



GIFFORD PARK'S PRIDE

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NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, at 7 p.m.

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

**GUEST: Representative from Security
National Bank will talk about financial
programs available to Gifford Park residents.**

FREE PARKING

FALL CLEANUP DATE IS SET

The GPNA's annual Fall Cleanup will be Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Gifford Park. As in the past, the Fall Cleanup is for GPNA members only, or people who donate time or money to the cleanup. Activities planned will be:

- Neighborhood and Park Cleanup
- Dumpsters in Gifford Park
- Membership and Donation Drive
- Recycling
- Park Picnic
- Halloween Pumpkins

We always need volunteer help with providing pickup trucks for hauling, monitoring/packing dumpsters, and especially picking up your own streets and yards. If you have a couple of hours on cleanup day, come down to Gifford Park (by the baseball diamond) and we'll have something for you to do.

It's very important for you to call the phone numbers listed below BEFORE cleanup day if you need a volunteer to pick up trash — we will prioritize hauling based on your call. There will be a charge for appliances that contain refrigerant (freon) — this charge has not yet been set. Tree brush will NOT be accepted for the Fall Cleanup — save it for the Spring Cleanup. Because the GPNA pays for these dumpsters, we may require a donation if you have excessive trash (i.e., several truckloads) to help fund the cleanup.

Please call Chris Foster (342-6006) or Ron Yates (558-6027) for more information or if you can help with this year's Fall Cleanup.

TOOL LENDING UPDATE

Gifford Park Neighborhood Tool Lending continues to be one of the best kept secrets in town. We rent tools to neighbors; \$5 for mowers, \$3 for most other tools (you DO NOT have to be a member of the GPNA, it's for anyone). After a slow start this spring, many people took advantage of lawn mowers and yard tools as the rainy summer weather kept the grass (and weeds) growing. BOB HUTTON has been a great help to the Tool Lending program with his mechanical expertise, keeping our mowers running smooth. Those who use Tool Lending are repeat customers — so find out why Neighborhood Tool Lending is a good deal for you and the neighborhood!

TOOL LENDING HOTLINE

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

GARAGE SALE REPORT

The day of our Garage Sale, Sat., Sept. 4th, was a great day for the Garage Sale. Unfortunately, Sunday was a rainy, wet, dreary day which was not conducive to making many sales. We missed the amount projected by the Budget Committee. However, there are 558 more dollars in the coffers due to our efforts. Ron Yates, the Garage Sale Committee Chairman, wishes to thank all of those people who helped with special thanks to Cynde Yates, who sorted through and priced the donations, prepared signs advertising the sale, and helped customers during the sale; Tom and Kathy Rose, who assisted with pick-up and storage of donations and helped customers during the sale; and Mike and Judi Caban, who netted \$22 in revenue with their Sno-Cone machine as well as assisting with the pick-up of donations and helping customer during the sale. Overall, with the bad day on Sunday, we did very well. Once again, thanks to all those who donated, those who worked, and our customers. Your efforts are appreciated!

OKTOBERFEST AT SAINT CECILIA'S

Plan to attend St. Cecilia's Oktoberfest, Oct. 3, from Noon - 7 p.m. It will be held on the parish grounds. Good old-fashioned fun for the entire family. Games, rides, entertainment, prizes (including a \$2,000 grand prize), great food, and a whole lot of fun will be found at the Oktoberfest, Oct. 3, from Noon to 7 p.m.

GPNA CELEBRATES TREES

TREES

by Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

The GPNA made application to Celebrate Trees and received a grant for the planting of fourteen beautiful new trees. The site selected was along 32nd Street between Burt and California Streets. The trees were planted September 15th and 16th.

Thanks to Betty Denny and Celebrate Trees; Scott Farington from Indian Creek Nursery; Phil Pierce, the City Forester; and Kathy Rose and Ron Yates for handling the project.

The Tree Committee is very pleased with their efforts and our neighbors on 32nd Street have promised to take good care of the trees.

If members have suggestions or ideas on tree planting in the neighborhood, please contact Kathy Rose or any GPNA Board Member.

FOOTBALL TICKETS TO BE RAFFLED AWAY

Once again, Senator John Lindsay has donated 2 football tickets to the Nebraska-Iowa State game on Nov. 13. These tickets will be raffled off on or about Nov. 4th. All proceeds from the sale of these raffle tickets will go to the GPNA. This is one of the few fund-raising events we have, and we encourage your participation. Raffle tickets will be available at the October meeting from Vonda McEachern. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to help sell raffle tickets, or need more, please contact Vonda at 341-7346. Thanks in advance for your help!

BULBS NEEDED FOR GIFFORD PARK

Did you buy too many spring bulbs? Want to see them go to good use? Call the Park Chairman, and look for surprises in the park next spring. (Tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils only, please.)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

On Sept. 15, 1993, in the Record section of the Omaha World-Herald, two robberies and two burglaries were reported. The first robbery occurred at 33rd and Cass Streets and the second at 30th and Cuming Streets about one hour later. The Pike House, located at 31st and Chicago Streets, had a party last weekend with party-goers drinking in the street. The party was very loud and there appeared to be underage individuals who were drinking. The party was reported to the Omaha Police via 911.

This week the Watch Group received three complaints about the party, but none of these folks had called the Police to report the party. Please continue to contact the Watch Group with your concerns; however, also call the Omaha Police Division. The Police will respond to complaints — perhaps multiple complaints will inform them of the seriousness of residential concerns — and if you have a concern with drinking in the street, loud parties, burglars, robbers, thieves, driving or parking, call the Police and let them decide if a crime has been committed. They certainly will not address the problem if they do not receive a call! This neighborhood is and will be what YOU allow it to become.

ART IN THE PARK RAFFLE UPDATE

Thank you to all who have already responded to the Art in the Park Raffle. Your prompt show of support put us in the black on Sept. 18. Anything that comes in after that date goes toward making this project more than a dream. Area businesses and institutions have responded well, and the list of raffle prizes as of the 18th is as follows:

GPNA	\$500.00 Savings Bond
Creighton University	Season tickets for two, Performing Arts Productions
California Bar	Collector's Decanter Jim Bean Bourbon
California Pizza	Dinner for four
Kilgore's	Lunch for four

We expect to add to this list by the raffle date. Look for updates on the GPNA office window. If you can sell or buy another book of tickets, please call Mike, Cynde, or John, or come to the October membership meeting. Raffle deadline by mail is Oct. 6, or in person up to one hour before the drawing on Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. A note of thanks to Ed, at American Printing. Thanks, Ed!

MONEY!!!

Now that we have your attention, plan to come to Thursday's General Membership Meeting, where representatives from Security National Bank will discuss special programs that are available to residents in the Gifford Park area. See the front page for meeting time and place.