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the newsletter of
The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

GNA Morning Mixer! GNA ELECTIONS: Another family-friendly event!

WHERE: Our Saviors Lutheran Church—Fellowship Hall, 600 Bluff Street, CB

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026 • 8:00am to 11:00am

Start your weekend off with some fun! Join us on Saturday morning, February 28th, when we'll gather with neighbors and friends for our annual meeting. We are also honored to have Mayor Jill Sudak in attendance at 9:00am for a few questions.

ADGENDA:

- This is your chance to bring your questions and concerns to the GNA Board, to City Councilman Steve Gorman (GNA resident/past president), and Council Bluffs Mayor Jill Sudak
- Election of the new Board Members for the 2026-28 term.
- Highlight and overview our GNA 2026 Events
- Socializing while nibbling on some light breakfast goodies, like Mad-Ox donuts! Juice, coffee, and water will be provided.
- We will also have an area with activities for the kids!
- For those of you **NEW TO GIBRALTAR** - please make sure you put this on your calendar! We would love to meet all of the new faces and families who have joined our awesome neighborhood. This is a great opportunity to meet the people in your neighborhood..... See U There!



2026 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 Events and Social Events
- > Neighborhood Identification Banners & Signs
- > Neighborhood Cleanup Day & Easter Egg Hunt
- > Beautification Projects like 9th St. Trailhead
- > Printing & Mailing of Newsletters, cards and other stuff
- > 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 2026

Happy 2026 to Everyone!

I hope your holidays were filled with family, fun, and a few presents under the tree. As we look forward to a New Year, we have LOTS of exciting events scheduled for 2026 in our neighborhood. Make sure you add the dates to your calendar so you don't miss out on all the fun!

Reflecting back, one of our resolutions in 2025 was to have more "Pop-up" events and connect with more neighbors. I think we succeeded all year long... from cozy dinners, back yard gatherings, and a few late-night parties, Dennis & I always love getting together with our neighbors! Whether it's shooting the breeze, or catching up over a nice bourbon or glass of wine, we truly enjoy the company and comradery of our neighbors and friends.

We also have had some new residents moving into our neighborhood. Make sure you introduce yourself, and make them feel at home in the Greatest Neighborhood Around... be neighborly! It's wonderful to see new faces, as others have moved on to their next journey. If you are new to the neighborhood, we welcome you, and hope you become a member of this great association ("Where neighbors become friends!").

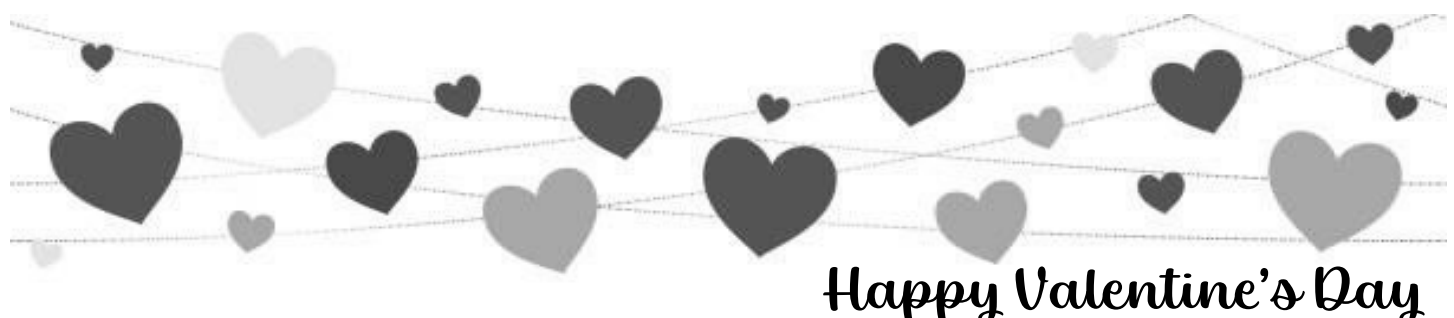
2026 is an election year, not only the "Mid-Terms" in November, but also for our Board of Directors. We have quite a few nominations for various positions, and if you would like to get involved at the Board level, this is a great time to volunteer and build relationships within our slice of CB. If you would like to run for a position on the GNA Board, please reach out to me before FEB 25 -- so we can add your name to the ballot! Elections are Feb. 28th, and the current list of folks who have "thrown their hat in the ring" is on the following page.

I know we are all going through a little CABIN FEVER with the last round of sub-zero temps, and I know I'm ready to get out from under the blankets. Maybe take some time to reflect on yourself, and your goals or resolutions for the New Year (if you set any at the beginning of January). Pick a couple of "things" that you would like to improve upon, or try new adventures. I always think that small "things" can make a huge impact in our daily lives.

