



# Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

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Chairman-Jim Windorski 341-4695

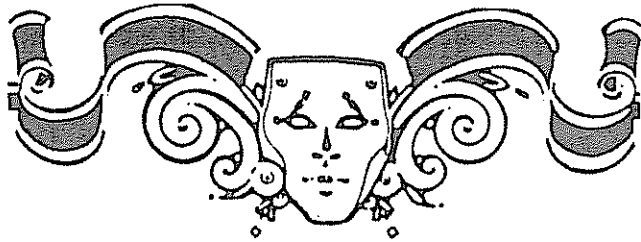
Vice Chairman-Chuck Kilgore 558-5000/341-2757

Secretary-Corky Grimes 345-3217

Treasurer-Ron Yates 558-6027

July 1990

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## THE SHOW WAGON IS COMING

Gifford Park will be the site of one of the Show Wagon Regional Finals this year. The date scheduled is Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Turn out on July 18 to enjoy an evening of music and dance in our neighborhood park. The east bank of the park is to be used for seating, so bring along your blankets. Mark your calendars now!

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## 2ND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

GPNA will hold its second annual garage sale on August 4 & 5, 1990. Tom Bogard has again generously donated the use of his drug store (33rd & Calif.) for the sale. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. As was done last year, there will be a pre-sale on Friday evening, August 3, for Members Only.

As usual we are looking for volunteers to work at the sale. This year consignment items will be accepted for items of \$20.00 or more (with GPNA taking 20% of the sale). For additional information concerning the sale, consignment guidelines, or to volunteer your help, please contact Ruth Windorski at 341-4695. A flyer will be distributed throughout the neighborhood with all the details as the sale dates draw closer.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE  
2ND THURSDAY IN JULY DUE TO  
JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

GUESTS WILL BE:

JOYCE L. BEASLEY  
OMAHA HOUSING AUTHORITY  
SUPERVISOR, SECTION 8

CAPTAIN JACK O'DONNELL  
OMAHA POLICE DIVISION -  
NORTH SECTION

THURSDAY, JULY 12  
7:00 P.M.

ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL  
SEMINAR ROOM  
FREE PARKING

## BRUSH-UP NEBRASKA - PAINT-A-THON!!

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association is forming a team of volunteers to participate in the Brush-Up Nebraska Paint-A-Thon which will be held Saturday, August 25. Last year, the Paint-A-Thon had over a thousand volunteers who painted 50 homes belonging to low-income elderly or disabled adults. This year, there will be 100 homes painted by over 2,400 volunteers.

If you thought those good old days of barnraisings were over, volunteer to be on GPNA's Paint-A-Thon team! You will experience the satisfaction of neighbors helping neighbors, folks working together to enhance their community. Please contact Kris Lausterer (345-6440 evenings) or Mike Schartz (453-6519 evenings) to volunteer for GPNA's team!

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**TO VOTE ON NEW BY-LAWS**  
**JULY 24, 1990 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL**  
**SEMINAR ROOM**

Please attend the special meeting of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association on Tuesday, July 24, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's Hospital Seminar Room. The revised by-laws will be discussed and voted on. This is your opportunity for input into the guidelines for your Association. The by-laws take effect immediately after this meeting, which will be conducted under the existing by-laws.

A discussion of possible incorporation will also be held. If anyone wishes to obtain a copy of either set of by-laws prior to the meeting, you may do so by contacting me at 345-2476 between 6-9 p.m. or Ruth Windorski at 341-4695.

Rick Liddick  
 Chair, By-law Committee

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**OFFICER ELECTION REPORT**

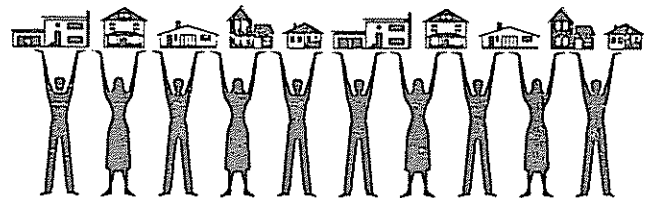
Election of officers was held at the General Meeting of the GPNA, June 7. The results of the election are as follows:

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

The new officers will serve until June 1991. We wish these officers success in the coming year, knowing their's is not an easy load!

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The Peter Kiewit Foundation Small Grant Program for Neighborhoods is making grants available to the neighborhood associations. The only stipulation on these grants is the money must be used for a public purpose.

Bring your ideas to the July 12 meeting. We must do a lot of planning and have our grant applications in by September 7, if GPNA wishes to apply. More details will be made available at the July 12 general meeting.

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**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**



A big thank you goes to the Catterson's of 3128 Cass Street for removal of a garage and debris in the rear of their property. It looks so attractive and we truly appreciate the improvement (we are sure the cost of the project was not incidental)! Maybe some of our other neighbors with similar situations will see what can be done and follow suit.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance 5/28/90	<u>\$2,094.66</u>
Target (envelopes)	5.00
Post Office (stamps)	50.00
American Printing (flyers)	31.69
Kiewit Workshop (5 at \$5/each)	<u>25.00</u>
Balance 6/25/90	\$1,982.97

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To report graffiti call the  
**CITY GRAFFITI LINE**  
 444-5281

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**PLAY BALL!!**

The South Omaha Saints and Central Omaha PONY League are now using the ballfield at Gifford Park for some of their league games. The only day that the field isn't used for league play or practice is Sunday.

