

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

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Capitol Hill Neighborhood Meetings

When: Wednesday, 19 March 2008
 Location: State Capitol Senate Cafeteria

6:00 Mobile Watch Meeting

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

- 6:30 Welcome by Chair, Polly Hart
- 6:35 Police Report, Roger Williams
- 6:45 Mobile Watch, Robert King
- 6:55 Reports by Elected Officials
- 7:05 Mayor Ralph Becker
- 8:00 300 N/300 W Condo variances/zoning change, newportcityview.com (details on website)
- 8:20 "Hideout" conditional use, 751 N 300 W, Bob McCarthy
- 8:25 RDA lot line adjust with zoning changes, 300 W & Reed Ave.
- 8:30 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
 April 16, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.

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Comment by Rosann Greenway, Secretary/Treasurer

Recently my family returned to Capitol Hill after a two year hiatus in the suburbs of southwest Salt Lake Valley. Sure, we loved our roomy, newly built house there with a driveway large enough to hold a block's worth of street parked Capitol Hill cars. But, we couldn't wait to get back to this distinctive neighborhood on the hill!

It was through our dogs that we previously became acquainted with many neighbors. Walking the dogs, cleaning up after them, or chasing them away from the Dalmatians, brought many opportunities for friendly encounters. One of our dogs, Sam, was especially happy to be back on Capitol Hill. Shortly after moving to West Capitol Street last summer, Sam wandered away from home. I went down to our old house on Wall Street and asked the mailman if he had seen a puffy white dog around. The mailman stated that he spotted our big white dog running up to the front door of "that green house," which was our former residence, and then to the backyard. I still shake my head at the thought of it. Well, after that tip, the obvious place to find Sam was at Warm Springs Park, where Sam and his counterpart Lucky had spent countless hours herding tennis balls. So, there I found Sam, looking for tennis balls.

It reminded me of the time when we, after becoming daily (sometimes twice daily) regulars at the park, became acquainted with some folks that spent their off hours in the park, usually when day labor jobs were complete and temperatures were warm enough to sleep outdoors. One day a fellow who hadn't been in the park very many days noticed our arrival and seemed very excited. He motioned for us, slipped into the bushes and emerged with two hands full of tennis balls! He was thrilled to dispense them to the awaiting doggies. What a kind act.

The kind acts of neighbors, such as collecting garbage in a park, shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk, sharing a moment to chat, or even finding lost tennis balls, give savor to our eclectic neighborhood.

We are thrilled to be a part of this community and look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. Our dog Sam has already made a new friend, Cocoa, who visits regularly from Columbus Street. And, if you see any tennis balls rolling down West Capitol Street, it was probably Sam who put them in motion.

This Old House by Nelson Knight George Washington Hill & Cynthia Stewart Hill House 270 W Reed Ave.

[Editors note: This is a reprint of an old house that originally appeared in the Bulletin in September 2003.]

This month's house sits somewhat inconspicuously at the north end of the Capitol Hill Historic District, but it was once the setting for colorful cross-cultural exchanges in the 1870s and '80s. The house's resident, George Washington Hill, acted as an agent and interpreter for Native Americans visiting the city during this time. His house stood near the wall at the city's north boundary, and was also close to Warm Springs, a

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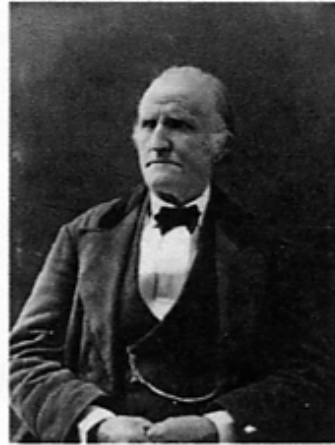
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traditional camping spot for Native Americans. Many Indian visitors would camp in the Hills' yard or in a nearby circular dwelling constructed for their use. George would accompany them into the city to trade or conduct other business.

An Ohio native, George Washington Hill was born in 1822. He met and married Cynthia Stewart in 1845 in Missouri, and joined the LDS Church about a year later. He and his wife immigrated to Utah with the Smoot wagon company in 1847. During the trip, Cynthia gave birth to their first child, also named George. The family settled in Ogden, and eventually grew to six children. During this time, George was called to be a missionary for the LDS Church at Fort Lemhi, on the Salmon River in Idaho. George learned the Shoshone language, and he earned the respect of the Shoshone and

their chief, Sagwitch. George later published a vocabulary of the Shoshone language and also learned the languages of the Bannocks, Flat Head, and Nez Perce. The Shoshone gave him the name Inkapompy, which means "man with red hair". From the 1850s through the 1870s, Hill served as a missionary to the Northwestern Shoshone and as a peacekeeper and intermediary between the tribe and the new settlers in the region.

