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City Undertakes Community Wide Sidewalk Repair Program

Starting in the middle of October G.V. Cement Company will commence sidewalk repair work within the City of Gibraltar. Affected residences should have received a letter notifying them of the need to replace or repair sidewalk sections in front of or adjacent to your home. Residents are allowed to make the necessary repairs themselves or have the work done by a contractor. If residents choose this option, homeowners (if you do the work yourself) or the contractor doing the work *must* obtain a permit for the work at the cost of \$50.00. Permits can be obtained by contacting the Trenton Building Department at 734-675-8251. The deadline for obtaining a permit from the building department is October 3, 2012. If residents have not obtained a permit by this deadline the City of Gibraltar will assume you prefer the city to perform the work via its selected contractor.



If residents choose to have the city perform the above stated work the cost of replacement consists of a \$3.20/sq. ft. charge for replacement of the concrete section, an additional charge of \$40 will be assessed if tree root grinding is necessary, and approximately \$18 per sidewalk section for engineering costs. Once completed, residents will receive an invoice for the work performed. Un-paid invoices will be assessed on the next regular property tax statement.

Approximately 168 sidewalk sections across 70 addresses have been identified for replacement city wide. If residents should have any questions about the repair project please contact the City of Gibraltar Department of Public Works at 734-676-8982 during our regular business hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Citizen's Guide to City Finances Available Online

In compliance with the State of Michigan Public Act 63, the City of Gibraltar has formulated and recently posted online a "Citizen's Guide to Municipal Finance." This guide is available for public viewing on the City Webpage, www.cityofgibraltar.net. Upon



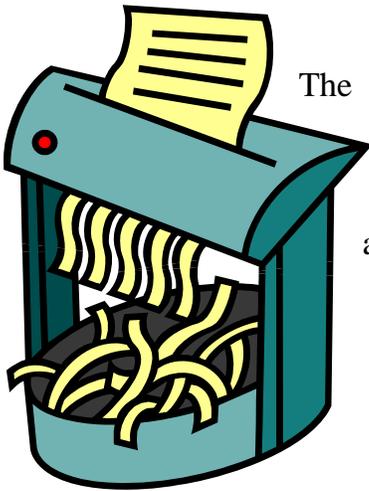
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review Gibraltar residents will find valuable information such as the following:

- Budget summary for budget year 2012-2013
- Proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014
- A performance dashboard showing trends in key areas of government finance, community health, and safety
- “Citizens Guide” showing budget revenue and expenditure allocations
- City of Gibraltar shared services report

Upon review, should any residents have questions with regard to any of the information contained in these reports they are required to contact the City of Gibraltar Administrator at 734-676-3900.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY October 27, 2012



The City of Gibraltar will be hosting a Community Shred Day on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. This event is for Gibraltar residents only and is not open to commercial businesses. There is a maximum limit of 3 boxes. Newspapers will not be accepted, and garbage bags and cardboard boxes cannot be shredded.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY December 1, 2012

The City of Gibraltar Beautification and Recreation Commissions are sponsoring their annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1, 2012 and would like to have your participation. The Parade will start at the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m. The route will run down Munro Street to Stoefflet Street to South Gibraltar Road and north to the Community Center. The Beautification Commission will have the Tree Lighting Ceremony after the Parade. The Kid's Christmas Party, sponsored by the Recreation Commission, will follow the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Forms to participate in the parade are available at the Community Center and City Hall. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.



General Election – November 6, 2012

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday November 6, 2012 for the 57th quadrennial presidential election. A variety of items are included in this year's ballot representing one of the largest ballots in years. Both Precinct #1 and #2 are at the Gibraltar Community Center on South Gibraltar Road.

Need to vote Absentee in any upcoming Election?

If you have one of the following reasons, please call the City Clerk, Cynthia Lehr, at (734) 676-3900 to have an absentee voter application mailed to you. City offices will be open November 3rd from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for resident's last chance to vote absentee. Residents are eligible to vote absentee if you fall into any of the following categories:

- You are age 60 or older
- Plan to be away from the community on election day
- Physically unable to attend polls without assistance
- Cannot attend polls due to the tenets of your religion
- You have been appointed election inspector in a precinct other than your own
- Confined to jail awaiting trial

You must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to an election. The last day to register is October 6, 2012. You can register at City Hall or at any Secretary of State Office. You need to re-register only if you move or change your name. You can re-register to vote while at the Secretary of State Office or stop in at City Hall to re-register. When you change your address on your license, the Secretary of State will cancel your old voter registration.

