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33rd Friday Block Party

By Ali Clark

Gifford Park is such a unique neighborhood, with a great diversity of neighbors coming together on many occasions to share their interests, talents and traditions. Each week, the Gifford Park Neighborhood Market is evidence of that, with vendors of all ages and crafts of all forms. But the market is just a tiny glimpse into all that the neighborhood has to offer, and we think it is cause for celebration!

The second annual 33rd Friday Block Party and Multicultural Celebration will be hosted on August 14th, from 5pm to 8pm on 33rd Street between California Street and Cass Street. Attendees can enjoy the weekly market as well as a family-friendly block party featuring live music, a bike rodeo hosted by the Community Bicycle Shop, carnival games, arts and crafts and best of all, the company of your neighbors. Admission is free and open to the public.

Youth Garden Program Update

By Chris Foster

At the time of this newsletter we have completed 10 weeks of the Gifford Park Youth Garden (GPYG) program. The 2015 program is each Saturday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.. This year we again have 44 raised garden beds that each youth planted and tended since May. To get you caught up with what's been going on, we started May 9 with our Garden Season Opening followed by four weeks of learning about plants, selecting which vegetables to grow, planting their own garden plot, and painting name stakes. During week 5, Adam Saegert taught us about vermicomposting (worm composting) and the how

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Next General Meeting Thursday, August 13

7:00 pm

**CHI Health-Creighton University
Medical Center
Morrison Seminar Room**

Speakers:

**John Caniglia
Apartment Development
at 35th and Dodge**

**Samantha Senda-Cook, Ph.D.
"Rhetorical Cartographies:
(Re)Mapping Urban Spaces"**

Upcoming Events

August 14

5:00-8:00 p.m.

**33rd Friday & Cultural Event
(see page 3 for details)**

August 5, 12, 19, 26

6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Tennis Program
(see page 12 for details)**

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GPNA Meeting August 13

This month Dr. Samantha Senda-Cook will give a talk called “Rhetorical Cartographies: (Re)Mapping Urban Spaces.” She will speak about her research into how people “read” places such as neighborhoods and public parks as available, exclusive, open, constricting, expensive, struggling, safe, or dangerous and how people act in ways that challenge and support such interpretations of places. She will share how physical changes to buildings

and lots, practices that establish vernacular boundaries, and patterns of movement can communicate different meanings of places. Specifically, she will focus on midtown Omaha and the features that contribute to mental maps of our neighborhoods.

Dr. Senda-Cook is an Assistant Professor in Communication Studies and faculty in Environmental Science at Creighton University.

Cutting Grass and Weeds

Seems like at this time of year the weeds start taking over. While the most of our neighbors do a great job keeping their yards maintained, there are always a few that could be mowed a little more regularly. Keep in mind that Omaha City Ordinance says that all “weeds, grass, and worthless vegetation” should never reach more than 12 inches tall. And neighbors who are along an alley should keep the vegetation trimmed there as well.

If you find you don’t have the tools you need to keep the grass mowed or the weeds pulled, the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association has a tool lending hotline. Contact Chris Foster (402-290-8187) to arrange for a lawn mower or other tools.

TOOL LENDING HOTLINE

Call Chris 290-8187

Mowers - \$5
Rent for most tools - \$3



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.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH
33RD + CALIFORNIAST
5^{PM} TO 8^{PM}

RAIN OR SHINE



FREE ADMISSION
FRIDAY NIGHT MARKET
FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
BIKE RODEO
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD

...AND SO MUCH MORE!

BLOCK PARTY
+ MULTI CULTURAL EVENT

FIRST FRIDAY COMES ONCE A MONTH...
BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE 33RD FRIDAY
CELEBRATE IT THE RIGHT WAY -- ON 33RD STREET!