George carried on this work when he moved his family to Salt Lake City in 1879. He became the Indian agent and interpreter for the LDS Church, and would assist in Indian visits to the city.



George Washington Hill

of the story may be discounted.)

Research by architectural historian Korral Broschinsky estimates the date of construction of this house sometime around 1876. The adobe structure has simply Greek Revival details common to many pioneer-era homes. At one time, a full-width

porch stretched across the west side of the house, as you can see on the accompanying historic photo supplied by historian and Capitol Hill resident Scott Christensen. The house also once had three tall brick chimneys and was surrounded by several outbuildings. All of these details were removed during later remodeling work, but the original cornices, interior woodwork, and most of the windows remain.

When George Washington Hill died in 1891, Cynthia remained in the house, and was soon joined by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Frances Hill. Charles died in 1908, six months after his mother, but Frances remained in the house until her death in 1953. France Mae Baker, granddaughter of George Washington Hill, then bought the house and lived there until 1975. The house has since been a rental property.



Family lore also holds that his house on Reed Avenue was the setting for meetings of tribal elders with city and church leaders, including Brigham Young (but since Brother Brigham had died by the time of the family's move to the city, this part

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FEATURED NEIGHBOR

Earl Lloyd

“Doctor Lloyd”

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“He’s a saint in my book.” “The man was amazing. One thing about Earl was that he always kept current on the latest medical advances -he wasn’t someone who just graduated and stopped learning.” “That cool common sense was wonderful for worried or frustrated mothers.” “He did what was not common then and is unheard-of today: he made a house call and with his medical instruments removed a peanut that was firmly lodged in my son’s nose - all to my son’s great relief.” “He saved our daughter’s life. With other doctors we probably wouldn’t have had that outcome.” “He had the best -organized doctor’s office I ever saw. There were no lengthy waits, and although he was busy, he gave you no sense of being rushed. He was willing to talk.” “He knew we had a lot of children, and I don’t think he used to charge us for all the visits.”

If you ask people on Capitol Hill about Earl Lloyd’s career as their family pediatrician, the only problem is being able to write fast enough to note all the affectionate responses.

Earl was born and grew up on DeSoto Street with three brothers and three sisters. “It was a great neighborhood to grow up in,” he says, with Ensign Peak and Ensign Downs, the nearby flats, the State Capitol grounds, and Memory Grove all as playgrounds. Aunts, uncles, cousins, and other extended family also lived on DeSoto and added to a sense of hometown closeness.

After Lafayette Elementary (then at State St. and North Temple) and Horace Mann Junior High (200 No.300 West), Earl played football at West High and served on the school Executive Board as athletic representative. He also sang in the a’cappella choir and school operettas, and in an award-winning male quartet. After graduation he served an LDS mission in Ohio, and on returning home married Neoma DeYoung, another life-long resident of Capitol Hill. They raised five children here and now have nine grandchildren.



Earl served in the Air Force during the Korean War, stationed at Oleta, Kansas and Bartlett, Oklahoma, then came home to finish his pre-med studies and medical school at the University of Utah. After an internship at LDS Hospital, he finished pediatric residencies at the University of Washington and University of Utah.

He opened his own pediatric practice in 1963 at 850 East 300 South, where he officed for the next 30 years. He then transferred his practice to the Salt Lake Clinic.

“When I started practice all pediatricians were very busy, and I sort of got inundated,” Earl recalls. In those early days he made many house calls (including visits to motels and hotels with the Utah Medical Association’s volunteer program), and emergency rooms were run very differently then -if Earl sent a patient to an ER, he would have to accompany the child and act as treating physician there. The same held true for patients sent to Primary Children’s Hospital.

The practice began, and then stayed “inundated” for almost 38 years until Earl’s retirement in 2000. One cherished highlight was being able to serve as the West High football team physician for 16 years; “I really liked being on the sidelines.” He is a fine gardener and has terraced the hillside behind his home, and he skis and plays tennis regularly. He now serves as bishop of the LDS ward in the Ensign Downs area, and he and Neoma care for her disabled brother who lives with them

How many children did Earl treat in his long career? He demurs at making any estimate, but when pressed acknowledges that certainly the number is in the thousands, probably in the ten thousands. His son Carey has followed in Earl’s professional footsteps, and has a busy pediatric practice in Brigham City.

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