



ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of
The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.



Attend the GNA Morning Mixer!

WHERE:

1892 BEER HOUSE, 142 W. Broadway (100 Block) Parking in back

WHEN:

SATURDAY, March 8, 2025 // 9:00am to 11:00am

Start your weekend off with some fun! Join us on Saturday, March 8, when we'll gather with neighbors and friends for a short informal meeting, then time for socializing while nibbling on some light breakfast goodies, like Mad-Ox donuts! **We will also have an area with activities for the kids!**

For those of you **NEW TO GIBRALTAR** - please make an attempt to join us for this event. We would love to meet all of the new faces and families who have joined our awesome neighborhood community. See U There!



2025 ASSOCIATION DUES are DUE!!

Become a member of our awesome neighborhood! The form is on last page of newsletter, **OR save yourself a stamp and pay via our website's "donate" tab at www.GibraltarNA.org.**

Your annual dues help fund projects like:

- > Holiday and Social Events
- > Neighborhood Identification Banners & Signs
- > Neighborhood Cleanup Day
- > Beautification Projects like 9th St. Trailhead
- > Printing & Mailing of Newsletters, cards and other stuff
- > Welcome Bags, Yard Flags and much more!



Help keep Gibraltar moving in a positive direction by support through annual dues. THANK YOU to all those who have supported our neighborhood in the past— we couldn't do it without you!

PRESIDENT'S POST

February 2025



Happy 2025 Everyone! I hope you are all getting off to a great new year, where you may (or may not) be working on those resolutions! One of our household resolutions is to connect more with our neighbors and friends through some Pop-Up Gatherings this year. This could be anything from having someone over for a potluck dinner, wine or whiskey tasting, game night, the ever-popular martini mixer, or any Holiday Events. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors, welcome new residents, and create new friendships — which is a driving force of our wonderful neighborhood.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! March 8, 2025 is our next gathering, the “March Morning Mixer” at the 1892 Beer Haus. This is the 2nd year for the venue, hosted by GNA residents and members Lisa & Cory Radke. I hope for a HUGE turnout, with no conflicting community events this year. So please plan to attend! (Find the specific event details on the front page of the newsletter.)

As we look forward to spring, I can't wait to get into the garden. For all you gardeners — a garden club could be a really fun group within our neighborhood, right? I recall some wonderful gardens and backyard oases while delivering the newsletter over the years. (btw, that's the correct spelling of the plural of “oasis” — I had to look it up! Don't you think it should be “oasises”? lol!) I think a garden setting makes a great locale for one of our “pop-up” events! So, who wants to chair the formation of a new GNA garden club?

On the garden topic... I was asked to speak at the Spring Garden Conference at IWCC on Saturday, April 12, at 10 & 11:00am on Flower Arranging 101. Please check out the West Pott. Master Gardener's Facebook page for registration and more information. They have a wide variety of speakers on lots of different gardening topics. Hope to see you there!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Dave Wolfe for repairing our Little Library! We truly appreciate your skills making our box more weather-proof, keeping the books dry and damage free during inclement weather. This much-utilized resource is available for residents and visitors alike. We are also happy to announce we have a new Little Library Librarian!! **Kimber Post** - thanks for taking care of book selections and reading materials!

I also want to invite you to be a part of our ROCK TALK newsletter! We are always interested in what you are involved in, topics you find interesting, fictional stories, or a great recipe. And don't forget to check out our Facebook page for more details of any events going on in the neighborhood.

One final reminder, 2025 Dues are due... it's only \$25, and these funds help us put on events, replace missing pole banners, deliver this newsletter, and much more. And, your dues are tax deductible (as allowed) because of our 501c3 status. Pay via the website or mail-in with the form on the last page.

I hope to see you all on March 8 MORNING MIXER EVENT!

Peace -

Brian Wedemeier, Your GNA President



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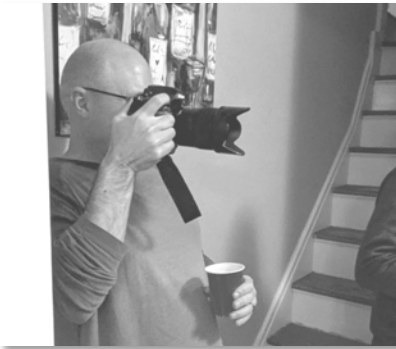
7:00-7:00 Mon-Fri + 8:00-noon Saturday (ITM)

The EPIC Neighborhood Holiday Party!

