

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

**Comment by Shirley McLaughlan
Historian, Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council**

When I was asked to write an article for the *Bulletin*, I really did not think I had much to write about. After much deliberation, I changed my mind. I do have something to say. And what I have to say concerns every single one of us in the Capitol Hill area, as well as most of the City.

We live in a very desirable neighborhood. The property here is very much sought after. People want to live here. Developers want to build here, for they can make the big bucks by doing so. Developers and architects have learned how to build almost anywhere – on hills that were at one time considered unbuildable, on grades where at one time they were not allowed to build. They are crowding them in areas that just seem impossible to hold any more. I know, I can hear you saying, "What can I do about it?"

One person alone cannot be heard over the steam shovel that is cutting into the property next to you, piling dirt on the beautiful roses you worked so hard in planting. We need to remember that there is more power in numbers! If we are a united and caring community, which I know we are, we can make them hear us loud and clear. My Daddy, God rest his soul, used to say, "The squeaky wheel gets the most oil." If we become a very united front, our squeak will become more like a roar. It does not take much to be united. All we need to do is care what happens in our Neighborhood.

NEXT MEETING
September 19, 2007 - 6:30 p.m.

Abandoned Shopping Cart Hotline 446-7984
Graffiti Busters 972-7885
Salt Lake City Police Crisis Intervention Team
Detective Roger Williams 799-3314
roger.williams@slcgov.com www.slcpcd.com

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Members
Chair Polly Hart 355-7203
Vice-Chair Georg Stutzenberger 510-1603
Vice-Chair Robert King 359-9992
Secretary/Treasurer Christine Hobby 328-2684
Historian Shirley McLaughlan 328-4182

Neighborhood Trustees
Capitol Carol Wood 355-6475
DeSoto/Cortez Lorille Miller 363-8191
Ensign Downs Lynn Rasmussen 231-9984
Kimball Victoria Collard 595-8575
St. Marks Nephi Kemmethmueller 359-3936
Swedetown William Salas 539-0938
Temple Gene Simmons 364-3830
Warm Springs Minta Brandon 355-1363
Washington Margaret Berchtold 597-3599
West High Erlinda Davis 531-1964
Mobile Watch Robert King 359-9992
Web Site Nick Burns nick@vanburns.com

The Bulletin
Advertising, Mailing List, Service & Community Events:
Margaret Berchtold chnc_bulletin@msn.com 597-3599
Featured Neighbor Stephen Sorenson 364-3838

It takes caring for the whole Community, for the whole City, not just becoming concerned when it starts to affect you. By then it may be too late. I got involved with this Community several years ago, when the Sixth North eastbound road was blocked off for through traffic. It made me so angry that I had to go so many blocks out of my way just to get home. I complained to the City, and they blamed the Traffic Department. Traffic in turn blamed the State. The State blamed the Community Council – they blamed the City!! No one would admit to the deed. I really got the run-around. So I took to the picket line, in the hot July sun, determined to get the road re-opened. This brought out the news media. When the truth finally came out, it was indeed DeeDee Corradini who had listened only to a few of the people in the area. They wanted to stop traffic from driving on their street, pushing it onto others. DeeDee did not take into consideration the rest of the people this action would have a major effect on. It was only after the news media became involved that anything was finally done. It took nearly nine months to rectify a very unfair deed. It also took a lot of persistence on my part as well as the support and help of my sister, brother-in-law, and hubby.

It's a good time to remember, for every action there is a reaction. If we allow things that are not right to happen in one area of this City, the trickle-down effect will be felt in all areas of the City. When the City Council fought so hard and

long to stop the building of McMonster homes, we thought this would be a great solution. But those big Developers and Contractors are very smart. They will, and have, found loopholes in the new regulations. Could it be this is being willfully done? You're darn right! This is only one small reason why it is so vital that we all pay attention to what is going on around us and in this whole City.

When you see anything that you feel is of concern, all you need to do is take the time to call and report it to the Trustee of your area, or any one of the Board Members. Let someone know. If you can't reach any one of us, call Eric Jergensen, his work number is 298-5650, or call him at home at 532-4844. He is our City Council Person, and a very willing resource person. You can call Polly Hart at 355-7203. She is our Community Council Chair.

Trustees: You need to drive or walk around in your respective area frequently and report to the Chair if something does not look right.

