



Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

528 N. 32nd St., Omaha, NE 68131

341-4695



December 1989

MEMBERS-ONLY MAILING

HOLIDAY BANQUET

St. Joseph's Hospital has invited the members of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association to be their guests at a Holiday Banquet, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.! This buffet is in lieu of our regularly scheduled December meeting and will be held in the glassed-in area of the cafeteria. The only charge for admission is that each member bring a can of food to be donated to the Yates School Food Drive. The food collected in this drive will be distributed within our neighborhood to those in need.

Please call Ruth Windorski at 341-4695 by December 1 to RSVP as we must give St. Joe's a definite number of guests by that date. We hope you will be able to attend!

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!

Santa will fly in from the Northpole to St. Joseph's Hospital on December 6 at 6:00 p.m. St. Joe's has invited our children to be a part of this fun event. Children may have their pictures taken with Santa at no charge as well as giving him their wish lists! Treats and art activities are also scheduled in the cafeteria during his visit. The cafeteria will be running a special from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for anyone wishing to partake.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR HOLIDAY GREETING

As 1989 ends, our first year as a Neighborhood Association has been productive, fruitful, and exciting. The success of GPNA is a tribute to the care and concern of neighbors who have stepped forward to help make our community a "Great Place to Live". As chairman, I have been blessed with the priceless gifts of time, talent, caring, and concern from members of this community.

My family wishes your family all the blessings of this Special Season: Peace, Love and Joy. May the New Year bring each and every one of you hope and the best of health. Thank you all and best wishes in the New Decade!

Jim Windorski

HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND DECORATING CONTEST

GPNA is sponsoring a members-only holiday lighting and decorating contest. Prizes include:

- 1st Place - \$25.00
- 2nd Place - \$15.00
- 3rd Place - \$10.00

Please notify Jerry Rieger at 341-4172 or John Lynch at 345-9624 if you wish to enter. Deadline to enter is December 15. Judging will be by committee and will take place between December 15 and December 25. Winners will be notified after Christmas, and results will be announced in the January newsletter.

HOLIDAY DISCOUNT

Wayne and Peggy Hill, owners of the California Bar and Package Store are offering any GPNA card-carrying member a 10% discount on purchases from the Package Store during the month of December. This is one way for us to meet and support our neighbors in the Business District. Thanks Wayne and Peggy!

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON NEIGHBORHOODS

Jim Windorski has accepted an at-large position on the Mayor's Committee on Neighborhoods. Jim is one of 17 people on the committee which includes representatives from the city's 12 neighborhood community planning districts and five at-large members. Jon Christensen (west suburban district) will lead the committee.

The group was formed as a means for neighborhoods to discuss needs and priorities, and assist the city in developing solutions that hopefully will benefit the city as a whole.

The committee will meet once a month beginning in December and will report to Mayor Morgan four times a year.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The following persons have accepted positions as chairmen of standing committees:

Beautification

Dave Hawkins 345-6494

Membership

Ruth Windorski 341-4695

Merchants

Chuck Kilgore 558-5000 or 341-2757

Neighborhood Watch

Tom Rose 341-3955

Public Relations

John & Jackie Lynch 345-9624

Recycling

Mark Whitley 345-3858

Social Activity

Marge Hawkins 345-6494

Anyone wishing to become involved in one or more of these committees may call the chairperson for details.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Welcome to the following new members of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association: Wayne and Peggy Hill, Le Thomson, and Hal Zimmerman. We appreciate your support! GPNA now totals 164 members.

If you have neighbors wishing to join GPNA, please have them mail their applications and \$3.00 per person membership fee to Ruth Windorski, Membership Chairman, 528 N. 32nd St., Omaha, NE 68131

Take extra safety precautions at home and in the car during this holiday season when many valuables are out in the open. Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked and close drapery and blinds at night. When shopping, put packages in the trunk instead of the backseat in full view. Have a safe and secure Holiday!

NEXT MEETING

HOLIDAY BANQUET

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOSEPH CAFETERIA

RECYCLING

Mark Whitley, Chairman of the Recycling Committee, asks members to contact him (345-3858) if they have any questions regarding recycling such as collection locations, items which are recyclable and items which are not, etc. Our environment benefits tremendously from all recycling efforts.

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

CHAIRMAN SEARCH

There are two areas within our Association we hope to address in the near future and are looking for volunteers to chair these committees.

1. A special committee on issues involving the elderly and youth in our Association boundaries. There are many areas of special interest involving both spectrums of our population.

2. GPNA would like to put together a survey to poll the citizens within our Association boundaries of their concerns, thoughts, criticisms, hopes, etc. in regard to our community. This survey would be distributed with our newsletter (either the January 1990 edition or the one following).

Contact Jim Windorski (341-4695) if you are interested in either being a chairman or a member of either (or both) of these committees.