



Gifford Park's Pride

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, Sep 1st
7:00 P.M.

St. Joseph's Hospital
Dining Rooms A, B, & C

FREE PARKING

September Harvest
Moon



**Cheap at 200% of
the Price**

OH Woo is me. Everything is soooo expensive. A dollar doesn't buy much anymore! If only I could get a bargain.....

Never Fear, The GPNA is here!
Now..... at the rate you can't
refuse..... memberships only \$8.00
per year/per family.... now thats a
great bargain considering.....

1-pack of Loren's El-Cheapo
Cigarettes @ \$1.44/day= \$525.60/year
1-six pack of El-Cheapo Beer @
\$1.99/week= \$\$103.48/year
1-gallon of El-Cheapo Gas @
\$1.19/gallon/day= \$434.35/year
1-bottle of El-Cheapo hair tonic @
\$1.95/month= \$23.40/year

YOU SEE THE POINT?
For \$8.00, you get:

- Membership in the most
progressive neighborhood
association in Omaha (NUFF SAID)
- The satisfaction of contributing to
social order, the fight against crime,
and a great newsletter 12 times a
year.
- Friendship and a place to go on the
first Thursday of every month (GPNA
meetings, although you don't have to
be a member)
- A cure for baldness, crooked teeth,
drug addiction, and warts.
(OK, So We Lied A Little On That
One)
- A big thank you from all current
members (Maybe we can balance our
budget this year!)

Really Folks, for the price of .0219178
cents a day (thats a little over two
pennies) The Bargain is Now, The
Bargain is Here,
JOIN JOIN JOIN!!!

FOR SALE

**5 Motorola 2-way FM
Radios, Excellent
Condition**
**Interested Parties Call:
558-6027**

Bob Hutton Keeps Mowers Mowing

Gifford Park Neighborhood Tool Lending has been in operation for about three years. Its goal is simple: provide people in our neighborhood the opportunity to rent tools for a nominal fee (mainly to cover maintenance and upkeep costs of tools). Everyone benefits from this program. Many people who live in our neighborhood have no space to store tools or do not have access to certain tools or cannot afford to buy many tools. The neighborhood itself benefits when people use the tools to take care of their home and property. Ladders, rakes, shovels, saws, and garden tools are just some of the tools available in Neighborhood Tool Lending. But lawn mowers have been by far the most popular tool to rent. The cost to rent a mower is \$5, mainly to cover maintenance, which can be high on older mowers especially if a small engine mechanic is needed. But we have Bob Hutton who has been fixing our mowers all along. His expertise and

experience in repairing engines and other mechanical systems is a great asset to our neighborhood. Because of Bob's efforts, this valuable program has continued to be an important part of maintaining our neighborhood's homes and yards by sharing our resources.

You do not have to be a member of the GPNA to take advantage of our tool lending program. The rent for most tools is \$3, and lawn mowers are \$5. Call Today

TOOL LENDING HOTLINE

Ed 314-0475

Jim 341-4695

Chris 342-6006

P.S. If anyone has a lawn mower they wish to donate to the GPNA Tool Lending Program, please call the Tool Lending Hotline!

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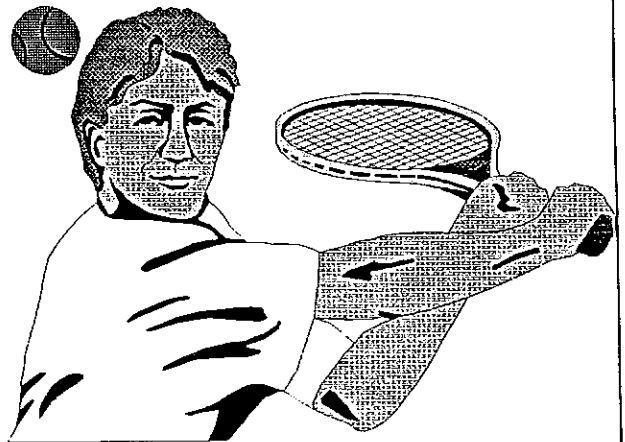
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WISDOM FOR THE MONTH SUCCESS

TO LAUGH OFTEN AND MUCH; TO WIN THE RESPECT OF INTELLIGENT PEOPLE AND AFFECTION OF CHILDREN; TO EARN THE APPRECIATION OF HONEST CRITICS AND ENDURE THE BETRAYAL OF FALSE FRIENDS; TO APPRECIATE BEAUTY; TO FIND THE BEST IN OTHERS; TO LEAVE THE WORLD A BIT BETTER, WHETHER BY A HEALTHY CHILD, A GARDEN PATCH OR A REDEEMED SOCIAL CONDITION; TO KNOW EVEN ONE LIFE HAS BREATHED EASIER BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIVED. THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED.

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON



Is There a Wimbledon Tennis Champion in Gifford Park?

Maybe! During the month of August the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association provided free tennis lessons to about 20 youths ages 7 to 14. The lessons, held in Gifford Park on each Wednesday in August from 6 to 7 PM, were taught by 7 volunteer tennis instructors.

Drills and lessons included running, relay races, gripping the racquet, bouncing the ball, forehand and backhand ground strokes, volleys, serving, hitting against a backboard, and the overall game of tennis. Our goals through tennis are, to help build self-esteem, self-discipline, sportsmanship, and be a positive experience for everyone.

