



ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of
The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Easter Egg Hunt! Come one, come all!

Back by popular demand, we are once again hosting this fun Easter-themed event!

What: Afternoon Easter Egg Hunt for Children & Tweens (ages 14 and under).

We ask that a parent/guardian accompany their children.

Hunt for Easter Eggs, Prizes, and Easter Treats.

Please bring your own basket or bag.

When: Saturday, April 12, 2025 // 2:00-4:00 pm

Where: The Historic General Dodge House Yard

It's a FAMILY FRIENDLY event! GNA will have snacks, beverages, and crafts!
Fun for one and all, and we hope to see you there!! WE NEED YOU!

Be sure to thank your GNA Board Members for making this event possible.



GET UP TO SPEED with what's going on around town!

2025 CB Special Events info: <https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/2300/Events>

And find the "Latest CB News" here: <https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=1>

Lead-free program, sports leagues, events, etc. : <https://www.facebook.com/CityofCB/>

Council Bluffs City Council: <https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/122/City-Council>

From that page you can access the agenda for an upcoming Council meeting, or read minutes from past meetings. Be sure to ATTEND Council Meetings whenever you can so you can stay informed!

First Ave. Corridor Project (TONS of info here!!): <https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/2347/FIRST-AVE>

Linkages Study/Transportation/Streetcar: <https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/2571/Linkages-Study>

CB Convention & Visitors Bureau: <https://www.unleashcb.com/>

PRESIDENT'S POST

February 2025



Hello Fellow Neighbors!

I know that our household is ready for the arrival of spring... we're looking forward to warmer temps, hanging out with neighbors, taking a walk in the 'hood', and getting out of the house. I just binge-shopped on flower seeds, and can't wait to put on my bibs and grab my shovel and rake. Removing the old and dead remnants of last year's gardens is so satisfying, and I'm looking forward to the new growth. Thanks Mother Nature for the mild temps!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who attended our March Morning Mixer event! Though our turn out was light, it was great to see some familiar faces and especially some new residents. Thanks to Lisa & Cory Radke for hosting and her business partner Jeremy of the 1892 Bier Haus. We look forward to continuing this partnership for upcoming events! ALSO - a huge thank you goes out to Josh Pettit & Lindsey Besco for hosting the January GNA Holiday Party!

Please take time to look over all the information in this JAM PACKED EDITION of Rock Talk; it's full of info on the activities and events coming up the next couple months! Please feel free to reach out to myself or any board member if you have any questions or would like to volunteer at any of our events... note EGG-specially our **2nd Annual Easter Egg Event** — it's family friendly for all ages! Hope to see you there.

Our **GNA Neighborhood Picnic** is an ever-popular gathering! This year I am excited to partner with a former high school classmate and owner of "Totally Rolled" Ice Cream Truck for our picnic! Be sure to MARK YOUR CALENDARS! You won't want to miss it!

I am also happy to announce that our GNA member signs are in production, with arrival in the next couple of weeks. We will be getting the signs out to members who have been paid members for 2023-2025. Keep an eye out on our FACEBOOK PAGE for more information. We'd love to hit a record number of member households for 2025 (so far our record number is just shy of 50). *So become a member today!*

We also have been in contact with the city for replacement of our missing GNA banners. We are on the "do-to list". If you notice a banner is missing or needs some attention, please contact me. We do have an ongoing list of problem locations, but after the last round of windy weather there may be even MORE affected banners.

In closing, I would like to thank our GNA Board and John Gibbs for making sure the ROCK TALK gets delivered to your home, and to our Editor Cory Peters, without her amazing talents the RT wouldn't be the most popular publication in CB! (wink) We are lucky to have a great group of neighbors who STEP UP (or, more accurately, up and down the hills and stairs) across our great neighborhood, to put the newsletter in your hands. If you would like to be a part of this amazing team, please let me know.

Hope to see you round the neighborhood!

Brian

Welcoming all to share God's grace and love.

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SPRING Clean-Up Days: April 26-27!

