



# Gifford Park's Pride

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

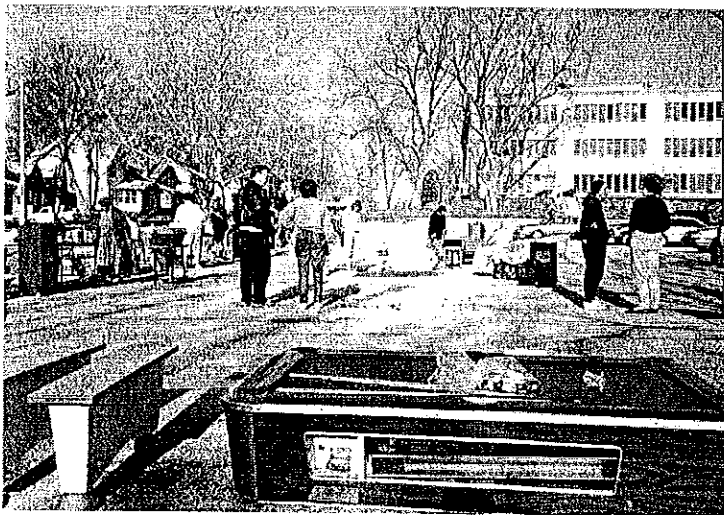
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## Success! Success!

The GPNA garage sale was a big success because of the efforts of a lot of folks. More than 25 of our neighbors took part in obtaining, transporting, storing, pricing, and selling the goods generously donated by a great many individuals in the neighborhood. This concerted effort certainly showed what we as a neighborhood can do. Almost everything was saleable and very little went unsold. The final tally was \$1,400 plus \$200 received in donations. This gives our treasury a much needed boost. Thanks so much to all who participated. Thanks also to **Duchesne Academy** for the use of their parking lot - it was an ideal location.

Those who worked on the sale were: **Rich Exline, Mike and Candy Bacome, Linda Chapman, Mike and Najda Wilwerding, Jean and Kirk Peck, Rich and Lynne Mills, Steve and Colleen Smart, Jim and Kathleen Wilwerding, John Lynch, Maureen Calabro, Terry and Sue Wilwerding, Sue Miyeno, Sandy Erickson, Ben and Dar Sweazy, Brian Kokensbarger, and Chris Foster.** In addition, thanks to City Councilman **Subby Anzaldo** who showed up with a big box of rolls for the workers before 8 a.m.. Hats off to all for an outstanding effort!



*A beautiful day, a steady crowd and many volunteers helped make the GPNA garage sale a big success. \$1,600 was raised for the neighborhood association.*

## Next Meeting

**Thursday, May 1  
7:00 P.M.**

**Mayoral Candidate  
Brenda Council**

**St. Joseph's Hospital  
Glassed-In  
Dining Room**

**FREE PARKING**

## *Historically Speaking...* **Norman Korney**

Last month I wrote about an outspoken woman from the Gifford Park area. This month I write about an outspoken man.

Norman Korney was known in later years as "Omaha's happiest senior citizen." I tag him as "outspoken" because he expressed his views at meetings, civic luncheons and breakfasts, and in the Public Pulse columns of the **Omaha World-Herald** and about 20 other publications.

Norm was born in Rock Island, Illinois, in 1911 and moved with his family to Omaha where they lived at 349 N. 35th Ave. Later, until about 1954, he and his wife and daughter lived at 3557 Cass St. He attended Yates School and Tech High; however, he did not graduate. He quit school and took a job as a school janitor. He attended night school and became a stationary engineer. After several years as an

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**WATCH GROUP**

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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 Sue Wilwerding (342-2795) or Chris Foster (342-6006) for information regarding the newsletter.*

**Free Rubbish Disposal for Residents of Omaha****WHAT IS ACCEPTED?**

- \* Waste from home improvement or repair projects
- \* Auto parts (exceptions: see NOT accepted)
- \* Furniture
- \* Household appliances
- \* Tree & Brush branches 8" maximum
- \* Clean Yardwaste (6406 So. 60th only) No plastic bags
- \* Boxes
- \* Broken Toys (swing sets, bicycles, and tricycles)
- \* Paper
- \* Metals
- \* Glass
- \* Rags
- \* Wood
- \* Concrete
- \* EMPTY cans, pails, and buckets
- \* Yard care equipment & tools
- \* Tires (a fee will be charged)

**VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE**

**NOTE:** State and local law requires that all loads be covered with a tarp. Nebraska Department of Transportation has been known to sit at these facilities and write tickets to those who do not comply.

**WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED?**

- \* Garbage
- \* Hazardous waste including:
  - Automobile fluids (gas, oil, grease, antifreeze, etc.)
  - Paint and thinners
  - Fertilizers and herbicides
  - Other chemicals
  - Lead acid batteries
- \* Major construction debris
- \* Dead animals
- \* Fecal material
- \* Animal bedding
- \* Bagged grass and leaves

This is **NOT** intended to be an all-encompassing list. It is meant to indicate the types of items that are not accepted. If the material you have is not on the list, please call **444-3908**, and ask for **Bob** or **Lou**.