This program is only as good as the tennis instructors who volunteered their time and energy for the kids. They all did a great job and enjoyed every minute of the lessons...and it showed:

Steve Countryman, Chris Foster, Jackie Foster, Jenny Foster, Roger Freeman, Kirk Peck, and Diane Wilwerding

Judi Caban was responsible for most of the legwork gathering registration forms, calling participants, supplying information and other administrative duties that got this tennis program rolling from the start.

Thanks also to Tom McGinn and Jerry Flood, City of Omaha, for giving their support to the Gifford Park Tennis Program.

This program would not have happened if Jenny Foster was not involved. Jenny's ideas, planning and commitment turned the program from just talk into a reality for the 20 kids involved.

Special Thanks goes to Dante Simone and the Tennis Our Way Youth Program. Dante was instrumental in providing tennis racquets and balls, information and support for our GPNA Tennis Program. Tennis Our Way is a volunteer organization that is run with donations from citizens within our community. The program is directed to the inner city youth who has not had the opportunity to be exposed to the game of tennis.

California Bar & Pkg. 510 No. 33rd St.

**Serving the Gifford Park
Community since 1937
Wayne and Peggy Hill,
Proprietors**



The GPNA hopes to do this program again next year on a larger scale!

Micklin Lumber, Ideal Hardware Donate Materials for Tennis Backboard

Local businesses Micklin Lumber (1020 N 19th St.) donated about half of the materials needed to put up an 8 foot by 8 foot tennis backboard at the Gifford Park tennis courts. Micklin Lumber donated about half of the lumber needed and Ideal Hardware donated a gallon of paint. If you shop at either of these businesses, tell them thanks from the GPNA. Special thanks also go to Jackie Foster for making a cash donation toward the backboard. Ron Yates, Ed Hendershot, Sallie Foster, and Chris Foster painted and erected the backboard. Dave Weber, a long time tennis pro in Omaha, provided valuable input into the design of the backboard, which is very solid and should be enjoyed for years to come. Thanks also to Jerry Flood, City of Omaha Maintenance, who was more than willing to give the GPNA permission to construct the backboard at the courts. A project well done by everyone involved.

The backboard has been such an asset to the tennis courts that the GPNA would like to erect another larger backboard. If you know of anyone who would like to make a donation (money or materials), please contact Chris Foster at 342-6006 or Ron Yates at 558-6027. We project the cost of materials for a larger backboard to be near \$400.

Both adults and children tennis players learn to improve their game by practicing against a backboard

- try it at Gifford Park.



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Friendly Service

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7:00 AM - 11:00 PM FRIDAY THRU SATURDAY
8:00 AM - 10:00 PM SUNDAY

Students in the Hood

We have a lot of university students living in the Gifford Park Neighborhood. Nearly all are good neighbors, but this time of year we always seem to have a few new students that have a difficult orientation period. This usually leads to friction and bad feelings before things are worked out. The purpose of this article is to perhaps avoid some of these misunderstandings.

The first area of difficulty is in the matter of hours. While most homeowners in our neighborhood are asleep by 11:00 PM (earlier for children), most students seem to keep much later hours. If you wonder what keeps the neighbors awake, imagine

how much you would like to hear a party, a car horn, or someone else's music at 6:00 AM. There is hardly anything more irritating than being woken up, so a little consideration in this area will probably avoid the majority of problems.

The second problem area is parties. Besides aggravating the first problem, your guests are rarely as considerate about the neighbors as you are. There is rarely trouble as long as you stay inside and keep quiet when you have friends over, but if your guests are outside and making noise there will be problems. There is another phenomenon that should also be mentioned. On some nights we seem to have a lot of people driving around looking for some entertainment. If you are having a small outside party, you will soon have 50 or 100 new guests. You are responsible for the behavior of all of your new friends, and you can

imagine the usual conclusion of this situation.

The final suggestion is to introduce yourself to your neighbors and give them your phone number. In cases when neighbors are irritated, most would rather not get up, get dressed and come over to exchange words with you. Especially when they don't know you, it is much easier to reach over and dial 911. Both the laws and the police are generally more sympathetic to the homeowners than to you, and if the police should happen to be called twice, they are usually quite unpleasant. If the neighbors know you, they are much more likely to talk to you about these problems.

The Gifford Park Neighborhood is a good place to live for students. It is close to school, rents are reasonable, and the neighborhood is generally quite safe. With a little effort we hope that we will enjoy your year in school and your time with us.



WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE TO MAKE
YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD A

BETTER PLACE IN **WHICH TO LIVE?**

BE A GOOD
NEIGHBOR!
CONSIDER THE RIGHTS
OF OTHERS, AND THE
AFFECTS OF YOUR
ACTIONS ON THE
WELFARE OF YOUR
NEIGHBORS AND THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

MAINTAIN YOUR
PROPERTY!
FIX UP, CLEAN UP,
PAINT UP, AND PLANT
FLOWERS AND TREES.
LIMIT NOISE, PARK
RESPONSIBLY, AND
MOW REGULARLY.

KEEP YOUR PLACE
AS IF YOUR
PARENTS OR
FAMILY IS COMING
FOR A VISIT!