



Gifford Park's Pride

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

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May 5th Is Gifford Park Day

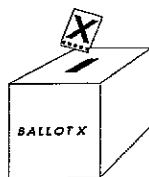
Everyone's Invited To The Big Celebration!

Do any of the following activities interest you or your family: 25 cent hot dogs, 10 cent ice cream, parade, clowns, inflatable moonwalk ride, live music, dancing, live improvisation skit, water balloon toss, chalk painting, face painting, Fontenelle Forest animal exhibit, health screening, antique cars, firetruck, police cruiser and horse patrol, safety and health information, neighborhood shirts and hats, raffle prizes including a VCR, free kids prizes, and more – and admission is **FREE**? Come on down to Gifford Park **Saturday, May 5** from 11 a.m. to about 4 p.m. and help us celebrate our great park and neighborhood (rain date is Sunday, May 6).

Starting at 11 a.m. volunteers will decorate bikes, wagons, scooters, and floats (or whatever else you can find) for the parade through the park. At noon we will have a park and tree dedication by **Mayor Hal Daub**. The parade, complete with a marching band, will immediately follow at about 12:30 p.m. All kids participating in the parade will receive a free token for the moonwalk ride. Prizes will be given for the best decorated parade vehicles. All of the other activities mentioned above will begin at 1 p.m. and run to about 3 p.m. At about 3 p.m. we will draw for raffle prizes which include a VCR, CD player, shirts, California Taco meals, Fontenelle Forest Nature Center memberships and passes, bike helmets and much more.

Come to the May 3rd GPNA meeting to hear more details. We can always use more volunteers to assist with Gifford Park Day, especially with kids' activities. A flyer should be included with this newsletter with more available at neighborhood businesses. Call **Chris** at 342-6006 or **Peter** at 341-7293 for information. Please spread the word about Gifford Park Day and hope for good weather!

Don't Forget To VOTE!
Mayoral and City Council
Election
Tuesday, May 15, 2001



Next Meeting

Thursday, May 3

7:00 P.M.

Agenda

- 6:45 - 7:10 Ice Cream, Cake, Cookies, Social Time
- 7:10 - 7:30 Business Meeting - Gifford Park Day
- 7:30 - 7:35 Break
- 7:35 - 8:15 City Council Candidates' Forum

St. Joseph Hospital
Becic Dining Room

May Meeting's Agenda Reflects Busy Month in Gifford Park

There's something for everyone at this month's GPNA general meeting. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to learn about several upcoming youth programs in our neighborhood. Come early because ice cream and cake will be served starting at 6:45 p.m. Informational flyers and sign-up forms for the Tennis Blitz, Bike Rodeo, Sun Dawgs, Show Wagon and other programs will be available – these events are **FREE**! We will also cover final plans for Gifford Park Day.

After the business meeting, we will have a City Council Candidates' Forum with current City Councilman **Bob Sivick** and challenger **Jim Vokal**. The Forum will start about 7:35 p.m. We will raffle off a couple of brand new GPNA embroidered T-shirts at the end of the meeting.

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The President's Column

Back in January I knew this spring would be busy, especially with Gifford Park Day and all the planning that had to be done. Now that spring is here it's almost overwhelming with all of the events and activities happening here in our neighborhood, but that's what makes things exciting and creates opportunities for us to meet new people and grow. Take our Gifford Park Day celebration for example. The GPNA Planning Committee has volunteered many hours preparing and coordinating a variety of activities for everyone. The goal is to provide a sampling of food, education, nature, music, culture and good old-fashioned FUN. I ask that you encourage your family and neighbors to come down to Gifford Park on Saturday May 5.

There are a number of other events coming up in May and June, and I encourage you to read the articles and Calendar of Events in this newsletter to find out more. We can always use your help and talents with these events or new ideas you may have - just call the phone numbers listed on this page or come to our monthly neighborhood meetings.

I want to update everyone on police activities in our area. I'm sure most of you know on April 2, Arthur Lee Gales was arrested for the murder of **Tramar** and **Latara Chandler** and the severe beating of their mother **Judy**, which occurred last November. We would like to especially thank **Sgt. Patrick Rowland** and the entire Homicide Division for their hard work in following up on 200 leads in the case. Also tragically, one of the two victims in the November beating at a 34th & Dodge St. apartment died recently - this incident has turned into a homicide. Because of the good work of **Officer Jason Pratt**, the individuals who committed this crime were caught shortly after the beatings. Hopefully our neighborhood or any others never have to experience tragedies like these again.

