

# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



## Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

*We won't be meeting in August. Enjoy the rest of summer! We hope to see you at our next meeting on September 21st.*

**NEXT MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2005, 6:30 p.m.**

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## UDOT to Install Traffic Signal at Capitol Hill

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will close the 300 North and Main Street intersection beginning Monday, Aug. 22 through Tuesday, Aug. 30 for signal installation and concrete crosswalk placement.

During the intersection closure, motorists will be re-directed along 500 North, east to Capitol Blvd. (135 East), west on 300 North and south on State Street. Through the duration of the project, motorists can expect single-lane closures during non-peak traffic hours through mid Sept. when the project will be complete.

UDOT began this safety improvement project in late July which includes installing a traffic signal with fluted black ornamental signal poles, new curb and gutter along with stamped and colored concrete crosswalks. As part of the project, North Main Street will become a northbound one-way street allowing inbound traffic only.

“It is our goal to improve safety for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists as well as improve traffic flow in the area” said John Montoya, UDOT project manager. “We’ve worked with the local community to design an aesthetically pleasing signal and crosswalk to match the downtown theme of Salt Lake City”.

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## This Old House — White Community Memorial Chapel 300 North & East Capitol St. By Stephen Sorenson

The trim, dignified chapel that sits just south of the Capitol grounds began its life elsewhere. Now the White Community Memorial Chapel, the Gothic Revival structure was first completed in 1883 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and A Street. Obed Taylor was the architect; the site was donated by a son of Brigham Young’s, Don Carlos Young.

In those days the building served as home for the LDS 18<sup>th</sup> Ward. One of the original nineteen wards formed in the Salt Lake Valley in 1849, the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward was the first such ecclesiastical unit for the Avenues area and over time included in its boundaries the families of such LDS notables as

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Brigham Young, his first counselor Heber C. Kimball, Presiding Bishop Newel K. Whitney, and Apostle Orson F Whitney. It was the first LDS chapel in the valley to have a steeple. It housed a renowned local ward choir, and saw the organization of the first Boy Scout troop in Utah and the first LDS Junior Sunday School.

In 1973 it was evident that the small building was not adequate for the congregation it then serviced, and the decision was made to tear it down in favor of the larger facility that now occupies the site. A group of concerned citizens was anxious to see the old chapel preserved, however, and organized as the Community Memorial Chapel Foundation. With the donation of private funds, they preserved the steeple, Gothic window frames and stained glass, pulpit, doors, benches, and other features of the building; and persuaded the Legislature in 1975 to set aside the present location for reconstruction of the chapel.

Steven T. Baird, one of the first architects in Salt Lake City to undertake serious historical restoration projects, donated his services, and in 1979,



with a generous grant from M. Kenneth White and Marie Sparks White, construction began. "It was just fantastic. We tried to do it as it was originally, inside and out," White states. While having to do many things differently in order to honor current building codes, "we try to do it so you don't see the new things. The key is, as much as possible, to do things perfectly as they were, to protect the treasures of these great old buildings. You don't cut corners." White sums up the project as "fun and

difficult." The re-built chapel was dedicated as a non-denominational community hall on June 27, 1980.

Today the chapel serves as a frequent site for weddings, recitals, reunions, and other public and private gatherings. The Whites' children and grandchildren contributed funds for the bell in the restored steeple; a 19<sup>th</sup>-century reed organ rests near the original pulpit, and one of the full stained glass windows from the old chapel is displayed at the front of the hall. At the rear, half-spiral stairways lead up to a three-row slanted gallery, and down to additional gathering and activity space in the basement. It stands as a quiet tribute to the generosity and persistence of those who saw in the old chapel a simple refinement and strength worth preserving.

The Capitol Hill 2nd LDS ward is sponsoring a Community Potluck Party on September 8 at 6 pm on the triangle west of the Capitol. All are invited and welcome!

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **The Children's Museum of Utah**, Call 328-3383 for opportunities or see [www.childmuseum.org](http://www.childmuseum.org).
- **Crossroads Urban Center**, (347 S. 400 E) helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. Their **Thrift Store**, 1385 W. Indiana (850 S.), needs various items each month. Call 364-7765 for information. To donate food, call 359-8837.
- **The Road Home** (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.theroadhome.org](http://www.theroadhome.org).
- **LifeCare** (1025 S. 700 W.) needs volunteers to help homebound seniors and persons with disabilities by delivering food boxes. For more information, call Taylor Beckstead 978-2452 ext. 229 .
- Help the **Neighborhood Watch** for two hours or more monthly. To help, or for more information, please call Joan Legge, 355-8396.
- **TreeUtah** for information about current projects, visit [www.treeutah.org](http://www.treeutah.org) or call 364-2122 to learn more.
- **English Skills Learning Center** seeks volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.
- **Become a foster parent**: You can be married or single, with or without children, renter or homeowner. Involves 32 hours of training. Visit [www.utahfostercare.org](http://www.utahfostercare.org) .
- **Primary Children's Medical Center** needs volunteers for its information desks, gift shop, and other areas. Call 588-2446 for more information.
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successful!