Adventure Playground

By Teal Gardner

These hot Saturdays at the Adventure Playground have been wonderful! Our attendance has ranged from 1 child to around 10, with people visiting from other neighborhoods as well as the core group of kids and adults. Projects have become more constant, where over the weeks some kids are returning to things they had started previously, and working to refine them. One example is a fort that uses the large wooden spools donated by Don Newland, our neighbor. Kids have now connected two spools with a bridge, and plan to next create shelter under the bridge with blankets. A few things on the playground have been changing, as we have accumulated more materials via the donations of neighborhood folks. This has meant more fodder

for the kids to use in their play, and has helped to expand the range of projects that can happen simultaneously.

The kids have decided that they would like to run a fundraiser to raise money for a tree house at the playground. They are going to have a lemonade stand at the Gifford Park Neighborhood Market on Friday, August 14, to coincide with the 33rd Friday celebration. Adventure Playground kids will be staffing the lemonade stand, equipped with their experiences of the playground and photos to tell the story of what they do there. They are hoping that sharing their experiences of the playground and dreams of the tree house will move people to donate! I also doubt the lemonade will be anything to scoff at! Hope to see you there!



Neighborhood Market

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Market is open for business Friday evenings, 5:00-8:00 pm in the business district near 33rd and California Streets.



Youth Garden Program Update

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worms make our soil richer for growing plants. We also learned how the right ingredients make for good composting, and the heat this process generates to break down these ingredients to “black gold” - a few families brought their own vegetable scraps to add the compost pile at the community garden. Week 6 artists Megan Kriegler, Teal Gardner, and Jenny Waltemath led us in painting our new Gifford Park Community Garden sign. The new sign is the same design using new thicker wood (FJC Builders did a great job carving and preparing the wood sign). Week 7 Matt Cronin (Nebraska Wildlife Rehab) taught about Wildlife & Animal Care. Matt and Brent Lubbert led us on a garden wildlife scavenger hunt – we found a garter snake, butterflies, and lots of other bugs. Week 8 artist Teal Gardner led us in an ‘Art in the Garden’ project where our young gardeners picked a variety of flowers from the front flower beds, then drew them on construction paper to take home. Teal also taught the different flower parts and their functions. For week 9 Truck Farm’s Chelsea Taxman & Maranda Allbritten and Monica Lehn led the “Garden Movement” session including hula hoop games, exercises, and yoga. It was hot but great fun and exercise in the garden. Week 10 brought us the “Sound of Music” where Matt Cronin “with a little help from his friends” Brent Lubbert and Eliza Perry had everyone break into small groups and go out into different parts of the garden and create music out of a variety of materials found around the garden. Matt brought out the legendary “canjo” – similar to the banjo but with just one string and a can connected by a board.

Our young gardeners have been harvesting ripening vegetables including zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, radishes, carrots, broccoli, lettuce, kale, and tomatoes. As you can see the program teaches youth of all ages how to grow our vegetables, prepare, eat, and share our harvest with others. Plus, the youth are 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 share their time with participating young people. Tremendous thanks to all our volunteers including but not limited to: Megan Kriegler, Paul Pellerito, the Stanley family, Jasmine Frierson, Maria Diaz, Teresa Vizcaya, Monica Lehn, Daniel & Andrea Lawse, Andy & Leslie Wessel, Eric & Lisa Purcell, Jason & Denise Bash, Tony Newman, Joy Doll, Kevin & Chastidy Smith, Erin Grace, Shelley Anderson, Michaela Wolf, Rose Carlson, Tyronda Pierce, Jackie Foster, Teal Gardner, Maranda Allbritten, Anna Deal, Sean Coder, Big Muddy Urban Farm (Brent Lubbert, Matt Cronin, Ali Clark) and the dedicated parents and family members who participate with their youth gardeners. It goes without saying but special thanks to Mike Caban for his dedication to this program and the community garden project, neither would be the same without his leadership – thanks Mike! Please contact Chris Foster (402-290-8187) or Mike Caban (402-341-4722). if you have questions about GPYG program.

Community Garden update

With the exception of more weeds than normal, most of our vegetable and flower gardens are doing well with timely rains and nice varieties of vegetables and well maintained plots. It has been so busy in the neighborhood we decided to skip our July potluck dinner and plan for a September potluck to celebrate efforts involving the community garden, youth garden program and “friends” of the garden – we will let you know exact date as we get closer.

