

ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Neighborhood Food Drive—May 21st

Hi Neighbors! While things are feeling A BIT more ‘normal’ these days, there are still many in our community who are facing food shortages, and far too many of our local kids go to bed hungry each night.

We have a wonderful asset right in our neighborhood — the Story Street Pantry! Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Board member, Brian Wedemeier, recently visited the pantry and was amazed at the volume of people they serve and the great work they are doing. He also really loved that they had a PET pantry as well, providing all types of pet food. AND, knowing that so many Gibraltar residents are talented gardeners, he found out that **they are super happy to accept your excess produce this summer!!** (No more leaving those extra zucchini on people’s porches in the dark of night... heehee!)

Brian spoke with Josh, the Pantry’s director, about what items are most needed, and we’ve put together the list below. And, of course, monetary donations are always appreciated, too. To learn more about the pantry, drop off a donation, or take advantage of their services, visit www.storystreetpantry.org or call them at 712-322-6655.

**GIBRALTAR IS ORGANIZING A FOOD DRIVE
ON SATURDAY, MAY 21st — 9:00am to Noon.**

If you’d be willing to put together a bag or box (or two) of donated items:

- 1) Text or email Brian W. at **515-205-7515** or bjwedemeier@gmail.com a day or two prior to May 21
- 2) Include your name, address, phone and what time you’ll have the items on your porch on May 21
- 3) We’ll send someone around to pick it up on Saturday morning May 21st and deliver it to the pantry!!
- 4) ORRRRR, you can take your donation to the BLOCK PARTY that same Saturday (see [page 3](#) for info)

MOST-NEEDED PANTRY ITEMS:

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned proteins (chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Box dinner meals
- Soups
- Cereal
- Candy
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Dog food and Cat food (dry or canned)
- **Cash or check donations are always welcome!**



PRESIDENT'S POST

Apr/May 2022

Hey Neighbors,

Spring has sprung and even with the roller coaster of weather we've been having, it's been so nice to see families enjoying the outdoors, daffodils popping, and the sweet sounds of expletives coming from neighbors as they clean out the garage. With all winter to dream up home improvement projects, my wife is ready to roll up her sleeves and shove me out the door to get to work. As you start to plan, budget, and jump into your own projects, I thought it'd be good timing to share some wonderful resources available to all Council Bluffs residents:



Habitat for Humanity ReStore Donation Pick Up – Do you have left over building materials from your past few projects? Do you have excess furniture that just doesn't match your décor anymore? Give the Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs ReStore a call to find out where to drop off your extra materials/furniture OR to schedule a FREE pick up. Take a look at what they accept as a donation on their website at <https://habitatcb.org/habitat-restore> or call 712.256.0838 Option #3, or email tpatzner@habitatcb.org

Council Bluffs Safe Housing Program - To preserve the existing housing stock and stabilize residential neighborhoods, Community Development offers a Safe Housing Program for homeowners. This program is intended to provide immediate repair and correction of hazardous housing conditions, which represent a threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the occupants. Contact Lora Flom – lflom@councilbluffs-ia.gov Programs available are income based.

712 Initiative AMP repair grants – Do you, a friend, or neighbor need a hand with a major EXTERIOR project? The 712 will once again be taking applications for the AMP program in May and June. Limited to homeowners only, awards are chosen based on need, story, and value added. The average award is \$7,000. For more information, go to <https://the712initiative.org/neighborhoods/amp-for-neighborhoods>

Clean Sweep / Neighborhood Dumpsters – EARLY MAY - This collective volunteer effort to clean up the community gathers volunteers from around the city and assigns them sections of the community for a Council Bluffs-wide spring cleaning! If you, your crew, or coworkers wanted to team-up and clean a street this is a great way to get involved. Check out <https://the712initiative.org/events/clean-sweep>

Additionally, 712 has additional funding to provide neighborhoods with free dumpsters. GNA will be applying for one, but if your street needs some extra love, be sure to check the link above and apply for your own!