Hey there Gibraltar Neighbors! Everyone's been working hard downsizing (or "pitch & ditch" as Brian's mom calls it!) and it's time for a good Spring Cleaning! Let's make an effort to clean up, clear out, and beautify our homes and our neighborhood! Your GNA Board has *procured a dumpster for our neighborhood's use this Spring, and will also host a second dumpster days cleanup in the Fall!!*



Gibraltar Dumpster Days
free dumpster for neighborhood residents only
April 26 & 27, 2025

NEW location for the Dumpster:

Corner of 5th Ave. and Clark — next to the Gorman's.



Drive up or walk on over with your junk.
See the list below for items that are not allowed.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

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



Sorry, NO Curbside Pickup for this event.

But we will have helping hands to help unload your items and put them into the dumpster (to maximize usable space):

April 26: 8:00am to 1:00pm
April 27: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

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?

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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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SAVE the DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for the GIBRALTAR SUMMER PICNIC!

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 28th, 2025 || 4:30 to 7:30

WHERE: At the top/south end of Clark Avenue

IT'S ALWAYS A BLAST at our neighborhood family potluck picnic! Come one, come all and please bring the Kiddos!! We'll have games, music, and hopefully a visit from the Fire Dept and/or Police Dept. Your Gibraltar Neighborhood Association will provide the Main Dish, along with lemonade and water, plates, cups, and utensils. AND...the TOTALLY ROLLED ICE CREAM TRUCK!



Big Thanks to Steve Fraiser, owner of Totally Rolled (and high school classmate of GNA President Brian) for attending our neighborhood picnic! Please check out their website to view the amazing selection, and how the process works! <https://totallyrolledicecream.com>

For the picnic, you bring your **favorite side dish** or **dessert** to share! Be creative — get the kids involved (make something that will offer a wider food variety than a fruit trays or cookies!). Pull out an old family recipe or cookbook... Or Revisit your childhood taste bud memories and share it with your neighbors.

*****Coolers with your own preferred beverages are also encouraged!*****

We have the 712 Block Party Trailer reserved, so there will be plenty of tables and chairs for your comfort.

What's that you say? You've never been to Gibraltar's block party picnic?? We can't imagine WHY, but if you're thinking it's no fun, you should check out the photos from prior years! We know how to have fun in Gibraltar!!!! Here's the Gibraltar website photos page: www.gibraltarna.org/photos.html

**** Pleeeeeeease RSVP by June 20** so we know how many tables to set up!

Email your RSVP to Jill (jkates1231@gmail.com) or text Brian (515-205-7515) and include:

- > Your name
- > How many people in your group (# of adults & # of kids)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & make plans to come picnic with your neighbors! SEE YA THERE!



Welcome Our New Little Librarian!



My name is Kimber Post and I moved to the Gibraltar neighborhood in January of 2023, on the corner of Bluff in Worth St. I live with my husband and one slightly overweight kitty in our new (to us) red brick house. I love to paint, read, shop for antiques,

bike, and generally do anything that seems a little silly.

Next time you see someone out on a purple bike feel free to wave – that’s probably me. I absolutely love books, so I was excited to hear that we need someone to help with the little free library. I want to be more involved with the neighborhood and I am excited for the opportunity to contribute!

Please contact me if you have any books to donate, from children’s to novels. We will rotate the selection on a regular basis. This is a great resource for all readers, at no expense to you. There’s nothing better than the feel of a page between your fingertips!



Preferred contact info:
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Phone: 720-394-8602



TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK.

**Have you visited Gibraltar’s
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The library is located in the green space at the corner of **Story St. & 4th Street**. There are books for all ages and interests for you to borrow for as long as you wish... **FOR FREE!**

If you have books you no longer need and can CONTRIBUTE them to the library, simply deposit them in the library box, or contact Cory our Gibraltar “Librarian,” Kimber! (see article to the left) — she’ll come pick them up from you.

Share the joy of reading today! Thank you!



A BIG “HOORAY” to GNA’s Super-Heroes!