Wednesday work nights 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 – we always need weeding of the flower beds, especially this year! It’s a good time to stop by the garden to see neighborhood friends or check out what’s growing – things are changing fast! Contact Mike Caban (402-341-4722) for garden plot information, and Chris Foster (402-290-8187) for other questions.

Community and Youth Garden

Remaining 2015 Schedule
Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30am

- August 1 Cooking Matters
 - August 8 Canning & Preservation
 - August 15 Herbs & Health Remedies
 - August 22 Seed Saving
 - August 29 Pizza Garden Harvest PARTY! (Big Muddy Farm)
- Rest of growing season - tend your plot



Historically Speaking

Here are the origins of some of the street names that run through Gifford Park

Dodge Street

Dodge Street bears the name of Augustus C. Dodge. He was the U.S. Senator who introduced the bill that resulted in the organization of the Territory of Nebraska in 1854.

Davenport Street

Named by a group of bankers from Davenport, Iowa, who opened bank in Florence. The street was named in honor of their hometown and also honors a leading family of that city.

Chicago Street

Chicago, Illinois. "Chicago, Davenport, and Omaha" were on the direct line of travel to the gold fields.

Cass Street

Named in honor of Lewis Cass, Secretary of State in President Buchanan's cabinet. He ran for President of the U.S. in 1848 but was defeated by Zachary Taylor.

Welcome, Students!

We have a large number of university students living in the area who have returned for another year of school. The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association has been working very hard with the city and police to improve the appearance and safety of our neighborhood. The goal of the GPNA is to improve the neighborhood and make it a better place for all residents, and we would ask our new student neighbors to become a part of this effort.

The largest part of being a good neighbor is consideration for others. First we ask students to be considerate in terms of noise, especially after 10 PM. Many families in our neighborhood have children or go to work early. Parties are another problem. Unfortunately, parties always seem to end up bigger and noisier than first planned, and the police have been more active in enforcing noise and underage drinking ordinances. Another difficult problem is parking. Our neighborhood has barely enough parking (like school),

California Street

Said to have been named because the gold seekers of the early 1850's landed near the foot of this street. They crossed the Missouri River continued their way west via "California" Street.

Webster Street

Named in honor of Colonel E. Daniel Webster, private secretary to Marlin H. Seward, the Secretary of State. He died in 1852, two years before Omaha was platted.

Burt Street

Named in honor of Francis Burt, first territorial governor of Nebraska. He died of colitis in Bellevue on October 18, 1854, only 12 days after his arrival in the territory.

Cuming Street

Named in honor of Thomas B. Cuming, second territorial governor of Nebraska, who succeeded Francis Burt.

Source: Omaha Public Library

so you may not always be able to park directly in front of your residence. Please do not park on lawns, across sidewalks, or on the wrong side of the street (facing traffic). All of these are parking violations and are subject to ticketing. Also, please do not litter and help us to keep our neighborhood picked up. Many of us pick up trash that we did not leave and we ask that you would help us by doing the same.

Finally, consider coming to our quarterly neighborhood meetings and joining the GPNA. A \$10 yearly membership will get this newsletter delivered to you every month, and you will meet your neighbors during our activities such as neighborhood cleanups, Friday Neighborhood Market, community garden, youth sports, and holiday events. We welcome students for the upcoming year, and we hope that you will help us continue to make the Gifford Park neighborhood a better place to live, work, grow, and play!

Yates School Projects Update – Design & Construction Timeline

By Chris Foster

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) continues to work with various stakeholders on three very important projects with big impacts on the future of our and surrounding neighborhoods. The three projects are: building a new neighborhood elementary school; keeping the Yates building functioning as a community center; and repurposing Turner Park North to be a recreational youth soccer field. We presented these project updates as part of our master plan vision at our GPNA holiday banquet in December and the February general meeting. Because these projects are related and affect each other, we have been meeting to seek support from the stakeholders involved including Omaha Public Schools (OPS) Board & Administration, Creighton University/CHI Health, Omaha Planning Department, Omaha Parks Department, Senator Sara Howard, Councilman Chris Jerram, Restoration Exchange Omaha, philanthropic foundations, surrounding neighborhood associations, and local residents.

