

The Bulletin

CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Greetings from Quince Street

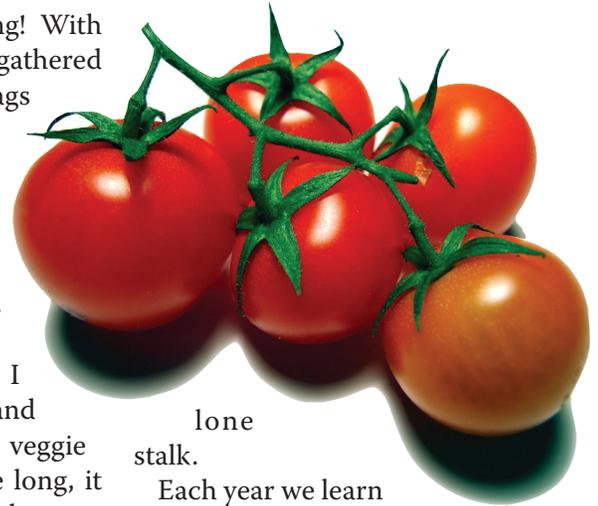
by Polly Hart

As summer dwindles down, we start to prepare for autumn and winter. The Downtown Farmer’s Market becomes a zoo as we stock up for the time when local produce is no longer available. Two years ago I participated in the Eat Local Challenge, and I relied very heavily on the market for my very survival! As many of you know, I live in the house formerly occupied by the Utah Heritage Foundation. My side yard being a former park with playground, I decided after the challenge to convert the 20 x 30 foot sandbox into a vegetable garden. The first thing I did was to call upon my neighbor Wally Cooper, who seems

to know a lot about everything! With a big smile on his face, he gathered up all the orange leaf bags from our street and told me exactly what kind of tiller to rent. Before I knew it, sand was converting to soil, and I was on my way to having my own little urban farm! Turns out that sandy soil is ideal!

In the spring of 2008, I went to Western Gardens and bought several carloads of veggie and herb starters, but before long, it became apparent that my plot was much bigger than I had thought. Twenty-five tomato plants, a dozen or so herbs, half a dozen each of cucumbers, peppers, and eggplants were still not enough to fill the space! I immediately recruited two of my neighbors who lacked my space and enviable direct sunlight, and we had our own “community garden.” At summer’s end, my next door neighbor, Diana Gardiner (who also knows a lot about everything!), taught me how to can tomatoes, and I had three dozen pint jars for my winter pasta dishes, and four gallons of sun dried tomatoes (with a little help from the market)!

This year, I decided to go overboard (no big surprise, for those of you who know me). I planted sixty tomato starts (almost all heirloom), a dozen rainbow chards, the usual eggplant, peppers, cucumbers and squash. I also added broccoli and cauliflower. I don’t recommend the latter — it never really approached anything like what it was supposed to look like, and strange looking leaves came out of the stunted heads. My neighbors still did their usual tomatoes and melons (the watermelon never seemed to get beyond the size of a quarter, unlike last year), and the experiment in corn yielded three shriveled ears on one



lone stalk.

Each year we learn a little more about what works and what doesn’t. The jars of tomatoes and bags of dried fruit that cover my kitchen table are a testament to the fact that each crop surpasses the last. The best part is sending pictures of my bounty to my mother who is no longer strong enough to tend her own beloved patch back in the Midwest. Okay, maybe that’s not the best part, but at long last, I have picked up the family tradition, and I doubt that I will ever be able to put it down.

Neighborhood Watch Update

by Robert B. King

I’m sure most of you have seen the news about the tragic shooting on Traverse Ridge in Bluffdale involving two armed citizens on “Neighborhood Watch”.

Let me take a moment to explain how an incident like this should not happen under the Salt Lake City Police Department (SLCPD) Mobile Neighborhood Watch (MNW) program.

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CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS
 Wednesday, September 16, 2009
 State Capitol Senate Cafeteria

6:00pm Mobile Watch Meeting

6:30pm Neighborhood Council Meeting
Welcome by Chair, Polly Hart

6:35 City Council Candidate Forum
 7:25 East Capitol Blvd. Improvements - Dell Cook, Salt Lake City Parks
 7:35 Marmalade Update, RDA and J.R. Howa
 7:45 The Jam (300 West at Reed St), request for Mixed Use conditional use - Bob McCarthy
 8:05 Text Amendment for Mixed Used Zoning, Mayor’s Office/Planning Department - Frank Gray
 8:28 Trustee/Officer nominations
 8:30 Mayor’s Office update - Joyce Valdez
 8:35 Police Report/Mobile Watch: Brian Whalin and Georg Stutzenberger
 8:40 Elected Officials Reports
 8:45 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:
OCTOBER 21, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

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Every MNW volunteer must apply, pass a criminal background check and attend initial training taught by police professionals. The trainee must spend several hours in police dispatch, take an orientation ride with a police supervisor and have four patrols with a MNW veteran. Once badged, the new volunteer is assigned a seasoned partner for patrol. He/She must attend monthly police-presented training, meet monthly with a MNW area coordinator and patrol a minimum of two ours per month (Most do at least ten hours). Volunteers are subject to immediate recall to search for lost children or seniors, do stake-outs, DUI saturations or other events.

