

# ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

## Do You Need...?

Your Gibraltar Board has reached out to those homes in our neighborhood (of which we are aware) where an “at risk” person resides (particularly those who live alone, those who may not be mobile, and our older residents) to check in and make sure they were doing okay, and to also see if they needed anything.

However, there are many residents in the neighborhood who have never attended a meeting or social event or might be new to Gibraltar, making it very difficult for us to know ALL of our residents who might be over-challenged during these unprecedented times.

If you know of a neighbor who is at risk or might need someone to run an errand, please let us know (the contact numbers for your GNA Board are on the last page of this newsletter). Or, better yet, reach out to them yourself & make that connection (from a safe distance, or course!).

Having neighbors who are connected with each other is more important than ever during times like these. Please let us know if you are not okay!

**STAY SAFE & BE WELL!**



## SPRING CLEAN!

With everyone observing the “shelter in place” directives, it’s easy to start to feel a bit stir crazy. Your Gibraltar Neighborhood Association is trying to make lemonade from this sour lemon and we’ve ***rented a dumpster for our neighborhood!***

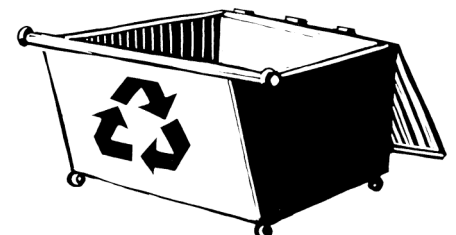
Since you’re stuck at home, dig in to some spring cleaning both inside and out! Go through those old boxes in the attic or those storage bins in the basement. Recycle items that can be recycled, donate items of use, and then PITCH everything else.

**A Neighborhood Dumpster**  
will be available to you on  
**Sat., May 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun., May 10<sup>th</sup>**

The dumpster will be located on **the corner of 5th Avenue & Clark Avenue**. See the list below for items that are prohibited. Sorry to say that due to Covid-19 we are not able to offer pickup assistance as we’ve done in years past, so this is a “you bring it/you dump it” situation.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

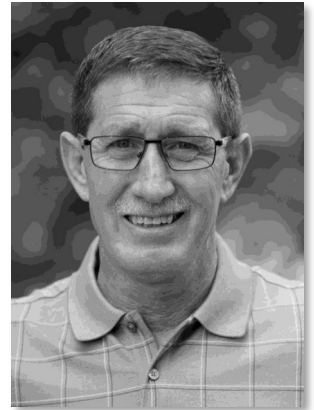
- No TVs or computer monitors
- No Hazardous chemicals (paint cans are okay but must be open and dried out)
- No tires or motor oil
- No paint thinners, gasoline etc.
- No radioactive materials
- No ammunition or fireworks
- No sharps/biohazards
- No pharmaceuticals



# PRESIDENT'S POST

Hello Neighbors,

First of all I'd like to thank Turner Morgan for his term of service supporting the neighborhood as our Association President. With regret, he has decided to step down from his presidential duties due to his responsibilities with his job at the 712 Initiative. While serving as our president, Turner organized many fun picnics, neighborhood holiday celebrations, hosted a wonderful Block Party, spearheaded the grant funding for the amazing neighborhood mural on the Genealogical Society building at 4th & Worth, worked with GNA resident Alicia Brady to facilitate the ConAgra fencing and green barrier, MC'd our annual Quarter Auction fundraisers, and organized the Fairmount Park trailhead cleanup. These were just a few of the events Turner enriched our neighborhood with while serving as our leader, making Gibraltar the most fun Neighborhood in town! Turner has also agreed to continue leading us through the Trailhead project, including the application of grant monies and partnering with the City. Thank you, Turner.



My first decision as GNA president is to suspend all face-to-face meetings and gatherings, book clubs and the like in compliance with health experts who are guiding us through the current Covid-19 situation. Please listen to the experts and keep yourself and your family safe.

**However, we are still here!** Feel free to contact any of the GNA Board members with concerns or ideas. Your input is always of interest and your involvement is always encouraged. Also, you still can **stay connected with our virtual neighborhood group** on our Facebook page or using the free NextDoor.com site/app: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/gibraltar--council-bluffs--ia/>. I highly recommend joining either (or both!) of these FREE resources since this is how we share updates and news in between the publishing of our newsletter! For example, when our March Meeting cancellation was announced due to Covid-19 restrictions.

In these trying times I encourage you to focus on something positive; family time, home cooked meals, gardening, walking the dog and exercise outside in the soon-to-be Spring weather are still safe for us to enjoy.

