



ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

It's Winter Time: Keep Walkways Clear!

While most folks would agree that freshly-fallen snow is truly a lovely sight to behold, all folks can agree that *un-shoveled snow* can create big problems on sidewalks & driveways. According to C.B. Department of Works Policy, "In accordance with Section 10.32.010 of the Council Bluffs Municipal Code, it is still the responsibility of property owners to remove all snow from their sidewalks. All complaint calls about private sidewalks not being cleared will be routed to the Right-of-Way division of the Public Works Department @ 712-328-4636."

The general rule of thumb is that residents have 24 hours to clear walkways after the plows are through. If the Department receives a complaint call from neighbors regarding un-shoveled walkways, the usual procedure is to leave the homeowner a note with a deadline for clearing the snow, and if that deadline is not met, the City will send a crew to clear the walkway and bill the homeowner — often to the tune of hundreds of dollars!!

SOooo, what would be the preferred steps regarding an snowy sidewalk situation?

Option 1: Be Neighborly. If your neighbor's sidewalk isn't shoveled in a timely manner, the **FIRST** thing you could do would be contact them to make sure everything is okay: are they hospitalized or sick? Is there another reason they are unable to accomplish the task? Good neighbors look out for each other!

Option 2: Be a Hero. If you are able, play the good Samaritan and shovel your neighbor's walk for them. Many of us have snowblowers, and it's usually not a big deal to add another 30 feet to your route. An act of kindness can be very fulfilling. As my Mom would say, "that just adds one more jewel to your crown."

Option 3: Last Resort. You've talked with your neighbor and they **STILL** won't clear their sidewalk... it's time to call the City. **NONE** of us wants to slip and fall, and injuries are **EXPENSIVE** (both to the injured and to the homeowner). **And remember to SALT your walkways when conditions are icy!**

MARCH 2019 Gibraltar Meeting

When: **Friday, March 15th**

Time: 6:30 — 7:30 pm

Where: **Jim & Alicia Brady's Home**

902 So. 3rd Street (Corner of 9th & 3rd)

*Thank you to the Brady's for opening their beautiful Victorian home (the Martin Hughes house) for our meeting! Get to know your neighbors while we discuss the latest news and continue to lay plans for projects in the upcoming year. **We hope to see you there!***

Like us on Facebook!

In our ongoing effort to provide great communication to ALL our neighbors, the Gibraltar Neighborhood now has a **Facebook** page!

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



You can use our page to pose questions, keep in touch with neighbors, alert folks to things going on in our 'hood, and learn more about upcoming events and such. *We look forward to seeing you on Facebook!*

FROM PRESIDENT MORGAN!



Happy New Year, Neighbors!

It's official... my resolutions are already shot. Only took 26 days (a little better than average). Turns out having a new born will make you reach for the cookies, a nightcap when he's finally asleep, and only speak the curse words of the new language you were hoping to learn. While we still have ambitions of our own, it's become abundantly clear that Murph is the captain now. As we navigate into the uncharted waters of parenthood, we are grateful to be anchored by so many wonderful neighbors who have reached out to support Abby and me. [And if you are rolling your eyes at my nautical references (as I am), you try writing a neighborhood letter after a month of sleep deprivation.]

Stay connected - Shout out to Jim and Gary for hosting a WONDERFUL holiday party. The turnout was great, and I was so glad to see so many new faces. Pictures have been posted on our website and new Facebook page — just search for “Gibraltar Neighborhood Association.” If you are on social media, be sure to like and follow our page! Since this seems to be the platform of choice for many neighbors, we'll be posting news, minutes, meetings, and events so give us a “like” and comment. While the weather has us cooped up indoors — let's post and stay connected!

Mark your calendars - More love and praise for our neighbors Anna and David Brooks who hosted our first neighborhood meeting of the year. We have lots to look forward to in 2019 and we hope that anyone who is reading this can join us in our festivities. Future meetings and events will be locked down shortly so keep an eye out and your calendars at the ready. Our next meeting will be hosted by Jim and Alicia Brady on March 15th at 6:30, in their lovely home at 903 S. 3rd Street.

