



ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NOVEMBER meeting

November 15th is our last neighborhood meeting of 2017. Let's have a good turnout as we'll discuss planning ideas and strategies for 2018! We'll also be knocking around ideas and taking nominations for board members for the January Elections!

Come share your ideas, input and two cents! Help your neighborhood association board point our future projects in the direction that matters most to you!



DECEMBER FUN!!

We have a really fun-filled day coming up in mid-December that should put everyone in a festive mood! Music, luminaries, and holiday cheer... all happening in one day!

We'll also be selling wreaths and poinsettias again this year. You'll find MORE INFO on both of these in the following pages, but this is your notice to GO GRAB YOUR CALENDAR NOW, and write this stuff down! Ya don't wanna miss it!

Mark your calendars NOW for future events!

REMINDER: OCTOBER SOCIAL/GERMAN DINNER

Our October Neighborhood Social Event will be hosted by our neighbors & friends at Our Savior's Lutheran (OSL) Church. As part of their 500th Year Celebration, they invited our neighborhood to join them for dinner (or lunch!). **If you RSVP'd to Cory last month** that you will be attending, PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTEND! (OSL is making food based on the number of participants!)

DETAILS ABOUT THE EVENT(S) are:

WHAT: *Delicious Homemade German Food and Refreshments*

WHEN: DINNER on the evening of Saturday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m. –or–
LUNCH on the afternoon of Sunday, October 29th at 11:00 a.m.

COST: FREE for Gibraltar Residents & Families!!

WHERE: Social Hall at OSL, Bluff & Story Streets



ONLY ONE MEETING LEFT THIS YEAR! (Mark your calendars now!)

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

Wednesday, November 15, 6:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR DECEMBER CALENDAR NOW!

The Gibraltar Holiday Social and More will be Sunday, December 17th!

December is usually a pretty hectic month for folks, so we hope you'll make our neighborhood a priority on Sunday, Dec. 17th! We have a day full of events and holiday cheer planned!

●●●●●●●● LUMINARIA creation from 2:00 to 3:30

Stop by the Our Savior's Lutheran Parking lot where we'll have supplies on hand to build fun paper bag luminaria to light up your property! Each white paper sack will have sand in the bottom, plus a battery-operated flickering tea light (turns on/off and should last 100+ hours).

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED, so come early, or *put in your order ahead of time* by emailing Cory at coryp241@yahoo.com!!

****Gibraltar Neighborhood Association *members* get first TEN bags for FREE!

****Non-member price for bags (or for additional bags): only \$1.00 each! Extra lights: \$0.50 ea.



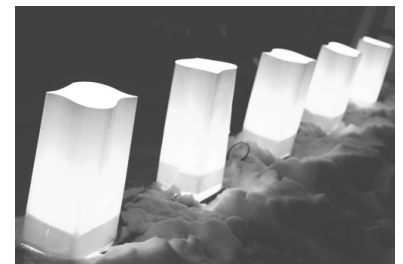
♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪ Holiday MUSIC CONCERT from 4:00 to 5:00

Our Savior's Lutheran Church will perform a festive holiday concert to put us all in the holiday spirit! Come enjoy the sounds of the season in a peaceful and comfortable environment.



●●●●●●●● Luminaria lighting from 5:00 to 6:00

Set out your new luminaria to light up the front of your property for all to see and enjoy! (Keep turning them on each evening throughout the holiday season!). Our neighborhood will be festive and inviting as we walk to our next event, our holiday party!



●●●●●●●● Holiday PARTY & SOCIAL EVENT from 6:00 to 9:00

Enjoy food, fun and much camaraderie as we celebrate the season with our friends and neighbors! For this potluck event, please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share, or a bottle or two of wine! You and your well-behaved children are welcome!

WHERE: **203 5th Ave. / Steve & Chris Gorman's House**



SANTA SAYS: "Celebrate the holiday season and get festive with your Gibraltar neighbors!!"

January Elections: WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!



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

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

After serving four years (two terms) as your neighborhood association President, Cory Peters will be stepping down at the end of December. While Cory will still be actively involved and available to help make connections and introductions, provide assistance, etc., she needs to make room for other volunteer commitments. She will also continue to volunteer as the newsletter editor (but is actively seeking HELP in pulling the content together—would you consider being part of the newsletter team?)

