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the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Neighborhood NOSH!

JOIN US for the **SECOND ANNUAL**
Fairmount Park and Gibraltar
“Neighborhood Nosh” event!

Tuesday, Sept. 27
5:30-7:30pm
KIRN PARK

GREAT food, FUN activities,
LIVE music, and Giveaways!
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FOOD:

- \$1 pulled pork sliders from Boxer BBQ
- \$1 cupcakes from Wenday’s Cupcakes
- \$1 Hot Dogs from Jimmy’s Hot Dog Cart
- Assorted chips, sides & other yummys!

ACTIVITIES:

- > Bouncy House and full obstacle course from Big Red Inflatables
- > Police & Fire Department Vehicles
- > Drawings for prizes from Barley’s, Caddy’s, Big Red Inflatables, and More!

**This Event is ONLY for Residents of
The Fairmount Park Neighborhood
and The Gibraltar Neighborhood.**
— not open to the public —

NEEDED: Donations & Volunteers for Our Oct. Quarter Auction!

Do you have a talent for making things? Like: painting, beading, ceramics, woodworking, sewing, cooking, canning, knitting, photography, drawing, jewelry, needlework, etc. Or, are you a **business owner** who could donate a gift certificate or basket of products? Or, do you have a **generous heart** and would be willing to compile a gift basket or donate a collectible, antique or home décor item? All these and anything else you can think of are things you can provide for us to auction off!

The VALUE of the item only needs to be \$30 or less, so it won’t break your bank!

Won’t you please help?

Let’s make October’s Auction a success! Contact Brian Wedemeier with how you can help and/or what you’d like to donate: 515-205-7515. **THANK YOU!** (see Page 3 for Auction Details!)



PRESIDENT'S POST

September 2022

Greeting Neighbors!

September holds a very special place in my heart - in 2017, after being together for 15 years, my wife and I surprised our mothers with an impromptu backyard wedding on the 3rd (the dads were in on it). So, whenever I'm driving around town this time of year, the sunflowers along the highways are always bursting, and I can't help but think back to that wonderful day. The photoshoot in our neighborhood, the anticipation, the gorgeous weather, my cousin (online ordained) trying to keep his cool as the friends of children ran amok, family digging into the shrimp boil on tables lined with newspapers... these sunflowers give me a much-needed pause after a summer that always passes too quickly. Their petals are an ever-present touchstone in our ever-busy lives (that may be the corniest sentence I've ever typed - sheesh - I almost take it back).



Heading into the fall, I'd love to give thanks to all of you reading this - for investing in our neighborhood, for looking out for one another, and to those who took a minute out of their busy lives to say hello at our neighborhood summer gathering at the end of Clark Ave. We had over 70 folks show up (a bunch of new faces) and it was wonderful to break some bread with all of you (apologies for anyone our dog GiGi slobbered on). Heading into midterms in November, it can be easy to find ways to seek out the things that divide us... But the older I get, and the more I walk our brick streets, I can't help but feel we have **MUCH MORE IN COMMON** than we have differences when it comes to our community. **GNA is a NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION... not a HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION.** The latter has bylaws, legal restrictions, and is largely created by the developer of a neighborhood. An association IS CREATED BY VOLUNTEERS, to advocate for issues, projects, and other items that pertain to their neighborhood. The first organizers helped save Kirn Park from development, helped install a camera in its parking lot, received a grant to install the trailhead at the top of 9th Ave/ High St, created the banners you see on our streets, advocated for landscaping and iron/brick fence along 3rd Street and 9th Ave. — all the while creating social connection we have now. The few of us on the board aren't perfect (members will tell you their president is not the most organized), *but we give a damn.*

As we head towards the end of the year, I'd like to encourage anyone reading this to:

