

# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

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## Capitol Hill Neighborhood Meetings

When: Wednesday, 21 November 2007  
 Location: Washington Elementary School

6:00 *Mobile Watch Meeting*

## Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

- 6:30 *Welcome by Chair, Polly Hart: elections nominations*  
 6:35 *Police report, Roger Williams*  
 6:45 *Mobile Watch, Robert King*  
 6:55 *Elected Officials*  
 7:15 *Gwen Springmeyer, Mayor's office*  
 7:25 *LDS Church proposed traffic change at N. Temple/Main St, by Tim Morgan*  
 7:55 *Metaview: proposed development at 500 N/300 W gas station, Paul & Devin Overly*  
 8:20 *Neighborhood Council business: meeting location, parking enforcement*  
 8:30 *Adjourn*

### NEXT MEETING

January 16, 2008 - 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  
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## ZeroStreet Community Garden by Christine Hobby 660 North Columbus Street ("Zero" East)

As roots go, my family roots go deep in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. My maternal grandparents developed and renovated over 20 properties in this area, and both my parents grew up here.

When my mother moved to Canada several years ago I had no family here. I found myself, after 23 years with child-onset diabetes and no health insurance, unable to afford necessary medical treatments. Due to my condition I was unable to obtain employment. I was stunned to find myself without a home.

Although there was a waiting list, I managed to rent a 3' x 20' plot from Wasatch Community Gardens for \$40/year and, during warm months, found my home there. I practically lived in that garden and brought produce to friends who would invite me to stay a week or a month.

Now, my husband and I are purchasing and living in one of the duplexes my grandfather built on Columbus Street. I spend every day amazed with incomprehensible gratitude that I have a home (especially one built by family). My roots feel deep and strong. I have so much gratefulness to be a part of this neighborhood.

Three years ago, after obtaining permission from the City, I started a three-foot by eight-foot test plot. So many neighbors would stop by and visit while I gardened each day - I quadrupled the number of neighbors I knew. Several others expressed interest in joining, so this year we expanded the garden to a thousand square feet.

With a total of 146 plants (37 pepper, 32 cucumber, 15 tomato, 20 summer squash and zucchini, ten winter squash, eight eggplant, 12 cantaloupe, and 12 watermelon) we were able to supply produce to neighbors and the homeless; teach children and adults how to plant seeds, water, pollinate, identify insects, and harvest; and have a blast.

We would love to have more join us in the 2008 year. We start working the land in March. In the beginning of April, cool-weather seeds can be planted. These can be harvested in 10-30 days. Warm weather starters get planted during the first two weeks of May. Everyone's ideas are considered and there is room for everyone's plants.

Whether you like to garden, help out with other needs, or just want to stop by, come visit the neighborhood garden! Please contact me: Christine Hobby at 801-328-2684, 656 Columbus Street.

## This Old House: Hawk Cabin 458 North 300 West by Nelson Knight

This month, we spotlight another little-known historic spot in the Capitol Hill neighborhood: the William Hawk Cabin. The cabin is located at 458 N. 300 West, behind a 1906 Victorian Cottage. Like the better known Deuel log cabin on the grounds of the LDS Church History Museum, local lore holds that the Hawk Cabin was once located within the original pioneer fort, which stood on the site of Pioneer Park, and was moved to 300 West in the 1850s.

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The cabin was built by William Hawk, a pioneer to the Salt Lake Valley and a man who had a knack for being on hand at pivotal events in the history of the West. He was a member of the Mormon Battalion, was possibly at Sutter's Mill in California when gold was discovered there in 1849, and was a member of the group hired to take news of the discovery to Independence, Missouri. He passed through Salt Lake City on that trip, bringing news of gold in California to the residents of our city. Later, he was called to assist in the settlement of Las Vegas, and moved back to Salt Lake just in time to be a member of the group that prepared to torch the city with the arrival of Johnston's Army in 1857.

Hawk received the property where the cabin sits when he arrived in the Salt Lake Valley with his family in 1852. The cabin may have been moved to the site around that time, or constructed on the property. Hawk lived in the two room structure for thirty years. Life in the cabin was not entirely peaceful: In 1856, he appeared

as a witness against his second wife, Ann Reese Hawk, who was found guilty in a bishop's court of "blasphemy, bad conduct" and "being a bad neighbor."

When William Hawk died in 1883, the cabin remained in the Hawk family. The cabin was moved to the back of



the property when a new house was built along 300 West around 1906. It was used for a time as a milk house; a concrete feeder trough still sits inside the building. The cabin later became a garage and a large doorway was cut in the building's north end. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Salt Lake City Register of Cultural Resources in 1978.

The building has suffered over the years from deferred maintenance and the log walls show evidence of several fires, although the original doorway and portions of the window sash remain intact. The current owners have installed a new tarpaper roof on the cabin to help forestall any further deterioration.

