

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

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Capitol Hill Mobile Watch Meetings

When: Wednesday, 21 May 2008
 Location: State Capitol Senate Cafeteria
 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

- 6:30 Welcome by Chair, Polly Hart
- 6:31 Ensign Foreground Update, Chris Robinson
- 6:50 Announcements, Polly Hart
- 6:55 Police Report, Roger Williams
- 7:05 Mobile Watch, Robert King
- 7:15 Joyce Valdez, Mayor's Office
- 7:30 Reports by Elected Officials
- 7:50 Request for Conditional Use for 2 duplex/1 single house, 649-651 N East Capitol Blvd.
- 8:15 Vote on Utility Box Request at 1725 N 200 W
- 8:30 Adjourn

See important announcements on page 2!

NEXT MEETING
June 18, 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
 roger.williams@slcgov.com www.slcpd.com

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Spring Cleaning – on a BIG scale!!

Its that time of year again! We're enjoying again the beautiful days of spring – mixed with some winter snow and rain, but, remember, this is Utah – which motivate us to get into the outdoors and into our yards to clean and trim what we didn't quite get finished last fall.

On May 10, 2008, just like in previous years, we'll join together as a community to help do the spring cleaning for Memory Grove and keep it as one of the gems of our neighborhood. This year is no different – except that our neighborhood will also have the opportunity to do work at the Ensign Peak Park on Ensign Vista Drive – just north of the LDS chapel.

The fun starts at 9:00 a.m. Tools will be provided by the City – so the only things you need to bring are your gloves and your enthusiasm. From sweeping up left over dirt and grime, to trimming bushes and working the trail, there will be plenty for everyone to do. At about 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served on Canyon Road and 200 North for ALL the participants wherever they did their work.

So whether you decide to go to Memory Grove or to Ensign Peak Park, your help is really needed!! The two hundred or more volunteers that participate every year in this clean-up make a huge difference to the appearance of these Parks. More than that, it creates a neighborhood ownership of the Parks which is so critical to our quality of life.

The details:

- May 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at either Memory Grove or Ensign Peak Park
- Don't forget to bring gloves and sunscreen (hopefully)
- Lunch on Canyon Road and 200 North at 11:30 a.m.

We'll see you there!!



This Old House by Nelson Knight John and Anna Louisa Sandberg House 115 Girard Avenue

As the cost of energy, both economically and environmentally, continues to spiral, it was pleasant to note the recent addition of solar panels to the rear roof slope of this house on Girard Avenue. The panels are unobtrusively located, don't project above the roof ridge, and are visible only from the sidewalk around the corner on North Main Street. They blend in with the color of the roof, and are mounted at the same angle as the roof slope. Taken together, these changes are minor and do not obstruct the historic character of the house. By completing the project and meeting these standards, the owners will qualify for state historic

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preservation tax credits, as well as state and federal energy credits. Even better, the solar panels will reduce their electric bill and help reduce impacts on the environment.

All this technology may or may not have surprised the original residents of this house, John and Anna Sandberg. Though electrical service was available in Salt Lake City at the time of the house's completion around 1910, low-profile solar cells weren't on the horizon. In fact, progress was slow to come to this part of the city: Girard Avenue wasn't paved until 1923. However, John had an inventive side, as evidenced by an item in the September 21, 1895 issue of the Deseret News: "Mr. John C Sandberg of this city is the author of a useful invention for which a patent has been applied that should be a welcome adjunct to every household. It consists of a laundry or kitchen table so constructed that it answers several purposes and consequently is economical from more than one point



of view. Attached to the table is two ironing boards and two clothes racks. It can be used as an extension table and has drawers of considerable capacity. It will be understood from these hints that the table is an exceedingly useful piece of furniture which will be conceded by all who will examine the little model the inventor is exhibiting." A quick search of the internet yielded no patents given to John for his table (nor are we aware if any full size prototypes once graced this house) but it is clear that John had an interest in newfangled gadgets.

John and Anna built this house later in their lives; John was 74 years old, and Anna was 71. They immigrated to the United States from Stockholm, Sweden in 1869, crossing on the S.S.

Minnesota with their two young children. They settled in the valley that was the home of their faith. According to information compiled by the State Historical Society, John was one of the first employees of the ZCMI shoe factory, where he worked until 1903. Their family grew with the addition of five more children, two of whom died while young.

It is unclear whether John and Anna lived in this house or in another on their property, which comprised the entire southwest corner of Girard Avenue and North Main. The home may have been built for their oldest son, John Sandberg Jr., who occupied this house with his wife, Nellie Clawson, and their five children. At the time of their occupancy, John Jr. worked for the Wells Fargo Express Company. Earlier in his life, John Jr. was involved in another event of note, also noted in an edition of the Deseret News. At 4:30 in the afternoon on April 17th, 1883, John Jr. and Charles Bullock, both age 12, found the body of an infant girl at the mouth of the City Creek Aqueduct on North Temple. An inquest by the city coroner concluded that the girl was probably a victim of infanticide. No further information was located before this issue went to deadline, so whether or not there was a resolution to the case is unknown.

After John Sr. died in 1915, and Anna died in 1926, the house passed from the family's ownership.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighborhood Cleanup is the week of June 2nd. Please do not put items out before Friday, May 23rd.



Weed Police 535-7902 to report properties with overgrown weeds and grass (higher than six inches).