- 1) **Mark your calendars for NEIGHBORHOOD NOSH on Tuesday, Sept 27!!** This is the 2nd Annual occurrence for this awesome event at KIRN PARK! Fairmount Park residents and Gibraltar residents come together for a fun evening of great food, live music, and fun activities for the kiddos!!! See page 1 for info.
- 2) **Mark your calendars for DUMPSTER DAY SAT Oct 8th!** The wonderful folks at Our Saviours Lutheran are PAYING for a neighborhood dumpster. Additionally, they will have trucks - at the ready - to pick up large items for disposal. **Please contact Turner at tmorgan@the712initiative.org or text 712-310-3102** with details if you need assistance. ******THESE ITEMS NEED TO BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR LOADING****** (we can't crawl into the attic or basement to load the sofa unless you truly are the **most** adorable grandma). Ideally, they are by the curb for easy pickup. If you are able bodied, feel free to use the dumpster. However please, please, **please adhere to the following rules/prohibited items:**
 - a. NO TIRES, CHEMICALS, OLD PAINT/STAIN, PESTICIDES, CONCRETE, BIOHAZARD, ELECTRONICS (these can be recycled).
 - b. DON'T BE TRASHY - no overfilling the dumpster :)

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PRESIDENT'S POST continued...

Dumpster Day continued:

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, WE COULD USE BODIES able to help load neighborhood "donations" to the dumpster. **CONTACT TURNER (ABOVE)** – it shouldn't take more than a couple hours. We will work from 9:00am to 11:00am that morning.

3) **ATTEND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDRAISER on OCT 15th** @ the 4th Street Bar & Grill (more info elsewhere in the newsletter) - all proceed go towards neighborhood socials and projects. Also, it's a TON OF FUN. Working in the non-profit world I have been to SO many boring fundraisers... this one is so low-key (but still fast-paced), has good vibes, doesn't cost a lot of money, and is a great use of your time. Food and drinks are super-reasonable at the 4th Street Bar, plus their success benefits the Rainbow Legion Post! The event is open to everyone! **Bring the WHOLE family**— especially so my 3-year-old son JJ has someone to play with!!

4) **ATTEND OUR HOLIDAY PARTY ON SATURDAY, JAN 7th, 2023**, at the home of Dennis Fellhauer and Brian Wedemeier. We purposefully planned this after the holidays (which are always bananas) so as many folks as possibly could come hang out. We'll provide a main course and would ask you bring a dish to share! If you're new to the neighborhood this a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and usher in the new year.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or would like to get more involved, don't hesitate to reach out. So grateful to have you in our little corner of the world.

Turner Morgan

President, Gibraltar Neighborhood Association

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

SEPT 27— Kirn Park Event

OCT 8— Dumpster Day

OCT 15— Quarter Auction

JAN 7— GNA Holiday Party

Hope to see you there!!



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SATURDAY, OCT. 15 FUNDRAISING EVENT!!

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

WHAT: A "Quarter" Auction Fundraiser!!!

WHEN: **Saturday, October 15, 2022**
5:30—8:00 p.m. (bidding starts at 6:15)

WHERE: **4th Street Bar & Grill**
716 So. 4th Street (American Legion)

WHO: YOU, and anyone else you know
who likes to have fun!

Win Items Like:
Holiday Xmas Tote filled with goodies
Yard Art
Homemade Breads & Amish Jellies
Assorted Gift Baskets
Wildflower seed jars & fertilizer
Wine & Cheese Assortment
And so much more!!!

Bring the family and friends and join in the fun at our annual GNA Quarter Auction!! ***This is the sixth year we've held this event, and it just keeps getting better!*** There will be a wide range of items for auction, ranging in values of \$10 to \$30, and you could win that item you desire for mere quarters! You'll find a variety of services & packages, food & beverage gifts, bath & beauty products, antiques, collectibles, homemade products, and so much more! There's almost always something for everyone!

What's a "Quarter Auction" you ask? It sort of combines the best of two worlds... ***the fun and excitement of an auction, with the random chance of a lottery drawing!*** You have the opportunity to win great prizes without spending a lot of money! (See the page 5 for "how does it work" explanation!)

FOOD & BEVERAGES will be for sale, and your support of the venue supports the American Legion!

Mark your calendar **TODAY** for this **FUN** event!



Fall Clean-Up on October 8th!

Hey there Gibraltar Neighbors! Everyone's been working hard this summer sprucing up their properties and doing a great job picking up debris and yard waste, etc.! Your GNA Board has **procured a dumpster for our neighborhood use!**

Before we hunker down for winter, go through those old boxes in the attic or those storage bins in the basement. Recycle what can be recycled, donate items that still have life/use, and then PITCH everything else.

