



# Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

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## AIDS - WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU

Yates PTA and GPNA will be co-sponsoring an AIDS program on February 21, 1990. We urge everyone to work this program into your schedule. The only way to win the battle of AIDS is through knowledge.

TITLE: AIDS - WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU  
DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 1990  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: St. Joseph's Hospital Seminar Room  
601 N. 30th St.  
SPEAKER: Marvin J. Bittner, M.D.

For additional information: Judi or Mike Caban 341-4722

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## NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH OCTOBER

The Reverend D. L. Showalter and his wife Jean who have their ministry at the Lighthouse United Pentecostal Church have been chosen as October's Neighbor of the Month. Their church offered a free pancake breakfast for the entire neighborhood on September 16. The turnout was so encouraging that they may do it again this year! The Showalters have lived next door to the church since 1978 and their children have attended Yates Elementary. Steve graduated from Central in 1989, and Heather is in the 9th grade at Lewis and Clark. Dave has been trying to form a neighborhood Watch Program in the 34th and Burt area, so if you live nearby give him a hand.

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NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 7:00 P.M.

DAN SLATTERY  
CITY OF OMAHA - RECYCLING

DR. FRED SALZINGER  
CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

ED JAKSHA  
NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL - SEMINAR  
ROOM

FREE PARKING

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY - Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bussell, 331 N. 36th Avenue, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the American Legion Hall Post No. 1, on Sunday, December 3, 1989. Hosts of the reception were their children, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Bussell of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barr of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Bussells have four grandchildren and one great grandson! CONGRATULATIONS!!

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to welcome two new members to the GPNA: Ann Wachtler and Neal Harley. Thank you for your support. We now have 166 members!

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 11/23/89	\$2,489.42
New Memberships (2)	6.00
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	\$2,495.42

Newsletter, stamps, St. Joe	104.20
Christmas Party name tags	10.51
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	114.71
Balance 12/26/89	\$2,380.71

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NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH  
NOVEMBER

Our November Neighbor of the Month is Dave (the Hawk) Hawkins. After returning from Viet Nam in 1971, he settled in the Gifford Park neighborhood. He and his wife, Marge, are founding members of the Gifford Park Neighbor Association. They both served as officers and are still very much involved with committee work, Dave as Chairman of the Beautification Committee and Marge as Chairman of the Social Committee. Their daughter, Heather, a former Yates student, now attends Lewis and Clark. Dave has worked at every cleanup effort GPNA has been involved in. He is always looking to improve the neighborhood and all he wants in return is a cleaner, safer neighborhood. Thank you, Dave!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW - OUR  
FEBRUARY 1, 1990 SPEAKER WILL BE  
MAYOR MORGAN - 7:00 P.M. - ST.  
JOSEPH'S SEMINAR ROOM.

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AND THE WINNER IS....

The winner of our first annual Christmas lighting and decorating contest is Ron and Cynde Yates. They will receive a \$25.00 prize (which they will probably apply toward their electric bill).

Second prize (\$15.00) goes to Judi and Mike Caban. The homes of Leo and Marlene Wilwerding and Jerry Reiger tied for third place and each will receive \$10.00.

Thank you to all participants. This was a members only contest, however there were many homes that would have been in the running if they had been members. Join GPNA

now and start planning your light show for next Christmas!

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The worst kind of air pollution is not smog but rather a sour disposition.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A SUMMARY OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE  
GPNA

DECEMBER 1988 - GPNA was named and boundaries were decided

JANUARY 1989 - Bylaws were presented and discussed. Neighbors were invited to view preliminary drawings for 30th and Webster St. Medical office at St. Joe's.

FEBRUARY - Membership fee established and first discussion of proposed grocery at 33rd & California. Our membership totals 9.

MARCH - First meeting at St. Joseph's Seminar Room. Meeting changed to the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

APRIL - First newsletter hand delivered to neighborhood. Members assisted city in sweeping of streets in our area. KOB kickoff on April 7, GPNA won the award of \$50. Our cleanup was April 15, persons on house arrest helped with our cleanup. We were given special assistance from Public Works Department. Met with Councilman Subby Anzaldo and appeared at city council meeting in support of J N J Grocery.

MAY - Police Community Relations Representative attended meeting. Neighborhood concerns brought to their attention. Mayor Callinger presented \$50.00 from KOB. GPNA won \$100.00 at KOB Thank You. Members were invited to participate in Police ride-along.

JUNE - GPNA met at park with Larry Foster, Parks, Recreation & Public Property Department to discuss needs in park. Representatives from Creighton University met with us at our June 1 meeting. Bylaws were approved. J N J Grocery opened on June 2. Voted to support Ashford proposal to Joslyn Castle.

JULY - First "Neighbor of the Month". Proposed bylaw amendments.