The GPNA met with **Captain Pitmon Foxall**, **Lt. Rich Swircinski** and **City Prosecutor Marty Conboy** on April 11 at the Northeast Precinct. We discussed the "revolving door" scenario of career criminals who cause problems on 33rd & California. We brought to the meeting criminal history records and photos of specific individuals identified by police as troublemakers. One individual had 49 incidences (5 pages long) and another individual, who had just turned 21, had a list 2 pages long. Obviously this is frustrating to residents and police. Marty Conboy described some of the legal processes of how this happens and advice on what legal options are available to businesses, police and the neighborhood association. The GPNA sent copies of these criminal history records, photos and letters to the Mayor, City Councilman, Police Officials, City Prosecutor, Douglas County Attorney, U.S. Attorney and judges. The letters basically describe these facts that lead to frustration with the "system" to allow these people to dog our neighborhood. In these two cases, the "system" is not only failing our neighborhood, it is failing these two men. What is the "system" teaching? We are asking everyone involved to be accountable for their part. We as a neighborhood association are part of the "system" and need to be part of the solution too. Maybe Gifford Park Day can be a positive solution in our efforts to have a safe neighborhood... See you May 5th.

by Chris Foster

TOOL LENDING HOTLINE



Mike 933-7506
Chris 342-6006

Mowers - \$5
Rent for most tools - \$3



Tennis Blitz Date Set

The GPNA will be providing a free 1 ½ hour tennis lesson for anyone (including families) on **Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** at **Gifford Park**. The rain date is the next day, Sunday, at the same time. Racquets and balls will be provided. As always we ask all participants to fill out a simple registration form. Forms will be available at **J-N-J Grocery and California Tacos** located at **33rd & California**. A parent or guardian's signature is needed for youth. For more information, to register, or if you have any old tennis racquets that you would like to donate to the Gifford Park Tennis Program, call **342-6006**. Incidentally, Kellom School is having a Tennis Assembly Day prior to the Gifford Park tennis event. The Omaha Tennis Association has been a big help with supporting tennis events in our area.

Tool Lending Program is 10 Years Old

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Tool Lending Program has been in operation for 10 years, and is off to a fast start this year. Its goal is simple: provide people in our neighborhood the opportunity to rent tools for a nominal fee (mainly to cover maintenance costs). Everyone can benefit – you **DO NOT** have to be GPNA member to take advantage of this program. Many people in our area have no space to store tools or do not have access to certain 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 some of the tools available with the program. Lawnmowers have been the most popular to rent at \$5. Many thanks go to **Bob Hutton** and **Mike Bacome** for maintenance of mowers at little or no cost. The GPNA is always looking for additional tools or mowers that anyone would like to donate for tool lending. For information on renting tools and mowers, call **Chris 342-6006** or **Mike 933-7506**.

GPNA Boundaries

The boundaries of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association are the Interstate on the east, 37th Street on the west, Dodge Street on the south and Cuming Street on the north. Anyone living, working, or having an interest in this area is welcome to join.

Want to
Advertise in
the Gifford
Park Pride?

If so,
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345-0125

Need Your House Painted? Paint-A-Thon May Be Able To Help

You could have the exterior of your home painted at absolutely no cost by volunteers from Omaha area businesses, congregations, and service clubs. The 13th Annual **Brush Up Nebraska Paint-A-Thon** is looking for low-income elderly and disabled homeowners whose houses need a new coat of paint. Homeowners who may be eligible can apply for this service by filling out an application form, which is available at any **Norwest Bank** or by calling **First Call for Help, 444-6666**. An independent selection committee of housing and human service agency professionals will review the applications. The application deadline is **June 4**. Those homes that are selected will be painted by a team of volunteers on **August 18**.

The Paint-A-Thon was established in 1989 as a community service to older adults and disabled homeowners who are unable to physically or financially paint their homes. Since the program began, volunteers have painted 1,386 houses, with a goal of 100 homes this year. The Paint-A-Thon is made possible through the financial support of a large number of area businesses.

