#### **GNA's SOCIALLY-DISTANCED MARCH GATHERING!**

It's been a hard year and our neighbors are missing each other!! Plus, we have so many NEW neighbors that we'd love to meet!! So, we arranged with our friends at the American Legion to use their space for hosting a **60-minute neighborhood coffee klatch!** Stop by for a cup of Java and a donut or bagel. With everyone's safety in mind, we'll have tables spaced apart and plenty of room for sitting at an appropriate distance. Wear your mask, but remember you'll need to remove it for eating and drinking.:)



#### **GNA COFFEE KLATCH Get-Together**

"The perfect blend of friends and good conversation!"

WHEN: Saturday morning, March 6 > 10:30-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: The American Legion > 716 So. 4th Street

WHAT: Coffee, nosh and conversation

Mark your calendar, and we hope to see you there!

#### THANK YOU! MANY THANKS to

everyone who supported our neighborhood's December luminaria fundraiser!! Gibraltar looked so pretty for a few days... until the warm temps and the snow melt made for wet bags that were soggy and limp... GRRRR!!! So very frustrating.

Bags positioned out of the path of watery runoff seemed to hold up well, so we'll need to discuss best practices for the future. Your feedback and input are important — please share if you have any by emailing: <a href="mailto:NeighborhoodGibraltar@gmail.com">NeighborhoodGibraltar@gmail.com</a>

Sorry we don't have any photos of the get-together or the bagging... our small but mighty crew of Cory Peters, Chris Gorman and Steve Gorman didn't have time to take any! But, it was *great* to see folks, share a cup of cocoa and some delicious cookies, and spread a bit of holiday cheer.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful 2021!

#### 2021 Dues are due: Please Join!

Why does the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association ask for membership dues each year? While not required, when you join our historic neighborhood association you help fund projects like:

- > Betterment Initiatives such as Sidewalk Repair, Dumpster Day, and Trailhead Restoration
- > Enhancements like our Identification Banners
- > Quarterly Neighborhood Social Events
- > Neighborhood Clean Sweep
- > Support of Charities and City Causes, and more!

Your annual dues help keep Gibraltar moving in a positive direction, and gives you voting rights as well as priority positioning for projects.

Simply drop your check in the mail (address and form are on the last page of this newsletter!) **or even MORE convenient**, use our online payment portal at <u>GibraltarNA.org/donate</u>. THANK YOU!

#### PRESIDENT'S POST

Hello Dear Gibraltar Neighbors,

I hope this note finds you healthy and safe during these somewhat challenging times with both the cold weather and pandemic to deal with. Every time I light a fire in the fireplace and am able to enjoy a nice meal with loved ones I know how extremely fortunate I am. As I look back on thirty years as a Council Bluffs Fire fighter and my pending retirement date this spring I want to say, Thank you. Thank you Gibraltar residents and



all of Council Bluffs for paying my wages and benefits as a city employee and providing a wonderful standard of living for me and my family. I have truly enjoyed serving my community.

During these days in isolation, my wife and I have spent some time reflecting on our Neighborhood Association and its mission. It is hard to believe it was 13 years ago a core group of our neighbors gathered in the living rooms of each other's houses and wrote our By-Laws and Mission Statement. I've seen members come and go but the ideal remains. We want to improve our neighborhood! After many years of patient deliberation with City Officials, I am currently taking steps toward approaching the City Council once again about making GNA a priority in the City's budget. GNA needs new curbs! Our brick streets are gorgeous and should be preserved! We lack lighting on all of the streets that run through our neighborhood. I am not promising I can deliver all these things but I believe you won't get anything if we don't ask (and we have been politely asking for quite a number of years!).

Please remember the Food Drive is still going at Our Savior's Church. They will take any nonperishable food and pet food. They serve many people in need throughout Pottawattamie County and the need has recently increased. *Any contribution will help and be appreciated*. If you'd like to make a donation, leave it on your front porch on Sunday afternoons and then text my phone at 712-310-9431.

These cold, dark and stormy winter days and nights can be challenging and I want to implore you all to be steadfast in your efforts to wear masks, socially distant and avoid large crowds. I know it has been a long road, however the other side is just beyond and we will be past this pandemic soon. Before you know it, Spring will arrive and with it the chance to get out and see more of our neighbors once again.

