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the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Final Call for HOLIDAY LUMINARIAS!

Make Our Neighborhood Bright and Cheery for the Holidays!



Don't Delay — Supplies are limited!

Pre-order and pay for your luminaria on the Gibraltar website: GibraltarNA.org. Click on the "Donate" tab, enter your payment amount, and add a note indicating the quantity you want.

—OR— just email us at NeighborhoodGibraltar@gmail.com with the quantity you want, and you can pay for them when you pick them up (or when they are delivered to you).

WHAT: coffee, cocoa & cookies at a socially-distanced outdoor meet, greet & luminaria pick-up!

WHEN: SUNDAY afternoon, **Dec. 13th** from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

WHERE: Driveway at 241 5th Avenue (corner of 5th Ave & 3rd Street)

COST: **FREE** for cocoa/cookies/conversation/holiday tunes

Stop by in winter garb and say howdy! We'll have heaters running in the garage if it's a cold day.



BAG COST: **\$1.00 per luminaria bag** >> **GNA Members: buy 20, get 5 bags FREE!**

Luminarias are non-flammable and include the bag, sand & a flickering battery-operated candle (it's the same candle brand we used three years ago — and they stayed lit for weeks!!!)

We will DELIVER your bags if you'd prefer! Just let us know!

You can pre-pay on the website, or pay at pick up!

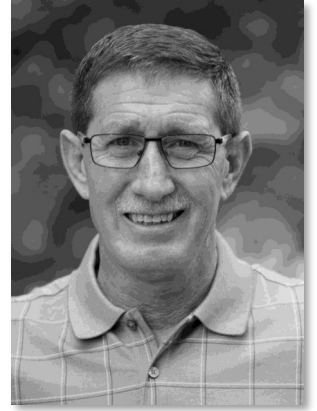
Want to Email Your Order? Have Questions? email NeighborhoodGibraltar@gmail.com

NEW NEIGHBORS: please DO stop by & say HELLO — we'd love to meet you!!

PRESIDENT'S POST

Hello Neighbors,

Greetings! I feel even more blessed than usual that we have this great Neighborhood Association and this newsletter which offers me the tremendous opportunity to reach all of you safely during this unusual time. As a frontline worker here for the city of Council Bluffs, I'd like to encourage you more than ever to adhere to the CDC safety guidelines at this time of year, since the cooler temperatures make avoiding the virus even more of a challenge. Remember to wear your mask, social distance, wash hands regularly and limit social gatherings. It won't be long and spring will arrive with both warmer temperatures, outdoor activities and hopes for a vaccine.



It is exciting to see the holiday season begin with many of you decorating your homes to commemorate the holiday. Normally we would gather in one of the Gibraltar neighborhood's beautiful historical homes, but this year we will suspend the event so that everyone can stay safe and be able to gather next year. Please don't forget our "Drive-By" luminaria pickup event December 13th (see **page one** of the newsletter for details, and order your luminarias NOW before supplies run out!). We'll be serving cocoa and cookies from a safe distance and would love to see and/or meet you!! I hope you will join us for a quick "Season's Greetings" and good cheer while illuminating our neighborhood.

ALSO— a reminder that we continue to support our area food banks by doing Sunday pick-ups of your bag or box of donated non-perishable food items. Just text me at 712-310-9431 with your address to let me know you have a pickup, and simply leave the items on your front porch. I'll swing by after 3:00pm that Sunday to do a "contactless" pick up of the items.

As the saying goes, "Hindsight is 2020" and we have numerous things to look forward to in 2021. Wishing you and your family a blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,
Steve Gorman



From Your Gibraltar Neighbor, Kate Cross:

You're Invited to Share our Love for Christ and Neighbors

Drop by **526 South 3rd Street**, where you are invited to bring your family to our interactive Santa and Elves props for children to take pictures with, as well as a "Letters to Santa" Drop box! You are more than welcome to have your children drop their letters in there for a bit of fun of Christmas magic.

We have also set up a Nativity Scene with hay bales for your children, friends, and family to take pictures if you want, or just to enjoy. Both sets are right off the sidewalk in the front yard. Feel free to visit the outside scenes whenever you please!

The meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the Savior, Jesus Christ. A time to share and reflect on the foundations of faith and the importance of faith, family, and Friends. A time to celebrate God's love for the world through the birth of the Christ child.

The Christmas story is recorded in **Luke 2:4-19**.

Mark 12:31 - The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

1 Peter 3:8 - Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Corinthians 10:24 - No one should see their own good, but the good of his neighbor.

Sincere Blessings of His word in You and Yours lives, Merry Christmas!



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



DODGE HOUSE for the Holidays!

Experience Christmas as it was in the last quarter of the 19th century. Enjoy the General Dodge House and the Beresheim House with all the lights off, illuminated only by flickering (artificial) candlelight and 24 beautifully decorated and lighted trees. Each tree features its own distinct theme.

Tours are available in 20 minute intervals beginning at 6:00pm, with the last tour ending at 10:00pm on December 12th or 19th. Only \$15 per person. There is a maximum of 10 individuals permitted in groups.

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8:00-6:00 Mon-Fri + 9:00-noon Saturday (drive-up)

FOOD DRIVE: still working to help those in need!

WHERE: Your Front Porch!

WHEN: Any Sunday... For as long as it takes!

Helping our community's most vulnerable.

The Covid-19 Pandemic is still impacting so many families in our community, and those folks who are not currently working and are having a hard time keeping food on the table are adding to the strain on an already-burdened food pantry system. ***But you can help!***

Since mid-April our neighborhood has been collecting non-perishable food items and donating them to area food banks. And it's so easy because you don't have to leave the comfort of your own home, or interact with anyone else to do it! Sundays after 3:00pm are "pick up" days for donations.

Simply put together a sack or box of nonperishable food items and place on your front porch! Then text Steve Gorman at 712-310-9431 and he will pick up the items to deliver to the pantry. **No Contact!! Easy-peasy!!**

Thank YOU for helping those less fortunate!!



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POSTPONING ELECTIONS!!

Hi neighbors. Under normal circumstances, your neighborhood board would be holding elections this January... however, we are faced with the unprecedented circumstances in that we have no way to safely meet, and no easy way for folks to cast ballots or introduce themselves as they take a run for office.

Therefore, your current board has voted to temporarily postpone elections until we are once again able to gather together.

Current board members have agreed to continue to fulfill duties in the interim (although we just don't have a whole lot going on right now, due to the mitigating circumstances!). Please let us know if you have concerns.

We're all chomping at the bit to once again gather, celebrate our friendships and our neighborhood, and put our board in place for another two years. Until then, stay safe and happy new year!



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

*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!*

Dave & Amy Adams	Teresa Gerjevic	Linda Meyer
Joe & Kim Atkinson	Steve & Chris Gorman	Clay & Dana Miller
Darwin & Christine Baker	Michele Graham	Turner Morgan & Abby Jares
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH YOUR ANNUAL DUES!!
It would not be possible without YOU!

HAPPY ☆ NEW YEAR

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?
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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**

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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)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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 _____