

# *City of Gibraltar Community Newsletter*

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*Gibraltar, Michigan 48173*

## **CITY OF GIBRALTAR WEBSITE**

The City of Gibraltar has recently updated its website. The address is [www.cityofgibraltar.net](http://www.cityofgibraltar.net). 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. Additional City information is also available through Comcast Cable Channel 12.



**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY PARADE and  
FIREWORKS**  
**SPONSORED BY THE GIBRALTAR  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (DDA)**



The City of Gibraltar will celebrate the birth of Our Nation on Saturday, July 4, 2009 with a parade, activities for the kids and entertainment for the adults. The day will begin with a parade that leaves from City Hall and ends at the Community Center. Events, food and entertainment will occur all day at Hy Dahlka Park behind the Community Center, as well as inside the Community Center. The final event of the day will be the Fireworks Display behind Parsons Elementary School, starting at dusk. This year's event is being sponsored by the Gibraltar Downtown Development Authority (DDA), as part of their promotion of the Gibraltar Downtown area. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this wonderful community event.

- Parade starts at 10:00 A.M. Fireworks start at Dusk.
- Parade Route – Bayview to Davis; Davis to Munro; Munro to Stoefflet; Stoefflet to S. Gibraltar Road; S. Gibraltar Road to Marr; Marr to Navarre; Navarre to the Community Center at 29340 S. Gibraltar Road.
- Fireworks rain date will be Sunday, July 5, 2009

## **SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

The Gibraltar & Rockwood Summer Recreation Program is for children age 5 to 12. The program will start June 22, 2009 and end August 7, 2009. The program will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center, with various Field Trips scheduled over the program's seven weeks. The cost of the program is \$85.00 per child and \$75.00 for each additional child from the same family. Register at the Gibraltar Community Center prior to June 22, 2009. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

## **DOWNRIVER SENIOR OLYMPICS**

The Downriver Senior Olympics will be coming to Gibraltar from Monday, August 3, 2009 through Friday, August 7, 2009. Sign up sheets are now available. This is the first time that the event will be held in Gibraltar. Sign up and show all of Downriver that Gibraltar Seniors will be the best of all! For more information, please call (734) 671-1466. This event is being co-sponsored by the City of Gibraltar, the City of Rockwood, and Grosse Ile Township.

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## **Community News**

### **2009 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

#### **Gibraltar Skate Park**

The Gibraltar Skate Park at the Community Center has been completed. Since its opening, it has had a tremendous amount of use. The City received a \$60,000 grant from Wayne County Parks with the assistance of County Commissioner Boike. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) also contributed to this project, and the City will be using an MDNR Community Forestry Tree Grant to plant some evergreen trees between the Skate Park and the adjoining residential area.

#### **Gibraltar Multi Use Path**

Beginning after July 4<sup>th</sup>, the City and the DDA will be installing a walking path on North Gibraltar Road from Middle Gibraltar Road to the North Gibraltar Road curve. The path is being funded by a Michigan Department of Transportation grant for \$73,575, with the DDA covering the balance. This path will connect with the existing pathway to the Lake Erie Metropark and to a soon to be constructed path on North Gibraltar Road and West Jefferson to the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge – Humbug Marsh.

#### **Concrete Street Sectioning**

The City will continue the Concrete Street Sectioning Program during the summer of 2009. Although funding is limited, sections of Kingsbridge Drive and Windsor Drive are scheduled to be replaced, as well as smaller sections along some of the other concrete residential roads.

### **SUMMER PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

The 2009 Summer Property Tax Bills will be mailed out on June 30, 2009. They are payable beginning on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. The last day to pay without penalty is August 31, 2009. If your mortgage company pays your taxes for you, they will receive a copy of your tax bill.

#### **CITY ASSESSOR**

The City of Gibraltar Assessor, WCA Assessing, has assigned Holly Adams 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](mailto:assessing@cityofgibraltar.net). The office hours day and time are subject to change.

#### **RENTAL INSPECTOR**

The City of Gibraltar Rental Inspection Company, PMI Inspection Services, has assigned Hal LaPoint to be the Rental Inspector for the City. The Rental Inspector is in the City on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for inspections and office work, and he can also be reached by email at [rentalinspections@cityofgibraltar.net](mailto:rentalinspections@cityofgibraltar.net) or by phone at (734) 341-8085. The office days are subject to change.

