



Gifford Park's Pride

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

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Christmas Banquet Enjoyed By All

The annual GPNA Christmas Banquet sponsored by St. Joseph Hospital was held December 7th. This year was the best attended event ever with over seventy people in attendance. We were delighted to have many St. Joseph Hospital representatives, including Matt Kurs, President and CEO; Jack Bowman, Senior Vice President; and many Marketing Department employees. Police Chief, James Skinner; Councilman, Subby Anzaldo, and his wife, Janice; Mary Irwin, Planning Department, and Fred Salzinger, Creighton University, also joined us. St. Joseph Food Service prepared a delicious meal. I believe the food improves every year. Attendees seemed to have a very good time visiting with one another. Several door prizes were provided by Loren and Mary Johnson and Subby and Janice Anzaldo. The angel centerpieces made by Betty Slayden and Cynde Yates were also provided as door prizes. There were many happy winners thanks to the help of Julie Wilwerding who selected names from a basket. Those who were particularly lucky were members of the Bogard and Wilwerding families.

The Neighbor of the Year Award is presented at this banquet each year. We were very pleased to present it to a man who has continually supported the efforts of the GPNA - - Mr. Jack Bowman. Jack has provided both vehicle and man-power for our Spring and Fall Clean-Ups for several years. He has also been instrumental in the opening of the GPNA office, the use of St. Joseph Hospital facilities for our meetings and has always been willing to work with the GPNA. The award was well deserved and, we hope, expresses our appreciation. Jack plans to retire in January, 1996. Thanks, again, Jack!

Thanks also goes to Pam Ward, St. Joseph Hospital Marketing Representative, for all her efforts in coordinating our monthly meetings. Pam will be going on to bigger and better things. We wish you well, Pam, and thanks for all your help. Without the support of top management, nothing would happen. We recognize this fact and sincerely thank Matt Kurs for his continued support as well. Thanks to Chris and Sallie Foster for all their design work on invitations and programs. Thanks to Betty and Greg Slayden for their artistic skills with the angel centerpieces. And, finally, thanks to my husband, Ron Yates, and our children, Matt, Jessica and Mark for their patience and understanding while Mom organized, made phone calls and created all those angels.

by Cynde Yates

Next Meeting

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

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

FREE PARKING

California Tacos & More Opening

California Tacos & More will be open for your business the first of the new year. Brad Bogard and his wife Virna have been busy making preparations for the opening of their new restaurant located on the southeast corner of 33rd and California Street. They will do most of the cooking themselves which will include authentic and homemade Mexican and Central American recipes. They both have experience preparing these types of foods. Virna was born and raised in Guatemala and recently lived in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Brad was born and raised in Omaha and has recently spent time as a chef in restaurants in the Miami area. Brad has a Marketing degree from U.N.O. The Bogards live just a block from the new restaurant. They have hired Craig Hoffman to help with cooking. He also lives in the neighborhood. *California Tacos & More* will be open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Stop in and give them a try.





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We'll Miss You Jack Bowman

Anyone who has been active in the GPNA for any length of time has come to know Jack Bowman. He carries the hefty title of Vice President at St. Joseph Hospital. But, he's more frequently known to the GPNA as Mr. Helpful. When we need such things as a pickup truck for trash hauling on clean-up day or if we need some expertise doing handy dandy carpentry work (remodeling the GPNA office, etc.), it has always been Jack who has come through for us. And, he has often been right there...helping us pound nails or cleaning up.

We are sorry to report that Jack Bowman is retiring in January. The GPNA will miss him greatly. It has long been Jack who has supported us in neighborhood issues and helped provide a regular meeting place at the hospital... with coffee and cookies!

Jack's credentials are as interesting as the man himself. He was born in Wichita, Kansas, where he got his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Friends University. He is also certified in Professional Health Care Materiel Management. He has worked at two different hospitals in Kansas City, where he became a tried and true Chiefs fan! At St. Joseph Hospital here in Omaha, Jack is best known for his years heading up the Materiel Services Department, including Food Services, Security and Housekeeping. However, few people know he is also a trained gourmet chef. He is well known for his Steak Soup served in a bread bowl, his world famous chili as well as other more traditional gourmet delights. Surprisingly, Jack has also often been found *inside* a Pillsbury DoughBoy costume, clowning around at hospital events. He is an excellent manager and a top notch people person. We wish him the best of everything in his retirement. And, if you ever need us, Jack, just call, we'll come running!

One Good-bye and A Hello

We have to say a "good-bye" to a faithful and helpful GPNA member. For the last couple of years we have all gotten to know Pam Ward as the St. Joseph Hospital representative at our GPNA meetings. She has been very active as part of our group. But the hospital is changing some policies and Pam will no longer be able to be a Gifford Park Regular. Pam says she will miss her friends in the GPNA but has to abide by hospital changes.

We will be having an old friend (she says, "not *that old!*") back with us, though. Many of you may remember Jo Miller who represented the hospital just prior to Pam. Jo will be our GPNA representative for 1996. We certainly say a fond farewell to Pam and a genuine "thanks!" for all her help and attention. Keep in touch, Pam.

