot, hot, hot! Here are the real estate numbers for March through June 2016:

- 5 active homes for sale, price range between \$95k-239k
- 12 under contract, priced between \$116k-239k
- 16 sold properties, priced \$132k-256k

Real Estate data provided by www.HotPropertySaltLake.com

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