



Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

529 North 32nd Street

Omaha NE 68131



July, 1989

Friends and Neighbors,

NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH

Have you noticed how much nicer our neighborhood looks? Many homeowners have made an extra effort to spruce up their yards and houses. Fresh paint, lawn care, flower planting, and overall care have resulted in the best appearance in years. In driving around the area, we noticed many homes which look particularly good. These are:

3562 Cass	3036 Cass
3409 California	3423 Webster
512 No. 32 St.	3314 Davenport
304-331 No. 36 Ave.	3320 and 3514 Burt

These folks are to be applauded for their efforts. Let us all try to follow their example!

As citizens, we have certain responsibilities to our neighbors. These include allowing them to have a quiet, peaceful, and pleasant place to live. This involves respecting their rights by not disturbing the peace with loud noise, barking dogs, or obnoxious behavior. Nor should we detract from their property by failing to maintain ours. Think what a fine place our neighborhood would be to live if everyone would try to be a little more considerate of these things.

Also, keep in mind our responsibility to report incidents or situations which require police or city assistance. As the old saying goes, "The squeaking wheel is the one that gets the grease." Keep Calling!!

Jack Atkins has been selected as "Neighbor of the Month" for July.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Atkins have lived in the neighborhood since 1955. Their two sons graduated from Cathedral and Creighton University. Jack is a retired insurance executive and had his own agency. In 1986 he had triple bypass surgery. The Atkins live near Gifford Park and Jack goes through the park two to three times per week picking up litter. He feels that the park needs additional refuse containers.

Thank you and keep up the good work, Jack!

If you have a neighbor you would like to nominate as "Neighbor of the Month", submit their name, a little personal background, and reason for nomination to Ron Yates, 3401 Burt, Omaha, NE, 68131. Selections are made by committee.

CREIGHTON/GPNA COOPERATION

Stephanie Wernig and Janna Martin of Creighton University spoke at the June 1 meeting of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association. Stephanie is Assistant Vice President-Student Personnel.

The only Creighton and fraternity/sorority sanctioned houses are located at:

3177 Davenport
3100 Chicago

NEXT MEETING OF THE
GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

"NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND AMEND BY-LAWS"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL - SEMINAR ROOM
FREE PARKING

However, sometimes entire houses are rented by tenants belonging to the same fraternity or sorority and these are not sanctioned by Creighton or the fraternity/sorority. While Creighton cannot control off-campus behavior, they do take action when necessary in fines and work sanctions. Students have been instructed to make sure guests are of legal age (if not, refuse to serve), have non-alcoholic beverages

available as well as food, limit to a reasonable number of people, and inform their neighbors in advance of functions.

A letter was drafted in August 1988 and sent to all addresses where a problem had been reported the previous year. There appeared to be fewer problems this past year.

Both Stephanie and Janna are willing to communicate with us in the future and you are urged to call them at the following numbers if problems arise.

Stephanie 280-2718
Janna 280-1784

GARAGE SALE!!

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The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Garage Sale will be held Saturday, August 19, 8am-4pm. The sale will be in the alley between Cass and California (behind Kilgore's). We will need 8 volunteers every two hours and plan to sell hot dogs and pop also.

Please call Ruth (341-4695) or Rick (345-2475 after 7:30pm) with donations. If we receive enough merchandise this may be a 2-day sale, so please let us know! Someone will be available to pick up large items.

There will be no consignments. An Association pre-sale day or evening will be arranged before the public sale.

!!!!PLEASE CALL WITH YOUR DONATIONS!!!!

May/June Treasurer Report

April Balance	\$384.00
Donations (Tom McGrath)	25.00
KOB	150.00
Scrap Metal	20.40
Memberships	<u>40.00</u>
	619.40
Quick Print for newsletters	<u>- 32.81</u>
	\$586.59
May Balance	\$586.59
Memberships	<u>63.00</u>
	\$649.59
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Gifford Park Neighborhood Association currently has 130 members!! Let's keep growing--invite your neighbors to join you at our next meeting.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

J&J Grocery at 33rd and California opened on June 2. Loren Johnson is the owner of this full-service grocery. Please show your support to our new neighbor! Their success may entice other new businesses into the neighborhood and encourage existing businesses to stay. A thriving business sector benefits the entire neighborhood!

JOSLYN CASTLE

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association voted at its June meeting to support the Joslyn Castle Bill introduced by Senator Brad Ashford. Although the Castle is west of our established boundaries, we feel it is in our best interest to preserve the Castle and its property in their present state and open for public access.

On June 19, 1989, a group of GPNA members met at the park with Mr. Larry Foster of Parks, Recreation and Public Property, to discuss areas of concern and ways we can assist them to make our park a better and safer place.

Many recommendations were made to Mr. Foster and all of them received his attention, as reported at the July meeting of the Association when a letter of response to our concerns was read by Dave Hawkins.

GPNA ELECTIONS

As decided at the July 6 meeting of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association, election of officers will take place at the September 7 meeting of the Association. All existing officers have agreed to serve until the September meeting. Officers elected at this meeting will serve until June 1990.

As chairman I have appointed a nominating committee of three at-large members of the Association to prepare a slate of officers for presentation at the August 3 meeting. Any member wishing to serve as an officer in this Association should contact Bernie Sundberg, chairman of the nominating committee, at 341-7516. Other members of the nominating committee are, Harry Dirgo and Richard Liddick. Qualifications for nomination are: member in good standing, a member whose consent has been secured, and a member who has attended at least four meetings of the Association.

Jim Windorski
Chairman

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 5, SECTION C

These are the proposed amendments to Article 5, Section C of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws.

- A. To amend Article 5, Section C by striking "candidates and"
 PRESENT FORM: This Association may support candidates and issues that serve our objects and basic policies.
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: This Association may support issues that would serve our objects and basic policies.
 RATIONALE: To eliminate political animosity within the Association.

- B. To amend Article 5, Section C by adding "when agreed to by 80% of members present and voting."
 PRESENT FORM: This Association may support candidates and issues that would serve our objects and basic policies.
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: This Association may support candidates and issues that would serve objects and basic policies when agreed to by 80% of members present and voting.
 RATIONALE: To clarify voting procedure.

- C. To amend Article 5, Section C by adding "when agreed to by a 2/3 majority of members present and voting."
 PRESENT FORM: This Association may support candidates and issues that would serve our objects and basic policies.
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: This Association may support candidates and issues that would serve our objects and basic policies when agreed to by 2/3 majority of members present and voting.
 RATIONALE: It is a political reality that we would be better served if public servants were aware of the clout that this neighborhood has if we choose to use it.

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

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!

- Chuck Holes/Street Problems/Snow Removal
444-4919
- Code Enforcement (dilapidated property)
444-5371
- Creighton University
Stephanie Wernig/Student Personnel
280-2718
Janna Martin/Public Relations
280-1784
- 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

We are still 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

The GPNA Newsletter is a quarterly publication. If you would like to contribute an article, information, concerns, or opinions, please submit in written form to John and Jackie Lynch, 321 N. 36th Avenue. The Chairman of the Association has final authorization as to content of the Newsletter.

Also, we would appreciate receiving any comments and/or criticisms on the Newsletters you've received and what you would like to see included in the future. We welcome all suggestions. Remember, this is your newsletter!!
