

FALL 2015 CAPITOL HILL

• COMMUNITY BULLETIN •

BE READY

As part of our continuing efforts to help individuals and families in our neighborhood be prepared for an emergency or a natural disaster, we have asked the Utah Chapter of the American Red Cross to provide quarterly preparedness recommendations. This is the first in this series of recommendations. Over the next many months, we will be co-sponsoring neighborhood workshops with the Red Cross, Salt Lake City, the SLC School District and other community groups to help raise our level of preparedness. The CHNC website will also have regularly updated information. Please check often.

As a neighborhood, we want to BE READY

Prepare Your Home and Family

The Red Cross is here to make sure you are as prepared as you possibly can be for potential disasters and other emergencies. These events can strike suddenly, at any time and anywhere.

Reducing fear in Uncertain Circumstances

Disasters often strike quickly and without warning. They are frightening for adults and can be traumatic for children, especially if they don't know what to do.

During a disaster, your family may have to leave your home and depart from your daily routine. Children may become anxious, confused, or frightened. It is important to give children guidance that will help them reduce their fears.

Children and Their Response to Disaster

Children depend on daily routines. They wake up, eat breakfast, go to school, play with friends. When emergencies or disasters interrupt this routine, many children may become anxious.

In a disaster, they'll look to you and other adults for help. How you react to an emergency gives them clues on how to act. If you react with alarm, your child may become more scared. They see your fear as proof that the danger is real. If you seem overcome with a sense of loss, your child may feel their losses more strongly.

Children's fears may also arise from their imagination, and you should take these feelings seriously. A child who feels afraid is afraid. Your words and actions can provide reassurance. When talking with your child, be sure to present a realistic picture that is both honest and manageable.

Feelings of fear are healthy and natural for both adults and children. But as an adult, you need to keep control of the situation. When you're sure that danger has passed, concentrate on your child's emotional needs by asking the child what's uppermost in his or her mind. Having children participate in the family's recovery activities will help them feel that their life will soon return to "normal." Your response during this time may have a lasting impact.

Schedule of Meetings and Events

October 5, 2015

CHNC Board Meeting
Room 207, West High School
6:30 p.m.

October 21, 2015

CHNC October Meeting – Mayoral Forum
Clayton Middle School
6:00 p.m. (See Inside)

November 2, 2015

CHNC Board Meeting
Room 207, West High School
6:30 p.m.

November 18, 2015

CHNC Annual Meeting
Copper Room – East Annex of State Capitol
6:30 p.m.

December 4, 2015

Winter Activity
Warm Springs Park
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 7, 2015

CHNC Board Meeting
Room 207, West High School
6:30 p.m.

December 16, 2015

CHNC December Meeting
Copper Room – East Annex of State Capitol
6:30 p.m.



As we see the images from the devastating wild fires in Washington, California, and other states this year, we all cringe, and ask, "What if...?" What if that was my house in the path of a fast-moving wildfire? Could the fire department protect my house? My family? Could that even happen here? The answer to the question, "Could that even happen here?" is, "Yes, it could." Not every place in Salt Lake City is at risk, but there are locations in the Capitol Hill area that do have a high wildfire risk. The answer to the question, "Could the SLC Fire Department protect my house?" is "Maybe." Many factors go into whether or not a property can be protected while a wildfire is approaching. This leads to the next question that should be asked and which is, "Can anything be done about it?" The answer to that question is "Yes." As the wildfire season begins to wind down (hopefully) for this summer, the wildfire planning season is just beginning.

Salt Lake City Fire Department is writing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and we are seeking help from the community. As we build the Plan, we will identify projects (e.g. dead undergrowth removal and wood fuel removal), which are important to the community and are sensitive to wildlife, the riparian corridor and the surrounding environment. These projects, when completed, will give the firefighters a fighting chance to save your home and will allow firefighters to be safer. It is important to the Fire Department that we have input from all the stakeholders including homeowners, local environmental advocacy groups, the SLC Public Utilities Department, the Utah State Department of Natural Resources, and others. We are seeking interested volunteers to be on the planning committee. No experience is needed, only a desire to help protect your community. The planning committee will meet at least once a month to develop the plan. Meeting times will be contingent on the availability of the members.