Dues - *It's time to renew your GNA membership. Your paid membership puts you first in line for benefits and opportunities in our neighborhood, as well as giving you the satisfaction of belonging to one of the best neighborhood associations around. Please make a check out in the amount of \$25, payable to GNA and mail to: GNA, PO Box 1971, Council Bluffs, IA 51502.*

Finally — I'd just like to say thank you to each one of you who have looked out for your neighbors and made Gibraltar the community it is today. All the parental literature out there (and holy moly is there a lot of it!) will tell you what a rare thing it is to have such a caring informal network of human beings. So, for every one of you who has shoveled a driveway for a neighbor on vacation, kept an eye out for the kids playing next door, waved to the car passing by, watched a pet for the lady next door, or invited the folks across the street for dinner... this nightcap is for you (Murph is finally asleep!). Cheers.

Warmly,

Turner Morgan — GNA President (in the event of my sudden disappearance, my son J.J. Murphy Morgan shall retain all privileges and power that comes with being president of such a distinguished neighborhood. After all, he is pretty stinkin' cute).

***How about this for a
New Year's Resolution:***

Take the time to be a

GOOD

NEIGHBOR

GNA General Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2019

Thank you to 14 individuals who joined us at David & Anna Brooks' house for the GNA Meeting. We missed all of you who were unable to attend, and hope to see you at future meetings.

Upcoming Meetings – Tentative Dates/Locations: March 15, 2019 – Jim & Alicia Brady's Home; May 17, 2019 – Dennis Fellhauer & Brian Wedemeier's Home; July 11, 2019 – the Dodge House (celebrating their 150th Anniversary); September 2019 Social – Kirn Park; in partnership with Fairmont Park Neighborhood; October 2019 Social – Quarter Auction Fundraiser.

Speakers for Future Meetings: Following is a list that was brainstormed of potential speakers to invite to future GNA meetings: Vincent from Parks & Rec, Par Officer, Fire Marshall, Mayor, City Council Member, City Planner, Community Development Coordinator, Public Works, Local businesses, Canvas Concoctions.

Curb Update: Steve Gorman spoke with the Mayor about the curbs issue. The Mayor is promising them at some point and time. They will be discussed further at the March GNA Meeting.

Fairmont Park & Mural: Unfortunately, due to Fairmont Park being public property, we cannot use the 712 Initiative Walkability Project Funds for this endeavor. Therefore, we will proceed with the second goal of using the funds for a mural on the exterior wall of the CB Genealogical Society (4th St. & S. Main). If you would like to be a part of assembling possible images for the mural, please contact Turner Morgan.

Fairmont Park Next Steps: There still is a desire to see a trailhead established at the 9th Ave. entrance to Fairmont Park. Neighbors discussed looking into possible grants or a partnership with Conagra to make this project a possibility. However, before a grant can be applied for, the GNA would need a CPA to complete an audit statement to submit along with Grant proposals.

Conagra Fence & Plaque: When you have a chance, drive down to the corner of 9th Ave. & 3rd St. to see the beautiful fence that Conagra put up as a result of the hard work led by Alicia Brady and the GNA. Currently, Alicia Brady is working with Conagra to create a GNA plaque to be mounted on the new fence at that corner.

Communication: We would love to get better at communicating as a neighborhood. Currently, the forms of GNA communication that exist are the bi-monthly newsletter, Gibraltar Website, Nextdoor.com website, and the Gibraltar Facebook page. As we seek to improve on communication, GNA members proposed using constant contact to send out email updates, creating a neighborhood directory (whether electronic or paper), and utilizing personal invites through block captains.

Block Captains: Anna Brooks is leading the charge in inviting neighbors to consider becoming a block captain. *A block captain is an individual who desires to help foster engagement among those living on their block in the Gibraltar neighborhood. This can be done through building relationships, inviting neighbors to be a part of GNA meetings & social events, and meeting needs that exist within our neighborhood.*

The following individuals volunteered to serve as block captains: Amy Adams, Kate Cross, Alicia Brady, David & Anna Brooks, Chris & Steve Gorman, & Turner Morgan. However, we still have many untouched areas of our neighborhood, where a block captain would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to learn more or serve as a block captain, please contact Anna Brooks Anna.Brooks@cru.org or 414-507-9649.

Don't forget to pay your 2019 GNA dues!

Respectfully Submitted,
David, Anna, & Baby Brooks





DECEMBER HOLIDAY SOCIAL: What an incredibly fun gathering!!

