



ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.



FALL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC!

WHERE: Grenville Court (just north of the Dodge House)

WHEN: SATURDAY, Sept. 15th, 2018 / 4:00 to 7:00pm

PLAN TO ATTEND this fun Fall neighborhood family meeting and potluck picnic! We'll be gathering in the cul-de-sac at Grenville Court, which is just off Story Street on the north side of the Dodge House. Your Gibraltar Neighborhood Association will provide FRIED CHICKEN, along with lemonade & water, plates, cups, and utensils. You bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! Children are absolutely welcome, and we have the 712 Block Party Trailer reserved, so there will be plenty of tables and chairs, plus fun GAMES to play! We'll hold a brief meeting to discuss old and new business, and then dig in to some delicious food while having fun getting to know our neighbors!!

*****You MUST RSVP by September 10th so we know how much fried chicken to order! Call or Text your RSVP (and how many are attending) to Turner Morgan at 712-310-3102.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and make plans to come picnic with your neighbors! *SEE YOU THEN!*



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!

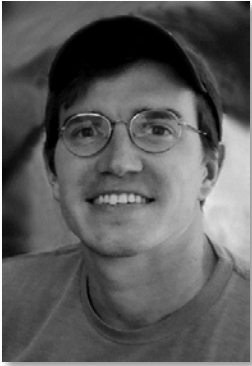
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FROM PRESIDENT MORGAN!



Greetings Neighbors,

Hope this message finds you where you like to be – on the front porch, the backyard with the setting sun, in the kitchen with a cup of coffee, or maybe just anywhere there is air conditioning! Holy moly it has been a warm and wild summer. Abby and I are **excited to get to jacket weather and football games, but we're doing our best to enjoy** these warm days and evenings while they are here. Be sure to take some time to run through a sprinkler today (adults included) – **I'm sure we'll be nostalgic for it soon** enough.

July Social & Safety Briefing - Kudos to everyone who came up to the end of Clark to **shoot the breeze and enjoy each other's company. Not even 80% humidity can keep us** apart! Special tip of the hat to our PAR Officer Daniel Stuck who took time to join us and **give some safety advice in light of the recent rash of crime we've had in the neighborhood.** The biggest points he made were:



Officer Daniel Stuck

1. If you see something, say something – Go ahead and call 911 or the non-emergency number – (712) 328-4701 – if you see anything that looks suspicious. The police are happy to check things out – **it's their job. Also, the PAR (police area representative) phone numbers are: (712) 329-1856 or (712) 328-4707 .**
2. Look out for and talk to your neighbors – The police are ALWAYS busy this time of year, and shady characters love the summer just as much as we do. Sometimes it is up to us to look out for each other. Again, call the police if you see things that look out of place or your gut tells you is wrong. If you are leaving town – you might tell those you trust to keep an eye out or leave a light on for you.
3. Problem properties – **every neighborhood has “that property.” Constant traffic coming and going, people always coming and going, etc... If you have a concern, call Officer Stuck. It is his job to come up with a strategy to address these locations.** Please note these things take time to build cases. More of a marathon than a sprint.

*Potential camera installation – many questions were asked about the benefits of installing security cameras. Lucky for our neighborhood, we have a resident expert on this type of technology! If you have questions about installing security systems for your house, please contact GNA Board Member Alicia Brady at abrady@hillcresthealth.com – **she'd be happy to discuss the pros/cons, process, and (probably) show off her current setup.**

New Neighbors – **I've been seeing a few SOLD signs and new families walking around the neighborhood.** If you have a new neighbor moving in, be sure to give them a warm welcome. If you are new to the **neighborhood and reading this.... Please join us for our upcoming social Sept 15th!** We promise we are lots of fun and only *a tad* weird.

712 Block Party Trailer – On page 5, see the pics from the roll-out of the **712 Initiative's new BLOCK PARTY TRAILER** – It has everything you need to throw a party; chairs, tables, coolers, street barricades, **yard games, AND a PA system! The best part... It's FREE to the public (after \$50 returned deposit).** If you or someone you know wants to throw a neighborhood or community/street party – consider utilizing this awesome service! It is a great tool to bring our communities closer together. You can reserve the trailer at the 712 website - www.712initiative.org. Please note you will need to have access to a vehicle with a hitch to transport the trailer. It uses a 2 & 5/16th **ball hitch (comes with trailer). The trailer doesn't weigh much.** Our 4-cylinder Subaru outback could tow it just fine! *Also note that while currently the trailer is not available for use for private parties, that may change in the future, depending on usage.*

SEPTEMBER GNA FUNDRAISING EVENT!!

