

# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

## Capitol Hill & Avenues Mobile Watch Meeting

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- 6:30 Greeting, Chair Polly Hart
- 6:40 Police Report, Roger Williams
- 6:50 Mobile Watch Report
- 7:00 Elected Officials
- 7:25 Mayor's Office, Gwen Springmeyer
- 7:40 Fire and Police Administration Report
- 7:55 Beehive Telephone, vote on request for communications tower
- 8:05 Fundraising discussion for Hermoine Jex memorial
- 8:20 July 4th Brunch organizational discussion
- 8:30 Adjourn

**REMINDER! JULY 18TH MEETING WILL BE THE MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM!!**

NEXT MEETING  
July 18, 2007 - 6:30 p.m.

## Salt Lake City Police Department Crisis Intervention Team

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## Summer and Graffiti

With the return of springtime to Capitol Hill, and the approach of summer, something else also returns – the urge by some to mar the neighborhood with graffiti. Roger Williams, our point of contact with the Salt Lake City Police Department, reported at May's Council meeting that reports of graffiti being painted on walls, residences, fences, and other flat surfaces have increased markedly as the weather has warmed.

This obnoxious, immature practice visually pollutes the neighborhood and causes significant expense to individuals and to the city. Painting graffiti (whether in the form of a gang emblem, name, remark, or whatever) cheapens the neighborhood and unfairly burdens property owners.

What can we do to combat this? That's easy – Salt Lake City has established a Graffiti Hotline at **972-7885**. Whenever you see graffiti in the neighborhood, please call this number as soon as possible, and the City's graffiti crew will promptly paint over or remove the graffiti. Police say a quick response to graffiti is the best antidote -- not surprisingly, those who have so slight an intelligence as to paint graffiti in the first place grow discouraged when their handiwork has only a short display life.

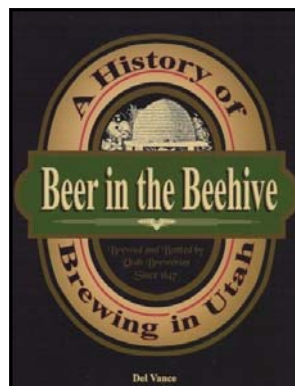
Remember, call **972-7885** whenever you see graffiti, and we can all help to keep Capitol Hill an attractive and live-able place.

## This Old Brewery Utah Brewing Company 325 N. 300 West By Nelson Knight

The recent publication by Dream Garden Press of *Beer in the Beehive: A History of Brewing in Utah* has turned up the story of Capitol Hill's first (and, to our knowledge, only) brewery. Margett's Utah Brewing Company once stood on the northwest corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> North and 3<sup>rd</sup> West, a space now occupied by the Temple View Motel. The book's author, Del Vance, notes that the brewery "seems to be the greatest mystery of all pre-prohibition Utah breweries" (and there were surprisingly many).

Vance's research failed to turn up a single photograph or article written about this venture, but the story is worth retelling in this month's newsletter.

The brewery's first proprietor, Richard B. Margetts, was a faithful member of the LDS Church. In his book, Vance notes that the church did not emphasize strict obedience to the Word of Wisdom at the time, and thus being a Mormon brewer was not an



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oxymoronic profession. Born in England in 1823, Richard left school at age 13 to learn the blacksmithing trade. He put this trade to good use upon emigrating from England to the Salt Lake Valley in 1850-51. After a stint working on the temple block, Richard set up his own shop, and made a comfortable living doing projects for Salt Lake residents, California emigrants and the stagecoach line.

In 1863, Margetts went into the tannery business with investment capital from another Capitol Hill resident, Philip Pugsley. They built their tannery near Pugsley's estate on 300 West. Pugsley would prove to be a partner with Richard on several other



Richard A. Margetts

ventures, including the Salt Lake Foundry Company, coal and iron mines in Pleasant Valley, Utah. The two men soon became neighbors – Richard constructed a

house on 300 North, next to the tannery building, for his wife Catherine and their brood, which soon numbered twelve children. Some of those children built their houses on the property. It is likely that Richard's brothers also spent time at the brewery. Both were well known in their own right: Thomas Margetts for his missionary efforts in the British Isles, and Philip Margetts for his acting accomplishments at the Salt Lake Theatre.