So many thanks to Jim Keiffer & Gary Lopez for hosting our December Neighborhood Holiday Social event! Great food, great beverages, and LOTS of fun folks made the evening incredible! It's so wonderful to celebrate together as we look forward to another year of neighbors coming together to make Gibraltar a great place to live! **HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!**



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



150 YEARS

**The
General Dodge House**

**is celebrating its
150th Anniversary!**

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***Watch for upcoming events
throughout the year on the
Dodge House website and
facebook pages.***

RECIPE CORNER

*Those who attended the December Neighborhood Social were treated to a DELICIOUS dish prepared by Gibraltar Resident **Bobby Adams!** With many requests for the recipe, we share it with you now!*

Bobby's Amazing Brussels Sprouts

Ingredients

1-2 lbs Brussels Sprouts cleaned & halved
(slice bottom off, cut in half top-to-bottom)
1 large shallot, finely chopped
1/2 lb bacon, cut into large cubes
2 Tbsp olive oil
1 lemon
Kosher Salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. Brown bacon in a pan until crispy (be sure to render all the fat out of the bacon, and reserve fat)
3. Place halved Brussels sprouts in a 9x13 roasting pan
4. Sprinkle chopped shallot into pan with sprouts
5. Take bacon and bacon fat pour all over sprouts
6. Toss all ingredients to coat, add some salt and a drizzle of the olive oil
7. Place in oven and let roast for 25 minutes until starting to brown; open oven and stir.
8. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and roast for another 20 minutes until nice and soft.
9. While resting, sprinkle w/a little lemon juice & salt if needed.

For Aioli

Shortcut Aioli: use 3/4 cup good mayonnaise plus 2 - 3 Tbsp Sriracha Hot Sauce plus Lemon juice and a pinch of salt; whisk in a bowl.

—OR—

Make mayonnaise from scratch:

1 large egg yolk
1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
1 tsp white vinegar
3/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 tsp lemon juice

1. Place in blender egg yolk, mustard, pinch of salt blend until well combined.
2. Open top of blender: drizzle in 1/4 cup oil slowly while blender is running.
3. Once thickened, add vinegar and lemon juice.
4. While running, drizzle last 1/2 cup oil VERY slowly until thickened more. If you notice the oil is not incorporating into the emulsification, stop adding oil and blend, as you are adding it too fast.
5. Add 2-3 Tbsp of Sriracha Hot Sauce and blend well.

Serve sprouts with Aioli for dipping or for drizzling over the top.

2019 DUES are DUE!!

Neighborhood Association Membership funds the projects and gatherings that we undertake throughout the year! Won't you join? Dues are just \$25, payable at the beginning of the year, and are fully tax deductible under our 501c3 non-profit status!

Save yourself a stamp and bring a check to the next meeting! Or, contact GNA Treasurer Tom Emmett (402-346-6734) to make arrangements, and he can pick up the check from you! Or, drop a check in the mail (mailing address and form are on the last page of this newsletter!).

Your annual dues help fund projects like:

- > Quarterly Neighborhood Social Events
- > Neighborhood Identification Banners
- > Neighborhood Cleanup Day
- > Celebrate C.B. Parade Participation
- > National Neighborhood Conference engagement
- > Future projects like the Sidewalk Repair Initiative and possibly a community garden, etc., etc.!

Help keep Gibraltar moving in a positive direction by support through annual dues. THANK YOU!

DID YOU KNOW?

VISION: The Gibraltar Neighborhood is a clean, safe neighborhood that offers an interesting mix of well kept homes within one of the Historic areas of Council Bluffs and provides its residents with a place to live where neighbors look out for one another 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.

Gibraltar's LITTLE FREE LIBRARY is always in need of BOOKS!

Have you taken advantage of the free library lately? The library is located in the green space at the corner of **Story St. & 4th Street**. There are children's books and adult books for you to borrow for as long as you wish... **FOR FREE!** **If you have books you no longer need and can CONTRIBUTE them to the library, simply deposit them in the library box, or contact Cory Peters and she'll come pick them up from you.**



Share the joy of reading today! Thank you!

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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From the Rock Talk editor: Kate Brewer, Gibraltar resident and author, has graciously volunteered to contribute her creative talents to our newsletter! I know you'll enjoy reading her short stories as much as I do! I can't wait for more! — Cory Peters

4:47 p.m. on a Friday

By Kate Brewer

“What’s Up Your Chimney Sweeps’ this is Jerry, how can I help you?”

