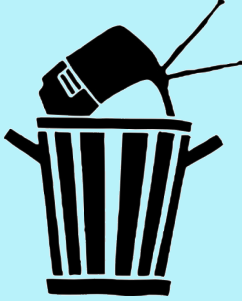


ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP DAY: JULY 9th, 8:00 to Noon



Wondering what to do with that old recliner that doesn't match your décor any more? Have a bunch of scrap lumber or carpet remnants you want to get rid of? What about that old television that hasn't worked in years???

Now you can DUMP IT!

Gibraltar has partnered with the City, Habitat for Humanity and Our Savior's Lutheran Church for a **neighborhood cleanup day!** We will have a **LARGE dumpster** that'll be located in the Our Savior's parking lot (600 Bluff St) - FOR FREE!! Usable goods will be donated to Habitat for Humanity, and we're hoping to have RECYCLING options for electronics and other recyclable items. *(Let's keep as much as possible out of the landfills, right?)*

As we did last year, we want to put together a team of **able-bodied volunteers** who can help our elderly and less-mobile neighbors by picking up the junk at their homes! Please donate a few hours of your time to help with this worthwhile project, and if you have a pick-up truck we can use for a few hours, that's helpful too!!

CAN YOU PLEASE VOLUNTEER?? — Or DO YOU NEED HELP hauling items away??

Contact Cory Peters via email at coryp241@yahoo.com and let's clean up!

JULY 20 GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

6:00—8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Our Savior's Church
Bluff Street and Story Street

At this meeting we will discuss **public safety**. Our PAR Officer —Jill Knotek— will be on hand to talk about safety concerns, how to keep you and your property safe, tips for handling issues with your neighbors, etc. **Let's learn together as we cover this important topic!**

ALSO at this meeting, Cory Peters will share the presentation about Gibraltar that won the "2nd Place Best Neighborhood in the USA for 2015" award! If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item to contribute to the church food pantry, or a contribution for the Pet pantry!!

Future GNA General Meetings:

- Wednesday, September 21 -- 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 16 -- 6:00 to 8:00 pm



CLEAN-UP DAY INFO:

You can bring:

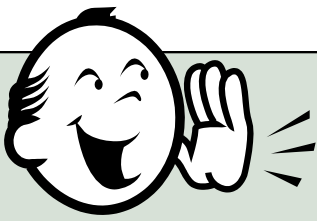
- > Furniture
- > Electronics
- > Mattresses
- > Sinks, Fixtures
- > Old Appliances
- > Junk you don't want



You CANNOT bring:

- > Hazardous Chemicals
- > Radioactive Materials
- > Ammunition, Fireworks
- > Sharps/Biohazards
- > Pharmaceuticals
- > Tires

Refreshments and snacks will be served on site during the event. Watch for a flyer with more details!



2nd Quarter Social Event — June 26!!

“Sweet and Salty Finger Food” potluck!

Mark your calendar for the GNA 2nd Quarter Social get-together on **Sunday, June 26th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in the afternoon, at the home of Cory Peters, 241 5th Ave. This is also the same day as the Dodge House’s Annual Garden Walk (10:00 to 4:00), so spend the early afternoon enjoying some gardens, then come for refreshments at 4:00 and relax with friends and neighbors! Cory will provide wine, champagne and non-alcoholic punch. You bring your favorite finger foods of the “sweet-or-salty-snack” variety! Let’s gather and share news, get to know our neighbors a bit better, and sample some tasty treats! If you’ll be bringing something *particularly* scrumptious, consider printing a few copies of the recipe to share!

*****If you plan to attend**, please respond to Cory Peters at coryp241@yahoo.com by **6/24** so we have a headcount for food & supplies. **Children are welcome!**



OUR “PAR” OFFICER

Did you know that the Gibraltar Neighborhood has a “**Police Area Representative**” who is dedicated to the needs and concerns of Gibraltar residents?? Our “PAR” Officer is **Jill Knotek**.

Officer Knotek is the person you can contact if you have a non-emergency situation you need to report, or a safety concern for which you need an answer. See a suspicious-looking person checking out the neighborhood? Found graffiti? Concerned about speeders revving their engines outside your window? Need to report some unsavory characters going door to door? Call Officer Knotek and

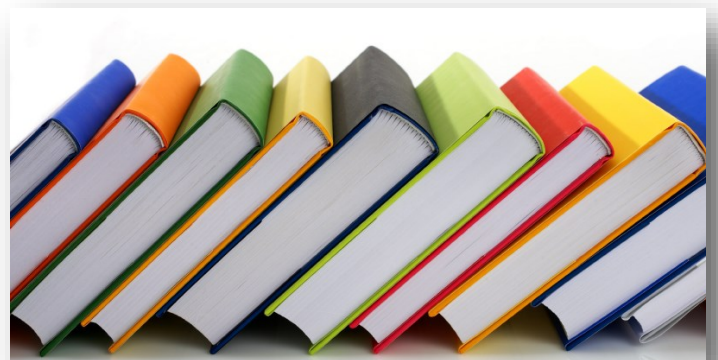
SAVE this info!

Her phone is:

712-328-4961.

Her email is:

jjknotek@councilbluffs-ia.gov



WE NEED BOOKS!!!!

