



Gifford Park's Pride

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

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Pictured here in front of the hot dog stand from left to right are Loren Johnson, Jessica Yates, Sandy Jones and Ron Yates taking a well-deserved break from serving hot dogs. Loren Johnson, owner of J'N'J Grocery, donated all proceeds to the GPNA.

Over 1,800 Served!

The speedy hot dog crew was working at 150 hot dogs per hour. 2 1/2 dogs per minute. It was fun - ask Tom Rose, Chuck Kilgore, Sandy Jones or Judy Porter - they all left with mustard on their shirts and smiles on their faces. The neighborhood's younger set were outstanding with their help. Katey and Charles Rose, Adrea Beck, Brad Chatley, and Jessica and Mark Yates. Two young men made my life much easier - Tim Hendershot

and Sam Sampson - thank you guys, you were alot of help. Loren Johnson and the crew at J'N'J Grocery provided all supplies and allowed the GPNA to keep the proceeds - \$223...thank you Mister J. Our customers: never have I seen so many smiling faces - thanks for coming. In conclusion I can only say that what this country needs is a good 10 cent hot dog!

by Ron Yates

Next Meeting

**Thursday, November 2nd
7:00 P.M.**

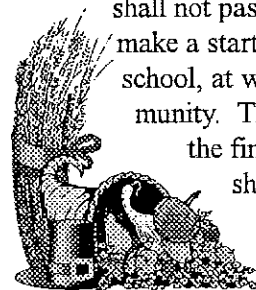
**St. Joseph's Hospital
Dining Rooms A, B, & C**

FREE PARKING

Happy Thanksgiving!

This is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving Day and recall how our founding fathers set aside a day of thanksgiving for the blessings of freedom and a bountiful harvest. However, when we see our cities wreathed in smog, our waterways polluted and roadways covered in litter, we can only think, "What a strange way to say thank you for our beautiful county." When we know that there are many in our country who face hunger and poverty every day, we think, "What an odd way to say thank you for our precious freedom."

To help us keep the spirit of thanksgiving in our lives throughout the year, let's apply the art of "thanksgiving", and remember the philosophy of Albert Schweitzer: "In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life." Any good that we can do, any kindness that we can show to another human being, let us do it now. We shall not pass this way again, so make a start now at home, at school, at work and in our community. This would be one of the finest possible ways to show our deepest and abiding gratitude.



by Mike Caban

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Editor's note: If you have something that would be of interest to our neighborhood, we encourage you to submit an article for our monthly newsletter. Editorials must be approved by the GPNA Executive Board. Articles can be left at the GPNA Office, please include your name and phone number. Contact Chris Foster at 342-6006 for information regarding the newsletter.

Very Important Message . . .

Please remember  to mark your calendars  to attend the **GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S**

Seventh Annual Christmas Banquet 

The Banquet will be held : 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 7th 
St. Joseph Hospital, 
601 N. 30th Street,
in the special dining room south of the cafeteria.

St. Joseph Hospital graciously demonstrates its support of the GPNA by hosting this annual event for members. The food served is always plentiful and



delicious . Enjoy the coffee , music  and conversation



There is no cost, no  or



, you just need to be a GPNA member.

Make your reservation  now by calling 

Cynde Yates at 558-6027

Veterans Day 1995

November 11th is Veterans Day. Every year ceremonies are held throughout the land to honor the men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces, and to remember those who may still be held as prisoners of war in far off lands. Let us never forget the sacrifice these men and women have made for love of country. Whether serving as front line troops in the heat of battle - as



part of support units - behind a desk somewhere in the steamy tropics - or in the chill of a communications shack on some remote Alaskan Island - on land, sea, and in the air - all veterans deserve our gratitude, our respect, and the honor that loyalty and patriotic service to our nation merits. To them we owe our very freedom.