AUGUST - Nomination for officers. Garage sale at Bogard Drug Building netted approximately \$800.00. John Lynch volunteered to make GPNA presentation for Cox Cable Neighborhood Salute. Voted on bylaw amendment.

SEPTEMBER - Mike Kohler of Cox Cable announced we were the Grand Prize winners in the Cox Cable Neighborhood Salute. We received \$1,000.00 and a one-half hour documentary. Election of officers. Park improvements made: grading of bank, installation of picnic tables and grills. Lighthouse Pentecostal Church - 34th & Burt St. invited GPNA to pancake feed.

OCTOBER - Councilman Subby Anzaldo was guest at meeting, drew winner of football raffle which netted Association \$368.00. Tickets were donated by Mr. Anzaldo. Mini-cleanup held at park on October 21. J N J Grocery and 7-11 furnished hotdogs and drinks for workers. GPNA gave away about 250 pumpkins to neighborhood children.

NOVEMBER - Senator John Lindsay was our guest at November 2 meeting. Members of Joslyn Conservatory for the Arts were also present. Community Service Bureau of OPD meets with GPNA Board monthly. Christmas Lighting contest announced.

DECEMBER - We were guests of St. Joseph's Hospital for Santa's visit on December 6. Guests at banquet at St. Joseph's on December 7, 48 members attended. A very large box of food donated to the Yates School Food Drive was collected at the banquet. Our members totals 166.

Reflecting on 1989 it is going to be difficult to accomplish as much in 1990, but I am sure that we will. With all the willing people who step forward we can't help but become better with added experience and effort.

The following are the priorities of the GPNA Board for 1990: Information to our neighborhood via newsletters and meetings; Revitalization of 33rd & California Business District; Additional Neighborhood Watch participation; Development of a Master Plan for Gifford Park Improvements; Enhanced housing code enforcement in our neighborhood; Strengthening neighborhood pride and awareness.

We are going to start the New Year looking into recycling. Perhaps with the help of our city and others we could develop a recycling effort for our community.

It appears that the 30th & Webster Medical building will be started in 1990. This will be the first major development on the west side of 30th Street by Creighton University. An update of this project will be given at our January 4th meeting by Dr. Fred Salzinger.

Any suggestions, criticisms, or advice would be welcomed at any time. Please call me at 341-4695. Remember this is our neighborhood.

Jim Windorski

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NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH  
DECEMBER

GFNA has selected St. Joseph's Hospital as December Neighbor of the Month. We especially wish to recognize Nan Tiedeman. She is our liaison with the hospital and attends most of our Association meetings. Nan is familiar with our neighborhood as she taught kindergarten at Yates Elementary School a few years ago. Nan is married and is the mother of two children.

We have a good working relationship with St. Joe's. Using their Seminar Room for our monthly meetings has been a real plus for the Association. They even supply parking tokens so we do not have to pay to use the parking lot during our meetings.

December seemed a fitting time to salute St. Joseph's. The GPNA was treated as guests of honor at a holiday banquet on December 7th. Members' children were invited to attend Santa's visit on December 6th. Both of these events gave us a feeling of gladness that St. Joe's is our neighbor. Thank you for all your support in our first year!

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WINTER REMINDERS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Emergency Snow Routes are marked with signs. In our boundaries the following streets are Emergency Snow Routes:

- Dodge
- Cuming
- 30th St.

When the Mayor declares a "Snow Emergency" parking will be banned on these routes. These bans are announced through radio and television stations (they will also

advise when the Snow Emergency is over). Cars parked or stalled on these routes will be subject to a fine and may be towed at the owner's expense. If you have a question please call the Public Works Street Maintenance Office at 444-4919 (24-hour street maintenance line).

Residential streets are usually plowed within 24 hours after the storm ends. Depending on the severity of the snowstorm (blizzard) it may take longer to clear all streets.

Although alleys are not part of the City's snow removal plan, crews will try to clean alleys on a complaint basis. However, this is not always possible because some alleys are too narrow for snowplows. The residents adjacent to the alley are encouraged to clear the snow from alleys immediately following a storm for best results.

Omaha's Municipal Code requires all sidewalks to be shoveled within 24 hours after a snowstorm. If left unshoveled, City crews may clear them at the property owner's expense.

It is also against City law to shovel snow off private property into an alley or street.

The above information was taken from the "Questions and Answers About Snow Removal" pamphlet printed by the City of Omaha, Louis E. Lamberty, Public Works Director.

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The GPNA Newsletter is a quarterly publication. If you would like to contribute an article, information, concerns, or opinions, please submit in written form to John and Jackie Lynch, 321 N. 36th Avenue. The Chairman of the Association has final authorization as to content of the Newsletter.