



Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

528 North 32nd Street
Omaha, NE 68131



MAY, 1989

Dear Folks:

This is a little note to let you know how your Gifford Park Neighborhood Association is going. We are proud to announce that even though the group is young, a great deal has already been accomplished. Following is a partial list:

1. **Neighborhood Cleanup** - On April 15, 1989, 15 dumpsters of trash were collected and hauled to the dump.
2. **Streets Swept** - a cooperative effort between members and city crews allowed all area streets to be swept.
3. **Neighborhood Watch** being organized. Several members have attended meetings and areas are being organized - please cooperate.
4. **Councilman Subby Anzaldo** - appearance at meeting - communicated interest in area and pledged help.
5. **Mayor Walter Calinger's** attendance at the May 4 meeting - will continue in politics and is committed to helping us.
6. **Police Community Relations Officers** visit - answered questions regarding law enforcement concern of neighbors - will give special attention to law enforcement in area - particularly Gifford Park - Association members rode with police on May 12 to learn of police problems and communicate area concerns.
7. We now have a membership list of 110. The annual fee is \$3 per person. Please call Marge Hawkins (345-6494) to join. We need your backing. We can all benefit substantially from the efforts of a strong Association.
8. A big boost to our Treasury occurred from two awards: April 7 - \$50 from Keep Omaha Beautiful Kickoff; May 7 - \$100 KOB "Thank You" celebration. Special thanks to Heather Phillips for her assistance in this effort.

As you can see, much has been done and the outlook is great. We do need everyone's help, however, and perhaps the most important contribution you can make is by being a good neighbor. A good neighbor is one who:

1. Keeps their property in good condition, painted and neat -- an asset to the area.
2. Respects the rights of others - regarding children, pets, litter, noise, loud parties, and parking.
3. Watches the property of neighbors to prevent unlawful acts by others and quickly report suspicious activity to police.
4. Assists those who need help such as the elderly and handicapped.

Spring is fix-up, clean-up time. Take a walk across the street and look at your property. Does it add or detract from the neighborhood?

Our area is very clearly already on the upswing with many young families moving into the fine older homes. A cooperative effort by everyone will make ours the best neighborhood in the city in which to live.

Please join
GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
today and help us accomplish our goals!!

NEXT MEETING OF THE
GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
"NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE"

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL - SEMINAR ROOM

FREE PARKING

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**GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

ANNUAL DUES \$3.00 PER PERSON

Mail to Marge Hawkins: 508 N. 32nd St., Omaha, NE 68131

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ACTIVITY NOTES

1. Play ball! We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting for anyone interested in forming a Gifford Park softball team. If you are interested in heading it up call Marge at 345-6494.

2. Let's have a neighborhood picnic at Gifford Park! If you are interested call Kathy at 341-3955.

3. Financial Report for April submitted by Marge Hawkins-Treasurer.

4/6/89	\$107.00
Memberships	209.00
Scrap Metal-Recycle	82.00
Donation	<u>1.00</u>
	\$399.00
American Printing (for flyers)	<u>15.00</u>
	\$384.00
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4. We are looking for interested neighbors to work with us in establishing programs in the following areas:

Block Representatives
Historian
Adjacent Neighborhood Groups
Beautification
Membership
Park
Social
University Liaison
By-Laws
Safety
Neighborhood Watch

5. Tennis anyone? Call Mary (346-0936) if you are interested in forming a tennis group.

The following is a list of numbers to call in order to obtain service or to correct a problem. We have been urged by the police to call these numbers or 911 anytime a problem arises. As a good citizen you owe it to your neighbors to take action. Please do!

Code Enforcement (dilapidated property)
444-5371

Chuck Holes/Street Problems/Snow Removal
444-4919

Dogs Barking (more than 5 minutes)
571-0501 (Humane Society)
911 (after hours)

Garbage Collection Problems
592-7310

Junk Cars Parked on Street or Yard
444-5782

Improper Parking - Blocking Walks/Drives
911

Litter and Trash in Yards
444-7482

Neighborhood Watch
444-5772

Noise - Loud Music/Parties
911

Sewer Problems
444-5332

Traffic Signal or Street Sign Problems
444-5160

Trees/Bushes Obstructing Walks or Alleys
444-5925

Vehicles Parked on Front Yard
444-5364

Weeds (over 18" tall)
444-5910

Your taxes pay for assistance in solving these problems. If you receive inadequate response from calling any of these numbers, call the Mayors Action Hotline 444-5555. We have been assured action will be taken.