



# Gifford Park's Pride

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A Publication of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

Gifford Park Neighborhood Association and the Omaha Public Schools' ESL, Migrant and Refugee Programming invite you to a

## Special Community Event

Saturday, May 12, 2012

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Yates Community Center  
3260 Davenport St.

### Schedule of Events

12:00 p.m. - Free Community Lunch (sponsored by the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association)

12:30 p.m. - Cultural Program (including performances by the Bhutanese Community in Nebraska)

1:15 p.m. – Children's Carnival

- Tours of the School
- Bike Rodeo
- Planting/Mother's Day cards
- Playground
- Badminton
- Cricket (outside if weather permits)



2:30 p.m. - Contra Dancing in the Gym

## Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact Elizabeth Rutten-Turner – 402-898-9145 x1012 or [elizabeth.rutten-turner@ops.org](mailto:elizabeth.rutten-turner@ops.org)

Volunteers needed to help with children's carnival, bike rodeo, garden activity and setup/clean up. Contact Eric Purcell at 402-719-5108 or [eric.purcell@crmladers.org](mailto:eric.purcell@crmladers.org) to volunteer.

## No May General Meeting

We will see you at one of our May events!

### Upcoming Events



Community Garden Opening (p.4)  
May 12 9:30 am

Spring Clean Up (p.12)  
May 19 9-2:00pm

Cultural Celebration (p.1)  
May 12 12-4:00pm

Garage Sale (p.2)  
June 9 9-2:00 pm

Summer is almost upon us. In Gifford Park that means it's time for lots of activities in our park and gardens. Look inside for updates and info on our Youth Soccer and Youth Tennis programs and Youth Garden Program.



Youth Soccer, see page 7



Youth Tennis, see page 8



Youth Garden, see pages 9-10.

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## From the President

*By Luther Larson*

It has been great to see the neighborhood “green up” this spring. The flowers and gardens are looking great. But with the flowers come all that unwanted green, weeds and trees that grow up in behind building and through fences, etc. Please do what you can to help keep this run away growth of the unwanted green from taking away from the beauty of the true green of our neighborhood.

Speaking of green, while walking the neighborhood I have noticed more green being painted on our sidewalks. These “X’s” and arrows have been put there indicating that these portions of the sidewalks need to be repaired and/or replaced. I know that if you received one or more of these on your sidewalk that it can be overwhelming figuring out what you need to do. Please talk to your neighbors because if you can consolidate the effort everyone can save.

For those of you that have not yet received any green “X’s” but know your sidewalk needs repair, I would suggest being proactive in doing the repair/ replacement. Please give me a call or email if you would like to be part of a group that would contract with a construction firm that would fix sidewalks throughout the neighborhood, saving us all a few dollars and greatly improving the walkability of the neighborhood. I can be reached at [\(402\)330-3286](tel:4023303286) or [lutherlar@cox.net](mailto:lutherlar@cox.net).

The GPNA board decided that with all the neighborhood activities that we going on in May that we would forgo having a general meeting, with the thought that we would like to encourage everyone to attend the events. Please look at all the event announces within the newsletter. Looking forward to seeing there.

Luther

## GPNA Garage Sale 33rd & California Saturday June 9, 9 AM to 3 PM

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) will pay for an ad in the Omaha World Herald to promote garage sales in the Gifford Park Neighborhood. If you would like to donate usable garage sale items (no clothes or shoes please) to the GPNA, please call Neil 402-933-1960 or Chris 402-290-8187. Proceeds going to the GPNA and Community Garden. This would also be a great time to sort through your items in preparation for our Spring Cleanup May 19 in Gifford Park. This is a great way to get rid of unused items and make some extra money for yourself or the GPNA and at NO COST to you!

## Vote May 15

Polling places have changed for residents of Gifford Park. If you live south of Davenport AND west of 33rd Street, your polling place is at First Unitarian Church. If you live east of 33rd Street or north of Dodge, your polling place is the Best Western Seville Plaza.

