City of Gibraltar Community Newsletter

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Gibraltar, Michigan 48173 ***www.cityofgibraltar.net***

Road Reconstruction Project Delayed – Bids Received Exceed Available Funding

Bid results for the reconstruction of North Gibraltar, Fryer Drive, and Bayview Roads were recently received by the City. Unfortunately upon review, bid results came in significantly over engineer's estimates and the available budget. The City currently has approximately $2,400,000 available for road improvements as a result of the November 2013 road bond ballot initiative. In addition to the above allocation, approximately $500,000 in additional funds will be utilized from the City's water account for water and sewer related work. The low bid received totaled $3,792,367.25. With engineering, the proposed project is approximately $1,594,000 million over the available budget.

With a discrepancy of this magnitude, a simple rebidding of the project is unlikely to correct this deficiency. Moving forward a change in project scope will need to occur. Currently city engineers are reviewing the drainage design component of the project with Wayne County for the North Gibraltar and Jefferson Rd. intersection. The goal is to try to find a cheaper design that the County would find acceptable and permit. In addition to the above task, City engineers will be looking at design criteria for North Gibraltar Rd. to determine if a project scope that incorporates resurfacing in portions of the project (rather than full reconstruction) is feasible and more cost effective. Last, engineers will be discussing with bidders ways to alter the scope of the project to "value engineer" certain components.

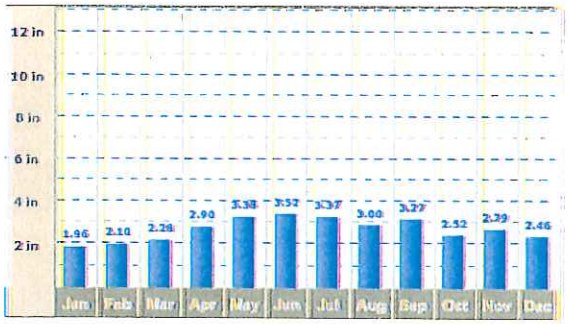
Please note that the project scope was established based upon engineers projections on what work could be accomplished with the revenue generated by a renewal 1.3 mill levy. The following was the anticipated costs for the proposed projects as of last fall:

North Gibraltar Rd:	$1,225,500
North Gibraltar Rd contingency for water main work:	$75,000
North Gibraltar Rd. contingency for approaches if necessary:	$50,000
North Gibraltar Rd. contingency for drainage @ Jefferson if necessary:	$50,000
Bayview (Stoeflet to Davis)	$283,800
Fryer Drive (Stoeflet to South Gibraltar)	$159,413
Fryer Drive (Stoeflet to Navarre)	$150,000
Balance of Bond Issue- Bridge Repair (Middle Gibraltar + Others)	$406,287
	$2,400,000

Engineers have informed the City that currently all projects are coming in significantly over engineer's estimates (regardless of the community). Much of this is being attributed to the increase in available work and lack of contractors available. The City had nine (9) plan holders for this project and received only two (2) bids. Should this project have to be rebid, construction will likely be delayed until the Spring of 2015. In order to be good stewards of tax payer revenue, the City will be utilizing this fall to fully analyze all options available with the goal of maximizing the available funds and pave as many roads as possible with the available bond revenue.

September 5th, 2014 Rainfall Event Leads to City-Wide Flooding

The City of Gibraltar experienced expansive flooding on September 5th, 2014 as a result of substantial rainfall quantities in a short period of time. According to the South Huron Valley Utility Authority (the City's waste water treatment facility), over 3.75 inches of rain fell within a five hour time span. For reference, more rain fell within five hours and 40 minutes than falls within a 30 day period regardless of the month or season. The following graph depicts annual monthly averages for the City of Gibraltar:



Unfortunately, when storm and sanitary systems statewide were installed, capacities were not designed to handle the quantity of precipitation received in the period of time experienced. Evidence of this can be seen in the recent August 2014 flooding's of the communities of Lincoln Park, Allen Park, Woodhaven, Southgate, Warren, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Etc.. Fortunately, the City of Gibraltar was spared from substantial flooding during the August event due to the long duration of the rainfall. For comparison purposes, the August

11th, 2014 rainfall event produced 4" of rain over a 17 hour time period. This quantity, although high, was able to be handled, with much less of an impact to residents. Unfortunately for Gibraltar, similar rainfall amounts to the August event were experienced but in a much shorter time period during the September event (resulting in the substantial flooding experienced).