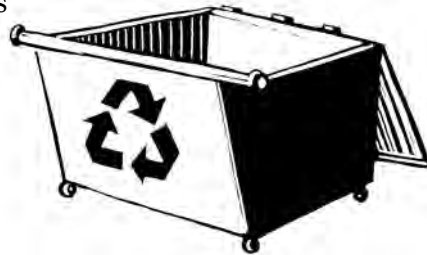


Gibraltar Dumpster Day
free dumpster open to you on
Saturday, October 8, 2022

The dumpster will be located at **Our Savior's Lutheran Church** at Bluff & Story Streets. Drive by or walk on over with your junk. See the list below for items that are prohibited.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- No TVs or computer monitors
- No appliances
- No Hazardous chemicals (paint cans are okay but must be open and dried out)
- No tires or motor oil
- No paint thinners, gasoline etc.
- No radioactive materials
- No ammunition or fireworks
- No sharps/biohazards
- No pharmaceuticals



There will be trucks available to pick up larger items for disposal.

*****You must contact Turner at tmorgan@the712initiative.org or text 712-310-3102 to arrange this service.

*******ITEMS NEED TO BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR LOADING*******

(we can't crawl into your attic or basement to haul them out).

Ideally, they should be by the curb for easy pickup.

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**

HOW Does a Quarter Auction Work???

What's a "Quarter Auction" you ask? It combines the best of two fun things... *the fun and excitement of an auction, with the random chance of a lottery drawing!* It gives you the opportunity to win GREAT prizes without having to spend lots of money!

Here's how it works:

1) Stroll around and check out the COOL items up for auction! There is no entry fee to observe, however you DO need to purchase a "bidding paddle" (with its corresponding unique bidding number) to sit at a table.

2) Visit our "banking table" to purchase a gob of quarters (or, bring your own quarter supply!) and bidding paddle.

3) Paddles can be purchased for \$5.00 each, and each paddle equals a chance to bid per item. *You can purchase as many paddles as you want* to increase your chances of winning. All paddles have a corresponding numbered "marker" which is entered into the main "Auction Jar."

4) Take a seat at a table and wait for the fun to begin!

5) Our Emcee for the evening will begin the "bidding" process for each item with a description of the item and *the number of quarters required to participate* in the drawing for that particular item. The number of quarters needed PER BIDDING PADDLE is based on an approximate value of the auction item, as follows:

If the value of the item is \$10, you 'bid' ONE QUARTER per bidding paddle

If the value of the item is \$20, you 'bid' TWO QUARTERS per bidding paddle

If the value of the item is \$30, you 'bid' THREE QUARTERS per bidding paddle

6) If you want to bid on an item, hold up your paddle and put the correct number of quarters in the bucket on your table. Remember, you can bid with multiple paddles to increase the odds of your number being drawn, so if you are bidding with *three* paddles and the auction item requires a *two quarter bid*, you need to put SIX quarters in the bucket (two quarters for each of your three paddles)! Please be honest and pitch in the full number of quarters required — thanks!

7) After all interested parties raise their paddle(s), the Auctioneer will pull number markers from the Auction Jar until a match is made with a "live" bidding paddle (not all paddles will be entered for every item, so if your *non-entered* paddle number is called, you shout "No Bid"). If the marker number matches your raised (entered) paddle, *you win the bid / item!*

NOTE: You can always return to the "banker table" to purchase add'l paddles, or to exchange bills for more quarters.

Anyone coming into the 4th Street Bar & Grill that evening is welcome to participate in the Quarter Auction as long as they purchase a paddle to sit at a table. Others may stand and observe.



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FAREWELL, DEPARTING FRIENDS

This summer we said farewell to **Paulette Brandt**, long-time Gibraltar resident and former Neighborhood Association President. Paulette sold her Turley Ave. residence and moved a couple dozen blocks west to a cozy residence with a smaller footprint requiring less upkeep.



Paulette had lived in the Gibraltar Neighborhood since 2005. She is the mother of four and has a gaggle of grandchildren. Originally born in Florida while her father was stationed there during WWII, she grew up in Mills County. However, at age fourteen her father inherited the family farm outside of Council Bluffs.

