



# Gifford Park's Pride

*Gifford Park Neighborhood: A Great Place to Live, Work, Learn and Play*

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## Don't Miss This Opportunity!

### GPNA Welcomes Mayoral Candidates To Next Meeting

Have you decided who you would like as your next Mayor of Omaha? You have an excellent opportunity to see and hear the candidates at our next monthly meeting of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association. Plan to attend this meeting on **Thursday, November 3rd, 7 p.m.** at St. Joseph Hospital, Dining Rooms A, B & C.

The GPNA extended invitations to all eight Mayoral Candidates:

<b>Subby Anzaldo</b>	<b>Peter Noonan</b>
<b>Brenda Council</b>	<b>Mort Sullivan</b>
<b>Hal Daub</b>	<b>Richard Takechi</b>
<b>Marc Kraft</b>	<b>Lewis Tourek</b>

At the time of this printing seven of the eight candidates had indicated they plan to speak at our neighborhood meeting.

This meeting is an opportunity for the Mayoral Candidates to talk briefly before our neighborhood association, just before the **election Tuesday, November 8th**. Each candidate will speak for approximately five minutes on issues regarding the mayoral election.

Show your support of our local politicians by attending our next neighborhood meeting. With the election just a few days away this is a great opportunity to see and hear for yourself the candidates for Mayor of Omaha. Hope to see you Thursday!

**Don't Forget To VOTE**  
**Tuesday, November 8th!**



## Next Meeting

**Thursday, November 3rd**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Guest Speakers:**

**Candidates for**  
**City Mayor of Omaha**

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

**FREE PARKING**

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## GPNA OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

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### **WATCH GROUP**

Ron Yates 558-6027

### **WEEDS & LITTER**

Leo Wilwerding 345-1433



## GPNA Holiday Banquet Date Set *St. Joseph Hospital Will Host Dinner Again*



It is only the beginning of November, however, since the Annual Gifford Park Neighborhood Association meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday in December--December 1st--this is the only notice you will receive. Please plan on joining us for a short meeting and dinner hosted by St. Joseph Hospital.

Call **Cynde Yates (558-6027)** or **Kathy Rose (341-3955)** by November 21st to make reservations.

**SAINT JOSEPH HOSPITAL**  
AT CRIGHTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER



**ANNUAL G.P.N.A. CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1994, 7:00 P.M.**

**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, 601 N. 30TH STREET**

**PRIVATE DINING AREA OF CAFETERIA**

**RESERVATIONS: CYNDE YATES 558-6027  
KATHY ROSE 341-3955**

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 21st, 1994**

Remember, since the meeting is so early in the month, this is the **ONLY** notice you will receive. Please do not put this notice aside to do later -- **CALL NOW!**

## Editorial Corner

No editorial articles were submitted this month. Readers are welcome to submit their letters for the Editorial Corner to any GPNA Executive Board member prior to the Executive Board meeting held the third Thursday of every month. The Executive Board has final approval for all editorials appearing in this section. Full name and address must be included on all letters submitted. The views and opinions stated are not necessarily those of the GPNA or the Executive Board.

**MEMBERSHIP DOES HAVE IT'S ADVANTAGES...**

**City of Omaha, Code Enforcement  
Violations Chapter 48, Minimum  
Dwelling Standards Exterior Dwellings**



Listed below are some city code violations for dwellings. Be a good neighbor and find out why dwellings are not being kept up to code. Landlords and homeowners are required by law to keep dwellings up to code.

