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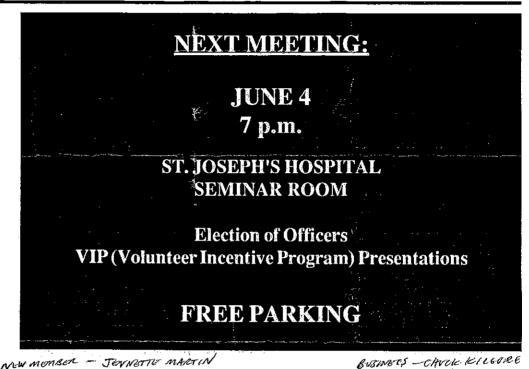
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This Memorial Day was a particularly sad day for many of us in the Gifford Park area — for that was the day we lost Farol Hendershot. As many of you know, Farol was diagnosed with lung cancer and subsequently endured chemotherapy. She died at home on May 25th, in the early morning hours.

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Farol, and her husband, Ed, have been very active in the Neighborhood Association. They were always available to help with garage sales and cleanups, and have attended many monthly meetings. Since Ed and Farol live near the park, they often provided coffee and bathroom facilities for those helping with functions held in the park. In addition, Ed has arranged for the Halloween pumpkins that are given away and has served on several committees.

Farol, age 64, is survived by her husband, Ed; her sons, James (Butch), Tim. and Daniel; her daughter, Cheryl Svendgard; her 12 grandchildren; her mother, Grace Danielson; and her sisters, Alvarine Shrum, Mardell Plunkett, and Beverly Alger. Farol has lived in this area most of her life, attending Yates School and Technical High School.

Farol was always a quiet person with gentle ways and a kind heart. She will be sorely missed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following individuals have been selected as the proposed slate of officers of the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association after a review of their qualifications per the by-laws, and their acceptance to fill each position for the 1992/1993 year:

For President	Ron Yates
For Vice-President	John Lynch
For Recording Secretary	Judi Caban
For Treasurer	Mike Caban
For Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Rose

Nominating Committee: Mike Caban, Leo Wilwerding, Terry Wilwerding, Kathy Rose, Ed Hendershot

"THINK BLUE"

"Think Blue, it's time to renew." If the envelope in which you received this month's issue of the PRIDE has a blue dot, your membership in GPNA is about to expire. During the upcoming year, your membership dues will host a variety of worthwhile community projects. In addition to financing this fine newsletter, sponsoring several seasonal events, and continuing with our award winning Neighborhood Watch Program, new and exciting projects are in the works. Just recently, at our May general meeting, we bought a bicycle for the Omaha Police Department's new Bike Patrol. So join today, give us your ideas to improve this area. Stop by the first Thursday of every month at St. Joseph's Hospital, kick your shoes off, have a cup of coffee, and know, deep down, that YOU ARE making a great difference in this neighborhood. Remember, that your ideas are only limited by your imagination, hard work, and dedication.

AT THE JUNE MEETING ...

The Nominating Committee presented its report at the May meeting, and the proposed slate of officers will now go to the Association at the June meeting for a vote. Please see the NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT elsewhere in this month's PRIDE for a list of the committee's nominees.

In addition, at the June meeting the VIP (Volunteer Incentive Program) presentations will be made. A number of GPNA members will be honored for their service to the Association and the community this past year. These modest tributes are merely public acknowledgements that their work does not go unnoticed.

This year, we are initiating a new classification as part of the VIP presentations. The "NOVA AWARD" will be presented for "Neighborhood Outstanding Volunteer Achievement," and like the name implies, the recipient of a "NOVA" is a STAR who shines brighter than most.

Volunteers who consistently display a willingness and enthusiasm to forge ahead and perform their duties in an exceptional manner, are a commodity that needs to be recognized, and nurtured. They are the backbone of any organization.

Finally, the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association is sincerely appreciative of the tremendous support this community has exhibited. When this endeavor began, there was the sense that our neighbors deserved a safer, cleaner, and friendlier place to call home. Together we have taken giant leaps toward that end.

	GIFFORD	PARK NEIGHBORHOO MEMBERSHIP APPLIC	
Name		Address	
City	<u> </u>	State	Zip
Phone		Date	
	ANNUAL DUE	S \$5 (Single), \$8 (Family), \$2	25 (Business/Institutional)
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GPNA Newsletter

THE WATCH GROUP

It's nice and warm out now, and the Watch Group is still riding around in their vehicles. Why? Are they getting lazy? Are they afraid of walking the streets? What's wrong?