The **Little Free Library** is a hot ticket! Books are flying off the shelves, and we hope everyone is enjoying them! Please remember to RETURN books when you are finished reading them.

However, our supply is dwindling!!

If you have good condition children’s books or adult books and would be willing to donate them to the Library, please contact GNA Vice President Jeff Ketcham at thirtysomethinggeek@gmail.com. He can arrange with you to collect the books. THANK YOU!

FROM PRESIDENT PETERS

Greetings fellow GNA neighbors!

Spring has Sprung and things are sure looking green around the neighborhood! A rainy April lead to May flowers, and homes are looking good as folks seem busy tending to yards and gardens. I wish you all a green thumb and blister-free hands!



First and foremost: **The Neighborhoods USA Conference in Memphis!**

Wow, what a great experience. Networking with other folks who are also passionate about neighborhoods was both educational and inspiring. It will take me some time to sort through all of my notes, photos, handouts, etc., but I'll be putting together a laundry list of the ideas and take-aways from the conference, which I will share with all. What I am MOST proud of, however, is our **SECOND PLACE FINISH** as the National Neighborhood of the Year in the Social Revitalization Category! (The Indianapolis neighborhood we lost to for first place did indeed deserve to win). We **ALSO** took home 4th place in the **NEWSLETTER** category! **GIBRALTAR ROCKS!** I will include more information from the wonderful conference workshops in coming issues.

I'd like to give a **HUGE** shout-out to our hard-working **EVENTS Team**. They are putting together some *really* fun ideas for this year, and we rely on *YOUR ATTENDANCE to make them successful!* Please make an effort to come to as many meetings and events as you can! (Read about events elsewhere in this issue, and get the dates put on your calendar NOW!) And don't forget to pat the committee members on the back next time you see them (names are listed on the photos page for the brunch event). If you are interested in getting involved and helping on the Events Team, please contact Ann Walters at maddysmomat220@gmail.com.

SECOND QUARTER SOCIAL! The GNA social event for the 2nd quarter will be at MY house: 241 5th Ave. on **Sunday afternoon, June 26 from 4:00 to 6:00**. It will be a "sweet and salty finger foods" potluck. Bring your favorite sweet or salty snack and spoil your dinner (haha!) while you enjoy some wine, champagne or punch. Catch up with your neighbors and make some new friends! Look for details within this issue.

The **JULY General Meeting** (Wednesday, 7/20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm) will be on the topic of **SAFETY**. Our PAR Officer –Jill Knotek– will be on hand to discuss issues of public safety, how to keep your property safe, tips for handling issues with neighbors, etc. Join us as we build relationships with those who protect & serve!

Gibraltar Clean-Up Day!! We are happy to be partnering with the City and Habitat for Humanity to, once again, host a neighborhood cleanup day! **SATURDAY, JULY 9** from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, you can bring your old, broken, or unwanted "stuff" and put it in the dumpster for free! We will also have folks on hand to sort for recycling, and Habitat for Humanity will take donations for selling in their ReSTORE location. If you need a HAND transporting your junk, we can help you haul it away (see the article within this issue!)

Third Quarter GNA PICNIC!! Due to the enormous success last year, we're planning another picnic at Kim Park for this year's Fall event, **tentatively scheduled for the weekend of September 17-18**. We'd like to know if more folks are in favor of a SATURDAY 9/17 LUNCH GATHERING (10:30 to 1:30) or SUNDAY 9/18 AFTERNOON/EVENING gathering (4:00 to 7:00 pm). *Email me your preference at coryp241@yahoo.com – the day with the most responses wins!*

Whether you are a GNA homeowner or renter, paid GNA member or NOT, don't forget to join the neighborhood networking group at www.gibraltar.nextdoor.com. This site is an *excellent* way for residents to post news, share alerts, ask questions, pose ideas and get to know one another. There is **NO COST** to join the group. There's no spam or advertisements. You just need to live in our neighborhood.

Until next time, Cory Peters – GNA President

GNA 2nd Quarter Social - - “Brunch and Banter”

Our event committee did a WONDERFUL job organizing our May get-together! Custom-made omelets with a huge variety of mix-ins, cinnamon rolls and donuts, hot coffee and orange juice—YUM! We had a large turnout and several new faces! Everyone had the opportunity to submit ideas and questions, and we discussed them at the meeting. Topics included brick streets, creating a resource directory of reputable vendors, new “Well Done, Neighbor” award, establishing a Community Garden, and ideas for Railroad Days neighborhood promotion. I hope our next social is as much fun! Thanks again to the **Event Committee** for their hard work: Ann Walters, Cathy Hill, Abby Jares, Turner Morgan, Adrienne McElderry, Kat Dunham, Jeff Ketcham, Kitty Eisenhauer, and Mary Madison. Thanks to Chris Gorman and Cory Peters for tending pots!



GNA General Meeting Minutes from April 30, 2016

“Brunch and Banter” at Our Saviors Lutheran with 27 attendees

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Cory Peters.

