



Gifford Park's Pride

Gifford Park Neighborhood: A Great Place to Live, Work, Learn and Play

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City Expands Spring Cleanup

This year's Spring Cleanup, called the "Cleanup Omaha Program", will be expanded in several areas to give everyone the opportunity to participate. As in the past we will have a Spring Cleanup day for our neighborhood. (The date for our neighborhood's cleanup will be set after April 1st). Events planned are Neighborhood Cleanup, Dumpsters in Gifford Park, Recycling, Picnic in the Park and Membership Drive. Once again the City of Omaha will provide us with dumpsters in Gifford Park and operate several chipper sites for tree brush. The focus of the Spring Cleanup is for everyone to cleanup and beautify our yards, streets, alleys, parks and vacant lots. Make the effort to get your neighbor involved and offer to help. The GPNA will have trucks and volunteers on cleanup day.

The specific areas that will be expanded as part of "Cleanup Omaha" are as follows:

- There will be five dates this year instead of three for neighborhoods to choose from to reserve dumpsters.
- Seven satellite sites will be open to anyone on two Saturday's - April 13 and April 20, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The nearest locations are Park Maintenance Headquarters (1523 South 24th Street), Elmwood Pool Parking Lot (606 South Happy Hollow Blvd.) and Public Works Yard (2601 Lake Street). Items NOT accepted at these sites are yard waste, hazardous materials (paint, herbicides, etc.), tree brush and tires.
- There will be a **Recycling Center** open for all citizens at Ak-Sar-Ben (63rd & Center Street) each Saturday from April 13 - May 25, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Items accepted: metal, appliances, batteries, reuse items for Goodwill and Salvation Army, magazines, glass, plastic #1 & #2, aluminum and ferrous metal, cardboard and newsprint/newspaper. Tires will be accepted but there will be a small fee.
- **Adopt A Lot/Community Garden:** The City will provide a dumpster at a vacant lot to be cleaned by the Neighborhood Association, and with the owner's permission, the City will till the location providing a "community garden".
- **Branching into neighborhoods,** is a new street tree planting program. The City will furnish planted trees to neighborhoods at no cost to residents. Planting will start April 1.
- **Curb & Street Sweeping** is planned for our neighborhood the week of May 13-19. The Public Works Department asks that

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Next Meeting

**Thursday, March 7th
7:00 P.M.**

Guest Speaker:

O.P.D. Lt. Don Thorsen

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

FREE PARKING

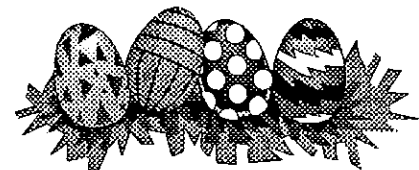
Historically Speaking...

The Bolin Boys

Folks living around 34th and California in the 1930's knew all about the Bolin boys. They were the boys with the soapbox car powered by a loud motor that disturbed many a peaceful day or evening as it rattled down driveways, alleys and streets. These same boys were also interested in the new medium of radio. Brother George became a ham operator and, of course, couldn't keep his twin brothers, Howard and Richard, away from his set. The neighbors also knew only too well about this phase in the boys' lives. Radios were prized possessions and families had their special programs. When these programs were interrupted by amateur voices and static there was no doubt but that the Bolin boys were responsible. Their patient

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**Seventh Annual
GPNA Easter Egg Hunt
Coming Soon!**