Regardless of the facts of the weather event, residents want to know what the City plans to do in response to the higher frequency of these substantial rain occurrences. In response to these concerns, the City of Gibraltar will be looking into solutions for storm water management in strategic locations where expansive flooding occurred. This analysis will include the following components:

1. Surveying damage reports to review the hardest hit areas, which will include identifying areas of the City that have repetitive flooding issues.
2. Utilizing these survey results to potentially install additional storm pump station(s). These pump stations are essential to push water out of the system. During the most recent rain event, storm drainage issues were experienced due to high lake levels coupled with the extreme rainfall. Because of the elevation challenges in the area, storm pipe outfalls are often below the lake level (during high water events). Gravity normally is relied upon to push water out of the system. If lake levels are high, water exiting the system must push against Lake Erie which leads to slow drain times. Strategically placed storm pump station(s) allow for the water to be forced through the system regardless of lake levels. Pumps of this design can currently be seen at Bayview and Leslie, by Gibraltar City Hall, and two on Middle Gibraltar Rd.
3. On the sanitary side, the City of Gibraltar currently has a grant application filed with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. This grant would provide funding to televise sanitary sewer lines and identify storm water feeds connected to those lines that are resulting in storm water inflow during rain events. The identification and elimination of these connections allow for the reduction in increased sanitary water levels during wet weather, and result in less sanitary backup issues.
4. The City of Gibraltar will be looking at placing temporary pumps at permeant locations throughout the City. This practice was discontinued due to resident complaints about the unsightliness of the pumps at locations, wear and tear of having the pumps in the elements, and the threat of theft.

The City of Gibraltar asks resident's to be patient with these efforts and understands the frustration especially for those with repetitive losses. The City of Gibraltar would like residents to remember that storm and sanitary systems statewide were never intended to handle the magnitude of rainfall (in such short periods of time) that appears to be occurring at a greater frequency. Should you have any questions, or if you suffered a loss during the September 5th event, residents are being encouraged to contact City Hall at (734) 676-3900. Your feedback is necessary for the development of successful plan of action.

Bridge Repair Bids Due September 12th

Bids are due this fall for the repair of both the Horse Island Bridge and the Middle Gibraltar Bridge by Humbug Marina. The scope of the repair includes the repair of the abutments on the Horse Island Bridge in order to replace scoured concrete and solidify the structure. The City does not anticipate any closures with this repair.

Second, the City will be performing repairs to Middle Gibraltar Road Bridge (by Humbug Marina). The purpose of this project is to repair damage to the underside of the structure. Contractors will be scraping loose material from the underside of the bridge, and reinforcing and replacing spalled concrete with new material. This repair, like the Horse Island Drive construction is not anticipated to cause any closures.

If bidding is successful, repairs will likely commence this fall. This project is being financed through ACT 51 funds. These funds are allocated annually to the City by state fuel tax revenue

and are earmarked to repair roads and associated infrastructure. Funding amounts are calculated based upon road mileage and road types located within the City boundaries.

City Looks for Residents Interested In Applying for Home Raising Grants

The City of Gibraltar is currently asking for homeowners interesting in elevating their home above flood elevations to contact Gibraltar City Hall. In anticipation of a spring 2015 application to FEMA, the City of Gibraltar will be compiling a list of residents interested in participating in the federally funded 75% (FEMA Funds) /25% (Homeowner) cost share, grant program. In order to be eligible for the potential grant, properties must meet the following standards:

1. Currently have flood insurance coverage
2. Property must be located within a flood zone, and below flood elevations
3. Prove the cost of raising their home would be less than $175,000

If you meet these criteria, please provide the following information to the City of Gibraltar:

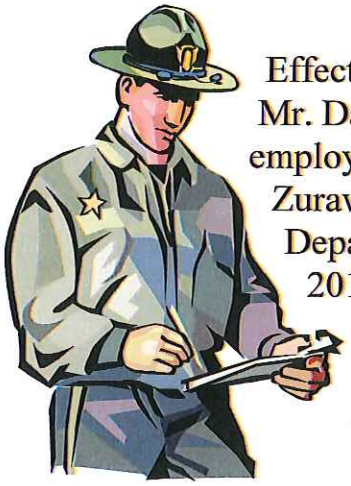
1. Homeowner Information – Name, Address, Contact Info, Etc.
2. Housing Info-Square Footage, Age of Construction, Number of Floors
3. Certification that the property meets the requirements listed above

Information must be provided to the City by February 1, 2015. The City will then be compiling a package on behalf of the residents for a spring 2015 submittal to FEMA.

