



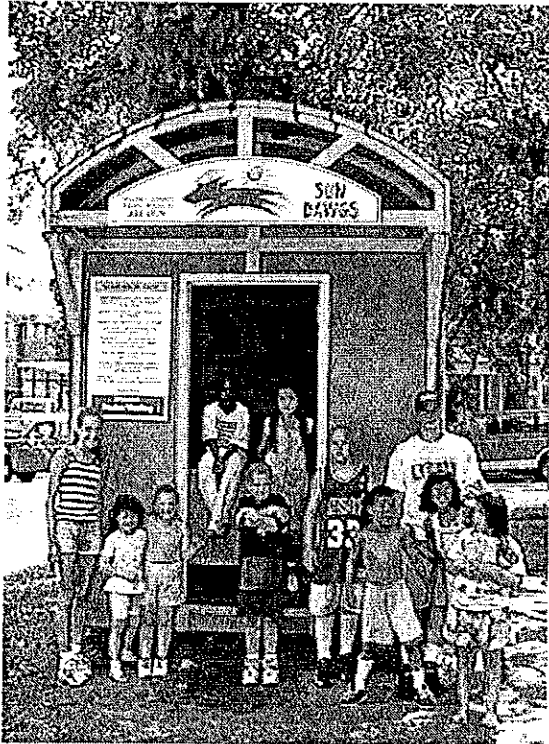
Gifford Park's Pride

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

July 1998

A Publication of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

The Sun Dawg Shack Is Back!



Gifford Park children are having a lot of fun again this summer thanks to the City of Omaha Recreation Division's Sun Dawg youth program. The "shack" is the center of all the activities, and as you can see in the picture above, it's a very popular place. Joining the children in the photo are this year's supervisors **Tonya Lumpfrey** and **Chris Costello**. Some of the activities available through this free program are games, arts and crafts, box hockey, and field trips. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through August 6. Parents are encouraged to come to the park with their children and help with supervision – and who knows, they may even have some fun too! For more information, call 444-4FUN (444-4386).

Reminder: No July Meeting!

Next Meeting

**Thursday, August 6
7:00 P.M.
St. Joseph Hospital**

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

The GPNA 1998-1999 membership year began June 1. If you have been a member of GPNA in the past, we appreciate your support and hope you will renew your membership if you haven't already done so. If you have not been a member, we encourage you to consider joining. Your membership helps pay for this newsletter, neighborhood cleanups, youth activities, neighborhood watch equipment, tool lending, and other worthwhile programs. Please join the GPNA today!



**Kids: Are you looking for more fun later this summer?
See Page 6 for information on the GPNA Summer Tennis Program!**



There's nothing like a good game of checkers to pass the time on a warm summer's day. These Sun Dawg participants are having a great time playing games and joining in on a wide variety of activities.

GPNA OFFICERS**PRESIDENT**

Jim Wilwerding 551-1344

VICE PRESIDENT

Chris Foster 342-6006

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jean Peck 344-0722

TREASURER

Sandy Sanner 341-8939

COMMITTEE CHAIRS**ADVERTISING**

Dar Sweazy 345-0125

CLEAN-UP

Chris Foster 342-6006

COMPLIANCE

Leo Wilwerding 345-1433

COURTESY

Candy Bacome 344-3233

GRAFFITI

Maureen Calabro 345-7238

HISTORIAN

Eva Swanson 345-1707

MEMBERSHIP

Chris Foster 342-6006

NEWSLETTER

Sue Wilwerding 342-2795

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Mike Bacome 344-3233

PARK

Mike Bacome 344-3233

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Terry Wilwerding 342-2795

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Anne & Linda Chapman 348-0464

TOOL LENDING

Tom Rose 932-6191

WATCH GROUP

Mike Wilwerding 341-8224

WEEDS & LITTER

Jim Wilwerding 551-1344

From the Desk of the President

Well, here we are, back at July. I'm not sure where the year has gone, although I can look back and recollect quite a number of GPNA activities.

Right now, we have the Sun Dawgs program going on in Gifford Park. A little later on this summer we will be having our usual Youth Tennis program. And, of course, the summer will be over before you know it and the children will be back at school. I have been advised that the Sun Dawgs program is always looking for adult supervisors to help keep an eye on the children, so if you have time during the day you might want to stop down and offer to help out.

Earlier in the month, when stopping down to the office, I witnessed a situation that could have been tragic. A young girl was crossing 33rd street just down from the office. If the auto driver had not been especially alert, and managed a panic stop, the young girl would have been hit, certainly severely injured, and perhaps killed. Fortunately, there were no injuries. I wonder if the little girl was emulating older children and young adults in the neighborhood, who seem to regularly cross against the traffic lights, often in front of traffic, and can often be seen walking down the middle of the street, rather than using the sidewalks. It is not unusual to see youths playing in the street, either oblivious to or in defiance of auto traffic. I am afraid that sooner or later, accidents will happen, and injuries or deaths will result.