### **METRO SHORES CREDIT UNION – GIBRALTAR BRANCH**

The Metro Shores Credit Union - City Hall branch is open on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call (734) 676-4722 or [www.metroshores.org](http://www.metroshores.org).

**[www.cityofgibraltar.net](http://www.cityofgibraltar.net)**

**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.** – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
(734) 676-3952

**Gibraltar Community Center**

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

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**Schools:**

Parsons Elementary School – (734) 676-9550  
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) 692-4000

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**City Phone Numbers:**

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

**City of Gibraltar Officials:**

Mayor:  
Jim Beaubien      [heyjimmy@comcast.net](mailto:heyjimmy@comcast.net)

City Council:  
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Scott Ross      [ross@cityofgibraltar.net](mailto:ross@cityofgibraltar.net)

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City Administrator:      Mark A. Kibby  
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Assessor:      Holly Adams  
[assessing@cityofgibraltar.net](mailto:assessing@cityofgibraltar.net)

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[talbertg@cityofgibraltar.net](mailto:talbertg@cityofgibraltar.net)

Rental Inspector:      Hal LaPoint  
[rentalinspections@cityofgibraltar.net](mailto:rentalinspections@cityofgibraltar.net)

Housing Rehab:      Denise Sciacca  
[housingrehab@cityofgibraltar.net](mailto:housingrehab@cityofgibraltar.net)

**Payment Drop Box**

The City Hall Payment Drop Box is located in the traffic island across from the Flag Pole in front of City Hall.

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### City Clerk General Information

A City Primary Election will not be required this August 2009 per section 3.8 of the City Charter (there is not more than twice the number of candidates running for the respective offices). However, the General City Election will be held on November 3, 2009. The following elected officials will be on the November ballot: Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and three City Council seats.

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### City General Information

#### 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](mailto:housingrehab@cityofgibraltar.net).

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### DPW General Information

#### Building/Construction Permits:

Please obtain a City Permit for work done on or at your home. Homeowners sometimes end up with concerns when they are not happy with the work they have paid for. The City only issues permits to licensed and insured contractors. This helps to protect you. Failure to obtain a permit will cost you double permit fees. **Any questions on contractors or if a permit is required should be directed to the Building Department at (734) 676-3952.**

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

The Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Northville Public Works, 650 Doheny Dr., Northville, MI 48167, and on Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland, MI 48185. Wayne County DOE is also sponsoring Computer/Computer Peripheral Waste Collections on Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126 and on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information, contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

#### Tire Collection:

The City of Gibraltar was selected to participate in Wayne County's CLEAN (County Lending Environmental Assistance to Neighborhoods) Community Scrap Tire Collection Program. The Tire Collection will take place at the DPW Building (Coral Street side) on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Gibraltar residents may drop off up to 10 tires (No rims). Tires from commercial sources will not be accepted. This is a one-time County sponsored event.

**Garbage and Yard Waste Collection Guidelines**

Garbage and Yard Waste is picked up by Waste Management. **All residential homes will be picked up on Tuesdays.** The garbage collection day will be delayed by one day if a holiday falls on a Monday or a Tuesday. Garbage can be placed curbside for pickup after 5:00 p.m. the night before scheduled pickup or not later than 6:00 a.m. the morning of your scheduled pickup. Please remember that if you choose to put your trash out the night before to make sure it is packaged in a manner that will keep any animals from tearing it open. The garbage contractor is not responsible for cleaning up bags that have been torn open by animals. **The Waste Management Customer Service telephone number is 1-800-796-9696.**

**Holiday Collection Schedule**

Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2009  
COLLECTION DAY IS WEDNESDAY

**Yard Waste Collection Schedule**

2009 End Date – December 1, 2009

**APPLIANCES**

Appliances that contain Freon will be picked up by Waste Management on Tuesdays. However, you must pay a Freon removal fee of \$30.00 in advance. That charge must be paid at City Hall no later than noon on Friday. All doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.