**Basement Entry:** Missing handrails, deteriorated sidewalks

**Chimney:** Missing mortar, broken or missing backplaster

**Doors:** Not weather tight, not rodent proof

**Down spouts:** Rusty, leaking, deteriorated, or missing

**Drain/Grade:** Fill dirt around foundation, fill low spots in grade

**Eaves:** Deteriorated, missing, peeling paint

**Egress/Sidewalk:** Cracked, broken, or upheaved

**Exterior Wall:** Peeling paint, missing siding

**Fence:** Deteriorated wood, collapsing

**Foundation:** Missing mortar, broken, or missing backplaster

**Gutters:** Rusty, leaking, deteriorated, missing

**Junk Cars on Street:** Vehicle impound 444-5782

**Junk Cars on Licensed Property:** Zoning 444-5364

**Junk Cars on Unlicensed Property:** Vehicle Impound 444-5782

**Porch:** Deteriorated

**Porch Steps:** Deteriorated, worn, upheaved, or missing handrails

**Retaining Wall:** On public sidewalk or alley only - not between two properties

**Root:** Deteriorated, leaking

**Rubbish/Garbage:** In yard, around property: Weed and Litter 444-5910

**Screens Basement:** Torn, deteriorated, or missing

**Screen on Doors and Windows:** Torn, deteriorated, or missing

**Siding:** Deteriorated, missing, peeling paint

**Stairway:** Broken, missing, deteriorated

**Terrace Steps:** Deteriorated, worn, upheaved, or missing handrails

**Windows:** Broken, not weather tight

When no number is noted, call 444-5371

**Charles R. Kilgore Jr.  
Attorney At Law**

**4913 Underwood Avenue**

**558-5000**

**Personal Injury Law  
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Injury  
Auto Accidents  
Insurance Claims**

**California Bar & Pkg.  
510 No. 33rd St.**

**Serving the Gifford Park  
Community since 1937  
Wayne and Peggy Hill,  
Proprietors**



*Editor's note: If you have something that would be of interest to the people of our neighborhood, we encourage you to submit an article for our monthly newsletter, Gifford Park's Pride. Deadline for submitting articles and editorials is the third Thursday of each month. Editorials must be approved by the GPNA Executive Board. Articles can be left at the GPNA Office, please include your name and phone number. We will accept articles stored on IBM compatible disks. Contact Chris Foster at 342-6006 for information regarding the newsletter.*

## Ten Commandments of Being A Good Neighbor

We are all familiar with the original Ten Commandments. These if obeyed, can easily be seen to have the effect of providing a smooth and respectful relationship between God, ourselves and others.

Without rules to govern behavior our lives would be chaotic. Consider what rules would apply toward have a pleasant, safe, peaceful and attractive neighborhood in which to live. Of the following, which would you choose to be among your Ten Commandments Of Being A Good Neighbor?

1. Though shalt keep thy property in attractive condition by painting, cleaning, mowing, raking and planting.
2. Though shalt not let grass weeds and bushes go uncut and untrimmed on your property, the parking or alleys.
3. Though shalt not make noise which is offensive to your neighbors - such as loud music (others tastes may differ from yours), late parties and vehicles without muffler or having loud exhaust.
4. Thou shalt control your children and pets so these are not a nuisance to your neighbors through trespass on their property, or by excessive noise or frequent barking.
5. Thou shalt do your share of the work in neighborhood projects such as cleanups, beautification, obtaining city services and enhancing law enforcement..
6. Thou shalt not park your vehicles on the grass, or parkings, across driveways and sidewalks or overlong on the street.
7. Thou shalt not accumulate unlicensed or inoperative vehicles or parts of vehicles on your property.
8. Thou shalt be courageous in reporting violations of laws and ordinances to the police or proper city agencies.
9. Thou shalt watch over thy neighbors property when they are gone to prevent loss or damage to them.
10. Thou shalt remove snow from walks soon after snowfalls so that pedestrians may have a clear path.
11. Thou shalt assist older or handicapped neighbors by lending a helping hand.
12. Thou shalt be kind and welcoming to new neighbors.

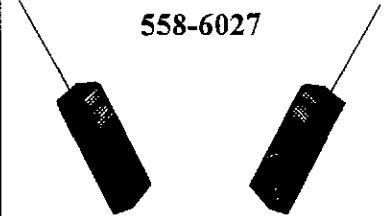
Which would you choose? They all pretty much boil down to the same thing don't they - being considerate of the rights of others and pulling your share of the load.

*by Leo Wilwerding*

**FOR SALE from the GPNA**

**5 Motorola 2-Way FM  
Radios, Excellent Condition  
Interested Parties Call:**

**558-6027**



### **Watch Group Report: *Ron Yates Sees Portland Community Policing***

GPNA President Ron Yates was given an opportunity to see the strategies and efforts of Community Policing in Portland, Oregon. Ron along with a retired school teacher and six police officers from the Omaha Police Department visited with Portland officials about their program during the week of October 18th through the 23rd. Ron will share his experience in an article in next month's newsletter.