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

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



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5:30pm: Vinyasa Flow
7pm: Slow Flow

THURSDAY

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

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6:30pm: Durga-lates

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Beautify your home for the holidays with **Gorgeous Poinsettias & Pine Wreaths!**

Whether for yourself or as a gift for loved ones, a festive wreath or colorful poinsettia not only conveys your holiday spirit, but your purchase supports historic Gibraltar Neighborhood improvement projects!

- 1) 6" poinsettia in burlap pot w/decorative red or white bow: \$25
- 2) 18" round mixed greens wreath with decorative red or white bow: \$40
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Call to Reserve your wreath or plant by November 15!

Those who didn't order last year wished they HAD when they saw how lovely they were! Don't miss out! Products are beautiful, fresh, and lasted well after the holidays. You have different choices for colors and bows!



Advance payment by cash or check is required.

Contact Ann Walters by Nov. 15 at (402) 980-8149 for more info, to select your color options and make your purchase. **Mail or drop off** checks to Ann by Nov. 26 at 220 - 5th Ave., C.B. 51503

*****Pick up your plant or wreath on Saturday, December 2 at Loess Hills Floral, 1010 South Main Street, Suite 700 between 11:00 and 2:00. Phone (712) 256-9959

GIBRALTAR
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

FROM PRESIDENT PETERS

FESTIVE Fall Greetings to all my Gibraltar Neighbors!

As the year starts winding down, I hope you will make an effort to be involved in the **neighborhood!! We'll see less of each other "out and about," since folks won't be gardening or mowing, and when the temperatures dip into the cold zone, nobody really feels like stopping to have a chat while they're walking the dog! So, please make an effort to attend events so that we can stay connected during the winter season!**



Along with Fall weather comes college football (Go Hawkeyes! Go Huskers! Go Cyclones!), and that also means **it's the season of falling leaves. Please remember to mulch or bag your leaves... don't just sweep them into the street (that's a good way to make your neighbors angry, but it is ALSO a violation of City Code!)**. This ordinance applies to lawn clippings as well! See the article on this (plus open burning and other codes) in this issue!

Time to mark your calendar NOW for our December Social Event! We have a super-fun day planned for Sunday, December 17th, that is SURE to get you in the holiday spirit!! Festivities include putting luminaries together for display in the neighborhood, enjoying a Christmas Concert put on by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, then attending the FUN and FESTIVE holiday social event at the Gorman's House! Those who attended the party at Gorman's last year had a BLAST!! Trust me, you don't want to miss it. Details are in this issue.

If you RSVP'd to our Fall Social "German Dinner" event, PLEASE put a reminder on your calendar and be sure to attend!! This will be a fun event with some great food. The Saturday dinner event starts around 6:30, and Sunday lunch starts around 11:00 a.m.

Quarter Auction FUNDRAISER: Our Annual Quarter Auction was a rousing success, and SO MUCH FUN. **I can't send enough THANK YOU's to all the wonderful folks who donated items, helped organize, and participated in making these event so successful!** We raised over \$900 that will help fund future projects as well as **build the base for starting our neighborhood endowment fund. I'm already looking forward to doing this event again in 2018!!** If you missed it, be sure to attend next year!

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE consider stepping up to serve a term on our neighborhood Board of Directors. It will be a rewarding experience for you, benefitting all of us. If NOBODY makes the sacrifice to help out, nothing gets done. If we want our neighborhood to continue to improve, folks need to work together and put in some time. I hope you will consider the enormous benefits of being involved! Feel free to reach out to me personally if you have questions or concerns about volunteering. I will do my best to address them!

The NOVEMBER General Meeting **is our last one of 2017. We'll be talking about the upcoming elections,** the status of the sidewalk repair initiative, the possibility of building a community garden, and other issues. Please plan to attend on Wednesday, 11/15 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



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

I can't wait to light up the neighborhood with luminarias for the holidays!!