Sincerely, Steve Gorman





#### GNA Board Minutes, December 2nd, 2020 (Board met via email)

President Steve Gorman, Vice President Anna Brooks, Treasurer Tom Emmett, Secretary Chris Gorman, Board member Mary Madison, Members at Large, Cory Peters and Turner Morgan

Due to Covid, Steve sent an email to the board with the following poll questions: Due to the pandemic and overuse of Zoom, we are asking for your direction. We need your input. ARE YOU OKAY WITH:

- 1. Suspending elections until July 2021?
- 2. Suspending the newsletter delivery and sending it by email to membership instead?
- 3. As a board, meeting digitally to make decisions until it is safe to convene in person?
- 4. Do you wish to meet with the Mayor and City Council members about our curbs and brick streets over the next few months.

#### Vote results were:

- 1. 5-yes to 0-no
- 2. 2-yes to 3-no
- 3. 5-yes to 0-no
- 4. 4-yes to 1-no

Newsletter was written, printed and <u>mailed</u> to Neighborhood. Next meeting (via email) will be <u>January 14th</u>, <u>2021</u>.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Gorman

#### January 14th, 2021: GNA Board meeting

Present: President-Steve Gorman, Vice President-Anna Brooks, Treasurer-Tom Emmett, Secretary-Chris Gorman, Member at Large-Mary Madison, Member at Large and Newsletter editor-Cory Peters, Member at Large-Turner Morgan

#### **Update on Trailhead**

Wellmark gave GNA a grant and another year to complete the project. Turner will send out an update on the new details. Turner made a sign that will be located on private property which will help people find the trail. Tom will help on the report of details and recognition in writing.

#### **Welcome Committee**

• There has been a welcome bag dropped off for new neighbors on 3rd Street. Three new houses in Grenville Court received Welcome bags. Two of them have joined GNA.

#### The schedule for 2021

- In July we will have "January" elections.
- In February, GNA Board will meet via Zoom. Anna made a motion to have an in-person, safe, social distancing/mask wearing event on **March 6th**, **2021 location TBA**. Cory will inquire with the new owner of The American Legion. March neighborhood Meet and Greet and Cookie/donut/rolls social. No-one made a second motion. Discussion continued and most agreed to have an in person social on Saturday, March 6th in the morning.

#### Newsletter

The cost of mailing in December was \$55.00. Should we mail winter issues? Chris made a motion to mail in the winter months. Cory made a motion to deliver the newsletter via mail 3 times a year (thus being a solution of: mail three times, deliver three times). Anna made a second motion. Unanimous vote was passed.

- 1. Content—Turner asked if anyone wants to write for the newsletter. Tom said he would offer his Dodge House history. More ideas; Everyone contributes one item. Various ideas were shared; Pet Article, home improvements, fitness, recipe, photos, drawings...etc.
- 2. Online GNA— Turner would like to pose a challenge that board members and GNA members share posts more frequently on GNA Facebook. Most of the board members agreed to this idea.

#### St. Patrick Church

There was some discussion what is GNA's stance on keeping or not keeping the integrity of the building. Steve decided we will share a message with Fairview Neighborhood that we agree the building should be preserved.

#### Streets and Curbs

Steve contacted each city council member and asked about preserving the brick streets and redoing curbs in the Gibraltar area. City Councilman Chad Hannan answered and came to visit the neighborhood, and Steve showed him repair needs. Chad agreed to visit with other City Council members about our concerns and get back to him. In the meantime, Steve is researching GNA's national registry status. GNA is going to create an informational package about the brick street's value, safety, profit (RR tour)...etc., so we can be prepared when we decide to approach the City Council on the need for updating our curbs, lighting, brick streets...etc. in our neighborhood.

Next Board Meeting will be via Zoom in late February. Respectfully submitted, Chris Gorman

# Spotlight on Service

### Lawyers in the Iowa National Guard deploy to **Kosovo for Operation Joint Guardian**



Left to right: CPT David Faith, CPT David Brooks, PFC Katherine Post (paralegal) and MAJ Benjamin Smith.

Major Genjamin Smith protection with his family on victured with his family on the day of his deployment Smith says goodbye to his two young drughters on the dry of his deployment.

The ISBA Public Relations Committee honors an Iowa attorney or group of attorneys each month in this special "Spotlight on Service" feature in The lowa Lawyer. If you would like to nominate someone to be recognized for his or her work in the community, please contact:

Melissa Higgins, mhiggins@iowabar.org.