If you are a parent with children or young adults, for their sake, and for the sake of drivers in the neighborhood, please insist that common safety rules be followed in regard to crossing streets and encourage the children to use the park for a play area rather than the streets. If you are driving through the area, please slow down and use caution. If you are walking through the neighborhood, please use the sidewalks rather than the street. Various members put in time to assure that the sidewalks are kept free from trees, bushes, automobiles, and other obstructions so that the sidewalks can be used by pedestrians.

While on the topic of automotive safety, we seem to have more and more drivers speeding through the neighborhood. I am working with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to get the use of their radar speed display unit. If successful, we'll probably use the unit, which displays the speed of passing automobiles so drivers are reminded of how fast they are going, on some of the main streets in the neighborhood. If it looks like we have significant numbers of speeders, we may ask the city for increased enforcement. Considering the numbers of steep hills and blind intersections we have, along with the numbers of young children playing in front yards, sidewalks, and streets, speed limits should be observed.

I continue to see more and more houses in the neighborhood being improved, which is heartening to the many long-time residents. A recent article in the World-Herald mentioned the resurgence of demand for older, affordable houses in the Ak-Sar-Ben neighborhood, citing the reasonable prices, quality of workmanship, and potential for improvement. I think the same could be said for houses in our neighborhood. To new people moving in to the neighborhood, welcome. To everyone who has lived here and worked to improve their property and the neighborhood, many thanks, and keep up the good work.

continued on page 3


**TOOL
LENDING
HOTLINE**

Tom 932-6191

Mike 344-3233

Chris 342-6006

Ron 558-6027

Mowers - \$5

Rent for most tools - \$3



From the Desk of the President

continued from page 2

I would like to take the opportunity to thank **Mike Bacome** for serving as vice-president. His two-year stint was up in June, so he could not be re-elected to that position. Mike agreed to continue working on newsletter distribution.

If you missed the June meeting, the slate of candidates was elected, despite predictions that the positions would be fiercely contested. I will again serve as president, **Chris Foster** will be vice-president, **Jean Peck** will serve as secretary, and **Sandy Saner** will be our new treasurer. It was also determined at the last meeting to secure a better printer for the workers who prepare the newsletter, in order to improve the quality of pictures and graphics. A printer has been purchased, and we hope to see improvement in these areas.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there will be neither a general meeting nor a board meeting in July, so our next meeting will be the general meeting on August 6. At that meeting we will be discussing plans for a tenth anniversary celebration, so please plan to attend. .

by Jim Wilverding

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

4913 Underwood Avenue

558-5000

Personal Injury Law
Worker's Compensation
Injury
Auto Accidents
Insurance Claims



**City of Omaha Parks & Recreation
Sun Dawg Summer Fun
Youth Program**

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Through August 6

No Cost

Activities include:

**Fun, sports, games, reading, arts
and crafts, trips,
camp programs, swimming and
more**

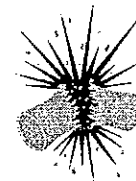
**at the Gifford Park
Sun Dawg Shack**

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

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



Happy Fourth of July



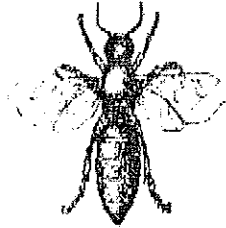
Tips for a Safe and Healthy Summer...

Insect Bites and Stings

Insect stings and bites can be the source of injected poisons. Most stings and bites produce little more than pain and irritation for most people. However, some persons may be allergic to the bite or sting and what may be a small irritation for some may become a life threatening situation for another. In fact, twice as many people die annually from bee stings than from snake bites.

Signs and symptoms:

- Local pain
- Itching
- Heat around injured area
- Redness
- Swelling



An allergic reaction has the following signs:

- Itching and burning skin, especially around the face and chest
- Hives
- Weakness, pallor, dizziness
- Difficulty breathing
- Abdominal cramps
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Swelling in face and tongue
- Shock
- Headache

First Aid Treatment:

- Remove the stinger carefully, by gently scraping it out.
DO NOT use a tweezer as it may inject more venom
- Apply ice, compression and elevate to help relieve pain and further swelling
- Wash with soap and apply antiseptic

If a person is having an allergic reaction, treat for shock which includes the following:

- Monitor vital signs (temperature, pulse and breathing rate)
- Lay person down and elevate legs
- If person has difficulty breathing, elevate head and shoulders
- Maintain body heat, but do not over heat
- **DO NOT** give foods or liquids
- Seek professional help immediately

From *American Red Cross First Aid Tips*

by Kathleen Wilwerding

California Tacos & More

Homemade Mexican Food

342-0212

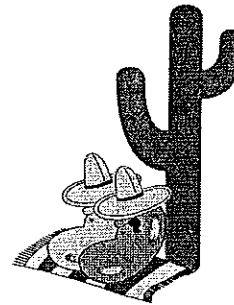
33rd & California Street
Dine In or Carry Out

Open Every Day

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

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

Sun: Noon - 8 p.m.