Cory Peters — GNA President

GNA Treasury Update, By Tom Emmett

Our work together as neighbors and friends is paying off. Because of YOUR involvement in GNA, our finances are improving, we have more members than ever, and outside organizations are noticing and contributing. Great work Gibraltar! Here are the numbers from January 1 through September 20:

INCOME:

- 59 Due Paying Households = \$1,500
- 4 New Business Memberships = \$300
- Donation from Hoy Kilnoski = \$200
- Omaha (Pottawattamie) Gives = \$271.95
- Pottawattamie Community Foundation = \$700
- Wreath & Poinsettia Income = \$200
- Chili Cook-off Win = \$50
- Other Income = \$49.25

EXPENSES:

- Sidewalk Grant Paid Out = \$350*
- Postage = \$128
- Gift Bags Welcome New Neighbors = \$277.41
- Social Event = \$75
- Other Expenses = \$200



CURRENT BALANCE = \$6462.77

**Total sidewalk grant payout for our first round of sidewalk grant-making for 2017 will be \$2,000. As income allows, we will have additional opportunities to provide for new sidewalk installation. (Property owner is responsible for tear-out.) GNA paid member households move to the front of the line.*

CURB Appeal



GNA's Appeal for Curb Appeal

By Tom Emmett

We know there are many improvements that you want to see in our 'hood such as: maintaining our brick streets, lighting, crime reduction, compliance to municipal codes, and more. In partnership with you we will address these matters when resources and timing provide the opportunity.

Currently, GNA is focusing on replacement of non-existent curbs on 3rd Street. A letter was written to Greg Reeder, Director of Public works and a copy provided to Mayor Walsh. The letter identified that the installation of curbs on 3rd Street is important because of: the presence of the Dodge House, that 3rd Street is the primary artery through the Willow-Bluff-3rd Street Historic District, and the use of 3rd Street by local (and this summer, a national) organizations who regularly host walking tours & bus tours.

A petition accompanied the letter with signatures of 20 homeowners along 3rd Street. As of the writing of this article, the city has yet to respond, but we do expect a response. Additional actions may include a mass post-card mailing, signs placed near non-existent curbs to raise awareness, press releases, and organizing a group of neighbors to appear before the City Council. *Stay tuned!*

City Codes Are Designed to Help Make Our Neighborhood a Better Place to Live FOR ALL

Every now and then, unaware neighbors do or don't do things that overflow onto or impact our neighborhood. Each one of us has inadvertently (and yes, sometimes unintentionally or carelessly) disturbed the enjoyment, peace, or solitude of our neighbors.

Overgrown grass, overrun weeds, shrubs and/or trees with dead branches needing pruned... these things are not only unsightly, but are often in violation of City Codes, and potentially could cause injury. Maybe it is garbage cans that overflow and/or are left curbside for too many days — leading to waste and debris that are taken by the winds and deposited elsewhere to clutter and decay. Maybe it is parked cars left unattended, unmoved, or inoperable, slowly being consumed by overgrown grass and weeds. Maybe it is mown grass or raked leaves that are carelessly blown into the street.

Being respectful of your neighbors (and your neighborhood) immeasurably improves the quality of everyone's lives. Being aware of codes that affect a homeowner's public and private lands is an easy way to help our historic neighborhood continue to improve, and enhances the quality of life for all residents. There is a covenant that **promises each of us a peaceful home. That "quiet enjoyment" is your right to undisturbed, non-hostile use and satisfaction.** Following City Codes helps our neighborhood, protects your privacy, increases our property values, and mitigates many of the most common neighborhood problems.

Here's what you can do (common issues)

If the nuisance is weeds, grass, garbage, general concerns, pot holes, yard debris, dogs barking or nuisance animals, missed garbage collection, parked or abandoned vehicles: you can HELP by confidentially writing the City and the Mayor's office using the following link:

<http://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/requesttracker.aspx>

Let the City staff work on your behalf. They want the same things you do: a better city made up of better neighborhoods, and they NEED YOU to help them by alerting them to neighborhood issues about which you're concerned. They'll decide what to do.

Thank you for helping our neighborhood become a better place, where everyone is no more or no less important than another.