Fairmount Park Lookout Point Clean Up – Saturday April 30th, our friends over the bluff in the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association are organizing a cleanup at Look Out Point from 9 am to 12 pm. This is not only a fantastic opportunity to bond with our neighbors caring for a shared asset, but also to get some litter out of the sticks before those leaves make things difficult.

As always, don't be stranger – if you have questions, concerns, or brilliant ideas – please reach out to any of your Gibraltar board members.

Stay Classy,
Turner Morgan

Did someone say **BLOCK PARTY?**

CELEBRATING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



May 21st

3-5 pm

Food, games, music,
prizes, and much
more!

Hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
600 Bluff Street. Feel free to join us for worship
after the party at 5:30 pm.

Why Membership Dues?

Why does the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association ask for membership dues each year?

While not required, when you join our historic neighborhood association you help fund projects like:

- > Betterment Initiatives such as Sidewalk Repair, Street Renovations, Dumpster Days, and Trailhead Restoration
- > Enhancements like Identification Banners (yard & poles)
- > Quarterly Neighborhood Social Events
- > Neighborhood Clean Sweep
- > Newsletter printing & mailing, City Causes, and more!

Your annual dues help keep Gibraltar moving in a positive direction, and gives you voting rights as well as priority positioning for improvement projects.

Simply drop your check in the mail (address and form are on the last page of this newsletter!) **OR... even MORE convenient**, use our online payment portal at GibraltarNA.org/donate. THANK YOU!



**Like us on
Facebook!**

In our ongoing effort to provide quality communication to ALL our neighbors, the Gibraltar Neighborhood has a **Facebook** page where you can post questions, share photos, check the latest news, alert folks to things going on in our 'hood, and see any upcoming events and such.

If you are a Facebook user, PLEASE search for "Gibraltar Neighborhood Association" and "like" our page!

We look forward to connecting with you on Facebook!

NEWS & TIDBITS

Celebrate CB Parade is May 14 — 10:30AM to 12:00PM // Downtown Council Bluffs

The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. on May 14 and will wind its way through the downtown streets. The parade theme for this year is "Going for the Gold!" because this year is the year of the Olympics and marks the 50th anniversary of Celebrate CB. Following the parade, there will be free kid activities in the southeast corner of Bayliss Park.

Did You Know...?

The phrase "April showers bring May flowers" is a popular saying used often during the month of April. This is typically the time when the last bit of snow turns to all rain as temperatures climb, and increased rain shower activity sparks the beginning of flowers and plants to really start blooming.



Safety Reminder: Just a reminder that the end of the school year is coming, and with the nicer weather on the way keep careful watch for the children and pets playing in the neighborhood. Be mindful of errant balls, minimize your driving speed, etc. Keep our neighborhood safe! (thanks!)

Kanesville Tabernacle — Interesting history on the Kaneshville Tabernacle... The original was built around 1847. Shortly after the building's construction, it became apparent that the building was constructed over the top of a spring and the base of the building was rotting. That building was torn down two years after being completed. The Kaneshville Tabernacle was reconstructed in the mid-1990's as a *replica* of the original building. The reconstruction was financed by the Pottawattamie County Mormon Trails Association and Kaneshville Restoration, Inc. In 1999, the tabernacle was donated to the LDS Church and it was used as a visitor's center. Like the original tabernacle, the replica was built from cottonwood. The wood shrank two inches in the first two months and was anticipated to shrink another 10 inches in the first five years of its life. To counteract this, the church placed jacks under the main supports that could be lowered as the walls would shrink. The tabernacle was closed a year and a half ago. The first week of April 2022, our town witnessed the demolition of the tabernacle. The site is being replaced by an interpretive landscape with a path that winds past statuary, interpretive panels and gardens.

Poem: May-Flower by Emily Dickinson

Pink, small, and punctual,
Aromatic, low,
Covert in April,
Candid in May,

Dear to the moss,
Known by the knoll,
Next to the robin
In every human soul.

Bold little beauty,
Bedecked with thee,
Nature forswears
Antiquity.



