

# City of Gibraltar Community Newsletter



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The City of Gibraltar Website is [www.cityofgibraltar.net](http://www.cityofgibraltar.net). Additional City information is also available through Comcast Cable Channel 12.

## **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

The Mayor, Council Members, Clerk, Treasurer and Employees wish 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 4, 2008 – Independence Day**

**Monday, September 1, 2008 – Labor Day**

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

## **4<sup>th</sup> of JULY PARADE and FIREWORKS**

The City of Gibraltar will celebrate the birth of Our Nation on Friday, July 4, 2008 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 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. Grandstand ceremonies will immediately follow the parade in the tent next to the Community Center.
- Fireworks rain date will be Saturday, July 5, 2007

## **SUMMER PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

The 2008 Summer Property Tax Bills will be mailed out on June 30, 2008. They are payable beginning on Tuesday, July 1, 2008. The last day to pay without penalty is August 31, 2008. If your mortgage company pays your taxes for you, they will receive a copy of your tax bill.

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

Metro Shores Credit Union has a branch office inside the Gibraltar City Hall. The 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. More information can be obtained at [www.metroshores.org](http://www.metroshores.org) or by calling (734) 676-4722.

## 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. This Drop Box can be used to pay water bills, tax bills, and City invoices, as well as to leave correspondences for City Hall business.

### 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 – (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:  
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Assessor: Sue Iott  
[siott@cityofgibraltar.net](mailto:siott@cityofgibraltar.net)

Parks & Recreation Director: Gil Talbert  
[gtalbert@cityofgibraltar.net](mailto:gtalbert@cityofgibraltar.net)

### Churches

St. Victor Catholic Church  
14100 Navarre  
(734) 675-0100

First Congregational  
29885 Bayview  
(734) 676-5266

First Baptist Church  
29321 Fryer  
(734) 676-8110

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### City Service Groups

Beautification Committee  
(734) 675-9633

Gibraltar Recreation Commission  
(734) 671-1466

Gibraltar Waterways Commission  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.  
at the Gibraltar City Hall

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Gibraltar Over 50 Club – (734) 692-3119

Gibraltar Firefighters Association  
(734) 676-3167

Gibraltar Duck Hunters Association  
(734) 674-4810

Gibraltar Police Officers Association  
(734) 676-1022

Parsons PTO – (734) 676-9550

\*\*\* All City Service Groups are always looking for people who want to help by volunteering their time. If you wish to volunteer your time to serve on one of our City Commissions, feel free to submit an application at the City Hall and vacancies will be filled as openings occur.

Gibraltar Baseball Association  
(734) 671-1466

Gibraltar Rotary Club – (734) 676-7774

Gibraltar Goodfellows – (734) 676-1022

Girl Scouts – (734) 775-4024  
Cub Scout Pack # 1232 – (734) 692-7121  
Boy Scout Troop # 1232 – (734) 676-3814

### Scouting News

**Gibraltar Neighborhood Girl Scouts.** The Girl Scouts have their own website: <http://www.geocities.com/nsu1gib>. For more information, please call (734) 692-5973.

**Venturing Boy Scouts of America** is a youth program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men who are 14 through 20 years of age. For more information, please call (734) 675-3087.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK – Cynthia Ward:**

A Primary Election will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Both Precinct #1 and #2 are at the Gibraltar Community Center on South Gibraltar Road. This is a Partisan Primary Election and you cannot “split your ticket”. If you vote in more than one party section, your partisan ballot will be rejected.

The Clerk’s Office will be open on Saturday, August 2, 2008 to collect Absentee Ballots. Absentee Ballots must be voted in the Clerk’s Office.

**Need to vote Absentee in any upcoming Election?**

If you have one of the following reasons, please call the City Clerk, Cynthia Ward, at 676-3900 to have an absentee voter application mailed to you.

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

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

Photo identification is required to vote in all elections. Be prepared to show your drivers license or other photo identification.

