

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

There will be no meeting in August—enjoy the month off. Our next meeting will be:

When: 15 September 2004, 6:30 p.m.

Where: State Capitol Rotunda



NEXT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

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Wise Prevention

by Joan Legge,

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” – and sometimes there is no cure – so prevention is vital.

In my younger days, no one crashed airplanes into skyscrapers or threatened to behead a hostage to get their way.

A reformed burglar interviewed on a recent television talk show demonstrated how he got into houses in five seconds. He looked for ineffective locks, open windows, garage doors, etc. (all things put off by the owners to repair or deal with later.) If you saw someone like him, or any suspicious person, or something out of the ordinary – and learned to react and train your eyes and mind to record accurately – you might prevent a burglary, an abduction, and today, maybe even a bombing.

We have resources in our community like the Neighborhood Watch, the mobile patrol, Night Out Against Crime parties when neighbors get special information and training. These can educate and help prevent crime before tragedies happen.

For more information, call Rita at 799-3440 or Joan at 355-8396.

Times change. Priorities change. As good neighbors we can meet today’s challenges by being more aware and can impact change.

(Editors’ note: Please participate in the August Night Out Against Crime in your own area – August 3 in the Quince Street area, August 4 on the triangle west of the Capitol, and others. Check with your area’s trustee for more information.)



The Edwin, Annie & Marie Rawlings House 322 N. Almond Street

By Nelson Knight

This month’s house sits almost unnoticed behind several large trees on Almond Street, in the Marmalade section of West Capitol Hill. Like many early residents of the Marmalade district, the original owner and builder of this house was a native of England and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Edwin Rawlings was born in Upton Noble, in Somerset, England, February 1, 1838. While still in England, he married Annie Marsh, who was also born in Somerset. They sailed for America on the *William Tapscott*, and traveled across the plains to the Salt Lake Valley.

Upon their arrival in Salt Lake, Edwin found work as a furniture and cabinet maker at the ZCMI furniture factory. Edwin also took a second wife, Maria Cowley. Maria and Edwin had five children, but according to Capitol Hill historian Hermoine Jex, “it was Annie Marsh who took care of them.” Annie also became President of the Nineteenth Ward Relief Society. The family saved for almost ten years to acquire the money to buy this property from Heber C. Kimball and to build this house.

In 1871, the year the house was constructed, Almond Street was little more than a wide path that abruptly switched back and forth across the hillside. Indeed, it was named “Crooked Street” until 1906, when the name was changed to Almond Street. The crooked street may account for the deep setback of this house, which

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Volunteer Service Opportunities

Food, Clothing, and other Donations

- **The Road Home** is in need of volunteers at its community shelter, 210 S. Rio Grande St. Donations of personal hygiene items, socks, underwear, diapers, and any other items are needed. Call 359-4142 or go to www.theroadhome.org.
- **The LDS 19th Ward Relief Society**, located at 225 W. 500 N., sponsors a **clothing exchange** on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. **Everything is free!** Come and look, or bring something along to pass on to someone else. All are welcome.
- **Crossroads Urban Center**, 347 S. 400 E., helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. This month they have a special need for **crackers, small individual snacks, and small juices**. Their **Thrift Store**, 1385 W. Indiana (850 S.), needs dishes, silverware, pots and pans, and small groups for sorting. Please call Linda Hilton at 364-7765 for more information.



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predates most of the others on the block by a few years. The Rawlings home is similar in form and shape to typical Capitol Hill cottages from this period, but details show the skill of the builder. The house is covered with wood clapboard siding, but is actually constructed of adobe brick. Original turned wood spindles and scrollwork on the front porch suggest that Mr. Rawlings, a cabinet maker, used his considerable skills on the details of his house. The house retains a remarkable amount of integrity, although it certainly shows its age. Historian Jex also noted that the house only received its first coat of paint in the 1970s.

Near the end of his life (around 1910), Edwin built a two story, brick duplex to the south of his house, at 318 N. Almond

Literacy, Reading, and Children

- **Washington School** begins August 25. Details for volunteer opportunities forthcoming.
- **Become a foster parent** and strengthen a family! Right here in our Capitol Hill neighborhood are children in need of safe, stable, loving homes while their families heal. You can be married or single, with or without children, renter or homeowner. Visit www.utahfostercare.org or call 994-5205. Volunteer opportunities are also available.
- **The Children's Museum of Utah** needs energetic, fun-loving seniors, and others to volunteer for work in the galleries, at the front desk, and behind the scenes. Call 328-3383.
- **Literacy Volunteers of America-Wasatch Front** is seeking volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.



Service Activities

- Help the **Neighborhood Watch** for two hours or more monthly. To help, or for more information, please call Joan Legge, 355-8396.
- **LifeCare** (1025 S. 700 W.) needs volunteers to help homebound seniors and persons with disabilities by delivering food boxes. For more information, call 978-2452.
- **TreeUtah** needs volunteers to water seedlings at the Audubon Site. For more information, visit www.treeutah.org or call 364-2122.
- **Utah Food Bank** always welcomes volunteers to help sort food at their warehouse at 1025 S. 700 W. Please call Christine Thomas at 908-8660.
- **Primary Children's Medical Center** needs volunteers for its information desks, gift shop, and other areas. Call 588-2446 for more information.
- **Capitol Hill Kiwanis Club** continues its service to our community. Join us each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and a speaker at the Inn at Temple Square. For more information, call Moyle Anderson at 364-7294.