Photo identification is required to vote in all elections. Be prepared to show your drivers license or other photo identification. All registered voters recently received new voter's cards due to your U.S. Congressional State Senate and County Commissions districts changing.

The following pages include draft versions of this year's ballot:



OFFICIAL BALLOT

General Election Tuesday, November 6, 2012 Wayne County, Michigan City of Gibraltar, Precinct 1		
PARTISAN SECTION	LEGISLATIVE	COUNTY
STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 23rd DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Vote for not more than 1
Republican Party <input type="radio"/>	Pat Somerville <input type="radio"/>	Kym L. Worthy <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
Democratic Party <input type="radio"/>	Tom Boritzki <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	David S. Afton <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>
Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/>		SHERIFF Vote for not more than 1
U.S. Taxpayers Party <input type="radio"/>	STATE BOARDS	Shelly L. Milton <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
Green Party <input type="radio"/>	MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for not more than 2	Benny N. Napoleon <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
Natural Law Party <input type="radio"/>	Todd A. Courser <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Bob Czark <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>
	Melanie A. Kurdys <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	CLERK Vote for not more than 1
	Michelle Fecteau <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Werner J. Klein <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
	Lupe Ramos-Montigny <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	Cathy M. Garrett <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
PRESIDENTIAL	Karen Adams <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES Vote for not more than 1	Gail M. Graeser <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	TREASURER Vote for not more than 1
Mitt Romney <input type="radio"/> Paul Ryan <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Candace R. Caveny <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	Raymond J. Wojtowicz <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
Barack Obama <input type="radio"/> Joe Biden <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Dwain Reynolds III <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	William Rushlow <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>
Virgil H. Goode, Jr. <input type="radio"/> James N. Clymer <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Vote for not more than 2	REGISTER OF DEEDS Vote for not more than 1
Jill Stein <input type="radio"/> Cheri Honkala <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	Dan Horning <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Bernard J. Youngblood <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
Ross C. Anderson <input type="radio"/> Luis J. Rodriguez <input type="radio"/> <small>Natural Law</small>	Robert Steele <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Benjamin Bachrach <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>
	Mark Bernstein <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	COUNTY COMMISSIONER 15th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1
	Shauna Ryder Diggs <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Connie Clark <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
	James Lewis Hudler <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	Joseph Palamara <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
	Gregory Scott Stempfle <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	
	Joe Sanger <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
	Gerald T. Van Sickle <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
CONGRESSIONAL	Eric Borregard <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	
UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for not more than 1	Nikki Mattson <input type="radio"/> <small>Natural Law</small>	
Pete Hoekstra <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>		
Debbie Stabenow <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Vote for not more than 2	
Scotty Boman <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	Melanie Foster <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	
Richard A. Matkin <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	Jeff Sakwa <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	
Harley Mikkelsen <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	Joel Ferguson <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	
John D. Little <input type="radio"/> <small>Natural Law</small>	Brian Mossalliam <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	
	Michael H. Miller <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	Bill Mohr II <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
Cynthia Kallgren <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Stephen J. Young <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
John D. Dingell <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Lloyd Clarke <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	
Richard J. Secula <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>		
	GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY Vote for not more than 2	
	Michael J. Busuito <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	
	Satish B. Jasti <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	
	Sandra Hughes O'Brien <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	
	Kim Trent <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	
	Robert Gale <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
	Marc J. Sosnowski <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
	Margaret Guttshall <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	
	Latham Redding <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	

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**General Election
Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Wayne County, Michigan
City of Gibraltar, Precinct 1**

