

# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

## Capitol Hill & Avenues Mobile Watch Meeting

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- 6:30 Introduction and Announcements, Chair Polly Hart  
6:35 Police Report, Roger Williams  
6:45 Mobile Watch Report  
6:55 Elected Officials  
7:00 Gwen Springmeyer, Mayor's Office  
7:05 Utah Local First, Informational, Gavin Noyes  
7:10 Proposed Telephone Tower on Ensign, Art Brothers/Beehive Telephone  
7:20 Proposed Development, 700 N / Columbus / De Soto / Cortez and vacation of 700 N Right of Way, Chris Robinson  
7:30 Proposed condo conversion, 364 W 800 N, John Dickerson  
7:45 Proposed condos on Temple View property, Michael Akerlow  
8:00 Proposed additional condos on Almond Street, Russ Watts  
8:30 Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING**  
JUNE 20, 2007 - 6:30 p.m.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Mark your calendars: We will meet in July instead of August this year. Mayoral candidates will be in attendance for a forum! Please be there! July 18th, 6:30 pm.

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## Swedetown – On the Rise

by William Salas

*(Editors' note: The Bulletin asked William Salas, our Council's trustee for the Swedetown neighborhood, to report on how things are these days in that area.)*

Welcome to the Swedetown neighborhood. One of Salt Lake City's oldest and most secluded neighborhoods. A mixture of industrial, light manufacturing, and residential dwellings. Certainly a diverse neighborhood with turn-of-the-century older homes and a relaxed, small-town climate. One of the block houses an MIA/POW motorcycle club, another is home to a "Road Home" women's shelter, down the street is a polygamous home, and the rest are businesses and single family homes occupied by blue-collar working folks and some retirees. This is one of the last few neighborhoods that truly provides affordable housing. Utah has experienced a strong economy with home prices on the increase and a very active real estate market. According to the National Association of Realtors (which monitors home sales across the country), for the first quarter of 2007, Salt Lake City was ranked fourth in the nation for home appreciation, followed by Washington County (St. George).

Swedetown is one of the forgotten gems of the Salt Lake Valley. Five minutes to downtown Salt Lake, near the University of Utah and State Capitol, with quick freeway access, a nearby park, shopping, a nearby Trax station, in a neighborhood with one of the lowest crime rates in the city. A neighborhood that is proactive in safety and crime prevention can make a huge difference in the quality of life for its residents and business community.

Having lived in the Swedetown area for approximately seven years, I have come to know most of the residents and some of the business owners. This is an area that has slowly been improving. I have seen many positive changes in this area over the last several years. I believe a trickle-down effect from the Gateway project, new condominium construction, and, soon to come, the Marmalade project, will have a positive impact maintaining good property values in many of the surrounding neighborhoods. I truly feel that networking with our residents, renters, and local business owners, we can improve the quality of life here as well as maintaining safe and drug-free neighborhood. There are good, honest and hard-working people in this neighborhood who have lived here for years. Past years have seen drug users and some other unfavorable people who have since been filtered out of the neighborhood. There are more children in the neighborhood now than in past years, and I feel a safe environment for children is also very essential.

**This Old House**  
**Lizzie and Louis Geisler House**  
**336 W. 400 North**  
**By Nelson Knight**

This month's house sits on a block originally owned by Philip Pugsley, the namesake of Pugsley Street and the builder of a number of homes for his large family that are still standing in the neighborhood. From the records available, it appears that this was not one of Philip's houses, and was instead built around

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1902 by Lizzie and Louis A. Geisler. They purchased the property from L.W. Snow in 1902 for \$731.00. Later in 1902, they took out a mortgage with Zion's Bank and Trust for \$1100.00 to build this one and one-half story brick structure. By 1904, they were living in the house.

A clear picture of the Geisler's life isn't available from the usual historical sources; there is no obituary for Louis in the Salt Lake City newspapers, though Lizzie did have one upon her death in 1949. The obituary and genealogical records supply some details for Lizzie. She was born in Salt Lake City in 1874 to Charles Blackwell Admire and Mary Elizabeth Ferguson. The elder Lizzie was one of Charles' three plural wives, and the younger Lizzie was one of at least four children born to the couple. In 1899, Lizzie married Alvah Meier – the circumstances of the end of this marriage



are not noted, but by 1902 she was apparently married to Louis.

Their home was constructed of painted brick with wood upper walls and detailing, in what is now referred to as the Victorian Eclectic style.

Victorian Eclectic buildings incorporated elements of the many distinctive Victorian styles popular at the time. The house was altered after the Geisler's ownership; the alterations included dividing the house into four apartments, adding siding to some of the wood walls and adding a rail to the original front porch. However, the house still retains most of its original integrity, and is a contributing building in the National Register Capitol Hill Historic District (The building lies outside the Salt Lake City historic district, so exterior changes are not subject to HLC review).

Lizzie was a midwife, and she ran a quarter page advertisement in the 1910 edition of the city directory advertising her services, her reasonable rates, and the availability of her home for confinement cases. The house was averaged sized for the neighborhood and the time, so there must have only been room for a few women in the home. As an interesting side note, the advertisement shows that Lizzie subscribed to both the Bell and Independent telephone systems, which were then competing for customers in the

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days predating the later Bell monopoly.