January 4, 2025: There were smiles and laughter all around at the Gibraltar Holiday Party at the lovely home of Josh Pettit and Lindsay Besco. The food was plentiful (and DELICIOUS — we have some great cooks in our neighborhood!) and the beverages were flowing freely. Everyone had a really wonderful time... especially those who stayed into the WEE HOURS for the karaoke party!! More pics are on the Gibraltar website (www.gibraltarna.org) so be sure to check those out! SO FUN!!



Friends & Neighbors





Treasury Report as of 2-6-25

Expenses: \$403.37
January Holiday Party

Deposits: \$74.01

Membership renewals: 3

Ad renewals: 0

Ending balance: \$14,361.74

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Adams, GNA Treasurer

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Music Connects Us



I would like to thank our wonderful neighbors, friends, and families for attending the River City Mixed Chorus (RCMC) annual holiday performance. A huge thank you to Chris & Steve Gorman for volunteering to help with our raffle ticket sales. RCMC has a two concerts left this season. I would also like to invite you to our upcoming show on April 5, 2025, for the world premiere of “Sincerely Yours, Pauli Murray,” a cantata that chronicles the life and work of American civil rights activist, Reverend Dr. Pauli Murray. This unsung hero was a trailblazer in the fight for equality for women, people of color, and the LGBTQ+ community. Visit [RCMC.org/concerts](https://www.rcmc.org/concerts) for tickets, and note our summer show that’s a collection of Disney favorites with the Omaha Symphony! I hope to see you there, and thanks for supporting me and my choir community.

— Dennis Fellhauer



Gorgeous Holiday Home

A HUGE THANK YOU to Mary Classen & Lloyd Menard for opening up their home for the Preserve CB Holiday Tour of Homes. Mary did a FANTASTIC job with her décor and attention to details, and their home by far “out-decorated” the rest of the homes on the tour. We are grateful to them for opening up and showcasing their beautiful home in our Gibraltar Neighborhood.



**A BIG “HOORAY” to
GNA’s Super-Heroes!**

*Many thanks to our
**hard-working newsletter
delivery & distribution team!**
Without YOU, it would be too costly
to put the newsletter in the hands of
all of our residents!*

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

WHO YA GONNA CALL? (for situations when it *isn't* Ghostbusters...)

Keep this info handy for non-emergency situations where you need to report something to the Police.

The Police Department Non-Emergency Number is: (712) 328-4701.

Our neighborhood's PAR officer (Police Area Representative) is **Officer Dan Stuck**.

You can contact him at **712-329-1856 or 712-328-4556 or 712-890-5225.**

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Enjoying Kitchen Friendships from Brian Wedemeier

There is nothing better than hanging out with a neighbor on a cold winter day making bread. At a recent gallery event, Gavin Christensen made some bread for a charcuterie tray. She made me try all her creations, and we chatted about bread from scratch, so I invited her to come over to my house during her holiday break and make some bread. Baking is a lost art in my opinion, but it's also very therapeutic, no matter your age or ability. Combing through my large library of cookbooks, we selected a few recipes that were easy and not too time consuming, and then the fun started. We had a blast: measuring, kneading, baking, flour fights, scrolling social media while waiting for it to rise, oh - and a pizza. After a few hours we made six loaves of homemade bread! The easiest one we thought we would share with our neighbors! (See recipe on the next page). ENJOY!



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to the 712 Initiative for printing our Rock Talk newsletter! You are a BIG part of helping our neighborhood stay informed and connected!

Quick Cheese Bread — from America's Test Kitchen

Why this Recipe Works: In developing a subtly balanced cheese bread recipe, we used whole milk and sour cream for creamy flavor and moisture and just 3 tablespoons of butter for richness without greasiness. A single egg gave structure to the bread without adding an overly eggy flavor. As for the cheese, we mixed small chunks (rather than shreds) into the dough and found that just 4 ounces provided plenty of flavor without weighing down our cheese bread recipe.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 ounces Parmesan cheese, shredded on large holes of box grater (~ 1 cup)
- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour (15 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- **⅛ teaspoon ground black pepper**
- 4 ounces extra-sharp cheddar cheese, cut into ½-inch cubes, or mild Asiago, crumbled into ¼- to ½-inch pieces (~ 1 cup)*
- 1 ¼ cups whole milk
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 large egg beaten lightly
- ¾ cup sour cream