PROPOSAL SECTION			COUNTY	COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STATE	STATE	STATE		
<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSAL 12-1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 – THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW</p> <p>Public Act 4 of 2011 would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts. Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials. Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved. Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree. <p>Should this law be approved?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSAL 12-3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY</p> <p>This proposal would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025. Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard. Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit. Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents. <p>Should this proposal be approved?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSAL 12-5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT</p> <p>This proposal would:</p> <p>Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.</p> <p>This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.</p> <p>Should this proposal be approved?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR</p> <p>SHALL SECTION 3.119(E) OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION THAT PROHIBITS AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR FROM PROVIDING AUDIT SERVICES TO THE COUNTY FOR MORE THAN EIGHT (8) CONSECUTIVE YEARS; AND FURTHER TO REQUIRE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITORS BE SELECTED BASED ON A COMPETITIVE PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY COLLEGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MILLAGE PROPOSAL</p> <p>Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar per thousand dollars (1 mill) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, the tax years commencing July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2022, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds for community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1 mill would raise approximately \$21,746,964 when first levied in 2013.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSAL 12-2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING</p> <p>This proposal would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions. Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking. Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements. Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees. <p>Should this proposal be approved?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSAL 12-4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS</p> <p>This proposal would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws. Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care. Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members. Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment. <p>Should this proposal be approved?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSAL 12-6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS</p> <p>This proposal would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels. Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012." <p>Should this proposal be approved?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMBERSHIP ON THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION</p> <p>SHALL SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO EXPAND THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM 8 TO 9, ADDING AS A MEMBER THE WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND ALSO TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION, TO APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE AS HIS OR HER DESIGNEE ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION; AND TO FURTHER ALLOW EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR AND SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION (WITH NO MORE THAN ONE MEMBER BEING AN AIRPORT EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES ITS OWN RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION PLAN?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REMOVAL OF THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR</p> <p>SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 4.124 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO REMOVE THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE FOR THE SAME REASONS AND WITH THE SAME DUE PROCESS AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE SHERIFF, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS, AND COUNTY TREASURER?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FORM OF THE WAYNE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</p> <p>SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5.120 AND TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 5.134 TO AUTHORIZE THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION RATHER THAN THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ESTABLISH THE FORM (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LUMP-SUM AND LINE-ITEM) OF THE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH THE FORM OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY DECEMBER 7, 2012 AND TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE FORM AT LEAST TEN MONTHS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF A FISCAL YEAR TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR; AND TO ALSO AMEND SECTION 5.121 TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE FORM ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION'S POWER TO APPROVE COMPENSATION</p> <p>SHALL SECTION 3.115 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, WHICH SETS FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION, BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE POWER AND DUTY TO APPROVE ALL COMPENSATION OF EVERY EMPLOYMENT POSITION IN THE COUNTY, UNLESS THE COMPENSATION IS ESTABLISHED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	

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Metro Shores Credit Union – Gibraltar Branch

The Metro Shores Credit Union branch at City Hall is open on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call (734) 676-4722 or www.metroshores.org.

Payment Drop Box And USPS Mailbox

The City Hall Payment Drop Box is located in the traffic island across from the Flag Pole in front of City Hall. There is a United States Postal Service mailbox located in front of the Gibraltar Community Center.

City Assessor

The City of Gibraltar Assessor, WCA Assessing, has assigned Holly Cozza to provide service to the City. The Assessor's office hours are on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and she can also be reached by email at assessing@cityofgibraltar.net.

Community News and General Information

Winter Property Tax Bills

The 2012 Winter Property Tax Bills will be mailed out by December 1st and are payable without penalty through February 14th. After this date, a 4% penalty will be added. Taxes are payable at City Hall thru February 28th, 2013. If you want to claim Property Taxes paid on your income tax return, please pay the bill prior to Friday, December 28, 2012. Starting March 1, 2013 real property tax must be paid at Wayne County, 400 Monroe Street #320, Detroit MI 48226. If your mortgage company pays the taxes for you, they will receive a copy of your tax bill. If you have delinquent water bills, these balances will be placed on your taxes with the summer billing.

Housing Rehabilitation Program

The City of Gibraltar is pleased to offer the Housing Rehabilitation Program through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This program is designed to assist Gibraltar residents in a low to moderate income range that are in need of eligible home improvements. For more information regarding qualification guidelines and the Program, please contact Denise Sciacca, Rehab Specialist, on Thursday afternoons at (734) 676-3900 or by email at housingrehab@cityofgibraltar.net.

Water Department General Information

Jefferson Water Main:

Starting in the Winter of 2013 the City of Gibraltar will be undertaking a large water main replacement program along Jefferson Rd. between Middle Gibraltar and North Gibraltar Rd. The above referenced main dates **back to the 1920's** and is the primary feed into the City. Because of the depth of the main, any main breaks require outside contractors to perform the repair. Costs to do the repairs can range between \$30,000- \$40,000.



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Engineer's estimates to perform the main replacement range between \$423,182.63 and \$493,745.19.

Funding for the proposed work will come from water bill revenue and will insure a reliable high quality service feed to the City.