Your Gibraltar Neighborhood Association



2017 Farmer's Market Recap, by Turner Morgan

The great Gibraltar Farmer's Market experiment has finally come to an end! Shoppers were swooned by Amy Adams' earrings and impressed with Merlin's intricate carvings. Jams and jellies from the Madison's were relished! And the whole booth smelled divine with Brain and Dennis' candles on display. All the while our chicken mascot, Molly, kept the kids entertained! At the end of it all, everyone made a sale, and our little booth was able to raise \$100 for our association. Huge thanks to the Hoy Kilnowski Funeral home who sponsored our table and covered the seasonal fee.

We knew there would be a learning curve going into this venture, and there *were* a few bumps along the way. These lessons came in the form of windy days blowing over our tent, booth feng shui for patron access and optimal sales, and a state health food inspector who deemed my eggs and Mary's pickles illegal! (Dun, dun, dun!) Speaking of which, if anyone is in the market for illegal pickles I heard Mary cooked up another batch.

All these obstacles were to be expected, and thankfully we had some great neighbors – Sherry and Dawn from Doe and Diva's Dairy, and Jody from Jody's Natural Kitchen – to help us navigate the do's and don'ts of the farmer's market. With holidays just around the corner, I want to encourage you to show these vendors some love. They have a great variety of goods that would make wonderful stocking stuffers or snacks for a party.

I plan to organize again for next year's market – but most likely for shorter, more concentrated timeframe. May through September is a long haul - business and ambiance were at their peak when music-in-the-park was going on in June and July. When market details are finalized by the city, 712 Initiative and PACE, I'll be sure to spread the word!

I'd like to personally thank all of you who came down to sell, purchase, and just as important, "shoot the breeze" with fellow neighbors. I had a great time getting to know you all, and look forward to our market and association growing together.

Much love,
Turner Morgan – 533 Clark Ave



SPEAKING OF CITY CODES.... Open Burn Ordinance

With the cooler weather, folks are compelled to be outside, enjoying the cooler weather... and what's better than a bonfire on a Fall evening! However, the City Code limits the type of fires you can have, so here's a condensed run-down of what is and isn't allowed. For more detailed information on City Codes, go to:

library.municode.com/ia/council_bluffs/codes/code_of_ordinances

- 1) Open burning is prohibited. This means the burning of any material that results in contaminants from combustion being emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from any enclosed chamber.
- 2) This does not apply to outdoor fireplaces or BBQ grills used solely for the noncommercial preparation of food. **These fireplaces or grills can't be used for burning refuse or combustible waste.**
- 3) Fire containment devices like fire pits and chimineas may be used but are subject to certain provisions:
 - no outdoor burning allowed if winds exceed 10 mph
 - fires must be constantly supervised/attended by a responsible adult until thoroughly extinguished
 - fire containment devices shall not be permitted within 15 feet of any combustible structure, or within 10 feet of a lot line (unless mutually agreed upon by neighboring property owner)
 - fire pits or other fire containment devices shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter
 - flames shall be kept below 2 feet in height above the pit or containment device
 - a portable fire extinguisher or garden hose must be readily available
 - excessive smoke or odor emissions are prohibited

Visit the website shown above for more in-depth information.

Remember to be responsible and be safe!

Have a Happy Autumn!!



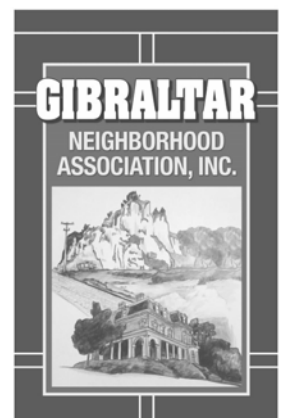
GNA Yard Flags!

If you are a paid Gibraltar Neighborhood Association member, as part of your initial membership dues you receive a free GNA garden flag and holder.

If you have not yet received one, contact GNA's treasurer —Tom Emmett— at 402-346-6734, and we'll be sure you get one.

ALSO: Is your old GNA flag faded or torn? You can purchase a new replacement flag for only \$7.00!! Or if you need a replacement flag holder, you can purchase that for only \$6.00!

Contact Tom at the phone number shown above.



SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISING SUCCESS!!

