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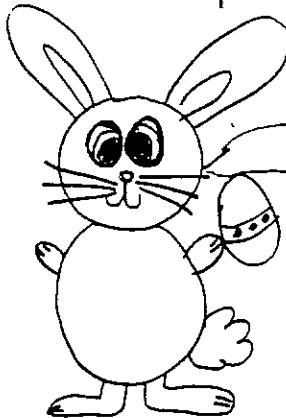
Next Meeting:

Thursday, ^{APR 7} ~~MARCH 3~~
7:00 P.M.

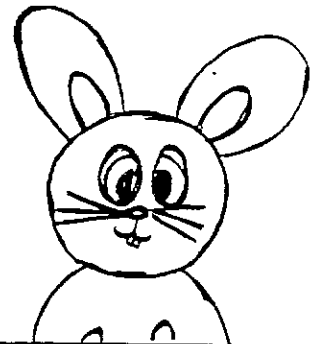
St. Joseph's Hospital
Dining Rooms A,B, & C

Guest: To Be Announced

FREE PARKING



HAPPY
EASTER!



EASTER IS HERE!

And so is our annual
Easter Egg Hunt...
bring all of your little
bunnies to join in the fun

Saturday, April 2
At 10:00 AM
in Gifford Park
by the softball field

100% CLUB/MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Remember this? This is a new incentive program started this year. Members get 10 points for each meeting attended, and additional points will be awarded for participating in clean-up, garage sale, etc. Recognition will be given to members achieving 100 points through various events. The member with the highest point volume at the end of April (Board Members excluded) will receive special recognition as Member of the Year. Check your point volume and make sure to get your 100 points in!

BACOME	CANDY	140
BACOME	MIKE	70
BECK	BRANDT	110
BECK	NAOMI	20
BECKMAN	DAVID	20
BECKMAN	MEL	20
CABAN	JUDY	160
CABAN	MIKE	170
DIRGO	HARRY	40
FOSTER	CHRIS	120
HANNA	GENINE	70
HENDERSHOT	ED	140
JOHNSON	ANN	60
JONES	GEORGE	40
JONES	SANDY	20
KELLY	MARTHA	80
KILGORE	CHUCK	50
KILGORE	MARY ANN	20
KOKENSPARGER	BRIAN	10
KOKENSPARGER	KAREN	10
LYNCH	JACKIE	40
LYNCH	JOHN	170
MARTIN	JEANETTE	130
MCEACHERN	KEVIN	30
MCEACHERN	VONDA	180
MEYER	ANITA	10
MILLER	JO	50
MITLAFF	DEB	60
PETSHA	NELLIE	60
PORTER	JUDY	10
REUSS	DIANE	50
REUSS	JOHN	40
RIEGER	JERRY	20
ROOT	JENNY	40
ROSE	KATHY	190
SCHMIDT	CLARA	20
WICKENHEISER	EVA	20
WILWERDING	LEO	70
WILWERDING	MARLENE	70
WILWERDING	TERRY	90
YATES	CYNDE	190
YATES	RON	190

SPRING CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 9TH

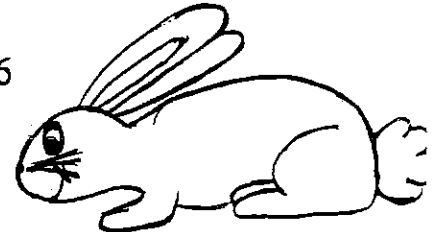
The annual neighborhood spring cleanup will be held Saturday, April 9th, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Along with neighborhood and park cleanup, we will have recycling, a membership and donation drive, and a picnic in Gifford Park. Tree brush must be taken to designated chipper sites. Dump passes to two landfills will be available also. We will charge a \$10 fee for items containing refrigerant, like refrigerators and air conditioners. There may be a small fee for larger hauling, so contact one of the phone numbers listed below for more information regarding the cleanup.

Remember, the focus of the city-wide spring cleanup is to cleanup and beautify our neighborhood's parks, streets, alleys, vacant lots, and help those who need help. We need volunteers to help with hauling, and packing the dumpsters in Gifford Park. This is a rare opportunity to help yourself and our neighborhood.

Chris Foster 342-6006

or

Ron Yates 558-6027



Free Tax Help Coming Soon

Mark your calendars for free tax assistance coming to our neighborhood.

An IRS representative will be available to answer questions and help prepare basic tax forms on the following dates:

Saturday, April 2nd 11AM to 1PM

Saturday, April 9th 11AM to 1PM

At the Gifford Park Office

WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

"If A is success in life, then A equals X plus Y plus Z. Work is X, Y is play, and Z is keeping your mouth shut."

- -Albert Einstein

WANT TO JOIN A GANG?

by Ron Yates

You have a choice. There are four gangs in your area. The first is the Lomas Gang a.k.a. N.O.L. (North Omaha Lomas). They seem to have an interest in car jacking, graffiti and just hanging around. The second is the G. P. N. A. Their interest seems to be in the area of community improvement, families, safe homes, and businesses. The third gang is the drinking, street urinating, littering, and loud party gang which includes, but is not limited to, college students. The fourth, largest and most dangerous gang, is the I DON'T HAVE TIME AND I MIND MY OWN BUSINESS GANG. This gang's membership includes business owners, police officers, teachers, homeowners, landlords, parents, church goers and welfare recipients, etc.

You, if you are in some way a part of this neighborhood, are a member of one of these gangs. The N.O.L. appears to be growing. They now have some 12 and 13-year old members. The G.P.N.A. is losing some members to the fourth gang a.k.a. THE DO NOTHING GANG (D.N.G.). The third gang has suffered some recent setbacks, but hopes to rebound. The fourth gang is growing and may take over the area. If you haven't joined one of the first three gangs, you ARE a member of the fourth.

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: _____

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

by Cynde Yates



If you are concerned about the neighborhood, NOW is the time to do what you can to make a difference. When you see a violation of the law, notify the police department or other appropriate agency. Do not wait for the next person to do something about the problem -- YOU take action.

Often, the small problems, such as parking in the yard or across sidewalks, litter and dead storage cars in back yards and on the street, loud music, etc. are the things that begin to erode a neighborhood; no problem is too small. Be persistent until the problem is resolved. All it takes is a phone call or two. Just a few minutes of your time.

If you do not know who to contact, call one of the G.P.N.A. Officers or Executive Board Members (listed on the front page of this newsletter). Each member is putting in many hours and working hard to make the neighborhood a better place to live, work and play and will be delighted to help. However, we can not do it alone, we need you.

Do not read this article and simply put it aside, think about it and make a commitment to get involved and do more in your neighborhood. Our homes are, generally, our most valuable asset and the neighborhood can make a great deal of difference in their value. Your own personal wealth may depend on your commitment to spend a few minutes or hours of your precious time each month. In addition, our safety and that of our children, relatives, friends and neighbors is at stake. To learn what you can do, attend a meeting, meet your neighbors, become a part of the network. The general membership meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at St. Joseph Hospital.

This is our neighborhood, we have chosen to reside here, and together we CAN make a difference. Get involved -- there is a whole network of residents that will be there to support you with your concerns. All you need do is ask.

As has been said many times before, you can be part of the problem or part of the solution. I hope you will decide to be a part of the solution.
TAKE A STAND AND DO IT NOW!