Water Bill Reminder:

When you receive your quarterly water bill, please remember to check your water meter reading with the listed numbers of gallons on the bill. Your meter should read higher than the billing information. If there are any discrepancies, please notify the Water Department immediately at (734) 676-8982. Discrepancies are the responsibility of the property owner.

As a reminder, your quarterly water bills are mailed out at the end of January, April, July, and October. Water bills are then due by the 10th of the following month. Water bills are payable at City Hall, 29450 Munro Avenue, Gibraltar, MI 48173.

Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department will be flushing Fire Hydrants during the later summer months and into September and October. This can cause the water to appear rusty in color. **THE DISCOLORED WATER IS TEMPORARY.** Because the discolored water could cause damage to your laundry, it has been suggested to do laundry in the evening hours to avoid problems. If needed, run the water until it is clear before using. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.



DPW General Information

Garbage and Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

Garbage and Yard Waste is picked up by Waste Management. The Waste Management Customer Service telephone number is 1-800-796-9696. All residential homes will be picked up on Tuesdays.

Yard Waste Collection Schedule

2012 End Date – December 4, 2012

For items that will not be picked up by Waste Management, you may try to contact the Riverview Land Preserve at (734) 281-4262. If you have any questions, please contact the DPW office at (734) 676-8982, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Chipping:

City chipping service will normally be done once a week. This is subject to change due to emergencies, scheduling, etc. Tree branches for chipping should be left as long as possible, with the larger end of the branch facing towards the road in a neat, uniform pile.

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THE CHIPPING SERVICE IS FOR TREES CUT DOWN/TRIMMED BY RESIDENTS THEMSELVES. IF A CONTRACTOR IS HIRED, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHIPPING AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS.

Property owners should try to cut small branches and limbs into smaller lengths and place them in a yard waste bag. Brush and tree trimmings less than 2” in diameter and tied into bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length and/or 60 pounds in weight can be put out with the Yard Waste for Waste Management to pick up.

Police Department General Information

Lt. LaPointe Set to Retire December 31, 2012 City soliciting applications for replacement

Effective December 31, 2012 Lt. LaPointe will be retiring from the City of Gibraltar after 25 years of service. Lt. LaPointe has been a valuable asset to the City of Gibraltar and has in excess of 30 years of service in the law enforcement field. Prior to coming to the City of Gibraltar Lt. LaPointe served as an officer in the state of Colorado and the city of Flat Rock, Michigan. With Lt. LaPointe’s departure, the City of Gibraltar is in the process of advertising for the vacancy. The deadline to apply for the vacancy is October 17th, 2012. The minimum requirements for the position include the following:

- Candidates must be 21 years of age
- Have at least a two year college degree in Criminal Justice or related field
- Must be certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES)
- Must have a valid State of Michigan driver’s license with a satisfactory driving record
- No felony arrests or convictions
- Must pass a background investigation, written and oral examinations/interviews, and medical examination including drug screen
- EMT certification is preferred
- Past experience as a public safety officer is preferred

Applications for the position can be found on the City of Gibraltar’s website (www.cityofgibraltar.net) or received at City Hall.

Schools in Session- Be mindful of school zones and speed limits

The Gibraltar Police Department would like to remind motorists in the City to be mindful that school is now in session. Motorists should be aware of posted school zones as officers will be paying special attention to these zones and ticketing individuals that do not comply with reduced speed limits in those areas. Also, motorists are being asked to pay special attention to students walking to and from school in the early morning and afternoon as well as bus traffic operating around those same times.

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Fire Department General Information

Open House

The Gibraltar Fire Department will be holding their Annual Open House on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Home Fireplaces:

Homeowners with fireplaces should extinguish any active fire before leaving the home or going to bed for the evening.

Christmas Tree Fire Safety

If you are planning on having a real tree this year for Christmas, please keep in mind the most important thing is to keep the tree watered. On average Christmas tree fires account for 13 deaths annually in the United States and in excess of 240 fires. These fires are generally the result of shorts in electrical lights or open flames from items such as candles, lighters, cigarette, and matches. When shopping for a tree this year make sure that the tree you choose is freshly cut. A fresh tree when properly watered is very safe and makes for a festive and enjoyable holiday season.

Senior Citizen Information

Senior Lunch Program:

The Senior Lunch Program is held at the Gibraltar Community Center Monday through Friday. Lunch is at noon for Seniors 60 years and older. Come and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. For lunch reservations or information, please call between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at (734) 671-0335.