In an autobiographical statement in Tullidge's *History of Salt Lake City*, Richard notes that in 1871, he decided to gradually work out of the tanning business, and to establish a brewery on the same premises. Vance notes in his book that Richard could have easily converted his tanning vats into brewing vats, though he doesn't speculate on the unique bite such vats might have imparted to the brew. At Richard's death in 1881, the brewery was annually producing 500 barrels of Margett's Porter and Ale. After the business passed on to his two sons, the pair produced "free coinage" beer in response to an 1896 political issue, thus paving the way for the cleverly provocative "Polygamy Porter" and "St. Provo Girl" of today's Utah

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 By AMOS GAAY, M. D.  
 During the heated season, people need a cooling and bracing beverage. Such a palatable tonic must at once quench the thirst and also revive the energy that has become dulled by the high temperature of the blood.  
 Popular usage has decided that a malted beverage best supplies the proper stimulation to give a tonic strength, to overcome summer lassitude. The best beverage we have found to be a pure beer. Not cheap beer, that may excite an overtax on the liver and thus cause headache, but pure beer, that in itself combines those good features so much desired in a summer beverage.  
 The United States Health Bulletin, being the highest American authority on all matters pertaining to health, sanitation and hygiene, have just completed an unbiased and disinterested examination and analysis into many brands of beer, and the result of laboratory investigation has proven the proper beer to drink and the best, to be the beer from the A. B. and H. S. Margetts Brewery of Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 This beer, therefore, has the full editorial and official endorsement of the United States Health Bulletin. Our staff of physicians have found that this beer yields the greatest tonic strength so much desired to assist digestion, that it keeps down the temperature and thus prevents headache and establishes that proper perspiration that promotes mental and physical activity, thus counterbalancing the effect of summer heat.  
 For those who use it excels as a table beer, being of value to wives and children. As a preventive of disease it adds tone to the system and thus many forms of ailments are happily overcome. To the convalescent it is a tonic, adding new strength and hope, while as a summer beverage it is just excellent. The above beer is carefully brewed and from first to last the utmost cleanliness is maintained. It is filtered and refiltered and before being offered for sale it undergoes a final treatment that produces the best sterilizing effect, actively eliminating all danger of germs and assuring the customer the purest and ripest of beer.

breweries.

Richard's sons Harry and Arthur, upon inheriting the brewery from their father's estate in 1895, ramped up production at the brewery to 1000 barrels annually. In 1900, they sold the business to Peter Buller, a Wisconsin native who moved to Salt Lake City in 1890. Buller also owned the Wasatch Potato Flake Company. The arrival of Prohibition in 1917 ended the brewing trade on this site, though the Utah Brewing Company resumed business in some form after Prohibition was repealed. Today, no sign of the brewery or the Margetts family remains – the brewery building made way for the motel in the '50s and the Margetts homes were demolished in the '70s to expand the West High parking lot.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Ability Foundation** needs assistance to provide equipment for disabled individuals. Help is needed in the following area: 1. Help unbox, assemble, repair and deliver physical therapy equipment. 2. Help in the office. 3. Help with writing grants and fundraising. Training provided in the area you choose, open Monday through Friday 8:30 am-4pm; Hours per week: flexible. Contact Ernest Robison at 261-5738. See [www.abilityfound.org](http://www.abilityfound.org).
- **CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate.** If you are an Adult and love children, maybe you can become a CASA. Volunteer Advocates work with children under the court's jurisdiction for abuse, neglect or dependency. Hours per week: 10-15. Training required: 32 hours. Contact Sandra Wilkes at 344-8516. See [www.nationalcasa.org](http://www.nationalcasa.org).
- **LDS 19th Ward Clothing Exchange** Second Saturday of each month. 9:00 am to Noon, 225 W 500 North.
- **Utah Council of the Blind** volunteers provide assistance to one or more blind or visually impaired persons according to the needs of the person with the disability. Typical needs could include paying bills, grocery shopping, transportation to medical appointments, reading mail, etc. Hours per week vary, no training required. Contact Leslie Gertsch at 292-1156/ See [www.utahblinkd.org](http://www.utahblinkd.org).
- **Utah Foster Care Citizen Review Board** needs citizens interested in advocating for children, reviewing foster care cases and making recommendations to the court. Training provided, 8-16 hours training required, Hours per week: 8 hours one day per month. Contact Lynette Fisher at 468-0084.
- **YWCA SLC** needs energetic and loving volunteers to play with and hold babies in Lolie Eccles Child Care Center. Volunteers will help where needed. Hours per week vary. 2 training hours required. Contact Jan Smith at 531-8601, see [www.ywca.com](http://www.ywca.com) for details.