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Ten Laws You Should Know

1. Your pet must be licensed. Each license is valid 12 months from the date of purchase.
2. No residence may have more than three dogs. Contact Permits and Inspection for exceptions.
3. No residence or business may have more than five cats without a cattery license.
4. Dogs shall not be loose at any time unless in a fenced yard or unless the owner is with the dog and is in control of the dog by means of a leash.
5. It is unlawful to hold a stray or lost dog or cat on your property. It must be turned over to the Nebraska Humane Society.
6. Any animal **not** immunized against rabies that bites or attacks a person causing an injury must be turned over to a licensed veterinarian or the Nebraska Humane Society for a 10 day observation period. Boarding costs will be borne by the owner of the animal in question.
7. Any animal that has been immunized against rabies within 12 months, but more than 3 weeks, from the date of the bite, may be held at home for observation at the discretion of the Humane Society.
8. New residents of the city are required to license any dogs/cats owned within 30 days of residency.
9. Each dog and cat **must** receive an annual rabies immunization by a licensed veterinarian
10. Impounded animals **must** be claimed within 72 hours. Failure to do so may result in loss of ownership.

PENALTY FOR ANY VIOLATION IS A FINE UP TO \$500 - A JAIL SENTENCE UP TO SIX MONTHS - OR BOTH.

Source: Nebraska Humane Society

Location, Volunteers Make Tax Help 2001 A Successful Operation



Many thanks to IRS volunteers who provided free tax help in our neighborhood this year. Jackie Foster, Pat Prochaska, Mary Thompson and Linda Wilson processed a total of 108 returns, most electronically filed. This year the GPNA again set up two computers for volunteers to use. Many thanks to the American Labor Force for letting us use their space during the tax season.



OLD MARKET

SATURDAYS
May 12 - October 13
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
11th and Jackson

WEDNESDAYS
June 13 - August 15
4 to 8 p.m.
11th and Howard

NORTH OMAHA

SATURDAYS
May 26 - September 22
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Urban League Parking Lot at 30th and Lake

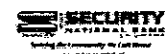
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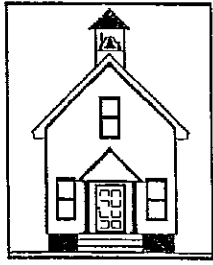
Enter Key Word "Farmers Market" or Call 345-5401

Park Planting Project Completed

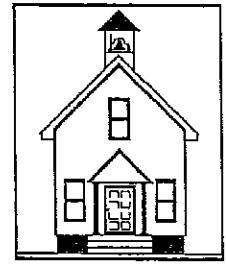
Have you seen the park lately? Indian Creek Nursery has completed the park planting project in Gifford Park and it is quite impressive. This project involved many people, but special



recognition goes to Kate Schumaker and Dave Mooter with the Nebraska State Arboretum, which provided a \$14,000 grant; Joel Long with the Omaha World-Herald Branching Out Program, which provided a \$3,500 grant; and Pat Slaven, Park Planner with the City of Omaha, who met a number of times with the GPNA to create the park master plan. It is because of their efforts and vision that our park dreams have come to fruition, and this is why we are having a Gifford Park Day celebration.