Registered voters should have received updated voter cards in the mail. If you have not received your voter card or are confused about where to vote, you can locate your polling place at [www.votedouglascounty.com](http://www.votedouglascounty.com) or by calling the Douglas County Election Commissioner at (402) 444-VOTE.





## Gifford Park Neighborhood Market

By *Martin Janousek*

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Market will be every Friday evening 4-8 PM in the 33<sup>rd</sup> & California business district (across from the Community Bike Shop) starting June 8. If you live in a neighborhood that doesn't have its own business district, everyday shopping requires you to fill up the gas tank and walking to the store is almost unheard of. Those of us who have the opportunity to live in Gifford Park know that doesn't have to be the case. We're lucky to have a neighborhood that has its own historic business district with grocery stores, an auto repair shop, 2 restaurants, a bike shop, a local bar, laundromat, a regional live theatre power house and the annual Gifford Park Neighborhood Market on Friday evenings. With summer approaching, we'll soon have our market open again and if you're interested in having a booth to sell your products please give us a call. The market has been a great place to sell your produce, products and other items, plus it's a great way to get connected with your neighbors. For more information and details call Martin Janousek, 402-558-4070.



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## From State Senator Gwen Howard

Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for your continued interest in the work now underway in the Legislature. Due to term limits, this will be my final session representing you and the neighborhoods of District 9. I appreciate the tremendous trust you have placed in me these past eight years.

We have accomplished much together. During my first campaign in 2004, I pledged to the people of District 9 that we would work as a team to eliminate the home repair sales tax. All of the Capitol insiders told me it could not be done. They said the Legislature simply would not eliminate any source of revenue. But through your hard work and the petitions signed by so many Midtown homeowners, I was able to get legislation passed to eliminate that sales tax for good.

At neighborhood meetings, community events and church functions, you supported me in speaking out for seniors, families, children and vulnerable Nebraskans. The very first bill that I was able to get passed into law within six weeks of taking office put visiting nurses in place to work with new mothers of at-risk infants. By ensuring babies are given a healthy start in life, this successful program continues to prevent countless numbers of children from coming into the state foster care system.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of District 9. Our neighborhoods are among the best in the state. We have a "can do" attitude that we can accomplish anything if we put our minds to it. I am honored that we have established such a positive working relationship over these past eight years. I am sincerely appreciative of your warmth and friendship.

As always, I appreciate your thoughts so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Gwen Howard**

Gwen Howard  
State Senator

## Community Garden Update

By Chris Foster

Please mark your calendar for our Community Garden Season Opening Saturday May 12th, 9:30 AM to noon at the community garden (35th & Cass Street). (We moved up the time since there will be a Yates Cultural event same day Noon-4 pm at Yates that we hope everyone will attend). We plan to have a variety of family activities including Youth Garden program registration; information on community garden, Teen Market Garden and Big Muddy Urban Farm; free library cards and books; children's take home project, face-painting; music; garden items sale; free seeds, plants and refreshments (while supplies last).



With the warm spring weather we already started our Wednesday work nights in mid April and will continue each Wednesday 6 to 8 PM through the growing season. During these times water and garden tools will be available for plot renters and anyone else interested in helping maintain the community garden – there is never a shortage of weeding! It's a good time to stop by the garden to see what's growing or see neighborhood friends. Contact Mike Caban (402-341-4722, [caban3321@cox.net](mailto:caban3321@cox.net)) for garden plot information, and Chris Foster (402-290-8187, [foster3413@cox.net](mailto:foster3413@cox.net)) for any other community garden questions.

## Yates Garden Update

Tuesday evening August 25th neighborhood volunteers filled about 20 raised garden beds as part of the Yates Community Center Community Garden project lead by Dana Freeman started last November 2011.

Our mighty group of volunteers included a wide range of ages – from young Brennon Purcell to “Mrs. S” (she works at Yates) and her teenage kids to some of us older “kids”. Seemed everyone had a good time meeting new folks and making the dirt/omagro pile disappear in about 2 hours.