Agenda:

Attendees were asked to write down concerns/suggestions for our neighborhood. The following issues were discussed in response to those:

- **Brick Street Maintenance:** City has committed to spend \$10,000 a year to repair and maintain brick streets. Cory will continue to make a yearly reminder to appropriate city personnel to ensure this maintenance.
- Someone suggested developing a Resource Directory for GNA. This list would include vendors for various improvement projects, e.g., electricians, painters, plumbers, dog walkers, etc. These would obviously include those vendors who provided top quality work. We could also include residents of GNA who have these skills.
- Recognition of our neighbors' accomplishments, e.g., new gardens, new porch, new paint,, etc. We could call this the “Well Done, Neighbor!” award and could include a pink flamingo to display at that address for a month. The GNA Board will flesh out this idea for presentation to the membership.
- Community Garden: Several ideas were discussed but nothing was decided. We opted to table this discussion until next year. We will seek the input of other associations that have undertaken this.
- Railroad Days (July 16-17): Patricia LaBounty suggested that we showcase our neighborhoods during this weekend as visitors take tours around the historical neighborhoods. Some ideas offered were lemonade stands, garage sales, bake sales, or dispersal of popsicles for hot, thirsty passengers. This would be a way to show pride in our neighborhood. This idea was tabled and will be revisited for the 2017 Railroad Days if the membership desires.
- Others submitted suggestions that were not covered during this meeting. These will be discussed at future GNA meetings.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy B. Hill,
GNA Secretary



YARNS, THREADS & MORE!!

WHO: *The 746 Needlework Group*

WHERE: *Council Bluffs Public Library*

WHEN: *2nd & 4th Thursdays ea. month
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Room D*

WHO: *YOU!!*

COST: *FREE!!!*

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Habitat ReStore!



Why should we care about this organization? Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs helps our neighborhood and others through their Neighborhood Initiative programs. They print the Gibraltar neighborhood newsletter FOR FREE; they provide leadership and training to empower citizens to take ownership of their community and make vital connections with government; they help neighborhoods access grant funding to complete beautification and improvement projects, and much more.

On another level, Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs is a non-profit, non-denominational, ecumenical Christian organization and an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. They work to revitalize neighborhoods in the Council Bluffs community and have been building simple, decent, affordable homes since 1993. Here in Council Bluffs, they've finished more than 85 homes in 20 years of service.

One of the ways they raise funds for their projects is through the sale of donated items at **Habitat ReStore**. The ReStore is a great place to find new or gently-used furniture, building supplies, appliances, home goods, and much more, all at incredibly low prices. You never know WHAT you might find, as inventory is constantly changing! Visit the ReStore today to check out their cool merchandise, and please consider them when you have goods to donate! Located at 1228 S. Main Street, open M-F 11:00 to 5:00 and Saturdays 8:00 to 2:00.



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Kyle McGinn, Attorney and Gibraltar Neighborhood Resident

GNA General Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2016

Meeting began at 6:30 with guests John Williams (Hanscom Park Neighborhood Association) & Adam Langdon (Dundee-Memorial Neighborhood Association) joining us. Both of the associations they represent have been in existence for 40-50 years, so they are well-established entities in the city of Omaha. Both have developed strong working relationships with city government, police, and various non-profit organizations in Omaha. These relationships have enabled them to make a difference for the residents in their respective neighborhoods.

Here are some points that resonated with us:

- > They stressed the necessity for “transparency” in an association. Association members are encouraged to attend Board meetings and have direct access to their officers of both NA’s. All business must be conducted openly to develop trust among neighbors.
- > Both NA’s make use of digital media to keep their members informed. Upcoming events and projects, neighborhood watch information, dues payment, monthly neighborhood clean ups, etc. are all handled on the website and Face book.
- > Both NAs meet monthly and alternate between a general meeting and business meeting. All are welcome at both.
- > One member of the NA’s acts as liaison between the association and city government and all concerns are filtered through this person. This ensures that the NA does not flood city offices with phone calls and makes for more congenial relations.
- > They shared how they raise money for NA projects (primarily grants.)

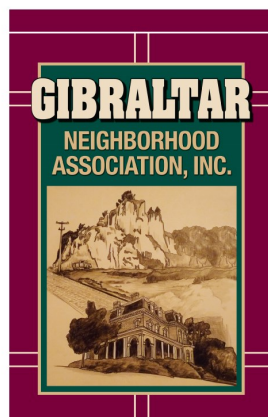
John and Adam were extremely informative – lots of discussion, lots of questions asked and answered, lots of great ideas for our future endeavors. The meeting ended at 8:30 to allow these men to go home to their families. A hearty Council Bluffs “thanks” to both of them for giving of their time and knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy B. Hill, GNA Secretary

GNA Yard Flags!

If you are a paid Gibraltar Neighborhood Association member, as part of your initial membership dues you receive a free GNA garden flag and holder. If you have not yet received one, contact GNA’s treasurer –Tom Emmett– at 402-346-6734, and we’ll be sure you get one.



ALSO: Is your **old** GNA flag faded or torn? You can purchase a **new replacement flag for only \$7.00!!** Or if you need a replacement flag **holder**, you can purchase that for **only \$6.00!** Contact Tom at the phone number shown above.

