



Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

528 North 32nd Street

Omaha, NE 68131



MEMBERS-ONLY MAILING

NOVEMBER, 1989

EXTRA STEP

Beautification Committee Chairman Dave Hawkins requests that every neighbor take that "extra step" toward a cleaner neighborhood. Start at your own front door. Keep the street and sidewalk by your property litter free - trim the grass and hedges - make certain trash can lids are in place. Let's display pride in our neighborhood!

RAFFLE REPORT

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association raffle drawing was held at the October 6, 1989, meeting and we wish to thank everyone who participated. Subby Anzaldo, who donated the grand prize, was there to draw the winners. John Beard donated a Big Red Clock that was given as a runner-up prize. GPNA Raffle Committee reports we have an additional \$368 thanks to Subby and John. Wayne Hill, owner of the California Bar, was the grand prize winner. Dave (The Hawk) Hawkins won the Big Red Clock. Thanks again to everyone!

!!! 10 YEARS !!!

Whitney Johnson recently celebrated his 10th anniversary as franchise holder of our 7-11 store at 33rd and Cass. We are glad to have Whitney as a member of our community, and appreciate the assistance he has given the Association.

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR SIGNS

If you have had a garage sale, you know the work that is involved. When the GPNA had our sale, Rick Liddick, GPNA Garage Sale Chairman, noticed that some folks had not removed the signs after their sale. Please be a good neighbor and take down your signs after your sale. This way you won't be bothered by late comers and you will keep our neighborhood clean. Thank you for caring.

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:00 P.M.
SENATOR JOHN LINDSAY, GUEST
ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL SEMINAR ROOM
FREE PARKING

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association would like to welcome the following new members: Jerry Rieger, Fred and Doris Bruce, JoAnn Askevics, John Beard, Jean Showalter, William Miller, Mrs. Berniece Shahan. Paul Mileris, Nicolette Amundsen, Chris Sietzer, Pat Callahan and Mike Callahan. Our membership now totals 160! Thanks to each of you for your support.

If you have neighbors wishing to join GPNA, please have them mail their applications to Ruth Windorski, Membership Chairman, 528 N. 32nd St., Omaha, NE 68131

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 9/25/89	\$1,349.14
Raffle	368.00
New Memberships	18.00
Donations	48.00
Cox Cable Award	1,000.00
Interest on savings	3.33
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	\$2,786.47

Check Order	5.70
American Printing	68.58
Davis Dumpsters (clean up)	125.00
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	199.28

Balance 10/22/89	\$2,587.19
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Things are moving forward in our community! There are some obvious changes taking place because of the **Gifford Park Neighborhood Association**. Our Association was presented with a certificate signed by Mayor Morgan and presented by Subby Anzaldo, our city councilman, at the beginning of the October 17, 1989 city council meeting. We received this certificate for winning the Cox Cable Neighborhood Salute contest. About a dozen members of the Association were present in the council chambers for this presentation. Also, please take note of the blue and white sign proudly displayed at the east edge of Gifford Park, presented to us by Cox Cable for winning the contest.

As Chairman, I wish to invite each and every one of you to contact me with any ideas or topics you might wish to have presented at our general neighborhood meetings.

A very concerted effort is being made for all of our community to make their problems known to the proper people so they can help solve them. Again, as Chairman, I ask you to call me 341-4695 at any time if you feel the Association can help.

Jim Windorski

SEAT-BELT SAFETY

The Yates P.T.A. would like to invite all members of the community to their upcoming presentation on "Seat-Belt Safety" which will be held on **Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Yates School Multi-Purpose Room (3260 Davenport Street). The program is being planned by the PTA Health and Safety Committee and should prove very informative!

We will try to keep everyone informed as to upcoming programs and activities of the Yates PTA through the newsletter, members-only mailings, or both. They wish to emphasize that many of their programs are of interest even to those with no children.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP REPORT

Due to budget limitations, we were unable to get City funded dumpsters, so rather than miss the fall cleanup, the Association Board voted to rent a dumpster of our own. A 20 cubic yard unit was placed in Gifford Park on Saturday, October 21. A sizeable crew of volunteers turned out to clean up the park and haul trash from around the area. A heaping load was gathered. Scrap metals were also salvaged to be sold and proceeds added to the treasury.

Undergrowth was cut back and trees trimmed up on the south bank of the park west of 33rd street. Next time you drive by notice how this, coupled with the new landscaping of the east slope, add to the improved appearance of the park.

The aroma of hot dogs on the grill (our new park grill) filled the air on the northeast corner of Gifford Park. Loren Johnson of J-N-J Grocery and Whitney Johnson of 7-11 donated hot dogs, buns, and pop for the workers at the Neighborhood cleanup and anyone who happened to be in the vicinity between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. Approximately 220 hotdogs were served and they really hit the spot!. We sincerely wish to thank Loren and Whitney for this gesture of goodwill and also a big thanks to John Beard who tended the grill. It was a fun time for all of us who participated.

PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, WHO'S GOT THE PUMPKIN?

Saturday, October 21, 1989, many of our neighborhood children received free pumpkins. It was the next best thing to going to the pumpkin patch! Between 250 and 300 pumpkins were loaded in the back of Ed Hendershot's pickup and each child that came through the park could choose their own pumpkin. We wish to thank Chuck Kilgore, Loren Johnson, and Mark Whitley for their cash donations and Ed Hendershot for the effort of picking up the pumpkins and helping with their distribution. Wenninghoff Farms in Irvington, NE, grew the pumpkins and we thank them for the pleasant manner in which they do their business.