Night patrols are always conducted with two volunteers per car. Vehicles are clearly marked with magnetic signs, we are logged-in with police dispatch just like a patrol officer; Our police radios are constantly monitored

. We will know if another MNW unit is in our area. We are the “eyes and ears” of the police. We observe and report. We do not confront, intervene, or apprehend. Firearms may not be carried on a MNW patrol, even if the volunteer has a valid Utah concealed carry permit.

I believe the SLCPD spokespersons did a good job of explaining this to the media, still the term “neighborhood Watch” was used when , in fact, the combatants on Traverse Ridge were not part of any police or community-sponsored program. Our program has been conducted without incident for over twenty years! We are proud of our record. Our program is mature, well-administered, and carefully controlled by the police department. Our supervisors constantly monitor our reports and training for areas to improve. The Fusion Division, Chief Burbank and Mayor Becker fully support the MNW program. I’m sorry

for the injury suffered on Traverse Ridge but it cannot be attributed in any way to a defective program. I’m confident when I say “it couldn’t happen here.”

Utah Weatherization Assistance Program Seeks Applicants

by Shad West

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the State of Utah is poised to use its Recovery Act funding of \$15,158,881 to weatherize more than 4,400 homes, reducing energy use and costs for thousands of families across the state while improving living conditions in the home.

The Weatherization Assistance Program will be available to families who make up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level or about \$33,075 a year for a family of four.

Weatherization projects allow low-income families to save money by making their homes more energy efficient, which results in average

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savings of 32 percent for heating bills and savings of hundreds of dollars per year on overall energy expenses.

Utahns are encouraged to dial 211 for the local weatherization agency that serves their area. Qualifying households will receive a comprehensive energy audit at no cost. Possible maintenance includes air sealing, weather stripping, insulation of all types and furnace repair or replacement.

As families throughout Utah struggle to pay their energy bills, we are able to take significant steps to reduce their energy costs, while ensuring their health and safety, said Gordon Walker, director, Division of Housing and Community Development. These energy audits may seem small on an individual basis, but the fact is that families could save between \$300 and \$400 per year with simple energy efficiency improvements.

The State of Utah's funding for the Weatherization program is leveraged with six additional private and federal grants at a ratio of approximately \$284 from those sources to each dollar from the state. Such matches help minimize state investments and allow increased services and program flexibility. Funds contributed by

Questar Gas and Utah Power have increased the scope of the program to include natural gas health and safety and electrical base-load reduction measures.

Utah's Weatherization Assistance Program is managed by the Division of Housing and Community Development under the Utah Department of Community and Culture.

For additional information, please contact either Shad West at (801) 538-8718 or Claudia Nakano at (801) 538-8805.

This Old House

Harry C. and Janet Wade House
397 North Main Street
by Nelson Knight

This month's house is located at the corner of 400 North and North Main Street in the Capitol Hill Historic District. This c.1906 house was probably based on a pattern book design — the forerunner of the today's magazines that offer house plans for purchase. The 1-1/2 story building has many typical Victorian architectural and decorative elements, such as a

large front window with a decorative transom window, shingled gables, and a wood sunburst element in the front porch pediment.

The house was built for Harry C. and Janet Wade. Little information was found on the Wades, except that Mr. Wade is listed in city directories as a clerk.

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Stop by and pick up some local produce on your way home!

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In 1935, title to the house passed to James W. Wade, son of Harry and Janet. James was a mining engineer. The house has changed very little from its historic appearance. Small details, such as the roof cresting, have been removed, as well as a chimney on the south side of the house.

The photo was taken on May 15, 1909 by Shipler Commercial Photographers for the Salt Lake Security and Trust Company, probably in connection with a mortgage.

The photograph is one of over 100,000 photographs taken by the Shiplers from 1903 to 1980. After the studio closed, the Utah State Historical Society acquired the Shiplers collection, which documents thousands of people, events and places over much of the twentieth century. The Historical Society has scanned and digitized over 10,000 of the

images, and has created a searchable online database of the photos at their website, www.history.utah.gov. This archive is a great resource for owners looking for photos of their home or neighborhood.

Try a search by address or street name, or try the name of a nearby church or business. For instance, many of the several hundred images documenting construction of the State Capitol building show nearby homes in the background.

Another good source for online photographs is also at the Utah State Historical Society's website: www.history.utah.gov.

The Salt Lake City Engineer's Collection documents public works projects in the city from approximately 1900 to 1932. The online collection has many Capitol Hill photos. Did you ever wonder how City Creek looked like when it ran above ground on North Temple, or how big the ruts were on Wall Street before it was paved? You can see the photos online for an answer.

Only a small portion of both these collections are online. Check with the Historical Society's library, located in the former Rio Grande depot at 350 West 300 South. If you don't find what you are looking for on their website. Their staff is very helpful

and friendly. The Historical Society also has information on the history of many buildings in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, especially in the historic district.

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UPCOMING FREE EVENTS!

SLC Fashion Stroll

The SLC Fashion Stroll is about celebrating the best in Salt Lake City's local shopping & fashion scene, all in one night of street-festival style runway shows, DJs, live bands, and of course, shopping, right along the sidewalks of the East Broadway Shopping District, between 100 East and 400 East along Broadway (300 South).

Fashion Stroll welcomes all; vogue and vagrant alike. It's a great night out, and a chance to strut that sassy sweater-dress, or don those dapper duds, and come on down and help us celebrate the best of Salt Lake's best!

Featuring a smashing live-music lineup, and scores of local designers, artists, models, and photographers, the FS crowd is lively, diverse, and embodies a whole range of fashion & philosophy.

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