

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 16 November 2005, 6:00 p.m.
 Where: Tesoro Refinery, 474 West 900 North (light supper served)

Preliminary Agenda:

- 6:00 Welcome by Tim Forbes, Community Liaison, Tesoro Buffet Supper
- 6:30 Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair Minutes of October
- 6:35 Police Report
- 6:50 Election of Officers for the Capitol Hill Community Council 2005-06
- 7:00 Reports by our Representatives in the Utah Legislature and City Council
- 7:15 Report by Gwen Springmeyer, Liaison with the Mayor's Office
- 7:30 Howa Development Plan for 300 West and 500-600 North by Dru Damico
- 8:00 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
 JANUARY 18, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

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Your Neighbor, Tesoro

by Tim Forbes, Human Resources Division, Tesoro

(Editors' note: Tesoro has been an excellent corporate neighbor in its support of the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council. This month we asked Tim Forbes to share a comment concerning Tesoro's history and role in our community.)

The year was 1908. Utah had achieved statehood only 12 years earlier. Automobiles were not yet a serious competitor to the electric streetcar system that formed the backbone of transportation in the Salt Lake Valley. The first oil refinery in Salt Lake City was constructed.

It's come a long way since 1908 when it began operations as Lubra Oils Manufacturing Co. Then, it refined seven barrels per day and produced lubricating oils and "Harness dressings" for local businesses. Over the years and under several owners, including the famous UTOCO brand, the refinery has grown. Now it has capacity to refine up to 60,000 barrels per day. The refinery serves the growing hub of the Intermountain West. Crude supplies move via pipeline from Rocky Mountain and Canadian producers. The products that come out of the refinery include gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, and propane.

Today, that refinery is Tesoro's plant just off Beck Street, purchased from BPAmoco in September of 2001. Two new units have been constructed since that time. One is a highly efficient and clean-burning cogeneration plant, that allows Tesoro to generate electricity and steam to power its operations, the other is a diesel desulphurization unit (DDU), which allows production of low sulphur diesel fuel to match new government regulations.

Employing 200 local area residents, the refinery now produces Gasoline, Jet Fuel, Propane, Diesel, and Heavy Fuel Oil primarily for its primary markets in Utah and Idaho, with secondary markets in Washington, Oregon and Nevada. Tesoro also employs 300 residents in its Retail and Marketing areas.

This Old House — the Capel/Martin Home 783 No. East Capitol Blvd. By Stephen Sorenson

It may seem a real misnomer to pick a residence in the Ensign Peak area at the northeast corner of the Capitol Hill neighborhood as an "old house". Yet, at least in relative terms, the home on the corner of East Capitol and Edgcombe is older than most of its neighbors. It also has a distinction that, so far as we know, no other building on Capitol Hill boasts.

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The Ensign Peak neighborhood was just being developed in the mid-1950s when Ernest and Harriet Capel (who lived just a ways down the hill) decided to buy Lot 1, Block 1, Ensign Downs Plot A, and build one of the first homes in the development. Ernest had come to America as a sixteen-year-old English immigrant, later brought his mother and sisters to the States, and worked his way upward, eventually, to serve as general manager of Flint Distributing for 21 years. The house was solidly built by Sidney and Frank Mulcock (English contractors) with bar tile roofing and other quality features. But it was the commanding view of the valley that was the big thing, the Capel's son, Neal, recalls. That was their joy home. It was right on the crest and I think, in Dad's eyes, was evidence of the success he had earned. He loved America, and they were glad to get to build their



dream home.

The Capel's moved into the home in 1957 but, sadly, enjoyed it for only a few months before Ernest passed away. Harriet lived there for another year and a half and then sold the home to Brent Davis. Davis, in turn, sold the home to a young couple who were working hard to expand a family business, manufacturing overhead garage doors. Dave and Virginia Martin and their four children lived in the home from 1973 until 1989.

The home's unique distinction? Dave's business, Martin Doors, mounted a successful advertising campaign in the 1970s, with Dave as a spokesman describing the

advantages of his product. He was not an actor by training, took some good-natured ribbing about his somewhat stiff camera presence, and decided to use mild self-deprecation to his advantage.

