



GIFFORD PARK'S PRIDE

A Publication of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

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NEXT MEETING:

THIS THURSDAY, JULY 1, at 7 p.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL
DINING ROOMS A, B, AND C**

**GUEST: Representative from the
Omaha Police Department**

FREE PARKING

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT DONATED

A BIG thank you goes to Chris Foster for convincing Kiewit Construction Company to donate computer equipment to the GPNA. Word Data Corporation was instrumental in providing a link to this computer equipment. We anticipate much use for this welcome addition. Also thanks to Creighton University for donating other hardware. Our CDC is starting to take form, and we hope will become an asset to the community in the near future. This equipment will certainly play a large part in that endeavor. Thanks again to those involved on the donation side, and to Tom Rose for hooking them up and making them useable.

New Officers were elected
at the June Meeting.

See the "Letter from the President" on page 6
of this month's PRIDE.

Congratulations to the McEachern's on the
newest addition to their family!

TOOL LENDING MOW FEE NOW \$5

by Chris Foster


Neighborhood Tool Lending has decided to raise the rental fee of lawn mowers from \$3 to \$5. All other tools will remain at the \$3 fee. The ongoing maintenance of our mowers prompted the change, but at just \$5 a day, the lawn mower rental fee is still the best deal in town! Here is a short list of some of the items that neighborhood tool lending has to offer:

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Lawn mowers | ladders |
| rakes | saws |
| hedge clippers | yard/garden tools |


Remember, neighborhood tool lending is for anyone, GPNA member or not. Try us!

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Gifford Park Residential Specialist
Scott A. Rosenthal

Hello! This is just a quick note to introduce myself. I have been a resident at 3409 California since January of 1990. I am focusing my attention on the Gifford Park area for NP Dodge Real Estate Co., and I am anxious to meet all of you! Do not hesitate to call me at home or at work for reliable, quick answers to all of your real estate questions.

IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT A GPNA MEMBERSHIP!

You can't vote for GPNA officers.
 You only get a newsletter once every two months.
 You can't enjoy the luscious Holiday Banquet at St. Joseph's Hospital.
 Face it. Life without a GPNA membership is a real bummer.
 Do yourself a favor. Join. Today!

**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, 1994.**

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 Mail to GPNA: 3225 1/2 California St., Omaha, NE 68131

MEMBERS MEET WITH AREA ARTISTS

by Brian Kokensparger

The Art in the Park Committee has received resumes and slides from four artists, all of whom will be meeting with the committee in late June with project proposals and slides. All of the artists have strolled through Gifford Park, and are excited about the prospect of working with neighborhood residents to design and install a piece of sculpture for the park.

The artists were instructed to think in terms of a sculpture that would unite the neighborhood, that would invite "hands on" use from area children, and perhaps involve water in some way.

After meeting individually with each of the artists, the committee will present a report during the July Executive Board Meeting for further direction.

If you have any comments, questions, or ideas, the committee is anxious to hear them. Committee members include Brian Kokensparger (558-3834), Cynde Yates (558-6027), Mike Caban (341-4722), Kevin McEachern (341-7346), and John Lynch (345-9624).

*Happy Birthday
Shannon !*



With Love:

*Dad, Jackie,
Kelly and Corey*

PERSONAL ADS

GPNA members can purchase an ad of this size in the Gifford Park Pride for the low price of only \$5.00 per month! Place an ad to celebrate holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. or to advertise any personal sales (pets, garage/yard sales, etc.).

Deadlines for personal ads are the fifteenth of the month prior to the desired month of publication. To order an ad or for more information, contact Vonda or Kevin McEachern at 341-7346 after 5:30 PM.

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1993-1994 GPNA AWARD PROGRAM**100% CLUB**

This is an award for attendance. This will be in addition to and/or coincide with the existing award programs. The program is the GPNA's way of recognizing each member who has made our organization strong by supporting the organization's events. To become a member of the 100% Club, you must earn 100 points for the year, which are awarded as follows:

- 10 pts Attendance at regular monthly meeting
- 10 pts Attendance at monthly Board meeting
- 1-10 pts Committee participation to be judged by the committee chair
- 1-10 pts Committee Chairman participation to be judged by the GPNA President
- 10 pts Assisting at GPNA functions (i.e. Garage Sale, Gifford Park Day, Holiday Banquet, Easter Egg Hunt, and etc.)
- 5 pts New member brought in

The certificates for the 100% Club will be awarded at the Annual Meeting to be held the first Thursday in June, 1994. The points will accumulate from May 1, 1993, to April 30, 1994.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is our organization's way of recognizing one of our members who has contributed an exceptional part of himself or herself to the GPNA. The criteria listed below are based on a point system:

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- 5 pts New member brought in
- 5 pts GPNA promotion, such as a speaking engagement on behalf of the GPNA, news recognition, attendance at community activity as a GPNA representative, and etc.
- 10 pts Attendance at a seminar enhancing your contributions to the GPNA

The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in June, 1994. Points for this award will accumulate from May 1, 1993, to April 30, 1994. Board members are not eligible to receive the Member of the Year award.

