

Gifford Park's Pride

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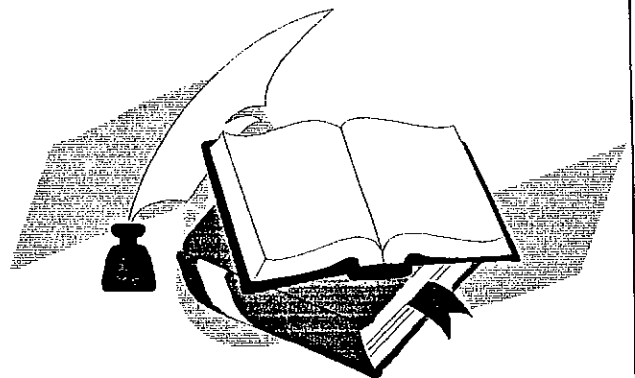
NEXT MEETING

Thursday, Aug. 4th
7:00 P.M.

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

FREE PARKING

Back to School



Be A Good Neighbor

We all want to live in a pleasant and attractive neighborhood. The generally fine appearance of our area is a testimony to this fact. Two things contributing to unsightliness in any neighborhood are weeds and litter. City Ordinances covering these are being enforced.

Being a good neighbor means being considerate of the rights of others.

Will Rogers once said, when asked to describe his idea of freedom, "Well it certainly is not the right to do anything we want to do anytime we want to do it - any fool can tell you that won't work. Our freedom only extends to the point where it begins to infringe on the rights of others." People have the right to live where it is peaceful, pleasant, clean, and quiet. Let us, as good neighbors, reflect these rights.

Each month we will synopsise a different city ordinance. The following briefly covers those regarding weeds and litter:

**City Ordinance 26.04010
Weeds & Litter 18-21-18-22**

Litter includes the following:

1. Trash, rubbish, refuse, garbage, paper, rags, wood, plaster, cement, brick, stone, building rubble, grass, leaves.

2. Any machine or machines, vehicles or vehicle parts thereof which have lost their identity, character, utility, or serviceability as such through deterioration, dismantling, or ravages of time, are inoperative or unable to perform their intended functions.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, agent, occupant or other person in possession, charge, or control of any lot or ground in the city, or portion thereof, to do either of the following:

A. Permit, allow, or maintain any growth of noxious weeds, grass, or other worthless vegetation eighteen inches or more in height.

B. Litter or cause to allow litter to be deposited thereon or remain thereon except in proper receptacles.

The ordinance further states the obligation of all property owners and occupants to cut the weeds and grass on lots, parkways, and 1/2 the alleys abutting their properties. If not cut, the city may do so and levy costs against the property. The city can likewise remove litter and assess costs. In addition, fines of up to \$50.00 may also be charged.



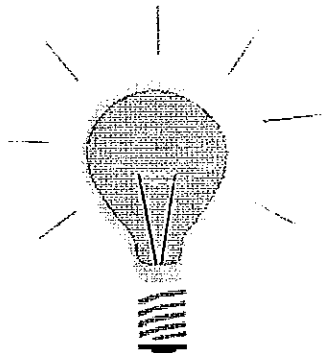
WALKERS WANTED FOR WATCH GROUP

Since June the GPNA Watch Group has been walking earlier on Friday nights, from 9 to 11 P.M. We have had enough walkers to walk every Friday night thus far (the rain forced us to go mobile on one occasion). The GPNA Watch Group is a great way to meet with fellow neighborhood friends, discuss ideas, get to know the Gifford Park neighborhood better, and get some exercise.

The GPNA Watch was started four years ago with this mission:

"We are here to help maintain a healthy, safe, and wholesome environment for ALL the people who live in our neighborhood. Our intent is NOT to bother our neighbors, but to ensure our neighbors are not bothered by those who would corrupt our community. As a committee of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association we invite you to walk with us and attend our monthly meetings and participate in the betterment of our community."