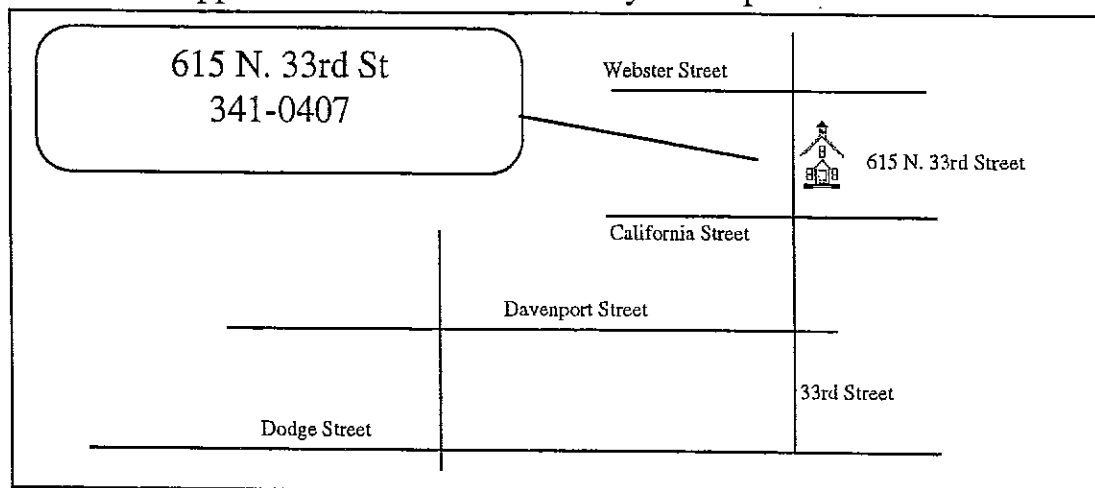
NEBRASKA CHILDCARE CENTERS



341-0407

- * Quality childcare for children ages 6 weeks thru 12 years
- * Developmentally appropriate activities
- * Safe, state approved transportation
- * U.S.D.A. approved food program, including meals and snacks
- * Client transportation to local schools
- * We accept Title 20

Appointments are not necessary so drop in for a visit.



Another Fine Day For The Easter Egg Hunt

The 12th Annual GPNA Easter Egg Hunt brought out the best in our neighborhood again this year with perfect weather to boot. Nearly 150 neighborhood children gathered in Gifford Park Saturday, April 14th at noon. Volunteers spent an hour picking up trash in the park and "hiding" candy just before the kids filled their Easter baskets. As in the past, children were divided into the following age groups: 4 & under, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 years old.

Special recognition goes to **Shelly Rose** who was in charge of collecting donations and organizing candy. Thanks to **Jan Franks** who made a new Easter Bunny costume from scratch and **Candy Bacome** who played the Easter Bunny. We again had many generous donations that made this a special day for children and adults: **J'N'J Grocery, California Tacos, Chuck Kilgore, Baker's Grocery, HY-VEE Grocery, Albertson's Grocery, 16th Street Furniture & Appliance, Target and COX Communications.** We appreciate the great turnout of volunteers who showed up to help. It was interesting to see that all four TV stations were contacted (and a couple said they would show up) yet none showed up to cover the event – however just a short time after the event two of the stations showed up for an incident on 33rd & California...surprise, surprise!



(Top) The Easter Bunny hands out some pre-hunt candy to a couple of anxious participants.

(Bottom Left) These girls were all decked out in their Easter finest waiting for the festivities to begin.

(Bottom Right) The action was fast and furious after the traditional countdown to the start of the hunt.



Show Wagon Coming to Gifford Park For 2nd Year In A Row!

Gifford Park will be the site of two Show Wagon performances again this year. A district performance will be held **Tuesday, June 19**, and the regional finals are scheduled for **Wednesday, July 11**. Both performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. Entry forms are available by calling **Cis Carlson** at 444-6280. More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters and neighborhood meetings.

The Show Wagon program is a competition for youth ages 1-18 to show off their talents on stage, whether it be singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, juggling, magic tricks or any other type of talent performance. There are 5 different age divisions and participants can come from anywhere. Wouldn't it be nice to see talented youth from our own neighborhood participate? Mark your calendars and come out on both dates to enjoy an evening of music, dance and other talents at Gifford Park. Seating will most likely be on the east bank of the park, so bring your blankets and enjoy the show!

Weather Dampens Clinic

With cloudy skies and threatening weather, only about 10 neighborhood kids participated in the 3rd Annual PKA Fraternity/GPNA Baseball Clinic, held in Gifford Park Sunday April 22 from noon – 3 p.m. But these kids received the full attention of about a dozen members of PKA, a Creighton University fraternity. Pitching, hitting, throwing and games were activities enjoyed by all. Thanks also to the A.V. Sorensen Community Center for providing baseball equipment. Special thanks to GPNA members Ron Frey and his son Erik for organizing the clinic.



California Tacos & More

Homemade Mexican Food

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33rd & California Street

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Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 11a.m. - 9 p.m.