J-N-J Grocery and the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association have each sponsored a team in the Central Omaha PCNY League. PONY stands for Protect Our Nations Youth.

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**COX CABLE NEIGHBORHOOD SALUTE**

Cox Cable has asked our Chairman, Jim Windorski, to be a member of this year's Cox Cable Neighborhood Salute panel of judges. As last year's winner, Gifford Park is not eligible for this year's grand prize package. Cox Cable feels that as a leader of last year's winning group, Jim ranks as an "authority" in the area of what makes a neighborhood great! We wish all of this year's participants the best of luck!

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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE  
 SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR NEIGHBOR OF THE  
 MONTH, PLEASE CONTACT RON YATES AT  
 558-6027. THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE  
 TO BE A MEMBER OF GPNA TO BE  
 NOMINATED!!**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JULY**

- 12 - General GPNA meeting, 7:00 p.m., Seminar Room, St. Joseph's Hospital
- 18 - Show Wagon Regional Finals, 7:00 p.m., Gifford Park
- 19 - Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kilgore's
- 19 - Deadline for newsletter editorials submitted to Executive Board.
- 23 - Deadline for all articles to John and Jackie Lynch, 321 N. 36th Ave., for Members-Only Newsletter
- 24 - Special by-law meeting, 7:00 p.m., Seminar Room, St. Joseph's Hospital
- 28 - Bemis Park Neighborhood Association presents Music in the Park II, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**AUGUST**

- 2 - General GPNA meeting, 7:00 p.m., Seminar Room, St. Joseph's Hospital
- 3 - Garage Sale Pre-Sale for Members Only
- 4 & 5  
 GPNA Second Annual Garage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bogard's Drug Store

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**HEALTH TIP** (Douglas County Extension Office)

Exercise in hot weather increases sweating and water loss from the body. Children are particularly at risk because they often don't adjust to seasonal temperatures as quickly as adults. If children play in a park or field where water is unavailable, have them carry a thermos or other container of water.

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# DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

Join your neighbors...GPNA membership stands at 160. Of this total, 94 are renewed memberships. Thank you for your support. Below are the members (so far) of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association for the 1990-1991 membership year. These members are named in order of dues received. Do you see your name? If not, it's never too late to join!

Genine Ruderman, William Miller, Gerald and Miriam Sweeney, Rodney and Harold Jenson, James and Vera Horton, Herbert and Lois Baumhover, Fred and Diane Bruce, Harry Dirgo, Myron Lewis, James Pierson, Joan Amato, Patty Hammett, Everett and Lucille Bussell, Mary McCale, Loren Johnson, Subby Anzaldo, Mark Holzapfel, Smoky and Elaine Stober, Janice Stober, Elizabeth Burford, Leo and Marlene Wilwerding, Martha Kelly, Eugenia Stevens, Hubert and Edna Ruess, Bernie Sundberg, River City Chapel, Barb Schroeder, Roger Bergman and Wendy Wright, Ray and Edna Seaman, Mark Otto, Marcella Koenig, Ruth Beckman, Whitney Johnson, Mrs. L. J. Heese, Tom Heng, Pearl Exline, Ed and Farol Hendershot, Madeline Nalty, Tom and Kathy Rose, Jerry Rieger, Molly Wiener, Ann Kudlacek, Catherine and Rita Vail, Jack Atkins, Cecelia Crew, Ken Socha, Lance Herold, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gurney, Jim O'Brien, Jim Thomas, Krissa Lee-Regier, Robert Eischeid, Rita Sierralta, Dave Chambers, Mark Bostick, David Swisher, David and Barbara Henney, John Manning, Eva Swanson, Laurina Leuck, Julie Krabbenhoft, Jap and Connie Danielson, Lucille Nickell, Adolescent Treatment Facility, Ann and George Wachtler, Merlin and Virginia McRoberts, Carl and Sheila Orand, Dave and Marge Hawkins, Judi and Mike Caban, Joann Askevics, Ron and Cynde Yates, Sylvia McCoy, Jim and Ruth Windorski, Roger and Sue Vipond, Richard Liddick, Catherine Dunn, Albert Sulley, James Gottsch, Jan Weaver, Seb Cortese, Henry Holsten, Ellen Holsten, Wayne and Peg Hill, Pamela Sprenkle, Mary Alice Race, Jack and Bette Tanner, Corky Grimes, Chuck Kilgore, Delphine Pittman, Jim Hughes, Kenny and Renee Kalkowski, James Severa, Paul Mileris, Phyllis Thagard, Forrest and Elsie Lewis, Larry Sullivan, Shane Wilke, Bob Manning, Patrick and Geraldine Bynum, Walter Peterson, Raelene Kay Bohnet, Margaret Koperski, Michael and Debra Bergman, John and Jackie Lynch, Evelyn Iams, Lance Windorski, Dawn Rhoades, Kris Lausterer, Dorothy Munhall, Mark Shively, Jay Genoa, Sharon Walters, Steve Fuhrer, Arthur Dennison, Jim and Jean Watson, Anne Jernigan, Don and Paula Rech, John Hilton, John and Diane Ruess, Sandra Erickson, George Zatarain, Sue Detroy, Pete and Antoinette Hamilton.