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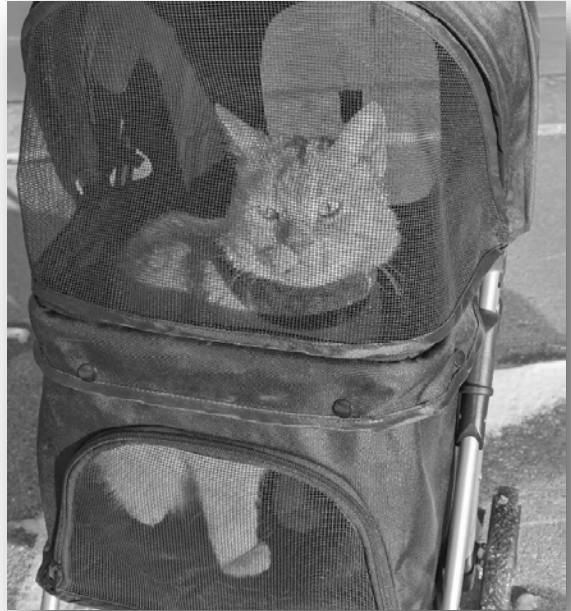
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**National Rescue Dog Day
Tuesday, May 20th**



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- > Neighborhood Cleanup/Dumpsters
- > Printing & Mailing of Rock Talk Newsletters
- > Welcome Bags, Yard Flags and much more!
- > Neighborhood Identification Banners & Signs
- > Beautification Projects like 9th St. Trailhead
- > Fundraisers and Special Initiatives

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!

THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2025!

*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!*

Yes!! You're on the list!



Dave & Amy Adams
 Bud & Susie Dew
 Dennis Fellhauer & Brian Wedemeier
 John Gibbs

**We would love to see
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Steve & Chris Gorman
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH YOUR ANNUAL DUES!!
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SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE PROJECTS



EXTERIOR: The checklist starts at the roof and works its way down to the ground. Focus on wood which is susceptible to wood rot and holes/gaps that might allow water to get behind your home's siding. You'll want to check to see if wood is "spongy or soft to the touch" indicating repairs/replacement is needed.

Roof – check for missing or loose materials. Check around the chimney, skylights and vents for leaks. Look along the eaves for evidence of ice dams.

Check fascia (vertical) & soffits (horizontal) around your roof's edge. Make sure they're tight as they play a role in keeping water from entering your home.

Gutters – clean once a year and twice a year if your home has significant tree coverage. Many houses have different needs on each side of the house, so clean as needed.

Siding & paint – check for cracks, gaps and peeling paint. Repair/replace caulking if you find any gaps. Wood trim often needs more frequent painting as it's there to protect the wood, not just to make your house pretty.

Doors & windows – repair screens, install/swap screens for storm doors/windows. Replace weather stripping as needed.

Window sills and kick boards below exterior doors are the most vulnerable wood rot features, so check them carefully.

Mailboxes, fencing, etc. – repair damage done during snow removal or winter storms.

Deck – clean, repair and stain. Stain wears better than paint and it's easier to maintain because it doesn't peel.

Grill – clean outdoor grill, lawn mower and other tools used outdoors. Check to insure they're working properly before they're needed.

Exterior faucets – turn water on and check faucets for leaks. Be prepared to shut water off quickly as burst pipes are often buried inside house walls.

Foundation plantings (shrubs) surrounding the house need trimming to make sure the wood behind them can dry out.

INTERIOR: Sure you can do indoor home maintenance throughout the year but will you? Once you get this list done, you can enjoy the summer without any guilty feelings. Your most important role is to insure things get done so call your local handyman if you aren't able to do these chores yourself.

Attic – check your insulation for moisture and replace as needed. Be sure to find where the water is coming from and fix that too. You might need more ventilation to get rid of moisture and sometimes it's as simple as rearranging boxes to allow air to circulate.

Bathrooms – check caulking around tubs, showers, sinks and toilets, replacing as needed. Check grout too and repair to prevent water damage or mold.

A/Cs – install window A/Cs so you're ready for the warm weather. Get your HVAC system tuned (duct work too) to insure it's operating efficiently. Change filters too.

Safety – check batteries for smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Spring is a fun time to hold a family fire drill.

Ceiling fans – clean (lots of dust on top) and check to insure fans are operating properly. Yes, you can use fans year round to save on your energy bill.

Appliances – clean refrigerator coils (older refrigerators only), your stove exhaust hood and dryer vents.