## Youth Garden Program Starts Soon

The Gifford Park Youth Garden (GPYG) program will be kicking off its 9th year at the Gifford Park Community Garden (35th & Cass Street) growing young gardeners. The 2012 program will be each Saturday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 AM May 19th through August 25th. The program teaches youth of all ages how to grow our vegetables, prepare, eat, and share our harvest with others. Plus, we'll be creative with art, music, and poetry; explore our natural environment; and have fun while working together and getting our hands dirty. GPYG relies upon parents and volunteers each week to provide snacks, lead lessons, and simply share their time with participating young people. Attached in this newsletter you will find this summer's schedule and registration information. We will be accepting registrations at our Community Garden Season Opening Saturday May 12th, 9:30 AM to noon at the community garden (35th & Cass Street). Please contact Chris Foster (402-290-8187 or [foster3413@cox.net](mailto:foster3413@cox.net)) or Mike Caban (402-341-4722, [caban3321@cox.net](mailto:caban3321@cox.net)) if you would like to volunteer or have questions about GPYG program.

## Easter Egg Hunt

by Chris Foster



*Neighbors pick up special Easter prizes in Gifford Park.*

What a difference an hour makes! At 10:30 AM on the day of our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt the weather was cool, cloudy, a little light rain and quite wet from morning rain...by 11:30 AM it was sunny, dry and a nice breeze blowing! Around 400 neighborhood children participated on Saturday, April 7 in Gifford Park. This was the fourth year in a row we received a wonderful donation of 300 dental care packages (including toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss) from an anonymous dentist, which volunteers gave out to each child just moments before the actual hunt. Volunteers, including Flatland Church (lead by Rob & Naomi Yanike) and PKA Fraternity, picked up litter and raked portions of the park before putting out candy, treats and other prizes in the four age groups (0-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12). Thanks to Roger & Sandy Freeman for regularly picking up litter. As always, out of the thousands of pieces of candy, it took a matter of a few minutes for the kids to pick the park clean of goodies and prizes. There were many volunteers and donors who helped put forth extra effort – once again Darryl Hutton did a great job getting MANY donations (and making a large personal



*And they're off! Neighborhood kids make a mad dash for Easter candy.*

contribution) from a variety of people and businesses; Jan Franks, her grandchildren Brittany and Zach, and Robin Hansen organized the candy. The Slayden family (Betty, Tiffaney, Kayleen) were a huge help as well. Special thanks to Lois Baumhover who donated other Easter items that were given as prizes. Senator Gwen Howard and her daughter Sara also donated cute stuffed animals and additional toothbrushes as special prizes. Many thanks to all those who donated time, money, candy, and other items to make this a special event: Whelan Law Office, Kilgore Law Office, California Tacos, Lilly's California Bar, Robinson's Garage, Marrakech Restaurant, KNJ Grocery, Ideal Hardware, Hy-Vee, Urban Village, Omaha Police Department, Ona Kartanas, Rob & Rose Janousek, Mike Caban, Lindsay Pockett, Sara Trampe, Bob & Virginia Hutton, Terry & Sue Wilwerding, Jim Wilwerding, Luther Larson, Chris & Sallie Foster. Jenny Waltemath was this year's Easter bunny and giving out treats to youngsters (thanks to Sharon Olson and the Miller Park-Minnelusa Neighborhood Association for lending us the Easter Bunny costume). KETV Channel 7 had a nice news story.

## Community Bike Project Omaha

By Matt Martin, Executive Director

May is shaping up to be a busy month! In addition to our Open Shop (Wed/Thurs 6-8pm & Sat noon-4), we've got lots of special events coming up. You're welcome to attend, and we're always looking for people to help out, too. Here's what's up in the coming weeks:

### ExhiBIKEtion Art Show at The New BLK

**Gallery!** CBPO will be teaming up with The New BLK Gallery to host "exhiBIKEtion" a bike-themed art show! The show will open on Friday, May 4th and close Wednesday, May 16th. The proceeds will benefit CBPOt. Mark your calendars! We would love to see everyone come down to enjoy the show. If you would like to help with this event in the following ways, let me know: **Opening and Closing Food Donation:** We are looking for people to contribute by preparing an appetizer or snack for either the opening or closing of the show. This could be cookies, fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers, etc. We will also need donations of small paper plates and cups. Just let me know if you have any questions or would like to make a donation. **Show Helpers:** We need a couple volunteers for both the opening and the closing who would like to be on hand to do what needs doing. The actual work will reveal itself the night of the event, but I know we will need some helping hands around to facilitate. If you are working the closing, we will need help facilitating the silent auction.