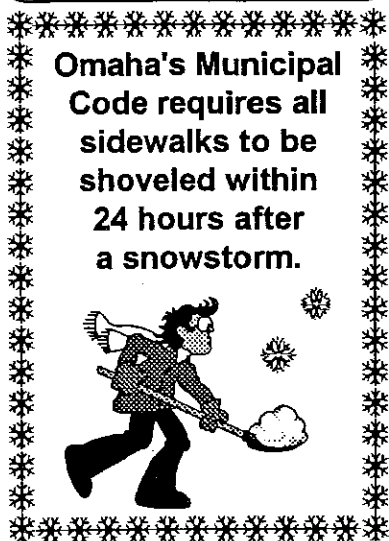
PKA Fraternity Offers Its Support To The Community

The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was founded on March 1, 1868 at the University of Virginia. Over its 127 year history, it has dedicated itself to continuing the education of men outside the classroom. Throughout the nation, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha have risen as the cream of the crop, an elitist group. It is no different for the Pikes at Creighton University who make up the Theta Lambda Chapter. This fraternity was started on April 6, 1977 on the principles of scholarship, leadership, athletics and brotherhood. Throughout its short, but productive history, it has earned the top award of the national fraternity nine straight times.

The Pikes have a reputation of supporting their brothers, and for that reason, feel an obligation to support the neighborhood in which they live. Behind the leadership of

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Omaha's Municipal Code requires all sidewalks to be shoveled within 24 hours after a snowstorm.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Official Program - City of Omaha, Public Works Dept.
 (The locations listed below are closest to Gifford Park)



AK-SAR-BEN
 69th & Mercy Road Entrance
 Parking lot east of entrance gate

SPRING LAKE PARK
 13th & "J" Street
 Lot north of picnic shelter

ORCHARD PARK
 66th Street & Hartman Ave.
 57 blocks north of Dodge



When: **January 6 & 7, 1996 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

REMOVE Nails, Ornaments, Lights, Wires, Plastic Bags,
 Tree Stand; Do not bring wreaths made with wire.

Please share the Christmas spirit and ask a neighbor if you
 can help them get their tree to a recycling site.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 444-7774



TREES OF CHRISTMAS PAST

- 1989, Over 12,500 Trees Were Recycled
- 1990, Over 16,500 Trees Were Recycled
- 1991, Over 31,000 Trees Were Recycled
- 1992, Over 38,000 Trees Were Recycled
- 1993, Over 39,000 Trees Were Recycled
- 1994, Over 47,000 Trees Were Recycled

Although tree recycling is encouraged, Deffenbaugh will
 collect trees that are left at the curb with garbage the week
 of January 8-12.

Free Tax Help Coming Soon

Mark your calendars for **FREE** tax help at the **GPNA Office** located next to J'N'J Grocery, 33rd & California Street. **Everyone is welcome!** Again this year an I.R.S. representative will provide free tax help for our neighborhood. Processing of basic tax returns will be available. Electronic filing will not be available this year. Walk-in appointments are welcome, but priority will be given to those who call to schedule an appointment. Free tax help will be available on the following Saturday dates:

- February 3, 10, 24 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
- March 30 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
- April 6, 13 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



For more information or to schedule an appointment call
551-3629.

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**Serving the Gifford Park
 Community since 1937
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PKA Fraternity Involved in Community *continued from page 2*

Scott Swanson, the chapter president, the brothers of IKA plan to assist the community in any way possible. The men of Pi Kappa Alpha are not just brothers in a fraternity, they are friends to all the neighbors in the area, and with the help of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association, anticipate making outstanding advancements in the enrichment of the community.

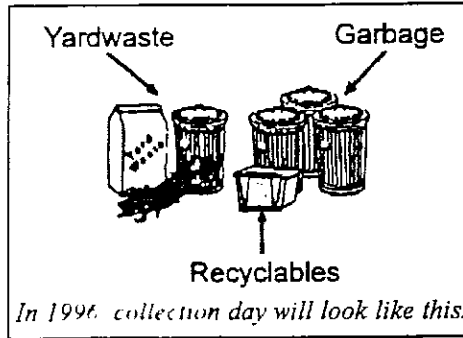
Through neighborhood clean-ups and activities planned, we hope that the community will count on Pi Kappa Alpha as leaders in the community. We are pleased to be working with the GPNA and the neighbors as well in making this neighborhood a better place to live, work, and play.

by Kevin Campbell, Public Relations, IKA

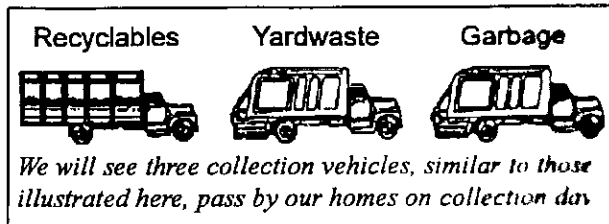
Reminder For 1996 Changes In Collection Services

This information appeared in the November newsletter and is being reprinted as a reminder for Omaha's new recycling program now in effect.