California
Tacos & More

Yates Gets New Principal, New Name

The Omaha School District has assigned a new principal and a new name to the Gifford Park neighborhood's elementary school. According to the **Omaha World-Herald**, this fall **Jo Kubik** will be the principal of **Yates Accelerated Learning Academy**, the first school of its kind in the district. This new approach to learning will emphasize phonics, hands-on math skills, and writing in all grades. Class size will be reduced to less than 20 students, and progress will be monitored by testing every other week on basic skills. Teaching practices will also be monitored on a regular basis. In addition, parents will be asked to take a more active role in their child's learning, and the school will provide assistance in the form of seminars and talks with the principal. New desks, blinds, and a paint job are also planned by the principal. According to the **World-Herald** article, **Pam Decker**, president of the Yates PTA, expressed gratitude that Superintendent **John Mackiel** is providing the resources to revitalize the school and make it more attractive to families who may want to move into the neighborhood.

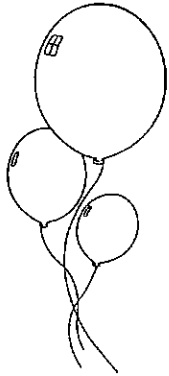
Children's World Learning Centers

Newest Location

126 North 35th Street

Children's World Offers:

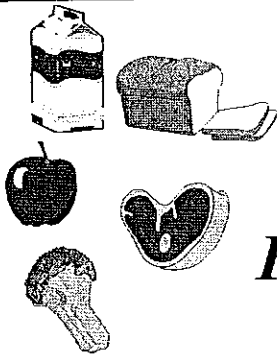
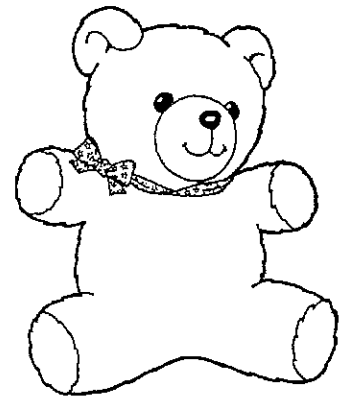
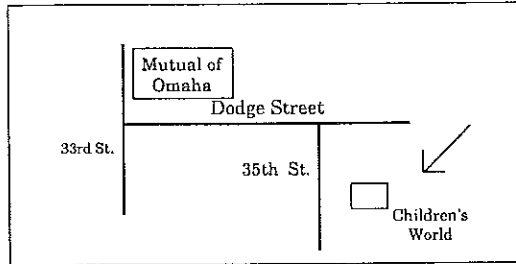
- * Quality childcare for children ages 6 weeks thru 12 yrs.
 - * Developmentally appropriate activities
 - * Safe, state approved transportation
 - * USDA approved food program to include meals and snacks
- Spaces are limited, so enroll now!



Drop in for a visit or call

346-9368

for an appointment.



J'N'J

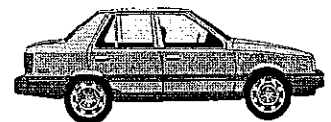
GROCERY STORE

Fresh Meats -- Fresh Produce

Friendly Service

3301 California Street -- 422-1058

WE DELIVER!



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

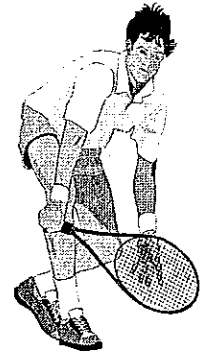
7:00 AM - 11:00 PM Friday thru Saturday

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Sunday

5th Annual Gifford Park Free Tennis Lessons



For: Youth ages 6 to 15
Dates: Every Wednesday in August
 (August 5, 12, 19, 26)
Time: 6 - 7 p.m.
Where: Gifford Park Tennis Courts
 (33rd & Cass St.)



The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association is offering **FREE tennis lessons** and will provide tennis racquets, balls and instructors for each lesson. Parents are welcome to help.

To be enrolled, YOU MUST complete the registration form available after July 15 at J'N'J Grocery or California Tacos & More. Bring the registration form with you to the tennis lessons. Call 342-6006 for more information.



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 _____

For City Services,
 Information, or
 Complaints

Call:
**Mayor's Action
 Office**
444-5555

NOTICE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
 ADVERTISE
 IN THE GIFFORD PARK
 PRIDE?

If so, Call 345-0125