The fact of the matter is, our neighborhood has been fairly stable for the past year. Many of the people who came out on walks before, are under the impression that the job is done, and they can relax. The biggest miscalculation a person can make now a days, is to let their guard down.

Unfortunately, the few who are still involved with the Watch Group on a regular basis don't meet the minimum number of people required for us to SAFELY walk. In accordance with the GPNA Watch Group rules, no less than six people may walk; otherwise, they must be in a vehicle, or cancel the watch for that night.

For the past year the shifts have been uneventful. Nevertheless, one of the reasons for the lack of problems on Watch is because we are out there every weekend. We let this committee dissolve, and sure enough, in a couple of months we'll be dealing with the same problems we had two and a half years ago.

The success of the past two years has proven the effectiveness of the GPNA Watch Group. The Kiewit Grant, and the Community Safety Award presented to us this year, affirms the worthiness of having this committee. It is up to all of us to support it, and participate as frequently as possible.

It's nice and warm out. Take a walk with us and see how nice it is to stroll through your neighborhood now. Bring your spouse, or a significant other. You won't regret it. For more information on the GPNA Watch Group, call Ron Yates at 558-6027.

THE SHOWAGON'S COMING AGAIN!

The Showagon, an evening of dancing, singing, baton twirling, gymnastics, and what-have-you, will return to Gifford Park June 23rd at 7 p.m.

If you have attended one of the past Showagons in the park, you know how much fun it is to go on down to the park and watch some of Omaha's finest up-and-coming performers.

Set the date and time on your calendar, and plan to attend.

J-N-J GROCERY HOLDS GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

J-N-J Grocery
GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION
Friday through Sunday, June 5th, 6th, and 7th
Hours: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday;
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Please join the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association in wishing J-N-J Grocery good luck in its new location at the Southwest corner of 33rd and California Streets. If you have not yet visited this store, you will find it bright, beautiful, and well-stocked. The grand opening celebration will present a great opportunity to see the new facility.

The grand opening celebration will be held June 5th, 6th, and 7th, beginning at 11 a.m. Come have lunch. The price cannot be beat at 10 cents each for hot dogs and pop. The children will enjoy receiving a balloon from the clown. Also be certain to use the coupon below to register for the many prizes to be given away. The grand prize is a bicycle. Fresh fruit drinks will also be available.

Plan on viewing this new store, taking advantage of the specials, and visiting with your neighbors during the grand opening celebration.

	ENTRY FORM	
Name:		
Address:		
Phone Number: _		
Complete and deposit in the entry box at J-N-J Grocery.		

NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS - WHERE TO CALL

Air Pollution Control	444-5378
Animal Control (Strays, bites, sick or injured animals)	571-0501
Cars or Trailers on Lawn	444-5364
Chuck Holes	444-4919
Code Enforcement (Dilapidated house, broken fence, etc.)	444-5371
Curb Repair	444-4919
Emergency Home Repairs	444-5489
Garbage Collection & Disposal (Watts Truck Line)	592-7310
Handyman Program (Senior Citizen/Handicapped)	444-5219
Housing Discrimination	444-5055
Junk Cars (On Street)	444-5782
Mayor's Action Office (City services and complaints)	444-5555
Neighborhood Watch Program	444-5864
Police Crime Van	444-5864
Property Taxes	444-7272
Property Ownership	444-7162
Recycling	734-6060
Rodent Control	444-7975/7659
Sewer Problems	444-5332
Sign Ordinance Information	444-5363/5364
Street Light Out	554-6773
Street Maintenance	444-4919
Street Sign Down	444-5160
Telephone Repair	611
Traffic Signal Not Working	444-5160
Trees, Downed Limbs on City Right of Way	444-4919
Trees (Disease, advice on landscaping, maintenance, etc.)	444-5925
Utilities: Downed electrical wires, street light out	554-1900
Gas leak, water leak, or outage	554-7777
Unsafe or Dangerous Building or House	444-5371
Weeds/Litter	444-5910
Yard Litter (Furniture in yard, unsanitary conditions)	444-7481/7482
Zoning Enforcement	444-5364
Zoning Information	444-5214

(For additions or corrections to this book, please call 444-5150.)