



GIFFORD PARK'S PRIDE

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NEXT MEETING:

AUGUST 6

7 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL -- DINING ROOMS A,B, & C

GUEST: MARTY SHUKERT, SHUKERT & ASSOCIATES

FREE PARKING

GIFFORD PARK DAY!!

Saturday, August 1, 1992

9 a.m. -- Pancake Breakfast

1 p.m.-- Bring your picnic dinner

Live Music

Youth Games

Sports Activities

Just Plain Fun!!!

for more info, call 345-9624

MEETING DATES ANNOUNCED

Ron Yates, President of the G.P.N.A., announced these meeting dates for the remainder of the year:

- Thu., Aug. 6 — 7 p.m. — Dining Rooms A-B-C
- Thu., Sept. 3 — 7 p.m. — Dining Rooms A-B-C
- Thu., Oct. 1 — 7 p.m. — Dining Rooms A-B-C
- Thu., Nov. 5 — 7 p.m. — Dining Rooms A-B-C
- Thu., Dec. 3 — 7 p.m. — Glassed-in Area of Cafeteria

Please put these dates on your calendar.

4TH ANNUAL G.P.N.A. RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU

Come one, come all, to the 4th Annual G.P.N.A. Rummage Sale! There will be something for everyone, and at a price you just won't be able to refuse. Remember last year's sale? Remember all the great stuff we had? Well, this year promises to be just as good, and with any luck, it'll be better. If you have any items that you wish to donate, please contact Mike Caban (341-4722) or Ron Yates (558-6027). If you reach a recording: Please leave your name — address — phone number — items you wish to donate — and a convenient time for pick-up.

Remember, this is our major fund raiser of the year. It can either make or break our Association, as far as our planned activities are concerned. Please support this effort with donated items, or by volunteering a few hours, or by coming down on the day of the sale and buying a lot of stuff.

This year's sale will be held:
WHEN: Saturday, September 5th
WHERE: 33rd Street Business District

G.P.N.A. T-SHIRT SALE

The first batch came back in ten days! Still interested in a G.P.N.A. monogrammed t-shirt, but didn't make the first deadline? **NOT TO WORRY.** Just fill out the order form below and turn it in at the next membership meeting, or call Mike Caban at 341-4722 (leave a message on the recorder with information). Advanced payment required. Please make checks payable to G.P.N.A.

Note: My apologies to all those who called after the deadline last month. Due to the overwhelming response, we have decided to try it again. But don't delay — this offer expires soon.

PRICES: SM, MED, LG — \$8.00
 XL — \$9.00
 XXL — \$10.00

GPNA T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

NAME _____

PHONE _____

BLACK SHIRT W/YELLOW LETTERING
 SIZE/QUANTITY

SM/___ MED/___ LG/___ XXL/___ XXXL/___

YELLOW SHIRT W/BLACK LETTERING
 SIZE/QUANTITY

SM/___ MED/___ LG/___ XXL/___ XXXL/___

**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

NATURE FOR KIDS AGES 9-13

by *Suzanne Winckler*

I'm looking for some kids who would like to learn about birds, bugs, bats, soil, water, trees, flowers, prairie grass, and other wild things here in Nebraska. We would meet on Saturday several times during the upcoming school year.

The first trip, on September 26, will be to a small virgin prairie just north of Omaha, where we will see the beautiful fall wildflowers and tall prairie grasses and learn about the vast prairies that once covered the state of Nebraska.

On October 24, to get in the mood for Halloween, we will get together and watch a slideshow about all the amazing different bats that live on this continent.

In late March (date to be announced) I'd like to take an overnight trip to the Grand Island area so we could watch the thousands of sandhill cranes that gather on the Platte River every spring.

If you think you would like to go on some of these field trips, or get together with me and your friends to learn more about the natural world around us, have your parents call and leave a message at 346-3258.

I will need some adult assistance for the field trips, so any parents who would like to help, please leave a message too.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 4

from the Omaha Watch Newsletter

The annual National Night Out takes place on Tuesday, August 4, 1992. This event takes place across the country each year and is meant to bring attention to our commitment to the neighborhoods we live in.

The National Night Out is an excellent opportunity to get involved in your neighborhood, to activate your Neighborhood Watch Group and make a difference in your neighborhood that will last all year long.