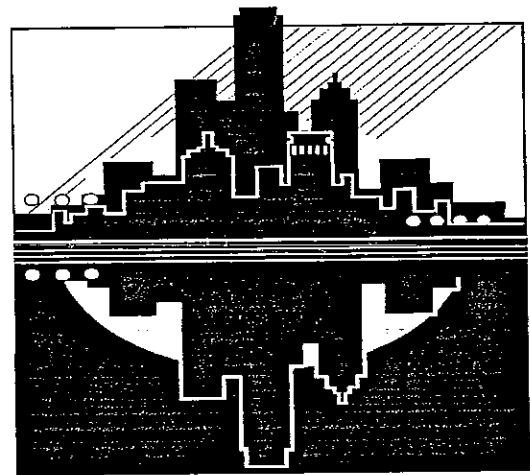
We have just a few guidelines for participating in the GPNA Watch Group. We meet at the GPNA Office, 33rd & California Street (next to J'N'J Grocery) every Friday night 9 P.M. to 11 P.M. and Saturday nights 11 P.M. to 1 A.M. For more information call Ron Yates (558-6027) or Chris Foster (342-6006).



WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

*A truly wise man never plays
leap frog with a unicorn*

- anonymous.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

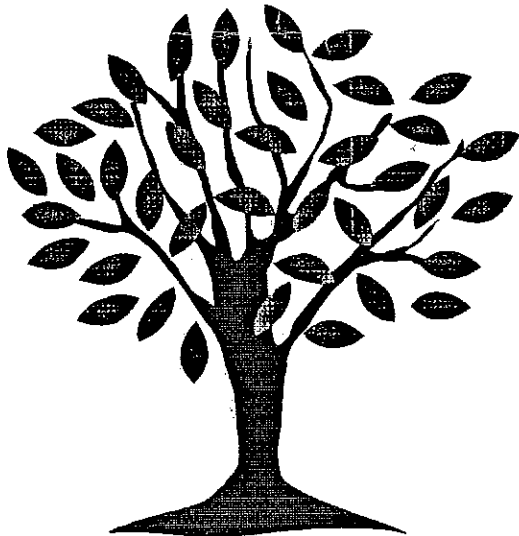
by Terry Wilwerding

The other day I heard a lunch talk by Marty Shukert, who formerly was Omahas Planning Director. He talked about some of the disturbing trends in urban design. He mentioned that new developments and commercial properties are designed more for automobiles than for people. When people think of a pleasant neighborhood, they think of sidewalks and trees and neighborhood businesses. In contrast, many new neighborhoods and business districts are inaccessible and even dangerous to pedestrians. Oddly, many new residential developments have no diversity and encourage neighbors to be isolated.

So perhaps we are not as disadvantaged as we thought in Gifford Park. We certainly have a diverse population. There are

plenty of sidewalks and trees and it is not at all difficult to take a walk and meet your neighbors. We have greenspaces and an incredible variety in architecture, and the beginnings of a neighborhood business district.

The challenge is to see the real potential in our neighborhood. We don't want to be Regency and we don't want to be The Projects. As Mr. Shukert mentioned, we should want a neighborhood that is a good place to live for people from all kinds of backgrounds - A neighborhood for the people. We certainly have a good start.



WHERE EVER THE WORLD MAY TAKE YOU!!!

It is with a great deal of sadness that the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association says good-bye to Vonda McEachern. This month Vonda and her family will be leaving Gifford Park to travel and live around the world as a military family. Vonda has given so much time and effort to GPNA that the few words I write here can hardly do her justice. Although I cannot speak for all the members and friends she has at GPNA, I can express the gratitude I feel towards her for all that she has done for me personally. Vonda has been a role-model and mentor for me as she has done her best to make the world a better place. No matter where she goes she will always be successful, remembered, and loved by those she has influenced. We wish you all the best for your new life, and we hope that where ever the world takes you, you will always remember us at GPNA.

GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ (DAY) _____ (EVENING)

REFERRED BY _____ () NEW MEMBER () RENEWAL