Regarding the school, there is nearly \$17 million in the OPS facility plan to build a new elementary school in our neighborhood. The location is still a big question and this is where things get complicated. We have been unified and clear since last year about the goals and needs of our neighborhood children and families, and the neighborhood as a whole. We do not want OPS to tear down the existing historic Yates School building at 32nd & Davenport Street, nor tear down existing homes around Yates. We would like to see the Yates building continue to serve as public use (as the existing programs do) and even serve more as a community center for our and surrounding neighborhoods in the future. We believe the Yates building and location lend itself very well for a community center with Gifford Park on the west and Turner Park North on the east. The GPNA is currently working with the city on plans

for a recreational youth soccer field/open greenspace, and walk/bike trail in Turner Park North.

Recently OPS hosted community meetings to discuss the Student Assignment Plan which will help determine school attendance boundaries. OPS officials have told us this timeline for our neighborhood school:

- Jan. 2017-Sept. 2017 – building design
- Oct. 2017-Dec. 2017 – construction procurement
- Jan. 2018-July 2019 – construction
- Aug. 2019 – move in

OPS plans a thorough process for deciding location and design and our neighborhood will be involved in this process.

We also met with Creighton University to discuss any possibilities of them offering to sell existing parking lot property near 32nd Street between Burt and Webster, or sell other Creighton-owned property that OPS could build a new school. These locations would be advantageous for building an "urban" designed school that would fit into our older neighborhood and address parking, traffic and safety concerns, as well as saving the current Yates building. Creighton is still figuring out their master plans and we plan to continue meeting as plans evolve with both OPS and Creighton.

Besides the school location and design questions, there will eventually be discussions regarding school principal, curriculum & programs, PTA/PTO, neighborhood partnerships, etc. – this is where we will need your help and involvement to work toward the best solutions for the future success of the school and neighborhood. For more information, contact Chris Foster 402-290-8187 or foster3413@cox.net. Stay tuned.

Bike Project Birthday Party

By the Community Bike Project Youth Board

On Saturday July 25, there was a birthday party for the bike shop. The event was held at the Gifford Park tennis court from 5pm to 8pm. The Youth Board has been planning it for 3 months. One of the Youth Board members drew the invitation to invite the neighborhood and volunteers. The Youth Board sent out flyers and emails out to the neighborhood so they could come to bike shop's birthday party.

The volunteers who helped out were: Chris, Matt, Eliza, Puol, JP, Ethan, Sara, Maranda, Teal, Brian, and Jai. They set up tents, tables, games,

and food. The different types of games that were played at this event were ping-pong, bike polo, and relay race. During the activities there were different foods including cupcakes, cookies, chips and dip, carrots, pineapple, and juice.

Thank you to the violinist, Jada, for playing music. Thank you to Niema and Mustaf for bringing b-day cards for the bike shop. Thanks to James, for bringing that incredible ride, the pedicab. The party the Youth Board threw was a success, and the Youth Board is planning to have another birthday for the bike shop's 9th birthday next year. We want to thank all of volunteers who helped out and everyone who donated food and drink, b-bam!

