

ROCK-TALK

the newsletter of
The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

January's Holiday Party & Elections – SO FUN!

If you were unable to attend the Neighborhood Holiday Party in January, you missed a great time! Bud and Susy Dew's house was still **beautifully** decorated for the holidays, and wowee-wow was there a fantastic spread of food and beverages!! (Thank you to everyone who contributed.) Everybody had such a nice time relaxing, catching up with friends and neighbors, enjoying a great plate of food and tasty adult beverage, and *being together* during these challenging times!

We also want to give a shout out to the folks who volunteered to serve on our neighborhood board! The elections went smoothly and we have a fantastic mix of “old blood and new blood” on the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Board. *See page 3 of the newsletter* for more information about each person.

As the new board members get more familiar with their roles and batons are passed, etc., we should start to see more information about future plans for neighborhood initiatives, social events, etc. So, be sure to keep an eye out on our website and social media pages for announcements, and of course the Rock Talk Newsletter! We hope to see **you** getting involved and attending events— it keeps Gibraltar vibrant!



PRESIDENT'S POST

Feb/Mar 2022

My fellow Gibraltarians,

It's been a long and dark winter. If you're like me - there is a good chance you're putting out a Bill Murray "Groundhog Day" vibe. There's nothing good on the tube, it's too cold to go outside, the news is a dumpster fire, and if your son listens to "We Don't Talk About Bruno" one more time - I might be writing the next presidential letter from the slammer. But Spring is SO close, and there is SO much to look forward to.

Soon the streets will be bustling with walkers, sounds of kids playing will be echoing from Kirn Park, we have a long-time resident serving on our city-council, summer evening conversations on front porches, and secretly spying on your neighbor Bud to finally figure out the secret of how he keeps his garden looking so DANG good.

I'm excited to be serving once again on your board with a bunch of lovely new faces. We will be doing our best to keep you informed and help our neighborhood stay connected through 2022. You can definitely count on some great socials this year, as well as some advocating efforts for the safety and infrastructure of our town. Tom Emmet and I will be working on some grant writing to fund a street study with a local engineering firm that **will hopefully guide a plan for the restoration and renovation of our streets and curbs within our neighborhood boundaries**. We've had an initial meeting with Public Works and the engineering firm, and the proposal was agreeable.

Our hope is that this study will help both neighbors and public officials explore the possibilities and feasible options for our streets that will ultimately lead to some real action. There will be multiple opportunities for community input once this gains traction (this is very much in its infancy stage) and we look forward to all your ideas and opinions.

As always, if you ever have a concern or questions, please reach out. And if you moved in recently - WELCOME - please keep an eye out for future gatherings and don't be afraid to come say hello.

Let's make this year a good one Gibraltar,

Turner



Meet Your New Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Board!

TURNER MORGAN, President

Born and bred in right here in Council Bluffs, Turner Morgan is the guy referred to as "Oh, you're Abby Jares's husband!" In the shadow of her brains and beauty, Turner enjoys sitting on his front porch, is a chronic waver, loves all things food related, and taking care of his harem of ducks, chickens, pot-bellied pig, and new addition - Gigi, the great Pyrenees. He is a graduate of Lewis Central, attended all the colleges in the Midwest chasing a girl (who is his wife, so it worked out), and is the proud father of JJ Murphy Morgan (3 years old). Growing up in the county, Turner didn't really have many neighbors (or know them). He and Abby were pleasantly surprised to be greeted by such a lovely group of human beings when they moved here 8 years ago, and they look forward to volunteering in the neighborhood for years to come.



DAVE ADAMS, Treasurer

I was born in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan in 1955. I moved to Council Bluffs, IA in 1981 to take a job with the Council Bluffs Police Department. Joined the Omaha Police Department in 1985 and retired in 2007. I then worked for the Methodist Health System in Security from 2007 until June 2021. I have been married to Amy Adams for 26 years and have enjoyed living at 528 Clark Avenue for the last 19 years. I have three children from a prior marriage. I am looking forward to serving on the board of this great neighborhood.



JILL KATES, Secretary

My husband Chris and I live at 22 Grenville Ct., we moved in during the pandemic. What an adventure! We have been married 5 years. We dated in High School and reunited 26 years later! My son, Dakota "Cody" lives with us. He is 19 and attends IWCC. I'm employed by the Douglas County Attorneys Office as a Victim Advocate. I work primarily sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide cases. In my free time I love going to Jazzercise. I also love putting puzzles together and spending time with family, and our new neighbors!! The Book Club is so much fun! We have a super senior kitty named Phoebe. Chris and I enjoy traveling and are looking forward to retirement!



BRIAN WEDEMEIER, Member At Large

I'm Brian Wedemeier and have lived at 527 Bluff St. going on 7 years. We (my partner Dennis Fellhauer) fell in love with the neighborhood when searching for our home, and continue to love our choice. We have 3 Australian Shepherds: Levi, Wrangler, and Calvin, which keeps us busy. We love gardening and landscaping, cooking, traveling, golf, and a good glass of wine or a great cocktail. I grew up in Sumner, IA, a small farming community in northeast Iowa. I attended Hawkeye Community College studying photography, ended with a Masters degree in portrait photography, and business/marketing emphasis. I ran a very successful studio with my family for 12 years, closing in 2010. Now I'm a Floral Designer at the West Broadway Hy-Vee, so please give me a call for your floral needs! I am looking forward to being a part of our GNA Board, to help with our mission, make new plans for the future of GNA, and get to know more of our great neighbors. If you are passing by and see us out in the yard, stop by and say hi- or introduce yourself and enjoy an adult beverage.



