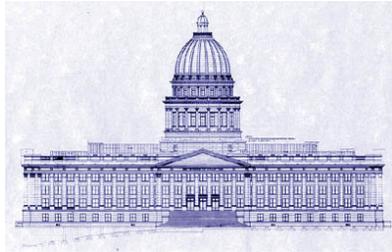


THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 19 July 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Where: State Capitol Cafeteria

Preliminary Agenda:

- 6:30 Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair Minutes
- 6:35 Police Report
- 6:45 Reports by our Representatives in the Utah Legislature and City Council
- 7:00 Report by Gwen Springmeyer, Liaison with the Mayor's Office
- 7:10 Discussion of the Capitol Park Renovation/Reconstruction project
- 7:30 Community Forum
- 7:45 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 - 6:30 p.m.

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Fighting the Nuisances Around Us!

By Eric Jergensen, Salt Lake City Council

It has been a very busy summer as we approach the July 4th holiday. This time of year brings us baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and family parties. Sometimes summer brings with it parties that are too loud and go too late into the night. These parties may happen over and over again on a regular basis

You and I need to respect our neighbors by being reasonable with our parties and noisemaking activities. Some basic rules to follow:

1. Noise and music must end at 10:00 p.m.
2. Keep noise inside the house. Ask guests to keep quiet as they leave your house and as they walk to their cars.

Remember that our neighborhood houses are very close together and so sound – even if it seems quiet – travels through opened windows and is a real nuisance.

The City has nuisance ordinances that deal with party houses and noise in our neighborhoods as well as houses where drug activity is alleged. Another area covered by nuisance ordinances is the upkeep of yards.

To activate the nuisance ordinance for noise, partying or drugs require that the neighbors contact their City Council representative or community police officer. To reach me please contact Marge Harvey at 535-7626. Linda Johnson, our community affairs officer, can be reached at 799-3000. Neighbors also need to contact the police when problems arise. The police dispatch can be reached at 799-3000. They will ask your name, your address, the problem and the address of the problem. If you have a problem in your neighborhood, you and your neighbors will need to be very active in contacting the police since the number of calls is one of the indicators of a nuisance action.

The resolution to an upkeep nuisance is the same. You'll need to contact Marge in the City Council office and provide her the address and a description of the problem. She can then make City personnel aware of the concerns so that action can be taken.

To resolve a nuisance problem in your neighborhood – no matter the cause – always requires patience, strong, collaborative joint effort and stick-to-it-iveness. Don't give up because things are not changing overnight. We have many examples in our neighborhood where people did not give up and were able to make meaningful improvements in our neighborhood.

Keep at it. We can make our neighborhoods a better place!!

This Old House by Nelson Knight

668-670 North Wall Street

Until recently, this building had the distinct, but unfortunate street number of 666 N. Wall Street. Along with a new house number, the house has recently received a top to bottom renovation. According to Salt Lake City building permit records, the building was originally constructed as a duplex in 1908 by Joseph A. West and his wife, Lois Hunt West. West was the proprietor of a clothing firm at 77-79 West South Temple. It appears to have been intended to be an investment property, since the West's lived in the Avenues and never at this address. They owned the building until 1921, when they moved to Los Angeles. Over the next 30 years, ownership of the building changed hands over

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twenty times. By 1928, the duplex had been further divided into four apartments.

Despite shifting ownership, city directories show that the occupants of the building stayed relatively stable, with many tenants remaining in the apartments for a decade or more. Like those in the surrounding neighborhood, many residents had Scandinavian or English names. Most were blue collar, and many were employed by nearby industries, such as the railroad or the Model Steam Laundry on 400 North. James L. Lasson was a typical early resident. He and his wife Freda (both Danish emigrants) moved into the building shortly after their marriage in 1928. James was a painter for the Bamberger Electric Railroad, and Freda worked at the Royal Laundry. They lived in one of the apartments until 1932, when they moved around the corner to 146 W. 600 North. Eventually they ended up living on Park Street in Sugar House.



A significant number of the residents of the building were single women, most of whom were listed in directories as widows. Mrs. Odessa Jensen, resident from 1938-1939, was matron at Horace Mann School, and Mrs. Rose Weiss, resident from 1927-1930, was a housekeeper at the YWCA. In 1956, Mrs. Thea F. Johansen moved into apartment four. A native of Norway, Thea had recently lost her husband, Carl. Thea remained in apartment four for the next 26 years, until shortly before her death in 1982 at the age of 93.

With a long succession of owners and rotating tenants, the building had suffered its share of deferred maintenance and inappropriate remodeling by the time the current owners purchased the building last year. The original front doors were replaced with a large single door, the interior walls were reconfigured for four apartments, and the original full-width front porch, visible on 1911 Sanborn Maps of the neighborhood, was removed and replaced with a small stoop.