Watch for Details



Where to Call With Neighborhood Problems or General Information

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| | Vehicle Imbound Lot | 444-5782 |
| Control | Environmental Services | 444-6015/6016 |
| | Humane Society | 444-7800 |
| Injured or Stray Animals | Humane Society | 444-7800 |
| Sidewalk | Sidewalk Division | 444-5266 |
| of Courses or Recreation Center | Parks & Rec. Dept. | 444-5900 |
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| tion or Complaints | Mayor's Action Office | 444-5555 |
| p | Sewer Maintenance | 444-5332 |
| | United Way | 444-6666 |
| ses Needing Help with City | Marketing & Bus. Dev. | 444-5211 |
| tion | | 444-7000 |
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| ints | City Council | 444-5520 |
| | Police Division | 444-5600 |
| les | Traffic Engineering | 444-4919 |
| ment Houses Deteriorated Garages, | Planning | 444-5371 |
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| ocal Number | | 1-800-366-2998 |
| p | Solid Waste | 444-5238 |
| e Breaks, or Fire Hydrants | M.U.D. | 554-7777 |
| kers | County Clerk | 444-6080 |
| ocking View of Traffic | Forestry Division | 444-5925 |
| in the Street | Street Maintenance | 444-4919 |
| from Property Taxes | County Assessor | 444-7185 |
| m, Civil Rights Violations | Human Relations | 444-5055 |
| ehicles | Police Department or | 444-5888 |
| | Mayor's Action Office | 444-5555 |
| Attractions | Tourism Convention | 444-4660 |
| Program | Police Department | 444-5772 |
| Signs | Traffic Engineering | 444-5250 |
| ices Complaints | Captain's Aide Office | 444-5888 |
| | Register of Deeds | 444-7162/7163 |
| pen Refrigerator/Freezer in Yard | Douglas County Health | 444-7481 |
| | | 444-4500 |
| r Dead Animals | Humane Society | 444-7800 |
| ation | Permits & Inspections | 444-5363/5364 |
| ormation) | | 1-800-742-7690 |
| blems or Complaints | Construction Engineer | 444-5220 |
| lectrical Wires Down | O.P.P.D. | 554-6773 |
| or Missing | Traffic Maintenance | 444-5160 |
| imination Issues | Human Relations | 444-5055 |
| l Issues | Legal Aid Society | 348-1060 |
| | | 444-5034 |
| d on Front Lawns | Permits & Inspections | 444-5350 |
| m City Right-of-Way | Traffic Engineering | 444-4919 |
| Building | Code Enforcement | 444-5371 |
| Litter | Weeds & Litter | 444-5910 |
| it (Gang Hotline) | | 444-6920 |
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| | Permits & Inspections | 444-5364 |

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by Ron Yates

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parents, Veda and Clarence Bolin, were apologetic and long-suffering. Clarence was a highly qualified auto and motor mechanic and an amateur photographer.

From out of this background Howard Bolin honed his skill and knowledge of radio and, eventually, TV, until he was able to open his own store on 33rd Street—American Radio and TV. He first located on the west side of 33rd next to the Hinky Dinky store, and then in about 1951, he moved across the street to 529 N. 33rd, the present location of Welling Electronics Service Co. Howard was blessed with the knack of “fixing things”. His expertise was radio repair and this developed into TV repair. He also sold radios and television sets. His shop was a popular place to view programs in the days before every home had one, or two, or three. These viewers became customers for Howard’s radios and TVs. Business was good, Howard was married, had two daughters, and bought a home at 35th and California, but his health failed and he died in October of 1959. The shop was bought by it’s present owners.

by Eva Swanson

Spring Cleanup Coming Soon

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residents sweep down their driveways and sidewalks to assist them in retrieving sand, gravel and salt from entering our sewer waste stream.

“Cleanup Omaha” is planned to bring about the most comprehensive and cooperative neighborhood cleanup efforts in recent history. The GPNA would like to extend our thanks and continued support to **Mayor Hal Daub, the City of Omaha and Keep Omaha Beautiful (KOB)** for their efforts with the Spring Cleanup.

For more information contact **Chris Foster (342-6006), Terry Wilwerding (342-2795)** or **Ron Yates (558-6027)**.

Neighbor of the Month, Terry Wilwerding

Some of the following information was taken from the article 'Terry Wilwerding named Distinguished Graduate' printed in the Catholic Voice.

St. Cecilia Cathedral Elementary School considers Dr. Terrence (Terry) M. Wilwerding to be one of its distinguished graduates and the National Catholic Educational Associations agrees. It has named him one of the recipients of the 1996 NCEA Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate Award. The award was given February 2nd.

We in the GPNA know Terry’s accomplishments and involvement in many of our neighborhood’s activities including neighborhood cleanups, GPNA Watch Group, newsletter contributor, weeds & litter, youth activities and being a good neighbor. But you may not know the extent of his involvement outside of the GPNA. Terry’s community service has been nothing short of inspiring:

Terry graduated from St. Cecilia in 1966 and from Creighton Prep in 1970. He went on to Creighton University and received his doctorate from the Creighton University Dental School in 1977. He is currently an associate professor and chair of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics at Creighton’s Dental School.