**YARD WASTE**

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, brush, and tree trimmings less than 2” in diameter and tied into bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length and/or 60 pounds in weight. Only these materials are to be included for yard waste collections. Larger limbs can be put out for chipping by the DPW. Once each year, the yard waste may include a discarded natural Christmas tree. **Grass clippings, leaves, brush will be collected by a separate truck on the normal trash pick up day.** Yard waste material can be placed in a 30-gallon “kraft” brown paper yard waste bag (available at local retailers) or loose, in a 35-gallon plastic or metal container weighing no more than 60 pounds when filled. These containers must be clearly labeled “yard waste” or “compost”. **No plastic bags will be accepted.** Yard waste stickers are available at the City Hall offices. Place yard waste away from the regular garbage. The Yard Waste hauler will not be responsible for any yard waste debris left in a compost can due to moisture or from being compacted too tight.

**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. Property owners should try to cut small branches and limbs and place them in a yard waste bag. **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.**

**SPECIAL PICK-UPS**

Special pick-ups may be provided by the City of Gibraltar only if the items are not picked up by Waste Management because it does not meet their contract obligations. There is a minimum charge of \$50.00 for special pick ups, which will have to be paid prior to scheduling. There may also be some additional charges if it is determined there is more than one load.

For items that will not be picked up by either Waste Management or the City, 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) 676-3952, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.





**Water Department General Information**

**Water Bill Reminder:**

When you receive your quarterly water bill, please remember to check your inside water meter reading with the listed numbers of gallons on the bill. The meter should read higher than the billing information. If there are any discrepancies, please notify the Water Department immediately. Discrepancies will be the responsibility of the property owner. Those homes with readable outside remotes should check both the meter and the remote, and both should read the same number. If not, notify the Water Department at (734) 676-3952.

**Water Costs Money . . . Don't Waste It!**

**A continuous leak at 60 psi water pressure from a hole the size shown below would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown.**

<b><u>Diameter of Stream</u></b>	<b><u>Gallons</u></b>
 1/4"	1,181,500
 3/16"	666,000
 1/8"	296,000
 1/16"	74,000

- Americans drink more than 1 billion glasses of tap water per day. Families turn on the faucet an average of 70 times in one day. [Florida Water Environment Association]
- 40% of the water used each day by the average person is flushed down the toilet. [Fiji Natural Artesian Water]
- A faucet that drips at the rate of one drop per second will waste 2,700 gallons in 12 months. [American Water and Energy Savers, Inc.]

**Check for Water Leaks**

- To be sure that you do not have a water leak somewhere in your home, go dry for two hours. Turn off all appliances that use water and do not use any water for the two hours – no toilets, sinks or faucets – inside or outside. Check your meter reading before and after the two hours. If the meter reading changes even a little bit, you probably have a leak and each fixture in your home should be checked.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl before you flush, you have a leak.

**Police Department General Information**

**Pistol Purchase Permit:**

Anyone interested in a pistol purchase permit needs to make an appointment with Sgt. Dave Hammar. You can contact Sgt. Hammar at the Police Department non-emergency number (734) 676-1022. If he is not available, you can leave your name and phone number and he will return your call as soon as possible.

**Traffic Information:**

During the year, we receive complaints about portable basketball backboards and skateboard ramps being used or left on the public street. Section 15-21 of the City Ordinance prohibits obstructing any public street or sidewalk. These items must be removed from the public street and utilized on private driveways or in rear yards only.

According to State of Michigan traffic laws, transportation means such as “Go-Peds” or motorized scooters / skateboards are listed as mopeds. Thus, the operator needs a moped license, helmet, and must obey all traffic signs and signals. The Go-Ped needs to be equipped with a headlight, brake light, and a seat. Violators’ subject themselves to a court ticket and potential fines. See State Law MCL.257.32b, 257.658, 257.685, 257.697, 257.312, 257.801, 257.706.

**Curfew Reminder:**

The City has a curfew ordinance (Section #15-5). Children 15 years of age and younger must be home by 10:00 p.m. If 16 years of age, kids must be home by midnight. Parents who allow their kids to violate this ordinance subject themselves to receiving a ticket for allowing their child to violate curfew.

**Animal Reminders:**

The ‘2009’ Animal Licenses are still available for purchase at \$8.00 per license. Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets need to be licensed in the City of Gibraltar. Bring proof of rabies vaccination to the Gibraltar Police Department to purchase a license at anytime.

Dogs cannot be allowed to run loose anywhere in Gibraltar, including City Parks. Pets must be on a leash and under your control at all times when away from your property. If you take your animals for a walk, you must also carry a container to pick up after them.