Growing up on a family farm, Paulette learned to work hard at a young age. Paulette had only one sister and they both had to help with milking dairy cows, growing the vegetable garden and working with horses used to move beef cattle, while their father also did crop farming. (You might know Paulette's sister, Kathie Brandt—she lives in Gibraltar on 3rd Street!) Like most farm kids, Paulette was active in 4H. She graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School. While Paulette enjoys many hobbies, she is an avid gardener and also enjoys volunteering as a docent at the Dodge House.

Paulette was instrumental in the formation of the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association (GNA), helping along with other volunteer neighbors as the foundational documents were created, the mission statement was developed, and the necessary structures were put in place. She served on the GNA Board for a time, and then served for several years as its second President.

We are grateful for Paulette's many years for service in helping Gibraltar grow and connect and strive to be the best place to live in Council Bluffs! We know we'll still see her around from time to time. *Thanks, Paulette!*

happy fall Y' ALL

A decorative graphic featuring the text "happy fall Y' ALL" in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. Below the text are five circular icons of pumpkins, and the entire graphic is surrounded by a spray of small black dots.

GNA's Book Club is a fun, social gathering where we get together and share a bit of news, an adult beverage or two, 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 on when & where, contact Patti Hannan at 712-323-8600. We'd love to see you at our next book club (wine club? LOL) meeting!



Like us on Facebook!

In our ongoing effort to provide quality communication to ALL our neighbors, the Gibraltar Neighborhood has a **Facebook** page where you can post questions, share photos, check the latest news, alert folks to things going on in our 'hood, and see any upcoming events and such.

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

We look forward to connecting with you on Facebook!

The GNA Summer Picnic Was a Huge Success!

With over 70 neighbors in attendance it was the LARGEST gathering for any of the Gibraltar functions (at least according to some lifelong GNA members!). Even though the temps were in the 90's it didn't keep people from attending, and Mother Nature gave us a lovely breeze as we enjoyed the shade at the top of Clark Avenue, cast by the Loess Hills of Fairmount Park. The day/evening ended up being lovely!

It was wonderful to see so many new faces, dear neighborhood friends & families, and so many kids — the next generation of our 'hood. Most of all, we really enjoyed just hanging out chatting, laughing and just being able to gather together. We had a quick stop early on from Loren & Aretha and the Story Street Mobile Pantry, followed later in the evening by officers from the CBPD, who stopped by with cruisers, and the kids were thrilled with lights and sirens.

Oh and the FOOD -- IT was a feast like no other -- a potluck at its best! Thanks to all of you who brought a food item to share. We were able to donate what little we had left to the Central Station Fire House at 4th St & Willow. The Guys really appreciated not having to cook, and loved the variety of sides, not to mention the sweet treats!

We also had lots of items for a pop-up raffle — raising over \$100 in just an hour! Please take a look at the list of the local businesses and GNA Friends & Members for their generous donations, helping support our neighborhood. We hope all of you will support our local businesses & donors! Also, we were very proud we collected over 100 lbs of food and a few monetary donations for the Story Street Pantry.

And now to the thank you's... to the GNA neighbors on Clark St. for letting us take over your street for our event, and an extra shout out to those who brought tables and chairs for the crowd, and Turner's parents for the use of the grill. We are SO very lucky to have Turner Morgan and his connections with 712 Initiative and their Trailer full of table, chairs, and games, and music!!!

Also, THANK YOU to those of you who volunteered to help set up, tear down, clean up, cook, donate, and help organize.... without your help we couldn't have had such a successful event.

Finally-- HUGE THANKS to Hy-Vee on West Broadway, and store manager Jim Flahive (his mother in law lived at 238 5th Ave for many years) for donating all the meat -- and for providing a huge discount for the goods to throw a great event. *All he asked is for us to please try to do your shopping at the West Broadway store -- so they will be able to continue to donate to our neighborhood.* This is just the start of a new partnership with this Hy-Vee for our neighborhood. ***Please give them your business and your support!***

Thank you to these vendors and those providing raffle items:

Stella & Irene's Cafe & Boutique
Ledgend's Cafe
Cindy Ludwig—Glass Artist GNA Friend
Doug Young — Young Farms GNA Friend
The Dodge House & Tom Emmett GNA member
Gordon Hitchcock LMT — GNA member
Turner Morgan GNA member
Mary Madison GNA member
Chris & Jill Kates GNA members
Brian Wedemeier & Dennis Fellhauer GNA members
GNA - for donating four 2022 memberships

It was very heartwarming to know that we have such a great group of neighbors. We invite all of the new faces who came to the party to get involved (and/or join the neighborhood association). We're a great mix of fun-loving & caring people. **We look forward to many more successful events to come!**

Be sure to check out the photos on the following page!