All of us as Capitol Hill residents need to stand united to help in the preservation and protection of what we have made this area become. This is what makes our area so desirable. Don't just expect someone else to do it all for you! It doesn't take much to make a simple phone call. All of

(Continued on page 2)

**This Old House
Susa Young & Jacob F. Gates Home
672 N 200 West
By Nelson Knight**

We begin this month's article with a to-do list compiled by the original owner (with her husband) of the house at 672 N. 200 West:

Notes for the Day's Work: August 19, 1895

Go down cellar with Emma Lucy and show her how to clean it. Go to Aunt Corneel's and take her to Eikens and get hers and my fruit. Darn Dan's stockings. Boil over the bottle of spoiled fruit. Practice on my bicycle. Write down plan of altering the house which came to me in the night. Clean my office. Answer Leah's, Sterling's, Sis. Taylor's, and Mrs. Grey's letters, and Carlos's. Prepare talk on "Women and Literature" and go to the [Brigham Young] Academy's opening exercises at 10 o'clock. Talk to Aretta Young about her story. Write to Pres. Joseph F. Smith, Pres. George Q. Cannon, Apostle Franklin D. Richards, and Elder B. H. Roberts about writing for Young Woman's Journal. Also write Mrs. M. E. Potter and Marie D. Write and thank Carol for her lovely gift. Get the cloth for Dan's pants and boys' clothes and send them to the tailor. Finish the last chapter of "John Stevens' Courtship" for The Contributor. Sketch out editorials for Young Woman's Journal. Wash my head. Get the kitchen carpet and have the girl and Dan put it down. Get cot and crib from store. Also washstand and glass and wardrobe. Get vegetables and fruit for dinner. Take my

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

bicycle dress over to Polly and have it fixed. Take clothes to the Relief Society. Get consecrated oil. Bless Cecil to do his chores well. Administer to baby Franklin.

It reads much like a typical to-do list of today. However, its compiler, Susa Young Gates, managed to turn several decades of such lists into a life that historian Leonard Arrington characterized as one of the most remarkable in early Utah. She was, Arrington noted, the author of a dozen fiction and non-fiction books of merit (including a biography of her father, Brigham Young), the founder of many regional and national organizations (one of which was the Daughters of Utah Pioneers), a member of the National and International Councils of Women, an editor, poet, temple worker, musician, and woman suffragist.

Born in Salt Lake City on March 18, 1856, Susa was the first child born in the Lion House. Her parents were Brigham Young and his 22nd wife, Lucy Bigelow. She grew up in the Lion House, at the Forest Farm, and in Brigham's house in St. George. At age 13, she entered the University of Deseret (the forerunner of the University of Utah). At age 16, she married Dr. Alma Bailey Dunford; they had two children. The marriage ended in divorce in 1877. After the divorce, Susa entered Brigham Young Academy in Provo, founding the department of music

while still a student and later organizing the domestic science department there. In 1880, Susa remarried, to Jacob F. Gates, a distinguished former missionary to Hawaii, furniture dealer, and Justice of the Peace in Provo. They would eventually have 11 children, four of whom survived to adulthood. During this period, Susa edited the *Young Woman's Journal* and became heavily involved in the women's suffrage movement, serving a delegate to national and international women's congresses. As a member of the International Council of Women, she joined Susan B. Anthony for tea with Queen Victoria in London.

The Gates lived in Provo until 1902, when they left for a mission in the eastern U.S. During this time Susa suffered a mental and physical breakdown that forced their early return from their mission. Jacob built the brick foursquare on the hill above 200 West, across the street from Susa's mother, who lived at 705 N. 200 West. In



Digital image © 2003 Utah State Historical Society. All Rights Reserved

1904, the family moved into their new house, and Mother Lucy constructed another house at 709 N. 200 West. Jacob took up insurance and real estate as a profession.

Susa's breakdown led to a period of intense spiritual reflection, after which she refocused her life toward genealogical and LDS temple work, though she also served as the editor of the *Relief Society Magazine*, and kept busy on a scale few of us could contemplate, let alone manage. Jacob joined her in work at the Salt Lake Temple. The Gates children grew to prominence in their own right: Emma Lucy Gates Bowen became a world famous coloratura soprano, B. Cecil Gates was later director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and Franklin Gates was an outstanding figure in the early days of radio. In 1920, Susa and Jacob moved across the street to 709 N. 200 West, leaving the house to Cecil and his wife Gwenneth, who held it until 1940, after which it was turned into apartments. Susa passed away in 1933, leaving a substantial legacy that is aptly summed up by one of her favorite maxims: "Keep busy in the face of discouragement."



(Continued from page 1)

the Board Members' telephone numbers are printed in this *Bulletin*. It may also take you attending a few meetings as a group. This shows the City that we are strongly united. We can do that, can't we?

We are not against progress or growth in this area. We are not saying we don't want any new homes built here. All we want is to insure that it will be done properly and sensibly. It is not progress when it is intrusive or at the expense of others.

