

THE BULLETIN



CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

August 2003

Instead of our Community Council meeting this month, our City Council representative, Eric Jergensen, will conduct a special

District 3 Neighborhood Meeting

on Wednesday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Washington School Library (there *will* be some form of air-conditioning!) Eric will lead a discussion of traffic issues, crime, and other topics of interest. Please join us there!

Next Community Council Meeting:
September 17, 2003
6:30, Washington School Library

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Capitol Hill Float Wins Honors in Days of '47 Parade

The float co-sponsored by the Capitol Hill Neighborhood and the Salt Lake LDS Stake garnered the "Utah Award" in the Days of '47 Parade on July 24, as well as attracting more comments and media commentary than any other entry. The giant beehive with motorized-scooter bees and bee-audy queens with beehive hairdos conveyed the theme, "Industrious Then, Industrious Now." Comments by KSL-TV's Bruce Lindsay were typical: "This is a fun, fun entry. . . Isn't that inventiveness? I've never seen anything like that before." Design and construction crews were chaired by Roger Crandall, who stated, "Thanks to all the members of the neighborhood who participated, including the businesses that donated facilities and skills, and to the neighborhood teenagers who rode the float and scooters."



This Old House

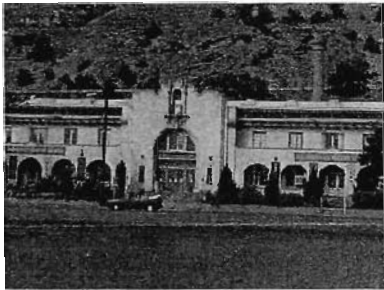
Wasatch Springs Plunge Building – 840 North 300 West

This month's "This Old House" isn't a house at all, but it's a well-known landmark to most Capitol Hill inhabitants. Long-time residents may remember this building's original use as a swimming pool, but people new to Capitol Hill will recognize it as the current home of the Children's Museum of Utah. The Wasatch Springs Plunge building at 840 N. 300 West was built in 1921 by Salt Lake City at a cost of \$177,450.00. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Cannon and Fetzer. With its white stucco walls, red tile roof, terra-cotta [continued next page]

This Old House (cont.) ornamentation, and wrought iron balconies, the building is one of the better examples in Utah of the Mission and Spanish Colonial Revival architectural styles popular between 1910 and 1935.

The warm springs on the site were evidently popular among the indigenous people of Utah before the Mormon pioneers' arrival in 1847, because early Mormon journalists note their use by the Ute tribe in the winter of 1847-48. The current building is the third of its kind to sit on the site. In 1850, the City constructed an adobe building over the springs at about the present intersection of 300 West and Reed Avenue. A later bath house stood at the south end of Warm Springs Park. This c.1865 structure stood on the banks of a small lake fed by the springs, and was leased to private operators. Problems with the leaseholders and a seedy reputation led the city to take full control of the springs in 1916.

The present structure opened in 1921. Patrons paid 25 cents for admission, and were given a suit, towel, locker, and use of the olympic-sized main pool. A separate, smaller pool and individual hot baths were available for private use. There were separate locker rooms for the private pools. Both rooms had large signs at the entrance to the pool which stated, "DO NOT STAND IN DOORWAY WITHOUT SUIT ON." The building also had a cafe, barbershop, beauty parlor, and five private hotel rooms for travelers. A 1929 issue of the Salt Lake City Municipal Record enthusiastically notes the installation of automatic showers as a water-saving measure. Bathers would step onto a platform which turned the water on and off.



Natural spring water fed the pools until 1949, when the pools were chlorinated at the behest of the state health department. The natural sulphur in the spring water reacted with the chlorine to cloud the pools. Warm water from the springs was still used in the facility's private baths, however. In June, 1970, the City Commission closed the building after chunks of concrete fell from the roof. The Plunge was remodeled and reopened, but only operated until 1976, when the City again

closed the pool. After several proposals to re-use or demolish the building, the former bathhouse was converted to the Children's Museum of Utah in 1983. The former locker rooms, the barbershop and cafe have been converted to exhibit space, and the hotel rooms are now offices for museum staff. The private pools and the cavernous room housing the main pool are still intact and are used for storage.

The Children's Museum has been a great caretaker for the building, but they have outgrown the space. The museum is now raising funds for a new facility in the Gateway and expects to move there in 2005. Plans are underway to examine the feasibility of converting the building back to a community center and public swimming pool, which has been needed for the Capitol Hill neighborhood since the Deseret Gym's closure. Hopefully, this neighborhood landmark will continue to be a Capitol Hill fixture for years to come.

Volunteer Service Opportunities — August

Service Activities

- Help the **Neighborhood Watch** for an hour or two a week. For more information, please call Joan Legge, 355-8396.
- **Primary Childrens Hospital** needs volunteers for its north and south information desks, gift shop, and other areas. Call 588-2446 for more info
- **LifeCare** (1025 S. 700 W.) needs volunteers to help homebound seniors and persons with disabilities by delivering food boxes or helping with yard work. For more information, call 978-2452.
- **TreeUtah** would like help hand watering during the summer, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-12 noon. Call 364-2122, or visit www.treeutah.org
- **Utah Food Bank** always welcomes volunteers to help sort food at their warehouse at 1025 S. 700 W. Please call Christine Thomas at 908-8660.
- **Capitol Hill Kiwanis Club** continues its service to our community. Join us each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and a speaker at the Inn at Temple Square. For more information, call Moyle Anderson at 364-7294.