The GNA Summer Picnic Was a Huge Success!





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The Story Street Pantry Needs YOU!

By Brian Wedemeier & Dennis Fellhauer

I wanted to take some time and share with you **how great the need is at the Story Street Food Pantry**. They have seen a HUGE increase in demand, not only the drive-up program, but their mobile pantry is out & about daily throughout our community. Recently, they have also discontinued some stops at area elderly apartments, due to the funding shortages and lack of hands and infrastructure. If you are willing, and have some extra time on your hands, please volunteer some of your time to help. They have a list of daily tasks, and a few extra hands would be so appreciated. They also house a kitchen, where they make sack lunches for mobile pantry runs and other programs throughout the community. What a HUGE ASSEST to have all this in our neighborhood!

FUNDING is DOWN. At the Neighborhood Picnic Loren & Aretha shared some of their needs for the immediate future, and explained the lack of governmental funding. **The FDA has cut their funding by almost 45%, and the USDA has reduced their funding and bulk donations up to 90% in the metro area.** This is a huge part of their food supply, YET with those cuts and donations being down, they are still able to help thousands in POTT CO and our CB metro area community. Currently they are REALLY LOW on canned goods — veggies, fruit, proteins, soup etc. ANYTHING IN A CAN!

BUT think of how many more families they could serve if WE take time to make a CHANGE. Therefore, I am sponsoring and challenging you for a fund raising campaign for the Story Street Pantry. I propose the "**CHANGE JAR CHALLENGE**" — starting today thru January 7, 2023 at the GNA Holiday Party. I ask you to set side a jar, container, or vessel and start tossing that loose change into it. Put one on the washing machine, in the car, one by the door and where you put your keys, dresser or wherever. This could also be a great lesson on "giving back" to share with our younger generation. My hope is that GNA can collect a total amount of \$500 -- yes that does seem like a large dollar amount -- but just one penny or a handful of change will make a world of change in someone else's life. Do a neighbor challenge - each household could set a smaller goal and get your children involved. We need to make sure that our future generations are aware of the needs within the community they are growing up in.

Now the reason for our passion... Dennis and his family have always been very active with the family church's Free Meal program and pantry in Edwardsville, and continued the tradition at his church in Chicago. When possible, we still help his sister with the Free Friday Lunch when we get back there. Over the years of his planning, organizing, and cooking for his church, it made him so much more aware of the need and the lack of funding these programs face on a daily basis

My story is a bit different: when I went thru a career/life change I fell on hard times, working 3-4 jobs to make ends meet. For about a year I would visit the food pantry at least once a month. I would show up early to volunteer my time, and hope that I would be able to get a box of food at the end of the shift. It was a very eye opening experience, and seeing children or the elderly so happy to get just the staple foods and fresh veggies & fruit.

We both are very fortunate to work at Hy-vee, as we get notified by the management if there is an over-stock or near dated items that "need to go away or throw away." This week through our neighborhood partner, Hy-vee West Broadway, Dennis and I were able to obtain 29 cases of yogurt cups and over 200 loaves of bread, which we dropped off to the Food Pantry. Hy-vee donated the bread, and for just \$25 we were able to get all the yogurt. We try to get as much donated and invest some out of our pockets. Just a little change and make a HUGE CHANGE..... That's the mission of the "CHANGE JAR CHALLENGE"!!



We hope to see you all at the GIBRALTAR HOLIDAY PARTY on January 7, 2023, with your jars of change in hand!! We will have it counted and donate it to the Story Street Food Pantry.

If you have any questions please reach out to me (Brian) at bjwedemeier@gmail.com or text/call me at 515-205-7515. If you have food or monetary donations, please contact me as well, and I can arrange pickup and delivery to the SSFP. If you would be interested in volunteering, a tour, or more info, please contact The Story Street Pantry. You can find them online at www.StoryStreetPantry.org, or contact them at 712-322-6655 or information@storystreetpantry.org.

THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2022!