### Volunteer Appreciation Night and Mechanics

**Class!** On Monday, May 14th, CBPO will be hosting

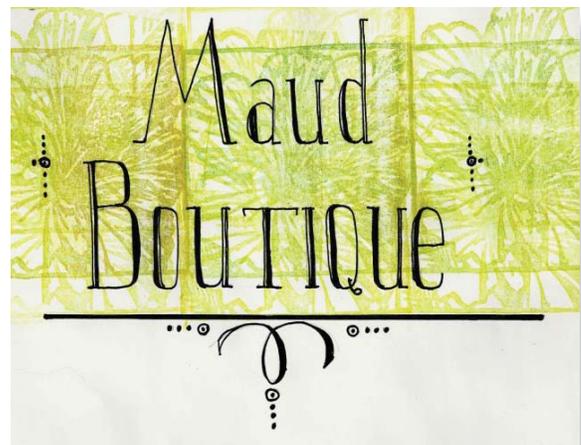
Hi, my name is Lynn Mills, and I'm excited to tell you about what's happening at 521 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. In June, Maud Boutique will be introduced to the neighborhood. This new women's shop will showcase my love of vintage clothing and passion for providing women with a place to develop their own style by coordinating vintage with new. I also hope to expose women to locally creative artists and designers in the Gifford Park area and beyond. Check out the treasures I find and quotes for the week on facebook at [facebook.com/maudboutique](https://www.facebook.com/maudboutique).

a Volunteer Night at the shop. This will give all of our volunteers to work on their own bikes, chat with fellow volunteers and learn some skills. Bring in a bike that you've been meaning to fix. Come in to chat. Ask all of those questions about adjusting derailleurs that have been keeping you up at night! Yes, we will have tasty snacks!



**Bike Rodeos!** CBPO is helping several organizations and neighborhoods in our area to teach kids how to ride more safely and practice building up bike skills. Volunteers are needed to help oversee the kids as they ride through obstacle courses and to teach them in the proper signalling and safety measures on the bike. Upcoming dates are: Saturday, May 12 at Yates School; Saturday, May 19 in Florence; and Saturday, May 26 in Adams Park.

Finally, some news to share with all of you. In mid-June, I will be leaving Omaha and the CBPO to move to Portland, Oregon. After more than two years of participating in CBPO, it's a little bittersweet for me to leave behind all the great things that are going on at CBPO, in Gifford Park, in midtown, and in Omaha, but I will be leaving feeling so fortunate for the time that I have been able to share with all of you. Thank you for supporting and being part of the success of the Community Bike Project, and I hope you'll stop by the shop before I leave. Again, thanks for everything.



# Gifford Park Free Soccer Program



For: Youth (4 to 7 years old)

Dates: June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25

Where: Gifford Park (33rd & Cass St.)

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association is offering a FREE summer soccer league and will provide goals, balls and instructors. Parents and others are welcome to help.

To be enrolled, YOU MUST complete the form shown below and return it to Eric Purcell 3152 Chicago St, Omaha, NE 68131. Special prize for those who attend every lesson and demonstrate good sportsmanship. There is limited space available so please be on time. Call 719-5108 for more information.

Registration/Permission Form - Bring this form (completely filled out) with you to the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association summer soccer league.