Don't Miss the Fun-Filled, Action-Packed Evening at GNA's QUARTER AUCTION!!!

WHAT: A "Quarter" Auction Fundraiser!!!
WHEN: Friday night, October 19th
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 annual GNA Quarter Auction!! *This is the third year we've held this event, and it just keeps getting better each year!* 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 services & packages, food & beverage gifts, bath & beauty products, antiques, collectibles, homemade products, and so much more! There's something for everyone!

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!* You have the opportunity to win great prizes without spending a lot of money! We begin the "bidding" process for each item with a description of the item, and announce *the number of quarters required to participate/bid* in that drawing. The number of quarters needed is based on the approximate value of the auction item itself, as follows:
>> 1 quarter for \$10 item value; 2 quarters for a \$20 item value; 3 quarters for \$30 item value.

Bidding paddles are only \$5.00 each, and you can increase your odds of winning by purchasing **more than one bidding paddle**. We'll explain everything in detail that evening, but rest assured it's easy, it's fun, it's relatively inexpensive, and all the money you spend that night either supports the neighborhood or the American Legion! You can purchase rolls of quarters at the event, or bring your own!

FOOD & BEVERAGES will be for sale, with those proceeds supporting the American Legion. Auction proceeds support Gibraltar projects *that keep our historic Neighborhood vital!*

Mark your calendars TODAY for this fun event!



NEEDED: Donations for Quarter Auction!

Do you have a talent for making things? Like: painting, beading, ceramics, woodworking, sewing, cooking, canning, knitting, photography, drawing, jewelry, needlework, etc. etc... Or, are you a business owner who could donate a gift certificate or basket of products? Or, do you have a generous heart and would be willing to compile 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! **Won't you please help?**

Let's make the September 2018 Auction a great success! Contact Cory Peters with your ideas on [how you can help and/or what you'd like to donate:](#) 402-681-8344 or coryp241@yahoo.com. THANK YOU!



New Strategic Alliance w/the Y

The YMCA of Greater Omaha and The Center, two organizations with a long history of serving active adults in the Council Bluffs area, will soon share programs, facilities and staff resources. After months of discussion and exploration, the board of directors for both non-profit entities have voted to approve a strategic alliance that will take shape over the coming months. The Center will continue to operate independently in the interim, as both boards finalize work on a transition plan. **“With The Center and the YMCA of Greater Omaha working toward common goals, it seemed natural to combine resources and become better together,”** said Cati DeMasi, executive director of The Center. **“Our members and our community will benefit from this partnership.”**

The Center has been serving Council Bluffs since 1981, by providing wellness services and social programming focused on active adults above the age of 50. The Center's current location opened in 2002, and is located in downtown Council Bluffs. The YMCA has had a presence in Council Bluffs since 1867, with a new location that opened in December of 2017. Since that opening, membership at the Charles E. Lakin YMCA has grown steadily. Total membership recently surpassed 10,000 individuals, with the YMCA able to provide approximately 20% of those members with need-based financial aid.



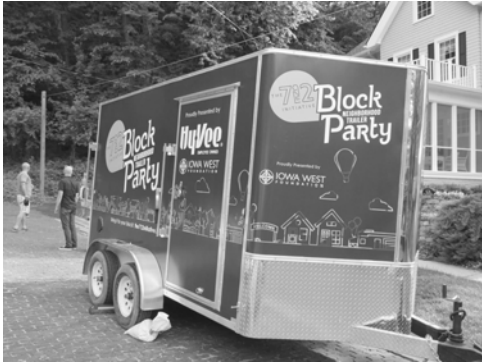
“The community support has been amazing,” said Chris Tointon, president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Omaha, **“and now we'll be able to serve the community even better. We're excited to work with a partner such as The Center to make both organizations stronger together. We'll take our prior partnership and combine resources to expand the community-wide wellness programs in southwestern Iowa. Together, we'll make the Council Bluffs area a leader in healthy living through collaboration.”**

To learn more about The Center, stop in for a tour, and see our full schedule of activities each month at www.bluffscenter.org. Friend us on Facebook & Instagram @bluffscenter!

