



# ROCK•TALK

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### May Meal and Meeting

Our May meeting of the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association was held at Dixie Quicks downtown!



### Gibraltar Rocks!!

Celebrating our neighborhood at the Celebrate CB parade!! Thanks to all who participated and represented our awesome neighborhood!!!



# I SCREAM! YOU SCREAM!

We all scream for yummy treats at the **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

**Please join us for the general meeting of the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association!**

**SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2014**

**NOON to 1:00 - GNA meeting at the Beresheim House** (next door to the Dodge House)

Bring a sack lunch and a beverage with you! We'll eat while we discuss items of interest to neighbors, and enjoy getting to know one another.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL starting at 1:00!!**

From 1:00 to 3:00 the Dodge House will be hosting an old-fashioned ice cream social in conjunction with the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County!

*Please stay after the meeting and support this event!*



# FOOD . . .

Q: Which food was named for the sound that it made when broken?  
a. squash b. soufflé c. crackers d. beets  
Answer on page 6

# FUN . . .



## Music and Movies

The Bluffs Arts Council and the Council Bluffs Parks and Recreation Department have joined forces to present their annual concert and movie series in local parks. All of the Music and Movies in the Park are free and open to the public, thanks to support from major sponsors, including the city of Council Bluffs, the Musicians' Trust Fund, Iowa West Foundation and the Ellsworth-Cox Fund. Area residents are invited to bring a chair or blanket to each event.

### Music: (6:30 - 8:00 pm)

June 25	Spike Nelson Group	Jazz Variety
July 2	Gooch & the Guys	Sinatra/Martin Big Band
July 9	Toss Up	Pop & Jazz
July 16	E String Band	Classic Rock
July 23	Blues Agent	Blues
July 30	USAF Vortex	Pop, Rock and Country

### Movies: (start around 9 pm)

June 20	Ender's Game	July 18	After Earth
June 27	Back to the Future	July 25	The Lego Movie
July 11	Smurfs 2	Aug 1	Cloudy...Meatballs II

# . . . AND FAMILY !!!

## Becoming Friends (and Like a Family) With Your Neighbors

### Look for Opportunities to Say Hello

You can't meet your neighbors if you're always inside your house. Spend a little time outside just watching things that happen in your neighborhood.

### Offer Assistance and Information

If you initiate a conversation and show that you're willing to help, your neighbors will be more apt to look to you when they have questions, or when they want someone to talk to.

### Don't Be Annoying By Doing These Things

- Letting your pet wander around other people's yards.
- Playing music loudly.
- Having noisy parties.
- Not keeping up your yard or house.

### Find Ways to Be Kind

Look for small ways you can be kind to them, and a friendship will eventually develop.

By Cherie Burbach, About.com

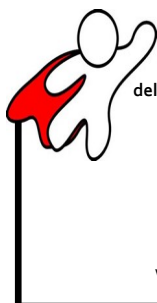


If you would like your family featured in this newsletter, please contact us or send a story and picture to Sheila Graham at sheilabarak@hotmail.com.

# WHAT MAKES A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD?

1. What makes the neighborhood stand out? What makes it extraordinary or memorable? What elements, features, and details reflect the community's local character and set the neighborhood apart from other neighborhoods?
2. Does the neighborhood provide interesting visual experiences, vistas, natural features, or other qualities?
3. How does the architecture of houses and other buildings create visual interest? Are the houses and buildings designed and scaled for pedestrians?
4. How is local history retained, interpreted, and used to help create a sense of place?
5. How has the neighborhood adapted to change?

~ <https://www.planning.org/greatplaces/neighborhoods/characteristics.htm>



THANK YOU to our GNA newsletter delivery & distribution team: Harold Compton, Matt Rennie, Chris Gorman and Steve Gorman. Without you, our newsletter would not be possible!!!!

# NEIGHBORHOOD ID

Permanent historic signage has been designed and we will be writing a grant to help fund some of the expense. To see what the signs look like, drive by Kent & Mary Madison's home in the 200 block of 5th Avenue. We also now have Gibraltar Neighborhood Association garden flags. They are FREE with your paid association membership. We also have decorative flag holders for sale for only \$5.

