



# ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

## October's Awesome Event!

*A Fun-Filled, Action-Packed Evening!*

**WHAT: GNA's Annual Quarter Auction**

**WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025**

6:30—9:30 p.m. (bidding starts 7:00ish)

**WHERE: 4th Street Bar & Grill**

716 So. 4th Street (American Legion Hall)



Bring the family & friends and join us at our annual GNA Quarter Auction!! There will be a wide variety of items up for bid, with values of \$10 to \$40 (or more!!), and you could win any item 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!**

A "Quarter Auction" 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 much money! **It's a great way to get some holiday shopping done... for CHEAP!!**

**FOOD & BEVERAGES** will be for sale, so enjoy some really tasty dinner and a cold beverage, too!

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

## KEEP These Phone Numbers Handy!



**Non-emergency number:  
712-328-5737**

**Community PAR officers:**

Sgt. Dale Schmitz: 712-890-5216

PO Josh Porter: 712-890-5207

Det. Powels: 712-890-5208

**Officer investigating all incidents in the neighborhood:**

Detective Jon Meyer: 712-890-5201  
criminal investigations

**NOTE:** These are all "Desk Numbers" for the CBPD—they no longer provide cell phone contact numbers.

**IF YOU SEE ANYTHING that seems suspicious, call 9-1-1,** since the non-emergency response might take 30-45 minutes for an officer response.

**Be Alert. Be Aware. Thanks!**



## Check out our NEW Gibraltar website!

Gibraltar's website has undergone some big changes! We needed to switch hosting

# PRESIDENT'S POST

September 2025

Hello there neighbors & friends,

I hope you all have had a great summer with some pool time, enjoying some time off, family gatherings, road trips, travel, and everything that summer brings. Dennis & I were fortunate to “house, dog, chicken, & goose sit” in Olympia, WA, for two weeks. Back in another lifetime, I lived in that area right out of college, never thinking I would return. Fast-forward 30+years later, we enjoyed exploring and adventuring from Seattle, WA to Astoria, OR, not to mention the I-80 west & I-90 east loop back to the mid-west. We revisited The Lochsa Lodge in Powell, Idaho, and I will say again, one of the most amazing remote destination if you really want to get away.



I hope that we are now done with the rash of crime that hit our neighborhood this summer. Unfortunately, this happened to several households in several neighborhoods. I am also very grateful for the calls, text messages, social media posts, and face-to-face interactions to help inform our neighbors as we addressed this issue. I want to express how important it is to get to know your neighbors and to build relationships, to keep our neighborhood safe. As we were personally affected, here are a few tips I learned from the CBPD:

- Inventory with descriptions and serial numbers of your possessions. IT'S A LOT, but without that info the PD can't track items that may be pawned.
- Secure any garage windows and doors with locks, along with your home.
- Lock your vehicles (recent overnight activity on 5th Ave. shows thieves rifling through unlocked cars)
- Make sure property is well lit with flood lights and/or motion sensor fixtures.
- Install home security cameras in three to five areas of your property.
- Communicate with your neighbors. In my opinion, this is the MOST IMPORTANT way to keep our neighborhood safe and effectively help folks be aware of what's happening in all areas of Gibraltar.
- **If you see anything suspicious, call 9-1-1.**

As we look ahead to November, it will be Election time again for Council Bluffs City Government. Make sure you are informed on what seats are open for reelection, and the reputation and views of the candidates. Our city has a lot of growth and development going on, and seems to be moving forward. As our impact with city officials is critical and impacts Gibraltar, we need to have our voices heard.

Speaking of elections, **January 2026 will be election of Board Positions for the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association.** This is a great way to get involved and serve your neighborhood. We currently have an AMAZING board, and I am proud to serve as your President. There will be more information available in upcoming Rock Talk issues, but I wanted to invite everyone to consider running for the neighborhood board.

I do believe all the NEW “GNA Member” signs have been distributed to all paid 2024 & 2025 members. It's awesome to drive through the Gibraltar streets and see the signs proudly displayed at so many homes. If we missed you, or you have recently paid your membership, please contact me so I can get your sign to you. Brian W. 515-205-7515 or [bjwedemeier@gmail.com](mailto:bjwedemeier@gmail.com).

We had a great summer of events in Gibraltar. Another successful GARAGE SALE WEEKEND - thanks to Adrienne for organizing! Another FULL dumpster - though it didn't fill up quite as fast as our *spring* DUMPSTER DAY. We will continue to offer these events for the betterment of our neighborhood. Also, I wanted to share I still get positive comments about our GNA Picnic in June!!

I hope to see you all at the October **Quarter Auction**, we have some great items so far, but still need some more items. As soon as possible, please contact me or any of our board members for pick-up of your donations.

Thanks for your time, and being a part of GNA- Greatest Neighborhood Around!  
Brian W.  
President

Have a  
fa-B00-lous  
Halloween!



# Fall's Quarter Auction FUNDRAISING Event!!

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

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6:30—9:30 p.m. (bidding starts at 7:00ish)

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

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

Bring the family & friends and join the fun at our annual GNA Quarter Auction!! ***This is the 9th year we've held this event, and it just keeps getting better!*** There will be a wide variety of items for auction, with values of \$10 to \$30 (or more!!), and you could win that item you desire for mere quarters! You'll find a variety of fun and fabulous items such as food & beverage gifts, bath & beauty products, antiques, collectibles, homemade products, and so much more! There's almost always something for everyone and each year the auction items are always fabulous!!

A "Quarter Auction" 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! And what a wonderful chance to win a Christmas gift or two!!