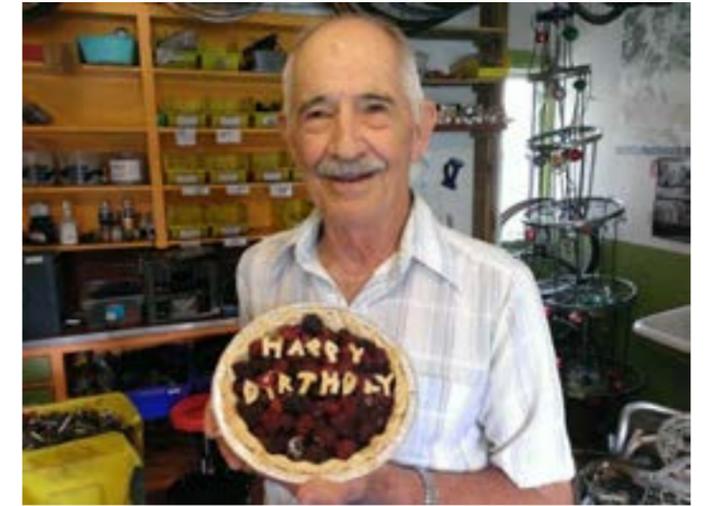


Gifford Park "Godfather" Celebrates 83 years!

By Chris Foster

Photos from Bob Hutton's surprise birthday party at the Community Bicycle Shop Saturday 07/25/15. Bob turned 83...or is he 38??? Thanks to everyone who celebrated with Bob. It went down like this...Matt Cronin came up with the idea at the Friday Night Market and picked fresh blackberries from the community garden for a pie; Michaela Wolf made the amazing pie (Bob wouldn't share any with us - can you blame him?); Bike Shop Manager Charles Mitchell and Youth Board President Mohamed Ukach made it possible to host the surprise at the Community

Bike Shop including gathering neighborhood kids and volunteers from the Bike Shop; Chris Foster called Bob to come to the Bike Shop to help with a "problem" (a fake problem), of course Bob didn't hesitate to come up right away, at that point while Bob was figuring out how to fix the "problem" everyone quietly sneaked into the room and then when Bob turned around we presented him with the blackberry pie and sang Happy Birthday. "Hook-Line-and-Sinker" -- we got him good! Thanks to son Darryl and wife Virginia for "greasing the wheels" to setup the surprise. Remember, Bob is the Godfather of the neighborhood, need I say more?



Good Neighbors

By Rose Carlson

A few weeks ago, our family had an unfortunate incident in which one of our children went missing. We called the neighborhood watch and the police. It was late in the evening, and the officer who came to the house to take the report sat with me on our front porch. During the twenty minutes he was there asking me questions, three different neighbors stopped to check in and one other called, asking if the child had been found and telling us where they had checked. After the fourth interruption, the officer said, "I've never seen so many people help look for a missing kid. You

have a great neighborhood."

Our child was found later that evening. Thank you to those who helped us that night, and to those who make Gifford Park a great neighborhood every day.





22nd Annual Gifford Park Free Tennis Program



For: Youth (4 to 18 years old)

Dates: August 5, 12, 19, 26
(each Wednesday in August)

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

Time: Ages 4 to 9 (6:00 - 6:45 p.m.)
Ages 10 to 18 (6:45 to 7:30 p.m.)

The Gifford Park Neighborhood Association is offering **FREE Tennis Lessons** and will provide tennis racquets, balls and instructors for each lesson. Parents and others are welcome to help.

To be enrolled, YOU MUST complete the form shown below and bring with you to the tennis lessons. Special prize for those who attend every lesson and demonstrate good sportsmanship. Space is limited so please **be on time.** Call 402-290-8187 for more information.

Registration/Permission Form - Bring this form (completely filled out) with you to the tennis lessons to be enrolled.

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

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. Furthermore, I give consent to any necessary medical treatment in case of emergency.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Good Neighbor Ordinance

The "Good Neighbor" ordinance uses the city's zoning powers to set conditions around alcohol sales establishments that better reflect our community standards, and allows the city more authority to address problem outlets. The ultimate goal of the ordinance is to ensure that the businesses selling alcohol in our neighborhoods are contributing to (not jeopardizing) the public health, peace and safety of the surrounding area. And when problems do arise, the ordinance can help mitigate their impact on neighborhoods before they spiral out of control.

As you may be aware, the Good Neighbor ordinance was used successfully last year in the case of Maria Sangria's, located in the Old Market. However, the circumstances of its use are not anticipated to be the norm. The intent of the ordinance is to turn the few problem establishments into good neighbors by requiring that they clean up their act and maintain better control over their businesses and patrons.