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

People Helping People needs women volunteers for its Successful Employment Program. Become a positive role model to a low-income woman by showing her that if you can do it, so can she. Many of our mentors improve their own ability to earn raises and promotions through our program too! Call 801-583-5300 or visit www.phputah.org for more information.



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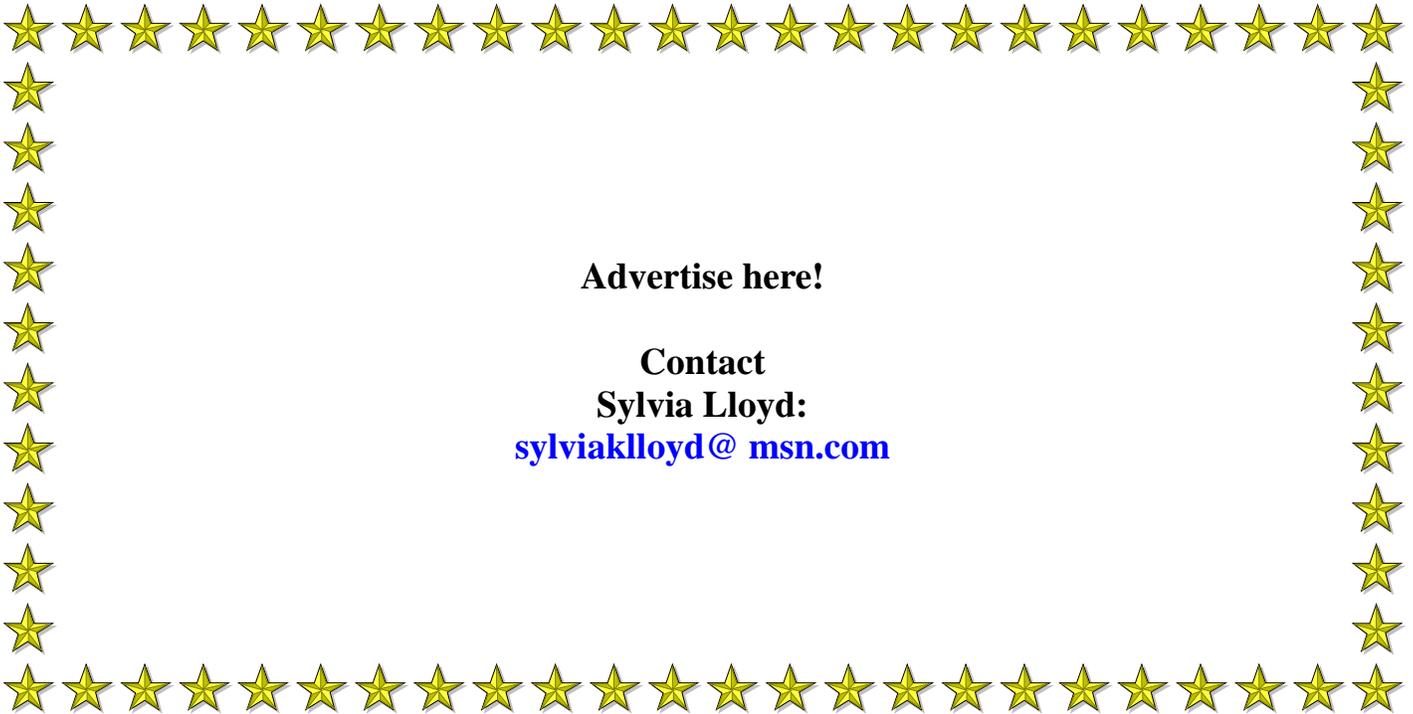


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FEATURED NEIGHBOR

Salt Lake Acting Company (SLAC)

168 West 500 North

Salt Lake Acting Company, originally founded in 1970, has been a fixture in the Capitol Hill neighborhood for 26 years. Housed in the historic LDS church house on 500 North, SLAC keeps Utah audiences on the leading edge of great theatre from all over the world.



But we're more than just a pretty face. Salt Lake Acting Company nurtures and employs a community of local professional theatre artists, presents brilliant performances—and contributes to the American theatre through commissioning, developing and producing new plays.

SLAC is a key player in the creation of new work, and the care and feeding of up-and-coming playwrights. Most recent example: the 2008-09 season will open September 17th with a powerful new play titled "The Overwhelming," whose author, J.T. Rogers, has had other premiers at SLAC, including "Madagascar," and "Seeing the Elephant." SLAC secured a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support Rogers' creation of "The Overwhelming," and worked with him to develop the play right here in our back yard! Then, when the finished play began receiving the attention of other leading companies, SLAC relinquished the premier rights so that Rogers' play could have its World Premier at London's very prestigious National Theatre.

As a solid, loyal Capitol Hill neighbor, Salt Lake Acting Company brings the magical world of theatre to our doorstep, not only for the general community, but for Salt Lake's future dramatists as well. At the time of this

writing, a group of Washington Elementary sixth graders is preparing their own production of Shakespear's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in SLAC's Chapel Theatre. The sixth-grade theatre troupe brings fresh new energy every year to share the excitement with Salt Lake Acting Company. We hope all our neighbors will become better

acquainted with us by visiting our web site at www.saltlakeactingcompany.org.

A national reputation, exciting new dramatic literature, outstanding performances, and the nurturing of emerging talent—and to think, it all happens on Marmalade Hill!

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