MARY MADISON, Member At Large

Hello, I am Mary Madison. I have lived in the Gibraltar neighborhood for 45 years and grew up on Grandview Avenue next to upper Fairmont Park. I have been retired for 10 years. I've been a member of GNA since its inception and was instrumental in organizing our Association. I have a daughter, son in law, and granddaughter who live on 5th Ave in the 'hood. I love gardening, playing golf and entertaining my friends and family. I couldn't ask for a better neighborhood to reside in.



MICHELE GRAHAM, Member At Large

Michele moved into the neighborhood in August 2019, and was drawn to the sense of community within the Gibraltar Neighborhood. She works full-time and enjoys reading, walking and cycling in her spare time. She appreciates the opportunity to serve and contribute to others.



THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH YOUR SERVICE!!

Why Membership Dues?

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, Street Renovations, Dumpster Days, and Trailhead Restoration
- > Enhancements like Identification Banners (yard & poles)
- > Quarterly Neighborhood Social Events
- > Neighborhood Clean Sweep
- > Newsletter printing & mailing, 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 improvement 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 GibraltarNA.org/donate. THANK YOU!



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.

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Jill Kates's Favorite Pancakes: Lemon Pancakes from "Joy of Cooking" cook book.

Whisk together in a large bowl:

1 cup flour
1/3 cup sugar
1 - 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt



Combine in another bowl:

3/4 cup sour cream
1/3 cup milk
finely grated zest of two lemons
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1 egg
1 - 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Quickly mix liquid ingredients with dry ingredients.

Batter will be thick and bubbly.

Cook 'em up on the griddle.

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GNA Board Meeting Minutes

First Meeting of the New GNA Board, January 2022

The newly-elected board members (Turner Morgan, Dave Adams, Jill Kates, Brian Wedemeier, Mary Madison and Michele Graham) met to discuss division of board responsibilities, who will hold what positions, and how to start planning for the new year.

Topics for discussion were as follows:

1. Determine overview and needs - social fabric, advocate for the neighborhood, put together at least a couple of events, projects as needed
2. Positions - need to establish Secretary and Treasurer. Will vote on VP later (to take over pres)
3. Terms of Service
 - > Turner - 2 year (president)
 - > Mary - 2 year (member at large)
 - > Dave - Treasure
 - > Brian - at large
 - > Michele - At large
 - > Jill - Secretary
4. Responsibilities
 - > Bi-monthly newsletter content - due 1 week before printing.
 - everyone to contribute something
 - > Newsletter delivery (April through October) -
 - > Spring Clean up
 - add electronics component
 - > Summer/Fall social
 - 2 locations
 - > Quarter Auction
 - keep it
 - > Holiday Party
 - keep it
5. Next Meeting - March TBD

TO DO's:

- Turner - send out a survey to find out what's important and coordinate dumpsters for Spring Clean Up
- Turner and Tom - meeting with Public Works and Engineering Firm Lamp Rynearson to create framework for street study for our neighborhood. The study will be grant funded, and will help the neighborhood and city come up with a plan for the future of our streets.
- Brian - will approach 3-Point apartment management about a sponsorship
- Brian - will research alternatives to current resident flags
- Dave - call police about speeding on Bluff
- Brian - will contact Story Street about food drive



WHAT IS the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association??

OUR MISSION: The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association (GNA) 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.

OUR VISION: That 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.

THE GIBRALTAR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS NOT:

The GNA is not a homeowner's association. We don't enforce rules or make you pay dues (membership in the association is strictly voluntary). We don't dictate the color you paint your house, or have a say in what type of new windows you install, or even require that you attend any of the meetings and events that we host. We simply believe that an environment where neighbors are connected with each other leads to a **better quality of life**. All you need to do is attend a gathering and see for yourself.

We hope you'll take an active role in making our neighborhood a safe, clean, fun and healthy environment for all of us! Here's to a new decade, and we're hoping to see more of you in 2022!

SHAMROCK SHAKE!

Around St. Patrick's Day, it's easy to run to McDonald's to get a shamrock shake.

But what do you the rest of the year when McD's isn't selling their iconic green ice cream treat? Answer: Make a copycat shamrock shake at home, obviously!

Get the same taste of the real thing with this easy-to-make recipe:

2 scoops vanilla ice cream
1/2 cup milk
1 drop peppermint extract
2 drops green food dye

1. Add in the scoops of ice cream to a blender, then pour in the milk.
2. Drop the extract and food dye into the blender.
3. Cover and blend for 15 to 20 seconds.
4. For a thicker shake, add more ice cream. For a thinner shake, add more milk.
5. Serve with whipped cream.