Closed Sunday



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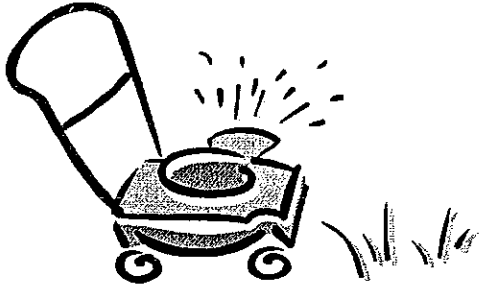
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7:00 AM - 10:00 PM Monday thru Thursday

7:00 AM - 11:00 PM Friday thru Saturday

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Sunday



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4,000 sq. ft.	\$29.00	\$37.00	\$35.00
5,000 sq. ft.	\$34.00	\$41.00	\$40.00
6,000 sq. ft.	\$39.00	\$45.00	\$46.00
7,000 sq. ft.	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$52.00
8,000 sq. ft.	\$51.00	\$55.00	\$58.00
9,000 sq. ft.	\$57.00	\$60.00	\$63.00
10,000 sq. ft.	\$63.00	\$65.00	\$68.00

CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATES

3009 "R" STREET
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(402) 598-8455
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Do You Live to Bike?

Community Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 19, 2001

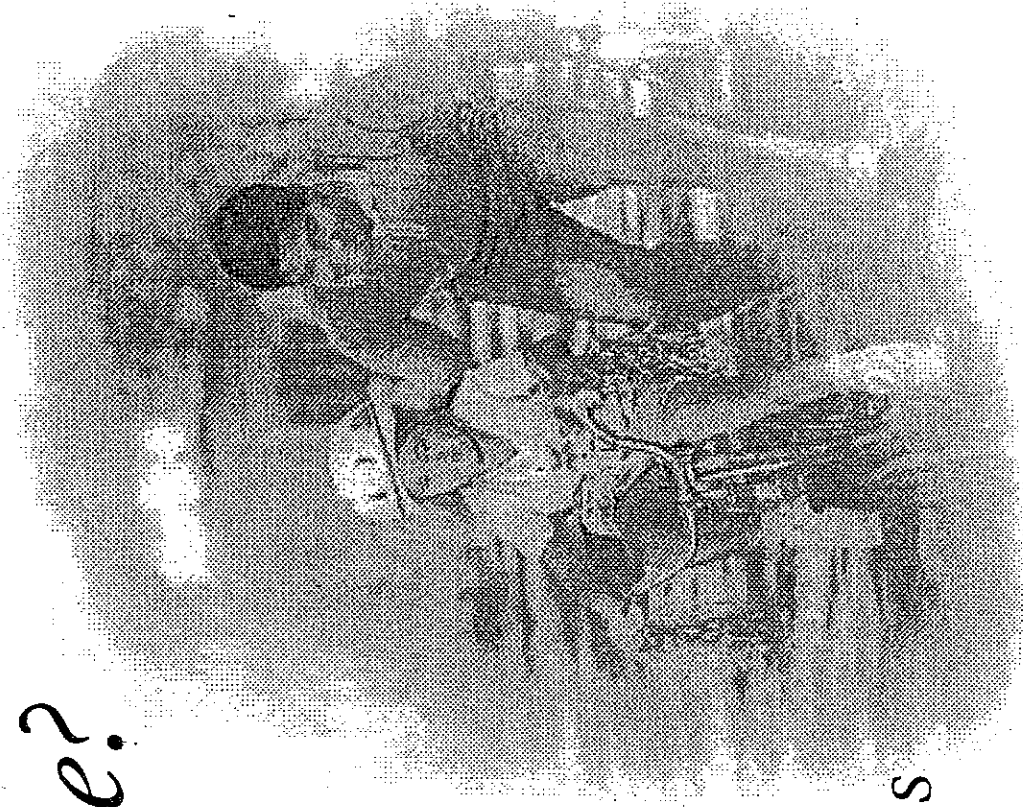
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Saint Joseph Hospital Lot 9

(32nd & Weber - across from

OPS TAC Building)

- See the LifeNet Helicopter
- Bike Maintenance by the Pros
- Bike Raffle
- Bike Helmet Safety Tips
- Thrilling Bike Obstacle Course (helmet required to ride the obstacle course)



**You Are Invited
To An
OPEN HOUSE**

**Celebrating 25 Years Of Service
At The
A.V. Sorensen Library - Community
Center
48th and Cass St.**

**May 12
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**A variety of activities and class dem-
onstrations for all ages are planned
plus
storytelling, puppets, and computer
challenges.**

Refreshments

Neighborhood Maintenance Program Nearing Year Anniversary

Last year about this time the GPNA started a project called Neighborhood Maintenance to bring problem solving down to a block by block level. The project's goal is for each block to have a captain to document problems in the area. Each block captain is provided a list of all property addresses along with the owners' names. Each property address will have a form to document problems such as criminal behavior, ordinance and code violations, weeds and litter, etc. The block captain will record information such as date, issue, agency contacted and action taken. This information is very useful if we need to contact the owner (police and other agencies) to get a handle on chronic problem properties, especially with absentee landlords, of which our neighborhood has many.