We in the Capitol Hill area do welcome you as new neighbors. We do want you. So if you want to live here because you also find it so desirable, then by all means join us. Some of you want to remodel your homes. All we ask is that you do it within the Master Plan of Capitol Hill and the Historic Guidelines. Do it right so you fit in with the rest of the neighborhood. Don't knowingly or unknowingly destroy what it took a lot of good people a very long time, and years of hard work, to make this area into what it has become today.

Our area is really a wonderful, safe, and very pleasing place to live. With your help, caring, and support, we can all work together to keep it this way.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters** needs volunteers for school based or community based mentoring program. Requires a one year commitment. School based requires one hour per week at lunchtime or after school. Community based is 2-4 times per month. Contact Melanie Albrecht, 313-0303.
- **English skills Learning Center** needs volunteers to provide one to one or small group English language tutoring for adult refugees and immigrants. No experience or foreign language is necessary. 15-hour training is provided. Six month commitment required to tutor for 1-1 1/2 hours, twice a week. Assignments available throughout Salt Lake County. Flexible schedules. Training offered every 2-3 months. Contact Barbara Fish, 328-5608, www.escenter.org.
- **LDS 19th Ward Clothing Exchange** Second Saturday of each month. 9:00 am to Noon, 225 W 500 North.
- **Salt Lake County Aging Services** has a variety of opportunities for volunteers to serve in the community. To see the full listing, see: <http://www.slcoagingservices.org/volunteerPrograms/voluntee.html> or call 468-2454 for more information.
- **Volunteers of America** needs volunteers to assist with variety of projects. Hours per week: 1-1 1/2. Contact Marcus Perry at 363-9414 Ext 108. Projects include: arts & crafts, preparing food packets and hygiene kits, preparing dinner for homeless youth, yard clean up and maintenance.
- **www.VolunteerUtah.com** has many organizations that need your help if you've got time to spare. All you need to do is go to this web address: www.volunteeerutah.com and select the organization, time commitment or location (or all organizations, all time commitments or all locations). The site even has a place for you to post information if you need volunteers. **If you have time to volunteer, they have a project to meet your interests.**



TESORO

TILE, STONE and ART®
c o n t r a c t o r s

Distinctive Custom Designs

801-510-1603 801-363-3152
eurotile@xmission.com



TESORO



Dial-up & DSL
Junk Email Filtering
Family accounts available
Free 24/7 Tech Support

539-0852 www.xmission.com

MAY FOUNDRY &
MACHINE CO.
454 West 600 North
531-8931

Carman Refrigeration

633 North 300 West
Commercial heating, air
conditioning, refrigeration
Sales and Service



www.DaveForMayor.org



355-2878
341 S. 500 E
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
www.curves.com

30 minutes will
change your life!

**LYNN
RASMUSSEN**

GRI, Trustee CHCC

Your Neighborhood
Realtor

801-231-9984



PEOPLE'S MARKET

local goods • entrepreneurship • diversity

Sundays 10 am—3 pm
International Peace Gardens
1060 South 900 West
www.slcpoplesmarket.org
Runs through October 21st.



EAGLE GATE DENTAL

JAMES M. WRIGHT, D.D.S.
32 North State Street
359-2655
APPOINTMENTS. AS EARLY
AS 7:00 A.M.

CONTRACT C.A.D.

Solid Works 3-D modeling Specialist
Contract engineer for
workload peaks
Claude R. Brandt, M.E.
660 East Capitol Blvd
Phone: 801-5310-7501
Mobile: 801-205-3883
cbrandt@xmission.com



**HUMANITARIAN
SERVICE IS
LOVE IN ACTION**



Mickey

NOTICE

Please support our wonderful sponsors and consider becoming a sponsor yourself... your donation may be tax deductible.*

To help sponsor the Bulletin, please contact
Margaret, chnc_bulletin@msn.com, 597-3599

\$50 per month per square (\$550/yr.) or
\$25 per month per half square (\$275/yr.)

**(the Salt Lake Association of Community Councils is recognized
by the IRS as a section 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization.)*



To advertise,
send email to:
chnc_bulletin@msn.com or
call 597-3599

The Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Bulletin is published monthly
by the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council
c/o 355 N 200 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84103
Our sincere thanks to LDS Hospital for printing this bulletin.