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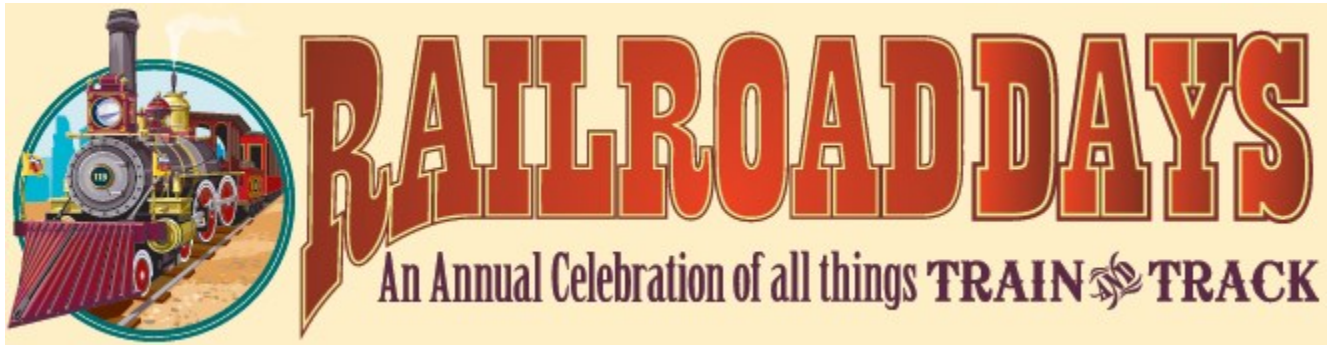


GARDEN WALK - Sunday, June 26, 2016

Start your day at the Historic General Dodge House with a continental breakfast and tours of the Dodge and Beresheim House. Your ticket will also allow entrance into several private gardens in the area, showcasing many different types of landscape and plant varieties. Tickets may be purchased at the Dodge House office at 621 Third Street (tickets sold at other locations as well—call the Dodge House at 712-322-2406 for more info). Advance tickets are \$10.00 or \$12.00 at the door. This is also the SAME DAY as the Gibraltar 2nd Quarter SOCIAL, starting at 4:00 p.m.! Treat yourself to a fun day and attend both events!

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION - Sunday, July 3, 2016

In Honor of July 4, the Dodge House holds a festival *once every four years* on the presidential election year. Join us for an **Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration** from 12:00-3:00 as the Dodge House has **\$1.00 tours** of the home, speakers, food and games.



July 16 & 17 || 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. || \$15 Family Pass

Thanks to the generous support from Union Pacific and a grant from the Iowa West Foundation, **a family pass for Railroad Days is only \$15.00!** One \$15 pass admits two adults and your dependent children or two grandparents and up to four grandchildren, for both days to five different attractions!! A \$5 pass is also available for one additional adult with purchase of a family pass. This includes transportation between the different locations and all the special activities that each location has to offer.

THE DODGE HOUSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT!! If you would be able to volunteer some of your time, the Dodge House is looking for neighborhood help on either Saturday or Sunday to assist with the increased foot traffic! For more information, call them at 712-322-2406.

You can purchase tickets the day of the event at any of the participating attractions:

- Lauritzen Gardens
- The Durham Museum
- RailsWest Railroad Museum
- Union Pacific Railroad Museum
- Historic General Dodge House

For more information, visit www.omaharailroaddays.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR—AT A GLANCE!

We need your attendance at the neighborhood functions. ***PLEASE hang this on your refrigerator!***

Sunday, June 26 – 10:00 to 4:00 – Dodge House Garden Walk

Tour lovely gardens in our area. Contact the Dodge House for more info.

*****Sunday, June 26** – 4:00 to 6:00 – **GNA 2nd Quarter Social Gathering**

Meet at the home of Cory Peters, 241 5th Ave., for an afternoon of “spoil-your-dinner-with-sweet-and-salty-snacks.” Cory will provide wine, champagne and non-alcoholic punch. You bring your favorite sweet or salty finger foods to share. *RSVP your attendance* to Cory at coryp241@yahoo.com by Friday, June 24.

Wednesdays Starting in June – Music in the Park! (list of performers at www.BluffsArts.org)

Free music at Bayliss Park during the summer months, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs.

Fridays Starting in June – Movies in the Park! (list of movies at www.BluffsArts.org)

Free movies at Bayliss Park during the summer months, starting around 9:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs.

2nd & 4th Thursdays Starting in June – Needlework Group

From novice to expert, meet up with the 746 Needlework Group from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Public Library. No cost to attend. Share with others who have an interest in knitting, crochet, needlework, weaving, spinning, etc.

Sunday, July 3 – Dodge House Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration

Every four years the Dodge House hosts a celebration in honor of July 4th! Enjoy \$1.00 house tours, speakers, food, fun, games and more! From 12:00 to 3:00.

*****Saturday, July 9** – **Gibraltar Neighborhood CLEANUP DAY** 8:00 a.m.- Noon

FREE dumpster access at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 600 Bluff Street. Drop off your items and enjoy some refreshments and snacks! If you need help, a neighborhood volunteer can pick up items at your home (Call Cory for more info 712-329-8526— wait for the beep!)



July 16 & 17 – Railroad Days!

From 9:00 to 5:00, tour multiple venues for one low price!! See the ad in this newsletter for more info.