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BLOCK PARTY TRAILER LAUNCH PARTY: A Super-Fun Evening!

If you weren't able to make the pop-up party on June 13th for the roll-out of the City's new "Block Party Trailer" - you missed an incredibly fun event! We gathered at the top of Clark Avenue, and the weather was perfect! HUGE thank yous go out to the 712 Initiative for supplying the food and beverages — everything was DELICIOUS. And they also brought LIVE music that was awesome as well! We also want to THANK the Council Bluffs Fire and Police departments for attending! The little kids loved it, and their presence went a long way toward building strong relationships between residents and these departments. **More pics are available at www.GibraltarNA.org.**



NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER ACHIEVE RESULTS

by Alicia Brady

This year our neighborhood was presented with a multitude of potential changes. Some of these changes were anticipated and some were a surprise. However, the outcomes were definitely positive. The house at 526 S. 3rd St. (now owned by our wonderful neighbor Kate Cross) was on the Planning Board's desk to be permanently rezoned as *commercial*, which caught many in the neighborhood off guard. We also had Conagra requesting to rezone the open lots to the north of their factory to *industrial* zoning, which was anticipated, yet took many of us by surprise.

After raising the alarm, our neighborhood came together as one team. We had the support of *many* people attending at the rezoning hearing, as well as at all the city council meetings. With this support we were able to develop Q/A sessions and come to a favorable compromise on both issues. In addition, on the Conagra rezoning issue we received support from the Nonpareil, WOWT and the Omaha World Herald.

During the second City Council hearing, Kate was given a conditional rezoning change allowing her to operate her practice, but *keeping the property a single family residential home* if she were to sell or move. At that same meeting, Conagra brought in their landscaping and architecture teams, who were hired to resolve our concerns. Conagra also agreed to attend a neighborhood meeting with their landscaping and architecture teams to present their redesigned plans as well as answer questions and take input from residents in the neighborhood.

We are pleased with how well ***the neighborhood's residents came together*** to help create a solution in both of these rezoning issues. Kate has happily moved into her new (but very old) home, and has begun the process (that so many of us are familiar with) of repairing, restoring and maintaining her home, which will continue to inject new life to our vibrant neighborhood.

The Conagra rezoning was more complicated, but all parties have agreed to the final plans. When presented to the City Council, the new agreement guaranteed more than double the green space buffer required by the City, and included many more trees for the visual buffer. Additionally, Conagra will extend the decorative fence partly down 3rd Street, and they are willing to provide space if we wish to have any signage cast for our neighborhood & historic district. These approved plans which Conagra presented were written into the conditional rezoning agreement by the city attorney.

I hope we can achieve more positive development for our neighborhood & the greater city of Council Bluffs!

— Alicia M. & James D. Brady



Gibraltar neighbors attending a meeting about the Conagra rezoning.



Conagra's landscape & architecture team discusses proposed solutions for rezoning of the green space.



BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

Hi Neighbors! The Gibraltar Little Free Library (located on the north side of Story Street, across from Our Savior's Lutheran Church) continues to be a well-used resource! It's been a couple years, and our initial inventory of book donations has now been depleted, so we are putting the call out for more donated books!

Fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, romance, sci-fi, historical tales... you name it, we'd love to include it in the library! (Although nothing salacious, please!). And don't forget CHILDREN'S books! Books for kids continue to be a hot item.

Text Cory Peters at 402-681-8344 to arrange for your books to be picked up or dropped off.

Thank you SO MUCH for helping us serve the literary needs of our neighborhood!

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GIBRALTAR NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT

DID YOU KNOW?

VISION: The Gibraltar Neighborhood is a clean, safe neighborhood that showcases a unique mix of well kept homes within one of Council Bluffs' oldest historic areas. Our residents take pride in fostering an environment where neighbors look out for each other and are proud of their neighborhood.

MISSION: The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association seeks to develop, implement and promote a comprehensive plan that: strengthens neighborhood relationships and communication; creates strategies to make our neighborhood safe; promotes activities that assure our neighborhood is one of clean and well-kept properties; encourages ideas and community involvement; and ensures that we will leave our neighborhood better than we found it.

I'd Appreciate Your Vote on November 6th, 2018!



