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NEXT MEETING:

OCTOBER 3

7 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL -- SEMINAR ROOM

FREE PARKING

GUEST: SGT. TOM ZOUCHA

Neighborhood Association Raffle
by Jim Windorski

Senator John Lindsay has provided two tickets to the Nebraska-Iowa State game as prizes for a Neighborhood Association Raffle. The tickets for the November 16, 1991, game are located on approximately the 45-yard line about six rows up from the field.

Raffle tickets are available from Jim Windorski (341-4695). The drawing is tentatively scheduled for November 7th at the general meeting of the GPNA. Take a chance on winning some great tickets to the Huskers game, and help the GPNA at the same time!

Congratulations!

On August 6, National Night Out, the folks in the 34th and Burt Street area held a Night Out Party. Approximately 70 neighbors attended, and a good time was had by all. The children enjoyed prizes, games, and especially the visit by the Omaha Police Department Mounted Patrol.

In September, Sgt. Tom Zoucha informed them that they had won the North-of-Dodge award to be presented at the October 3rd GPNA General Meeting.

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GPNA Watch Group

by Mike Caban, Watch Group Chairman

The GPNA Watch Group will meet at the parking of 32nd and Webster Street on Fridays and Saturday nights during the months of October and November.

The GPNA Watch Group has been active since July of 1990 and those of you who have lived here for a while have seen the difference. The Watch Group works — but only with your help. We need more volunteers to maintain this effort. If you want to be a part of one of the most successful programs in the City of Omaha in curbing drugs, gangs, and other activities that destroy the fabric of a community, join us. We receive no public funds, we don't seek, or for that matter attract media attention. We just do what we know is right for our neighborhood, and it works. For more information on how to be a part of the GPNA Watch Group, call me at 341-4722.

Thank you to Mrs. Marleen Wilwerding for making another five vests for the Watch Group.

GPNA WATCH GROUP CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1991											
	Dates										
	F	S	F	S	F	S	F	S	F	S	F
Oct.	4	5	11	12	18	19	25	26			
Nov.	1	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	30	
	Time: 11 p.m.-1 a.m.										
	Meeting location is -- 32nd and Webster Street										

Thank You

by Jim Windorski

I wish to thank the terrific folks in GPNA for the gift I received at the June meeting. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

As yet the time to really enjoy the golf clubs, cart, and bag has been very scarce.

Also a very sincere thank you to all of you for your unfailing support while serving as chairman of the GPNA. You helped make my job much easier.

Newsletter Notes

by Brian Kokensparger

My sincere apologies to Jim and Ruth Windorski for inadvertently omitting Jim's thank you note and Ruth's membership report in last month's newsletter. You will see Jim's letter this month; Ruth's report will be included in next month's walk-around.

Thank you all for your continued submissions and support. The variety and thoughtfulness of your articles and news items are a testament of the vitality of the Association. This month, we did not receive an editorial; please put your opinions to paper where they make an impact.

Well, it's official. I'm the proud father of another daughter, Kathleen Kay, who was born on Sunday, September 22nd. Due to the increased family responsibility with raising two young children under the age of two, my wife Karen, who has been handling the distribution end of the walk-around, feels that "with the children [and the] winter months approaching, and the continuous active recruiting of distributors required . . . I feel I would not be able to give the necessary time to perform the job as it should be done. . . However, I would like to continue supporting the Association . . ." In her resignation letter to the Board, effective September 1, she also wrote "I regret having to resign. I will have the [distribution] information . . . ready to pass on to the new walk-around newsletter coordinator. . . . I do hope that you will be able to find a replacement without too much difficulty."

Any takers?

Call Ron Yates (558-6027) if you are interested in performing this valuable yet challenging service.

Treasurer Resigns

The GPNA Executive Board recently received a resignation from Jerry Rieger, the elected treasurer of the Association. It states:

"Due to medical and physical problems, I regret that I have to resign as treasurer of the Association. I will remain until my successor has been elected at your earliest time. I will remain active as I can in the Association."

The Executive Board has appointed Mike Caban to replace Jerry in this important office.

The Executive Board also extends its sincere thank you to Jerry for his service, and wishes him good health in months to come.