“This item is a 3-quarter bid, so get your quarters in the jar!” “All bids in? Hold up those paddles. Great, let’s draw a number.” “Number 98. Number 98 is the winner.” Squeals. Laughter. Applause, as the lucky winner steps up front to claim the coveted item. These were the sounds at the American Legion Hall on Friday, September 20th from 6:30 – 8:00 at the GNA Quarter Auction. About 40 attendees enjoyed neighborly camaraderie, a sloppy joe dinner made by the Legion staff, and the opportunity to bid on and win baubles, clothing, gift certificates for food and services, original art by several members in our association, and delicious canned goods by our gardeners (just to name a few) for a maximum price of 75 cents! (Of, course many of us purchased multiple \$5 paddles and rolls of quarters to increase our chances!) Needless to say, everyone had a great time! Not only did we have fun. We also increased our association coffers by over \$900 (50% increase from what we made last year!) This money will go into our treasury for use on neighborhood projects, events, and endowments. Since the auction has been so successful, we hope to continue it as an annual event. Stay tuned....



Why You Can't Blow Leaves & Grass Clippings Into the Street

It is part of the City's mandate to educate residents about the impacts of certain practices on the stormwater system and the quality of the protected 'waters of the state'. This information about proper yard waste disposal practices is to inform citizens about what is a violation of the City's Municipal Code.

Grass clippings and leaves blown or swept into storm drains or into the street harms waterways and our creeks. Storm drains flow into pipes and into drainageways. When anything but rain and snow melt goes down the storm drain, it can become a drainage problem. Improper disposal of yard wastes, including leaves, have the potential to impact water quality and cause drainage problems during a storm event.

Did you know?

- When yard waste is discarded or blown into the street, it can cause flooding problems. Leaves and yard debris can block the natural flow of water in the storm drainage system, which can cause water to back up and flood within the drainage system.
- When yard waste is discarded in the street, it will decompose. Decomposing yard waste can supercharge the water supply with nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, causing algae blooms resulting in low dissolved oxygen. Severely low dissolved oxygen levels in creeks can cause fish kills. According to the U.S. EPA, phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in stormwater runoff and it is considered the primary cause of water quality problems in our country.
- When yard waste is discarded within the stormwater drainage system, it can bring harmful chemicals into creeks, including fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides. While these chemicals can be used to protect grass, they will harm aquatic life and cause additional adverse affects to water quality when released into streams.

Proper Management and Disposal

- Grass clippings can be left on the ground improve the health of the lawn itself. There is no excuse for sweeping grass and/or leaves into the storm drains or waterways.
- **The City street sweepers can barely keep up with the leaves already on the ground; please don't add to the burden** by sweeping or blowing leaves into the streets. Consider starting a compost pile for leaves and yard waste or invest in a mulching blade for your lawn mower.
- Leaves can be bagged and left for yard waste pickup.
- **We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the quality of our state's water by practicing yard waste disposal methods discussed above.** Failure to comply with this may result in a citation or additional enforcement action.

ATTENTION: BUSINESS OWNERS, ARTISTS, ETC.

If you own a business, provide a service, have an event or sell a product, would you like to get the word out to OVER 200 HOUSEHOLDS in the Gibraltar Neighborhood?

If so, consider an affordable ad in the Rock Talk newsletter!

Ad Space Sizes available: 1/4 sheet or 1/2 sheet

1/4 sheet one-time insertion: \$10 — OR — **1/4 sheet "6-pack" (whole year): \$50**

1/2 sheet one-time insertion: \$15 — OR — **1/2 sheet "6-pack" (whole year): \$75**

We'll throw in the ad setup for free!! Contact Cory at coryp241@yahoo.com for more info!

Meet our "PAR" Rep, Officer Daniel Stuck



The Gibraltar Neighborhood's new "Police Area Representative" is Officer Daniel Stuck. Officer Stuck was kind enough to attend our September meeting, and answered questions while meeting neighbors who shared concerns.

Officer Stuck is a seven-year veteran of the C.B. police force, and joined the PAR unit this past April. He is dedicated to the safety of Gibraltar residents, and is the person you can contact if you have a non-emergency situation you need to report, or a safety concern for or question. See a suspicious-looking person knocking on doors or scoping out the neighborhood? Discovered some graffiti? Concerned about late-night speeders revving their engines outside your window?