*****Wednesday, July 20** – **Gibraltar Neighborhood General Meeting** from 6:00 to 8:00

At Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. We’ll be discussing SAFETY issues with guest speaker Officer Jill Knotek.



THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2016!

Dave & Amy Adams	Teresa Gerjevic	Adrienne McElderry
Joe & Kim Atkinson	Dave & Patty Gillespie	Kyle McGinn & Paige Hutchinson
Darwin & Christie Baker	Jim & Joyce Gorman	Clay & Dana Miller
Connie Bartel	Steve & Chris Gorman	Terry & Nancy Mulvania
Mark & Jeanie Beckman	Bill & Lois Grove	Terri Munson
Nate Brown & Tom Emmett	Merlin & Peggy Hale	Patricia Murphy
Mike & Jane Burgett	Sean & Cindy Hallett	Cory Peters
Dick & Ardeth Christie	Rich & Patti Hannan	Larry & Marilyn Peters
Matt & Abby Colburn	Gordon Hitchcock	Gary & Jeanie Richardson
Harold Compton	Barney & Brenda Johnson	Tony Swanson & Jamie Roggins
Tim and Shari Cortney	Jeff Ketcham & Kat Dunham	Scott & Michele Ryan
Jason & Brook Craig	Jim Kieffer & Gary Lopez	Jeff & Karen Tucker
Bud & Susie Dew	Patricia LaBounty	Ann Walters & Cathy Hill
John & Rita Doidge	Steve & Marge Leaders	Patrice Watson
William & Merna Dobbs	Loess Hills Floral (Rhonda B.)	Carol Wood
Justin Edmonds	Roland Lynch	Pavielle Wuerfele
Kitty Eisenauer	Kent & Mary Madison	Bob Yanders & Pam Bogardus
Tim & Brenda Elliott	Anne Massoud & Sara Perkins	
Fred & Sharon Fritz	Liz Matis	

Your ongoing support of the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association allows us to undertake betterment projects like our identification banners and sidewalk repair initiative, host social gatherings like our Kirn Park picnic and Brunch & Banter event, sponsor improvement events like cleanup days, and represent our neighborhood at community events such as having a Gibraltar float in the Celebrate Council Bluffs Parade! ***It would not be possible without YOU!***

Those listed were known to have paid dues at the time of publishing. If you notice an error, please contact Tom Emmett.

ATTENTION: BUSINESS OWNERS, ARTISTS, ETC.

If you own a business, provide a service, have an event or sell a product, would you like to get the word out to **OVER 200 HOUSEHOLDS** in the Gibraltar Neighborhood?

If so, consider an affordable ad in the Rock Talk newsletter!






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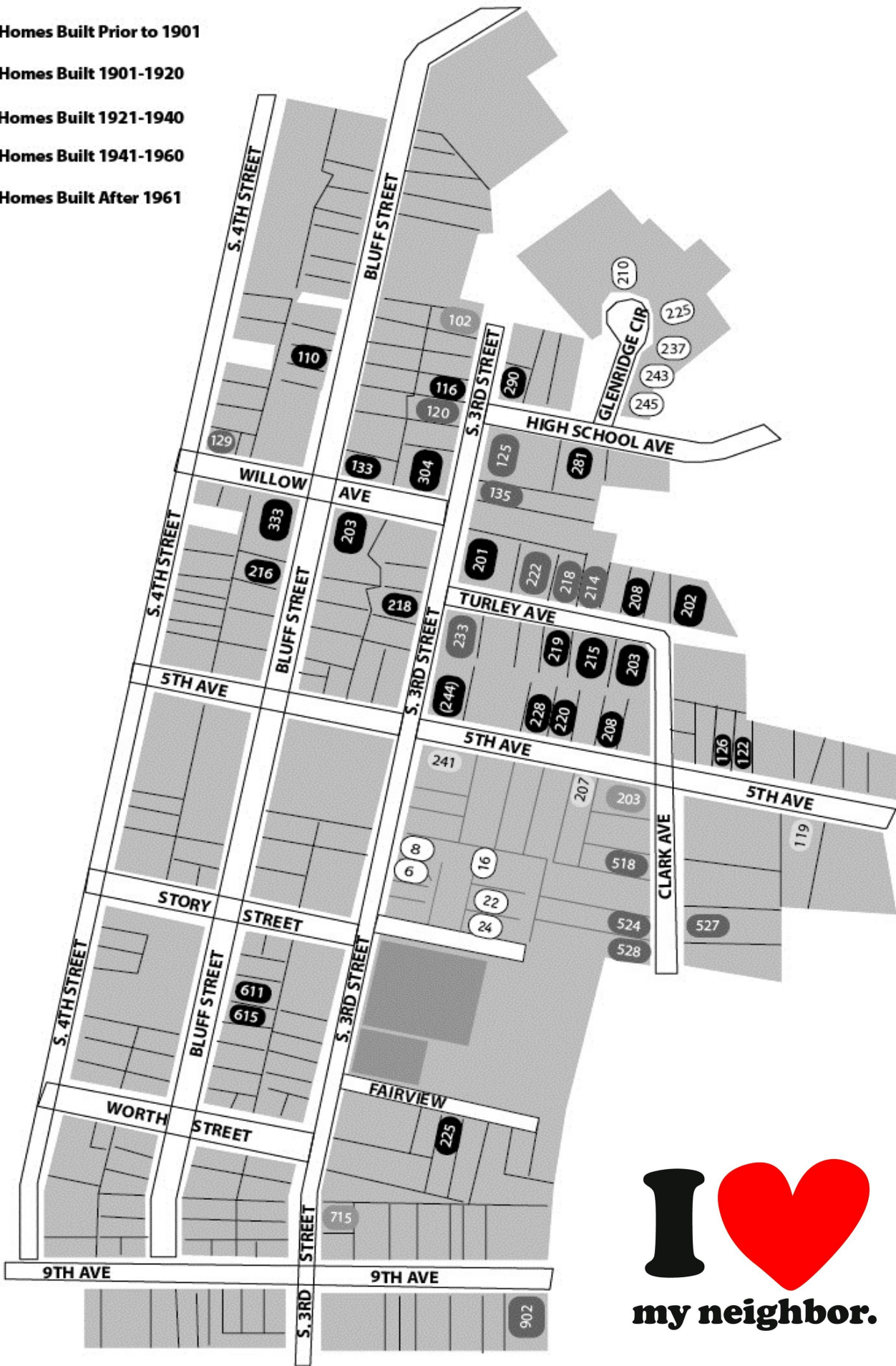
1/4 sheet one-time insertion: **\$10** — OR — 1/4 sheet “6-pack” (whole year): **\$50**