The City's Capitol Hill Master Plan calls for relocating the cabin to a better site where it could be better preserved and restored. Like the Deuel Cabin near Temple Square, it could become a museum, if a suitable site could be located. A former owner and Salt Lake City planners approached This is the Place State Park with a proposal to move the cabin there, but the park already has several cabins from that time period, and adding another cabin does not meet their long-range plan for the park. It could also be adaptively re-used by a private owner as a small retreat or artist studio. If the building remains on its current site, or is moved to a location within the Capitol Hill Historic District, it would retain its National Register status and might be eligible for tax credits to help fund its restoration.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Boy Scouts of America** need volunteers to assist with teaching character education in the classroom; speak to high school students about leadership and careers; and staff day camps for elementary school students. For information contact Linda Keyes, 582-3663, or see <http://volunteerutah.com/results.php?organization=Boy+Scouts+of+America>
- **LDS 19th Ward Clothing Exchange** Second Saturday of each month. 9:00 am to Noon, 225 W 500 North.
- **LDS Hospital** needs an enthusiastic

volunteer to assist with recruiting and retaining research participants with Alzheimer's disease as the complete a 6-month exercise program "The Brain Builders". See web site for full description of duties. Enjoy the benefits of LDS Hospital volunteers. Schedule is 8 hours per week, required is 10am-12 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. Minimum 9-month commitment with all training provided. Contact Lynne Wilde, 408-1771, <http://intermountainhealthcare.org/brainbuilders/>

- **People Helping People** needs interesting gardens for the 4th

Annual PHP Garden Tour, June '08. You're proud of your backyard paradise, so show it off! Nominate yourself, or your neighbor, by calling Brenda Pierce at 801-243-8989. PHP teaches low-income women how to achieve their full potential in the workplace. Learn more at <http://www.phputah.org>.

- **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, 537-8601, [www.ywca.com](http://www.ywca.com).





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### FEATURED NEIGHBOR

#### Victoria Collard

One of our longest-serving and most dedicated neighborhood trustees is Victoria Collard. Some few stay in the Capitol Hill area for most or all of their lives; far fewer are born here, live a full life elsewhere, and then return to purchase the home where they were born, as Vicky did.

Vicky's family was living in the handsome gray home on Gray Avenue when she was born, the ninth of ten children in her family. Her parents, Harry and Lucille Shewell, bought the home from the Grays, its original builders, after the second floor had been converted to three apartments. (Today the three apartments remain, while Vicky and her family live in the first floor, attic, and basement spaces.) The family moved to Oakley Street when Vicky was 12.

Growing up on Capitol Hill, Vicky recalls Lafayette Elementary School (North Temple and State), Horace Mann Junior High (200 North at about 300 West) both being within walking distance. While attending West High and the University of Utah she worked at the downtown Kress's as a clerk. She recalls the L-shaped floor plan that allowed customers to enter on Main Street and exit on Third South. "I was there when they remodeled from the old wood floors to tile," she states.

She graduated from West (and now serves on the West Alumni Board) and earned a degree in elementary education from the U. During college she worked as a secretary for BYU's two-year nursing program, then located in the old VA Hospital in the Avenues (and since discontinued), then worked for five years as a secretary for the forerunner of the Utah Symphony Chorus, singing in the Choir at the same time. Vicky's father and siblings

#### Returned Capitol Hiller, Council Trustee



had sung in some of the Symphony's summer shows and were acquainted with its legendary director, Maurice Abravanel, but Vicky was certain he didn't know who she was. Abravanel never drove, and one day, in the absence of the regular driver, Vicky was assigned to go pick him up at his home. She was pleasantly surprised when Abravanel greeted her with a smile and, in his unique accent, said to his wife, "This is Victoria, 'Arry Shewell's daughter."

Vicky married George Collard and they moved to Fairview, Utah, where "we lived on a farm and had nine children." While raising that large family, Vicki worked for Sanpete Valley Hospital for 18 years and Panguitch Hospital for two years, managing also to sandwich in ten years during that same time as an EMT. She moved back to Salt Lake City in 1988 to care for her mother in their home on Oakley Street, and returned to school for a special education endorsement. She taught special education classes at West and worked for other schools in the Salt Lake District. She now teaches Title I students at St. Ann's Catholic School. She and George divorced in 1990.

One day after visiting an old friend on Capitol Hill, Geniel Jensen, Vicky saw a "For Sale" sign in front of her old childhood home on Gray Avenue. Vicky called the realtor the next morning, expressed interest, and acknowledged that "I had no money." Nevertheless, things seemed to fall into place over the next weeks, and the old home that was the center of her world as a little girl now is the center of operations for her own large family (including the babysitting duties she occasionally shares for some of her 16 grandchildren).

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### The Madeline Choir School [www.madelinechoirschool.org](http://www.madelinechoirschool.org)

- Dec. 2 Violin & Chamber Orchestra Recital – SLC Library Auditorium
- 20 The Madeline Choir School Fourth Grade Nativity Play 2:30 PM - Erbin Hall,

#### The Cathedral of the Madeleine [www.saltlakecathedral.org](http://www.saltlakecathedral.org)

- Dec. 8 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Noon Mass
- 12 The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Noon Mass
- 14 Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* 12:15 PM free concert
- 17-18 Christmas Carol Service 8:00 PM
- 21 Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* 12:15 PM free concert

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