2 Locations in Omaha:

\* **1515 North 6th Street** (off Abbott Drive behind fire training facility)

Open: May 3 - Dec. 31

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\* **6404 South 60th Street** (just north of Harrison Street on 60th)

Open: May 3 - Dec. 31

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Vehicles/Trailers Accepted (to allow limited amounts):**

Automobiles

Passenger vans

Cargo vans up to 7 cubic yards

Pickups (maximum 2 foot side boards)

Trailers (up to 200 cubic feet)

**Proof of Omaha Residency:**

Vehicle registration may be required to show that the City of Omaha wheel tax has been paid.

Handicapped individuals, full-time students, and active duty military are exempt.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE WILL BE REQUIRED**

A Program provided by:

The City of Omaha

Hal Daub, Mayor

## Historically Speaking...Norman Corney

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engineer he became interested in selling and went to work in a paint store. After eight months he went into the paint business for himself, keeping his store for 20 years. He then sold it and worked in commercial real estate. In 1983, at the age of 71, he passed the G.E.D. exam, and received his high school diploma at a Burke High School ceremony.

Korney is perhaps best known to newspaper readers for his hundreds of letters to the Public Pulse. He wrote on subjects such as flags, Congress, the City of Omaha, political campaigns, wills, the war on drugs, the courts, corporations, the Nebraska Legislature, organ donations, balloons, nuclear stations, and a host of other topics.

Norm Korney loved Omaha. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce in 1963 he organized a river excursion of 35 Omaha men. They cruised the Missouri River from Omaha to Nebraska City, Rulo, Falls City, and Kansas City, talking up Omaha. Norm was given the title of "Grand Inquisitor Laureate" because he always had questions for visiting experts and was honored as "Man of the Year" in 1993 by the Omaha Business Men's Association. He ran for City Council in 1965 and for the MUD Board in 1968, but was defeated both times.

In 1993, with a doctor's diagnosis of stomach cancer, he was given only a few months to live, but his positive nature would not allow him to retire to the sidelines. Instead, he spoke to groups of student nurses and others on the subject of dying. He continued his regimen of meetings and letter writing. He was supported all the while by his wife, Gertrude, to whom he was married for 62 years. Norman Korney died at age 84 in 1996. He was eulogized at his funeral at Beth El Synagogue as having a great thirst for learning. Of life itself, Korney was quoted as saying, "It's been fun and I have absolutely no regrets. I feel like I was given a reprieve. It's been a wonderful life." Indeed, a life concerned about others is wonderful.

*by Eva Swanson*

## Charles R. Kilgore Jr. Attorney At Law

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

*Serving the Gifford Park  
Community since 1937  
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**Congratulations  
on your  
scholarships**

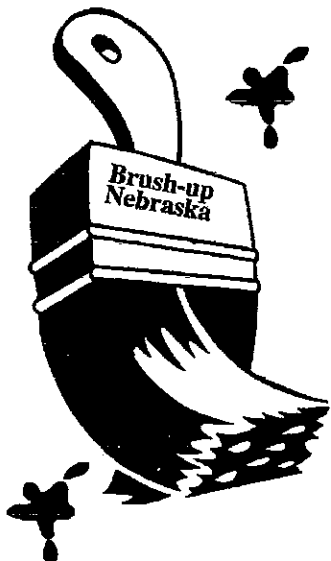


**Cris, Steve, and Julie  
Wilwerding**

**We are proud of you!**

# NEED YOUR HOUSE PAINTED?

**At No Cost!**



You could have your home painted at absolutely no cost by volunteers from Omaha area businesses, congregations and service clubs.

If you are over 65 or permanently disabled and meet financial guidelines, you could qualify.

Monthly household income:

- 1 person - \$1,388
- 2 people - \$1,583
- 3 people - \$1,779
- 4 people - \$1,979

**Apply Today**

Phone First Call For Help, 444-6666 for an application. Or stop by any Norwest Bank Office in Douglas or Sarpy County to pick up an application.

Application Deadline:

**JUNE 6, 1997**

**PAINT•A•THON 1997**

# California Tacos & More

*Homemade Mexican Food*  
342-0212

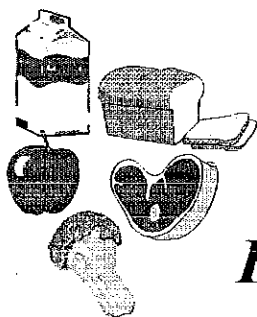
33rd & California Street  
Dine In or Carry Out

**Open:**

Mon - Thur: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Fri - Sat: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sun: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.