# PRESIDENT PETERS

Greetings fellow GNA residents!

Wow, what a wild ride it has been weather-wise this summer!! I hope you survived the June hail storm without structural damage, but I'm fairly sure all of us are in the same predicament with shredded gardens and tattered trees. I was so sad to see the large tree uprooted on upper 5th Ave.; it sure took a toll on the sidewalk! And the curb at the corner of my house (SE corner of 5th Ave. & 3rd St.) was nearly washed away! Glad they placed barricades over it and I'm hopeful it will be repaired soon. Here's hoping for calmer weather ahead!



I was very disappointed to see the low turnout at the May GNA meeting at Dixie Quick's, although in hindsight, maybe weekend meetings during the summer are not a great idea, as I know this is the time of year that many families travel. The eight of us that were there had a great meal. Our July meeting will be on a weekend as well, but I'm hopeful it will be well-attended because it's supporting the Dodge House! Put the date on your calendar and make plans to JOIN US at NOON on Saturday, July 5th at the Beresheim House (directly south of the Dodge House) for our General Meeting. Bring a sack lunch and a beverage and have a bite of lunch while we discuss business. Then plan to stay for the Dodge House Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social starting at 1:00!! What a fun way to celebrate the holiday weekend!!

I can't say "thank you" enough to the dozen or so residents who helped with and participated in Gibraltar's float in the Celebrate C.B. parade. Our float looked AWESOME and so did WE in our matching Gibraltar T-Shirts!\* The weather was PERFECT for the parade, and I think everyone really enjoyed being Grand Marshalls! We convened at Bob & Ellen Rosser's house after the parade for a fabulous picnic of grilled meats (thanks Bob!), tasty side dishes, cold beverages and lots of laughs. Check out the photos on the GNA website ([www.GibraltarNA.org](http://www.GibraltarNA.org)) for a look at all the fun!

I've been seeing a slight up-tic in the number of people using our GNA "yahoo email group" for communicating with each other. This is great and just what it's intended for. Topics like how to tactfully deal with a neighbor's dog, requests for recommendations on a good repairman, and alert messages about a suspicious-looking person seen in the area... these and other topics are a great reason for being part of this email group. Simply go to the GNA website (referenced earlier) and visit the "Join Email Group" page, click the link and sign up. You'll then be included in future correspondences.

Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July holiday, and then plan to come to the GNA meeting on the 5th!  
Cory Peters, GNA President

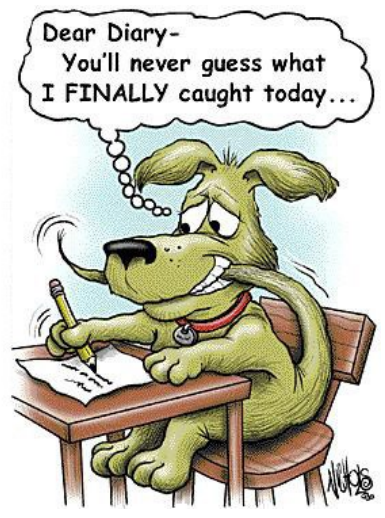


\*We had a great response to the GNA t-shirts that we made for the parade. We might consider printing another run of shirts if there's enough interest (the printing business is owned by a GNA resident!). The artwork for the shirt is shown here (front chest imprint and back imprint). Shirts are a deep burgundy color with white ink imprint – see the pix on the website to see what the shirt looks like. Cost per shirt is around \$14. Email me at [coryp241@yahoo.com](mailto:coryp241@yahoo.com) if you are interested in a shirt(s).

# FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

## Summer Pet Tips

- Doghouses are not good shelter during the summer as they can trap heat. You may want to fill a child's wading pool with fresh water for your dog to cool off in.
- Keep pets off of lawns that have been chemically treated or fertilized for 24 hours and away from potentially toxic plants and flowers.
- Fleas and ticks, and the mosquitos which carry heartworm disease, are more prevalent in warmer months. Ask your vet for a preventive to keep these parasites off your dog.
- Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse.
- When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn.
- Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog: The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn.
- And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.





