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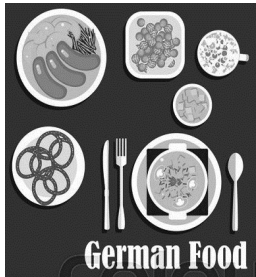
the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

## OCTOBER SOCIAL— YOUR RSVP NEEDED NOW!

For our **October Neighborhood Social Event**, the residents of the Gibraltar Neighborhood have been invited to enjoy a FREE dinner -or- lunch of delicious **German food!!!**

Our friends at Our Savior's Lutheran Church are hosting a 500th Anniversary Celebration the weekend of **October 28th and 29th**, and they'd like to thank Gibraltar Residents for being great neighbors by including us in the fun!



German Food

**WHAT:** *Delicious Homemade German Food and Refreshments*

**WHEN:** Choose from DINNER on the evening of Saturday, October 28th  
—OR— LUNCH on the afternoon of Sunday, October 29th

**COST:** FREE for Gibraltar Residents & Families!!

**WHERE:** Social Hall at OSL, Bluff & Story Streets

**\*\*\*\*\*R.S.V.P. is due by August 20th\*\*\*\*\*** (they have lots of planning to do!), so check your calendar RIGHT NOW, and decide which day you'd like to attend (Saturday night or Sunday afternoon) and RSVP your info to Cory Peters (GNA's President) at charcor241@yahoo.com or 712-329-8526 (lots of rings to get to my voicemail—be patient!)



**Come have some fun and YUMMY German Food at this FREE neighborhood event!**

Council Bluffs



## **SUPPORT GIBRALTAR at the FARMER'S MARKET!**

Gibraltar has a table at this year's THURSDAY NITE Farmer's Market! Each Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30, come check out the homemade goodies, neighborhood-fresh eggs and honey, beautiful arts & crafts, and more (and that's just at the GNA booth!). Your purchases not only help support your neighbors, but a small percentage goes into our treasury to support future events as well!

This year, the Market is in Bayliss Park, and coincides with MUSIC in the PARK night as well!! Starting at 6:30, enjoy some music while you shop (or buy some yummy snacks to enjoy while you listen to music!). So, take a stroll to Bayliss Park every Thursday and experience a beautiful evening in Park with your neighbors!

**ONLY TWO MEETINGS LEFT THIS YEAR! (Mark your calendars now!)**

*Bi-Monthly meetings are held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Bluff & Story St.)*

Wed. September 20, 6:00 p.m. (Meet PAR Officer Daniel Stuck) // Wed. November 15, 6:00 p.m.

# SEPTEMBER GNA FUNDRAISING EVENT!!

Please Join Us for a Fun-Filled, Action-Packed Evening!

- WHAT:** A "Quarter" Auction!!!\*  
**WHEN:** Friday night, September 15  
5:30—8:00 p.m. (bidding starts at 6:15)  
**WHERE:** American Legion Rainbow Post #2  
716 South 4th Street, C.B.  
**WHO:** YOU, and anyone else you know  
who likes to have fun!



*What the Heck is a Quarter Auction?!*

Bring the family and friends and join in the fun at our first GNA Quarter Auction!! There will be a wide range of items for auction, ranging in values of \$10 to \$30, and you could win that item you desire for mere quarters! You'll find a variety of spa services & packages, food and beverage gifts, bath & body products, antiques, collectibles and homemade products.

**FOOD AND ADULT BEVERAGES** will be for sale, with those proceeds going to the Legion. All of the auction proceeds support projects *that keep the historic Gibraltar Neighborhood vital!*

**Mark your calendars TODAY for this fun event!**

*\*Look for more details on how the auction works on the next page!*



## WEEE NEEEEED YOOOUUU!!

The FUN and EXCITING GNA Quarter Auction Fundraiser will be held again this Fall on **Friday, September 15th!** We had SO MUCH FUN at last year's auction, and raised over \$600!! We are excited to be hosting it again this year at the American Legion Hall.

