

# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



## Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 19 January 2005, 6:30 p.m.  
 Where: *Utah State Capitol Cafeteria, new east wing of State Capitol*

*If you need transportation, Please contact Peter von Sivers at 364-3310. Peter will also pass by Washington Elementary School (corner of 200 West and 400 North) at 6:00 p.m. to pick up anyone needing a lift.*

- 6:30 Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair  
Minutes of November
- 6:35 Police Report
- 6:50 Update by UDOT on the Columbus Street Traffic Light Project
- 7:30 Update by City on the 500 West End Train Whistle Project
- 7:50 Open Forum for Community Matters
- 8:00 Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2005, 6:30 p.m.**

### Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Members

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## Comment by Ralph Becker

Best wishes for the New Year. As I walk through our neighborhood, visit at the store and meetings and meet more and more residents, I am grateful to have the opportunity to represent you on Capitol Hill.

Legislative Session: The Legislative Session begins January 17 and lasts 45 days, through March 2. With the furious pace, I hope you will advise me of your views and alert me to bills or budget items that deserve attention. While I do my best to stay on top of all actions, sometimes I can miss important issues. So, please email, call, fax, or write me. Better yet, come up for a visit. The best time to find me is when we are on the Floor; check the legislative website for schedules: <http://le.utah.gov/> or call 538-1029.

The primary topics for this Session are still uncertain, but we can expect a focus on public and higher education, economic development and jobs, and the State of Utah budget, including employee compensation, State buildings, transportation funding, and taxes. With my role as Minority Leader in the Utah House of Representatives, I will be taking on fewer legislative initiatives, but will continue to devote attention to our District needs and want to hear from you on individual or broader matters.

Traffic Signals on Columbus Street: Let me bring you up to date, to my best understanding, about our traffic issues. As you know, UDOT is scheduled to put in lights at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> North on Columbus Streets, while selling houses back into the community and using historically compatible signal designs and landscaping. That work is now scheduled for the Spring. We may not have seen the end of this matter. Some Davis County residents, particularly some of the Davis County State legislators, have expressed opposition to the lights. In the longer term, the University of Utah Engineering School plans to study putting a tunnel from Victory Road to Main Street, bypassing Capitol Hill for many of the commuters. The ultimate conclusion to traffic issues will probably last longer than my lifetime.

Again, let me invite you to contact me during the Legislative Session or any other time regarding issues of concern to you. I look forward to my visits at the Capitol Hill Community Council and urge your participation to make Capitol Hill not only Utah's most historic neighborhood, but also it's best.



Your Representative, Ralph Becker

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**This Old House**  
**The Joseph & Annie Shaw House**  
**309 N. Almond Street**  
**By Nelson Knight**

This is the second time we have looked at a house on Almond Street in the past year. Here at the This Old House column headquarters, we usually strive for geographic diversity in the subjects of our columns, but the owner of this month's house brought a historic photograph to our attention that is so strikingly different to the current house that we thought it would be a good reason to look at another house in this part of the neighborhood.

The house at 309 N. Almond Street was constructed primarily in two phases, and then was dramatically altered later in its life. No architect or builder is known for the house, but Salt Lake County plat records suggest that the original, south portion of the house was built sometime between 1879 and 1883. This portion was a one story, soft-fired brick building with simple detailing. The narrow end gable of the building faced Almond Street, but the entrance was located on the south side of the house. The house was of a type referred to today by architectural historians as the "hall-parlor" plan, with two rooms side by side. A brick chimney was located at in the center of the house and served to partially divide the two rooms. The building's lot occupied the entire corner of Almond Street and 300 North (then called Currant Street).

The original owners of the building were Joseph Shaw and his wife Ann Hancock Shaw. Like so many residents of Capitol Hill at the time, the Shaw's were English emigrants and members of the LDS Church. Joseph is listed in city directories as a laborer and hostler (someone employed in a stable to care for horses). Joseph died in 1888, at the age of 46. His widow, Ann

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and their child, Florence Mabel, remained residents of the house.

A small frame addition was originally located on the north side of the structure. The building was enlarged significantly in 1902, with the construction of another frame addition on to the north end of the existing frame structure, and another frame addition on the west side of the original brick building. A Salt Lake City building permit listed no builder or architect, but noted that the improvements were valued at \$150.00. The permit fee was \$1.00.

Ann died in 1905. Joseph and Ann's daughter Florence Mabel Shaw became the owner of the house, and resided there for many years along with her husband, Glenn Patterson, whom she married in 1906. Around this time, the Pattersons began selling off portions of the original lot. Three buildings were constructed on the original Shaw property between 1906 and 1910, including the apartments at 301-303 Almond Street (built by Alexander Fowler in 1910) and two homes at 102 W. 300 North and 102½ W. 300 North (built by Andrew Mortenson in 1906 and 1910).

Not much changed with the house from 1902 until at least 1936, when the attached historic photo was taken by the Salt Lake County Tax Assessor. At least four doors are visible in the photo, which is unfortunately of poor quality and did not reproduce well. The north frame additions are clearly visible, however.