Benjamin Smith, the Sac County attorney, recently said an emotional goodbye to his family as he was deployed to Kosovo with the Iowa National Guard 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, for Operation Joint Guardian.

"It is heartbreaking, especially now with the holidays looming," Major Smith said. "I have a wife and two young daughters I miss dearly."

Smith, who joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 2009,

serves as the lawyer for the Brigade Commander, and is also responsible for supervising, training and mentoring subordinate judge advocates and paralegals assigned to the Brigade. His unit is deployed for "Kosovo Force," the NATO-led peacekeeping mission which has operated in Kosovo since 1999.

There are two other Iowa attorneys serving under Major Smith with the Iowa National Guard in Kosovo: Captain David Brooks, an attorney for the Iowa State Public Defender's Office in Council Bluffs, and Captain David Faith, an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa. Their duties include serving as the trial counsel, military justice advisor and foreign claims commissioner for the region - prosecuting crimes under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. They also advise commanders on military

justice proceedings and adjudicate any claims by foreign nationals against the United States.

"Our mission in Kosovo is to ensure a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for the people of Kosovo," explained Capt. Brooks. "I will be advising our commanders on a variety of issues, including operations and ethics. In the military, our commanders are given tremendous power as they make tough decisions. As a commander's legal and ethical advisor, we often say that as a military lawyer, we have to speak truth to power."

All three men are taking leave from their "day jobs" as practicing civilian attorneys, and they credit supportive employers and spouses for their ability to carry out this mission.

"I feel bad that my wife is having to function as a single working parent (she is also a lawyer) in the midst of everything going on in the world right now," said Capt. Faith. "Fortunately, my wife has been extremely supportive and is strong enough to handle anything that happens at home. I couldn't do what I do here without knowing that."

Being gone for such a long time is hard," said Capt. Brooks. "My wife and I have two children under 20 months and I miss them a lot. I am constantly

amazed at my wife's ability to manage—she undoubtedly has a more difficult job at the moment than I do. I am also very grateful to my civilian employer—it would be hard to be in the military without such supportive coworkers. The State of Iowa goes above and beyond to support its workers who are in the military."

The three men say their careers as lawyers trained them well for this kind of service.

"Lawyers have a special skill set which gives us the opportunity to contribute something meaningful to all the institutions that shape our society, protect us and govern us," said Capt. Faith.

It is also about carrying on a family tradition.

"This experience means doing my part. I'm not charging up hills into machinegun fire like my grandfather (a World War II veteran) did, but this is something I can do. This is service I can offer," said Capt. Faith. "I'm proud of that."

"There are several reasons I joined the military; foremost, however, was my admiration for my late grandfather, an Army Ranger who served in World War II. He loved our country unconditionally and believed fighting for it to be a great honor and privilege. I have always felt the same," said Major Smith.

> Gibraltar Neighborhood resident David Brooks is featured in this article.

We thank him for his service and wish him a safe return!

If you see Anna Brooks (or her sister Ruth) out and about walking with the kiddos, be sure to stop and say hi!

#### Our Savior's Lutheran PANTRY! by Chris Gorman

Our Savior's Lutheran Food & Pet Pantry, located at 313 Story Street, offers food assistance at no cost to any Pottawattamie county resident in need. Thanks to the donations of time, food, and money from the congregation and our community, Our Savior provides food to hundreds of people each month.



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PALE substitute. Behold, an easy-peezy 'hack' that makes tube rolls taste AMAZING!

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- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2. Lightly grease 9x13 baking dish and distribute the cinnamon rolls, spaced evenly
- 3. Thoroughly mix together cream and sugar and pour over the top of the rolls
- 4. Bake for 35 minutes (or desired doneness)
- 5. Spread frosting over the hot rolls (or use cream cheese frosting for extra decadent rolls)

#### ENJOY!





#### **ANNUAL GNA TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financial health of our neighborhood is strong. As agreed upon and planned, we have been forwarding funding to the City of the new **Fairmount Park Trailhead project**, which was originally kick-started by a \$20,000 improvement grant from the Wellmark Foundation (which was reflected in the 2019 treasurer's report last year). We are happy to report that the City is *matching funds for this project* as outlined in this year's City budget. We also received an additional \$1,000 from the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation to help with this improvement project.