1/2 sheet one-time insertion: **\$15** — OR — 1/2 sheet “6-pack” (whole year): **\$75**

We'll throw in the ad setup for free!! Contact Cory at coryp241@yahoo.com for more info!

GIBRALTAR 2016 PAID MEMBER MAP

-  Homes Built Prior to 1901
-  Homes Built 1901-1920
-  Homes Built 1921-1940
-  Homes Built 1941-1960
-  Homes Built After 1961



I  **my neighbor.**

We have over FIFTY (50) households who are members of the Neighborhood Association! Let's strive to double that for 2017!

THANK YOU to our *GNA newsletter*

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The **GNA Book Club** is a fun, social gathering where we get together and share a bit of news, a glass of wine and discuss our latest book, and boy do we have fun!! We are currently reading “**All the Light You Cannot See**” by **Anthony Doerr**. We’ve recently added some new members, and we hope you’ll consider making this part of your neighborhood involvement! For more info, contact Patti Hannan at 712-323-8600. We’d love to see you at our next meeting! ■

WHAT’S UP in town?

Main Street Farmers Market

*THURSDAYS through September
5:00 to 8:00 pm, 100 W. Broadway*
Featuring farm produce, locally-prepared foods, art, music, crafts, etc.

Music in the Park—Wednesdays

*June 15 through August 17
6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Bayliss Park*
FREE event, bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy some great music! Bands and type of music changes each week. Food vendors are on site.
Band lineup at www.BluffsArts.org

Movies in the Park—Fridays

*June through August
Starting around 9:00 in Bayliss Park*
FREE event, bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy some classic movies!
Movie listings at www.BluffsArts.org

LIT UP Nighttime Bike Ride

June 25—Downtown to C.B. Trails
Dress up funky and decorate your bike—you could win prizes! Go on a fund ride! For info and registration:
www.allitupbikeride.com

HISTORIC Commission Mtg

*July 6—4:00 to 5:00
City Hall Council Chambers (2nd flr)*
Council Bluffs Historic Preservation Commission meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month.

Geocache Bash

*July 16—10:00 to 1:00
Hitchcock Nature Center*
Use a GPS unit to find hidden caches. All experience levels are welcome. More info on this and a BUNCH of other kid-friendly events, visit:
pottcoconservation.com

HISTORIC HOMES OF GIBRALTAR: 625 BLUFF STREET

by Mary Lou McGinn

This very early brick house, built in 1862, was the home of **Xenophon W. Kynett**, a druggist. He was born in 1827 at Weathersfield, Trumbull County, Ohio, one of eight children of Jacob and Annie Kynett. According to his obituary, “His grandfather was a native of Alsace, on the border of France and Austria, and after coming to this country and living fifteen years in Adams County, Pennsylvania, removed to Trumbull County, Ohio.”

“Mr. Kynett attended district school, reading law and medicine in the mornings and evenings, and in 1848 was admitted to the bar in Portage County, Ohio, going there to expedite admittance, and practiced law in Canalsdover, Ohio.”



The Xenophon Kynett home, 625 Bluff St., was built in 1862.

He came to Council Bluffs in 1854. His first assignment here was to be appointed receiver of the book store of Mawhinny & Putnam. He later purchased the store, which was located on Broadway. The store prospered and, after eight years, he sold his interest to his partner, H.H. Oberholtzer.

His obituary states that Kynett “turned to the manufacture of patent medicines, of which he was the pioneer in this part of the country, making a specialty of one which a medical friend had successfully used in India, who, in turn, had gotten it from the Brahmins. Kynett claimed they had used it among them for 2,500,000 years.”

Xenophon Kynett wore many hats. His obituary continues: “In 1856, he formed a law and real estate partnership with D.C. Bloomer, which continued for several years. In the same year when this city was a rendezvous for French fur traders bound for the northwest, there being here quite a French colony, he was appointed a French consul by Louis Napoleon of France, and served for three years when the needs of such an office were ended.”