*If using Asiago, choose a mild supermarket cheese that yields to pressure when pressed. Aged Asiago that is as firm as Parmesan is too sharp and piquant for this bread. If, when testing the bread for doneness, the toothpick comes out with what looks like uncooked batter clinging to it, try again in a different—but still central—spot; if the toothpick hits a pocket of cheese, it may give a false reading. The texture of the bread improves as it cools, so resist the urge to slice the loaf while it is piping hot. Leftover cheese bread is excellent toasted; toast slices in a toaster oven or on a baking sheet in a 425-degree oven for 5 to 10 minutes, not in a conventional toaster, where bits of cheese may melt, burn, and make a mess. Our cheese bread is best made with whole milk, but it will taste fine if you have only 2 percent milk on hand. Do not use skim milk.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Adjust oven rack to middle position; heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 5 by 9-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray, then sprinkle 1/2 cup Parmesan evenly in bottom of pan.
2. In large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, cayenne, salt, and pepper to combine. Using rubber spatula, mix in cheddar or Asiago, breaking up clumps, until cheese is coated with flour. In medium bowl, whisk together milk, melted butter, egg, and sour cream. Using rubber spatula, gently fold wet ingredients into dry ingredients until just combined (batter will be heavy and thick). Do not overmix. Scrape batter into prepared loaf pan; spread to sides of pan and level surface with rubber spatula. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup Parmesan evenly over surface.
3. Bake until deep golden brown and toothpick or skewer inserted in center of loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Cool in pan on wire rack 5 minutes; invert loaf from pan and continue to cool until warm, about 45 minutes. Cut into slices and serve.
4. **FREEZING INSTRUCTIONS:** Although the recipe title Quick Cheese Bread is no misnomer (the batter is in the pan in 15 minutes), when you add time for baking and cooling, the recipe does require a total of two hours. Luckily, like many of our other bread recipes, a baked loaf of cheese bread freezes beautifully, meaning a warm loaf need be only minutes away. To freeze the bread, wrap the cooled loaf tightly with a double layer of aluminum foil and place in the freezer; it will keep for up to three months. **When you're ready to serve the bread, place the frozen, wrapped loaf on the middle rack of a preheated 375-degree oven and heat for eight to 10 minutes, until the loaf yields under gentle pressure. Remove the foil and return the unwrapped bread to the oven for five minutes to crisp the exterior. Take the bread out of the oven and let cool on a rack for 15 minutes to make slicing easier. Enjoy.**



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Dave & Amy Adams

Karen Moore

Susan Murphy & Dan Watson

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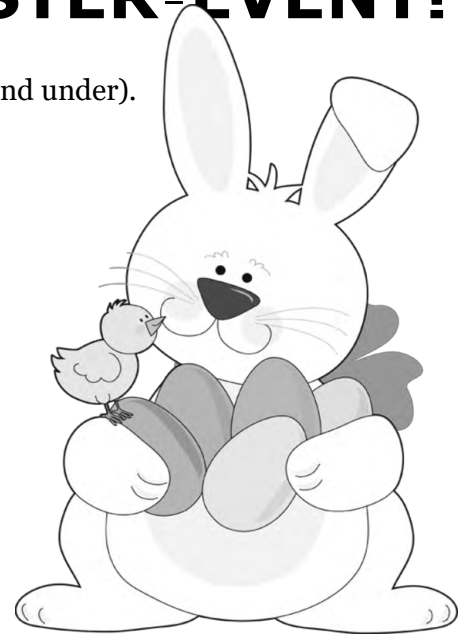
Hunt for Easter Eggs, Prizes, and Easter Treats.

Please bring your own basket or bag.

When: Saturday, April 12, 2025 // 3:00-4:30 pm

Where: The Historic General Dodge House Yard

It's a FAMILY FRIENDLY event! Details still being ironed out—watch for more information in the next Rock Talk. Treats for kids AND adults, and fun for all. PLEASE considering volunteering to help create gift baskets, stuff (and hide) eggs, etc. WE NEED YOU! Please call Brian to see what you can do to help out: 515-205-7515.



THINK Spring

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

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Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form

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- Quarterly social events Fundraisers Business meetings
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Please tell us what *issues* are important to you:

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