



GIFFORD PARK'S PRIDE

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NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, at 7 p.m.

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

**GUEST: Catherine Ferguson and Les Bruning, artists
for the Art in the Park Project**

FREE PARKING

GARAGE SALE

It is time, once again, to go to the basement, attic or storage room and retrieve all those goodies that you intend to give to the GPNA for our annual garage sale. The garage sale will be held September 4th and 5th. Volunteers are needed. It is very important that we have a good sale, as a large percentage of our budget is funded by the annual garage sale. We can't succeed without your help. Please donate and participate.

Contact Ron Yates at 558-6027 to volunteer to help and to pick-up your donations.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW
FOR GIFFORD PARK DAY!!!**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

**SEE PAGE 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER
FOR MORE DETAILS**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order to one of our own. Mrs. Judi Caban, GPNA vice president, has recently been appointed to serve on the Nebraska State PTA Board of Directors, as Parent Involvement Chairperson. Judi has been active n PTA for sixteen years and has served five terms as President of the Yates Elementary School PTA unit, and three years as Newsletter Chairperson, plus one year as Recording Secretary of the Omaha Council PTA/PTSA. Way to go, Judi!

GPNA GARDEN WALK = SUCCESS!

What a super job everyone did on the Garden Walk! Special thanks to Dan and Martha Nealon, Carolyn Tooley, John and Diane Reuss, Gerry Heese, Jim and Vera Horton, Diane Kaye, Leo and Marlene Wilwerding, Bonnie Price, Sue Hummel, Candy Billingsly, Ron and Cynde Yates, Sandy Jones, Judi Caban, John and Jackie Lynch, J-N-J Grocery, and Indian Creek Nursery.

People came from far and near to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon taking a leisurely walk through our neighborhood gardens and park. Everyone enjoyed themselves and comments were heard about the pride our community exuberates. Rumors have started about a Second Annual Garden Walk, so keep those thumbs green and start planning now.

GOT THAT RODNEY DANGERFIELD-STYLE PORCH (IT GETS NO RESPECT)?
OR HOW ABOUT THAT JUNGLE YOU CALL A LAWN?
HOW ABOUT THAT DRIP DRIP DRIP FROM THE FAUCET THAT KEEPS YOU UP ALL NIGHT?

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, WE HAVE PART OF THE SOLUTION:

TOOLS TO LEND!

TOOL LENDING HOTLINE

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

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, this is the last mailing you will receive.

Take a moment to write out a check and send it to the address below.

We need you!

**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.**

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

REFERRED BY: _____
(important for GPNA members eligible for the 100% Club and Member of the Year Award)

COMMUNITY POLICING

The guest speakers at the July, 1993, General Membership meeting were Sgt. Dave Allen, Officer Jeff Baker, and Officer Michael Versch of the Omaha Police Department. They were very informative and made several suggestions, such as the development of a neighborhood directory. They also discussed public drinking and loud music complaints indicating they are able to pursue these problems further when an individual is willing to sign a complaint. A suggestion was made that several people could sign a complaint rather than one individual. (Looks like they were telling us that we need more neighborhood watch groups.)

The officers suggested that the neighborhood prioritize concerns and inform them of these priorities. The concerns discussed included street drinking, loud music, underage drinking, parking violations, and unlicensed automobiles. The night following our meeting, Officers Baker and Versch were noticed making an arrest at one of our hot spots. They have made several subsequent arrests and their efforts are making quite an impact on some of our law-violating citizens.

Community policing — what a wonderful idea!

ART IN THE PARK COMMITTEE MEETS

In an effort to improve and beautify the neighborhood, the GPNA Art in the Park Committee is sponsoring a research and planning project to place a sculpture or fountain in Gifford Park.

Several members of the Association have formed a committee to implement the project and have met with local artists (Catherine Ferguson and Les Bruning), to review possible options for the design and placement of the artwork. After a research phase to determine the exact dimensions and materials involved, the project will be taken before the City for final approval. The Art in the Park committee hopes to place the artwork in the park in the summer of 1995.

Currently the committee is involved in an attempt to raise funds for this project, so that further development can begin. A raffle and art auction are being planned to help raise the necessary funds, but donations from individuals interested in helping to improve this mid city park are welcome. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Kevin McEachern at 341-7346.

WE NEED YOUR ARTWORK!!!

**THE ART IN THE PARK COMMITTEE
IS LOOKING FOR
ART DONATIONS
FOR A SALE --
CONTACT CYNDE YATES (558-6027)
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

2nd Annual GIFFORD PARK DAY

Saturday, August 14

JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A DAY OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT!

- 9-11:00 a.m. PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the
Lighthouse United Pentecostal Church, 3402 Burt Street.
Donations welcomed.
- Noon FESTIVITIES IN GIFFORD PARK
Bring your entire family -- bring your neighbors -- bring all your
friends. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the company of others in
our ever-changing, always improving Gifford Park. Games for
the kids. Visits from the Omaha Police Horse Patrol, Omaha Fire
Department, and more!
- 5-6:30 p.m. Let's draw up teams for an all-ages SOFTBALL GAME.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!! SEE YOU AT THE LIGHTHOUSE UNITED
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH AND GIFFORD PARK ON SATURDAY THE 14TH!