To learn more about LOCAL, the "Good Neighbor" ordinance, or to report problems related to an alcohol-sales establishment, check out our website at www.thelocalcampaign.com.



Record your observations and calls to the Omaha Police Department and the City of Omaha for **problems related to alcohol outlets in your neighborhood** online at www.thelocalcampaign.com

How to Report a Problem or Make a Complaint:

1. Be as specific as possible in your complaint. Document date/time, location (address and business name, if possible), number of people involved, nuisance behaviors, graffiti, or others. Let the staff with the Mayor's Hotline know if you've called previously with a complaint against the establishment or if you've called 911 regarding criminal activity, disturbances, noise, etc. Ask specifically that the complaint be forwarded to the city's planning department for enforcement through use of the Good Neighbor or alcohol ordinance.
2. Document your complaint, the date and time of your call or email to the hotline, and the person with whom you spoke. Share it with LOCAL by filling out the LOCAL Alcohol Outlet Complaint Form on our website (www.thelocalcampaign.com) or send it in an email to thelocalcampaign@gmail.com.

This information will be used as a tool to help move the implementation of the "Good Neighbor" ordinance forward.

Examples to report:

- * Sale to Intoxicated
- * Graffiti
- * Disturbance
- * Prostitution
- * Noise
- * Public Urination
- * Public Indecency
- * Loitering
- * Illegal Drug Activity



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Gifford Park Soccer

By Eric Purcell

What an amazing seven weeks of soccer in Gifford Park this summer! After starting the Gifford Park Soccer program in 2012, in our fourth summer we took a few more steps in growing this fantastic program! What started out as a six week "Bunch Ball" soccer event for 4-7 year olds with about 25 kids and half a dozen coaches has grown into a full blown Gifford Park Soccer Camp!

For seven weeks as many as 50 kids ages 3-11 were on hand with up to 17 coaches helping out. Total participation this summer was 63 youth! As always, at the end of the program we held a little celebration to finish out our summer of soccer. Each youth received a participation ribbon and 24 kids who came every week earned a Gatorade water bottle donated by Creighton University!

We also branched out and printed Gifford Park Soccer Camp COACH jerseys!

This year, to commemorate the end of our camp season and to honor the coaches, parents and kids who participated, we also hosted a little potluck bbq! What a fun night to eat, laugh and celebrate a sport that so many people in our neighborhood love!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of our coaches! Justine, Whitney, Crystal, Dawn, Brent (who also did some filming for us), Matt, Mohamed, Erik, Lisa, Motasim, Isaac, Alex (who has coached with us all four summers!), three UNO women's soccer team members-Nyoke, Layla and Haley, and Brandon (who took on extra duties this summer as camp coordinator). What a fantastic group of coaches! This camp can't happen without them!



On Saturday, July 18, the Stanley family hosted a huge birthday party for their 9 year-old son ,Wendell Jr., in Gifford Park. Happy Birthday Junior!



Sunday, September 6th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Hop on your saddle and join us for the fourth annual Tour de Garden.

A one-of-a-kind bicycle adventure, visiting some of Omaha's finest community gardens.

Stopping Food Express Delivery

By Jim Wilwerding



Getting tired of picking up the weekly litter delivery, AKA the Food Express packets? Judging from my regular walks, many of the people getting them don't want them, as they are still sitting on the sidewalk (where they were placed by the delivery person) days after their arrival. If you would like to stop the delivery, you can send an email to Kevin.ONeil@owh.com or call him at (402) 444-1491. According to some neighbors, it may take a couple of contacts to successfully cancel delivery.



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 Here

**Gifford Park Neighborhood Association
 Membership Application**

The GPNA membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

Type of membership: ___ Single (\$10) ___ Family (\$15) ___ Business (\$25)
 Today's Date: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Business Phone (if applicable): _____

Name (1): _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name (2): _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name (3): _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name (4): _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name (5): _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanup/Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool Lending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Memberships | <input type="checkbox"/> School Liason | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Market | <input type="checkbox"/> School Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | |

Return completed form along with check or money order to:
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