With that being said, I am at the end of my current term serving as your GNA President, and will be stepping down and declining any Board position nominations for the 2026-28 term. It has been an honor to serve, starting as a Member at Large, and soon after stepping into the role of the GNA president. We have great nominees on the ballot who will be able to take care of our neighborhood going forward. I will assist with the transition and all the "stuff" that goes with the Presidential position. I look forward to volunteering from time to time, and promote/advocate to keep our neighborhood the best place to live in CB. And, down the road, maybe another turn on the GNA Board.

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

Brian W.
President



Happy Valentine's Day

During the January Holiday Party we collected nominees for the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Board; they are listed below. If you would like to add your name to the ballot before Feb. 25, please email or text Brian at 515-205-7515 or bjwedemeier@gmail.com.

Nominations for your 2026-28 GNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each position will also have write-in spaces for additional nominees.

PRESIDENT

Buck Christiansen
Brian Wedemeier (declined)
Josh Pettit

VICE PRESIDENT

Brian Wedemeier (declined)
Josh Pettit

SECRETARY

Adrianne McElderry
Erik Pleshek

TREASURER

Misty Korner
John Gibbs

MEMBER AT LARGE 4 seats available

Megan Pleshek
Wyatt Moore
Emily Moore
Dan Watson
John Gibbs
Kendra Nelson
Morgan Post



YOUR INVOLVEMENT + VOTE MATTER!

YOU want a neighborhood that's attractive and safe... YOU want a neighborhood that's active and engaged... YOU want to experience a feeling of community and connectedness... **YOU NEED TO GET INVOLVED!**

You are invited to make a difference by being more involved with the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association. ***Election for our 2026-2028 Board Members will be held at our February 25 meeting—come & cast your vote!***

What if I join the Board? Current board members will provide guidance in your new position. It's not a large time commitment and it is more fun than work. Meet more of your wonderful neighbors and work with City & Civic leaders and other neighborhoods! We have a planning meeting every other month where we make decisions about events and issues that impact the neighborhood. In the past, the Board has planned numerous holiday parties, our quarter auction fundraiser, luminarias at Christmastime, writing articles for the newsletter, the clean-up and beautification of our Fairmount Park Trail Head at the top of 9th Ave, litter pick up, dumpster days, etc...

HELP KEEP GIBRALTAR ACTIVE, INVOLVED, AND PROGRESSIVE! CAST YOUR VOTE!



Easter Egg Hunt! Come one, come all!

Don't Miss this FUUUUNNNNN Annual Neighborhood Tradition!

What: 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, March 28, 2026 // 9:00-10:30 am

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!! Don't Miss It!

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



KEEP These Phone Numbers Handy!



**Non-emergency number:
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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!

GNA EVENTS 2026

These are just a FEW of the amazing events our board is excited to announce for the coming year...

Feb 28: Morning Mixer/GNA Elections

8:00-11:00am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Mar 28: Easter Egg Hunt Event, 9:00am-10:30 am
at The Dodge House

April date TBD: Spring Dumpster Day,
hopefully offering curbside pickup

June 13: GNA Picnic, 4:00-7:00pm
held at the end/top of Clark Ave,

Sept/Oct TBD: Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser.

Oct date TBD: Halloween Trunk & Treat with Our Savior Lutheran Church

BE SURE to add these to your calendar! (Possibly more to come!) Watch future Rock Talks editions, Facebook, and GNA emails for updates and more information.

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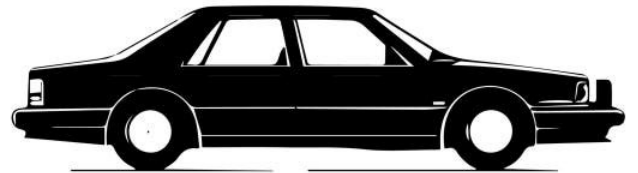
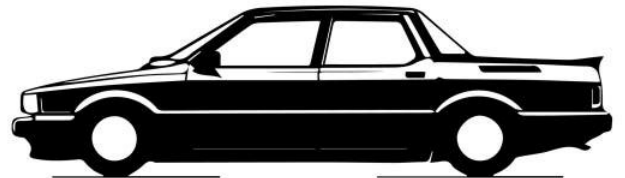
***Automotive repair services for both
foreign and domestic trucks and autos!***

PARKING ALERT (AMAZON or UNAWARENESS...)

Again we are hearing concerns about parking issues in our neighborhood. Please take time to read and follow some common courtesies, and the written law.