“Hi, my name is Helen and-”

“Pretty name. Had a mom named Helen once.”

“I... my condolences.”

“What for?”

“Your mom? I’m sorry for your loss.”

“Ah, I see, I see. No she’s not dead.”

“Oh. Good. Good.”

“Foster mom. I grew up in foster care.”

“Right. That makes sense.”

“What do you mean by that?”

“By what?”

“It makes sense that I grew up in foster care? What are you trying to say?”

“Huh? I just meant the mom comment, the syntax? You said ‘had’ and I was confused, so-”

“I’m just kidding! Kidding. Yeesh.”

“Of course.”

“I did grow up in foster care though. I liked Helen.”

“Happy to hear it. So anyway I-”

“So what can I do you for?”

“Right, so I think I have a bat in my chimney and-”

“Are you a brunette, Helen?”

“Come again?”

“Brown hair. Do you have brown hair?”

“I know what brunette means.”

“I wasn’t sure because when I asked, you said ‘come again.’”

“Yeah I get that. Why are you asking about my hair color?”

“My foster mom, Helen, she was a brunette. Just curious. Also she didn’t like bats. Hated ‘em. They used to fly in through the chimney, scared the daylights out of her. She was convinced we were all going to get rabies and die.”

“That sounds awful.”

“Well, depends on your perspective I guess. My foster dad was a chiropterologist.”

“A what?”

“Person who studies bats. Helen would give us a nickel to board up the top of the chimney, then when she’d go to watch her soaps David would pay us a dime to go back up and tear the boards off.”

“David?”

“Foster dad, keep up.”

“Uh.”

“Anyway, it was a good racket.”

“So is that how you got interested in chimney sweeping?”

“No.”

“Oh... well like I said, I think there’s a bat in my chimney and I need someone to take care of it.”

“What makes you think it’s a bat?”

“It’s happened a few times where a bat got in through the chimney, but this time I think one got stuck and died.”

“Again, what about your situation screams ‘bat’ to you? You’re not giving me much to work with here.”

“Um, there was a lot of flapping and squeaking at first and now there’s just a bad smell.”

“Have you ever thought about fostering children?”

“Can’t say I have.”

“That’s a shame. It can be a very rewarding experience.”

“I’m sure it is, look – I’m sorry, you have a really interesting background and all but I just need to know if you can come look at my chimney and tell me if there’s a dead bat in there. Scratch that, there IS a dead bat stuck in my chimney and it’s rotting and it smells god-awful and I’d love it, just love it if I could have breakfast for dinner on a Tuesday night without it smelling like winged death rodent. Also my hair is black, I have black hair, okay? Can you or can you not help me out here?”

“What, me personally? No you’ve got it backward, hah, sorry I just answer the phone. Let me see if I can get a hold of one of our chimney sweeps. They’re a bit slippery sometimes. Hold please?”

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THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2019!

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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**We need YOU to
join the Gibraltar
Neighborhood
Association!**

**Please help
support our programs
and initiatives.**



*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!*

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*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.

Old-house guys: Couple find perfect Tudor Revival in historic Council Bluffs

By Marjie Ducey — Council Bluffs Nonpareil — Jan. 8, 2019

Jim Kieffer sometimes finds himself strolling through his Tudor Revival home in Council Bluffs, admiring the craftsmanship. Even after nine years. “It’s just a level you don’t see,” he says. “It’s cost prohibitive to have it in a house anymore. It’s kind of bygone.”

Quarter sawn oak was used for the dining room panels and crown molding. Walnut was the wood of choice in the parlor and living room with pine floors stained to match. The wood was milled for the 1908 house, designed by

J. Chris Jensen and built for Frank Everest. The crown moldings alone involve several pieces. That architecture and beautiful woodwork were two reasons Jim and husband Gary Lopez bought the 6,250-square-foot house in one of four neighborhood districts in Council Bluffs listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

They were looking for a project after completing a home renovation near 45th Street and Northwest Radial Highway in Omaha, and Iowa’s more liberal views about marriage equality at the time drew them across the river. “I do appreciate beautiful woodwork,” Jim says. “Gary and I are old-house guys.” That wasn’t the clincher, though. That heavy woodwork, typical of a Tudor Revival, absorbs the light. Jim was sold when he walked into the enclosed sun porch on the south side of the house. “I enjoy all the natural light coming in.”