**FOOD & BEVERAGES** will be for sale, so enjoy some really tasty dinner and a cold beverage, too!

**Be sure to mark  
your calendars  
NOW for this  
really FUN event!**



- Win Items Such As:**
- > Gift Certificates for Food or Services
  - > Décor, Home Goods, Holiday Items
  - > Homemade Jams & Canned Veggies
  - > Assorted Gift Baskets
  - > Healthcare items, candles, etc.
  - > and so much more!!



*Welcoming all to share God's grace and love.*

# Our Savior's LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Saturday 5:30pm**  
**Sunday 10:30am (Sunday School @ 9:30)**

church: 600 Bluff Street • office: 313 Story Street • ph: (712) 322-6655  
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# Happy Halloween

## Halloween Is Coming... TRICK OR TREAT (October 31, 5:00-8:00pm)

As we get closer to HALLOWEEN, it's time to start planning for the families and kids who will be out and about in our neighborhood! Gibraltar has some new residents and a lot of new, younger families. We love being a family-friendly neighborhood and love seeing the growth in our slice of CB! Last year we had a great response to our request for households participating in Halloween Festivities; we had a dozen homes who were on our neighborhood listing. The street to beat? TURLEY AVE! There were groups of young and old alike who were in a Halloween mood up and down that little street! The GNA Board would like to make sure we provide a positive Halloween experience, so please take time to make this a family-friendly event and take a look at suggestions below.

- Make sure your porch light is on to signal you are a "Halloween House" and will be handing out treats (some houses even had "adult to-go" beverages for parents, too!).
- Clear any trees, bushes, and leaves from the sidewalk areas on your property.
- Be thoughtful about the treats you hand out, being considerate of all types of food allergies.
- When driving, be aware of your surroundings and pedestrians, and slow down.

Have a great time and help create fantastic memories for Gibraltar's little ghouls & goblins.

If you plan to hand out treats, **we ask you to notify us by Oct 20**; we will compile a list of participating households, which will be shared on our Facebook page. Send your email or text to President Brian: [bjwedemeier@gmail.com](mailto:bjwedemeier@gmail.com) or 515-205-7515.

*PS: Be on the lookout for all the awesome Halloween displays — our neighbors put a lot of work and effort into decorating!*



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## FALL LEAF DISPOSAL

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## **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!*  
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8:30-4:00 Monday – Friday (lobby)

8:00-5:00 Mon-Fri + 9:00-noon Saturday (drive-up)

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



## Always-Popular Holiday Tour of Homes... Can You Help??

We have been contacted by Ken from **Preserve Council Bluffs**, asking our neighborhood to submit a few homes that could participate in their 2025 holiday tour, held this year on **December 7th**. Gibraltar has had **many** homes that have been featured in the past. PCB is asking for older “period” homes, and if there is any historical tie to the community that’s even better.

We have some *beautiful* homes in our neighborhood, and it is quite an honor to be asked for many years running to have Gibraltar homes on their tours. If you’re interested but just not sure, please reach out to the GNA Board—we can put you in touch with your neighbors who have participated in the past so you can get some insight. You can also reach out to Ken Freudenburg with Preserve Council Bluffs at 402-670-1897. **Thank you!**

### OCTOBER DATES of note...

10/1—International Coffee Day

10/5—World Teacher’s Day

10/10—World Mental Health Day

10/13—Indigenous Peoples’ Day

10/19—National New Friends Day

10/21—National Apple Day

10/24—United Nations Day

10/25—National Art Day

10/28—National Chocolate Day

10/30—National  
Checklist Day

10/31—Halloween



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Questions? Call or text Tara at 402-680-6906 or email [jazzerciseCBkrew@gmail.com](mailto:jazzerciseCBkrew@gmail.com)

# HAPPY fall fall

## 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**

*We'll throw in the ad setup for free!!* Contact Cory at [coryp241@yahoo.com](mailto:coryp241@yahoo.com) for more info!



THE 712 INITIATIVE

# THANK YOU!

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



**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING SPOT!**

**716 So. 4th Street** (Rainbow American Legion Bldg)

Mon-Friday open at 3pm, Kitchen open 5-9pm (Fridays 'til 10pm) || **Saturday open at 10am**, Kitchen open 5-10pm  
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## **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!*

Dave & Amy Adams

Kathy Bennett & Bob Johnson

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David & Anna Brooks

Nate Brown & Tom Emmett

Andrew Burkey & Daniella Engel

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***Working together to make our community  
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### **Hy-Vee West Broadway**

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712-328-9792 (store)

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# THANK YOU!

### KEEP INFORMED three ways!!

Visit Gibraltar's website online at: [www.GibraltarNA.org](http://www.GibraltarNA.org)

— AND —

LIKE us on Facebook (search "Gibraltar Neighborhood Association").

— AND —

Register TODAY on GNA's "Nextdoor" social networking website:  
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business people or services, get the latest GNA news and much more!

*It's FREE & open to folks within Gibraltar boundaries!!*

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## Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form

Become a Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Member!! Yearly dues are **\$25 per household** and are tax deductible with our 501c3 status! In order to be eligible to vote for board members or receive priority preference for improvement projects, you must be a paid association member.

**Make checks payable to & mail to: Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 1971, Co. Bluffs, IA 51502-1971**

— OR — **pay online at: [www.GibraltarNA.org](http://www.GibraltarNA.org)** >> click on the "Donate" tab (you can pay via PayPal or via Credit Card)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Please tell us what's important to you in *connecting with your neighbors*:

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_