Also in 1856, he was elected justice of the peace and served four years. He was admitted to the bar in 1857 in this county but did not practice law. He moved to St. Louis in 1878 where he spent five years in the drug business. While there he was offered the chair of chemistry in a college of medicine, but decided to go on the road with his medicines, traveling over Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, and returned to Council Bluffs in 1888.

Kynett Medicine Co. advertisements, found in newspapers and city directories, claim he was a dealer in drugs, medicines, school books, stationery, toys, fancy goods, glassware, and shop furniture... and “will compose in a careful and scientific manner, physicians’ prescriptions and family recipes”.

In 1877, Xenophon Kynett married Cordelia Susan Bayes who was born in Missouri in 1854. The couple had four sons – Xenophon W., Leslie, Donald, and Leo. Mr. Kynett died in 1904, Cordelia in 1931. The Kynetts are buried in Fairview Cemetery.

The brick house, now painted, features three steep gabled wall dormers across the front, with Gothic windows in each and a Gothic hood over the centered front door. Two corbelled brick chimneys are original. The house originally had a full-width front porch, which can be seen in the 1868 panorama illustration of Council Bluffs. The house’s nomination by the Willow/Bluff/Third Street district to the National Register of Historic Places calls it a “rare triple-gabled dormer example of a Gothic Revival cottage; very important architecturally in the district.”

Preserve Council Bluffs acknowledges the following sources of information for this series: National Register of Historic Places nominations, the reference department of the Council Bluffs Public Library, the auditor’s office of the Pottawattamie County courthouse, Council Bluffs Community Development Department, homeowners, family members and individual research. Mary Lou McGinn can be reached by email at mlmcginn@cox.net

NEW ADDITION TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD *By Jeff Ketcham*

Some of you may have seen Kat or me walking the neighborhood with a dog considerably smaller than in the past; that would be our new puppy, Jaxx. After our Great Dane Katie passed in January, we took some time to think and mourn, and a little over a month ago, we found Jaxx at the Midland Humane Society. Jaxx is an 11 month old Boxer/Lab mix with boundless energy and curiosity. He's been a wonderful addition to the family, and there's no better way for us to honor the memory of Katie than by rescuing another dog in need.



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GNA: Nationally Recognized Neighborhood of the Year!

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Created in 1975 to share information and experiences used to build stronger communities, NUSA continues to encourage networking and information-sharing to facilitate the development of partnerships among neighborhood organizations, government and the private sector for the ultimate goal of strengthening every neighborhood. Their 41st annual conference was celebrated in Memphis, TN, on May 25-28. In February, NUSA sent out a call for entries for their national Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) competition, asking neighborhood associations to submit an entry if they felt they had accomplished something meaningful in 2015. The Gibraltar Board discussed the possibilities and determined that 2015 was a great year of accomplishments for us, so we submitted an application, as well as an application for Best Newsletter. We found out in April that we had been selected as one of six NOTY finalists, under the category of "Social Revitalization" (there were four different NOTY categories). The other NOTY finalists were:



- Fletcher Place NA, Indianapolis, IN
- Near Eastside NA, Fort Worth, TX
- Hilltop Business Association, Tacoma, WA
- Joslyn Castle NA, Omaha, NE
- Oakhurst NA, Fort Worth, TX

As part of being a NOTY finalist, the neighborhood is asked to make a 15-minute presentation at the conference for a panel of judges, with a 5-minute Q&A afterwards. Over the course of several weeks leading up to the conference, I built, refined and rehearsed the presentation, being sure to include details about our neighborhood history, make-up, demographics, and specific information that was included in the application. I think it went really well, and more than a half-dozen strangers approached me at the conference saying they'd seen the presentation and were impressed by our neighborhood! I look forward to building a VIDEO of the presentation at some point soon, which we will post to the Gibraltar website. We also plan to make the presentation for everyone at our July meeting. I hope you'll attend to check it out!

While I was hoping to "bring home the gold," **we in fact took SECOND PLACE as the Neighborhood of the Year** in our category!! I feel great about our runner-up finish due to the fact that the neighborhood who won—Fletcher Place in Indianapolis— went on to then win Grand Champion out of all four categories. And they deserved it!! Their accomplishment in 2015 was putting on a FREE all-day concert in their neighborhood, consisting of 70 bands spread out over nine different stages!! They had over 10,000 people attend! WOWWW, talk about major work requiring hundreds of volunteers!! Anyway, I'm extremely proud of our 2nd place finish, considering all of the other great neighborhoods involved! ANNNND, **our newsletter took fourth place!!** The pictures below show me accepting the awards on behalf of all of us, with NUSA President Andre Bernard.

I look forward to telling you more about the conference in person at our next meeting. As always, thank you for all you do in making our neighborhood a great place to live! It is only through neighbor involvement and interaction that we are able to accomplish great things!

Sincerely,
Cory Peters
Gibraltar NA President





CBPD vs CBFD: Boys Town Iowa Drive

Will it be cops or firefighters who win bragging rights?

During the month of June, the Council Bluffs Police and Fire Departments will compete to see who can collect the most items to give to Boys Town Iowa for families they serve.