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**Fire Department General Information**

**Fuel Storage:**

Please be aware that it is illegal to pump gasoline into any portable container that is not red in color. Portable containers over 50 gallons must also be red in color, and they must have HAZMAT markings/placards on them. Please place all portable containers on the ground before refueling.

**Home Fireplaces:**

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

**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 Transportation:** The City has a second Bus that is wheel chair accessible that 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.

**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.

**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.

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**Community Center Information/Programs**

**Step Into Shape:** Step into Shape is a low impact exercise class for the 50 plus crowd. Classes are on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, starting at 9:15 a.m. For more information please call (734) 782-1702.

**Scrap Booking:** Scrap booking classes are being held at the Community Center on Sunday's. For more information, please call Molly at (734) 675-4826.

**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.

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### **Karate for Kids:**

Lil Dragon Karate Classes are held on Monday at 5:15 p.m. for boys and girls ages 4 to 6. For more information, please call (734) 306-6670. Classes are scheduled year around.

Tang So Do Karate is also offered for persons 7 years and older. These classes are held on Monday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

### **Summer Recreation Program:**

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### **Tee Ball Program:**

The Gibraltar Parks & Recreation Tee Ball Program is for children ages 3 to 7. The program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center field. The registration fee is \$15.00 per child, which includes a shirt, cap, and trophy. The season will run from Tuesday, June 23, 2009 through July 23, 2009. You can sign up on Saturday's from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

### **Dance Gibraltar Dance Camp Week:**

Dance Gibraltar is presenting Princess Dance Camp and Theatre Dance Camp the week of July 27 through July 31, 2009 at the Gibraltar Community Center. To register, please call (734) 362-0880.

Princess Dance Camp allows your child to be a different princess each day. All princesses receive a tiara and fairy dust, plus an additional gift each day. Times and costs are as follows: Ages 3-4: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., \$50.00; Ages 5-7: 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$55.00; Ages 8 and up: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$55.00

Theatre Dance Camp allows your child to learn the basics of musical theatre, as well as acting and stage make-up. They will learn a new dance each day to a popular musical and become a character from that musical. It will be lots of fun, and snacks and juice will be provided. Times and costs are as follows: Ages 5-7: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$55.00; Ages 8 and up: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$60.00

### **Downriver Gymnastics: Gymnastics and Youth Camps:**

Downriver Gymnastics is presenting Gymnastics Camp and Youth Cheer Camp from August 10 through August 13, 2009 at the Gibraltar Community Center. Both camps are for children ages 4 to 13 years old. Gymnastics Camp will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the cost is \$35.00. Youth Cheer Camp will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the cost is \$35.00. To register, please call (734) 282-1947.

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### Upcoming Community Events

**Rotary Fishing Tournament:**  
**Sunday, June 14, 2009**

The Gibraltar Rotary is sponsoring the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry on Sunday, June 14, 2009. For more information, please call Bob Saunders at (734) 675-5182.

**State Representative Forum:**  
**Monday, June 22, 2009**

State Representative Deb Kennedy will hold a forum to discuss inexpensive travel ideas and tourism opportunities in Michigan. The forum will be held on Monday, June 22, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center.

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**Tuesday, June 23, 2009 to**  
**Thursday, July 23, 2009**

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**American Red Cross**  
**Blood Drive:**  
**Thursday, June 25, 2009**

The American Red Cross will be having a Blood Drive on Thursday, June 25, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log on to [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter the sponsor code: downriver.

**Hearing and Vision Screening:**  
**Tuesday, June 30, 2009**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2009**

Wayne County will be hosting a free Hearing and Vision Screening event for children ages 3 to 18 years old. The event will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and**  
**Fireworks:**  
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### **Rotary Golf Outing:** **Saturday, July 18, 2009**

The Gibraltar Rotary is sponsoring their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Outing on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at the Thorne Brothers' At Lilac Golf Course in Newport. For more information, please call Jim Duke at (734) 676-2983.

### **Car Show:** **Sunday, July 19, 2009**

The Beautification and Recreation Commission's will be sponsoring the Annual Car Show on Sunday, July 19, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center. If you have a hot rod, a good looking car or just want to look, come on down and be part of the activities. For more information, please call (734) 675-9633.

