



GIFFORD PARK'S PRIDE

A Publication of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

APRIL, 1993

NEXT MEETING:

**April 1
7 p.m.**

****CARDIAC CARE CENTER, 30TH AND WEBSTER****

SHOW UP EARLY FOR A TOUR AND OPEN HOUSE AT 6 P.M

FREE PARKING IN ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL LOT

SPRING CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 10

by Chris Foster, Spring Cleanup Chairman

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Spring Cleanup will be held on the same day as the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 10th. Spring Cleanup will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:30 a.m. This means we must be extra careful because there will be many children in and around Gifford Park during these events. Besides neighborhood and park cleanup, we will have recycling, membership and donation drive, and a picnic in Gifford Park. All tree brush must be taken to designated chipper sites — we will provide chipper passes on the day of the cleanup. Dump passes to the county landfill will be available also. We will likely charge a \$10 fee for items that contain refrigerant, like refrigerators. We may have to charge a small fee for larger hauling, so contact one of the names listed below if you need a volunteer to pick up trash. The focus of the City-wide Spring Cleanup is to clean up and beautify our neighborhoods — parks, streets, alleys, vacant lots, and help those that need help. Don't bring your curbside garbage to the dumpsters, let the weekly garbage pickup handle it. We need volunteers to help with: Cleaning your own streets and yards, helping your neighbors, pickup trucks for hauling trash to the park dumpsters, and plenty of other tasks. The GPNA thanks the City of Omaha Park Maintenance and Forestry divisions, Keep Omaha Beautiful, the trash container companies that donate dumpsters, and Glad and Baker's (trash bags) for their efforts with the City-wide Spring Cleanup. Here are 1992 statistics: 239 loads of tree brush, 344 dumpsters (20 cu. yd.), 20,000 lbs. of metal recycled, 14,750 lbs. of useable items for Good Will. Call the phone numbers listed below for more information: Chris Foster (342-6006), GPNA Office (342-7616), and Ron Yates (558-6027).

NEW NEIGHBORS HELP PAINT GPNA OFFICE

Our sincerest gratitude is extended to Saint Anthony House, 3126 Chicago Street, for providing a team of painters to work on the GPNA office during our painting party. The few of us GPNA members that showed up, were very impressed. They didn't just stand around — THEY WORKED, and did an outstanding job. Thank you very much, gentlemen, on behalf of all the members of the GPNA. We need more good neighbors with that sense of community involvement.

OFFICE NEWS

by Vonda McEachern, Office Chairman

For those of you who were unable to attend our Open House last Saturday, you really missed out. We had coffee, cake, and lots of great socializing! Our guests ranged from Subby Anzaldo to Tom Bogard to some new folks in the neighborhood. We also had a couple of people stop in to utilize the free tax help available. If you didn't get a chance to stop by on Saturday, make a point to stop by at another time. The office looks great and will be put to good use!

ART IN THE PARK

A committee has been formed to look into the ways and means of obtaining a work of sculpture for the park. Brian Kokensparger will chair the committee. If you are interested in helping with the decision-making process, or have some thoughts or ideas, please call Brian at 558-3834.

YOUR GPNA OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

OFFICERS:

- President:** Ron Yates-558-6027
- Vice-President:** John Lynch-345-9624
- Treasurer:** Mike Caban-341-4722
- Recording Secretary:** Judi Caban-341-4722
- Corresponding Secretary:** Kathy Rose-341-3955