Active Neighborhood Watch Groups should make this a major event in their neighborhood. They are invited to compete for awards for their activities on this night. Plaques will be presented for the best activities in groups north and south of Dodge Street. Chairpersons should get their neighbors together from 8-10 p.m. and involve them in outdoor activities aimed at renewing acquaintances and promoting cooperation. This is the time to establish the bonds that enable neighborhoods to overcome challenges.

ed. note: For more information on G.P.N.A.'s plans for the National Night Out, please see the article "Coming Up Soon!" on page 4 of this newsletter.

UPDATE ON DUCHESNE BUILDING

by *Marlene Wilwerding*

Last month we reported on a proposed project for unwed mothers to be located in Matthew's Hall, 38th and Webster, on the Duchesne campus.

Michael Kozlik, who is on the Duchesne board of trustees, has confirmed that the Lutheran Family Services has discontinued their efforts to locate there, and is looking at other sites which will better fit their needs. He also stated that the Mega Corporation listing on the property has expired, and Duchesne is not planning anything more with the building until Fall.

It has been suggested that this would be a good location for senior citizen housing. However, Mr. Kozlik said federal funding for projects for the elderly is extremely hard to get. Letters from neighbors were sent to Senators Exon and Kerrey, against federal funding for the Lutheran Family Services proposal. Perhaps it would also be good for us to write more positive letters to these senators urging their help in getting federal funding for housing for the elderly, which would be more appropriate for this location.

Let us continue to work together with the Bemis Park and Joslyn Castle Associations for the improvement of our whole area. There is strength in numbers.

COMING UP SOON!

Two big events will occur in early August and we invite all our neighbors to attend. On Saturday, August 1st, the first annual Gifford Park Day will be held. Beginning at 9 a.m., a Pancake Breakfast will be served at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, located at 34th and Burt Streets. The breakfast is compliments of Reverend David Showalter and his congregation. There is no charge, but if one is able, a donation would be accepted. Breakfast will be served until 11 a.m.

Bring your picnic dinner to Gifford Park at 1 p.m. There will be music in the park and games for the children. For us older folks, John Lynch, the chairman of the event, has promised something special.

If that's not enough, on Tuesday, August 4th, the kickoff for the National Night Out will be held in Gifford Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Hot dogs will be served beginning at 6 p.m., along with "How to Avoid Lures," a special presentation for kids. The kick-off program will begin at 7 p.m. Mayor Morgan, Police Chief Skinner, Councilman Subby Anzaldo, the Bike Patrol, the Horse Patrol, and D.A.R.E. representatives will be present. This is an important event which is an honor for us to host.

Let's demonstrate how much we care about our neighborhood by coming out for both of these events.

NOTICE ANY FAMILIAR NAMES?

BELOW: The 1991 Award of Excellence Winner and the Community Safety Award Winners, who were announced at EXPO '92, were honored by Douglas County with a Resolution recognizing the accomplishments of these recipients.

Board Of Commissioners



Douglas County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Safety and Health Council of Greater Omaha, Inc., is a private non-profit, non-governmental organization; and,

WHEREAS, the Safety and Health Council of Greater Omaha, Inc., promotes good citizenship by recognizing area businesses and individuals who emphasize safety and health programs in the workplace and for the community at-large; and,

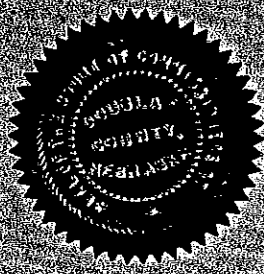
WHEREAS, the 1992 awards recipients have made a significant contribution to the health, safety and well-being of the Douglas County community; and,

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners appreciates the endeavors of the Safety and Health Council of Greater Omaha, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THAT recognition be given to the following 1992 recipients of the Safety and Health Council of Greater Omaha, Inc., awards:

- U.S. Corps of Engineers - Omaha District
- Robert Faulkner - Asst. Principal at Flanagan High School
- KFAB
- Michael N. Gotman
- Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Watch Group

Dated this 2nd day of June, 1992



Handwritten signatures of Board of County Commissioners

Board of County Commissioners
Douglas County, Nebraska