by Mike Caban

Fall Cleanup Report

In the past we have referred to our annual Fall Neighborhood Cleanup as a "mini" cleanup when compared to the City-Wide Spring Cleanup. But with the number of volunteers and activities happening at this year's Fall Cleanup, it can hardly be called "mini". Volunteers hauled trash for neighbors; picked up yards, streets, the business district, and our park; separated recyclable items; and packed dumpsters. Ed Hendershot brought in a truckload of pumpkins (105 of 'em) that were given to neighborhood kids. Ron Yates and his painting crew of Tim Hendershot, Mark Yates and Dennis Whalen painted over graffiti at the 33rd & Cuming Street Overpass. Graffiti on tennis backboard was painted over by the Yates School Boy Scouts supervised by Mark LeFlore and Rich Exline, they also picked up the park and surrounding streets. The TKE Fraternity picked up the business district. The area around 31st and Chicago Street was cleaned by the PKA Fraternity. And the 31st and Davenport area was picked up by volunteers including Dave Rogers from St. Joseph's Hospital. We filled two 20 CY dumpsters and collected \$434 in donations, memberships and salvage material (with metal salvage still to come). Paul Mileris gave the GPNA a very generous donation - thanks Paul! Below are the names of volunteers who gave their time and energy to another great neighborhood cleanup. Hopefully I didn't miss too many names:

Ed, Tim Hendershot
 Betty Slayden
 LLOYD Canfield
 Leo, Jim Wilwerding
 Terry, Steve Wilwerding
 Tom Rose
 Roger Freeman
 Mike Bacome
 Dennis Whalen
 Ron, Cynde, Mark Yates
 Paul Mileris
 Ron, Vicki Frye

Ben Sweazy
 Chris, Sallie Foster
 Randy, Ann Sloan
 Mark Forster
 Mike Caban
 Nguyen Quynh
 Calvin Davis
 Mike Juranek
 Lisa Sempek
 Keith Moody
 Brad Dillman
 Mike Holzapkel



GPNA Cleanup Crew volunteers in front of a full dumpster.

A very special thanks goes to **Cynde Yates** for this year's cleanup. She handled membership and donation duties which always include many other responsibilities. This is a

Charles R. Kilgore Jr. Attorney At Law

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558-5000

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

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



The GPNA thanks the following businesses and institutions for their support:

- St. Joseph's Hospital - Jack Bowman, Dave Rogers
- Ken Labs Trash - Jaime Johnson, Gene Basse
- J'N'J Grocery - Loren Johnson
- California Bar - Wayne, Peg Hill
- Boy Scouts-Yates - Mark LeFlore, Rich Exline
- City of Omaha - Ed Aldmeyer, Jerry Flood
- 7-Eleven - Jim Golde
- Douglas County House Arrest - Lt. Stangel
- Western Auto - Greg Wisgerhof
- PKA Fraternity
- TKE Fraternity
- Billy Dooly

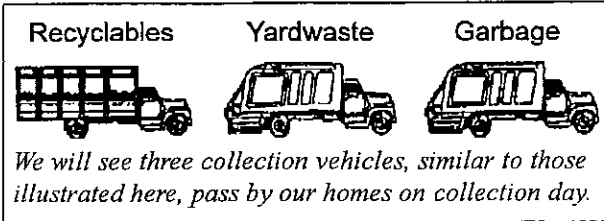
tough and hectic job. Cynde's spirit is a reflection of the spirit of all of our volunteers, and that's what makes our cleanups successful.

by Chris Foster

Get Ready For 1996 Changes In Collection Services

At our last general meeting, Caryl Robinson, Environmental Specialist with the Omaha Public Works Department discussed changes in our garbage collection services effective **January 1st, 1996**. The new program has been two years in the making. Earlier this year the City Council approved the following:

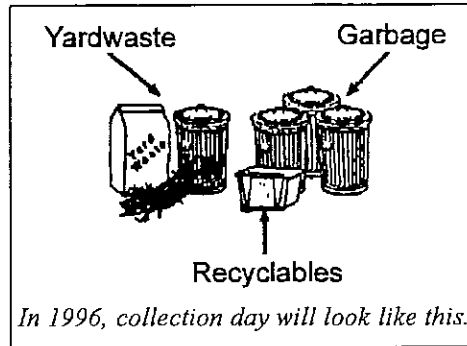
1. Contract with **Deffenbaugh Industries** to provide all collection



services for Omaha. They will operate a three truck collection system as shown. Each truck will have a crew of at least two and usually three people, collecting materials from both sides of the street at the same time (where feasible). Deffenbaugh will provide each household with an eighteen gallon recycling bin at no cost to the homeowner. All recyclable material will go into the

bin and a Deffenbaugh employee will sort the recyclable material into a multi-compartment recycling truck. Yardwaste and garbage will follow the same collection procedures that are currently in place.

2. Contract with **Midland Recycling** to provide recycling processing services to the City. Midland Recycling will receive all recyclable material collected curbside, and Midland will operate a network of recycling drop-off sites for use by businesses and apartment dwellers. Midland will use their facilities at 7202 North 16th Street as a base of operation. Midland also plans to provide Omaha with the opportunity to recycle even more materials, including maga-



zines, junk mail, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans and other plastic containers.

Developments Yet To Come

The yardwaste processing component of the specifications is currently being rewritten so new bids may be sought. The new specifications will center around expanding the City's composting facility at the Papio Waste Water Treatment Plant in Sarpy County.

Collection complaints should be called in directly to the 24-hour complaint line at **444-5238**. For recycling and solid waste information call the In*Touch system at **492-9955**; then select from these categories:

Recycling	
Curbside	6860
Drop-off	6859
Special Topics	6823
Garbage Collection	6822
Yardwaste Collection	6821
Collection Complaints	6860

Other organizations that can help you with solid waste and recycling issues include:

City Public Works - Quality Control Division	444-3908
Nebraska State Recycling Association	444-4188
Keep Omaha Beautiful	444-7774
Douglas County Extension Service	444-7804
Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality	441-4210
Douglas County Landfill	478-5141
Sarpy County Landfill	253-2134

A special thanks to Caryl Robinson for speaking at our October meeting and providing our neighborhood with valuable information.

Perfume Oils by Jaahlay Open for Business



Dr. Saidi Liwaru and his family recently opened their second location for Perfume Oils by Jaahlay on the northeast corner of 33rd & California Street. They have operated their business for 10 years, 4 years in Omaha. It is a family run business by Dr. Liwaru, his wife and their ten children. He explained they have over 600 varieties of "pure perfume oils", all of which have no alcohol - this is why just one drop will last 10 to 24 hours. International standards set alcohol content

for fragrance names: "regular perfumes" are 65-84% alcohol, "colognes" are 85-95% alcohol, and "splash-ons" are more than 95% alcohol. "Pure perfume oils" are pure extractions from flowers, plants and trees he explained. Dr. Liwaru teaches Psychology and African History at Metro Tech and also does consulting. He has his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Kansas. Stop by and see (and smell) their products, their hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and can be reached at 345-3808. Good luck!

Trees Trees Trees

The GPNA, in a effort to promote tree planting in our neighborhood, is purchasing twenty 3' to 6' oak and maple trees from the Arbor Lodge Foundation. They claim fall planting is perfectly suitable. These trees will be made available to GPNA members on a first come, first serve basis for \$5 per tree. This is less than our cost! Anyone interested please call Leo Wilwerding, 345-1433.



Mexican Restaurant Opening Soon

Brad Bogard is in the process of opening up his new restaurant on the southeast corner of 33rd and California Street. If the Bogard name sounds familiar you're right - Brad is the son of Tom Bogard who of course has been in the neighborhood many years. If anyone has been by the store recently, you've probably seen alot of activity inside. Brad is working hard to get the place ready to serve Mexican food in the coming weeks. It's exciting to have Brad carry on the Bogard tradition in the Gifford Park neighborhood and look forward to the grand opening!