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, Sate, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or legal guardian of the child named above, I hereby give my full consent and approval for my child to participate as a member of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Youth Program. I understand that there are certain risks of injury inherent in the practice and play of this sport, as well as related activities incidental to my child's participation, and I am willing to assume these risks on behalf of my child. I hereby certify that my child is fully capable of participating in this sport and that my child is healthy and has no physical or mental disabilities or infirmities that would restrict full participation in these activities, except as listed below.

I hereby waive, release and hold harmless the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Youth Program, and the City of Omaha, Nebraska, its Officers, coaches, sponsors, supervisors and representatives for any injury that may be suffered by my child in the normal course of participation in this sport and the activities incidental thereto, whether the result of negligence or any other cause. Further- more, I give consent to any necessary medical treatment in case of emergency. I permit the taking of photos during Gifford Park Neighborhood Association Youth Program activities for publication and use as the program deems.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_



## GIFFORD PARK TENNIS BLOCK PARTY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

6-7:30 PM

GIFFORD PARK TENNIS COURTS

33rd & Cass

(Rain date- Thursday, May 24 6-7:30 pm)



**KIDS Ages 5-19 WELCOME**

**GAMES & SNACKS**

Join us for a FREE evening of TENNIS.  
We have the rackets and balls.



**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE  
SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAMS AT GIFFORD PARK**

### Special Thanks

Thanks PKA Fraternity, Roger Freeman, Chris Foster, Diane Kaye, Max Kaye, and Jeffrey Foster for excellent work mulching the flower gardens, around the wood rail on 34<sup>th</sup> Street, and most of the park trees. Wheelbarrows, trash cans, shovels and human power were the tools that did the job. Thanks also to City Parks Director Brook Bench for arranging the mulch drop-off to the park parking lot on short notice. We wanted to spruce up the park before the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Playground Dedication. Additional thanks to Sandy Freeman and Diane Kaye for their efforts with the park flower beds along 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. Mission accomplished, the park looks great!



Thanks to Rob & Naomi Yanike and Flatland Church for helping a couple of our longtime neighbors and GPNA members with some yard work duties on Saturday April 21. Lois Baumhover and Jim Horton (and Jim's daughter Bonnie Price) have been great neighbors and made many donations through the years, so members of Flatland Church assisted them with excellent help. Church members also volunteered at our Easter Egg Hunt. They are also planning a couple more summer events – a “block party” in Gifford Park Saturday evening July 21; and a Kid's Bible Camp July 20-21 with sports, games and lunch – more details as we get closer to these events.

## Gifford Park Youth Garden Program



### 2012 Schedule ~ all Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

May 12	Garden Kick-Off Season Opening Event: 9:30 a.m. to Noon)
May 19	Get to Know Your Garden
May 26	Plant Your Plot (Prepare plot for planting)
June 2	Plant Your Plot (picking the right seeds & paint stakes)
June 9	Plant Your Plot (and stake your plot)
June 16	All about compost & water conservation
June 23	What's the Buzz About Busy Little Bees?
June 30	Weather
July 7	Snakes and Reptiles
July 14	Sound of Music
July 21	Tree Walk
July 28	Cooking Matters
August 4	Hula Hoops
August 11	Canning & Preservation
August 18	Bugs & Insects
August 25	Pizza Garden Harvest PARTY! (Big Muddy Farm)
September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	(tend your plot)

The Gifford Park Youth Garden is a fun, educational program for school age youth. Volunteers, parents, and children meet **Saturdays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** at Gifford Park Community Garden on 35<sup>th</sup> & Cass Streets.

#### **Ways parents can get involved:**

- Post this schedule of activities in your home
- Ask your child what they have been learning at the garden
- Accompany your child to any or all sessions
- Pick a date to bring snacks

To register, complete the attached sign-up sheet and bring to the Kick-Off Event on May 12. You can reach Chris Foster with any questions or suggestions at 402-290-8187 or [foster3413@cox.net](mailto:foster3413@cox.net).