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Art in the Park: Brian Kokensparger-558-3834
- Budget & Finance: Mike Caban-341-4722
- CDC/Incorporation: Chuck Kilgore-341-2757
- Clean-Up: Chris Foster-342-6006
- Courtesy: Cynde Yates-558-6027
- Gifford Park Day: John Lynch-345-9624
- Historian: Eva Swanson - 345-1707
- Membership: Kathy Rose - 341-3955
- Pride Distribution: Ron Yates-558-6027
- Pride Production: Brian Kokensparger-558-3834
- Park: Mike Caban-341-4722
- Program: John Lynch-345-9624
- Public Relations: Jackie Lynch-345-9624
- Social Activities: Jeanette Martin - 345-7639 and Cynde Yates - 558-6027
- Tool-Lending: Ed Hendershot - 341-0475
- VIP: Mike Caban - 341-4722
- Watch Group: Ron Yates - 558-6027
- Weeds & Litter: Leo Wilwerding - 345-1433

**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

PRIMARY ELECTION WILL NARROW THE FIELD FOR OUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

A primary election will be held on April 6, 1993, for the Mayor and several City Council positions. There are four candidates for mayor: B. Bonn, Isabel Rawlings Cohen, P.J. Morgan, and Mort Sullivan.

For our City Council Member, there are also four candidates: Subby Anzaldo, Patricia Bunz Dugaw, Brian J. Muench, and Mike Siderewicz.

Show up for the primary election, and cast your vote for the candidate of your choice!

A BLOOMING MASTERPIECE OF A PROJECT

by Mike Caban, Park Committee Chairman

Green thumbs are throbbing all over Omaha. It's almost time to dig into those flower beds, and start preparing the garden plots. If you have a green thumb, and would like to help create a blooming masterpiece, or two, in Gifford Park, please consider calling Mike Caban at 341-4722. The site(s) need to be identified, dug up, fertilized, mulched, and of course planted with a bounty of colorful flowers.

The Park Committee has no budgeted funds this year, so all work will be voluntary, and materials donated by our membership and volunteers. We will accept donated plants, mulch, fertilizer, and bordering material as soon as the ground thaws.

TOOL LENDING HOTLINE

ED: 341-0475
JIM: 341-4695
CHRIS: 342-6006

YATES SCHOOL CARNIVAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Our neighborhood elementary school, Yates, will be holding their Spring Carnival on May 15, 1993. They always need volunteers who can help run the games, set-up, clean-up, and etc. If you are interested in helping, give Mike Caban a call at 341-4722.

If you don't have the time and energy to help, one of the major ways you can show your neighborhood spirit is to show up at the carnival and have some fun!

APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Pride Omaha, Inc. (Parent Resources and Information on Drug Education) has information on alcohol awareness activities occurring in the area, and suggestions if you want to create your own activities. For more information, call 397-3309.

Pride Omaha, Inc., also has a Hotline to report teen alcohol parties before they occur, and to report license holders who routinely provide alcohol to minors.

The Hotline is 393-4444.

NEW "KEGGER" BILL UP FOR ADOPTION

A new ordinance has been submitted to the City Council in an attempt to reduce the effects caused by underaged drinking in Omaha.

A letter submitted to the City Council by Thomas Mumgaard, Assistant City Attorney, states, "The ordinance declares that gatherings where five (5) or more juveniles are present and one (1) or more juvenile is allowed to possess or consume alcohol are public nuisances. The ordinance authorizes police to issue an order to abate the nuisance and authorizes assessment of a police services fee for subsequent responses if the nuisance is not abated." As a result of this, "A person responsible for the gathering will be liable for the actual costs of the police response," which could be up to \$500 or more. The person liable for the fee could be the premises owner, the resident, or the person who organized the gathering.

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS
FOR SOME GOOD, CLEAN FUN
ON APRIL 10**

EASTER EGG HUNT

10:30 A.M., SAT., APRIL 10
IN GIFFORD PARK

Eggs, candy — and perhaps
a surprise visit
from the Easter Bunny!

Parents: Please provide your own Easter Baskets
for your children.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

10 A.M.-3 P.M., SAT., APRIL 10
IN GIFFORD PARK

Neighborhood and park clean-up, recycling,
chipper site passes, membership sales, dump
passes, and all the other trimmings you've come to
know and love over the past few years.