



# GIFFORD PARK'S PRIDE

A Publication of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

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## NEXT MEETING:

**MARCH 5**

**7 p.m.**

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL  
SEMINAR ROOM**

**Guest: Cindy Smilley, Keep Omaha Beautiful**

**FREE PARKING**

### **Spring Cleanup** *by Chris Foster*

Spring cleanup is coming soon. Neighborhood cleanup, recycling, street cleanup, membership and donation drive, and even a picnic in Gifford Park are planned activities on this important day in our neighborhood. The City of Omaha and Keep Omaha Beautiful (KOB) will again provide us with trash dumpsters that will be monitored by neighborhood volunteers for use by Gifford Park neighborhood residents only (no commercial hauling). The exact date has not yet been set for the spring cleanup but it will be posted in the April newsletter. (The April newsletter is mailed to Gifford Park Neighborhood Association members, so if you are not a member, you can call the phone numbers listed below for more information). This is the one time each year that we can have help in our efforts to make ours a cleaner, safer, and more attractive neighborhood. We did an outstanding job during last year's spring cleanup, let's take a good look at our own yards and streets and clean 'em up! If you can help with Gifford Park Spring Cleanup Day in any way, or you need help with hauling trash, please call: Chris Foster (342-6006) or Ron Yates (558-6027).

A special notice: Cindy Smilley of Keep Omaha Beautiful (KOB) will be the guest speaker at the next GPNA meeting in March. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about Spring Cleanup, recycling, and many other KOB programs.

**Budget and Finance Report**  
*by Mike Caban, Chairman*

You will notice that in this issue of the PRIDE there are several business ads. I encourage everyone who receives the PRIDE to patronize these businesses. As I stated in the January issue, we need to support each other.

Next time you head out for lunch, don't drive out of the area, have a bite to eat at the Arctic Circle, a neighborly place, just right for the family. If it's day care you seek, it's as close and convenient as Voor Kleintjes. Stop by and check them out, I'm sure you will be impressed with their clean, well staffed, and structured environment. For your grocery needs, don't drive all the way to Saddle Creek, J-N-J Grocery is here for you, Loren Johnson has been a great supporter of our neighborhood for many years, give him business. If you have suffered a personal injury, don't bother with one of those TV lawyers. Call Chuck Kilgore, he has been an active GPNA member since the beginning, and will represent you well.

Remember, buy American, buy Nebraska, buy Omaha, buy right here where you live, and don't forget to buy a GPNA membership. If you own a business in the area and want an ad in the Award Winning "GIFFORD PARK'S PRIDE" Newsletter, give me a call at 422-4343.

**Notice to All GPNA Members**  
*by Judi Caban, GPNA Bylaws Committee*

Notice is hereby given that the Bylaws Committee will present proposed revisions of the GPNA Bylaws to the membership for consideration and adoption at the regular meeting of the Association scheduled to be held on April 2, 1992, at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Hospital.

**Treasurer's Report**  
*By Mike Caban*

For now on, the Treasurer's Report will be included bi-monthly, in the members-only mailing of the GPNA PRIDE. Additional questions can be directed to Mike Caban at 341-4722.

**Now Is The Time . . .**

As a special courtesy to you, by purchasing your 1992-1993 membership now, you will have the benefit of 16 months of membership for the price of 12 months. Just a reminder that all memberships are due for renewal June 1, 1992.

**. . . For Membership Renewal**

**GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES -- \$5 (Single), \$8 (Family), \$25 (Business/Institutional)**

**\*\*Please note: All new and newly-renewed memberships will expire June 1, 1993.**

If paying by check, make checks payable to GPNA  
 Mail to GPNA: 3225 1/2 California St., Omaha, NE 68131

## Volunteer Park Rangers

*from a letter distributed by Bernie Tracy*

This year, the Volunteer Park Rangers will again be patrolling your City Parks in an effort to reduce vandalism. The rangers have often been considered the "eyes and ears" of the Parks Department. By observing and reporting problems to the proper authorities, the rangers' mission is to deter vandalism and other illegal activities from occurring in your park.

