



Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

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

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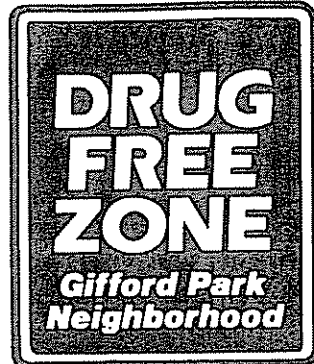
MEMBERS-ONLY MAILING

DRUG FREE ZONE

by Ron Yates

Gifford Park, as well as the entire city, realizes that gangs and drugs are serious problems. We feel that Gifford Park is unique in that our entire neighborhood lies within the one thousand foot drug free zone boundaries since schools such as Yates, Creighton, Nebraska College of Business, Cathedral, Duchesne, and the Teacher and Administrative Center have boundaries which overlap. The Gifford Park area may well be the educational center of Omaha.

It is important that we acknowledge that there is a drug problem and advise visitors that we consider our area to be a Drug Free Zone. We have prepared a decal (3.5"x4") that may be displayed on doors, windows, bumpers, and school books, at homes, businesses and schools. This decal will not solve the drug problem, but it will let people know how the Gifford Park community feels about the illegal use of drugs.



Persons wishing to obtain decals may contact any GPNA officer or member. A \$1.00 donation is being requested to offset the printing costs.

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

NEXT MEETING

POLICE CHIEF JAMES SKINNER

CAPT. MARTIN CROWLEY

LT. STEVE COUFAL

SGT. TOM ZOUCHA

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

ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL
SEMINAR ROOM

FREE PARKING



EASTER EGG HUNT



Attention all Gifford Park Association and Yates family children up to the age of 12 years! The Easter Bunny will visit Gifford Park on the morning of April 14 and the hunt will begin at 9 a.m. We will meet at the picnic table on 33rd St. across from the 7-11. Children are asked to bring their own baskets to put their eggs in. We also ask that you please put your reservations in by April 11 by calling Marge at 345-6494 or there will be a sign-up sheet at J-N-J Grocery located on the corner of 33rd & California. This event is co-sponsored by J-N-J Grocery.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP II

Spring is here and that means spring cleaning can't be far behind! GPNA will hold CLEAN-SWEEP II on Saturday, April 21, 1990. Dumpsters will be located all day at 34th & Davenport (Gifford Park) and SE corner parking lot of 32nd & Webster. If dumpsters are filled before the 4:00 p.m. removal time, they will be replaced. A limited number of free Douglas County Landfill passes will also be available at the dumpster locations.

If you have any questions regarding CLEAN-SWEEP II please contact, Dave Hawkins, Beautification Committee Chairperson, at 345-6494.

GIFFORD PARK MASTER PLAN

On March 14, the Gifford Park Master Plan Committee met with city officials to discuss the future development of our park. Larry Foster and Delores Silkworth represented Omaha Parks and Recreation Department at this meeting.

The Committee, chaired by Tom Rose, discussed various improvements such as new playground equipment, landscaping, the future of the basketball court and the possibility of a soccer field.

Delores is presently working on the preliminary plans and will be in contact with our Committee when they are completed.

**WATCH FOR UPCOMING DETAILS ON
THE GIFFORD PARK PICNIC!**

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Welcome to the following new members: Mark Alto, Mrs. L. J. Heese, Tom Heng, Sylvia McCoy, Herbert and Edna Reuss, River City Chapel (David Stone), Eugenia Stevens, Smoky and Elaine Stober, and Janice Stober.

The membership policy set forth by the Executive Board of the GPNA is as follows: All renewals received by June 1 will be renewed for \$3.00 per person for the 1990-1991 year. All new memberships expire on June 1, unless membership is received after April 30, 1990.