**Event Costs** in 2020 consisted primarily of reimbursement of costs for our 2019 winter social/party, and for renting the dumpster for our 2020 Spring Neighborhood Cleanup initiative. Communications expenses were related to our newly-upgraded website and Zoom meeting costs. The majority of our postage cost was for our P.O. box. Our Luminaria event brought in a little income and a lot of light to our neighborhood. We'll consider how to continue and improve the event in the future.

This year we paid to have our **books audited** (technically, a "compilation") by Bland & Associates, a professional CPA firm. This will make us eligible and/or more competitive when applying for grants. Our 990N was filed for 2019 and we will soon file our 2020 990N with the IRS. Our biannual filing with the State of Iowa will soon be complete.

Please pay your 2021 dues soon; great news, you can pay your dues via our website: GibraltarNA.org/donate.

January 2020 Opening Balance: \$30,081\*

#### 2020 Income:

Dues = \$1,025\*\*

Newsletter Ads = \$125

Grants = \$1,000 (to be applied to the Trailhead Improvement project)

Donations = \$131 (from Omaha Gives campaign)

Other = \$7

Luminaria payments = \$300\*\*\*

PayPal = \$227 (mixture of dues and luminaria payments)

2020 Total Income: \$2,815

#### 2020 Expenses:

2019 Audit = \$750

Fairmount Park Trailhead = \$23,000 (\$20,000 of which was Wellmark grant money)

Communications = \$232

Events = \$509

Postage = \$183

Luminaria Supplies = \$354

Other = \$40

2020 Total Expenses: \$25,068

#### **December 2020 Closing Balance:** \$7,828

All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar. Margin of error calculated to 0.01%

Respectfully submitted, Tom Emmett, GNA Treasurer



<sup>\*</sup> Includes \$20,000 grant awarded by Wellmark Foundation for Fairmount Park Trailhead Improvement project.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Does not include dues paid in Dec. 2019 or Jan. 2020.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Does not include luminaria income deposited in 2021.

#### The History We Live In: Charles T. Officer Home by Mary Lou McGinn

On February 16, 1943, Charles Officer, 88, dean of the Council Bluffs realtors and a pioneer resident of Council Bluffs, was found dead at his desk, still wearing his overcoat. His wife, Edith, told the coroner that he had left home a short time earlier. The next day, a Nonpareil story gave the details of his life. He was born on March 18, 1854, in Jacksonville, Illinois. In 1856, he came to Council Bluffs via steamboat with his parents. They left the boat at Wray's building, south of Council Bluffs, about where Lake Manawa is today. Years later, his sister Julia reportedly gave Lake Manawa its name which, in the Indian language, means "Beautiful."

His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Pusey) Officer, had been friends with Abraham Lincoln when they lived in Illinois. When Lincoln visited Council Bluffs in 1859 to check on some property he had received as collateral on a loan, the Officers entertained him in their home. Charles attended public schools in Council Bluffs and graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1878. While in Pennsylvania, he married Margaret Boyle.



The Charles T. Officer home, located at 228 5th Ave., features narrow clapboard siding, a hipped roof with eave overhang and hipped dormers with exposed rafter

He returned with his wife to Council Bluffs and went to work as a paying teller at the Officer & Pusey Bank, founded by William Pusey and Charles' father, who was senior partner. H.H. Field, in his "History of Pottawattamie County," writes that he stayed at the bank until 1900, when the bank was discontinued, and turned his attention to the real estate, loan and insurance business. The Nonpareil tells the story of how the real estate business grew during the late nineteenth century: "It was during the boom years of 1886-87 when realtors stayed open until midnight selling property direct from a company map, that he became interested in real estate."

"He purchased two lots at the location of Eighteenth Street and Broadway and before he could obtain final deeds to the lots, he sold them for \$900 – more than twice the purchase price. He and seven other business men incorporated and purchased forty acres of land in the western portion of the city for \$40,000 in gold, and before they could resell at a profit the boom ended suddenly. Those in the enterprise took their share of the property and a few years later Officer sold his lots for \$30,000, realizing a profit of nearly \$20,000. The real estate business proved too inspiring for Mr. Officer and he resigned his position at his father's bank and started a real estate company in 1901 with offices at 419 West Broadway." He later moved his office to 128 S. Main St.