If interested, please contact Captain Matt Taylor at matt.taylor@slcgov.com. We look forward to working closely with the committee to create a workable plan that will save lives, property, wildlife and our environment.

Message from the Chair



As always, there are so many things happening in our Capitol Hill, Marmalade and West Capitol Hill neighborhoods. Here are some of them

Mayoral Election – Salt Lake City is in the midst of an election for Mayor. Two candidates came out of the Primary, Jackie Biskupski and Ralph Becker. The election will be held November 3, 2015. Mail-in ballots will be sent out the week of October 5, 2015. Instructions on returning the ballots will be included with the ballot package. The vote for Mayor is a critical vote. The City government plays a significant role in maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Making sure each of us has reviewed the issues, done our best to understand each candidate's position and, then, giving our voice through voting is part of our duty as members of the society. We cannot justify our complaints about what is happening in our neighborhoods if we have not taken the time to vote.

Each campaign has provided a message for this issue that explains their position on the quality of life in our neighborhoods and other issues they feel are important to our Capitol Hill community. Please take the time to read those messages. We've also included candidate contact information and websites if you have a particular question.

Also, in an effort to provide as many opportunities to listen to the candidates as possible, we are participating in hosting a Mayoral Debate with other community councils which will be held at Clayton Middle School on October 21st. Details are included in this Bulletin.

UDOT Capitol Hill Upgrade Project – We have all been affected

the past few weeks by the repaving project currently being done around the State Capitol, including Victory Road and State Street. Weekly updates on progress are being posted on the CHNC website. The update also provides a Capitol Hill Upgrade Project website link and a phone number if there are specific questions. We've included the website link and the phone in this Bulletin. UDOT reports that work is on schedule for completion in late October.

As part of that work, SLC is doing improvements on East Capitol Boulevard that will beautify and create greater safety for pedestrians and visitors to the Capitol. The beautification project will be completed in multiple phases with the first phase being done as part of the Capitol Hill Upgrade Project.

Marmalade Library – The Marmalade Library is running behind schedule based on construction delays. The architect now reports that the building should be ready for occupancy by mid-February, 2016. We will begin holding our CHNC monthly Board and Council meetings at the Library starting in March, 2016.

Washington School Reading Volunteers – Every fall there are great kids who need kindly people to encourage and expand their reading skills. This is one of the really meaningful opportunities that our neighborhood has to change the lives and families of those who attend Washington School. A volunteer is requested to provide anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour each week to help a child ... typically in first, second or third grade. More information is available in this Bulletin or please go to our website.

Neighborhood Council E-Mail, Website and Blog

Please make sure you are regularly linking to our website for updates on neighborhood and City issues, projects, activities and happenings in the Capitol Hill area. You will find schedules of upcoming meetings with topics to be discussed, contact information if you have questions and links to City services and City departments. The website is a wealth of knowledge and information. There is also opportunity on our blog for you to comment and make suggestions about issues in our neighborhood. Please visit the website and please make suggestions on how we can improve. www.chnc-slc.org

The Neighborhood Council sends out regular notifications through e-mail to residents and business within our Council boundaries to update on meetings, events and issues of concern. If you're not receiving these e-mails and would like to get Council and neighborhood information, please make sure you get your name and e-mail to either Eric Jergensen (ericjergensen@gmail.com) or Brian Jensen (brianfromslc@gmail.com).



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Emergency Preparedness – As a neighborhood, we are located in a beautiful part of our City and State. One of the drawbacks of our location is that it is prone to moderate to severe earthquake activity. Emergencies and natural disasters are a part of our lives. But, we have the ability to prepare for them. In this issue is the first of many articles from the Red Cross about emergency preparation. As a neighborhood we will work closely with various community and City organizations to help get as many of us as possible to be as prepared as possible. We also have as a goal to develop a plan which is coordinated with those same groups which every resident of our neighborhood can easily review and understand. Please participate in this effort as it unfolds. Events and information will be available on our website, through e-mail and distributed through the Bulletin.

Finally..... ours is a remarkable neighborhood of people who genuinely care about one another. As winter approaches, let's please look around and take notice of those around us who may need help shoveling snow from their sidewalks or driveway, who many need help with grocery shopping or who may need a word of encouragement now and then. Those who receive of our help will be benefitted and, in return, so will we.

Thanks for all the good things so many of you do!!