### **Hearing and Vision Screening:** **Tuesday, July 21, 2009**

Wayne County will be hosting a free Hearing and Vision Screening event for children ages 3 to 18 years old. The event will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **Dance Gibraltar** **Dance Camp Week:** **Monday, July 27, 2009 to** **Friday, July 31, 2009**

Dance Gibraltar is presenting Princess Dance Camp and Theatre Dance at the Gibraltar Community Center. Various times and cost based on child's age. To register, please call (734) 362-0880.

### **Tire Collection:** **Saturday, August 1, 2009**

The City of Gibraltar and Wayne County's CLEAN Community Scrap Tire Collection Program will take place on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the DPW Building (Coral Street side).

### **Downriver Senior Olympics:** **Monday, August 3, 2009 -** **Friday, August 7, 2009**

The Downriver Senior Olympics will be coming to Gibraltar from Monday, August 3, 2009 through Friday, August 7, 2009. Sign up sheets are now available. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

### **Downriver Gymnastics:** **Monday, August 10, 2009 to** **Thursday, August 13, 2009**

Downriver Gymnastics is presenting Gymnastics Camp and Youth Cheer Camp from August 10 through August 13, 2009 at the Gibraltar Community Center. Both camps are for children ages 4 to 13 years old. Gymnastics Camp will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the cost is \$35.00. Youth Cheer Camp will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the cost is \$35.00. To register, please call (734) 282-1947.

### **Antique Boat and** **Classic Car Show:** **Saturday, August 22, 2009**

The Gibraltar Rotary Club is sponsoring the Annual Vintage Woodies Classic Wooden Boat and Car Show at the Gibraltar Boat Yard on Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A boat raffle will be held during the day. For more information, please call (734) 676-7774.

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### **Safety Day:**

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

The annual Gibraltar Safety Day will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center. This program is for all ages. Police Department, Fire Department and others will be on hand to show safe ways to handle various items. For more information, please call (734) 692-1357.

### **Punt, Pass & Kick:**

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**

The Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center Park on Saturday, September 19, 2009, beginning at 11:00 a.m., rain or shine. The competition is for boys and girls ages 9 to 15. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

## **Looking Ahead . . .**

### **Gibraltar Fire Department**

#### **Annual Open House:**

**Saturday, October 10, 2009**

The Gibraltar Fire Department will be holding their Annual Open House on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

### **Father & Daughter Dance:**

**Saturday, October 24, 2009**

The Annual Father and Daughter dance will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 per couple and sign-up forms will be available at City Hall and the Gibraltar Community Center. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

### **Kids Halloween Party:**

**Saturday, October 31, 2008**

Halloween is Saturday, October 31, 2009 and the recommended “**Trick or Treat**” hours are between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. at the Gibraltar Community Center, the Gibraltar Rotary Club is sponsoring a Halloween Party for everyone with entertainment and a costume judging contest.

### **Christmas Parade**

#### **Tree Lighting**

#### **Kids Christmas Party:**

**Saturday, December 5, 2009**

The City of Gibraltar Beautification and Recreation Commissions are sponsoring the annual Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting and Kid’s Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5, 2009. The Parade will start at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Kid’s Christmas Party. Forms for parade participation are available at the Community Center and City Hall. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

### **“Gibraltar Night Out”:**

**Saturday, January 16, 2010**

The Gibraltar Rotary Club’s Annual “Gibraltar Night Out” will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center on Saturday, January 16, 2010 starting at 6:00 p.m. The event includes a catered dinner and a reverse raffle. The revenue from this event goes toward the funding of many services and programs that the Rotary Club sponsors and provides in the City of Gibraltar. Tickets will be available at City Hall.

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### City Calendar of Meetings

#### June 2009

1	Beautification Commission	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
3	Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
8	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
10	Waterways Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
16	Planning Commission/DDA	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
22	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall

#### July 2009

1	Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
6	Beautification Commission	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
9	Waterways Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
13	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
21	Planning Commission/DDA	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
27	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall

#### August 2009

3	Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
5	Beautification Commission	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
10	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
13	Waterways Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
18	Planning Commission/DDA	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
24	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall

#### September 2009

2	Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
8	Beautification Commission	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
10	Waterways Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
14	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
15	Planning Commission/DDA	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
28	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall

### Summer Holiday 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:**

**Friday, July 3, 2009 – Independence Day**

**Monday, September 7, 2009 – Labor Day**

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

**City of Gibraltar**

**Water and Sewer Department**

**2008 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality**

**June 2009 - WQR No. 11**

**ATTENTION: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REPORT ON WATER QUALITY AND SAFETY**

**The City of Gibraltar is proud of the water it supplies and is honored to provide this report to you.**

**The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the City of Gibraltar Water and Sewer Department want you to know your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all federal and state standards for quality and safety**

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is proud of the fine drinking water it supplies and is honored to provide this report to you. The 2008 Consumers' Annual Report on Water Quality shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan Department of the Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

## **Detroit River Intakes**

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "low to very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please contact the City of Gibraltar Water Dept. at 734-676-3952.

