



Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

528 North 32nd Street

Omaha, NE 68131



October 1989

!!A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!!

It's official - Gifford Park Neighborhood Association is the winner of the 1989 Cox Cable Neighborhood Salute! Our entry was chosen from 24 entries in the contest sponsored by Cox Cable. Entry requirements included a brief history of the Association, a listing of activities, effectiveness of social and/or neighborhood improvement programs, photographs, and an essay on "Why our neighborhood is great!"

The official presentation was September 7, at Yates Elementary. Those in attendance included, Subby Anzaldo, our City Council representative, John Lindsay, our representative to the State Unicameral, Laurie Pieper, Omaha Public Housing Authority, Nan Tiedeman, St. Joseph Hospital, and Mark Holzapfel, our Omaha Public School Board representative. Media representatives were Cox Cable T.V., KFAB and WOW Radio. Mike Kohler, Cox Cable Public Relations, presented the award of \$1,000 and a plaque for Gifford Park to Jim Windorski. A half-hour documentary on our neighborhood was produced by Bill Norton and aired on Cox Channel 7, September 27 & 29. Coffee rolls and orange juice were served in the Multi-Purpose Room after the presentation. Members from GPNA attending the ceremonies were Jim and Ruth Windorski, Dave Hawkins, Ron and Cynde Yates, John Lynch, and Corky Grimes.

The Association also received coverage in the Omaha World Herald's Metro Extra section on September 6 and 13. The Association would like to thank Cox Cable for establishing this annual contest and the judges for selecting Gifford Park Neighborhood Association as the first recipient. Thanks also to the Omaha World Herald Metro Extra, Sibyl Myers, Susan Darst Williams and Bill Batson - they did an excellent job!

In case you missed the Gifford Park documentary it was recorded in both VHS and BETA formats for VCR viewing: If you would like to check out a copy to watch at home, please contact John and Jackie Lynch, 345-9624.

IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD, PLEASE CONTACT RUTH WINDORSKI AT 341-4695.

FOOTBALL RAFFLE

A drawing will be held at the October 5 meeting for two tickets to the Nebraska-Iowa State game (homecoming), on October 28. Chances can be purchased for \$1.00 from any GPNA member or contact Ron Yates at 558-6027. The tickets were donated by Mr. Anzaldo and all proceeds will go to GPNA. All tickets must be turned in by the October 5 meeting.

***** NEXT MEETING OF THE GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SUBBY ANZALDO, COUNCILMAN - GUEST

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL - SEMINAR ROOM
FREE PARKING

***** NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH AUGUST

Neighbor of the Month for August is Tom Bogard. Tom willingly opened the doors of his vacant store on 33rd and California to house our August 19th GPNA Garage Sale!

Tom was born and raised within Association boundaries and began working at Bogard's Drug Store in 1942. In those days, the fountain did more business than the pharmacy! Tom is married and father of seven children, 6 sons and 1 daughter, ranging in age from 18 to 30. He lists his special interests as boating, water skiing, and spending money!

Tom's mother lived at 35th & Cass until her death a few years ago. She maintained her own yard until she was 89 years old!

Tom wanted to know where the Neighborhood Association was five years ago when he tried to develop one! Although he is trying to sell Bogard's Drug, he made the comment, "My heart still belongs on 33rd & California."

 GPNA would like to publicly thank St. Joseph Hospital for their hospitality in letting us meet on their premises, and their overall support of our organization. We also want to express our thanks to Nan Tiedeman, St. Joe's representative, for all her help and her attendance at our monthly meetings.

GARAGE SALE SUCCESS

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Garage Sale on August 19, was a huge success! Rick Liddick, chairman of the event, reported at our last meeting that the sale netted \$794.00. After the sale, unsold merchandise was distributed throughout the neighborhood on a first come, first served basis.

GPNA would like to thank the following people:

Donations from Neighbors

Ron and Cynde Yates
 Mike and Judi Caban
 Martha Kelly
 Leo Wilwerding
 Chuck Kilgore-Kilgore's Sandwich Shop
 Emily Wagoner
 Bette and Jack Tanner
 Jack Atkins
 Jim and City Oberwetter
 Corky and Eva Grimes
 John Beard
 Ed and Farol Hendershot
 Greg Welling Electronics
 Mark Shively
 Tim and Jodi Kleymann
 Loren Johnson- J-N-J Grocery
 Carl and Sheila Orand-Artic Circle
 Bernie Sundberg
 Mr. and Mrs. Morris
 Whitney Johnson - 7-11
 Michele Melnick
 Jim and Ruth Windorski
 Richard Liddick
 Leavenworth Neighborhood Association
 Mrs. Edith Gach
 Peggy and Tom Schuster
 Fletcher Slater
 Donations received from Metro-Extra Announcement
 of sale

Help with Set-Up

Emily Wagoner
 Ed and Farol Hendershot
 Ron and Cynde Yates
 Judi Caban

Workers

Martha Kelly
 Kathy Rose
 Bette Tanner
 Ron Yates
 Ed and Farol Hendershot
 Doris Bruce
 Anne Liddick
 Lance Windorski

Young Helpers

Heath Liddick
 Kent Windorski
 Ross Windorski

Clean Up

Ron Yates
 Ed and Farol Hendershot

A special thanks to Rick Liddick, Chairman of the Garage Sale Committee, Ruth Windorski for her always valued help, and Tom Bogard for use of his store.