**How can you help?** Of course the first way is to COME TO THE AUCTION with \$\$ in hand in September!! ALSO, we'll need helpers at the auction to collect bids, sell paddles, etc. Could you help? But for the auction to succeed, we need some AWESOME things to auction off! Are you an artist or craftsman? Are you a baker or candy maker? Do you create jewelry or knitted goods? Or do you just have a generous heart and would be willing to make a gift basket or donate a collectible or antique? All these and anything else you can think of are things you can provide for us to auction off! **The VALUE of the item can be \$30 or less**, so it won't break your bank! Let's make the 2017 Auction a success! Contact Cory Peters with your ideas on how you can help and/or what you'd like to donate: 712-329-8526 or coryp241@yahoo.com. THANKS!



# What the heck is a Quarter Auction?

**WE NEED YOU!** In order for this fundraiser to be a success, we need a lot of folks to attend the Auction Event on November 11th! (See event details on Page 1!).

***PLEASE mark your calendars and ATTEND!***

What's a "Quarter Auction" you ask? It sort of combines the best of both worlds... ***the fun and excitement of an auction, with the random chance of a lottery drawing!*** It allows you the opportunity to win great prizes without having to spend a lot of money!



## ***Here's how it works:***

1) Take a look at all of the COOL items up for auction! There is no entry fee to observe, however you DO need to purchase a "bidding paddle" (with its corresponding unique bidding number) to sit at a table.

2) Make "change" with our banker for a gob of quarters (or, bring your own quarter supply!)

3) Paddles can be purchased for \$5.00, and each paddle (with its unique bidding ID number) equates to one "chance" per item. *You can purchase as many paddles as you want* to increase your odds of winning any item. When you purchase a paddle, the paddle's corresponding numbered "marker" is entered into the "Auction Jar."

4) Take a seat at a table and wait for the fun to begin!

5) Our Emcee for the evening will begin "bidding" process for each item with a description of the item, and will announce *the number of quarters required to participate* in the drawing for each item. The number of quarters needed is based on an approximate value of the auction item, as follows:

Bid of 1 quarter = \$10 item value

Bid of 2 quarters = \$20 item value

Bid of 3 quarters = \$30 item value

6) If you want to take a chance on the item, to make a bid you raise your paddle(s) and put the corresponding number of quarters in the bowl on your table. Remember, you can bid with multiple paddles to increase your odds, so if you are bidding with *three* paddles and the auction item requires a *two quarter bid*, you need to put SIX quarters in the bowl (two quarters for each of your three paddles)!

**NOTE:** You can return to banker to purchase additional paddles or to exchange bills for quarters BEFORE bidding begins or ends.

9) When bidding ends, runners will collect Quarter Bowls and replace with empty bowls. Keep your paddle(s) held up for the Auctioneer to see!

10) The Auctioneer will pull paddle number markers from the Auction Jar until a match is made (not all paddles will be entered for every item, so if your non-entered paddle number is called, you would shout, "No Bid!") If the marker number matches your raised (entered) paddle, *you win the bid and the item!*

Anyone coming into the American Legion that evening is welcome to participate in the Quarter Auction as long as they purchase a paddle to sit at a table. Others may stand and observe.

## Meet our "PAR" Officer at the Sept. MEETING!

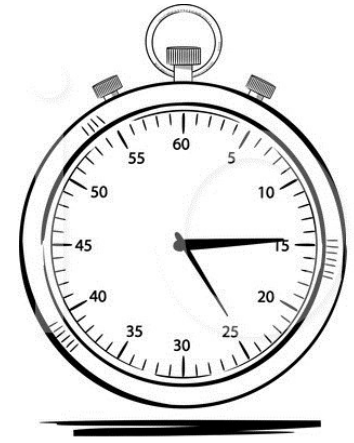
The Gibraltar Neighborhood's new "Police Area Representative" is Officer Daniel Stuck. Officer Stuck will be attending our GNA General Meeting on September 20th (6:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Social Hall), and will be talking about best practices for crime prevention & enhancing your safety.

Officer Stuck is a seven-year veteran of the C.B. police force, and is dedicated to the safety of Gibraltar residents. He 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 knocking on doors or scoping out the neighborhood? Discovered some graffiti? Concerned about late-night speeders revving their engines outside your window?