In the same edition, Louis listed himself as a "Carpenter, Builder & General Contractor." Both Lizzie and Louis operated their businesses from the home. From the listings, it appears that 1910 was a banner year for the Geislers. Financial or personal disaster, perhaps both, seems to overtake them shortly thereafter. In the 1911 directory, the special ads are gone; by 1912 Lizzie Geisler is no longer listed. In 1914, a son, Louis F., boards at 336, and by the time of publication of the 1915 directory, the Geislers have disappeared entirely.

The minimal details to be gleaned from known sources provide tantalizing details about the Geisler's life, and leads to more questions. What happened to Lizzie's first husband? Was the younger Louis their son or a son from a previous marriage? Where did the family go and what was their life like after they left this house? Absent these details, the house is the largest physical remainder of the lives of these former Capitol Hill residents.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Abandoned Shopping Cart Hotline:** If you see abandoned shopping carts on the street or in your neighborhood, call 446-7984 and they will be picked up.
- **American Cancer Society** needs licensed cosmetologists for their "Look Good... Feel Better" project to teach make-over classes to patients undergoing cancer treatment. 3 hours per week, 4.5 training hours required, type of work: classroom. Contact Karen Wilcox at 483-1500 ext 112.
- **Department of Veteran Affairs** needs volunteers to assist inpatients with craft kit assembly. Hours per week are flexible, 2 training hours are required; type of work: craft. Contact Belinda Karabatsos at 584-1241 or sign up online at: [www1.va.gov/volunteer/volnowDB.cfm](http://www1.va.gov/volunteer/volnowDB.cfm).
- **LDS 19th Ward Clothing Exchange** Second Saturday of each month. 9:00 am to Noon, 225 W 500 North.
- **Operation Clean Teeth** needs assistance assembling dental hygiene kits to send to the military in Iraq and Afghanistan. The kits will be distributed to the children in those countries. Hours per week: 20; no training required. Contact Elaine Ward 435-512-1590. [www.operationgive.org](http://www.operationgive.org)
- **Special Olympics Utah Events** needs volunteers to assist with set up of event, serving meals, timing races, recording times/scores. Scorekeeping, presenting awards and cheering for the Special Olympics athletes. Hours per week vary, 30 minutes training required, type of work: physical, indoor and outdoor. Contact Rochelle Deeter at 363-1111 ext 222. [www.sout.org](http://www.sout.org)
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### SERVICE PROFILE—GEORG STUTZENBERGER

*(Editors' note: Occasionally the Bulletin highlights extraordinary service in our community. The following is a nomination for an "Above and Beyond" Award in conjunction with our Mobile Neighborhood Watch (MNW) program, recently submitted by Robert King, our Council vice-chair, recognizing the great service which Georg Stutzenberger (another Council vice-chair) gives in Neighborhood Watch. Many thanks to Georg, Robert, and all others who assist in this valuable service to our neighborhood.)*

While only in his third year as a member of the SLC MNW, Georg Stutzenberger has set the standard for participation, community activism and most importantly, for getting results. Georg goes on MNW patrol at least weekly, usually from 10 or 11 p.m. until about 3 a.m. He uses his private vehicle and records over 30 miles per patrol. When MNW membership in the Avenues dropped below a critical point, Georg stepped up and patrolled there too, quickly learning the area and frequently disrupting car prowls, residential burglaries, vandalism and graffiti "tagging". His patrol sheets show regular and frequent checks of vulnerable locations including churches, parks, cemeteries and construction sites.

Georg has never missed a DUI saturation! Again, he always drives, logs many miles and is the last to terminate patrol. He has several DUI "pull-overs" to his credit and has been called to testify in court as a city witness in a DUI case as well. He has personally written over one hundred citations for illegal parking in handicapped spots throughout the city. At many locations, violations are quite rare

because of his frequent visits and aggressive ticket writing.

Georg is famous for following-up with city agencies on zoning violations, illegal parking, pot holes, graffiti, missing street signs and a wide variety of criminal activities. He has spent many hours locating and reporting party houses, gang hang-outs and drug activity. He discovered a stolen vehicle drop location in Capitol Hill which resulted in two vehicles being returned to their owners in record time.



As Vice Chair of the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council, Georg contributes to a monthly crime report, recruits new members and gives MNW seminars to trustee and small community gatherings.

Georg Stutzenberger is a committed citizen and a model MNW member who can be counted upon to serve his community materially and with his valuable time and considerable talents. He clearly goes "above and beyond".

Lt Col Robert B. King, USAF (Ret)  
 MNW Area Coordinator  
 Capitol Hill/Avenues

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### May

- 12 Memory Grove Clean Up
- 12 Live Green Sustainability Fair at Library Fair
- 14 Concerts begin at Gallivan
- 18-20 Living traditions at Washington Square
- 24 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal at Jordan Park, 7 am-10 am
- 28 Memorial Day

#### June

- 1-3 Pride Festival at Washington & Library Squares
- 3 British Field Days at Liberty Park
- 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
- 21-24 Arts Festival
- 28 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal at Jordan Park, 7 am-10 am



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