*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 Dave Adams!*

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RECIPE CORNER

Slow-Cooker All Purpose Tomato Sauce

Makes about 8 cups; enough for 2 pounds pasta

The beauty of this recipe is that you can put a bounty of fresh tomatoes into a slow cooker along with a little salt, walk away for up to 10 hours, and end up with a brightly flavored tomato sauce—enough to serve a crowd (or plenty to freeze for later). A GREAT WAY TO USE THOSE EXTRA GARDEN TOMATOES!

INGREDIENTS

- > 8 lbs plum tomatoes, cored & halved crosswise
- > 1/4 C. extra-virgin olive oil
- > chopped fresh basil, oregano, chives, parsley)
- > salt & pepper
- > 6-8 garlic cloves

DIRECTIONS

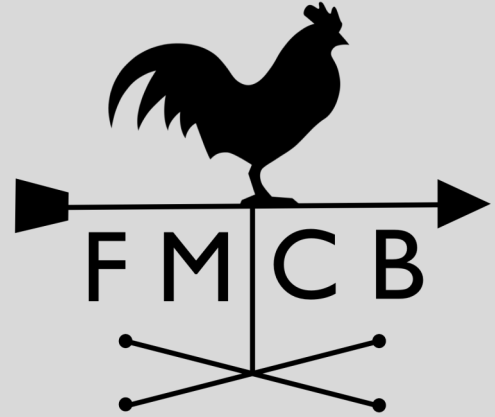
- Be sure to leave the lid of your slow cooker slightly ajar—about 1/2 inch—to allow steam to escape and help concentrate the flavor
- Working over a large bowl, squeeze each tomato to expel seeds and excess juice. Discard seeds and juice. Combine tomatoes, garlic and 1-1/2 tsp. salt in the slow cooker. Cover, leaving lid ajar, and cook until tomatoes are very soft, 8 to 10 hours on low or 5 to 7 hours on high.
- Transfer tomatoes to colander and let excess liquid drain off (do not press on tomatoes). Working in batches, process tomatoes in blender until smooth, about 1 minute; return to now-empty slow cooker. Stir oil into sauce and season with salt and pepper to taste. Before serving, stir in 2 tablespoons basil (and other fresh herbs as desired) for every 4 cups of sauce.

NOTES

- > This recipe also works with grape tomatoes— cut them in 1/2 and de-seed as you wish (or put in salad spinner a couple times to remove a lot of the seeds).
- > Use food processor to control the sauce texture— can be smooth or more chunky as you desire.
- > Let cool to room temperature and bag in quart freezer bags (keeps up to 9 months). Press air out of the bag before freezing.

We hope you enjoy... We love it! - Dennis & Brian

C.B. Farmers Market
Thursdays, 4:30-7:30 / Bayliss Park
Through September



Fresh & Fun Farmers Market!

Take a walk in the neighborhood and head to Bayliss Park on Thursday evenings for homemade breads, delicious cheeses, local honey, specialty handmade goods, and more!

Located in historic Bayliss Park, the Council Bluffs Farmers Market features seasonal and weekly vendors selling a range of fresh produce, local meats, baked goods and unique crafts. The market is Thursday evenings from 4:30-7:30 pm and runs May through September.

Every market also includes wellness activities and live music. Be sure to experience the fun play space to entertain the kids, sponsored by Centris Federal Credit Union.



YARD WASTE TIPS for Fall

As we move into the end of summer and the leaves begin to fall, you may have more yard waste to set at your curbside. Here are some tips and reminders for your yard waste.

- > Remember to always separate trash from yard waste. These items are collected separately by RR the City's waste hauler. If yard waste is not separate, it will be tagged and not collected.
- > On your curb, place your yard waste a few feet away from trash, so waste haulers recognize where one ends and the other begins. Yard waste may be placed in a regular garbage can, City-approved Poly-cart, or paper yard waste bags. Mark containers with a "Y" or place an orange yard waste sticker on each can.
- > Gather limbs and branches into bundles no more than 4' in length, 2' in diameter & 60 pounds in weight. Tie yard waste bundles with string or twine.

Yard waste is unlimited through November 30. Pumpkins, corn stalks and other garden waste can be placed with yard waste.

CITY ORDINANCE on Open Burning

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 as follows:
 - no outdoor burning allowed if winds exceed 10 mph
 - fires must be constantly 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!!

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