



# Gifford Park's Pride

*Gifford Park Neighborhood: A Great Place to Live, Work, Learn, and Play*  
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## Holiday Decorating

Although the warm weather has come to an end, many neighbors took advantage of the good weather to put up holiday lights and other decorations. GPNA volunteers plan to view holiday decorations in our Gifford Park neighborhood the evening of Thursday December 20, so have your decorations up and your lights on! We plan to publish in the next in GPNA newsletter the addresses of nice displays. Below is a list of current nice displays in our neighborhood as of this newsletter, we want to share these addresses if you have time to take your family/friends on a tour of the neighborhood:

3319 California	701 N 36th
3405 California	715 N 36th
3408 California	3636 Burt
3409 California	3315 Webster
3413 California	3401 Webster
3514 California	3403 Webster
3555 California	3405 Webster
3210 Cass	3408 Webster
3317 Cass	3417 Webster
702 Cass	3429 Webster
624 N 33rd	3431 Webster
428 N 34th	3416 Cass (Community Garden)
301 N 36th Ave	Midtown Crossing



**Holiday Banquet**  
**Monday, December 17**



**6:00 pm**  
**(Dinner served at 6:30 pm)**

**Becic Dining Room**  
**Alegent-Creighton Health**  
**(Formerly CUMC)**

**Join GPNA for a year in review, Neighbor of the Year, door prizes and time with your neighbors!**

**A traditional holiday meal will be served compliments of Alegent Creighton Health**



**Space is limited, so RSVP by December 14**  
**GPNA Voice Mail (402) 881-0610**  
**or email [lutherlar@cox.net](mailto:lutherlar@cox.net)**

Share the holiday joy - Bring canned good for the Food Bank.

**It's Membership time**  
**in the GPNA.**

**The 2013 Membership year**  
**starts January 1.**

**Renew your membership or**  
**join at the Holiday Banquet**  
**or mail in the "application"**  
**found on the back page!**

## 2013 Board Elected

New board members were elected at the November meeting:

President: Eric Purcell  
VP: Travis Lavender  
Treasurer:  
Dana Carlton-Flint  
Secretary: Jill Westfall

At-large: Ricky Green  
At-large: Mark Trampe  
At-large: Darryl Hutton  
Business Representative:  
Martin Janousek  
Landlord Representative:  
Chris Foster

**2012 GPNA OFFICERS**

**President**

Luther Larson  
330-3286

**Vice President**

Jeff Spiehs  
457-9979

**Secretary**

Jill Westfall  
213-3105

**Treasurer**

Dana Carlton-Flint  
346-4575

**Board Members**

**At Large**

Darryl Hutton 706-7597  
Travis Lavender 605-321-8142  
Eric Purcell 719-5108

**Business**

Martin Janousek 558-4070

**Landlord**

Chris Foster 290-8187

**COMMITTEES**

**Community Garden**

Chris Foster 290-8187

**Membership**

Travis Lavender 605-321-8142

**Neighborhood Market**

Martin Janousek 558-4070

**Newsletter**

Jill Westfall 213-3105

**Newsletter Distribution**

Chris Foster 290-8187

**Park**

Sandy & Roger Freeman  
345-2668

**Public Relations**

Dana Carlton-Flint 346-4575

**Spring Clean-up**

Jeff Spiehs 457-9979

**Neighborhood Watch**

Terry Wilwerding 342-2795

**From the President**

*By Luther Larson*

Holiday Greetings, neighbors. It is hard to believe that my two year term is about up. It seems like yesterday that I was asked to lead our neighborhood association. I will miss all the opportunities that the position offered me to meet many great folks throughout our neighborhood and city, but on the other hand I look forward to turning the reins over to Eric Purcell who will continue the tradition of keeping GPNA as the best neighborhood association in the city.

It is the dedicated members that commit time and resources to our activities that make a difference. Not sure I want to attempt to mention all the neighborhood activities over the last two years due to the fact that I will forget something, but I do want to say a big thank you to this year's board members that were the back bone of everything that got done. Then there are the folks throughout the neighborhood that help in so many ways by spending time volunteering and/or providing donations. Thanks You. We could not do it all without you. Thank You for allowing me this opportunity to lead GPNA.

**WHAT WILL THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?**

*By Mike Caban*

The ongoing evolution of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association and its effect on our community is frankly a testament to the term "Grass Roots." This is not the same neighborhood that I moved into, back in 1975. I'm firmly convinced that, as in the past, where one success led to another, the future will be even better for the people who live here.

A cultural shift has occurred since those radical activist days of 1988-1993. The activism in our neighborhood has become a way of life for many long term residents, and newcomers are increasingly attracted to our neighborhood because of that tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, and neighbors helping the neighborhood.

For those of us who saw the "before" picture, we're happy, proud, amazed, thankful, and yes, committed to continue to work for the ultimate "after." That eventual future that lies within our collective imagination.

If you're not a member of the GPNA, become one. If you're a member of the GPNA, become an active one. I'm sure you'll find that one or more of our diverse projects and programs will fit your talents and abilities. If you're already an active member of the GPNA... BRAVO!!! ...and thank you.

**Restore Omaha March 2**

Mark your calendars for the annual Restore Omaha Conference and Exhibition scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Metropolitan Community College, South Omaha Campus. The opening reception will be Friday evening March 1. Now in its eighth year, Restore Omaha is an organization that teaches and motivates the public to restore and preserve older properties. Go to [www.restoreomaha.org](http://www.restoreomaha.org) for conference details as they become available. For questions about Restore Omaha, contact 402-709-2586 or [info@restoreomaha.org](mailto:info@restoreomaha.org).

Editor's note: If you have news of interest to the Gifford Park Neighborhood, we encourage you to submit an article for the monthly newsletter. Editorials are subject to approval by the GPNA Executive Board. Please include your contact information. Articles may be submitted by email to [jill.lynn.westfall@gmail.com](mailto:jill.lynn.westfall@gmail.com).

# Community Garden Christmas Tree Shining Bright

Bob & Darryl Hutton helped put it up, and Ricky Green and the youth garden kids helped to hang lights.



## Cub Scout Pack 17 and Boy Scout Troop 42 Christmas Tree Collection Service Project

The Dundee neighborhood Scouts are again offering to pick your Christmas tree and deliver for recycling. Dates are:

- Monday, December 29, 2012
- Sunday, January 5, 2013

Scouts will complete requirements toward their World Conservation Award. This project demonstrates renewable resources, solid waste reduction, and community service in our neighborhood. Cash donations accepted. Thank you!



To have your tree on our schedule:

1. Return request form
2. Remove decorations from your tree
3. Place tree on your curb by 9 a.m

Scout Pack 17 and Troop 42 Christmas Tree Collection Request

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Collection date (circle one):    Dec 29    Jan 5

Size of tree (circle one):        large    small

Return by December 27 to:  
 Pack 17, c/o Marc Anderson, 4914 Chicago St., Omaha, NE 68132  
 Or call 402-558-0727 or email anderson4914@msn.com to make a reservation  
 Please make checks payable to Pack 17



Gifford Park Neighborhood Association  
 PO Box 31462  
 Omaha, NE 68131

Place  
 Stamp  
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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 Captain       | <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           |  |   |   |