Meals on Wheels:

Meals on Wheels is available for homebound persons 60 years or older. If you would like to have home delivery of a lunch meal from the Gibraltar Senior Nutrition Site, please call (734) 671-0335 between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to see if you qualify.

Senior Travel:

Through the various City organizations, there are many trips planned for our senior residents, and some are overnights. All the trips are excellent and enjoyable. To get more information about scheduled trips, please contact Sharon Legault at (734) 676-0884. To find out if your organization is eligible to use the City of Gibraltar Bus or to schedule a trip, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (734) 676-9021.

Senior Transportation:

The City has a Bus that is wheel chair accessible and is available by appointment to transport our senior residents to doctor appointments and for a weekly shopping trip. This service is available to residents age 60 and older or disabled, in which the resident does not have a vehicle or is unable to drive due to medical reasons. The service for appointments is available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday -- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (the Driver must be back to City Hall by 3:00 PM) and for grocery shopping on Wednesday. Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance, and there is a limit of 2 appointments per person, per week. To schedule an appointment, please call (734) 676-3900.

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The Gibraltar Over 50 Club:

The Gibraltar Over 50 Club meets on the second and last Friday of every month at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Residents 50 years or older are welcome to join. Come join the fun, social activities, and trip planning. For more information please call (734) 692-3119.

Gibraltar Historical Museum Now Open!

The Gibraltar Historical Museum is located on the 2nd floor of City Hall. The Museum is open the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m. Anyone interested in donating or loaning items, articles, pictures or anything pertinent to the history of Gibraltar should contact City Clerk Cindy Lehr at (734) 676-3900.

Community Center Events

Flu Shots

Thursday, October 4, 2012- Flu Shots will be available at the Community Center. For Medicare eligible individuals the cost for shots is free. All others please check with your insurance provider to insure the annual flu shot is covered. Hours are 10 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information please call (734) 671-1466

Troop Dedication

Sunday, October 7, 2012- Boy Scouts Troop # 1232 will be having their annual troop dedication event

Father/Daughter Dance

Saturday, October 13th - The 26th annual Father/Daughter Dance will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Community Center. The cost is \$10.00 per couple. A fee of \$3.00 will be assessed per extra daughter. The registration deadline is October 10, 2012. For more information please contact the Recreation Department at (734) 671-1466.

St. Victor Craft Show

Sunday, October 14, 2012- The annual St. Victor's Craft Show will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information please call (734) 676-0996.

Food Pantry Fundraiser

Saturday, October 20, 2012- The Gibraltar/Rockwood Rotary Club is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church which services Gibraltar and Rockwood. For more information please call (734) 671-8212

Square Dancing

Sunday, October 28, 2012- Square Dancing. Learn how to dance to your favorite tune of yesterday. For more information please call (734) 671-1466

City Wide Trick or Treat

Wednesday, October 31, 2012- City wide trick or treating starts at 5:00 p.m.

Rotary Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 31, 2012- The Gibraltar/Rockwood Rotary Club will be holding their annual Halloween Party at the Gibraltar Community Center. The party will start at 7 p.m. so don't be late. For more information please call (734) 671-1466.

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Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 11, 2012- Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information please call (734) 676-3814.

Veterans Day Celebration Sunday, November 11, 2012- A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held by Boy Scout Troop #1232 starting at 12 noon.

Blood Drive Thursday, November 22, 2012- The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at the Community Center.

Christmas Parade Saturday, December 1, 2012- The Beautification and Recreation Commission will be hosting their annual Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting, and Christmas Party for the kids. The Parade will start at 5:30 pm and will start at City Hall and end at the Community Center.

Pancake Breakfast Saturday, December 15, 2012- The Recreation Commission along with the Gibraltar Firefighters will be having a Pancake Breakfast with special guest Santa Claus. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Community Center Programs

Youth Karate: Youth Karate is held on Monday nights at the community center. Children from ages 3 to 7 are eligible for participation. Please contact the instructor ((734) 306-6670) to review availability and specific times.

Gymnastics: Gymnastics are held Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center. Children ages 3 and up are eligible.

Square Dancing Square Dancing is held at the Community Center Tuesday nights starting at 7:30 p.m. Learn from the best callers and enjoy the newest dance steps.

Yoga (Wednesday) Wednesdays are Yoga days at 6:30 p.m. at the community center.