Food, Clothing, Other Donations

- **Crossroads Urban Center** helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. This month they have a special need for **canned beans (not green beans) and box meals**. Their **Thrift Store** needs dishes, silverware, pots and pans, and small groups for sorting. Please call Linda Hilton at 364-7765, or drop off food items at the Center's pantry, 120 W. 1300 S.
- **The Road Home** (formerly Travelers Aid Society) is in need of volunteers at its community shelter, 210 S. Rio Grande St. Donations of personal hygiene items, socks, underwear, diapers, and any other items are needed. Call 359-4142 or go to www.tasslc.org
- **The LDS 19th Ward Relief Society**, located at 225 W. 500 N., sponsors a **clothing exchange** on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Everything is free!** Come and look, or bring something along to pass on to someone else. All are welcome!

Literacy, Reading, and Children

- **Washington School** begins August 26. Volunteers to read to a child one hour a week are needed. Call Ann Pendell, 578-8140, Tuesdays or Thursdays for details.
- **Literacy Volunteers of America-Wasatch Front** is seeking volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.
- **Become a foster parent** and strengthen a family! Right here in our neighborhood are children in need of safe, stable, loving homes while their families heal. You can be married or single, with or without children, renter or homeowner. Visit www.utahfostercare.org or call 994-5205. Volunteer opportunities are also available.
- **The Children's Museum of Utah** needs energetic, fun-loving seniors, and others to volunteer for work in the galleries, at the front desk, and behind the scenes. Call 328-3383.

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Featured Neighbors

Igor and Elya Samvelov

Igor and Elya Samvelov were born in Baku, Azerbaijan, to families of Armenian descent. They grew up in the same neighborhood and were classmates from 7th grade through high school. Their childhood friendship blossomed into a romance, and they have now been married 42 years and have raised a son and a daughter. Igor spent his professional career working both as a dentist and as an engineer, directing a factory that produced soda pop. He was also quite involved in sports and still enjoys watching various sports on TV. Elya has always loved to read, although her eyesight no longer allows her to do so. At one time, the Samvelovs had over 3,000 books in their personal library!

Because of political unrest in Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan (two republics in the former Soviet Union), Igor and Elya's son and daughter left their home in 1990 and moved to the United States. Their son, Gregory, now lives in Florida with his wife. Their daughter, Irena, lives in California with her 18-year-old son, their only grandchild. Igor and Elya followed their children to America nine years later,



Azerbaijani-Americans

arriving in 1999 and settling down here in Salt Lake City. They are very grateful for the acceptance and support they have received here in the United States and are happy to be here. They spend their time now contributing richly to their community. Elya volunteers as a caregiver at a daycare center, where she has fallen in love with the children who attend and has become a favorite with them. Igor volunteers his time as a driver for Aging Services, driving elderly people to the grocery store, doctor's office, and other places. They enjoy their association with Aging Services and feel that this is a wonderful program in our area.

Two years ago Igor and Elya became members of the LDS Church through the help of a friend, Steven Pugsley. They attend the Russian-speaking branch which meets in our neighborhood, near Ensign Peak, and they enjoy the friendships they have formed with this group. We are grateful to have this wonderful couple in our community.

(Editors' note: Sincere thanks for this month's "Featured Neighbors" to Carrie and Luke Linscott.)

FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS - AUGUST

Gallivan Center

- o Lunch Bunch Concert Series - Weekdays - Noon to 1 p.m.
- o Come Alive Concert Series - Every Wednesday - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m
- o Twilight Concert Series - Aug. 7, 14, 21 - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Temple Square Concert Series - 7:30p.m.

- 1 - Bertrand Giraud, French pianist
- 2 - Marta de Castro, Spanish soprano
- 9 - Saltaires Show Chorus
- 16 - Suzanne Thorup, soprano, w/ strings
- 23 - Del Parkinson, pianist
- 29 - Celeste Lazarenko, soprano
- 30 - Janos Cegledy, Hangarian pianist

Brigham Young Historic Park - Concerts - 7:30 p.m.

- 1 - Salt Lake Scots Pipe Band
- 5 - New Zealand American Society - Maori Cultural Group
- 8 - A Touch of Polynesia
- 12 - Top Brass Quintet
- 15 - Synergy - song and dance group
- 19 - Generation of Sound
- 22 - An Dragan Ceilteach - Irish step dancers
- 26 - Mountain Jubilee Chorus
- 29 - Utah Pipe Band

Brigham Young Historic Park - Talks - 8 p.m.

- 2 - Perennials - Bev and Don Sudbury
- 13 - Learn Garden Design as done on Temple Square - Shelly Zollinger
- 20 - Trees - Sherm Brough
- 27 - Preserving the Harvest - Diane and Larry Sagers

For additional events, please check:
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saltlakecathedral.org events.ksl.com
slcgov.com/PublicServices/Gallivanlds.org/calendar

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