TOOL LENDING HOTLINE

Tom 341-3955
Ed 341-0475
Ron 558-6027

Mowers - \$5
Rent for most tools - \$3



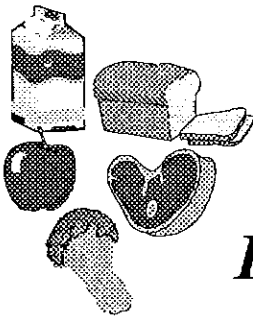
The First Baptist Church

421 Park Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68131
Phone (402) 345-5009

Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Worship 11:00 A.M.

Aaron J. Sciford, Sr.
Interim Pastor

Paul D. Thompson
Minister of Youth & Christian Ed.

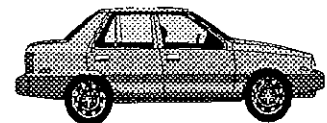


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7:00 AM - 11:00 PM Friday thru Saturday

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Sunday

Historically Speaking... The Episcopal Church and Its Vicar

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska, stood at 3205 California. It was probably founded at the turn of the century and closed around 1938 or '39, a victim of the Great Depression and of internal stresses. The Rev. Canon George St. George Tyner was the Vicar. He was an evangelistic preacher and his congregation was basically a conservative neighborhood group.

In response to a request for information about the church and its vicar, Mr. Arthur Tyner, son of the Rev. Canon Tyner, now living in Cos Cob, Connecticut, writes:

"The house at 3201 California Street was the vicarage for St. Paul's. My parents lived there from 1928 to 1948. I was on the scene from 1928 until 1942. I enjoyed meeting my parents' frequent dinner and house guests. Father liked to bring people home for dinner. Sometimes the guest was a member of St. Paul's, sometimes a spiritual leader or a neighboring clergyman. The spiritual leader might be an Indian Sadhu or a

visiting preacher. My mother dutifully set a place for the guest. She worked on a tight budget for groceries stretched with the help of a neighboring grocer, Al Wohlner, who took a relaxed view about bills and their payment. Wholesale meals and best china and silver were standard.

"My mother, Ethel Katherine Holmquist, was born in Oakland, Nebraska in 1889, daughter of James and Anna Holmquist. After high school in Oakland she attended Brownell Hall in Omaha for a year and met my father at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church."

"Father was a native Canadian who arrived in Omaha in 1914 as a YMCA employee. He began his priestly career in York, Nebraska, and continued at Episcopal churches in Western Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. He spent his final years in Omaha at St. Pauls and then as Assistant Dean and later, Canon, at Trinity Cathedral in Omaha."

"He was an evangelistic preacher and a dramatic performer. He delivered

thunder in his sermons on Biblical subjects and, most memorably, on the evils of liquor. He liked also to mimic politicians like FDR and Al Smith, or to recite lines of poetry from Tennyson."

"Mother played it straight, set a good table and supported my father in whatever he wanted to do, be it a joke or a church project. Her final act of devotion was to bring up an orange to his attic studio and find him collapsed on the floor (1952). She survived him another 28 years (1980)."

Note: Arthur Tyner and family lived just west of Gifford Park on 35th Avenue before moving to Connecticut. St. Paul's church was razed and the site is vacant.

by Eva Swanson

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.). To order an ad or for more information, contact Ron Yates at 558-6027.

GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

532 N. 33rd Street, Omaha, NE 68131

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print clearly)

Membership year: _____ *(Membership year runs from June 1 through May 31)*

Type of membership: Single (\$5) _____ Family (\$8) _____ Business (\$25) _____

Name of business _____

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Spouse _____
(Last) (First)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number: _____
(Home) (Work)

In case of an emergency notify: _____
(Name) (Address) (Phone No.)

May this information be included in the GPNA Neighborhood Directory? Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Membership Update: Recent Memberships Received

*Greg & Betty Slayden
Randy & Ann Sloan
Pascal Narce
Vernon & Janet Bishop
Andrew Wright
Nellie Petska
Ron & Vicki Frye
Jose & Linda Garcia
David & Amy Hughes
Sylvia McCoy
Leonard Clark
Dennis & Gracie Rif
Russel Hamm
Alan Strong
Marilyn Porta*

by Cynde Yates