Steve Gorman



Vote for Steve Gorman for Iowa Legislature, House District 16

- > Council Bluffs Firefighter
- > Gibraltar Board Member & Resident
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RECIPE CORNER:

E-Z REFRIGERATOR PICKLES from Cory Peters' kitchen

Notes: I usually use less sugar than what the recipe calls for (but I love vinegar!); you might also try stevia if watching calories. Jar keeps for a couple weeks in the fridge, and simply keep adding new veggies to the brine as you consume them (until brine starts to taste 'off'). Makes a great gift for friends & neighbors! ENJOY!

- > Clean 4 wide-mouth quart jars w/lids & rings
- > Peel or score (or don't) 4 large cucumbers, then slice
- > slice one large Vidalia onion
- > Lots of fresh dill stalks (this also makes the jars look pretty!)
- > 2 whole heads of fresh garlic, peeled, whole cloves
- > pack & layer all of the above into the jars

BRINE:

- > 4 cups white vinegar & 2 cups apple cider vinegar (or experiment with different vinegars... I love rice vinegar and red wine vinegars, too!)
- > 3 cups sugar (or less, or try using Stevia for low-cal)
- > 4 tsp kosher salt
- > 2 tsp black pepper corns
- > 1 tsp celery seeds
- > 1 tsp beau monde (this is made by Spice Islands, and I know my Hy-Vee carries it, but your grocery store might not!)

Whisk together the brine ingredients until sugar is dissolved. Pour into jars, close the lids and shake WELL to distribute the ingredients. Refrigerate, then WAIT..... for at least a few hours. Even better the next day! Try experimenting with other green peppers, cauliflower, or other veggies, or add some peppers for a spicy pickle!



C.B. Farmer's Market

Thursdays, 4:30-7:30 / Bayliss Park
Through Sept. 20th



FREE Music & Movies in the Park

June 13 - August 10, 2018
Bayliss Park / 100 Pearl Street

Bring your family, friends, lawn chairs and blankets for a great summer in Bayliss Park!

FREE Movies

All movies are rated G or PG and are shown every Friday night after dusk (around 9:00 pm) from June - August. In case of inclement weather, movies will be shown the following Saturday evening.



Concessions may be available at some showings. Guests are welcome to bring their own food and drink, but must dispose of all waste in the provided bins around the park, or take it with them.

SCHEDULE

- 08/03/18 | Despicable Me 3 (2017) PG
- 08/10/18 | The Sandlot (1993) PG

FREE Music

Concerts featuring local musicians are held every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm, from June - August.



SCHEDULE

- 08/01/18 | USAF Raptor (Rock & Country)
- 08/08/18 | Rockology (Rock & Pop Hits)

DODGE HOUSE NEWS

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS IN 2019! Watch for news in future issues of Rock Talk about the fun and informative events happening in 2019, when the Dodge House celebrates 150 years!



VOLUNTEERING to Make a Difference!

Have you ever considered volunteering at the *only* registered National Historic Landmark in Council Bluffs? Would you like to be a docent (tour guide), or **help in the office answering the phone? Do you like research or finding the 'real ending' to unique stories or events in history?**

We are now accepting volunteer applications for several positions. Please call Danette at 712-322-2406 for more information on this great opportunity.



Happening NOW:

Come See How They Lived! Currently at the Dodge House, tour the artifacts and exhibits on the lower level to see how 19th-century families lived, and what a 'day in the life' might have been like for them!



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Upcoming Events at UP Museum

All events are free and open to the public.

Family Nights are held the first Friday of every month, 5:00-7:00pm! Free night of family-friendly, all-ages activities.

Family Night Themes for the remainder of the year:

Aug. 3: *Chill: It's hot outside, but cool inside.* Enjoy the A/C and relax with crafts, games, books, and activities.

Sept. 7: Innovation: Explore historical technological innovations made on the railroads; get up close with cool modern tech.

Oct. 5: Theme TBD

November 2: Winter Preparedness: Temperatures are dropping - are you ready for what winter has in store?

December 7: Art of the Tracks: Get creative as we look at the Railroad with an artist's eye.

ALSO coming up later this year:

October 27 - Trick or Treat the Museum - 10:00-4:00 pm — free food and free trick or treating!

November 15 - Project Reindeer, free admission! See live reindeer in conjunction with the annual lighting ceremony in Bayliss Park.

THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2018!