Many thanks to **Betsy Noble** and **Jackie Lynch** for a lot of hard work to get this project going. Our neighborhood has about 35 blocks that we need your help in finding block captains for. Betsy and Jackie have made the forms simple to fill out and maintain. Please call **Betsy Noble 344-3802** or **Chris Foster 342-6006** for more information or if you are interested in being a block captain.

Neighborhood Problems? Where To Call For Help

Problem	Call	Agency/Department
Air Quality/Odor Control	444-6015/6016	Environmental Services
Animal Control	444-7800	Humane Society
Chuck Holes, Debris, Litter in Street, Curb Repairs	444-4919	Street Maintenance
City Park Problems	444-5900	Parks & Recreation Dept.
Emergency, Criminal or Suspicious Activity	911	
Garbage Collection/Complaints/Recycling/Information	444-5555	Mayor's Hotline
Gas Leaks, Water Line Breaks	554-7777	M.U.D.
Graffiti to Report	444-5555	Mayor's Hotline
Keep Omaha Beautiful	444-7774	
Legal Aid Society Tenant/Landlord Discrimination Issues	444-5055	Human Relations
Non-Emergency "Police Report Over the Phone"	444-5977	Your Call Will Be Returned
Nuisance Vehicles (Improperly parked, licensed, etc...)	444-5555	Mayor's Hotline
Rats, Raw Garbage, Open Refrig/Freezer in Yard	444-7481	Douglas County Health Dept.
Sewer Problems	444-5332	Sewer Maintenance
Sidewalks Broken or Obstructed	444-5283	Sidewalk Division
Snow Removal Complaints (24 Hour Line)	444-4919	Street Maintenance
Street Lights Out/Electrical Wires Down	554-6773	O.P.P.D.
Tenant/Landlord Issues	348-1060	Legal Aid Society
Traffic Signal Not Working	444-5160	Traffic Engineering
Tree Limbs/Hedges Blocking View of Traffic	444-5910	Forestry Division
Unsafe/Dangerous Building	444-5555	Mayor's Hotline
Vehicle Already Towed	444-5783	Impound Lot
Weeds Over 18", Yard Litter	444-5910	Weeds & Litter
Zoning Enforcement	444-5379	Alan Berns
Zoning Information	444-3426	Urban Planning

What's Happening in the Neighborhood . . .

The proposed Assisted Living Center, which would be in the old Nebraska College of Business Building on the Duchesne Campus at 36th & California, is scheduled to go before the Planning Board at their monthly public meeting **Wednesday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Legislative Chambers on the 2nd floor of the downtown Civic Center. Anyone is encouraged to come to this meeting to show your support for or against this proposal. At our March general meeting GPNA members voted in favor to send a conditional letter of support to the Planning Board for a Special Use Permit for the Assisted Living Center. If the Planning Board approves the permit, the proposal would then go before the City Council for approval.

We would like to welcome **Richard Pelshaw** to the neighborhood. Richard is the new manager of the Highlander Laundromat building on 33rd & California. He has already made many improvements to the property including painting the outside and is fixing up the inside also.

The GPNA is now taking orders for T-shirts and hats with our new logo. We plan to have these items available at our May 3rd meeting. The shirts have a colored embroidered logo and come in 2 colors right now – yellow and ash (light gray). The shirts are \$10 and the hats are \$15 each. Now is a good time to buy while the price is low. GPNA embroidered items are great for wearing at neighborhood walks and other events. Call **Pete (341-7293)** or **Chris (342-6006)** for information or to place an order. Many thanks to our treasurer **Dana Carlton** who created the logo – it's very colorful and looks great!