## **About Our System**

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 southeastern Michigan communities, including the City of Gibraltar. The system uses water drawn from two intakes in the Detroit River; one to the north near the mouth of Lake St. Clair; and one to the south near Lake Erie. The water is directed to four (4) large water treatment plants for processing. A fifth water treatment plant located in St. Clair County uses surface water from Lake Huron. The City of Gibraltar receives water from the Southwest Treatment Plant.

## **How Do We Know The Water Is Safe To Drink?**

DWSD's treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The treatment process begins with disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, a chemical called Alum is mixed with the water to

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remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in water from household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

In addition to a carefully controlled and monitored treatment process, the water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment, and throughout the distribution system. Highly qualified, trained staff test hundreds of samples each week in DWSD's certified laboratories. Detroit water not only meets safety and health standards, but also ranks among the top 10 in the country for quality and value.

### **Additional Information**

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

### **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural and livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

### **Important Health Information About Lead**

Since 1992, with the cooperation of many Gibraltar residents, the City of Gibraltar and Detroit Water and Sewerage Department have been testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. Our latest round of testing showed

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no homes to have lead levels above the action level. If your home has a lead service line or piping that has lead soldered joints you can take the following precautions to minimize your exposure to lead that may have leached into your drinking water from your pipes.

-Run your water for 30 seconds to 2 minutes, or until it feels cold. This practice should be followed anytime your water has not been used for more than 6 hours.

-Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula.

-Use faucets and plumbing materials that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into your water.

**Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.**

### **People With Special Health Concerns**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-(800-426-4791).

### **National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance**

The City of Gibraltar is proud to report that our system met all monitoring and reporting requirements for 2008.

### **Cost Comparison**

In Gibraltar, the tap water **costs \$4.64\* per 1000 gallons**. Bottled water ranges anywhere from **\$1 to \$4 per gallon**.

\* Sewage disposal fees are in addition to water usage.

### **Opportunities for Public Participation**

The DWSD Board of Water Commissioners meets the third Wednesday of each month. There are also public hearings and meetings open to the public. To confirm dates and times, or for information on other DWSD activities happening in the department please contact the DWSD Public Affairs at (313) 964-9571. The City of Gibraltar's Council Meetings are held the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City of Gibraltar Municipal Complex, 29450 Munro, Gibraltar, MI.

The City of Gibraltar welcomes your comments and opinions about this report and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please direct your comments or questions to the Gibraltar Water and Sewer Department at (734) 676-3952.

### **Other Monitoring**

In addition to testing we are required to perform, our water system voluntarily tests for hundreds of additional substances and microscopic organisms to make certain our water is safe and of the highest quality. If you are interested in a more detailed report, contact the City of Gibraltar Water and Sewer Department at (734) 676-3952.

### **Educational Information about Lead**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Gibraltar is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-(800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## 2008 Cryptosporidium Language

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once, during a twelve-month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

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## 2008 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Inorganic Chemicals – Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	9/9/2008	ppm	4	4	1.05	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	9/9/2008	ppm	10	10	0.23	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	80	19.9	7.9-36.4	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	60	11.4	4.9-14.6	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfectant (Total Chlorine) Residual)	Jan-Dec 2008	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.73	0.51-0.79	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

<b>2008 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.27 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

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<b>2008 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System</b>					
<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Highest Number Detected</b>	<b>Violation yes/no</b>	<b>Major Sources in Drinking Water</b>
Total Coliform bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	In one month 0	NO	Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	in entire year 0	NO	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

<b>2008 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap</b>								
<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Health Goal MCLG</b>	<b>Action Level AL</b>	<b>90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*</b>	<b>Number of Samples Over AL</b>	<b>Violation yes/no</b>	<b>Major Sources in Drinking Water</b>
Lead	2008	ppb	0	15	6 ppb	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2008	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.06 ppm	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

<b>Regulated Contaminant</b>	<b>Treatment Technique</b>	<b>Running annual average</b>	<b>Monthly Ratio Range</b>	<b>Violation Yes/No</b>	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

### 2008 Special Monitoring

<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Source of Contamination</b>
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.75	Erosion of natural deposits

Information and tables provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) ML

### UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July of 2008, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All the UCMR contaminants monitored on List 1 and List 2 in 2008 were undetected.

