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Next Meeting

Thursday, July 7th
7:00 P.M.

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

FREE PARKING



GOOD JOB!

Friends and Neighbors,

Have you noticed how much nicer our neighborhood looks? Many homeowners and property owners have made an extra effort to spruce up their yards and houses. Fresh paint, lawn care, flower planting, and overall care have resulted in the best appearance in years. In driving around the area, we noticed many homes which look particularly good or have made nice improvements. These are:

3016 California
3133 Webster
3314 Cass
3525 Burt
3126 Chicago

204 N 35 Ave
224 N 32 Ave
3263 Davenport
3508 Cass
3561 Cass

3521 Webster
3408 Webster
3330 Webster
3320 Burt
3652 Cass

These folks are to be applauded for their efforts. Let us all try to follow their example!

As citizens, we have certain responsibilities to our neighbors. These include allowing them to have a quiet, peaceful, and pleasant place to live. This involves respecting their rights by not disturbing the peace with loud noise, barking dogs, or obnoxious behavior. Nor should we detract from their property by failing to maintain ours. Think what a fine place our neighborhood would be to live if everyone would try to be a little more considerate of these things.

Also, keep in mind our responsibility to report incidents or situations which require police or city assistance. As the old saying goes, "The squeaking wheel is the one that gets the grease." Keep Calling!!

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SUMMERTIME COOLERS

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2 tablespoons of grenadine
Combine in a large glass filled
with ice, and serve

MARTINIQUE COOLER

1 cup of orange juice
1 cup of pineapple juice
1/2 cup apricot nectar
2 tablespoons of lemon juice
2 tablespoons grenadine
Combine and serve over ice

CARJACKINGS

First precautions. Generally, you can avoid becoming another newspaper headline by keeping car doors locked and rolling windows down no more than one-third. Never leave keys in ignition, even when you're only dashing to get a newspaper a few feet away.

Rearview mirror. Be aware of who is behind you at all times. The fact that you're almost home doesn't mean you're home free. Increasingly, criminals follow victims and attack them in their own driveways. If you think someone is following you, don't go home; instead, head for a police station, shopping center, or some other bright, busy place.

Police-impersonation gambit. On dark, less-traveled streets, if you're surprised by the flashing lights of an unmarked police car, and an undercover cop tries to pull you over, keep doors locked and continue driving until you reach an intersection or street lamp. Then ask to see his credentials. The pursuer will realize you're wise to his ploy, and he'll probably get scared off.

Highway robbers. On the open road, carjackers might follow either of these scripts: "bump-and-rob," in which someone stages an accident by hitting your rear bumper; and "Good Samaritan," where he poses as a helpful motorist, points to your car, and suggests something's wrong (flat tire, leaking gas). In both scenarios, when you get out to inspect, the perpetrator robs you, then steals your car. If you suspect you're about to become the target of either scheme, don't stop! Drive to a lighted, traffic-heavy location, perhaps the next exit ramp; the criminal will probably keep going.

FIGHTING BACK

Despite precautions, you may still be confronted by an assailant in your car, at the front door, or during a leisurely stroll. Here are some options to consider in those cases....

Chemical sprays. These are nonlethal but can disable an attacker for up to twenty minutes, giving you time to flee. Tear gas—most commonly Mace—causes severe tearing, burning skin, and gasping. Some people, however, espe-

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Personal alarms. Pull a string or push a button, and these handheld devices unleash a piercing shriek of up to 130,000 decibels. Proponents say such noise is a good deterrent, startling an aggressor and giving the victim time to run; detractors feel eardrum assaults are ineffectual in isolated areas and on big-city streets, where people are accustomed to ignoring clamor.

From \$9.95 to \$29.95.

Guns. "A gun in the home is forty times more likely to hurt you than an attacker," warns security expert Mizell. Although few personal security experts would recommend buying one, if you do decide to arm yourself with a lethal weapon, you *must* go for training and obtain necessary permits. Check with local police about the laws in your area.

The ammo in a stun gun is fifty thousand volts of electricity. But these devices are *not* recommended, since their jolt won't penetrate heavy clothing. In addition, they must be pressed against an attacker's body for up to six seconds.



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I Need Your Wisdom!!!

There are so many worthy quotes in the world, so whether they are funny, thought provoking, or deeply meaningful, send them in to me!

Your quote will be displayed in next month's newsletter along with a recognition of the sleuth who found it.

You can drop your quote and your name off in the GPNA office mail slot, or call me at 341-9554.

Original Poetry is also welcome!

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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.

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TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

As warmer weather arrives, our children will be out and about the neighborhood more often. This would be a good time for families to review personal safety rules. The following tips for parents are from the National Crime Prevention Council:

1. To remember their name and address, including city and state.
2. To memorize their phone number, including area code.
3. To use both push-button and dial telephones to make emergency, local, and long distance calls.
4. How to reach the operator.
5. To check in with you or a neighbor immediately after arriving home.
6. To never go into your home if a door is ajar or a window is broken.
7. How to work your home's door and window locks and to lock them when they are at home alone.
8. How to answer the door and telephone when they're home alone.
9. Not to go into anyone else's home without your permission.
10. To avoid walking or playing alone.
11. What to do if they feel they're being followed, either on foot or by a car.
12. To tell if anyone asks them to keep a secret, offers them gifts or money, or asks to take their picture.
13. To always tell you if something happened while they were away from you that made them feel uncomfortable in any way.

POSITIVELY POSITIVE

by: Mike Caban

I was asked to write something positive for the Pride this month. So here goes, I'm going to try to write something positively positive.

Walking home from the park with my ten year old son, on a lovely spring day back in mid May, we decided to take the long way home. So, we headed north on 35th Ave., then east down Cass Street.

On the north side, between 35th Ave, and 35th Street, the most beautiful row of white iris caught my attention. The waning amber light of a setting sun dipped below 38th Street on the west. The brilliance of the flowers, during those first minutes of twilight, took on a glow-in-the-dark appearance in front of the house. We stood on the south side of the street admiring them for a while, and continued east, on Cass.

The spring weather cooperated this year, and more of our neighborhood residents have been busily working in their gardens and flower beds. Today, if you take a tour of our area, you will discover numerous outstanding arrangements of flowers and foliage, that give even the most modest of homes, a sparkle.

I don't think the neighborhood has looked this good in years. And when I think back to the early 80's, when our main concern was how to keep the thugs, drug dealers, and prostitutes from destroying the fabric of this community, it gives me great pride that I belong, along with over two hundred members of the Gifford Park area, to the one organization that has made all the difference. The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association.

From the outset, the GPNA has been led by visionaries, all of whom have had the fortitude to build and maintain a powerful coalition, utilizing the talents of people with diverse interests and personalities within our own community. What makes the GPNA unique among neighborhood associations, is that we aren't obnoxious whiners who make incessant trivial and impossible demands, and expect the police, city officials, and agencies to "DO" for us all the time.

We work well with the various divisions of the city, in a spirit of cooperation, and mutual respect. We realize there are limitations within government agencies, and where they lack the resources, we roll up our sleeves, and assist where we can.

This cooperative spirit, along with an excellent volunteer pool, and the backing of our membership, is what is turning this neighborhood around. Sure, many issues still face us, and much work needs to be done yet, but I'm positive that if the GPNA continues on its pro-active course, tempered with good judgement, and a bit of tolerance for our neighbors, more success will follow.

WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

*"A Woman's Guess Is Better Than a Man's
Certainty"*

- Anonymous