Call Officer Stuck and **SAVE this info!**

**His phone: 712-328-4961.**

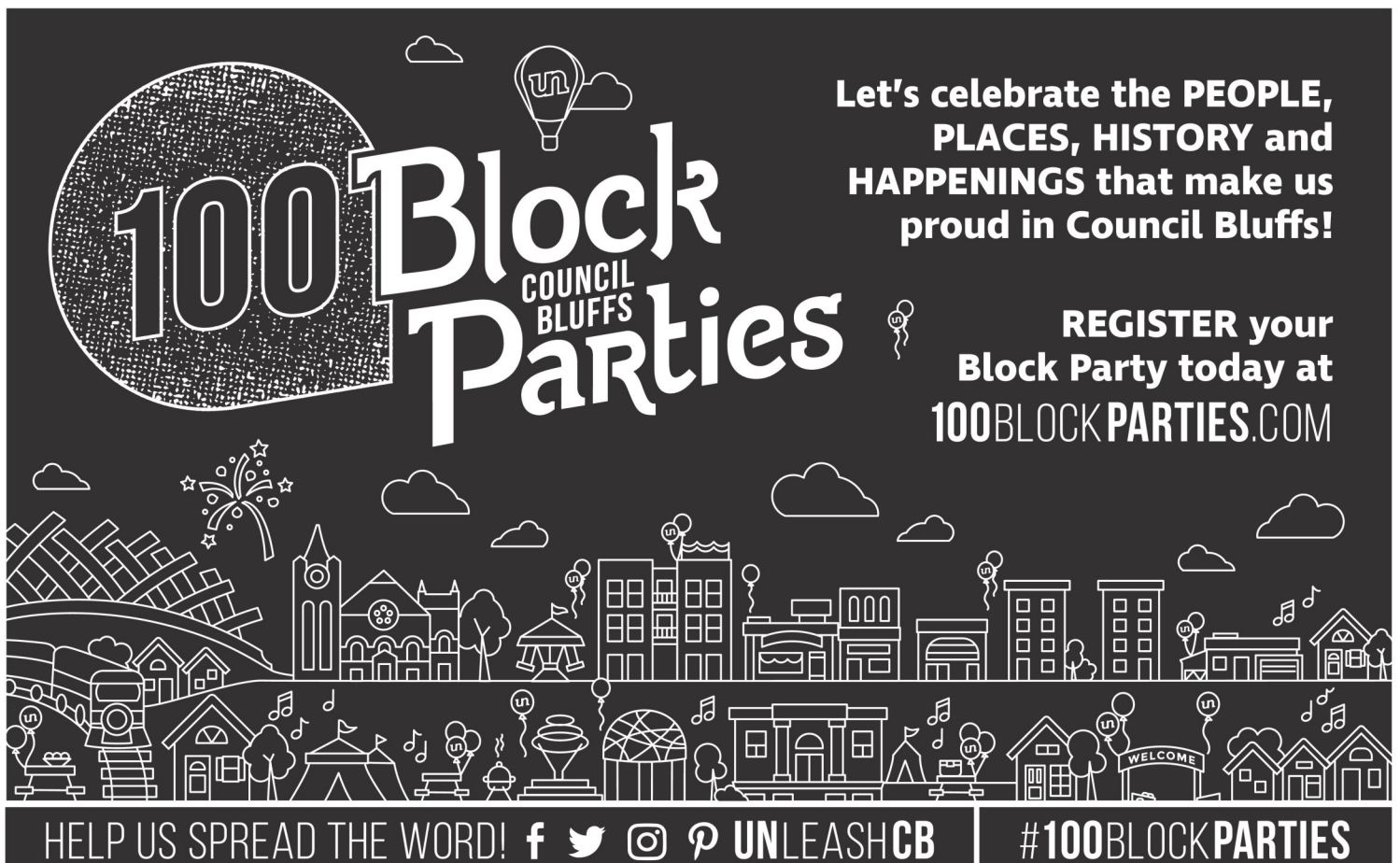
**His email: [djstuck@councilbluffs-ia.gov](mailto:djstuck@councilbluffs-ia.gov)**



### JULY MEETING MINUTES

Due to unforeseen technical problems, the July Meeting Minutes were not available by newsletter printing deadline. Once the minutes are available, we will post them to the Gibraltar Website, so keep an eye out:

[www.GibraltarNA.org](http://www.GibraltarNA.org).