Lieutenant Larry Williams Promoted to Chief of Police

Effective September 1, 2014 Lieutenant Larry Williams was promoted to the position of Gibraltar Police Chief. Lt. Williams is over for the previous Chief, Raymond Canterbury who will continue with the Department in the position of Lieutenant. Lt. Williams has been with the City of Gibraltar Police Department since he started his career as an officer in 1992. In his 22 years with the Department, Lt. Williams has served in numerous capacity's. These capacities include serving as the school liaison officer and defensive tactics instructor for the Department. Lt. Williams is a Carlson High School and Henry Ford Community College Graduate.

City Hires Ordinance Officer via Community Development Grant Funds



Effective September 8th, the City of Gibraltar will have a new ordinance officer. Mr. David Zurawski will become the City's newest addition and will be employed two days a week for the purposes of ordinance enforcement. Mr. Zurawski's employment is funded via a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Gibraltar's 2014 Community Development Block Grant allocation. Mr. Zurawski's primary task will to be gain compliance with outstanding ordinance violations related to property maintenance, improper land use, illegal storage, and other citizen's complaints.

Gibraltar Historical Museum

Open:
1st Sunday of every month
from 2- 4 pm
Located on 2nd floor of City Hall

Come see what you've been missing…
For more info please call:
Dorothy Wood 734 675 9633

MUSIC IN THE PARK RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 18TH

The City of Gibraltar will be hosting its second ever Music in the Park on September 18th, 2014. After the recent success of the August event, a second date was established. September's event will be from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and will once again be located at the Gibraltar Boblo Pavilion. September's event will include music by *Danny Albani and the Cruzzer's*. Attendance is free. A car show will take place on the day as well as vendors from Michigan

Kettle Corn, Dawgs on the Run, and beer and wine will be served by the Gibraltar Rotary. For more information please contact Gibraltar Recreation – 734-671-1466.

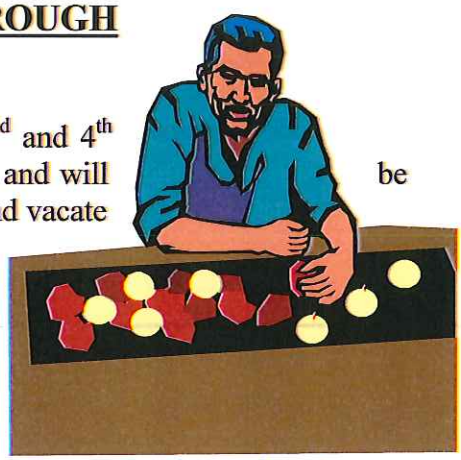
FALL FEST

Gibraltar's annual Fall Festival will take place this year on Saturday October 11th, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This year's event will include:

- **Music**
- **Food**
- **Crafters**
- **Face Painting**
- **Clowns**
- **Kids Rides**
- **Produce, including pumpkins and straw bales**
- **Much more!**

Residents are encouraged to attend this family friendly event. Space is still available for crafters and vendors. The event will be held at the intersection of Middle Gibraltar Rd. and South Gibraltar Road at the Boblo Pavilion. For more information please contact Gibraltar Recreation at 734-671-1466.

GIBRALTAR FARMER'S MARKET TO CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER 15th



The City of Gibraltar will host its first year of Farm Market Events every 2nd and 4th Wednesday through October 15. The hours of operation are 1:00 pm-6:00 pm and will be held at the Bob Lo Pavilion, Middle Gibraltar Rd. All vendors must clean up and vacate by 7:00 pm each Wednesday. There are a total of 10 markets for 2014. If you are interested in participating in the Market please review the information listed below:

GIBRALTAR FARM MARKET INFORMATION

Our mission is to provide our community with the means to obtain fresh, nutritious foods that are locally grown, and to provide awareness of the importance of buying local.

