



GIFFORD PARK'S PRIDE

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7 p.m.

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FREE PARKING

Garage Sale

We need you! Your stuff, your help, and your money on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4 and 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is something for everyone.

It's not too late to donate. Call 558-6027 for instant pickup. Also call 558-6027 to volunteer to help.

Members only preview will be held Friday, September 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. See you there.

**Art in the Park Committee Plans
Art Auction and Raffle**

The Art in the Park Committee is planning a silent art auction and raffle to kick off fundraising for a fountain and labyrinth in Gifford Park.

Books of raffle tickets have been hand-delivered to current GPNA members, who are encouraged to sell the tickets, and turn in the tickets and money before the deadline. Prizes include a \$500.00 U.S. Savings Bond, gift certificates to area businesses, and other great prizes. The drawing will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 10th. You need not be present to win. To buy raffle tickets, or if you would like a book of tickets to sell, contact John Lynch (345-9624), Cynde Yates (558-6027), or Mike Caban (341-4722).

The committee is also sponsoring an art auction, which will be held from Friday evening, Oct. 8 through Sunday, Oct. 10. Donations of artwork are still being accepted. Those wishing to donate art work can contact any Art in the Park committee representative.

There will be more information, including a complete list of raffle prizes, in next month's GPNA Pride.

Gifford Park Family by Kevin D. McEachern

I would like to start out by saying "Thank You" to all the people in the neighborhood who brought gifts or stopped by to congratulate my wife and I on the birth of our second daughter Megan. People I have only met a few times brought gifts and even came to the hospital to join us in celebrating this new addition to our family. Your support and good wishes are all greatly appreciated. Although we have only been members of the Neighborhood Association a couple of years, I was amazed by the friendly and heart-warming response we have received.

This brings me to my reason for writing this article. I am not a very social person and have always had a difficult time relating to people. But now everywhere I turn I find people that care what happens to me simply because I am a "Neighbor." I have been befriended by people who want nothing from me and offer help if I need it. Not one person has turned me down if I call to ask a question or advice. This amazes me and at the same time makes me feel very comfortable.

I am not a small town boy; I have lived in many different cities and many different neighborhoods. Never before have I seen or met people who are true neighbors, not just "the people next door." Since we moved to Gifford Park three years ago, I have actually talked to my neighbors over the fence, had people wave to me when I drive by and been asked to share some of my time and knowledge on behalf of the community. This is the first time in my life I have felt proud of my neighborhood and actually want to take an active part on its behalf.

Those people that are already members of the Association know the satisfaction that a person can get from being involved in their community, but I would like to see everybody in the Gifford Park area become involved. I know, with the little bit of work I have done in my spare time, that I am helping to provide a clean, safe neighborhood where my daughters can play and participate in sponsored, supervised activities. I also know that The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association is doing everything within its power to make this area even better for them.

To those of you who have not joined the Association, take a little time to get involved with your community, go to a monthly meeting, meet the people who are giving their own time and efforts to improve Gifford Park, and maybe consider what you can do to help make this area a better, safer place to raise your own children . . . or your neighbor's.

GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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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

Referred by: _____

Credit and Housing Fair to Be Held

You are cordially invited to participate in the fourth semi-annual Credit and Housing Fair. The fair is open to the public and will be held Sun., Sept. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m., at North High School, 4323 N. 37th Street. The fair is being sponsored by H.O.M.E.S., a coalition of local non-profit housing-related organizations.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially home owners, renters, and interested buyers. Financial institutions, credit counseling agencies, real estate agencies, neighborhood associations, and non-profit agencies will be on hand.

The fair is free, and there will be refreshments and door prizes.

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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Every dog owner is completely responsible for keeping his dog confined to his own private property by a chain or similar method or in an enclosure.

No person shall let their dog bark, yelp, or howl in a loud, frequent or continuous manner. This type of interference with the peace and comfort of a neighborhood by a dog is specifically prohibited.

No person owning or keeping a female dog in season shall house such dog in a way which results in attracting other animals to linger about and cause a nuisance.

Any person that owns, keeps, or harbors any dog... must purchase a license yearly. This does not apply to any dog under two (2) months of age.

Every dog required to be licensed must be vaccinated against rabies annually. Young dogs must be vaccinated within thirty (30) days after they reach two (2) months of age.

GPNA Receives Tree Planting Money

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and KETV-Channel 7 have awarded the GPNA \$1,590 to plant trees in the third annual Celebrate Trees program. The money will be available for planting trees this fall or next spring.

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Sealants are easy to apply, there are no drills or needles involved, and they are less costly than filling a cavity. To find out how to keep your children cavity free, contact your family dentist, or the Creighton University School of Dentistry at 280-5154.



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Gifford Park Day 1993

The heat was on for Gifford Park Day 1993 on Saturday, August 14. Mother Nature decided that there would be no rain, but an abundance of summer sunshine greeted all of this year's participants.

The morning started with a terrific pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lighthouse United Pentecostal Church. Many of our neighbors enjoyed pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice to begin the festivities. Our sincere thanks go out to Rev. Donald Showalter and his members for a (ful)filling morning.

The next stop was Gifford Park, where even the loss of shade caused by the summer storm damage was not enough to keep diehard association members from braving the sun and heat to enjoy each other's company. The afternoon highlight was provided by the Omaha Fire Department. Engine Company #1 made a loud but welcome entrance to the park around 3 p.m. The crowd of children lost no time in climbing throughout the truck and equipment, talking with the firefighters, and blowing the siren while flashing the emergency lights. We thank the men of Company #1 for their time.

Also, the Yates P.T.A. supplied us with games for the children, with prizes donated by the GPNA. It certainly was fun to see the kids try their luck at tossing beanbags, pitching at milk bottles, and grabbing the floating ducks to win a prize. Thanks to the P.T.A. and our neighborhood helpers who ran the games. All during the games, free snow cones were provided by Mike and Judi Caban. What a nice, cool way to enjoy a hot summer day . . . thanks a lot!!!

Additional thanks are due to Ed Hendershot for providing the electricity for the music, and to Chris Foster for providing sporting equipment for the afternoon. Chris was also able to obtain a reasonably priced "porta-potty" for the GP Day participants. Chris, this did not go unnoticed!

And special thanks to City Councilman Subby Anzaldo for stopping by to visit. Mr. Anzaldo was kind enough to drop off a case of pop for the neighborhood folks, and show his support for the activities within the GPNA.

Plans are already being discussed for the 3rd Annual Gifford Park Day. We look forward to more fun and games, and some great new events to make the day even better!!!