So one day, as the cameras rolled, Dave stepped in front of his home's Martin garage door, intoned, "My

advertising people say I'm a little stiff," gave the sales pitch, and asked, "Now what's stiff about that?" Immediately a workman stepped into the scene, picked up Martin who had by then transmogrified into a cardboard cut-out of himself, and carried him off. So seamless was the technology and clever the ad that it won a coveted Clio Award as one of the best televised ads of that year.

Today Tom and Christiane Huckin live in the home, and still find the view spectacular and the neighborhood very enjoyable.

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- **Crossroads Urban Center**, 364-7765. Many are at the crossroads of their life. Please call and offer what help you can.
- **Road Home**, 359-4142 or www.theroadhome.org. Help them make it home.
- **Utah Foster Care**, www.utahfostercare.org or call 994-5205. There are some great kids who need a real place to

grow.

- **LDS 19th Ward Clothing Exchange** (225 W. 500 N.) Second Saturday of each month. Nine to Noon for these knick-knacks.
- **Kiwanis Club (Capitol Hill)**, 999 South Main. Call Bonnie Archer at 328-1325 for more information. Kiwanis (n.- said to be American Indian: to make oneself known). How better to get to know yourself than by service to others.



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Don't miss the change of venue for the November Council Meeting (see p. 1).

The November meeting will be the last neighborhood council meeting in 2005.



Happy Thanksgiving!

FEATURED NEIGHBOR

Ray Hale

Of the thousands who have graduated from West High School in its 115-year history, Ray Hale is one of those who gives back the most. Currently in his seventh year as president of the West High Alumni Association, Ray's continuing involvement at West caps off a long career of helping youth rise to greater things through their participation in sports.

He came to it naturally. Ray was the sixth of seven Hale children who grew up on Gordon Place (in the home next to the Heber C. Kimball gravesite just off North Main Street), and he and three of his brothers played basketball at West and at the University of Utah. In the days when the LDS Church mounted a church-wide basketball tournament each year, Ray's older brothers Myron and Ralph were on the team from the 19th Ward in the Capitol Hill neighborhood who won the All-Church championship in 1947. Ray had his own turn, in 1952 when the Capitol Hill team on which he played took second place, and in 1957 when the family had moved to the 31st Ward in central Salt Lake City and that team took the championship.

Ray eventually moved to Bountiful and raised a family; managed the Elias Morris Company (then the second-oldest company in Utah) and was directly involved with such projects as the ceiling of the Huntsman Center and the track at the BYU Field house; then started his own construction business. He moved back to Capitol Hill about fifteen years ago.

But in addition to his "day job," Ray carved out a distinguished career as a sports official B 37 years of officiating college and high school basketball,



Number One West High Alum

football, volleyball, and baseball; one of the first ten certified volleyball officials in Utah; refereeing games at the Fiesta Bowl, the NCAA basketball semi-finals, and the first American football game in Australia; receiving the 1999 Butch Lambert Football Officials Award from the All-American Football Foundation. Among the athletes he liked best were USU greats Merlin Olsen, who served Ray as an informal bodyguard at the games in Logan, and Wayne Estes. "I'll always remember him B he was one of the best basketball players who ever lived." (Ray worked a USU game just a week before Estes' tragic accidental death.)

Of the officiating, Ray says simply, "I loved it." Of the fans, he just smiles. "They're crazy. They all want a winner."

Since 1952 Ray has sponsored the Hale Award at West High (later expanded to Bountiful, Woods Cross, and Viewmont High Schools), which annually honors the school's best male and female athlete. This year he's again helping to coach the sophomore boys' basketball team at West, and is a consistent, familiar presence at the school's games. The Alumni Association under his leadership mounts an on-going active program of scholarship assistance and other support for the school and community. They recently sponsored the ceremony renaming the "Gean Plaga Stadium" after the long-time West coach, and will soon install a large permanent American flag on the west stadium wall with the inscription, "Home of the Mighty Panthers - Since 1890."

What keeps him at it? Ray sums it all up: "That's one of the things that's fun. You get to go down and see the kids develop. I really love them."

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A new website for people who want to volunteer: www.VolunteerUtah.com. Zion's Bank sponsors this website. Volunteer opportunities have grown so numerous, that it's impossible to list them all anywhere but on the internet. Log-on and see.