The current owners reversed these changes. The building is now once again a duplex, with the original floor plans restored and two new front doors to match the original configuration. Though no photographs were located to show exactly what the original front porch looked like, the project architect used

available evidence (such as the Sanborn maps) and examples from similar buildings to design a porch that is suitable for the age and style of the building.

The best part about the rehabilitation of this building? The owners were able to complete the project using a combination of federal and state historic tax credits for the work. Because the apartments are within the Capitol Hill Historic District, and they met certain rigorous preservation standards in their work, they will be able to get back 40% of their renovation costs in future tax credits.

Are you an owner of a building in the Capitol Hill Historic District? Are you planning a rehabilitation project? Find out about the tax credit program at http://history.utah.gov/historic_preservation/financial_assistance/index.html or by calling Nelson Knight, Tax Credit Program Coordinator at the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, at 533-3562.



VOLUNTEER SERVICE & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Search the internet for opportunities to serve (No computer? Visit the Salt Lake Library):

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- **Crossroads Urban Center**, 364-7765 or www.crossroads-u-c.org.
- **IHC Hospice**, www.ihc.com They provide care for the terminally ill and their families. You'll help provide companionship, help finish projects, give respite care and much more.
- **Kiwanis Club (Capitol Hill)** Join us at the State Capitol Cafeteria, Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Call 328-1325 for more information.
- **Operation Kids** www.operationkids.org You'll serve Utah's children in various ways.
- **Primary Children's Medical Center**, call 588-2446 or intermountainhealthcare.org/xp/public/primary/.
- **Road Home**, www.theroadhome.org or call 359-4142.
- **Salt Lake County Aging Services**—Volunteer! Apply online on their website: www.slcoagingservices.org.
- **Tree Utah**, www.treeutah.org or call 364-2122.
- **Utah Food Bank**, 1025 S. 700 W., call 908-8660, www.csc-ut.org/foodbank.htm . Donate or volunteer!
- **Utah Foster Care**, 994-5205 or www.utahfostercare.org.
- **Volunteer Utah** is Utah's resource for finding volunteer opportunities in your community. Their website (www.volunteerutah.com) features information on volunteering with a wide variety of organizations.

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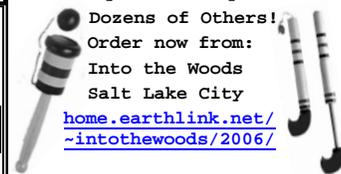
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Do you know what these three men do in our neighborhood?
(See page 4).

FEATURED NEIGHBORS

Frank, Gayle and Danny

Most of the neighbors highlighted in this column from month to month live in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. The trio we spotlight this month don't live here, but have probably spent about as many waking hours here as in their own homes. Frank Bell, Gayle Heap, and Denny Tireman (we're not making that name up) operate Hansen Service on the corner of 200 North and 200 West, and have had a passing acquaintance with thousands of the cars that have resided here through the years.

L. Ray Hansen, a lifelong Capitol Hill resident, opened the gas and service station in its current location in about 1945. Frank first came to work for him in August, 1958, as a college student. He soon left to serve a two-year stint in the military (his assigned duty was in a dental lab at Fort Gordon, Georgia, "making false teeth for soldiers," as he describes it) but afterward returned to Hansen's, and remained after completing an accounting degree. That background still comes in handy in the business as he helps with bookkeeping and tax matters.

Gayle joined the business in 1968. "I had been working heavy construction," he says. "That's seasonal, and you really couldn't raise a family." As retirement approached for Ray Hansen, he determined that his children were not interested in continuing in the business, and offered to sell it to Frank. Frank, in turn, said he'd like to include Gayle as a partner. The business, by then



Gayle Heap, Frank Bell and Danny Tireman

Hansen Service

incorporated, was sold to them in 1980, and they bought the land shortly after.

Denny came on board as an employee in 1982 after managing another Sinclair station and selling fish for a time. In those days, he remarks, the business had seven employees, three full-time and three part-time. Today with self-serve outlets handling much of the routine gas business, the three give greater emphasis to repair and maintenance, and are able to handle the business themselves.

So Hansen Service has passed the 60-year mark and the partnership has thrived for 26 years. Frank, Gayle, and Denny still open at 7:00 each weekday morning, rain or shine, and close at 5:30. (Their only moderate concession to a more normal schedule — they started closing on Saturdays a few years ago.) They plan to continue dependable automotive repair service for just as long as their health permits. The business has seen changes, to be sure. "It used to be really fun to come to work and solve problems for people," Frank states. "It still is, but with government regulations and insurance concerns, it's more of a battle." It's sometimes a scramble for a small business, he notes, to keep up with innovations in auto design and maintenance. The best parts of owning Hansen Service, Gayle says, are "being in business for yourself, being able to help people with problems, and forming friendships with the customers." As each new car problem presents itself, "it's never quite the same job twice."

FREE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



For information on downtown events, including Downtown Farmers Market and, see www.downtownslc.com for all the details.

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