Margaret Officer died in 1927 and, in 1930, Charles married Edith (Brock) Beardsley. He had a stepson, Richard, and two stepdaughters, Jean and Virginia. In politics, he was a Republican but never sought political office. He attended the First Presbyterian Church. His parents were among the thirteen original members who organized the church in 1856. The story continues: "It was their residence, now used by the Cutler funeral home\*, that was called, 'Preachers Hotel.' There was hardly a visiting minister or missionary who failed to stop at the Officer home." The bell for the first church was donated by his mother, Elizabeth Officer. It was later given to the courthouse where it sounded the hours of the tower clock for several years.

The Officers are buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery. The nomination of the Willow/Bluff/Third Street historic district provides a description of the house. It retains the original narrow clapboard siding, hipped roof with eave overhang, hipped dormers with exposed rafter tails, porch with paired and tripled round <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-height columns on brick piers, original multi-pane over single pane and fixed pane windows, and a rounded bay on the front porch.

\*Now part of Cutler-O'Neill Meyer-Woodring.

Preserve Council Bluffs acknowledges the following sources of information for this series: National Register of Historic Places nominations, the reference department of the Council Bluffs Public Library, the auditor's office of the Pottawattamie County courthouse, Council Bluffs Community Development Department, homeowners, family members and individual research. Mary Lou McGinn can be reached by email at mlmcginn@cox.net.

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**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.



#### **THANK YOU** to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2021!

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

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#### THE PERFECT EXTENDED WEEKEND GETAWAY, by Tom Emmett

Most of us living in the Historic Gibraltar Neighborhood live here, in part, because we love historic homes. It takes a special person to appreciate the construction, detail and preservation of the homes we've been entrusted to. That's why — when it is once again safe to travel and mingle — we might want to take advantage of a grouping of historic homes, just a day trip away, that are among the most significant on the North American continent.

Just south of St. Louis, Missouri--itself significant for it's historic homes--is the little town of St. Genevieve. The town was founded in 1735 by French Canadian immigrants and is the first town established in Missouri. The old-

est surviving structures known as "French Creole Colonial" constitute the largest concentration of such homes in North America dating from the third and fourth quarters of the 18th century. As you might imagine, many such homes existed in New Orleans, but most were destroyed in the fires of 1788 and 1791.

Unlike Anglo homes of the day, in which homes were built what we would call "log cabin style" with the wood frame laid horizontally, the distinctive quality of these Cre-



ole houses are *poteaux en terre* (posts-in-the-ground) where the walls made of upright wooden posts. In addition, these posts do not support the floor of the home. The floor is supported by separate stone pillars. Set into dirt, the walls of such buildings were vulnerable to flood damage, termites and rot. This risk, however, could be mitigated by the abundance of white oak which has some resistance to these dangers.

There are other unique attributes of these early French Colonial homes that deserve mention. These homes enjoy extensive porches (where the family would essentially work in the summer) supported by slender wooden columns. These homes have steeply pitched, hipped roofs supported by the amazing Norman trusses. These enormous trusses, hand hewn, can be viewed in two of the six homes that can be toured. These six homes, all unique in themselves, testify to life in the 18th century Mississippi valley. Visitors will not only learn about the architecture, but about area history, daily life and even how the town faired during the famous New Madrid earthquake in 1812.

In total, there are less than 100 examples of urban and rural French colonial homes that survive in North America. Many of these homes have been lost in two ways. First, some have been modified again and again over the centuries and are hidden from view by virtue of their successive "improvements". From time to time these homes are discovered. The second, and, most regrettable way these homes are being lost is to indifference and neglect. Our nation's French Colonial homes are among the rarest and least appreciated of historic homes in our nation.

Should you plan a trip to St. Genevieve, four days would be recommended. Two for comfortable travel and two for seeing the town. There are a number of excellent Bed and Breakfasts in the area. You may want to consider the Southern Hotel located in the center of the town. It features a great breakfast and has a museum-like quality. Also, the Inn at St Gemme Beauvais features great breakfasts and candle-lit tables. There are a number of other accommodations you may wish to consider.

Oh, by the way, John James Audubon, the famous ornithologist, naturalist and painter hailed from St. Genevieve. Not too far away is the town of Bonne Terre. While it does not have the charm and history of St. Genevieve, it does feature the remnants of an old mine that now serves as the world's largest fresh-water dive resort. If you love to scuba dive, this place is calling your name!

So, when the pandemic is finally behind us and your household is able to plan an extended weekend vacation, consider St. Genevieve. You wont' be disappointed.

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