Membership cards will be included in the first mailed Members-Only newsletter after membership is received.

Ruth Windorski  
Membership Chair

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## GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES \$3.00 PER PERSON - MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE JUNE 1, 1991**

Make checks payable to GPNA. Mail to Ruth Windorski: 528 N. 32nd St., Omaha, NE 68131

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

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The Editorial Page is a new feature of the GPNA Newsletter. Readers are welcome to submit their letters to any Executive Board member prior to the Executive Board meeting held the third Thursday of every month. The Executive Board has final approval for all editorials appearing on this page. Full name and address must be included on all letters submitted. The views and opinions stated are not necessarily those of GPNA or the Executive Board.

## THE RAVAGING OF THE GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

For the last two years the quality of life in Gifford Park has deteriorated. The Gifford Park area has, for many years, been used as housing for students and others in need of temporary housing. These individuals were sometimes troublesome with parties, parking and noise, however, they don't hold a candle to the element that we now have on 33rd/34th, Cass and Burt Streets. Many of the properties are owned by people or corporations that do not know or care about what is happening in our neighborhood. It has been suggested that some large institutions and speculators are hoping that those of us who care about the neighborhood will give up and move away. It appears the only work on property that we see in this area is usually mandated by Section 8 housing officials. A major project would be snow removal or lawn mowing.

We must insist that members of our community and those that rent to them be more responsible. If we all pull together we can turn this around. We must report all criminal activity (drinking on public streets and littering are crimes), and code violations (broken windows, sidewalks, junk cars, weeds and litter). If nothing is done it should be remembered that those who leave first get the best price for their homes. Will the last person leaving Gifford Park Neighborhood please turn out the lights?

-- Ron Yates

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT - SENATOR JOHN LINDSAY - DISTRICT NO. 9

Children and child care issues received much attention this past legislative session and many important laws were passed. Two important measures addressed the tragedy of child abuse. The most notable was LB 1246, a bill sponsored by the Judiciary Committee, on which I serve. LB 1246 creates the Child Protective Division within the Attorney General's office to assist in the investigation and criminal prosecution of crimes committed against children. The bill also requires training and continuing legal education for county law enforcement officials. LB 1246 also extends the statute of limitations for prosecution for several crimes against children, including sexual assault and child abuse.

Equally important was LB 720, which allows the Department of Social Services to investigate child abuse allegations. The bill also provides funding for an additional 21 Child Protective Service staff members and adopts nationally recognized standards on caseloads. Currently, the case load exceeds those standards by over 33%. In 1977, there were 2,000 investigations of child abuse and neglect. By 1985, that number had ballooned to over 8,000. LB 720 is an important tool in addressing this problem.

LB 567 establishes training for persons involved in early childhood education and provides additional funding. The passage of this bill reflects the growing concern about the quality and availability of early childhood education programs. Four early childhood education pilot programs will be formed and evaluated after a three-year period.

I supported and voted in favor of each of these proposals. As a new father, the need to educate, protect and care for our children is a concern I share with parents throughout the state.

The following information was provided by the Nebraska State Recycling Association. To receive additional recycling information their address is P.O. Box 80729, Lincoln, NE 68501 or phone 1-800-248-7328 (Nebraska only).

Did you know:

At least 25 percent of our trash is a valuable resource and can be recycled.

Air and water pollution are decreased 96 percent in the aluminum manufacturing process when recycled materials are used.

Making new aluminum from used cans saves 95 percent of the energy required to produce aluminum from bauxite ore.

The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can is enough to keep a 100 watt light bulb burning for 3 1/2 hours.

100 percent recycled glass saves 30 percent of the energy needed to produce glass from virgin materials.

Every glass bottle recycled saves enough energy to light a 100 watt bulb for 4 hours.

Making newspaper from virgin materials uses twice as much energy as recycled paper.

For every 115 pounds of newspaper recycled, a mature tree remains standing.

63,000 trees are harvested for each Sunday Edition of the New York Times.

Newspapers account for approximately 10 percent of all municipal solid waste.

Litter clean-up costs Americans \$42.5 billion annually.

Litter clean-up in national parks costs taxpayers \$15 million per year.

Any newspaper that is not bound by a glued edge (phone books included) is recyclable as newsprint.

It takes 50 to 80 years for plastic containers to decompose.

Plastic foam will never decompose.

Each year, Americans throw away:

- 16 billion disposable diapers
- 1.6 billion ink pens
- 2 billion razors and blades
- 220 million tires

Paper and paperboard products represent 41 percent of the municipal waste stream.