NEWS & TIDBITS

May 1 is May Day

Also known as Workers' Day or International Workers' Day. Traditionally it is a day commemorating the historic struggles and gains made by workers and labor movements. In present time, traditions have included preparing "May Day" baskets for neighbors and leaving on their doorsteps. Wonder if we will see May Day baskets in the neighborhood this year?

Cinco de Mayo RECIPE Idea

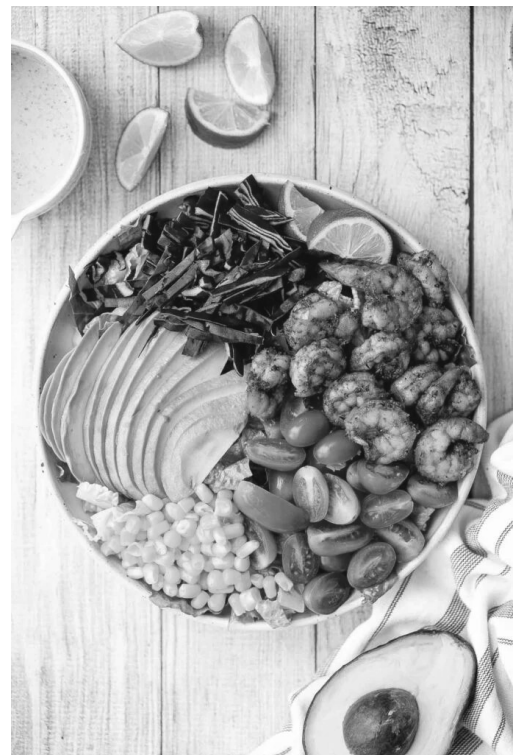
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo **on May 5** with a refreshing dish that is *not* tacos: **Shrimp** Taco Salad

Ingredients

- Shrimp - You will need one pound of white shrimp. To prepare them, use scissors to cut through the shell along the back of the prawns, and remove the shells and tails. Rinse to remove the veins and pat dry with paper towel.
- shrimp taco seasoning - made with olive oil, ground cumin, chili powder (optional for a kick), paprika, garlic powder, dried oregano (or Italian seasoning), salt, and ground black pepper.
- romaine lettuce
- grape tomatoes
- purple cabbage
- avocado
- corn - you can use canned corn or frozen corn (boiled in water for 5 minutes).
- tortilla chips
- cilantro lime dressing
- lime wedges - optional, for a squeeze of extra lime juice.

Preparation

1. Prepare the shrimp. In a medium bowl, add shrimp, olive oil, cumin, chili powder, paprika, garlic powder, oregano, salt and pepper. Toss well to coat and set aside to marinate for 15 minutes (if you have the time).
2. Cook the shrimp. You can cook the shrimp in one of 3 ways -- in the oven, air fryer, or over the stove.
3. To cook in the oven: Spread the shrimp evenly on a parchment lined quarter sheet baking pan and bake in a 400 F preheated oven for 8-10 minutes until the shrimp turns pink.
4. To cook in the air fryer: Cook the shrimp in the air fryer at 350 F for 8-10 minutes, shaking the basket once halfway through.
5. To cook on the stovetop: Sauté over medium-high heat for 5 minutes until shrimp turns pink and nicely browned.
6. Assemble. In a large serving bowl, add all salad ingredients including lettuce, tomatoes, purple cabbage, avocado, corn, tortilla chips, and cooked shrimp.
7. Serve. Drizzle cilantro lime dressing on top and toss to combine.



THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2022!

*Those listed were known to have paid dues **at the time of publishing**. Any errors are completely unintentional. If you notice an error/omission, please contact GNA Treasurer Dave Adams!*

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HISTORIC GENERAL DODGE HOUSE: UPCOMING EVENTS!

Spring is a season for change and new opportunity. And that's exactly what you'll find at the Historic General Dodge House. **Reconstruction of the Beresheim House porch is underway.** And there are amazing cultural events planned from Carmelita & her International Quartet, rare maps, guest lecturers, and more.