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OMAHA PARKS AND RECREATION RECEIVES A+ FROM ME*by Brian Kokensparger*

Same service, different name. What used to be the City of Omaha Forestry Service is now under the Department of Parks and Recreation. I didn't realize that the City had a forestry department (or needed one, from some of the bare streets I drive through), but I found out that the City responds in a big way last month.

Over Memorial Day Weekend, my family and I went out for a little holiday picnic. A great wind blew up, putting a damper on our picnic and sending us scurrying for home. Lo and behold, upon arriving at our house, the great wind not only wreaked havoc on our picnic, but also on the old silver maple that has stood outside our home for decades. Never mind that it came down perfectly between two houses, landing neatly into our driveway — we felt very lucky that no one was hurt, and secondly, that no damage was done to our property or the neighbors', and thirdly, that our car wasn't trapped in the driveway.

Since it was Sunday, and Memorial Day followed, we decided to wait until Tuesday to call. On Tuesday morning, bright and early, I called the Omaha Parks and Recreation number, and was greeted on the phone by a very pleasant lady, who took down the information and assured me that an inspector would be there that day to look the situation over.

I was pleasantly surprised when a City tree crew pulled up less than an hour later. In thirty minutes, the fallen tree was moved into position, cut up, and loaded into a City truck. This in itself would have been plenty to capture my admiration. But on top of that, the very polite gentlemen carefully raked the entire area, and shoveled the sawdust, leaves, and tiny branches into their truck.

In a matter of minutes, it looked as if nothing had happened — not only was my driveway free and clear, but conspicuously clean of any debris.

We always hear complaints about City services, but rarely do we hear about the times when the City performs well above the call of duty. This was one of those times; I'm convinced that there are many others that go unnoticed. Let's continue to challenge the City to deliver the best service that our tax dollars can support, but let's also commend it when it provides a job well done.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by John Lynch, Jr.

The Summer of 1993 brings some changes to the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association, most notably on the Executive Board and a number of committee chairs. Let me start by introducing myself. My name is John J. Lynch, Jr., and I have been a part of the GPNA since 1988. My wife, Jackie, and I moved into the Gifford Park neighborhood in May of 1987. We both have been active in GPNA projects since our first contact with the organization and have taken a great deal of pride in the accomplishments of all those persons, past and present, that have contributed to the work of the GPNA.

It is an honor to have been nominated and elected to the position of President of the GPNA, although I must admit to some reluctance at first. The gentlemen who preceded me in this office, Jim Windorski and Ron Yates, have provided me, this organization, and the entire neighborhood with a firm base on which we can continue to build. The first years of putting the GPNA together were the toughest, and now the job is to maintain the excellent program I have inherited from these founders. With the able assistance from many of my neighbors now involved in the GPNA, there is no reason to believe we won't succeed.

During the last few years we have witnessed many changes in the Gifford Park area, including new businesses, new park and playground equipment and, most importantly, a cooperation among the Gifford Park residents to work toward the continued improvement of our neighborhood. It takes a willingness and desire on the part of **YOU**, the people who live, work, and play in the Gifford Park area, to keep this improvement happening throughout the boundaries of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association. Your help and input is always welcome by all those currently involved in the GPNA. Those persons and their phone numbers are listed each month on the cover of this newsletter, and your calls are welcomed.

The next months will bring the Fall Clean-up, our annual Holiday party, the regular Friday and Saturday evening walk group tours, and the Second Annual Gifford Park Day. If you are not already a part of these events, I hope that this will be the year you decide to take an active role in the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association. You certainly will not regret your participation.

Events to Watch For Over the Next Few Months . . .

Gifford Park Day

Fall Clean-Up

National Night Out

*If you haven't renewed your membership,
it's time!*

*If you haven't become a member, don't you think
it's about time?*