I look forward to serving as your GNA president and hope to see you face-to-face in the not too distant future.

**Steve Gorman**

*GNA president*



# TRAILHEAD UPDATE *from Turner Morgan*


Hey Neighbors – Turner here with a quick update on our Fairmount Park Trailhead project. If you hadn't heard, Gibraltar was awarded a Wellmark Foundation \$20,000 match grant to construct an entrance into the **park at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and High St.** (right up the hill from Con Agra). Historically, the site has been subject to overgrowth and dumping, and most residents had no idea it was public access into the park. With so many walkers (dog and human), joggers, hikers, and nature enthusiasts in our neighborhood, we thought it would benefit everyone that we had a proper pedestrian-friendly "welcome mat" into the biggest park in Council Bluffs. As a welcome surprise, the Parks and Recreation Department will be **MATCHING** the grant to increase the impact of the project!

In January we had an initial on-site meeting with local partners, Parks and Recreation, Snyder & Associates (environmental engineering firm), and a representative from the National Park Service to get a "lay of the land" and talk about potential features and costs. We were ecstatic to learn that the NPS was able to provide **FREE** concept and layout services for the trailhead.

Features will include signage & kiosk, ADA compliant sidewalks (up to a certain point), picnic tables, landscaping, and a custom commissioned metal sculpture from local artist Susan Woodford. As a part of her process, Susan has connected with longtime residents of the neighborhood to collect stories and memories to infuse into her work.

The project will go out to bid early July, but there will be several projects we'll need volunteer help to complete. This includes kiosk building, landscaping, clear-out, and sawyer work. If anyone would like to volunteer later this year, please contact me so I can reach out when the timing is appropriate. With all the uncertainty going on right now, it's nice to have a positive project to focus on – and one that we'll all be able to take advantage of for years to come!





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The form is on last page of newsletter.

## ***Your annual dues help fund projects like:***

- > Quarterly Neighborhood Social Events
- > Neighborhood Identification Banners and Yard Flags
- > Neighborhood Cleanup Day
- > National Neighborhood Conference engagement
- > Future projects like Trailhead restoration, etc.

*Keep Gibraltar moving in a positive direction by support through your membership. THANK YOU!*

## **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH YOUR ANNUAL DUES!!**

Your ongoing support of the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association allows us to undertake betterment projects like our identification banners and repair initiatives, host social gatherings like our Kirn Park picnic, pancake feed, and Block Parties, sponsor improvement events like cleanup days, and represent our neighborhood at community events such as workshops or having a Gibraltar float in the Celebrate Council Bluffs Parade!

***It would not be possible without YOU!***

## **THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2020!**

Dave & Amy Adams	Teresa Gerjevic	Kyle McGinn
Joe & Kim Atkinson	Steve & Chris Gorman	Linda Meyer
James & Alicia Brady	Bill & Lois Grove	Clay & Dana Miller
Paulette Brandt	Rich & Patti Hannan	Joan Minikus & Bob Jordan
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Bettina Dente	Roland Lynch	Cory Peters
Bud & Susie Dew	Mary Madison	Jo Kathryn Youngs
John & Rita Doidge	Anne Massoud & Sara Perkins	

*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 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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## RECIPE CORNER:

### Cherry Bars

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#### Ingredients:

- 1 c. (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 2 c. sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 lg. can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling

#### Directions:

Cream butter & sugar together until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, then beat in the extracts. Gradually mix in the flour until well incorporated.

With your fingers or a spatula, spread 3/4 of the batter in the bottom of a 9"x13" greased pan, forming a bottom 'crust' layer. Scoop cherry pie filling over batter in pan. Drop remaining batter by spoonfuls over the cherries. Spread the globs out a bit with fingers, but don't cover the cherries completely (red goo oozes out while baking and makes the bars really pretty!).

Bake at 375 for 45 min. Let cool completely, and frost with powdered sugar icing if you desire. Slice into bars for serving.

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**GNA's  
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**THANK YOU** to our  
*hard-working newsletter  
delivery & distribution team:*

**Chris Gorman and  
Tom Emmett**

*Without you, our Newsletter  
would not be possible!!!!*



**GNA's Book Club** is ON HOLD until it is  
once again safe to meet!!

Now is a great time to catch up on those books  
you've been meaning to read. We look forward  
to gathering again when this is over.

Be Well! ■

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## Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Become a Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Member!!** Yearly dues are \$25 per household and are tax deductible due to 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 and mail payment to:**

**Gibraltar Neighborhood Association ■ P.O. Box 1971 ■ Council Bluffs, IA 51502-1971**

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_