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 Salt Lake City, UT
PERMIT NO. 5919

Mark your calendars now:
 September
 11: Primary Election
 19: CHNC meeting

FEATURED NEIGHBOR

Scott Christensen

Historian

With him, it was always history. From the time Scott Christensen was a little boy growing up in Logan, enthralled by the artifacts he discovered at his great-grandmother's home, "I've always been fascinated by history, old buildings, old things." He would drag so many old things home that "my dad was not really pleased." As an active participant in 4-H, Scott won a trip to the national 4-H Conference in Chicago in 1981, based on a portfolio of projects he had built up over the years. The central focus of his projects? Antique furniture restoration.



granddaughter informally made him an honorary member of the Western Band of the Shoshone and conferred on him a Shoshone name meaning "white hair." (*Sagwitch* is now in its fourth printing.)

After graduation from Logan High and service on an LDS Mission in San Jose, California, Scott earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Utah State University in (what else?) history. During his undergraduate senior year, he began working at the USU Special Collections and Archives. One day over lunch, the Collections Director, A.J. Simmonds, suggested a topic for Scott to consider for a master's thesis – the life of Sagwitch, the great Northern Shoshone chieftain who served as a bridge between his people and the Mormon culture in the 1800s. There were enough extant references to demonstrate Sagwitch's importance as an historic figure but not enough yet to flesh out a decent biography. Telling Sagwitch's story, Simmonds suggested, may broaden into a greater understanding of the Northern Shoshone generally.

In the meantime, Scott had accepted a position as an archivist-historian with the LDS Church's Historical Department and had become interested in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. The Utah Heritage Foundation was offering to sell the Elizabeth Player Raleigh home on 600 North and Center Street to someone who would agree to restore it properly. The earliest part of the home dated back to 1856, with additions in the 1860s, '70s, and '90s. It had been condemned and was serving as an unauthorized home for transients.

Scott took the challenge and tracked down Sagwitch's surviving granddaughter-in-law and great-granddaughter. His first interview with them lasted for three hours. "That opened up Sagwitch's whole world," he says, "and I just dug in. It became more than a thesis, it became a passion for me." Scott became probably the only person in the history of Utah higher education to obtain permission to use Shoshone as his graduate language. He laughs that he "ended up with a huge, thick thesis."

Scott decided to take a chance and paid \$25,000 for the home. Nine months later he married his wife, Megan. Over the years Scott and Megan have restored the home, where they still live with their two sons, Jacob and Tait. The Christensen's have obtained approval for the first substantial addition on the home since 1893 and are working on a significant, architecturally compatible expansion.

Several university presses turned out to be interested in his work. After further reworking, *Sagwitch – Shoshone Chieftain, Mormon Elder, 1822-1887* was published in 1999 by the Utah State University Press. The definitive work on its subject, the book won the Evans Handcart Award for Excellence in Biography from USU and the Mormon History Association's Best First Book Award. Best of all, Sagwitch's great-

The passion for history goes on (even in Scott's transportation – he has fully restored a 1964 Ford station wagon which his parents purchased a few months after he was born). Several years ago he and Megan bought what he good-naturedly describes as "one-fourth of a ghost town" – one of the remaining four structures in Grant, Bannock County, Idaho, to save it from being razed. The Christensen's are working on restoring the old homestead house there. Scott served for seven years on the Salt Lake City Historic Landmarks Commission and now serves, by gubernatorial appointment, on both the Utah Board of State History and the Utah Geographic Names Committee. He and a friend successfully pushed for adoption of a new license plate for Utah, designed by his friend, which will begin to appear later this year.

His love of history is reflected in his feeling for the Capitol Hill neighborhood. "I love the eclectic nature," he states; "the varying sizes and styles of streets; the Marmalade District street names; the fact that the area has always been a gathering place for groups as diverse as the Hawaiian colony in the 1800s and the Native American presence around Warm Springs. It's always been kind of a zany, interesting place."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Weekly Events

- Monday: Sundance Outdoor Film Festival At Gallivan
- Wednesday: 4Play Free Concert at Gallivan, 7:00 pm
- Thursday: Twilight Concert at Gallivan, 7:00 pm
- Friday: Friday Night Flicks at various city parks
- Friday Concert Series at Pioneer Park
- Saturday: Farmers Market at Pioneer Park
- Sunday: People's Market at Jordan Park

Monthly Events:

- 3rd Friday: Gallery Stroll 6-9 pm

4th Thursday: ...Household Hazardous Waste Disposal at Jordan Park, 7 am-10 am

Utah Museum of Natural History: "Toadally Frogs" features live frogs and toads in recreated natural habitats. Runs through September 3. Call 581-6927 for more information or see

www.umnh.utah.edu



www.visitsaltlake.com
www.downtownslc.com/events
www.slcgov.com/PublicServices/Gallivan



www.slcityevents.com
www.lds.org/events
www.lds.org/calendar