For Gary, a major selling point was the art glass skylight over the main staircase. The sun porch is where you might find them taking a nap in an overstuffed chair on a Sunday afternoon or enjoying a book before the fire in the evening. They can take a few afternoons off after already tackling much of their to-do list for the house, which was structurally sound and the woodwork in excellent condition when they found it. They invested in repairs to the water heating system, new central air and a new roof and gutters. A greenhouse above the sun porch that was in poor condition was replaced by a balcony. They’ve redone the kitchen and four of the five bathrooms and have completed lots of cosmetic work such as painting and wallpapering. Most of it they tackled themselves.

Light was an issue in the kitchen, so they painted the oak cupboards white and the walls a light gray and installed a lighter bamboo floor, a Carrara marble back splash and stainless steel appliances. The black granite counter tops stayed. “We like big kitchens,” Jim says. “That all kind of brightened up the kitchen for us.” They also love the traditional layout and the multiple bedrooms and bathrooms, which provide plenty of space when family visits for the holidays. One bedroom houses Gary’s extensive Steiff teddy bear and antique toy collection. They created a Wizard of Oz theme in another bedroom, complete with a stuffed Toto, after they purchased a ruby slippers painting at Lauritzen Gardens. They also share a love for works by local artists.

They’re gardening nuts, too, Jim says, so they’ve done a lot of landscaping, including a new steel fence to enclose the yard. “In this last year, we added a pergola, to have more of a shady spot outside,” he says. A rose garden, something Jim misses from their previous home, is on the to-do list for when they retire, which isn’t far off. Jim, who works for Nebraska Medicine, says they still get the itch to buy and redo. But landscaping the back of the house, where they want to redo a retaining wall and add a deck, will keep them busy for a while. They’d also like to turn their bedroom and a second smaller bedroom with a jack-and-jill bath into a master retreat.

Although it was a bit of a shift to move to a new city and state, Jim says the two of them have been happy with that journey, which included a small wedding shortly after they arrived in Iowa. “The neighborhood has been just great in terms of the friendliest of people and being very neighborly,” Jim says. “There is quite a sense of community over here, and Council Bluffs has quite a network of very active neighborhood associations.





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. Learn more by visiting online at: www.uprrmuseum.org/news/familynights/shtml

March 1: Earth Night

April 5: Tangier Shrine's Circus Nights

May 3: Transcontinental Railroad 150th Anniversary

For 2019 the Union Pacific Museum is engaged in discovering the previously Hidden Histories of the Transcontinental Railroad. We will be offering a series of programs and events designed to engage the community in how this major engineering feat impacted communities and people in the U.S. Programming will examine the diverse perspectives and experiences of the railroad.

March 23 - Dragon Flag (1-3 pm - Union Pacific Museum): Join our curator, the Ford Conservation Center and the NE Chinese Association as we examine and discuss a large embroidered dragon flag in the UP collection, dating to the 19th century. There is much to learn about the origins of this flag! Chinese employees of the Union Pacific Coal Company in Rock Springs, WY, obtained a dragon flag in 1893 and used it in celebrations in Rock Springs. A Union Pacific Magazine article says that Leo Chee obtained a dragon flag for the UP Museum in 1929, and the donor record says that this flag was given to the Union Pacific Coal Mine Superintendent David Thomas in 1885 by Chinese employees. Which is true and what is the true significance of this beautiful object? Come and find out with us!

May 22 - 5:30 pm "Race to Promontory" watch party during Omaha Gives! Join us to welcome the makers of the documentary, "Race to Promontory." The producer, Rich Luckin, as well as TRAINS magazine editor Jim Wrinn, will be joined by experts and individuals interviewed in the making of this documentary that tells the story of the construction of the nation's first transcontinental railroad.

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MANY thanks to C.B. historian Mary Lou McGinn for discovering this interesting Nonpareil article from May 25, 1980! Time waits for no man, but time STILL continues to be kind to Clark Avenue!

Clark Avenue Unchanged by the Advance of Time

By Gertrude Tinley

There seems to be a tendency in the world today to destroy the old. Newness is a desirable objective. The battering ram and ten wheel trucks hold sway. With this destruction often goes a determination that nothing should be left to be cherished by later generations.

