

Skeeter and Helen Draper by Rosann Greenway

Baklava! What a treat! True, there is much more to the Salt Lake City Greek Festival than the home made baklava, but it is this sweet treat that keeps me up late munching its nutty, rich goodness!

The 36th Annual Salt Lake Greek Festival was held last month. This festival offers Greek food and culture, folk dances, Greek goods and crafts, and carnival like fun for kids to please tens of thousands of festival visitors!

When Greek Festival season rolls around, my thoughts turn to our neighbors on Wall Street, Skeeter Draper and Helen Economos Draper. Helen worked for many years to support the Greek Festival, in charge of the festival's very successful boutique. She not only came up with the boutique idea, but then created a system of consignment, where Greek merchandizers sent her goods which were sold at the festival's boutique. They could easily sell \$25,000 worth of merchandise in three days, reported Helen. Helen was responsible for designing the Greek Festival T-shirt which allowed her to utilize both her artistic and merchandizing skills. She has kept a T-shirt from each year!

Skeeter and Helen moved from Chicago to their home on Wall Street in 1979. They purchased the Charles James Mullett house after looking at homes in Sandy and Bountiful. Helen and Skeeter wanted to live downtown, since they had lived in large cities previously. Their realtor told them not to move to the Capitol Hill area, warning them that it was "the ghetto." Helen assured the real estate agent that this certainly was not a real ghetto! After looking at homes in Bountiful, Helen and her agent drove up Wall Street, looking for a downtown neighborhood. As they passed the house at 680 North Wall Street, Helen told the realtor to stop the car because that was the house they were going to buy!

In 1983, Helen and Skeeter earned the Utah Heritage Foundation Award of Merit for their restoration efforts on their home, which is on the National Historic Register.



Skeeter and Helen Draper.

They have since restored the home from top to bottom, including a kitchen addition which placed them on the tour of homes Celebrating Compatible Design in 2006. They have more improvements planned, but they also own a home in Greece near Helen's family. They hope to fully retire soon and divide their time between Greece and Salt Lake City.

Helen describes Skeeter as a Nebraska farm boy who loves to work outside gardening. Helen had to slow down a bit in her yard this year after undergoing shoulder surgery. They are both cancer survivors. Helen was treated for breast cancer eight years ago while Skeeter was treated for prostate cancer three years ago. Fortunately, both are healthy today!

Skeeter and Helen are such wonderful neighbors and I loved living near them! They have made Wall Street a better place and they are excited about all of the new neighbors who are revitalizing their properties. The Drapers have seen a lot of changes on Capitol Hill in their 32 years of living here, but Helen said that now their street truly feels like a neighborhood! ■

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Thoughts from the Chair: September 2011

By Katherine Gardner

Many thanks to Mary Beth Thompson for sharing her knowledge about the landlord/tenant regulations. If I told you I completely understand, that would not be the truth. But IF I understand correctly all landlords (even with one rental) need a business license. The city has two plans available, and six months during which landlords can choose how they want to participate. I am still getting questions about the technicalities which I cannot answer until I have a chance to talk to Mary Beth again. But if you have a question feel free to phone me; I'll put your question on my list.

Our committee is still working on the problems involved with the Bulletin. We still have some people who are not getting it in the mail. It is online if you have that option. If you would like it as part of your email, tell a trustee or officer. But if you have not received a copy for the last two months, let someone know immediately.

Our good neighbor, Bob Fisher, at 801-533-8811 says do not forget to change your clocks November 6th. I say, remember our November election.

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Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

State Capitol Senate Building Copper Room
September 21, 2011 (Next Meeting: Nov. 16th)

6:00 p.m. Mobile Watch Meeting

6:30 p.m. Neighborhood Council Meeting:

- Welcome by Chair
- Mobile Watch Report, *Georg Stutzenberger*
- Police Report, *Detective Tony Brereton, SLPD*
- Fireman's Report
- Elected Officials' Reports
- Mayor's Office Report, *Joyce Valdez*
- CHNC Business
 - Nominations: *Officers, Ensign Downs, Capitol Area & DeSoto/Cortez.*
- Landlord/tenant questions follow-up
- Utah Senior Village, *Richard Starley*
- UDOT property; *Robert Miles*
- Public Forum
- Adjourn

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PREVIOUS CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING REVIEW :

Police Report: A reminder; the new 311 number goes live this month. With this new number you can take a picture with your cell phone and send it to 311 to report any suspicious activity. If you do not have a cell phone with this capability, you can still fill out an intel report on the police department website, slcpd.com, or call police dispatch at 801-799-3000.

Landlord/Tenant Program: Revenue manager Mary Beth Thompson with the Salt Lake City Finance Department explained the new Landlord/Tenant Program. A new ordinance was created to help foster health, safety and welfare of residents and neighborhoods. The new ordinance took effect on Sept. 1. There is however a grace period until May to get licensed and enrolled in the program. Landlords should visit <http://www.slcgov.com/landlord> for information or contact the program managers at landlord/tenant@slcgov.com or call Mary Beth Thompson at 801-535-6403.

Elected Officials: Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck reminds us that redistricting is in full swing and things are continually changing. To follow the changes go to www.redistricting.com. She also told us that there will be a Town Hall meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on October 27 at the Sweet Library for those who may be interested. Representative Chavez-Houck and Rep. Edwards have been working together on issues related to the Staker Parsons gravel site. More information will be coming.

Our Salt Lake City Council member Stan Penfold is currently working on the Historical Landmarks Ordinance. They are reviewing the ordinance to determine its strengths and weaknesses in an effort to assist people who are attempting to make changes to their homes in the historical neighborhoods. This will be reviewed for the next six months or so, and we will have more information in the coming months.

Mayor's Office: Joyce Valdez wanted to remind us that the mayor will have One-on-one meetings with residents on October 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Requests for meetings will start on October 17. For information go to www.slcgov.com/mayor.rt

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WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



Principal Rebecca Pittam hosts a monthly Parents and Pastries at 8:30 a.m. The last meeting was on on Mon. Oct. 3. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal about any concerns. Contact Principal Pittam for next months meeting date.

October 12 & 13:
Parent Teacher
Conferences

October 20 & 21:
UEA Convention where
teachers attend workshops
to gain new information for
their classrooms.

October 27 & 31:
Halloween Carnival on the
27th, and Oct. 31st will be
the Halloween Parade and
parties!

Congratulations to teachers Triest Phillips and Jen Willie for being awarded grants from Sonic for classroom instruction materials!

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