Application Instructions

1. Read rules and regulations
2. Complete and sign application
3. Return completed application, payment and copies of insurance to:
   Gibraltar Community Center - Farmer's Market
   ATTN: Tamey Gorris
   29340 S. Gibraltar Rd.
   Gibraltar, MI 48173
   Phone: (734) 671-1466 Fax: (734) 676-3309
4. Questions should be directed to jessywalt@gmail.com
5. Please keep a copy for your records

Rules

1. The following products are permitted and MUST be produced or grown by the vendor.
   a. Locally grown plants, flowers, fruits and veggies
   b. Locally produced food items, including but not limited to meats, fish, poultry, cheese, eggs, baked goods, jams, salsa, granola, honey, tea, popcorn, cider, herbs, maple syrup etc.
   c. Locally prepared or packaged foods and items such as pasta, coffee, etc.
2. Supplementing produce for the month of June is ok if grown in US.
3. Vendors are required to have prices and signage posting the name of the business clearly exhibited but cannot be attached to the pavilion.
4. Vendors sell only fresh, wholesome products, clean and free from spoilage and safe for human consumption. Repeated complaints will result in termination from our market.
5. Any item that is unpasteurized must state so.
6. If applicable, a copy of license must accompany this application.
7. Vendors must provide own insurance if uninsured you can sign a hold harmless agreement with the city of Gibraltar.
8. The market director will assign vendor space. The space will be given at the beginning of the season and will remain the same thru out.
9. If your seasonal space is not filled by 12:30 pm daily rate vendors can occupy the space.
10. Set up is to be completed by 12:30 pm and all vehicles in designated parking areas. NO VENDOR CAN BEGIN SET UP AFTER 12:30 pm. Your booth must remain open until 6:15 pm.
11. A responsible adult of the age of 18 must run booth.
12. Market is rain or shine.
13. Rental fee is based on a 10x10 space and the usage of electricity.
14. You are responsible to provide table, tent (with weights), chairs, power cords, etc.

15. All tents have to be weighted at 4 corners, no stakes are allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.
16. All garbage must be removed from booth and placed in on site container. A $25 fee will be placed if we clean up after you.
17. If you cannot participate in market please contact market director by 9am. If you fail to contact market director the consequences are as follows. First offense = warning, 2nd offense = $25.00 fine, 3rd offense = grounds for dismissal from the market.
18. Leaving early is not permitted; the Gibraltar Farm Market is open till 6:00pm so after 5:00pm patrons can shop. *Emergencies are a different circumstance.
19. Outside restrooms are available at the community center building.
20. Alcohol, smoking and drugs are strictly prohibited.
21. We reserve the right to dismiss any vendor from our market for noncompliance to our rules and regulations.

VENDOR SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____

The Gibraltar Farm Market will operate every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from June 11 through October 15. The hours are 1:00 pm-6:00 pm and will be held at the Bob Lo Pavilion, Middle Gibraltar Rd. All vendors must clean up and vacate by 7:00 pm each Wednesday. There are a total of 10 markets for 2014.

TYPES OF VENDORS

Seasonal vendors are required to be present at the market each week and miss no more than 2 dates for the season.

Seasonal receive booth space priority and are noted as weekly vendors in all of our online and printed marketing material.

Daily vendors rent from week to week.
Please indicate the plan you prefer and your available dates.
_____Seasonal Vendor rate $10 weekly for 10x10 space.
_____Daily Vendor $20 for 10x10 space.
_____$5 extra for use of electrical power per market day.
10 weeks at $10 each = $100.00 10 weeks with power at $15 each = $150.00
All vendor fees must be prepaid by June 1. Please indicate all the days you plan to be present.

June 11th	July 9th	August 6th	September 3rd	October 1st
June 25th	July 23rd	Aug 20th	September 17th	October 15th

Booth Assignments:

First come first serve basis. Seasonal vendors are given priority.