Call Officer Stuck and SAVE this info!
His phone: 712-328-4961.
His email: djstuck@councilbluffs-ia.gov

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They are open T-F 11:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 8:00 to 3:00. Stop by and check it out!!
You never know what affordable treasure awaits you!



GNA General Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2017

Members Present: Mark, Cory, Steve, Chris, Adrienne, Cathy, Ann

Guests: Dan Stuck, our PAR Officer (Police Area Representative) and Mike Wolf, candidate for City Council

After a general welcome from Cory, Deacon Celeste, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran, informed the group about a new agency in Council Bluffs, Lutheran Services in Iowa, which will be housed in the church. This agency will provide an array of services to our city, including respite care for both children and adults with a variety of challenges, adoption care, and adoption services, just to name a few. For more complete information, call Celeste at 712.322.6655.

Dan Stuck, our newest PAR (Police Area Representative) Officer, introduced himself and offered a brief review of his responsibilities. PAR officers handle quality of life concerns from the citizenry (e.g., noise, neighborhood **disputes, upkeep of properties, vandalism, etc.) for which “regular” police officers do not have the extended time** required to resolve such issues. You can reach him with your concerns at 712.328.4961.

Our next guest was Mike Wolf, who is a candidate for City Council. Mike gave us his biography along with his reasons for deciding to run. A question and answer session ensued. We appreciate Mike attending our meeting to introduce himself.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing and planning upcoming Holiday events being sponsored by Gibraltar. On Sunday, December 17th from 2:00 – **3:30 at Our Savior Lutheran’s parking lot, neighbors may purchase** materials to create luminaries for their properties. Association members will receive 10 luminaries at no cost and are welcome to purchase and assemble more if desired. Other neighbors may purchase materials for \$1 per set of materials. (NOTE: The light will come from battery-operated votives, so they will be completely safe!) We are **also all invited to attend a free Holiday Choir Concert performed by OSL’s choir from 4:00 – 5:00**, followed by our **neighborhood holiday party at the Gorman’s house from 6:00 to 9:00. We ask that neighbors display their luminaries** that evening, so the neighborhood will sparkle. What a wonderful day it will be if all of us participate! And how festive our neighborhood will look!

There was also discussion and planning for our annual Holiday wreath and poinsettia sales. If you are interested in purchasing either or both of these offerings, please see the information flyer in this issue for details. The GNA thanks Rhonda Bullington, florist and owner of Loess Hills Floral in CB, for partnering with us on this project.

The final order of business was the upcoming GNA elections for President and Secretary of our association. Cory and I will not be continuing in office, so the fervent hope is that others in the association will throw their hats in the ring. It has been a privilege to be an officer, and I will continue, as I know will Cory, to actively participate in neighborhood doings.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hill,
GNA Secretary



PHONE NUMBER UPDATE!

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

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



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



GNA's Book

Club is a fun,

social gathering where we get together and share a bit of news, a glass of wine and discuss our latest book. We always have a blast when we get together, so consider making this part of your neighborhood involvement! For more info, contact Patti Hannan at 712-323-8600.

We'd love to see you at our next book club
(wine club? heehee) meeting! ■

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

Your ongoing support of the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association allows us to undertake betterment projects like our identification banners and repair initiatives, host social gatherings like our Kirn Park picnic and Brunch & Banter events, sponsor improvement events like cleanup days, and represent our neighborhood at community events such as workshops and having a Gibraltar float in the Celebrate Council Bluffs Parade! *It would not be possible without YOU!*

Dave & Amy Adams

Joe & Kim Atkinson

Boris Baer

Darwin & Christine Baker

Mark & Jeanie Beckman

Bumpy Bennett

Kathy Bennett

Kathie Brandt

Paulette Brandt & Dave Eyre

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John & Rita Doidge

Marc Evans

Randy & Linda Eyre

Dennis Fellhauer & Brian Wedemeier

Fred & Sharon Fritz

Teresa Gerjevic

Dave & Patty Gillespie

Jim & Joyce Gorman

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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 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 _____