**100 Block Parties**  
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The graphic features a large, stylized '100' in a circular frame on the left. To its right, the words 'Block Parties' are written in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'COUNCIL BLUFFS' in a smaller font between 'Block' and 'Parties'. Below this text is a detailed line-art illustration of a cityscape with various buildings, houses, a church, a school, and a stadium. There are also musical notes, balloons, and a hot air balloon with the 'UN' logo floating in the sky. At the bottom, there is a dark banner with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest, followed by the text 'UNLEASHCB' and the hashtag '#100BLOCKPARTIES'.

# January Elections: We Have Open Slots!

YOU want a neighborhood that's attractive and safe... YOU want a neighborhood that's active and engaged... YOU want to experience a feeling of community and connectedness... YOU NEED TO GET INVOLVED!

It's easy to be an "armchair quarterback" and watch the game from the sidelines, but it's MUCH more rewarding to get in the game and make a difference! Now's your chance!

After serving four years (two terms) as your neighborhood association president, Cory Peters will be stepping down at the end of December. She graciously agreed to continue to facilitate the production of the Rock Talk newsletter (having handled it for NINE YEARS now!). While Cory will still be actively involved and available to make introductions, provide assistance, etc., she needs to make room for other volunteer commitments.

Cathy Hill will also be stepping down after two terms as the association secretary. The remaining Board Members will likely step up to fill these positions, but that translates to vacancies elsewhere on the Board.

Long story short, there will be two, maybe three, open positions on your Gibraltar Board. NOW is the time for you to grasp this opportunity to expand your circle of influence, build some personal and professional connections, improve your skill set, and MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Please plan to throw your hat in the ring in January! (Remember, only paid association members have voting and position-holding rights.)



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Noon: Durga-lates Express  
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### **WEDNESDAY**

10am: Well Fed  
Noon: Focus and Flow  
5:30pm: Vinyasa Flow  
7pm: Slow Flow

### **THURSDAY**

9am: Morning Manifestation  
Noon: Durga-lates Express  
7pm: Yoga for Relaxation

### **FRIDAY**

9am: Morning Manifestation  
6:30pm: Durga-lates

### **SATURDAY**

10am: Yoga for Beginners

### **SUNDAY**

4pm: Kundalini  
7pm: Meta Mystic Yoga

**FIRST CLASS IS FREE!**

\$10 drop-in rate. Class passes  
and private sessions available.

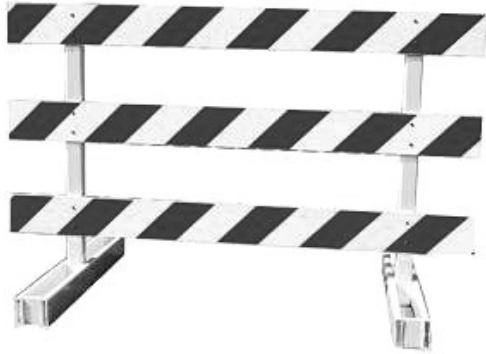
*NOURISH YOUR MIND, BODY AND SOUL*

## SIDEWALK REPAIR UPDATE

GNA Board Member and Sidewalk Repair Initiative champion Steve Gorman has been reaching out to connect with the owners of the EIGHT properties selected for our FIRST ROUND of repairs.

Most property owners expressed the desire to push the repair work to early Fall when the weather is a bit more amenable to this type of work, so hopefully that work will be under way soon.

We continue to pursue other grant opportunities to obtain more money for additional future rounds of repair. More to come as new details are available.