Key Violation Details

- **The Issue:** Vehicles are being parked in the **opposite direction** of traffic flow, particularly on narrow streets and *along 5th Avenue & Clark Avenue, Worth Street, and South 3rd Street.*
- **The Risk:** Parking against traffic is a safety hazard that creates visibility issues for oncoming drivers and the person attempting to pull out of the spot.
- **Enforcement:** Continued non-compliance with the city parking code may result in *finest (tickets)* or the *towing of vehicles*. If we continue to receive more complaints and issues, we will direct them to contact CB Parking Enforcement, with tickets issued, and possible tow of your vehicle.



Resident Guidelines

- **Direction:** Always park your vehicle facing the same direction as the flow of traffic on your side of the street.
- **Overflow Parking:** If your household has multiple vehicles, avoid crowding narrow streets or blocking access. You may need to park further down the block to ensure all residents have safe access. Especially 5th Ave, Bluff Street, and Clark Avenue, please be mindful of available spaces. Remember YOU aren't the only person/household on the block looking for a parking space, your neighbors might have guests or family over and it's inconvenient for them to walk blocks from their destination.
- **Delivery Awareness:** While delivery services often stop frequently, residents are expected to adhere to the city code to maintain neighborhood safety and prevent congestion.

For specific local regulations or to report a recurring safety hazard, you can check the Official City Website or contact your local parking enforcement division.

<https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/FormCenter/Police-Department-2/Online-Traffic-Parking-Complaint-71>



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!

Welcoming all to share God's grace and love.

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Holiday Party Wrap-Up!

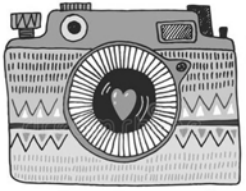
The 2026 GNA Holiday Party was a huge success. AN ENORMOUS thank you to Bud & Susie Dew for hosting and providing the perfect setting for our gathering! We also need to thank Erik & Megan Pleshek for making the infamous “GNA Bourbon Punch,” Penny May (Dennis Fellhauer’s sister) for providing the turkey, and Dwight & Jan Wedemeier (Brian Wedemeier’s parents) for supplying the pulled pork, and to the attendees who filled the island with a delicious buffet!

Thank you to all who attended; we hope you had a great time, and maybe went home with an unexpected gift from the Gift Exchange! Socializing and reconnecting with new and “old” neighbors is always a hilight!

While on the Holiday Theme, we need to **thank and recognize** the residents & GNA Members who opened their homes to a few HUNDRED people for the Preserve Council Bluffs Tour of Home. WOW! Lee Anne Young, Alicia & Jim Brady, St. Peter’s Catholic Church & Parsonage, the Bregant House, and The Dodge House properties were all on the tour. It goes to show how The Gibraltar Neighborhood is rich in history and has active residents showing pride and keeping up our historical heritage.





Collect

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memories



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Dear Gibraltar Neighborhood Residents,

We want to inform you that a decision has been made to move forward with the demolition of 219 Bluff Street. This property has been vacant for several years and is in a condition that makes it unfit for habitation.

This property was acquired through the Housing Revitalization Program, which is focused on improving owner-occupied housing, enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and encouraging long-term investment in our community. While our goal is always to preserve and rehabilitate properties whenever possible, 219 Bluff Street presents unique challenges that have made this difficult.



Several individuals have explored the idea of rehabbing the structure but ultimately concluded that the extent of deterioration combined with zoning requirements (returned to a single-family use and limited off-street parking) made renovation unfeasible.

It has become clear that restoring this home to the standards this neighborhood deserves is simply not feasible.

We understand that removing this structure will leave a temporary gap in the streetscape. However, demolition offers an opportunity for a fresh start on a desirable lot located in a great neighborhood near downtown. Our hope is that, with a clean slate, the site will attract new interest and lead to future development that aligns with the character and needs of the community.

A demolition permit is in the process of being secured. Please know that this decision was not made lightly. It follows a long period of evaluation and efforts to find a viable path forward.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue working to strengthen our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Lynn Dittmer
Director of Redevelopment

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WHAT IS the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association??

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.

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.

We hope you'll take an active role in making our neighborhood a safe, clean, fun and healthy environment for all of us! We hope to see you around the 'hood!

BOOKMARK THESE PAGES for what's going on around town!

2026 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>

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



Treasury Report as of 1-22-26

Deposits: \$321.43

Expenses: \$98.52

Membership Renewals: 11

Ad Payment: 1

Ending Balance: \$12,172.92

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Adams, GNA Treasurer



ATTENTION: BUSINESS OWNERS, ARTISTS, ETC.

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*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

Darwin & Christie Baker

Trudy Beno

Jason & Brook Craig

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Bud & Susie Dew

Dennis Fellhauer & Brian Wedemeier

Teresa Gerjevic

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

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** >> 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 _____