An invitation was extended to other neighborhood associations to join us at our April Gifford Park Neighborhood Association meeting. The issue at hand was related to rumored changes such as the possible closing of Burt Street, the changing of Cuming Street to 2 way-traffic east of 30th Street and the effect of the restructuring and rebuilding of the I-480/ US75 interchange. Our featured guests were **Dennis Wilson** from the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, **Councilmen Bob Sivick and Frank Brown**, Creighton Representative **Dan Burkey** and State Department of Roads Bridge Engineer, **Michael Owen**. As usual, the discussion was lively and informative, although no commitment was made by either Creighton or the Mayor's Office on specific plans to either close Burt Street or change Cuming to 2-way traffic all the way from 30th Street to the Convention Center. Thanks to all those who participated in this forum.

The City of Omaha has issued a schedule for sweeping up the sand, dirt, and miscellaneous debris off the streets and out of the gutters. Because the city runs downhill from west to east, this process started on the western edge of the city and the crews have been working their way east. **May 9 - 19** has been scheduled for sweeping in the mid-town area. What can be done while we wait? Pick up any loose litter that is in the street. This includes crushed aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper, and other refuse. If you don't want to wait for the City, you can use a broom and shovel and perform the task on your own. The contractor hired by the City to sweep the sand will filter it and it will be used next year; therefore, it would be helpful if any large items of debris were removed from the sandy spots. If you do sweep your own space, do not put the sand in yard waste bags. Either reuse it in your yard or save it for your sidewalks and driveways next winter.

The **GPNA Nominating Committee** has been formed and will issue a slate of candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for 2001 - 2002. The slate will be announced at the May general meeting and will be voted on at the June meeting. If anyone is interested in serving in any of these positions or would like a "job description" of these offices, please contact **Chris Foster 342-6006** or **Terry Wilwerding 342-2795**.

Looking for a unique Mother's Day or graduation gift? How about a copy of **The History Of 33rd & California Plus The History Of The GPNA**. Copies are still available; the price is \$12 for a color copy or \$6 for a black & white copy. To order this fascinating book written by our historian **Eva Swanson** with **Chris Foster**, call **345-1707**.

GPNA Calendar Of Events

Planning Board Meeting to discuss Assisted Living Facility – Wednesday, May 2, 1:30 p.m. at Civic Center

General Meeting – Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital (City Council Forum)

Gifford Park Day – Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Gifford Park

Executive Board Meeting - Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m. at (?)

Tennis Blitz – Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Gifford Park

Bike Rodeo – Saturday, May 19, 1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital

Sun Dawgs Summer Youth Program – June through July at the Gifford Park Sun Dawg Shack

Spring Cleanup – Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Gifford Park

Show Wagon Youth Talent Competition – District (June 19), Regional (July 11) – 7:30 p.m. in Gifford Park

Watch Group – Every Friday and Saturday night, 11 p.m., meet at GPNA Office, 33rd & California St.

General Meeting - Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital (GPNA Election of Officers)

Neighborhood Walk Schedule - Spring 2001

This year you will notice more emphasis on walking the whole neighborhood. We welcome all GPNA members and non-members to join us in experiencing the history that is Gifford Park. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get to know your neighbors and your neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have questions concerning the walks, call Peter at 341-7293, Mark 341-8939, or Chris 342-6006. All dates listed below are Friday evenings.

05/04/01: meet in Duchesne's Parking Lot at 8 pm

05/18/01: meet at the Kum & Go on 33rd and Cass at 8 pm

06/01/01: meet at the TAC Building at 8 pm

Future walks will be scheduled at a later date.

2001 - 2002 Membership Year Begins

The membership year for the GPNA officially runs from **June 1, 2001** through **May 31, 2002**, and any membership purchased now will be good through May 31, 2002. If you have been a member and supported the GPNA in the past, we appreciate your support and hope you will renew your membership. If you have not been a member, we encourage you to consider joining. Your membership helps pay for this newsletter and a variety of other activities and programs. Please join the GPNA today!



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



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)

E-mail Address: _____

Can we contact you for help on any of the following items? (please circle areas of interest).

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|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Cleanup/Beautification | Tennis Program | Block Captain | Tool Lending |
| Membership | Youth Activities | History | Newsletter |
| Neighborhood Walks | Park | Merchants | Newsletter Distribution |
| Social Activities | Tree Planting | Watch Group | Meeting Program |
| Landlord/Tenant Issues | Calling Committee | Public Relations | School Liaison |

Happy Mother's Day!



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