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<b>Key to Detected Contaminants Tables</b>		
<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Abbreviation for</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>
<b><u>MCLG</u></b>	<u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal</u>	<u>The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.</u>
<b><u>MCL</u></b>	<u>Maximum Contaminant Level</u>	<u>The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.</u>
<b><u>MRDLG</u></b>	<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal</u>	<u>The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.</u>
<b><u>MRDL</u></b>	<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level</u>	<u>The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.</u>
<b><u>ppb</u></b>	<u>Parts per billion (one in one billion)</u>	<u>The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.</u>
<b><u>ppm</u></b>	<u>Parts per million (one in one million)</u>	<u>The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.</u>
<b><u>NTU</u></b>	<u>Nephelometric Turbidity Units</u>	<u>Measures the cloudiness of water.</u>
<b><u>TT</u></b>	<u>Treatment Technique</u>	<u>A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.</u>
<b><u>AL</u></b>	<u>Action Level</u>	<u>The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.</u>
<b><u>HAA5</u></b>	<u>Haloacetic acids</u>	<u>HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and, trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.</u>
<b><u>TTHM</u></b>	<u>Total Trihalomethanes</u>	<u>Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.</u>
<b><u>n/a</u></b>	<u>Not applicable</u>	
<b><u>≤</u></b>	<u>Greater than</u>	

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### WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

At the Council Meeting on May 26, 2009, the following Water and Sewer unit rates were approved to be applied to the bills that will be delivered in July.

	<u>Old Unit Rate</u>	<u>New Unit Rate</u>
Water	\$4.64	\$4.77
Sewer	\$5.40	\$7.48
SHVUA Look Back Adjustment	\$0.53	\$0.53
SHVUA Emergency Repair	<u>\$0.63</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>
	\$11.20	\$12.78

*The unit rates are based per 1,000 gallons*

The City of Gibraltar was forced to raise Water and Sewer rates for a number of reasons.

- The Water and Sewer fund has not met the annual budget assumptions for the past few years. The fund needs to be self-sufficient through water usage fees, and not be reliant on tax collection funds.
- The Water and Sewer fund has no meaningful levels of working capital (no reserve fund). There are no reserves in the system to make necessary repairs and replacement to an aging system. Approximately 95% of the water distribution system and sewer system was built prior to the 1970's. For a number of years, there has been no money set aside for Capital Improvements and Capital Equipment. The City is now in the process of formulating a plan for Capital Improvements and replacing Capital Equipment. The plan will include starting to replace the aging Water Main system, install Pressure Relief Valves, slip-line sewer pipes to eliminate infiltration, and begin replacing some older operating equipment. These projects will be paid for through either direct payments or bonding.
- There have been significant increases to the sewer rates that the City receives from the South Huron Valley Utility Authority (SHVUA). There have also been significant water rate increases in six of the last seven years that have been applied by Detroit Water. The City anticipates that SHVUA will be implementing additional Capital Improvements in the next few years, which will lead to additional rate increases.
- The Water and Sewer Department has experienced increased operating expenses for items such as fuel, electrical and heating utilities, healthcare, and retirement costs.
- The SHVUA Look Back Adjustment became necessary because the Water and Sewer fund owes approximately \$170,000 to SHVUA for excess sewer usage in 2005, 2006, and 2007. The Look Back Adjustment amount was determined when SHVUA performed a review of actual sewer usage compared to the amount that was billed to the City. It is anticipated that this should be paid off after the October 2010 billing cycle.
- The SHVUA Emergency Repair was for the costs incurred to repair the main sewer line on West Jefferson. The cost to the City was approximately \$80,000. This amount has been paid off and removed from the Water and Sewer rate.

Please see Page 6 for some ideas to help save on your water and sewer bill.