Although the rangers are not compensated for their time, the benefits are numerous. Rangers are rewarded with challenge and personal satisfaction. Volunteers come from various backgrounds, bringing a wide degree of knowledge and experience with them. The experience and responsibility of dealing with the public and city agencies brings with it a new perspective of the city. It brings you into contact with different parts of the city and affords the opportunity to meet new people.

For more information, contact Bernie Tracy, City Liaison Officer, Omaha Parks Department at 444-5738.

## Hurray!!!

Thanks to the hard work of the Park Committee, you the taxpayer, and the Omaha Parks and Recreation Department, the new playground equipment has been installed at 35th and Davenport St. Judging from the number of children that have already utilized this equipment, the park will be a busy place this spring and summer.

Many new faces, as well as some old ones, have been a welcome sight. If you haven't already stopped by, please do. This addition to Gifford Park is meant to be used by all, young and old alike. Sometimes all it takes to feel young again is to pull up one of the park benches and watch some of our local children at play.

Our Neighborhood Association needs new ideas from you, and only with your support can we fulfill these dreams that once were just that, dreams. Support the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association today. Your membership and participation is vital to this area. This organization thrives on ideas from you. Join Today and your dream can become reality too.

### PERSONAL INJURY LAW

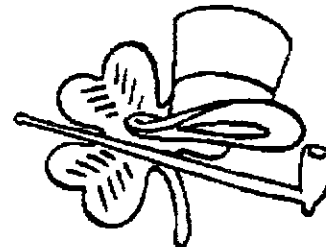
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4913 Underwood Ave.

**558-5000**

### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



**From The Caban Family**

Yesssss!!!

On Dec. 10th, the GPNA applied to the Peter Kiewit Foundation for a grant to be used to purchase equipment for our Neighborhood Watch Group. The current radios being used did not work as well as was hoped. Having limited resources, we asked the Kiewit Foundation for funding to purchase improved portable radios.

There had been an application filed in 1990 and the Foundation was unsure as to the benefit to our neighborhood. After candid conversations with their representative, we discovered their area of concern. Consequently, we were better prepared to request a grant in 1991. With the assistance of the Omaha Police Department Community Service Bureau's Sergeant Tom Zoucha, our skilled staff prepared the necessary documents.

On February 6th, just prior to the general membership monthly meeting, we were notified by their Director that the Trustees selected our application for a grant. The grant, in the amount of \$1,500, was awarded to purchase five portable radios, with accessories, to be used by our Watch Group.

When announced at the meeting, the members present were very pleased and the Watch Group participants were ecstatic. Let's be certain we demonstrate that the Kiewit Foundation's investment and vote of confidence in our neighborhood is the best possible investment they made this year.



# J-N-J GROCERY STORE



**Fresh Meats - Fresh Produce - Friendly Service**

**All Canned Pop - 6 Pack - \$1.99**

**Budweiser (Light - Dry - Regular) 12 Pack - \$5.99**

(March 2nd Thru 17th)

**8 Lb. Bag of Ice - 29 Cents with any Pop or Beer Purchase**

## WE DELIVER!

**422-1058**

**3228 California**

**Our Neighborhood Store**

**8 AM - 9:30 PM - Mon. Thru Sat.**

**8 AM - 9 PM - Sunday**

**Ad Good Entire Month of March  
(Unless otherwise noted)**

**2 Litre Pepsi**

**99 Cents**

**With Coupon**

**Limit 3**

**Ramen Noodles**

**10/\$1.00**

**With Coupon**

**Limit 20**

**Family Center Open at Yates School**


*Judi Caban, Family Center Coordinator*

Did you know that Yates Elementary, our neighborhood school, has a Family Center? And did you know that the Center is available to ALL area parents, not just those whose children attend Yates?

As parents, we often find ourselves in new situations, both positive and negative, relating to our children. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to talk to other parents, to share experiences and get assistance? That's what the Family Center is all about. Yates is one of 13 schools in the Omaha Public School system with a Family Center. Each school has hired a parent from the neighborhood to serve as a resource for parents and families.