# 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**

### What's Happening in the Neighborhood...

Make plans to attend the next general GPNA meeting **Thursday, May 1st, 7 p.m.**, at **St. Joseph's Hospital** in the Glassed-In Dining Room. Originally, the meeting was planned as a mayoral forum, and both candidates were invited to participate. Mayor **Hal Daub** declined the invitation, but **Brenda Council** is scheduled to appear. Please come and listen to Ms. Council's views on issues that affect both the neighborhood and the city. You do not have to be a GPNA member to attend. As always, there will be plenty of refreshments.

The GPNA offers its thanks to **Lieutenants DeJong, Friend, and Sergeant Ramsey** for appearing at the April general meeting and answering questions about police activities in the neighborhood.

**Jim Wilwerding** recently applied for a grant from the Omaha Community Foundation. If approved, the grant will be used to pay the dumpster rental fee for the fall clean-up.

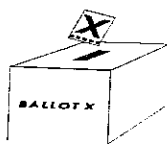
Thanks to **Linda Chapman** for contacting the local TV stations about events in our neighborhood. Both **WOWT** and **KETV** aired coverage of the easter egg hunt and **WOWT** covered the spring cleanup (**Ben Sweazy** was featured). Good work Linda.

The GPNA office has been rearranged to offer more room for meetings. This was due to the efforts of **Leo and Marlene Wilwerding**.

A big thanks to I.R.S. volunteers **Jackie Foster** and **Pat Prochaska** who helped 28 people with their tax returns this year during the months of February and April. This is the third year for this program which is done at the GPNA office.

The GPNA Watch Group monitors our neighborhood's streets every Friday and Saturday night. The Watch Group can always use more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please call **Ron Yates** at **558-6027**.

**Don't Forget To VOTE**  
**Tuesday, May 13!**



### TOOL LENDING HOTLINE



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



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

### Lawn Mowing Service

Call Rich: 341-4388

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Have you noticed how much better  
the neighborhood looks?  
Are you doing your part?  
Plant flowers! Make our neighborhood a  
pleasant place in which to live!

FOURTH ANNUAL



**FARMERS  
MARKET**

SATURDAYS  
May 10 - October 11, 1997  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

11th & Jackson Streets  
OLD MARKET

Special programs throughout the season  
include Bake Sale Saturdays, Cookbook  
Saturdays, Ethnic Days, a Children's Fair  
and much more!

Sponsored by

McKILLIGAN CHIROPRACTIC

Special thanks Old Omaha  
Association/Mercer Management,  
and Allright Parking, Inc.

For more information, call 346-5145

# Tennis Coming to Gifford Park This Summer

Gifford Park has been selected for one of the sites for the 1997 City of Omaha "Sun Dawgs" Tennis Program to be held this summer. The program is sponsored by Omaha Parks & Recreation, Tennis Our Way (TOW) and Play Tennis America (PTA) in cooperation with the Omaha Tennis Association. Following is the schedule for sites close to and including Gifford Park:

### June 9 - July 18

9:00 - 9:45 am M-W-F  
10:00 - 10:45 am M-W-F  
11:00 - 11:45 am M-W-F  
8:30 - 9:15 am M-W-F  
9:30 - 10:15 am M-W-F

6 weeks/3 times a week (M-W-F)  
(No clinic July 4th)

\$25

Beginners (ages 8-12)  
Beginners (ages 12 & up)  
& Advanced Beginners  
Intermediate (ages 12 & up)  
Advanced Beginners  
Beginners

Fontenelle, Gifford Park  
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Dewey Tennis Center  
Dewey Tennis Center

### June 10 - July 17

8:30 - 9:30 am T-TH  
9:30 - 10:15 am T-TH

6 weeks/2 times a week (T-TH)

\$25

Intermediate/Advanced Beginners  
Pee Wee Tennis (ages 5-8)

Dewey Tennis Center  
Dewey Tennis Center

### June 10 - July 17

9:00 - 9:45 am T-TH  
6:00 - 6:45 pm T-TH

6 weeks/2 times a week (T-TH)

\$20

Beginners (ages 8-15)  
Beginners (ages 8-15)

Miller Park  
Lynch Park

(To waive or reduce fee, scholarships are available, call 341-9150)  
Please make checks payable to: City of Omaha, Tennis Enterprise, 1819 Farnam, Suite 701, Omaha, Ne 68131-0701, or payment rendered at the following registration sites in person starting the week of May 19 at:

Dewey Tennis Center (530 Turner Blvd) Fontenelle Park (4405 Fontenelle) or call Dante Simone at 341-9150.



## 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 Info

We are at the beginning of a new membership year. We urge you to send in your membership as soon as possible. The cost is minimal - **\$8 for family; \$5 for an individual and \$25 for a business.** If you participated in the cleanup, you know that the cleanup alone is worth the cost of a membership. Many other programs are also supported by your membership dollars. All the programs are aimed at improving the neighborhood — **our neighborhood.** Please take a moment now to send in your 1997-1998 membership and show your support.