Basement – check walls and floor for dampness. If you find any humidity, find out where it's coming and make repairs. Test your sump pump to insure it's functioning properly before spring rain.

Hot Water Heater – once a year, drain and clean out deposits on the bottom. Check the anode rod (find a YouTube video on how to do this) and replace to avoid a mess.

Dehumidifiers – clean periodically and make sure they're working properly.

MINUTES from 3/8/25 Morning Mixer

We met at 1892 Beer House on the 100 Block for a Morning Mixer Meeting with a delicious served breakfast (provided by the Neighborhood Assn). Gibraltar resident/City Councilman Steve Gorman gave an update to what is happening in Council Bluffs.

CB City Council is working on a long-term solution to address the homeless population. CB is one city that is growing the fastest in the number of homeless in our city. There will be lots of development happening in the next several years.

There is more state funding coming. We receive funding for brown spaces (rebuilding already existing properties). We have green spaces available for growth but we don't want to use all of those for growth.

One new program is 127 acres in Manawa that is going to be used to build several town homes. There will be a mix of market/low-income homes and first-time home buyers. There is money available for a down payment.

CB is receiving Covid money to assist with this program. When the money is paid it will be used to fund other CB housing projects.

Steve Gorman discussed that the budget for CB is very conservative. City Council is not in charge of the property taxes. Des Moines sets the tax structure and then CB has to budget around whatever we end up getting. Steve discussed the Street Car Project and the Dodge Park Initiative. He said they are both very different conversations.

Street Car - Omaha is purchasing the cars. There are ways to educate yourself on this possible addition. Ask questions, attend meetings, read the Street Car Journal.

Dodge Park Initiative – The golf course has been losing money for many years, and is likely closing; there are positives and negatives to this. A plan being considered is to put 5,000 or more living spaces on the Golf Course. City can't afford the golf course.

Brian gave an update on GNA:

Easter Egg Hunt 4/12/25 3:00-4:30

End of April the Spring Clean up with a dumpster put at 5th and Clark.

Picnic – Totally Rolled Ice Cream truck will be present for 2 hours. All free.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Kates

Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Secretary



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Thanks to everyone who attended our Saturday Morning Mixer on March 8!! Great food, great friends, fun atmosphere, and lots of good information on what's happening in the City!! Hope we'll see YOU at the next gathering!





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.

Our next meeting is **APRIL 10th** at 6pm, meeting at the Council Bluffs Country Club for dinner. We are currently reading "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn. **For more info** or to join us for dinner on 4/10, please contact Jill Kates (GNA Secretary) at 712-828-1537. We hope to see you there!



Treasury Report as of 3-8 -25

Deposits: \$418.08

Expenses: \$226.00 (USPS P.O. box rental)

Membership renewals: 11

Ad renewals: 2

Ending balance: \$14,553.80

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Adams, GNA Treasurer

GNA Board Meeting

February 26, 2025

1. Treasurer report/New Members

Currently there are 15 paid households. Treasurer's report: \$14,361.74

2. Old News

Received a quote for \$19.19 per yard sign. Jill motioned to purchase 75 signs. Adrienne made the second motion. All were in favor.

Trailhead Sculpture will be in place in April, 2025.

Banners: New replacement signs have been given to the city; we are waiting on set the date to replace.

Mural on 4th St: quote came in for \$2000-\$5000. Dave made a motion to table this issue. Brian made the second motion.

All were in favor.

3. Events/Socials

2025 Events: Morning Mixer is 3/8/25 from 9-11am at 1872 Beer House. Short GNA meeting

Easter Egg Hunt is on 4/12/25 from 3-4:30 at the Dodge House. Motion made by Adrienne to spend \$200 on Easter Egg supplies. Jill made the second motion. All were in favor.

Spring Clean-Up is on 4/26/25 with Dumpster to be placed at Clark and 5th Ave.

GNA Picnic is on 6/28/25 from 4-???. Adrienne made a motion to hire Totally Rolled. Brian made the 2nd motion. All in favor.

4. Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn made by Brian, second made by Dave. GNA voted all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Kates

Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Secretary

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- 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 Historic preservation
 Better lighting in our Neighborhood More social events Crime / Safety
 Other _____