METHODS OF PAYMENT: Do you accept credit cards? YES/NO
Contact and on site information:
Business Name _____
Applicant Name _____
Full Address _____
Phone Number _____
Cell _____ Home _____
Email _____
Website _____
Social Media Sites _____

Hold Harmless Agreement: Indemnification and Release

Seller: _____
(Hereinafter referred to as "Seller"), being provided selling space at the *Gibraltar Farmers' Market*, agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. *Gibraltar Farmers' Market is operated by the Gibraltar Recreation Department, and its officers, employees, agents, and, volunteers.*

2. *"Seller" shall mean any farmer, vendor, participant, volunteer, or entity at The Gibraltar Farmers' Market; seller's employees, agents or volunteers, including family members; and its heirs and assigns.*

Indemnification
Seller shall indemnify and hold harmless *The City of Gibraltar*, and its officers and staff, elected officials, commissioners, agents, employees and volunteers from and against any and all loss, damages, liability, claims, suits, costs, and expenses whatsoever, including attorney's fees, regardless of the merit or outcome of any matter connected to any act or omission in going to, coming from, or performing services, work or activities at or in relation to *Gibraltar Farmers' Market.*

Release
Seller hereby waives, releases, and discharges any and all claims for damages for personal injury, death, or property damages which it may have or which may hereafter accrue as a result of its activity at the *Gibraltar Farmers' Market.*

Market Safety Requirements
Seller hereby assumes liability and financial responsibility for any accident, injury or property damage resulting from failure to comply with the Farmers' Market rules, specifically health and safety regulations.

I HEREBY STATE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THIS COPY OF THE *GIBRALTAR FARMERS' MARKET HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT-IDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE FORM.* IN WITNESS THEREOF, this Agreement is executed

this _____ day of _____ *(month)*, 20_____ *(year)*

Seller's Name: _____

Seller's Signature: _____

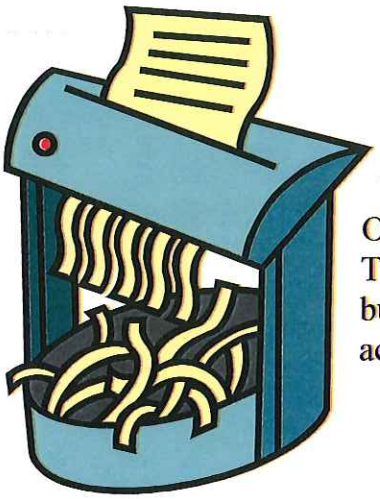
Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE RETURN WITH APPLICATION/AGREEMENT TO:
Gibraltar Community Center
ATTN: Tamey Gorris
29340 S. Gibraltar Rd.
Gibraltar, MI 48173
Phone: (734) 671-1466 Fax: (734) 676-3309 Email: tamey@cityofgibraltar.net

METRO SHORES CREDIT UNION-GIBRALTAR BRANCH CLOSES

Effective August 28th, Gibraltar residents will no longer have access to Metro Shores Credit Union at the Gibraltar City Hall. Due to budgetary constraints, Metro Shores Credit Union was forced to eliminate the Gibraltar branch as a cost cutting measure. Residents can continue to access their Metro Shores account at the Trenton and Grosse Ile branches.



COMMUNITY SHRED DAY
October 18, 2014

The City of Gibraltar will be hosting a Community Shred Day on Saturday, October 18, 2014 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 6, 2014

The City of Gibraltar Beautification and Recreation Commissions are sponsoring their annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2014 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 Stoeflet 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.

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 Melanie Shaw 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 2014 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, 2015. If you want to claim Property Taxes paid on your income tax return, please pay the bill prior to Friday, December 26, 2014. Starting March 1, 2015 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

New Water Information Brochure Available at City Hall

In response to numerous consumer requests for Water Department Information, the City of Gibraltar recently developed an informative brochure on water rates and the Water Department. Copies of this report can be found on the City of Gibraltar's website (www.cityofgibraltar.net) or at the Gibraltar City Hall- 29450 Munro.

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.

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. **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 Steven's Disposal to pick up. Chipping by the City is seasonal and usually scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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 Steven's Disposal. All residential homes will be picked up on Tuesdays.

Yard Waste Collection Schedule — *2014 End Date – December 2, 2014*

Holiday Waste Pick-Up — *New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day- Trash and yard waste service will be delayed if one of these holidays falls on a Monday or Tuesday, otherwise pick-up will remain on Tuesdays.*

For items that will not be picked up by Steven's Disposal, 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.

Police Department General Information

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.