Treasurer's Report

Balance 9/7/89	\$ 568.46
Garage Sale	794.00
New Memberships	<u>12.00</u>
	1,374.46

American Printing	<u>25.32</u>
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Balance 9/25/89	1,349.14
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Gifford Park Neighborhood Association currently has 141 members!! Let's keep growing--invite your neighbors to join you at our next meeting.

If you suspect drug activity in your neighborhood, please call the Narcotics Department of OPD (444-5681), in addition to 911.

G P N A ELECTION RESULTS

Election of officers was held during the September 7 meeting of the Association. Officers elected at this meeting will serve until June 1990.

A nominating committee prepared a slate of officers which was presented at the August 3 meeting. Nominees included:

- Jim Windorski - Chairman
- Chuck Kilgore - Vice Chairman
- Corky Grimes - Secretary
- Ron Yates - Treasurer

Nominations from the floor were solicited and none were given. Nominations were closed. It was proposed and seconded that general consent elect the "slate" since all offices were unopposed. Congratulations!!

The Association looks forward to its second productive year with the guidance of strong leadership. However, we would not be starting a second year if it were not for the groundwork laid by those departing first year officers. Our many thanks to Dave Hawkins - Vice Chairman, Marge Hawkins - Treasurer, Ruth Windorski - Secretary, and Ann Kelly, Acting Secretary.

BYLAW AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 5, SECTION C

Article 5, Section C of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws was amended as follows by a 13 to 9 vote at the August 3 meeting:

PREVIOUS FORM: This Association may support candidates and issues that would serve our objects and basic policies.

AMENDED FORM: 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.

NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER

September's Neighbor of the Month is John and Jackie Lynch. The Lynches purchased their first home within our boundaries 2 1/2 years ago after a year-long city-wide search. John grew up on 42nd street, attended Saunders and St. Cecilia schools, and had fond memories of the neighborhood.

The Lynches are responsible for the publication of our newsletter. They joined the Neighborhood Association in March because they saw areas that could be improved in their neighborhood and saw the Association as an avenue to accomplish these improvements. John and Jackie also volunteered to write what turned out to be the winning entry for Cox Cable's 1989 Neighborhood Salute!

John sums up their contribution to GPNA as: "I go to the meetings and volunteer Jackie to work on various projects!"

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.

!!Gifford Park Improvements!!

If you haven't ventured to Gifford Park in awhile, you should be pleasantly surprised at the much needed improvements that have been made! The east bank of the park (by baseball diamond) has been cleared out, graded, and seeded. We also have 2 concrete slabs poured, 2 new barbeque grills, and 2 new picnic tables. Trees have been trimmed and the backstop has been repaired. We appreciate the attention from the Parks and Recreation Department!

It has been brought to our attention that some of the playground equipment is old and in disrepair (and potentially dangerous). We have notified Parks and Recreation of the situation. Hopefully, we can start the process of requesting purchase of new equipment. We have also been advised by the City that the official park sign for Gifford Park is in the 1990 budget.

We would like to remind everyone that consumption of alcoholic beverages in city parks is illegal. If you witness this activity call 911.

Watts Trucking Service

It has been mentioned at a number of the monthly meetings that there is some confusion on what guidelines Watts Trucking Service uses concerning garbage pick-up. Watts Trucking Service has prepared the following guidelines for ALL OMAHA CITY RESIDENTS.

COLLECTION:

- * All refuse must be placed at the curb or alley by 6:00 a.m. on collection day.
- * During weeks with a holiday, collection for that week will be delayed one day for those residents whose collection day falls on or after the holiday.
- * Refuse must be in a visible location with easy, unobstructed access.
- * Refuse for residential units up to and including 4-plex apartments must be visible and located within 5 ft. of the curb or approved alley.
- * Refuse for commercial establishments and 5-plex or larger apartments must be visible - at a single location within 20 ft. of the collection vehicle, with a 4 ft. wide unobstructed walk-way.

CONTAINERS:

- * Each residential unit or business is allowed 8 garbage cans per week. Containers should be galvanized metal or rigid plastic.
- * All containers must have tight fitting covers and sturdy handles, minimum 10 gallons, maximum 32 gallons, 75 lbs. total weight when full.
- * Plastic bags are for leaves and lawn trimmings only. Bags must be securely tied, minimum 20 gallons, maximum 35 gallons, not exceeding 30 lbs when full.

- * Prohibited materials include industrial waste, sewage, rocks, concrete, dirt, manure, building rubbish (re-modeling-construction-demolition), liquids in containers, explosive materials, flammable liquids, dead animals, car parts, or items too large to be placed in a garbage can.

If at any time you feel your service is not satisfactory, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Watts Trucking at 592-7310, weekdays, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings

A reminder to anyone interested in setting up a Neighborhood Watch in their neighborhood, Organizer's meetings are held the third Monday of a month at 7:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 505 S. 15th St. These meetings are for orientation and informational purposes. You may also contact, Tom Rose, Chairman of GPNA Neighborhood Watch Committee, for additional information (341-3955) Our Neighborhood Watch Contact Officer is Officer Marlin McClarty (444-5772).

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!!