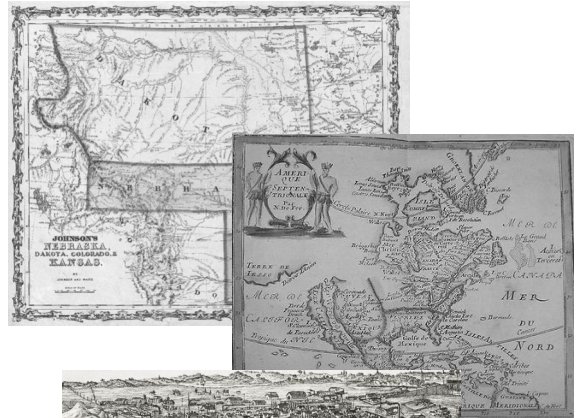
➡ **Antique Maps: A Window Into History** **Saturday, May 21, 6:00pm, Dodge House Ballroom**

Dodge House Executive Director, Tom Emmett, and Micah Evans will share a variety of maps from their personal collections. Guests will be able to see maps between 100 and 400 years old and learn about the nuances of old maps and the geographical and political messages these works of art sought to communicate.

Advanced reservations are required.

COST: Dues-paying members of the Dodge House \$5, all others, \$10.

Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.



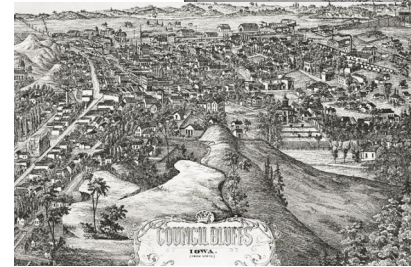
➡ **The General's Ladies Annual Plant Sale** **Saturday, June 4, 9:00am Dodge House Outdoor areas**



plants for your garden.

You are encouraged to show up early before we sell out.

If you would like to donate any plants, please contact Kathy Morris.



➡ **Carmelita de la Guardia & the International Quartet** **Saturday, June 18, 7:00pm, Dodge House Ballroom**

"The Unveiling of the Divas and an Evening of Cabaret was a full house sold out event at the at the Harvester Artists Lofts in Council Bluffs.

The show featured Carmelita and the International Quartet.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed Carmelita."

--The Nonpareil, March 27, 2022

The Historic General Dodge House is pleased to welcome Carmelita and her quartet of musicians. A talented singer and pianist, she has received numerous recognitions and is a sought after entertainer. She was named Amazing Heartland Woman of the Year. Having performed at Carnegie Hall, the Mrs. Nebraska Performing Arts Award was named in her honor.



Tickets are \$25 per person. (Official Dodge House members are \$20 per person.)

Appetizers, wine, and refreshments provided.

GIGGLES



Hey Wayne... could you look after my house while I'm away on vacation?

I'd hate to have something go wrong and not have anyone to blame.

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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!

Ad Space Sizes available: 1/4 sheet or 1/2 sheet

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**

READING & SOCIALIZING!



GNA's Book Club is a fun, social gathering where we get together and share a bit of news, an adult beverage or two, and discuss our latest book. We always have a blast when we get together, so consider making this part of your neighborhood involvement!

For more info on when & where, contact Patti Hannan at 712-323-8600. We'd love to see you at our next book club (wine club? heehee) meeting!

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Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form

Become a Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Member!! Yearly dues are \$25 *per household* and are tax deductible with our 501c3 status! In order to be eligible to vote for board members or receive priority preference for improvement projects, you must be a paid association member.

Make checks payable to & mail to: Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 1971, Co. Bluffs, IA 51502-1971

— OR — **pay online at: www.GibraltarNA.org** >> click on the "Donate" tab (you can pay via PayPal or via Credit Card)

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Please tell us what's important to you in *connecting with your neighbors*:

- Quarterly social events Fundraisers Business meetings
 Other _____

Please tell us what *issues* are important to you:

- Getting to know my neighbors Preserving our brick streets Historic preservation
 Better lighting in our Neighborhood More social events Crime / Safety
 Other _____