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 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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Kathie Brandt

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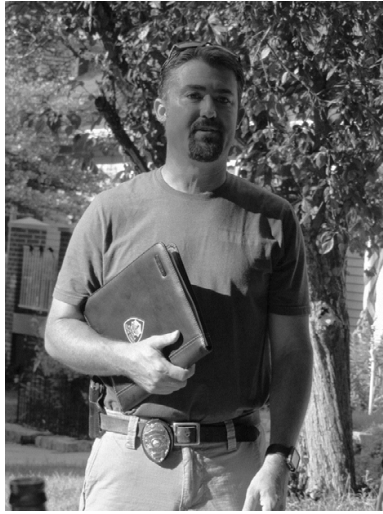
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Those listed were known to have paid dues at the time of publishing. Any errors are completely unintentional. If you notice an error/omission, please contact GNA Treasurer Tom Emmett!

GIBRALTAR SUMMER SOCIAL: A hot (but FUN) evening!

What a pleasant surprise to see so many Gibraltar Neighbors head out into a sweltering evening to share some food and drinks, discuss safety issues with our local PAR Officer, and enjoy a great evening getting to know each other! Many thanks to Turner & Drew Morgan for getting the 712 Trailer, and setting up the tables & chairs. Thanks also to Kyle McGinn for manning the grill to cook hot dogs on a hot, hot night! We still had a blast despite the warm weather. Be sure to attend our next event!! **More pics online at www.GibraltarNA.org.**



**GNA's
Super-Heroes!**

*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 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! ■



STAY IN THE LOOP!!! BE IN THE KNOW!!

Whether you are a GNA homeowner or renter, paid GNA member or NOT, you should *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, promote events, and simply get to know one another. There is NO COST to join the group, and there are no spam or pop-up ads. You just need to live in our neighborhood.

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From the Rock Talk editor: I am ecstatic that Kate Brewer, Gibraltar resident and author, has graciously agreed to contribute her creative talents to our newsletter! Intertwining familiar elements while painting a new landscape, this story will have you looking at your surroundings in a new light. I know you'll enjoy reading it as much as I did! I can't wait for more stories from Kate!
— Cory Peters

Fortunate Ghosts

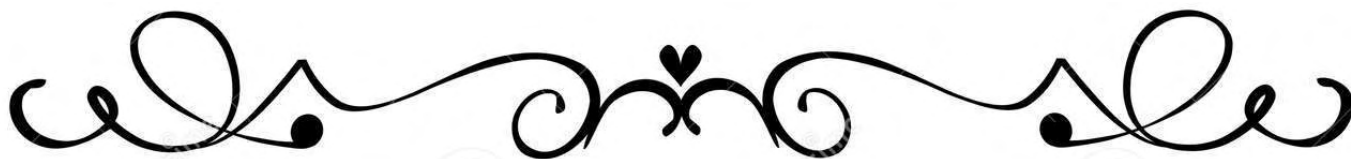
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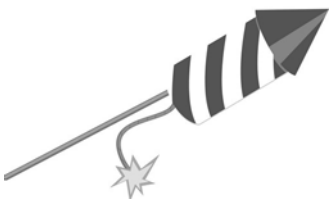
I had always wanted to see a ghost. I heard all sorts of stories growing up from friends and neighbors and my parents' friends and their neighbors and occasionally the old man across the street who liked to wear overalls and take long naps on his porch under the walnut trees. I pictured phantasms big and small, friendly and terrifying, floating or walking or lurking in cold corners. I pictured myself seeing one for the first time. I imagined the wonder, elation, and composure I'd have. It would speak to me, of course. We'd establish a rapport, maybe even a friendship. The ghost would tell me the secrets of this house, of its history, my family. Maybe I'd find out why Mom giggles every time Dad mentions "that time in Panama." Maybe I wouldn't want to know. Maybe it could tell me more about my sister, Sarah. Maybe it would be Sarah herself.

She was five when she died of the flu, but she'd be wiser now, reading and writing and speaking like an adult. Maybe she'd have favorite books. I imagined she'd like science fiction especially, and maybe she would leave an Arthur C. Clark or Philip K. Dick novel on the floor after she finished it, so we'd know it was her. I used to sneak into dad's library and look for the slightest thing out of place. I thought I saw "A Brief History of Time" askew on the shelf once next to the antique globe, but I couldn't be sure. Maybe she'd have studied Mom's best Scrabble words and Dad's chess strategies, peeking over their shoulders, unseen but not apart. I only beat Dad at chess once, when I was seventeen, one rainy Friday night when the power went out and we played games by candlelight. Maybe she'd have seen that, too, and smiled, and thought to herself – "I could take him."