Briefly noted: The GPNA Watch Group continues to patrol the neighborhood on a regular basis. Activity has been fairly quiet over the last month. The Watch Group has been using the new radio equipment purchased with the grant money we received from the City of Omaha recently. We can always use more volunteers to help keep our neighborhood safe for everyone. If you would like more information call **Ron Yates (558-6027)** or **Chris Foster (342-6006)**.

*Nothing Ventured...  
Nothing Gained*

**NEEDED:**

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

The GPNA is looking for someone interested in filling the duties and responsibilities of Recording Secretary.  
Call 558-6027

**NEEDED:**

**HELP WITH NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

The GPNA is looking for anyone, any age, interested in delivering newsletters in the Gifford Park Neighborhood.  
Call 558-6027

**PERSONAL ADS**

GPNA members can purchase an ad 3 1/2" wide by 2 1/2" tall 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 15th of the month prior to the desired month of publication. To order an ad or for more information, contact Ron Yates at 558-6027.

**Tool Lending Mowers Used Over Thirty Times In '94**

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Tool Lending Program rented lawn mowers to people over thirty times so far this year. Lawn mowers are by far the most requested item in the program, but we also rent most other common and not-so-common items to help you maintain your yard and home. You do not have to be a mem-

ber of the GPNA to use Neighborhood Tool Lending.

A big thanks to **Bob Hutton**, our neighborhood tool lending "doctor". He has been the lifeblood, literally, for keeping our mowers alive. Bob, we'll give you the winter off!

*By Chris Foster*

**TOOL LENDING HOTLINE**



Ed 341-0475

Chris 342-6006



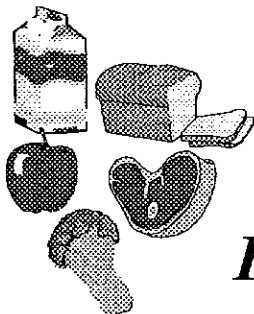
Rent for most tools - \$3, lawn mowers - \$5

**NOTICE**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE GIFFORD PARK PRIDE?

*If so, Call:*

*Ron Yates 558-6027*



**J'N'J**

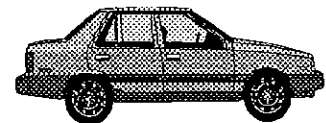
**GROCERY STORE**

*Fresh Meats -- Fresh Produce*

*Friendly Service*

**3301 California Street -- 422-1058**

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**7:00 AM - 10:00 PM Monday thru Thursday**

**7:00 AM - 11:00 PM Friday thru Saturday**

**8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Sunday**

# Why Join The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association?

I have lived in this neighborhood for many years, and I know quite a few of the people who live around here. It puzzles me that many of these people do not belong to the GPNA. So here are some reasons why both new and old members of our neighborhood should consider joining.

1. **Stay informed.** The GPNA is the first one to know about what is going on.
2. **Have a Voice.** While it is often difficult for an individual to get action from officials, the GPNA has good contacts with elected and city officials, and they listen.
3. **The Newsletter.** If you become a member, not only will you get the general distribution newsletter (like this one), but you will also get the newsletter the other six months of the year when it is mailed to members.
4. **Meet People.** It would be difficult to assemble a more interesting and unique group of people than those we have as members. They're very friendly too.
5. **Neighborhood - Activities.** Neighborhood cleanups in the spring and fall, Easter egg hunt, Halloween pumpkin patch, holiday banquet hosted by St. Joseph Hospital, youth tennis, garage sale and more. The free trash removal in our cleanups is easily worth one year's dues.
6. **The Monthly Meetings.** Besides the usual business, we have interesting speakers. Where else can you eat your fill of the free St. Joe's cookies and coffee?
7. **Much, Much More.** Need a special tool for some project? We have a tool lending committee. Art in the Park, Neighborhood Watch, and more that I can list here.

So here's the hot tip. Try one of our meetings, I'm sure you'll see someone there that you know. We meet at the above date, in Dining Rooms A, B, and C, which is directly south of the serving area of the St. Joe's cafeteria. You may even win the monthly raffle.

*by Terry Wihwerding*



## GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### *Membership Application*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) New Member ( ) Renewal

**ANNUAL DUES -- \$5 (Single), \$8 (Family), \$25 (Business/Institutional)**

**\*\*Please note: All new and newly-renewed memberships will expire June 1st.**

If paying by check, make checks payable to GPNA  
Mail to GPNA: 532 North 33rd St., Omaha, NE 68131

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