Fire Department General Information

Fire Prevention Week Tips
October 5th- 11th, 2014

Fire Prevention Tips - Fireplaces/Wood Burning Stoves

- Inspect your chimney or stove stack piping annually
- Clean/clear any debris or creosote
- Ensure that any applicable dampers are open
- Ensure that adequate air is able to feed the fire to support complete combustion
- Use metal mesh screens to prevent embers from coming out of fireplace
- Use fire resistant or fireproof materials on or around fireplaces or wood burning stoves

Fire Prevention Tips- Smoke Detectors

Working smoke detectors/alarms that are properly installed and maintained significantly reduce the chances of injury and death.
Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, advance notice can reduce your chances of dying in a fire by about fifty percent. According to statistics, about two-thirds of the reported deaths involved fires in occupied homes with no smoke detectors or smoke detectors that are not working.

Here's what you need to know! Be proactive and prepared!

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside of every bedroom, and on every level.
- Test smoke detectors every month.
- When your smoke alarm sounds, get outside to your previously designated meeting spot.

- It is recommended to replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.

Open House The Gibraltar Fire Department will be holding their Annual Open House on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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, cigarettes, 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 overnighters. 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.

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.

Community Center Events

Children's Reading Program Preschool Story Time- 2.5 years to 5 years old, Wednesdays beginning Sept. 10. 2014- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - $5.00/child. Parent and Child Interaction-Story, music, and a craft- Located at the Gibraltar Community Center- Call 734-671-1466 for more info.

Kiddie Gym Kiddie Gym- Ages 2-6, parents are encouraged to play along. A fun introduction to learning: Gym activities, Exercise and playing together.
6 week class: Monday, September 22nd- October 27th, 2014 (4:30 pm to 5:30 pm) - Bring a drink to class. $25.00/child, $5.00 off for the second child per family. 20 children required to start the class- Pre Register @ 734-671-1466. All classes held at the Gibraltar Community Center.

Flu Clinic October 16th – Gibraltar Community Center- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Fundraiser Sunday, October 26, 2014- 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 (313) 910-5871.

Father/Daughter Dance October 25h annual Father/Daughter Dance will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Costume contest. For more information please contact the Recreation Department at (734) 671-1466.

City-Wide Trick or Treat Friday, October 31, 2014- City wide trick or treating starts at 5:00 p.m.

Rotary Halloween Party Friday, October 31, 2014- 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.

Christmas Parade Saturday, December 6, 2014- 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 13, 2014- 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.

Blood Drive December 23rd – Community Center- For more info, please call 734-671-1466.

Food Pantry Wine Tasting Fundraiser Sunday, February 22, 2015- Fundraiser for the First Congregational Church Food Pantry. For more information please call (313) 910-5871.

Community Center Programs

Step into Shape All age groups welcome. Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9:15 a.m. For more information please contact (734) 676-1466.

Square Dancing Square Dancing with Ray Wiles. Held @ the Gibraltar Community Center on Tuesday nights starting at 6:00 p.m. Learn from the best callers and enjoy the newest dance steps. Class is for advanced dancers with 3+ years of experience. Call (734) 676-1466.

Ball Room Dancing Monday Nights – 7:00 p.m.-New class starts in September- Gibraltar Community Center- (734) 676-1466.

Yoga with Yola Wednesdays are Yoga days at 6:30 p.m. at the community center. Drop ins are welcome- (734)-676-1466.

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 2015 season, now is the time to reserve it. Call (734) 671-1466 for reservations.

Flood Information

Flood and storm drain brochures are available 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.

As a reminder, with increasing lake levels, residents are encouraged to be mindful to maintaining their berms. These flood measures were installed to minimize flood risk. Maintenance is essential to insure these measures perform as intended.

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 caringly 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!

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

City Council		**2nd & 4th Monday**	**6:30 p.m.**	**City Hall**
September 22	October 13	October 27	November 10	November 24
December 8	December 22	January 12	January 26	February 9
Beautification Commission		**1st Monday**	**7:00 p.m.**	**City Hall**
September 1	October 6	November 3	December 1	January 5
Recreation Commission		**3rd Monday**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Comm. Center**
September 15	October 20	November 17	December 15	January 19
Waterways Commission		**2nd Thursday**	**5:30 p.m.**	**City Hall**
September 11	October 9	November 13	December 11	January 8
Planning Commission/DDA		**3rd Tuesday**	**6:30 p.m.**	**City Hall**
September 16	October 21	November 18	December 16	January 20

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