Mail your renewals to Ruth Windorski, 528 N. 32nd St., Omaha, NE 68131. If paying by check, make check payable to Gifford Park Neighborhood Association. Your membership cards will be mailed in the first "members only" newsletter following receipt of renewed membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 2/19/90	\$2,018.69
Newsletter flyers	150.00
Donations (Drug free decals)	54.00
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	\$2,222.69
Printmakers-Drug free decals	175.00
Newsletter	122.17
Post Office Stamps	50.00
John Lynch - GPNA envelopes	15.57
Balance 3/25/90	<hr/>
	\$1,959.95

30TH & WEBSTER MEDICAL BUILDING

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association officially supported the proposed 30th and Webster Street Medical Building in a March 23, 1990 letter to the City Council. The Association's primary concern with this proposed building is the location of adequate parking. The Association recommends parking between Burt and Webster Streets for this building and especially encourages the purchase of 3011, 3021, and 3031 Burt Street by Creighton University.

RESULTS OF OPINION SURVEY

by Leo Wilwerding

An Opinion Survey was distributed at the February 1 Association meeting. Over 30 members responded to the survey. Some interesting trends were indicated. The following is a listing of results. The numbers indicate a position on a 1 to 10 scale with 1 being very poor and 10 being excellent. Averages were worked out to 2 decimal places for greater accuracy.

Degree of Satisfaction With:

Trash & garbage pickup	8.90
Fire protection	7.73
Area Schools	6.59
Gifford Park Association	9.00
Representation by Subby Anzaldo	7.94
Mayor's office	7.21
Police protection	7.20
Police response time	6.67
Police courtesy	7.56
Traffic enforcement	6.53
Noise ordinance enforcement	5.21
Police control of noisy parties	5.76
Front yard & street parking enforce.	5.48
Junk car enforcement	6.13
Street snow removal	6.32
Sidewalk snow removal enforcement	4.42
Littered property enforcement	5.03
Dilapidated property enforcement	4.40
Barking dog/Humane Society enforce.	5.44
Satisfaction with area as a whole	7.15

Apparently members have a high level of satisfaction with the Association's efforts and with trash and garbage removal. Confidence in our council representative and the Mayor's office is good along with fire and police protection. Traffic enforcement is fair as is street snow removal.

Front yard parking, control of noisy parties, and control of barking dogs by the Humane Society received poor marks. Sidewalk snow removal enforcement and control of littered and dilapidated property received poor ratings.

The message we can all take from the survey is to make sure we do our part in showing concern for our neighbors and neighborhood. This means controlling our dogs, shoveling our walks, keeping our property in good shape and acting like responsible neighbors.

Let us also insist on good law enforcement and supply of city of services by being quick to call when these are lacking. We are paying for them. We deserve to receive them.

Results of the survey will be communicated to the Mayor and other relevant government entities.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Beautification

Dave Hawkins 345-6494

Membership

Ruth Windorski 341-4695

Merchants

Chuck Kilgore 558-5000 or 341-2757

Neighbor of the Month

Ron Yates 558-6027

Park Master Plan

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 please call the chairperson for details. They all need help!

Special thanks go to Mayor's Aide Diane Zipay, for her invaluable help in obtaining Police Chief Skinner and the other officers as speakers and guests at our monthly meeting.



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AGENDA FOR APRIL 5, 1990 GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SEMINAR ROOM AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL 7:00 P.M.

- I. Welcome to all and introduce our guests: Chief Skinner, Capt. Crowley, Lt. Coufal and Sgt. Tom Zoucha from Omaha Police Division and Diane Zipay from the Mayor's office.(45 Min.)
- II. Secretary's Report - Corky Grimes
- III. Treasurer's Report - Ron Yates
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - A. Bylaws - 20 min. Max.
 - B. Cleanup - 15 Min.Max.
 - C. Letter and Discussion in re parking in our neighborhood
 - D. Easter Egg Hunt - 10 Min. Max.
 - E. Any other unfinished Business
- V. New Business
 - A. May meeting - where and when
 - B. Newsletter deadline
 - C. Nominating committee to report next meeting
 - D. Any other new business
- VI. Executive Board Meeting April 19, 1990 at 6:30 a.m.
at Kilgore's. Day officers and area Sgt. to be present.
- VII. Adjourn - 9 P.M.