# Youth Garden Sign-up Sheet

All school-age youth are invited to participate in this free program at the Gifford Park Community Garden on 35<sup>th</sup> & Cass Street. We will meet Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. beginning May 19<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup> to work, learn, & play in the garden.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to bring treats for one of the Saturday's:   yes    no  
My parent/I would like to volunteer sometime:            yes    no

## Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumptions of Risk

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in the Gifford Park Youth Community Garden program, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages, or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are limited risks of physical injury to participants in this gardening/nature program, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages, or loss, regardless of severity that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this program. Further, I permit the taking of photos during Gifford Park Youth Community Garden activities for publication and use as the program deems.

**I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk, and waiver and release of all claims.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Playground Dedication

On Sunday April 22 we had our official Playground Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting in Gifford Park. The weather was a bit chilly but we had a good turnout of attendees from the neighborhood, City of Omaha, donors, volunteers and other dignitaries.

About 2 years ago, a group of Creighton University Occupational Therapy (OT) students came to the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association to see if they could do something that would impact the neighborhood. As student in the College of Pharmacy and Health Professions, the health of people in the community, especially children, was important to them. After some setbacks and a real-world education in fundraising, the building process in public space, city government, and community involvement, money was raised for new playground equipment for Gifford Park. This park and neighborhood is close to campus, home to students and had a desperate need for new equipment.

Maria Devlin lead the group in its efforts to raise money from special fundraising dinners, on-campus events, local foundations and in-kind donations. Equipment was selected, drawings completed, and the project sent out to bid by the City of Omaha. Even though some of the original OT students have since graduated, others continued the effort. Dana Carlton-Flint (Past GPNA President) has been the neighborhood contact/advisor with the students. Thank you Maria and Dana and all the great students from Creighton University.

**A Big Thank You** goes out to the follow organizations, foundations, and companies for their donations.

Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Peter Kiewit Foundation

Mutual of Omaha Foundation

City of Omaha Mayors Grant

City of Omaha

Leo A Daly Company

The Hawks Foundation

Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

Urban Village

Patricia Doyle

Monte Sue Bradberry

Della and Jack Lee

Sally Jacobs

Noodles & Co

PKA Fraternity

Game Time Inc

Wohlners Grocery, Kory & Maria Devlin and Patricia

Doyle donated lots of healthy refreshments

including fruit, vegetable, cheese trays for the dedication

Several notable local dignitaries and officials were in attendance including:

Steve Oltmans (Mayor's Chief of Staff), Pat Slaven (Park Planner), Brook Bench (Park Maintenance Director), Amber Miller (Parks Foundation), Dave Baker (Interim Police Chief), Kerry Nuemann (Northeast Police Precinct Captain), Gwen Howard (State Senator), and Chris Jerram (City Councilman).



**Spring Clean Up - May 19**  
**9:00 am-2:00 pm**  
**Gifford Park Parking Lot**

Disposal opportunities for bulky or difficult to dispose of items such as chairs, couches, appliances and tires; large limbs and brush not eligible for the City's weekly yard waste collection (vouchers available to cover the disposal cost of tree limbs and brush at an off-site location that day).



Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic, offer hospitality, or help clean up the park during the event. Please contact Jeff Spiehs 457-9979 to help.

*If you have items that you no longer need, but someone else might put to good use, donate it to the Gifford Park Garage Sale. Details on page 2.*



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*Saturdays*

**THE OLD MARKET**

**MAY 5 thru OCT 13**  
**8:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

*Sundays*

**AKSARBEN VILLAGE** 

**MAY 6 thru OCT 14**  
**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

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**Gifford Park Neighborhood Association**  
**Membership Application**

*The GPNA Membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.*

Type of Membership:     Single (\$10.00)                       Family (\$15.00)                       Business (\$25.00)

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (person 1): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (person 2): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (person 3): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (person 4): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (person 5): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Opportunities! I'm interested in helping with....**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanup/Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership             | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captian       | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Garden     | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Cleanup     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities      | <input type="checkbox"/> History             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Planting    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Cleanup       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch Group         | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Walks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Liason          | <input type="checkbox"/> Call Committee      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Program   | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Banquet    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tool Lending           |  |   |   |