SLC Mayoral Debate - October 21st

Meet the Candidates
6:00 - 6:45 pm

Debate
Oct 21st
7:00 - 8:15 pm

Clayton Middle School
1470 S 1900 E

YOU ask the questions

VOTE

SLC Mayoral Candidates
Ralph Becker
Jackie Biskupski

SLC City Council District 6
Tracey Hart
Charlie Luke

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HELP WANTED!

Change a Child's Life

Washington School needs volunteers who can take time out of their busy schedules and change a child's life for the better. Volunteers will help children in first, second or third grade with reading skills to help them achieve grade level reading performance.

Volunteers will read with a child based on an assignment given by their teacher. Its not difficult. The time commitment would be from 30 minutes to an hour each week depending on the volunteer's schedule. The growth in student reading ability can be remarkable, especially with children who, for whatever reason, may have been behind their grade level in reading. More importantly, the ability to read makes a difference in every other area of learning.

You really can change a life and make our community a better place with only a small, weekly commitment of time.

Please consider taking 30 minutes to an hour out of your weekly activities to make a difference in a student's life. Please contact Eric Jergensen at ericjergensen@gmail.com or Bonnie Archer at archerbj@comcast.net for additional information and scheduling.



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From the Mayoral Candidates

Mayor Ralph Becker:

For forty years, I have lived in the best neighborhoods in the world – the Avenues and Capitol Hill. These neighborhoods are eclectic and are full of loving friends and active participants in our community, with history dating to the earliest settlement of Utah. For the past 19 years, I've had the privilege of representing you in the Legislature and as Mayor.

I have found ways to protect and improve our unique community. I helped establish Salt Lake City's first off-leash dog park in Memory Grove, and after the floods, helped close Memory Grove to cars and re-create a Park for everyone while protecting the neighborhood. I worked to help restore Memory Grove and make improvements to the DUP Museum. As a State Legislator, I led a two-year effort with neighbors, City and State officials to address commuter traffic that undermined the quality of our neighborhoods.

Recently, I have appreciated your community's patience with construction as Salt City is working with Google to bring fiber Internet to all of our community. Google was attracted to our community because of our high tech population, growing economy, and burgeoning start up culture.

I am very excited about the Marmalade Public Library, set to open this winter. The LEED Silver building is designed with large, flexible multi-purposes rooms for recitals, lectures, and film viewing. The Library also contains a small café for residents, along with an outdoor public plaza and green space and is helping spur a new mixed-use development in a long vacant parcel of land.

One of the great pleasures of serving as a public servant is working with your community to strengthen its qualities. Thank you for your many years of support, and I hope to earn it this election. Read more about my blueprints for Salt Lake City at www.ralphbecker.com.

For more information go to: ralphbecker.com or call 385-355-0976.

Jackie Biskupski:

I believe Salt Lake City should have a vibrant energy that draws people from all over the city, state, and world. We are anticipating significant growth in the next 20 years and we must act now to manage the increase in population, traffic, and businesses and mitigate their effect on the Capitol Hill, Marmalade, and 300 West neighborhoods.

As the Mayor of Salt Lake City, I am dedicated to listening to our community and immediately getting to work on key issues, such as:

Building coalitions along the Wasatch Front to develop sustainable solutions to improve our air quality.

Focusing on economic development so we can generate the revenue we need to keep up with the expense of running our city.

Revitalizing Warm Springs Park.

Supporting the city council's efforts to develop a transit master plan to include rail, bus service, and bike lanes and seeking public approval before implementing the plan. A master plan is necessary to adequately respond to the increased traffic issues, especially around the Capitol Hill area.

Streamlining our planning and zoning departments to ensure more efficient and effective service. I will stop the wild growth of city fees by freezing annual automatic fee increases, and increase transparency around fees by publishing, annually, a list of changes to fees.

And creating a strategic plan to separate out criminals from the homeless. We can't arrest our way out of homelessness and the increased focus on the downtown area is pushing crime into our other neighborhoods.

I served for 13 years in the Legislature and have been a member of Salt Lake County Sheriff Winder's administrative team for the past 8 years.

I have the leadership skills and the policy making experience to be the strong, collaborative leader this community needs.

For more information go to: jackieforsaltlakecitymayor.com or call 385-237-6215.