Boys Town Iowa serves close to 600 families and 1,200 children every year. These families living in poverty have to choose between buying hygiene products and cleaning supplies versus paying for rent, food and transportation. Poverty is the root cause and amplifier of abuse and neglect. Boys Town Iowa helps parents by donating basic need items, such as hygiene products and cleaning supplies. This way families can focus on developing skills to move towards self-sufficiency and be able to provide for their families.

Drop boxes will be located at:

- 227 S 6 St, Police Records
- 757 West Broadway, Hy-Vee Drugstore
- 1759 Madison Av, Hy-Vee
- 2323 West Broadway, Hy-Vee
- 714 S Main St, The Center
- 200 South 4th St, FD Headquarters
- 30 South 27th St, Fire Station 2
- 2111 Greenview Rd, Fire Station 4
- 3405 South 11th St, Fire Station 5
- 1000 Oak St, Fire Station 6
- 1851 Madison Av, Boys Town Iowa Office



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- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Laundry Detergent
- All-Purpose Cleaners
- Glass Cleaner
- Rags/Sponges
- Buckets
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Sanitizer
- Diapers & Baby Wipes
- Baby Bottles/Sippy Cups
- Childproofing Accessories
- Bug Bombs/ Ant Traps

Why Old-Growth Wood is Better | | *By Scott Sidler (contractor, preservationist, blogger)*

There is no better wood to use when repairing an old house than old-growth lumber. Though it is hard to come by (it's not on the shelves at Home Depot) it is the most appropriate and best performing option, especially for exterior wood repairs. In this article I'll explain the differences and tell you some of the main benefits of using old-growth wood.

What is Old-Growth Wood? In this picture you can see a piece of old-growth siding on the left next to a piece of replacement new-growth siding on the right. Old-growth wood is lumber that was grown naturally in vast virgin forests. The forests of nearly every continent have some areas that are still untouched where trees haven't been harvested for our use yet. These trees grew slowly due to limited light and competition from the other trees. Because of this slow growth rate the growth rings on the trees were packed very tightly together which gives the wood some big benefits which I'll discuss in a just a minute.



In America we began seriously depleting these virgin forests during the industrial revolution, and by the 1940s most of them were gone. Lumber prices began to spike as Americans looked for substitutions for our lumber addiction. Enter second-growth and new-growth wood. Tree farms began to produce lumber for the growing demand and fast-growing species like Pine were selected for this reason. The trees grew in open areas with little to no competition for sun which caused them to grow very quickly so they could be harvested in 10-20 years as opposed to old-growth wood which may be from trees as old as 200-300 years old before being harvested.

Let's look back at the picture above. The old-growth siding has 29 growth rings in this 3/4" thick sample, compared with the new-growth piece that has only 7 rings including the pith (the center of the tree). That's a much faster growth rate, so let's see why this fast growth may not be as good as the slower growth of old-growth wood.

Now that you know what it is, here is a short list of its many benefits of old-growth lumber:

More Rot-Resistant – Sure we have woods like Pressure Treated and Accoya (which I use often) but old-growth wood is the original rot-resistant wood. The slow growth process creates greater proportion of late wood (summer/fall growth) to early wood (spring growth). Late wood is the good stuff that adds this rot-resistance. Also, older trees develop heartwood at their center which is not only beautiful to the eye, but it is extremely durable and resists rot in ways that other wood can't.

More Stable – Wood moves. It contracts when it's dry and expands when it's wet. This can cause joints to open up, paint and finishes to fail prematurely and a host of other issues. But old-growth wood (due to the tight growth rings you can see in the picture above) does not move nearly as much as new-growth. It is immensely more stable and therefore keeps everything where it needs to be, from siding and framing to windows and doors.

Stronger – The denseness of old-growth wood makes it a much stronger wood, able to carry heavier loads across longer spans. The span rating for framing lumber continues to fall each time the lumber industry revisits it. Wood is getting softer and weaker as the years go by, so old-growth is definitely worthwhile option especially if you already have it in your house.

More Termite-Resistant – Termites don't like hardwoods. Don't get me wrong here, termite-resistant is not the same as termite proof. *Termites will still eat old-growth wood*, but they prefer soft, moist wood (read: easy to chew). Old-growth wood is harder and drier than new lumber and it does not make as tempting a meal for termites.

So that's the deal. If you have an old house then you likely have old-growth wood, whether it's the framing, siding, windows or some other element. Before you think about *replacing* an element of your house, think about the fact that you may be replacing resilient old-growth lumber with lower quality new-growth lumber. You may be better off keeping what you have! If you must replace, you can search for sources of old growth lumber at a local architectural salvage yards. Or, try contacting a demolition company and ask if they would notify you prior to a demo to see if you could reclaim some materials (often, it's for free or little cost).

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Preserve Council Bluffs has a similar mission: "to preserve and restore historic sites in the city of Council Bluffs." This non-profit organization is active in preserving the history and culture in our city, and are responsible for saving the amazing Bregant House. They also organize and host amazing fund-raising dinners in historic homes, trolley tours, and historic homes/sites walking tours. To learn more about the great things that Preserve C.B. is involved in, or for information on donating or becoming a member, find them on facebook.



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