I was stabbed by the realization that soon many things that are precious to me will be unremembered. My thoughts reverted to the past. Had Clark Avenue changed? It had been so familiar to me as a child.

I remembered its quiet ambience and its friendly residents who seemed to feel a sense of contentment with the world. Memories of the past were tugging at my heart. I walked almost without volition toward Clark Avenue. It was almost that I was seeking some assurance that the battering ram had not destroyed a neighborhood that I held in loving memory.

CLARK AVENUE is a continuation of Turley Avenue. It turns to the south and bisects Fifth Avenue at a point one block east of Third Street. It runs south for one block to the foothills of Fairmount Park.

In my childhood Clark Avenue was guarded on the west by Gibraltar, that immense mound of clay which was shaped like the Rock of Gibraltar on the coast of Spain.

As I crossed the intersection of Clark Avenue and Fifth Avenue, I was relieved to see that the yellow brick house on the east side of Clark Avenue was still standing. It appeared to be unchanged. There was still an aura of aloofness about its dignified stance. When I was a child I lived in that yellow brick house. I was relieved to see that it was receiving the care it deserved.

The sight of it evoked a world of memories. As I walked up the brick walk that led to the front door, I had the same feeling of excitement and mystery that Dorothy must have felt as she traveled on her yellow brick walk. I remembered with joy the skylight room.

When I lived in the yellow brick house, the Thomas Metcalf family lived next door. Metcalf and his brother owned a men's clothing store at 508-510 Broadway. Their business stationery read "Metcalf Brothers Clothiers — hats, caps, furs, buck goods." The style conscious and high spirited young men in Omaha bought their clothing at Metcalf Brothers, aping the styles that the Council Bluffs Beau Brummells affected.

At the south end of Clark Avenue, on the same side of the street as the yellow brick house, was a tiny house, almost like a doll house, but perfect in every detail. A peek inside this house (owned by Gustave Louie) would have revealed beautiful furniture, which today would be considered as priceless antiques. Mr. Louie and his business partner, Alphonse Metzger, owned a restaurant located at 525-527 Broadway. It was one of the finest restaurants in the state of Iowa. Louie was a civic minded man and was interested in many other enterprises in Council Bluffs.

On the west side of Clark Avenue where Angela Bennett now lives was the home of the Woodworth Allen family, with their two sons Bowman and John.

The Allens, the Metcalfs, the Louies, the Tinleys have all been replaced by the Peterson-Ryan clan, the Bennetts, the Cutlers, the John Burke family, and the Berners. Unlike most neighborhoods, the dispersal of its original residents has not changed its way of life. The years seem to have passed with a light touch. There has been no decline of cultural values or other inherited traditions. This little street seems to have kept contact with its roots and has passed its heritage on to succeeding generations.



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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!

MARCH Meeting!

When: **Fri. March 15th** || 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Where: **Jim & Alicia Brady's House**
903 South 3rd Street

MAY: May 17th— Dennis/Bryan's House

JULY: July 10th – at Dodge House,
followed by a **FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL** and
FREE self-guided tours of the Dodge House!

SEPT SOCIAL: Social gathering at Kirn Park
with the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Assoc.
Pot luck event, live music, games! Date TBD.

OCT: Quarter Auction—Oct. 18th

NOV: Wed. Nov. 20th, short meeting, followed by
dancing at the Center! All ages—bring the kids!

DEC: Holiday Social! Date/Location TBD

MORE 2019 event info coming soon!

Fall QUARTER AUCTION!

When: **Friday, October 18, 2019**
Time: 5:30-8:00 pm (bidding starts 6:15)
Where: America Legion Post #2
716 South 4th Street, C.B.

Woo-hoo! Get ready for fun!

REMINDER! MAIL IN YOUR DUES!

You don't **HAVE** to be a paid member of the Neighborhood Association to attend events and be involved! But, if you do join the association, you'll have voting rights, receive preferred positioning for special projects, and get *that warm fuzzy feeling when you know your membership dues are helping make our neighborhood a better place!* Neighborhood dues are payable at the beginning of the year — just drop a check in an envelope (the address is on the form on the last page of the newsletter). **Thank you!**

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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 _____