At some time after the photo was taken, this part of the house changed dramatically. The house was sold upon Florence's death in 1948. The living space for people was removed, and a living space for a car was added. The house became a small brick cottage with an attached garage. In addition, a portion of the lot was sold to the house to the north to construct another garage. Removing living space to accommodate a garage seems logical only in this part of Capitol Hill, where the parking problems rival those seen in San Francisco.

A succession of "improvements" and "remodelings" left the house virtually unrecognizable from that seen in the 1936 tax photo. The current owners, Stephanie Tonin and Gavin Noyes, found the photo while planning their renovation of the house in 2000. The continued lack of parking made removing the garage an undesirable option, but Steph and Gavin did add

wood siding and a simple yet compatible door to the garage to make it more sympathetic with the character of the house. They also cleaned the brick, resided two dormers that had been covered with aluminum siding, constructed a new rear deck to take advantage of the killer view, and repainted the exterior. Little remained on the interior that Joseph and Ann Shaw would have recognized, except for the centrally located fireplace between the former hall and parlor (now the living room and kitchen). Steph and Gavin removed artificial "z-brick" paneling from the interior walls, installed a new kitchen, reinforced the structural system, and replaced 1960s-era aluminum windows with new insulated wood windows that closely match the originals on the house. After four years of work, and small projects left to be done, the house is in much better shape.



## 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](http://www.theroadhome.org).
- **The LDS 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **size 4-6 baby diapers**. 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.

### Literacy, Reading, and Children

- **Washington School** needs volunteers to read to a child one hour a week. Call Shauna Levitt at 578-8140 for details or stop by the school.
- **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](http://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.
- **English Skills Learning Center** seeks volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.

### Service Activities

- **TreeUtah** has no projects planned at this time. They thank all who volunteered in 2004 and look forward to a busy 2005. Visit [www.treeutah.org](http://www.treeutah.org) or call 364-2122 to learn more.
- **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.
- **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.
- 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.



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What do this Italian marble giraffe and polar bear have to do with our neighborhood? See "Featured Neighbors", page 4.

**FEATURED NEIGHBORS**

*Georg Stutzenberger*

*Tile Artisan / Council Vice-Chair*

From the Austrian Military Police, to French helicopters, to an eleven-foot Italian-marble and mosaic giraffe – by any standard, Georg Stutzenberger’s life has had its full share of variety.

Georg was born in Vienna, Austria, where his family had long been wine farmers. He graduated from college with a degree in tool-making and fine mechanics; served a fourteen-month stint in the Military Police; and then found work as an aircraft engineer. He eventually specialized in helicopter repair, becoming certified both in Europe and with the FAA in the United States, and completing assignments with private helicopter-repair companies around the world. He moved to Salt Lake City when Rocky Mountain Helicopter wanted to hire a specialist in repair of French-made helicopters, and later worked for Groen Brothers Aviation where he helped design and successfully develop a gyroplane.

Georg sensed, though, that professionally he wanted something more than the aviation industry was offering. He had long worked with tile as a cherished pastime, and eventually decided to make that hobby his profession. He is now a licensed contractor specializing in tile, mosaic, and granite construction. He and his partner, Julianne Calderon, center mainly on custom tile work. Georg has his own kiln and, among other services, fires tiles with original murals. Julianne creates most of the sculptured stone work they incorporate. "She’s the artist," Georg states. "She just comes to me for technical advice." They take pride in using about 80% recycled material in their projects.

In 2003, Hogle Zoo asked Georg and Julianne to donate work for the zoo’s fund-raising. In memory of two animals who, through illness and mishap, had died that year, they crafted a polar bear and a giraffe of white Italian marble, each overlaid with mosaic and each enormous.



The pieces turned out to be the hit of the auction – the giraffe now reposes in a home in the Old Mill area, and the polar bear will move to a large Cottonwood home as soon as the jacuzzi and pool are finished (two baby polar bears may be needed to accompany him.) "It was really fun," Georg says. "When we transported the polar bear and giraffe from our home on Columbus Street to the auction at the zoo, they turned heads the whole way."

Georg and Julianne have lived on Capitol Hill for about five years, find the neighbors nice and the neighborhood "one of the safest in the city." They are involved in community service, and Georg has recently agreed to serve as vice-chair of our Community Council. He is helping to recruit for our neighborhood Mobile Watch and is excited at the positive difference that service has made and will make in the area. During the 2002 Olympics Georg provided Austrian-language translation and other help at the Austrian House and International Client Services.

Finally, aside from their impressive sculptures, Georg and Julianne love live animals. Sadly, their black Cocker Spaniel died just before Christmas, but they still have "a couple of cats and two big dogs" (both a mix of German Shepherd and Norwegian Elkhound whom they rescued from being "put down" on an Idaho farm) "who love the cold and snow." (Their business, formerly operating as Euro-Tile and Decor, now is Tile, Stone, and Art, telephone 363-3152.)



**FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Temple Square\* 7:30 p.m.**

**January**

- 7 Organ Concert with Stephen Cleobury
- 20-22 BYU Winterfest: Young Ambassadors

**February**

- 4-5 BYU Winterfest: Ballroom Dance Company
- 18 BYU Winterfest: Jazz Showcase

**\*Certain programs require tickets; please call 240-0080.**