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Don't miss the **Annual Capitol Hill Neighborhood 4th of July Breakfast** on Wednesday, July 4th, at **8:00 a.m. at Warm Springs Park.** Everyone in the neighborhood is invited for a great breakfast and a chance to welcome in the 4th! If you'd like to help, call Polly Hart at 355-7203 (see details on the calendar at the bottom of this page).

### FEATURED NEIGHBOR

*Robert B. King*

*CHNC Vice Chair & Neighborhood Watch*

Robert King came to Utah in 1976 to pursue a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Utah. He ended up teaching and designing for the theatre department and Pioneer Memorial Theatre. He bought a dilapidated pioneer home on 200 West in 1979. A year later Robert was recalled to active duty in the Air Force, married and began serious restoration. The couple worked countless hours on the project while he was stationed at Hill Air Force Base. They rented the home briefly when on assignment in Germany, returned in 1985 and have been our neighbors since.



travel too. It was never work to me.” His wife is a nurse and a fulltime reservist at Hill. Their daughter is 13 and attended Washington Elementary, Lowell and the Open Classroom (OC). Robert tutored reading at Washington and teaches map reading and geography for the OC.

Lieutenant Colonel King retired from the Air Force in 2002 having served in four conflicts. “I spent 31 years in the Air Force as an Intelligence, Security and Missile Operations Officer. Mostly I got paid to read, write, think and talk; all things I enjoy doing! I got paid to

He is Vice Chair of the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council and coordinator for the Capitol Hill and Avenues Mobile Neighborhood Watch. Both are a perfect fit for a self-admitted “Neighborhood Grouch”. Trained as a historian and a committed lover of sturdy buildings and good architecture our neighborhood is a natural environment for him. His dedication to community service benefits us all.

*[Note: The Bulletin is grateful to Robert's wife, Barbara, for providing the information for this article.]*

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### June

- 8 Friday Night Flicks begin at local parks
- 9 First Farmers' Market with Mayor Anderson at Pioneer Park
- 10 First People's Market at Jordan Park, [www.slcpoplesmarket.org](http://www.slcpoplesmarket.org)
- 11 Daily Brown Bag Concerts begin
- 15 Friday Night Flicks at local parks
- 16 Farmers' Market at Pioneer Park
- 16 SLC Get Fit Kickoff at Liberty Park
- 17 First People's Market at Jordan Park; FATHER'S DAY
- 21-24 Arts Festival
- 28 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal at Jordan Park, 7 am-10 am

#### July

- 4 Annual Capitol Hill neighborhood breakfast, 8:00 am , Warm Springs Park. Call Polly Hart at 355-7203 if you'd like to assist with set up, take down, and prepare or serving breakfast.
- 5 Twilight Concerts begin
- 6-8 Salt Lake Jazz Festival
- 24 Days of 47 Parade and Native American in the Park celebration at Liberty Park



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