### FEATURED NEIGHBOR

*Darryl Thomas*

*Roller Coaster and Skydiving Aficionado*

**NAME:** Darryl William Thomas

**ADDRESS:** Capitol Hill, lifelong resident (raised in family home on North State Street, now lives in Ensign Downs neighborhood.)

**FAMILY:** Wife Susan, daughters Rachel and Sarah, son-in-law Aaron and adorable grandson.

**EDUCATION:** Ed.D. in educational curriculum instruction with emphasis in mathematics.

**POSITIONS HELD:**

- Algebra, geometry, and science teacher at Hillside Junior High (3 years).
- AP calculus teacher, cheer-leading advisor, East High (4 years).
- Math supervisor, Granite School District (4 years).
- Principal, Magna Elementary School (8 years).
- Principal, Wasatch Junior High (5 years).
- Director of Research, Assessment and Evaluation, Granite School District (12 years).

**HOBBIES:** “One great big hobby” – teaching college algebra at Salt Lake Community College in his spare time for the past 11 years (“I do that to feel like I’m still a teacher, to have some students of my own.”)

**ADDITIONAL HOBBY:** Seeking out and visiting the highest, fastest, best



roller coasters and other extreme rides in the country. Really. (This started when their daughters were young and Darryl would take the family to major amusement parks and ride the most challenging rides with Susan and their girls. This became a mild obsession that has led the Thomas’s to perhaps fifteen major parks over the years, and has made Darryl an expert on North American coasters. His favorite park? Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie, with about sixteen coasters, “the roller coaster capital of the world. They have a couple of coasters over 300 feet tall, and on a clear day you can see across the lake to Canada.” His favorite ride is the “Magnum” at Cedar Point, a steel coaster he admires for its height and speed. His second favorite ride? The “Goliath” at

Magic Mountain in California, over 200 feet high. Asked about Disneyland, Darryl remarks, quite charitably, that the famous California destination “tends to be sort of a family park – magnificent rides that aren’t that exciting.”

**LATEST ODD HOBBY:** In June Darryl fulfilled a long-time ambition by sky-diving from 13,000 feet (twice the height of the Wasatch Range.) In a tandem jump, he free-fell for 43 seconds at 130 m.p.h. (“a full football field every one and a half seconds,” he notes.) He enjoyed himself immensely and will probably do it again.

Why would a distinguished educator do these things? He smiles and says something about how long-distance running releases healthy endorphins into runners’ systems, only “I get my cardiovascular exercise by jumping out of planes and riding roller coasters.”

### FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Farmer’s Market:**

- Saturday Mornings at Pioneer Park thru October 15th, 8am - 1 pm

**Gallivan Center Events:** ([www.thegallivancenter.com](http://www.thegallivancenter.com))

- Lunch Bunch Concert Series, Weekdays, Noon -1:00 pm
- Twilight Concert Series, 7:00 -10:00 pm, Aug. 11, 18, 25.
- Folk Bluegrass Festival, Aug. 13, 2:00 -10:00 pm.
- Sundance Outdoor Film Festival, Movies start at sundown, Aug. 8: *Miss America*, Aug. 18: *Goodbye Lenin*, Aug. 22: *Whale Rider*.

**Concert in the Park**

- Brigham Young Historic Park, 7:30 pm, Aug. 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

**Italian Center Utah**

- Spaghetti Sauce Cook-Off, Tony Caputo Market, 12:30 - 6:30 pm.
- “Ferragosto” 400 West 300 South, 10:00 am -10:00 pm.

**Temple Square Assembly Hall Concerts**

- Aug. 13: *Viola-violin duo*; Aug. 20: *Flute ensemble*

**Utah Museum of Natural History (For more information call 581-5567 or see [www.umnh.utah.edu](http://www.umnh.utah.edu))**

- Aug. 8-12 – “Pet Pals,” for ages 5 and 6. Learn how to take care of pets. Activities include crafts and games at the museum and making a pet care box to take home.
- Aug. 20 & 27 -- “Project Underground Workshop,” Aug. 20 will feature hands-on activities at the museum to create a greater awareness of caves, their resources, and management needs. On Aug. 27, a field trip is planned to Timpanogos Cave National Monument in Utah County. The events are in conjunction with the museum’s current twin exhibits, “Caves: A Fragile Wilderness” and The Dark Zone: Discovering Utah’s Caves.”