He has been a participant in Big Brothers, Big Sisters since 1978 and was named Big Brother of the Year in 1984. He has volunteered with the Francis House Maintenance Committee since 1987 and in 1990 received its Outstanding Volunteer Award. Vehicle maintenance continues to be a service project for him. He was active in the Salvation Army Tree of Lights Christmas Drive in 1983 and 1984 and served as director of the men’s division 1985. He gave service to Latin American concern from 1986-89. He served on the board of directors of the Indian Chicano Health Center since 1993 and is currently treasurer. He has also served as a mentor at Field Club School and Sacred Heart School, and as assistant scoutmaster and now troop committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 100.

Terry was elected to the St. Cecilia Board of Education in 1978 and stayed until 1991, serving as secretary, vice president and president along the way. He has also been elected to the Cathedral Parish Council twice, and the Cathedral Finance Board. In 1991 he became a member of the Omaha Archdiocesan Board of Education. In 1993 he served as vice president and in 1995 he was elected president.

Bonnie Pryor, principal at St. Cecilia, summed it up best - “In his docile and unassuming manner, Terry has been able to motivate and inspire others to reach their goals regardless of the challenge, and he is an asset to the Omaha community.” Congratulations Terry!

Cars And Parking Are A Problem In The Gifford Park Neighborhood

you drive around the Gifford Park neighborhood on any day, you will see plenty of parking violations. In fact, this is probably the most violated of any of the city laws in our neighborhood. When most of the houses in our area were built, the families did not even have a car, and some houses were built without a driveway or garage. Older houses were built in the era of true horsepower. These days most families have at least two cars. Many houses have been converted to rental property. A city ordinance states that only three unrelated people or less can live in a rental neighborhood). In any case we now have a lot of people with a lot of cars in an area not designed for them.



NO PARKING

it (another law also commonly violated in our neighborhood). In any case we now have a lot of people with a lot of cars in an area not designed for them.

one common problem is parking across sidewalks and children to walk in the street to get around. It also prevents kids from playing and down the sidewalks without going into the street. Front yard parking is also illegal, as driving over curbs to park. Parking on the wrong side of the street is also common (often seen when parking or pulling out.

walks. Besides being unsightly, it forces people to get around. It also prevents kids from playing the street. Front yard parking is also illegal, as wrong side of the street is also common (often places?). This is dangerous because traffic cannot

parking between the sidewalk and street is also a problem. The city sometimes allows this area to be paved and then it can be leased back from the city for parking. A sign must be posted with a city sticker. It is definitely prohibited to park on non-paved areas between the sidewalk and street. The final problem is non licensed cars. No one cares if the family car is parked in a garage, but vehicles within sight must be licensed. Besides detracting from the appearance of our neighborhood, junk cars are an invitation to vandalism.

many think that parking violations are a sort of victimless crime, but in fact are unsightly, inconsiderate and can be dangerous. In the past, the neighborhood association has gotten good cooperation from the police when they have complained about a problem. So if a few parking tickets start appearing around our neighborhood, you read about it first in this newsletter.

by Terry Wilwerding



GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
532 N. 33rd Street, Omaha, NE 68131
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Please print clearly)



GPNA Membership Is A Good Deal For Everyone

A membership to the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association benefits everyone because you get out much more than you put in. Your membership helps pay for this newsletter, neighborhood cleanups and beautification programs, youth activities, social activities, neighborhood watch equipment, tool lending and many other worthwhile programs. We would appreciate your support, so please join the GPNA today - your membership will be good through June, 1997.

Membership year: _____ *(Membership year runs from June 1 through May 31)*

Type of membership: Single (\$5) _____ Family (\$8) _____ Business (\$25) _____

Name of business _____

Name _____ (Last) _____ (First)

Spouse _____ (Last) _____ (First)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Telephone Number: _____ (Home) _____ (Work)

In case of an emergency notify: _____ (Name) _____ (Address) _____ (Phone No.)

May this information be included in the GPNA Neighborhood Directory? Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____