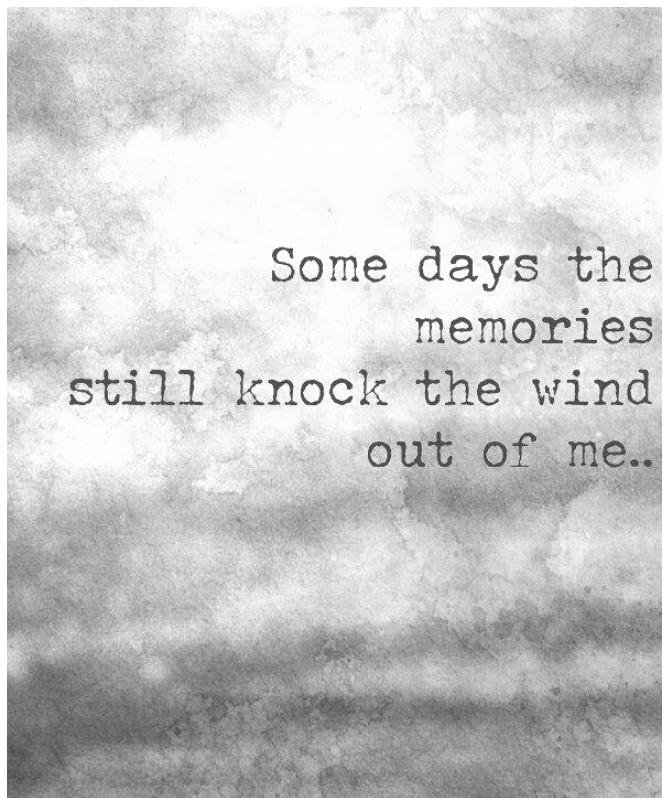
THE ENKINDLED SPRING

By D. H. LAWRENCE, 1885 – 1930

This spring as it comes bursts up in bonfires green,
Wild puffing of emerald trees, and flame-filled bushes,
Thorn-blossom lifting in wreaths of smoke between
Where the wood fumes up and the watery, flickering rushes.

I am amazed at this spring, this conflagration
Of green fires lit on the soil of the earth, this blaze
Of growing, and sparks that puff in wild gyration,
Faces of people streaming across my gaze.

And I, what fountain of fire am I among
This leaping combustion of spring? My spirit is tossed
About like a shadow buffeted in the throng
Of flames, a shadow that's gone astray, and is lost.



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JANUARY'S GIBRALTAR WOMEN'S BRUNCH

It was a cold and snowy January Saturday, but a brave handful of neighborhood gals ventured out for the first Gibraltar Women's Brunch of the new year! We were warm and toasty at the home of Cory Peters, where everyone contributed amazing food and we enjoyed two different egg casseroles, fresh fruit, home baked goods, mimosas and coffee. Lots of laughs, lots of sharing of news, and great fellowship all around. We hope to host another one mid-year!





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LOVE HORSES? Attend the 2022 International Omaha!

The 2022 International Omaha Presented by Burlington Capital will feature top jumping and vaulting competitors when it returns **May 5-8, 2022**, to CHI Health Center Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska. The event will feature a Vaulting competition for the first time in Omaha, in addition to Speed Jumping and a Grand Prix Jumping Challenge. Produced by the Omaha Equestrian Foundation, the 2022 International Omaha Presented by Burlington Capital is not your ordinary horse show. The event gives riders, visitors, and volunteers **from nearly 40 states and multiple countries** a chance to see and meet some of the world's finest equestrian athletes, who will be competing for over \$250,000 in prize money. Located in the heart of downtown Omaha, everything is under one roof – stabling, warm-up, the competition arena, educational and exhibit areas, demonstrations, and a shopping expo.

The four days of competition begins on May 5 and features Jumping & Vaulting classes at a range of heights and divisions, including children, junior/amateur, and open. The Vaulting competition Saturday evening, May 7, marks the first time an FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final will be held in front of a North American audience. Packed with emotion, creativity, and athleticism, vaulting is the FEI's fastest-growing discipline. Intertwining the acrobatics of gymnastics with showmanship comparable to Cirque du Soleil, vaulters are known to express themselves through choreography, costume, and music. The event culminates with the \$100,000 International Omaha Grand Prix on Sunday, May 8 at 3:15 p.m.



How to Attend All-session tickets are on sale NOW and start at just \$45 – a great value for four-days of competition. For tickets, go to [ticketmaster.com](#). VIP The event also will feature a tradeshow with a wide variety of shopping offerings, food sampling, and engaging educational exhibits for children. There will be opportunities for photos and autographs with riders. For more information about the 2022 International Omaha Presented by Burlington Capital, visit [OmahaEquestrian.org](#).

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Cory Peters



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH YOUR ANNUAL DUES!!
Our accomplishments would not be possible without YOU!

READING & SOCIALIZING!



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? heehee) meeting!

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- Quarterly social events Fundraisers Business meetings
 Other _____

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- Getting to know my neighbors Preserving our brick streets Historic preservation
 Better lighting in our Neighborhood More social events Crime / Safety
 Other _____