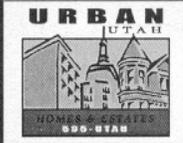
Street. Two daughters, Clara Louise Rawlings Cushing and Edna Elizabeth Rawlings Bullock, moved into the duplex with their husbands and families. Edwin and Maria's son, Edwin James, lived in the original house for all of his life and never married. He worked at the Salt Lake Office of Dunn and Bradstreet, and (again according to Hermoine Jex) "spent every spare moment at the old Salt Lake Theatre, where he was an usher."

Edna's daughter (and Edwin's granddaughter) Gladys Bullock became the next resident of the duplex. Like her grandfather, who was a member of the Nauvoo Legion Band, Gladys was a musician. She was a graduate of the McCune School of Music (located in the McCune Mansion) and taught piano for many decades, first at the McCune School, then at the Atlas

Building downtown, and finally in her grandfather's former home, which she converted into a studio. Succeeding generations of Capitol Hill residents remember her lessons and three hour long recitals, which were held twice a year. Gladys became the social anchor of this block of Almond Street, which is (perhaps by necessity due to the lack of parking and close quarters) extraordinarily supportive and neighborly. Upon the occasion of Gladys's 90th birthday, the neighborhood held a large party in her honor on the front lawn of her studio.

When Gladys died in 1998, her longtime neighbor and friend Spenser Elliott purchased the Rawlings house. He has worked to maintain the house and property, and to be a proper steward for the house.

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FEATURED NEIGHBORS

Pepper Provenzano

Pepper Provenzano has an early photo of his 100-year-old home on east Girard Avenue that shows, among other things, how remarkably few trees there were on the hill in those days. Pepper may have done more than anyone else to insure that today's landscape in Salt Lake City and many other places is graced abundantly with trees.

Pepper was born and raised in Princeton, New Jersey, which he recalls as "a beautiful Revolutionary-War-era town, mostly surrounded by horse farms." He came west to attend the University of Arizona, and after graduation worked for seven years in San Francisco, Mill Valley, and Berkeley, California. Then in 1980, a job as an editor with *The Salt Lake Tribune* brought him to Salt Lake City.

Thus began what Pepper terms "an extremely rewarding and demanding career" for 20 years with the *Tribune* where he worked as "just about every kind of editor. It's wonderful to go to work each day in the same big room with 175 crazy journalists." He finished as wire editor, coordinating national and international stories for the paper. As rewarding as he found newspaper work, he had laid the foundation for a second career that, to him, represents an even higher calling.

In 1988 Pepper founded TreeUtah, and later co-founded the National Alliance for Community Trees and the Utah Urban Forest Council. The purpose, as he simply states it, was "to plant trees and to promote stewardship in a community setting." His work was recognized with a "Point-of-Light" award by President George H.W. Bush and with many other awards. To date, TreeUtah has overseen the planting of more than 200,000 trees, and has educated countless



TreeUtah, TreeLink

urban-dwellers in caring for their environment. As Pepper says, TreeUtah remains "the Red Cross of green groups," a broadly esteemed common cause in which people with all ranges of viewpoint unite.

In 1996 Pepper branched out to form TreeLink, an even more ambitious undertaking to educate and to encourage care for the urban environment across the country and internationally, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. TreeLink is "an information and networking resource for anyone interested in urban and community forests," Pepper says. "This area of non-controversial environmental work is growing rapidly because the urban population is growing: 80% of our population currently live in urban areas. We've now reached into 70 countries." The TreeLink website, at www.treelink.org, is a full-service resource for education on planting and caring for trees, establishing community forestry partnerships, and joining forces with those who have already done so. This spring the popular website exceeded one million hits per month.

"We've been in love with Capitol Hill since we moved here in 1990," Pepper states. He and his wife Denise and their children, Mia (19) and Conor (17) have completely restored their home ("a terrific place - we really enjoyed remaking it"), and are loyal West High patrons. Before his recent knee surgery Pepper had run seven marathons, including the course of the original marathon in Greece (and claims he may have other marathons still to come.)

There are many more trees now on Capitol Hill and in the Salt Lake Valley than in the early days, and many of those planted in the past sixteen years are evidence of Pepper's influence. His work has the rare distinction of visibly leaving the world a greener and better place.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS — AUGUST

Temple Square* - 7:30 pm

- 7 Saltaires Show Chorus
 - 14 April Moriarty, violinist, and Todd McCabe, pianist
 - 21 Families Making Music, Ben & Meg Ferry Family
 - 28 Marie Rosenmir, Swedish soprano
- *Certain programs require tickets; please call 240-0080.

Brigham Young Historic Park - 7:30 pm

Garden Talks every Wednesday

Gallivan Center

- Lunch Bunch Concert Series* - Weekdays - Noon to 1 pm
- Come Alive Concert Series* - Wednesdays - 7 pm to 10 pm
- Twilight Concert Series* - Thursdays - 7 pm to 10 pm
- 21 International Dance Gala - 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Brown Bag Concert Series

Weekdays - Noon to 1:00 pm
 For locations, see slcgov.com/arts/brownbag/junetext.htm

Pioneer Park (300 S 300 W) 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Downtown Farmers' Market

Brigham Young Historic Park—8 pm

- 3 Clog America
- 6 Peter Breinholt, folk singer, guitarist, and songwriter
- 10 Pan Jam, family steel-drum band
- 13 Jericho Road, contemporary and inspirational group
- 17 Mountain Jubilee Chorus, women's barbershop
- 20 Lincoln Highway, foot-stomping blue grass music
- 24 An Dragan Ceilteach, Irish step dancers
- 27 David Edwards Band, music mix
- 31 New Zealand - Maori Cultural Group