Deffenbaugh Industries will 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



compartment recycling truck. Yardwaste and garbage will follow the same collection procedures that are currently in place.



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-

complaint line at 444-5238. Garbage, yardwaste and recycling information can be obtained by calling 444-4500, or 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

Owners/Managers of Apartments:
If there are 5 or more individual residents in your building, you will need to call 492-9955, and select 6800, for special instructions.



California Tacos & More

Dine In or Carry Out

Mon - Sat 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

33rd & California

*New Year's Greetings From Your
 Newest Neighbors On The Corner*

**Free Soft Drink
 With
 Food Purchase**

Please Present Coupon When Ordering
 Expires 3/30/96

Duchesne Construction Update



FOUNDED IN 1881

When Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart was founded in 1881 its only neighbors were the livestock roaming the hillsides. Today the campus is in one of the oldest and most historic areas of the city. Due to this location, the exterior renovation of the campus had to maintain the historic atmosphere but provide for the modern needs of the academy. The architectural firm of **Bahr, Vermeer & Haecker, Architects, Ltd.** produced a design with these values in mind while incorporating the modern athletic and common areas needed by Duchesne.

The exterior renovation of the campus is almost complete as **Kiewit Construction Company** is completing the installation of the new entry courtyard. The installation of the ornate fencing, concrete walks and steps, a full size soccer field and three tennis courts is complete along with the main entry gate that welcomes the students and visitors through an ornamental iron gate below a 30 foot long arched precast sign to a landscaped courtyard. The replacement or modification of all exterior doors of the academy, arts and gymnasium buildings and the installation of additional lighting on the campus is also being done.

by Regan Zeller, Kiewit Construction Company

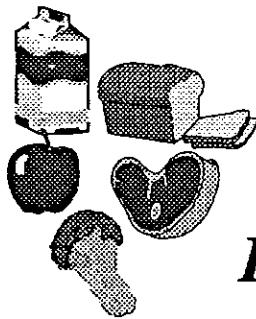
Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Sam Dodson** of 34th & Webster, for completing work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy awarded at the December 16 Commencement ceremony at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Congrats are actually due his whole family: wife, **Patty**; daughters, **Sarah, Rachael, and Hannah**; and son, **Thomas**. They are justly proud of their husband and dad. Sam received his degree in the field of English.

Wayne Hill, owner of the California Bar, was recently recognized by **Keep Omaha Beautiful (KOB)** for his volunteer efforts during the past year. Wayne has served on the KOB board of directors for the past 10 years. He currently serves on the KOB Program committee and recently helped with the very successful **Bakers/KOB Charity Golf Classic**. Great Job Wayne!

Community Resource Center Opens

The new Omaha Police Department Community Resource Center recently opened on the south side of the Crossroads Mall by Sears. The hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The public is welcome to stop in and talk with an Officer about police matter or talk to a Community Resource staff person about issues affecting neighborhoods. A variety of crime prevention material is available, along with newsletters from other neighborhood groups.

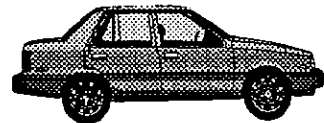


J'N'J GROCERY STORE

*Fresh Meats -- Fresh Produce
Friendly Service*

3301 California Street -- 422-1058

WE DELIVER!



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

Parking...Parking...Parking

We have a problem. Many neighbors complain about how others park. Others complain about neighbors who complain about how others park.

Studies of urban areas suggest that parking and other minor violations of ordinances are a precursor to major felony crimes. The reason we feel minor violations should be addressed is to slow or eliminate the escalation of crime in our area.

Parking problems exist in some areas of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association where 4-12 unit apartments have been built with inadequate private parking on quite small lots. Many single family homes have also been converted over the years to multi-family or student housing resulting in an abundance of vehicles and not enough parking space. One would think city planners would consider parking conditions when allowing these changes.

These parking shortage problems

should be addressed by residents and property owners. Individuals, particularly children and the elderly, should not be forced to enter the street because sidewalks are a convenient place to park.

There are many excuses for improper parking, however, none of them really matter. What does matter is for indi-

Vehicles left unmoved for 48 hours or more and unlicensed vehicles may be ticketed or towed. Vehicles with out of state plates must be licensed in Nebraska within 30 days. Special provisions apply to students and out of county residents who work in Douglas County. A wheel tax sticker must

be purchased and affixed to the lower driver's side corner of the windshield.

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viduals who reside and visit our area to know that it is against the law to park:

- in yards;
- in no parking areas;
- blocking sidewalks and driveways;
- along the curb with vehicles facing the wrong way;
- on hard-surface areas between the sidewalk and curb without a yearly paid, posted permit;
- in City Park parking lots after 11 p.m.


These ordinances are enforced by the Omaha Police Department. Questions regarding city ordinances should be referred to the Omaha Police Department, City Prosecutor or the Mayor's Action Line.

If you wish to express an opinion, please forward your comments to the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association, 532 N. 33rd Street, Omaha, NE 68131. Attention: Ron Yates.


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: Show Your Support by Joining the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Today. :

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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 _____

GPNA
Business Memberships
for 1995-1996

American Printing
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