My family has lived in this neighborhood for many years. I have 2 grown children, 1 grandchild, and my youngest child, who is a 2nd grader at Yates. In my 15 years as a parent volunteer at the school, I have learned that all parents want the best education possible for their children. One of the most important parts of a good education is parent involvement. I can tell you from my own experiences that it works. Parent involvement, beginning in infancy, results in better grades, higher self-esteem and better behavior in and out of school. I KNOW that parents make a difference - so I was delighted to be asked to work in the Family Center, helping parents help their children.

The Family Center at Yates is located in the lower level of the school at 3260 Davenport Street. We have a Parent's Library with many videotapes, magazines, books and brochures available for you to check out to use at home. These materials cover a wide range of parenting topics such as drug and alcohol prevention, discipline, helping with school work, family activities, how to work with school personnel, early childhood parenting, and many, many, more. Let us help you guide your child to a better future. Drop in to the Family Center or call me at 978-7183 with your questions and concerns, or just to visit. I am there to help you and your family.

<h1>Voor Kleintjes</h1>		
<p><b>CHILD CARE</b></p> <p><i>Nice, home environment, preschool, USDA meals, licensed, CPR &amp; First Aid certified staff.</i></p> <p>126 N. 35th Street 345-0529</p> <p>Melodie Anderson      Thea Snow Director                      Owner</p> <p>For every new fulltime customer, \$10. will be donated to GPNA</p>		

<p><b>ARCTIC CIRCLE</b> 615 No. 33rd. CRACKER JACK 1 1/4oz. BOX 10¢ WITH ANY GROCERY ITEM OVER \$1.00 GOOD MAR. 10-15 1992 one coupon per family <b>FIRST 200</b></p>	<p><b>ARCTIC CIRCLE</b> <b>PEPSI</b> <b>16OZ</b> <b>FOUNTAIN DRINK</b> <b>19¢</b> WITH PURCHASE OF HOT DOG OR CHILI DOG GOOD MAR. 10-15 1992 615 No 33rd</p>
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## Coalition Under Discussion

Several members from various Neighborhood Associations met on Friday, February 8, 1992 at the Augustana Lutheran Church. The meeting was chaired by Buddy Johnson who is the Past-President of the Bemis Park Neighborhood Association. Attending were representatives from Bemis Park, Gifford Park, Highlander, Orchard Hill, and West Central. Representatives from Joslyn Castle and Montclair were invited and expressed interest but were unable to attend.

It was discovered that those attending expressed similar concerns in the areas of crime, youth programs, housing and a community center. Other topics discussed were city services, schools and grant programs. Most representatives felt that the sharing of information, ideas and the support of each other would be beneficial.

Future meetings have not been planned at this time due to the fact that input from the general memberships of these associations must be considered prior to making other plans. Members are encouraged to express their opinions at the next meeting.

## 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.*

### Let's Talk

by David Beckman

I think we should sit and talk about the neighborhood watch because we are getting close to summer time and that is when the CRIME starts to happen. We should sit and work on something the neighborhoods could do together.

## Creighton Medical School Celebrates Centennial

Creighton's Medical School, founded by John A. Creighton in 1892, kicked off its centennial celebration with a visit from Mr. Creighton himself during Founders' Week in early February. The centennial year activities will include a Centennial Exhibit at the Western Heritage Museum opening in April, and the dedication of the New Creighton Cardiac Center in June. For information on these and other centennial activities, contact Creighton's Public Relations office at 280-2738.

## Want to Advertise in the Gifford Park Pride?

For information contact:  
**Mike Caban**  
**422-4343 - weekdays**  
**341-4722 - evenings**

## J-N-J Grocery Moving

Loren Johnson, owner of J-N-J Grocery, announced at the February GPNA general meeting that the store will be moving to the opposite corner at 33rd and California Streets, hopefully by April 1st. The new location will provide much needed additional space. He plans to add grocery carts to help handle the increased grocery supply. He also plans to install a security camera system. Thanks goes out to J-N-J for expanding and providing Gifford Park residents and others with a much needed business.