# BACK IN TIME!

By: Liz Matis

On Sunday June 1, 2014 several of us in the GNA took the Dodge's Bio & Byways tour. The motor coach tour visited significant sites connected to General Dodge and his family.

As the bus left the front of the Dodge House we proceeded on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and the bus slowed. We stopped at the site where Major General Mathew Tinley's home sat at 520 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. One of our GNA members had a daughter and son-in-law who had always loved the house and wanted to purchase it and restore it to its original grandeur. Before they could speak with the owner and make an offer, almost overnight the Historic Major General Mathew Tinley's home, built in the mid 1890's, was being demolished.

That tour made me decide to reprint the very first article I wrote for the Rock Talk in 2011 as the first Memorial Edition featuring Major General Mathew A. Tinley. Doctor, General and proud Citizen of Council Bluffs.

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More than a quarter of a century ago, in almost the blink of an eye, a spot which many of us graduated from and lovingly remembered as the site of Abraham Lincoln High School was changed forever. We all grieved when some juvenile delinquents, bent on destruction, set fire to the historic building and burned her to the ground. A huge piece of history in our neighborhood was gone forever. Along with it we lost a special member of the neighborhood, Everett Shockey, who was taking coffee to the firefighters fighting the enormous blaze, had a heart attack and passed away that night.

That happened in the winter of 1976. Then, several years later on that same spot, without any warning, a building went up that did not fit the historical design of the neighborhood. A metal building that looked like an outbuilding one would find on a farm, only without windows. A short time later, an iron fence went up around the lot and was padlocked when the occupants were in the building and when they were gone. It wasn't long after they moved into the neighborhood, we learned it was a group called The Meeting House. While considered a church, it is not like those most of us would recognize. We saw them come in vans; the children were dressed alike as were the adults.

In the years prior to that lot being fenced in, we always felt the safety of our police force, who would park in the lot at the end of their shifts. There they would complete their reports and they used the opportunity to look out for our neighborhood's safety. A police officer remarked to one of our GNA members recently that they missed being able to park in the lot because they felt we were —their neighborhood to protect and at the same time the speeding on 5th Avenue was cut way back.

Total shock, anger and disbelief shook our neighborhood when the house was demolished. That someone would destroy a part of a neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places seemed inconceivable! It was, and is not, acceptable. I knew then I needed to address the process of how designation to the National Registry is achieved, and why we took the steps we did in 2002 to protect it from just what the Meeting House did to the historic Tinley house and our Historic Neighborhood!

In 2002 our neighborhood was threatened when a man from outside our state bought two historic houses and converted them into halfway houses for convicts. Overnight, the safe neighborhood we had raised our children in was threatened and time was of the essence.

We not only had to achieve the placement of our neighborhood on the National Registry of Historic Places, but also had to petition the City Council to allow us to be down zoned to R1. An R1 would protect our historic homes from being broken up into apartments. Only houses that already had apartments would be grandfathered in.



*Window detail from the north and south sides of the house*

Supposedly, a Meeting House member stated they bought the 520 house to insure it wouldn't be turned into a crack house and apartments. If the Meeting House would have done a little research, they would have found that turning the historic Tinley house into apartments was not an option! As all of us found out, their real and only goal was to level the Tinley house with bulldozers and turn it into a parking lot because they needed more parking!

Many of us have lived in this historic neighborhood for 50, 60 and even over 70 years. Many are 2nd, 3rd & 4th generation. We had a huge undertaking in 2002, but we all knew what we had was irreplaceable, and historically needed to be saved for generations to come.



*Above: Circa 1899, train taking Council Bluffs soldiers to the Philippines*

After an uphill battle, we received designation of placement on the National Register of Historic Places. It took many dedicated people with a love of history to research, and at times fight to save, the homes in our GNA neighborhood. With the deliberate destruction of one of our most historic homes, it should remind us that we need to continually be diligent to the possibility that there are those out there who don't have the same respect for the history we have chosen to live in and around.