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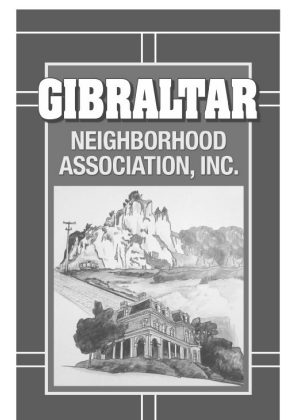
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## GNA Yard Flags!

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.



## FROM PRESIDENT PETERS

Hey there, Neighbors!

I hope everyone is managing to stay cool towards the end of a fairly hot summer! Fall will be here before we know it, and when that snow starts flying we'll be wishing we had the hot weather back! (Isn't that always the way? Haha!)



If you were unable to attend, you missed a FUN and FILLING breakfast at our July Social Event of DELICIOUS PANCAKES! Jim Kuper—aka “The Pancake Man”— was on hand cooking up all-you-can eat cakes, and displaying his pancake-flipping antics and for the enjoyment of all! We served over 50 people, and while this was a FREE event, in a true display of generosity, folks threw enough good-will donation money into the basket to cover pretty much all the expenses! So incredible!! Pictures from the event are now on the Gibraltar website ([www.GibraltarNA.org](http://www.GibraltarNA.org)), and a few are also included in this newsletter.

Time to check your calendar NOW for our **October Social Event!** Many of the kind folks from Our Savior's Lutheran Church attended our pancake feed, and during the event they announced that they want to THANK the Gibraltar Neighborhood by inviting us to their Festival Weekend in October, where they'll be serving a smorgasbord of delicious **German Food... FREE!** You can attend the Saturday night dinner or the Sunday afternoon lunch—your choice—but they need to get a headcount a.s.a.p., so RSVP **NOW** (*before Aug. 20th!*). More details will be forthcoming, but clear your calendar and me know!! (see the front page article).

**SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISER:** Our Annual Quarter Auction is back!! We had soooooo much fun last year, so you want to be sure and attend if you missed it!! We should once again have a fun lineup of things to bid on, and we love being able to support the American Legion Hall (they serve good food and hoo-boy are their adult beverages cheaply priced!!). At the VERY least, come join us for a cold brew and throw a few bucks into the ring by bidding on some items. You could help even more by agreeing to assist with the festivities, and/or providing an item (or two!) to include in the auction!! See pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter for more details.

While it seems like a ways off, the end of the year is fast approaching, and that brings about the end of term for myself and one or two other Board Members. While I have truly enjoyed serving as your President for two terms, I'm running out of bandwidth to accommodate other commitments in my life! (In addition to Gibraltar duties, I also serve on the Board for Habitat for Humanity, on an Advisory Team for the Iowa West Foundation, and on the Recasting Team for St. Paul's Episcopal Church!). I continually must decline requests to join *other* volunteer orgs because I have no availability! I need to free up some time to participate elsewhere. More importantly, rotating through GNA Board members allows a variety of voices to participate and contribute, and to reap the BENEFITS from participating in this important “quality of life” neighborhood endeavor! I strongly ask (implore?!) you to consider stepping up to the plate and running for a GNA Board Seat. ***It's awesome!***

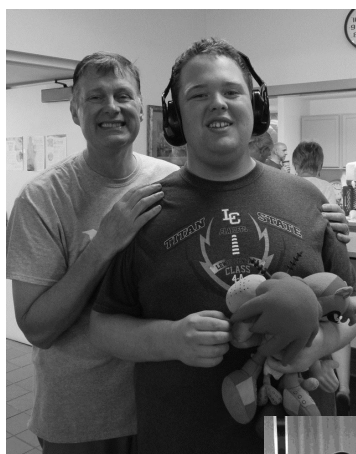
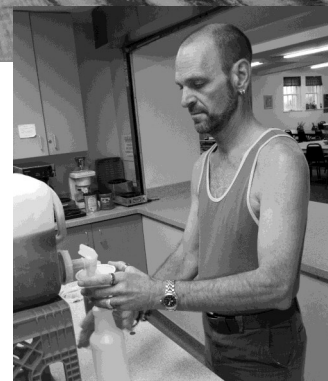