Fall Cleanup Scheduled

by Chris Foster

Fall is here and that means Fall Cleanup time. The Fall Cleanup is for Gifford Park Neighborhood Association members, and will be Saturday, October 19th in Gifford Park. This "mini-cleanup" is a golden opportunity to do some cleanup before winter sets in. Here's what we are planning"

- . Trash dumpsters in the Park parking lot
- . Recycling and handout information
- . Picnic in the Park
- . Membership drive
- . Pumpkins for anyone

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During last year's Fall Cleanup, we filled 2 dumpsters, cleaned up our neighborhood and park, gave away pumpkins, roasted hot dogs and marshmallows, and even made a little money selling memberships and recycling scrap metal.

If you need help hauling trash, or you would like to volunteer your time or truck, please call Chris Foster (342-6006) or Ron Yates (558-6027).

Pull Your Own Share of the Load

It's been a long hot summer. We all get a little tired of outside work about now. With cooler weather, however, it's a good time to get at some of those chores we've been putting off. Painting, cleaning and fixing up take less sweat now. The expert assistance and loaned tool programs recently begun can be a great help. You can't beat free advice and free tool use.* Take advantage of them. All you gotta do is call! Planting trees, shrubs, seed and bulbs now will reap big benefits in the Spring.

All it takes for our neighborhood to be an even better place to live is that everyone do their share. Have you done yours?

Be a plus instead of a minus. Don't wait for someone else to pull your share of the load.

**ed. note — There may be a nominal rental fee for some tools to cover wear and tear; call Ed Hendershot (341-0475), Jim Windorski (341-4695) or Chris Foster (342-6006) for more information on the GPNA Tool Lending Program.*

GPNA Neighbor of the Month

The October Neighbor of the Month is Lorrie Doss of North 33rd Street. Maybe you have seen some of her fine artistic ability in the form of several outside projects that transformed an eyesore into a place of beauty. Yes, her home is the one on 33rd Street that now has a wonderful mailbox, colorful window treatments, and other homey touches that truly make a house a home. Recently her landlord renovated the front porch by demolishing the cracked brick and the missing mortar, and put up a beautiful deck-like structure that serves not only as a welcome entryway but also as an early morning escape to the outdoors. Lorrie added the finishing touches and made the remodeling come alive. This duplex is not the showcase of the neighborhood and a welcome sight amid other duplexes that desperately need a loving touch. Along with her husband Wally, an avid hunter, golfer, and fisherman, they have redone the inside of the duplex as well. They also have three children: David, a Lewis and Clark student who plans on attending Central High, which he says offers a good sports program; Jerri, a sixth grader at Yates Elementary, who looks forward to following her brother at Lewis Clark next year; and "Baby" Laura who is not quite 1 year old. The family likes to work on all sorts of projects together and Lorrie especially likes to work on all types of crafts. Look for her "scarecrows" haunting the new front porch this Halloween. In addition to beautifying her residence, Lorrie is planning a "Ninja Turtle" mural for her neighbor's wall. The October Neighbor of the Month sometimes even has time to make popcorn for the GPNA walkers on their weekend neighborhood watch project. We of the neighborhood salute you, Lorrie, and good luck in the future. Neighbors like you can really bring a little sunshine in a sometimes dreary day with your artistic eye and your unselfish enthusiasm.

Third Annual GPNA Christmas Banquet

Sponsored by: St. Joseph Hospital

Date: December 5, 1991

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph Hospital
(Glassed-in Area by Cafeteria)

Please RSVP by November 25, 1991, to:

Kathy Rose (341-3955) or Judi Caban (341-4722)

*Members only.

As this banquet will benefit GPNA's "Holiday Sharing Project," a food item or donation is all you need for an evening of dining pleasure and fun with your neighbors.

EDITORIAL CORNER

Readers are welcome to submit their letters for the Editorial Corner to any Executive Board member prior to the Executive Board meeting held the third Thursday of every month. The Executive Board has final approval for all editorials appearing in this section. Full name and address must be included on all letters submitted. The views and opinions stated are not necessarily those of GPNA or the Executive Board.

No editorial submissions this month.