Once something of historical significance is destroyed, it can only be remembered in history books and hopefully in the hearts of those that had the honor to live in the area where the structure stood and history was once made. Every home has a heart and a history, and the richest blessing is the people who built and lived in them.

I would like to introduce you to the man and his home. We remember and honor in this **first Memorial Edition of Rock-Talk: Major General Mathew A. Tinley**, who was the original builder & owner of 520 3rd Street. If we discuss the house the General built first, you will have a better understanding of the man who built it, who he was, what he did and especially what he stood for.

The Tinley house was built around the middle of the 1890s's. The porch is thought to have been added around 1914. It falls under the description style of Four Square. The four square house type originated in the Prairie School style of architecture and is essentially a two-story cube or square house that typically has four rooms on the first floor and four rooms on the second floor. Frame, brick and stucco examples are known. Variations of the foursquare included the addition of ells that added to or extended the basic square plan; however, the overall thrust of the house is a square cube-like massing and plan.

Foursquare houses typically have hipped roofs with wide eave overhangs reflecting the strong horizontal emphasis of the Prairie style, however, other stylistic influences can be seen on porch and window types including early twentieth century Free Classic Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, and Crafts-man style of architecture.



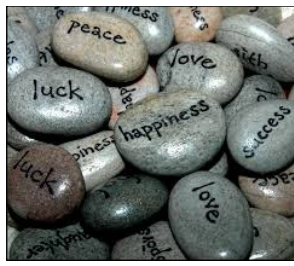
*Major General Mathew Adrian Tinley*

This house is described in the National Register of Historic places as contributing. It is contributing in style and also by the residents that lived in the house: in this case by contributing to the community, Major General Tinley's contribution was in military service and as a Doctor serving his patients.

In the 1870s, a state guard was organized with local units which, in 1892, merged with other military detachments to become the Third Iowa Infantry. This became the 51st Iowa Volunteer Regiment in 1898, was mustered into federal service, and left for the Philippines, where it served during the Philippine Insurrection. Upon its return to Council Bluffs, the regiment's designation reverted to the Third Iowa Infantry. In 1916, the group served on the Mexican border as a part of the National Guard. It was sworn into federal duty for World War I on August 5, 1917 and became the 168th Infantry Regiment. The regiment saw distinguished service under its regimental commander, Colonel later (Major General) Mathew Tinley, as a part of the Forty-second (Rainbow) Division in France. Also during World War I, Unit K, a hospital unit and prototype for M.A.S.H. units of later wars, was formed in Council Bluffs, by Colonel Donald Macrae, Jr. and contributed valuable medical support on the Western Front.

*In the next Memorial Edition we will meet the man that is the center of this history, Mathew A. Tinley. Doctor, General and Proud Citizen of Council Bluffs.*

# PEBBLES



Recently I went up to Kim Park to walk. I hadn't been up there since last year. What a nice surprise to see all the hard work that went into revitalizing the park. The Parks Department was there working on getting sprinklers going to coax the new grass seeding to sprout. About a dozen other walkers were enjoying the warm weather that day walking the track -- all enjoying the efforts of the Gibraltar neighborhood.

~ GNA resident Marge Leaders

*it's the little things that matter!*



# DOWNTOWN NEWS



**Farmers Market**  
Downtown 100 Block of Broadway  
Thursdays until fall

**June 21**  
All Lit Up Bike Ride

**July 3**  
Streetdance USA

**July 12-13**  
Railroad Days

Find out more at  
[BluffsDowntown.com](http://BluffsDowntown.com)  
or on Facebook!



Matt Johnson, owner of Barleys, waters the new flower baskets that line the 100 Block of Broadway. Note the new Main Street Farmers Market banners!