***JOIN the neighborhood news group*** at [www.gibraltar.nextdoor.com](http://www.gibraltar.nextdoor.com). This site is how all GNA residents post news, updates, cancellations, share alerts, ask questions, pose ideas and get to know one another. There is NO COST to join the site, and there are no spam or pop-up ads, and most importantly you'll stay connected and tuned in. *You just need to have an address that is within the boundaries of our neighborhood.*

Looking forward to seeing a BUNCH of you at the Quarter Auction (Sept.) and OSL German Food Fest (Oct)!  
Cory Peters — GNA President

# Neighborhood Social: Flapjack FUN with the Pancake Man!

Smiles were plentiful as folks got their fill of delicious pancakes on Saturday morning, July 15th! With over 50 folks in attendance, it was awesome to see so many FAMILIES, & so many new faces!! And in a show of just how GENEROUS our neighbors are, even though this event was FREE, the good will donations of cash thrown in the basket covered the cost of the breakfast (just a few dollars short— that is AMAZING!), allowing us to apply those treasury funds towards other events and neighborhood betterment projects. Thanks so much to everyone who attended and made it such a FUN time!! **More photos are posted on the Gibraltar Website**, so be sure to check those out (where you can right-click-download pix!): [www.GibraltarNA.org](http://www.GibraltarNA.org).





## PHONE NUMBER UPDATE!

Prior to the Pancake Breakfast, we implemented a "calling tree" to reach out to neighbors for whom we had a phone number. *We discovered two things:*

- 1) Folks were super-appreciative for the reminder!
- 2) We have a lot of disconnected phone numbers!!



If you would appreciate the occasional phone call as a reminder of upcoming meetings or events, WE NEED ACCURATE PHONE NUMBERS in our neighborhood spreadsheet!!! Email GNA Treasurer Tom Emmet at [towritetom@msn.com](mailto:towritetom@msn.com) with your phone number of choice so we may ensure our records are up to date. THANK YOU!



### GNA's 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. We always have a blast when we get together, so 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 book club (wine club? heehee) meeting! ■

## THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2017!

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 and Brunch & Banter events, sponsor improvement events like cleanup days, and represent our neighborhood at community events such as workshops and having a Gibraltar float in the Celebrate Council Bluffs Parade! ***It would not be possible without YOU!***

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*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!*

**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**

*We'll throw in the ad setup for free!!* Contact Cory at [coryp241@yahoo.com](mailto:coryp241@yahoo.com) for more info!



## **FREE FAMILY NIGHT at the MUSEUM!**

Take advantage of **FREE ADMISSION**  
to the Union Pacific Railroad Museum  
on the **First Friday of Each Month!!**

On first Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.,  
admission at the museum is FREE! Engage with  
interactive displays and participate in fun  
hands-on activities! ***Each month will focus  
on a different theme!***

**For more information, call 712-329-8307**  
or follow the museum on facebook!  
(search facebook: uprrmuseum)



**AUGUST 4** Event is “Track it Down.” Follow the steps of the dinosaurs, animals and the upcoming solar eclipse! FREE!

**SEPTEMBER 1** Event is “Bison Night!” Celebrate all things ‘Bison’! FREE!

**ALSO—August 13 is the 2017** Museum Special Excursion! A rare opportunity to travel on the U.P. main line and relive the heyday of premium Union Pacific passenger service on a train pulled by historic E-9 streamliner locomotives. Tickets range \$250-500.

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# Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) BUS TOUR PHOTOS!

Many thanks to talented photographer Kyle Muschall from Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association, who took pics during our tour in May!! Below is just a sampling, but see the full collection of photos of gorgeous homes we toured and other fun events of the day by following the link located under the "PHOTOS" tab on the Gibraltar website: [www.GibraltarNA.org](http://www.GibraltarNA.org).



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Share news, updates, inquiries, refer business people or services, get the latest GNA news and much more! It's FREE and it's open to folks within the GNA boundaries!! Register TODAY on GNA's "Nextdoor" social networking website: [www.gibraltar.nextdoor.com](http://www.gibraltar.nextdoor.com).

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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. In order to be eligible to vote for board candidates and other issues, 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

Better lighting in our Neighborhood       More social events

Other \_\_\_\_\_