Maybe she'd have played outside on those muggy summer nights when Mom and Dad would have their musician friends over and they'd dance and play until Dad's guitar strings broke and Mom's Ukulele was out of tune and the stars began to fade into the morning light. Sarah would have danced, I'm sure, and if I'd payed close enough attention, maybe I'd have felt her in the breeze.

She'd have watched dad get sick, and mom get lonely, and then I bet she would have tried to keep her company in the smallest ways, in an oddly placed key or a pattern in the rain on the window. Sometimes I imagined her watching me when I'd come to visit Mom, and maybe she'd be smiling when I moved back into the house with my own wife and daughter, who we named Sarah, too. Maybe my sister would have whispered to my wife, Caroline, when she would make dinner, things like "more butter" or "a Pinot Grigio will pair nicely with that fish." Maybe someday Caroline will hear me as I whisper to her, things like "you really do need to separate the whites from the colors before you do laundry" and "I love you, still." Maybe my daughter will hear me tell her things like "being a nerd is not a bad thing" and "you get your strength from your mother." I hope so. I think they will. Fifty five years and seventeen days on this earth and I never saw a ghost until I became one. The first thing we did was play a round of chess.





FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL AFTER the 4TH OF JULY!



I think we can agree that celebrating our Nation's independence is a wonderful thing! And, I do love shooting off fireworks! But, just like dressing up in costumes & trolling the neighborhood for candy on November 3rd would be viewed as plain WEIRD, shooting off fireworks on July 23rd is a BIG HUGE NO-NO. This Summer has definitely presented some challenges with Pre- and Post-Independence Day fireworks use. Neighbors continue to be frustrated by late night, mid-week explosions, disrupting not only sleep patterns, but causing distress for many pets and posing health risks and unnecessary fire hazards.

Several neighbors have reached out to our Par Officer Daniel Stuck, who encourages us to call 911 and REPORT these issues (whether or not you expect that police will catch culprits in the act or not) - - the more **complaints and reports they get, the more "hard evidence" they have for the need of additional enforcements** or regulations regarding the fireworks issue. Also, if possible, safely record/video any evidence of infractions and/or perpetrators. As a result of discussions with law enforcement AND the fire department, they are *actively seeking to cite & ticket any offenders when possible*. We need our neighborhood peace back!!

If you happen to BE one of the handful of Gibraltar neighbors still discharging fireworks, please note that it is a HEFTY fine (several hundreds of dollars) if you are charged and convicted. SO STOP ALREADY.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER: tear out and put on your fridge & calendars!

We'll continue to include/update this section in each issue, as dates & events are firmed up!

Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 15th**

GNA General Meeting and
Fall Picnic Potluck!!

4:00 – 7:00 pm

GRENVILLE COURT (north of the Dodge House)

*Your Gibraltar Neighborhood will provide the fried chicken, lemonade/water, plates+cups and the utensils. **You bring a side dish or dessert to share!***

Bring the kids!!! We'll have the 712 Block Party

Trailer with tables, chairs and games!



Friday, **OCTOBER 19th**

Quarter Auction FUNdraiser!

5:30–8:00 pm at The American Legion, 716 S. 4th Street

This event is a BLAST!! If you've never attended, ask anyone who HAS in the past two years and they'll tell you how much FUN this event is! Bring a pocketful of cash to bid on some GREAT prizes and buy some inexpensive food and drinks at the Legion! **Don't miss it!**

Wednesday, **NOVEMBER 14th**

GNA General Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 pm

The Center // 714 So. Main Street

We'll discuss neighborhood plans for the upcoming year, and possibly have a speaker. Watch for more information in the future.

Sunday, **DECEMBER 2nd**

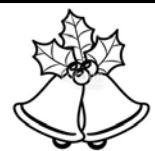
Gibraltar **HOLIDAY PARTY!**

6:00–9:00 pm

125 S. 3rd Street (Kieffer/Lopez House)

The Gibraltar Neighborhood knows how to celebrate the holiday season! This fun potluck event is ALWAYS a great time, and it's a great chance to see those neighbors you haven't seen in a while (or maybe haven't yet met!)

Don't miss this fun evening!



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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 _____