## Dodge House

**Sunday June 22**  
**General's Ladies Garden Walk 10 am - 4 pm**

Five area gardens are featured and a special speaker from Monica's Plants & Organics from Missouri Valley will be highlighted during the continental breakfast. The breakfast will be available from 10 am until 11 am. Garden tickets are available at the Dodge House Office (621 Third Street); Hy-Vee on Madison Ave.; Diller's Greenhouse & Sherbondy's garden Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 day of event. Member tickets are \$8 available only at the Historic General Dodge House.

**Friday July 4**  
**"Ring Bells for Freedom" 1 pm**

In 1963 President Kennedy asked all Americans to "ring a bell for freedom". Join us as we gather on the grand front porch of the Historic General Dodge House to carry on the tradition to celebrate the many freedoms that Americans enjoy. Bring a favorite bell to ring or use one of ours. Hope to see you here!

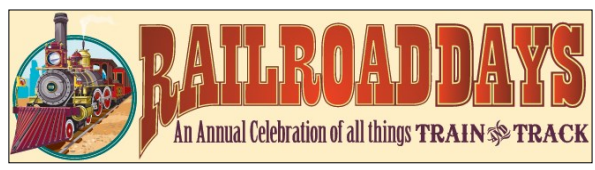
**Saturday July 5**  
**Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social 1 - 3 pm**

Harkening back to early Dodge House fundraisers, this event will be held on the Historic General Dodge House lawn, in conjunction with the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County. Join us for lots of fun!



**Saturday and Sunday July 12 & 13**

From 9 am – 5 pm families (2 adults & dependent children) can see 5 area railroad-theme museums for \$15. If anyone from the Gibraltar Neighborhood would like to volunteer during this activity-packed-two-day event please call Kori or Danette 712-322-2406, we have several shifts available.



## Gibraltar Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2014

A small group met at Dixie Quick's the Saturday before the Celebrate CB parade.

1. Cory had spoken with the Parks and Rec department about the Kirn Park Grand Opening, for Fairmont and GNA. Should be held the last Saturday or Sunday in June.
2. Advised those in attendance of the Celebrate CB event held at the Rivers Edge park to announce the Grand Marshal of the parade. All 13 Neighborhood Groups in CB were named Grand Marshals and were in attendance to accept the honor.
3. Discussed the details for the Parade participation and BBQ at the Rosser's home after parade
4. Further discussed the waterline insurance: Cory did research and found mixed reviews from east coast. Primarily positive however in the past there was an issue with misrepresentation as utilities co. Final verdict, not a bad thing to have if you can afford it. More info will be posted on our website.
5. Cory and Steve were going to check with the county about burnt house on Bluff
6. Jim stated Preserve CB was looking for meetings about code issues for restoring historic homes, if anyone wants to attend meetings to contact Gary Lopez or Jim Kieffer.

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Ketcham, Vice President

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or submit your own items.

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# FOOD BY THE FAMILY-FUL

*Beyond merely nourishing the body, what we eat and with whom we eat can inspire and strengthen the bonds between individuals, communities, and even countries.*

- Pie in the Sky Productions

## Lite pineapple coconut pie (serves 8)

### Ingredients

- 1 cup cold skim milk
- 3.4 oz. pkg. sugar free instant vanilla pudding
- ½ cup flaked coconut
- 8 oz. can crushed pineapple, unsweetened, drained
- 1 9" pie crust, baked; or graham cracker crust
- Light whipped topping, optional

### Directions

In mixing bowl, beat milk and pudding until thickened. Stir in the coconut and pineapple. Pour into pie crust and chill for at least 2 hours. Garnish with whipped topping if desired.

### Nutrition info:

without the whipped topping, 1 serving is 198 calories, 3 gm protein, 9 gm fat, 26 gm carbs



# FOOD QUIZ

Q: Which food was named for the sound that it made when broken?

- a. squash
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- c. crackers
- d. beets



A. crackers

Called "biscuits" in England, the term "cracker" first appeared in print in America in the early 1800s. In Hawaii, crackers have been referred to as "saloon pilots" a much-refined version of "hardtack", the tough, coarse unleavened wafers that were enjoyed (or cursed) by sailors around the world.

**VISION:** 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:** 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 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**