Yoga (Thursday) Thursdays are also Yoga days at the Community Center. Classes run from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

AA Group: Babbling Brooks AA Group meets at the Community Center on Friday and Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Rentals: The Gil Talbert Community Center is open for rentals in both the small and large hall. If you are planning a graduation party or wedding for the 2013 season, now is the time to reserve it. Call (734) 671-1466 for reservations.

Flood Information

Flood and storm drain brochures for properties that may be in or near Special Flood Hazard Areas in the City of Gibraltar. Other flood hazard and watershed information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our information center located in the foyer of the Municipal Complex.

You can also visit the City website, www.cityofgibraltar.net, for a link to the FEMA website. The link can be found on the Home Page under the Watershed heading.

Watershed Information

Storm drains found in our streets and yards empty into our lakes and rivers. When we fertilize our lawn we could also be fertilizing our lakes and rivers. While fertilizer is good for our lawn, it's bad for our water. Fertilizer in our lakes and rivers causes algae to grow. Algae can form large blooms and use oxygen that fish need to survive. With 1.5 million homes in Southeast Michigan, all of us need to be aware of the cumulative affects of our lawn care practices.

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams.

- 1. Help keep pollution out of storm drains.** Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. Never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.
- 2. Fertilize carefully and sparingly.** Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.
- 3. Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil.** Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil, and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain, or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.
- 4. Clean up after your pet.** Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will be you a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.
- 5. Practice good car care.** Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.
- 6. Choose earth friendly landscaping.** Protect your pets, kids, and the environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.
- 7. Save water.** Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.

For more easy steps on protecting our lakes and streams, visit www.semcog.org.

Remember, our water is our future – and it's ours to protect!

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City of Gibraltar Contact Directory

City of Gibraltar Facilities:

City Hall – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
29450 Munro, Gibraltar, MI 48173
(734) 676-3900

Police / Fire Station - 24 Hours
29450 Munro - (734) 676-1022

DPW & Water Dept. – 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(734) 676-3952

Gibraltar Community Center
29340 South Gibraltar Rd.
(734) 671-1466
Available for rent for both small and large parties.

Schools:

Parsons Elementary School – (734) 379-7050
14473 M. Gibraltar Road

Shumate Middle School – (734) 379-7600
30550 W. Jefferson

Carlson High School – (734) 379-7100
30550 W. Jefferson

Gibraltar School Board Office
19370 Vreeland Rd., Woodhaven
(734) 379-6350

City Phone Numbers:

City Clerk, Finances, Assessor	(734) 676-3900
Water Department	(734) 676-3952
Police/Fire/EMS – Emergencies	9 – 1 – 1
Police/Fire/EMS – Non-Emergency	(734) 676-1022
City Administrator’s Office	(734) 676-9021
Mayor’s Office	(734) 676-7287

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City Calendar of Meetings

<u>City Council</u>		<u>2nd & 4th Monday</u>		<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
October 8	October 22	November 13	November 26	December 10	December 26
January 14	January 28	February 11	February 25	March 11	March 25

<u>Beautification Commission</u>		<u>1st Monday</u>		<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
October 1	November 5	December 3	January 7	February 4	March 4

<u>Recreation Commission</u>		<u>1st Wednesday</u>		<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Comm. Center</u>
October 3	November 7	December 5	January 2	February 6	

<u>Waterways Commission</u>		<u>2nd Thursday</u>		<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
October 11	November 8	December 13	January 10	February 14	

<u>Planning Commission/DDA</u>		<u>3rd Tuesday</u>		<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
October 16	November 20	December 18	January 15	February 19	

Holiday Season Closings

**The City of Gibraltar wishes everyone to enjoy the Holiday's safely and responsibly.
City Hall and D.P.W. will be closed on the following days due to the Holidays:**

Monday, November 12, 2012 – Veterans Day
Thursday, November 22, 2012 – Thanksgiving Day (Observed)
Friday, November 23, 2012 – Day after Thanksgiving (Observed)
Monday, December 24, 2012 – Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 25, 2012 – Christmas Day
Monday, December 31, 2012 – New Year's Eve
Tuesday, January 1, 2013 – New Year's Day

The Police Department remains open 24 hours a day for any emergency in the City.

CITY OF GIBRALTAR WEBSITE

The City of Gibraltar is continually updating the City website. The City Charter, Code of Ordinances, and a lot of the information that was previously printed in the Community Newsletter is now available on the website.

Check it out and let us know how we can make it better.

www.cityofgibraltar.net