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**DPW Information**

**Building/Construction Permits:**

Please obtain a City Permit for work done on or at your home. Homeowners sometimes end up with concerns because they have paid several hundred dollars and they are not happy with the work that has been done. 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 should be directed to the Building Department at (734) 676-3952.

**Certified Property Surveys:**

If you are considering putting in fences, garages, homes, swimming pools, sheds, seawalls, docks, etc., please be aware that you may need to obtain a certified property survey. Please plan ahead and have the survey done early. Mortgage surveys will not be accepted.

**Home Inspections:**

If you plan on selling your home, please be aware that you will need to have inspections conducted on your home by the Electrical Inspector. Homes may be required to be brought up to current code. Plan ahead to have your home

inspected and allow time to have the necessary corrections made before you close on the sale of your home. For homeowners living on waterfront property with a berm, you also need to have a City Berm Inspection. Berm height needs to be at a certain elevation. Check with the Building Department for details.

**Flood Zones ‘A’ or ‘B’:**

If you live in Flood Zones ‘A’ or ‘B’, and you anticipate new construction or substantial improvement to your home, it is recommended that you apply early for a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Permit. It can take 2 to 3 months for a permit to be issued by the MDEQ.

**GARBAGE AND RUBBISH & YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES  
FOR THE CITY OF GIBRALTAR**

These guidelines are for garbage and rubbish collection items that will be picked up by Waste Management, the City of Gibraltar’s current refuse contractor. **All residential homes will be picked up on Tuesdays.** Please note: garbage and rubbish collection day will be delayed by one day if a holiday falls on a Monday or a Tuesday. Garbage and rubbish 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 refuse 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.

**Yard Waste Collection Schedule**

2008 End Date – December

**Holiday Collection Schedule**

Labor Day – Monday, September 1, 2008

COLLECTION DAY IS WEDNESDAY

**GARBAGE**

Means the animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, and cooking of food.

**RUBBISH**

Includes all combustible and non-combustible waste materials from households, including paper, boxes, baskets, wood, rags, old shoes, leather, cans, household furniture and appliances. It does not include industrial refuse or building refuse, nor does it include tree stumps, abandoned automobiles or vehicle tires. 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. Carpet must be tied in bundles not exceeding 4 foot lengths and/or 60 pounds in weight.

**BUILDING  
REFUSE**

If waste is from demolition, construction, remodeling, and/or repairs, a small amount shall be accepted by the trash hauler as a normal amount of refuse from a household. Large quantities shall not be regarded as household or yard refuse and shall be removed by the homeowner or contractor doing the work. The amount of household demolition picked up on any given day shall not exceed, in size, two (2) 35-gallon size containers nor weigh more than 60 pounds each.

**CONTAINERS** Approved containers shall be watertight, metal or plastic containers with handles and tight fitting covers of not more than 35-gallon capacity each or large plastic or paper sacks of approximately 30-gallon capacity designed for the purpose of accumulation of garbage and rubbish.

**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 solid waste. 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 PICKUPS** 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. If it is determined that your special pick-up qualifies for pick-up by Waste Management, the City will not pick this up. You will be required to prepare the items as stated under the above categories and store it for your next regular pick-up day. 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.

**RECYCLING** Currently, only paper is being recycled. Paper items can be dropped off at the dumpsters provided in the Parsons School parking lot. The school is located at 14473 M. Gibraltar Road at Fryer.

**NOTE:** For items that will not be picked up by either Waste Management or the City, you may try to contact either the Riverview Land Preserve at (734) 281-4262 or Rockwood Landfill at (737) 379-4624.

**Waste Management Customer Service – 1-800-796-9696**

If you have any questions, please contact the DPW office at (734) 676-3952, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## General City Information

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

The Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Henry Ford Community College Campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, MI 48128. For more information, contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

### Housing Rehabilitation Program:

The City of Gibraltar is pleased to offer the Housing Rehabilitation Program. This Program is designed to assist Gibraltar residents in a low to moderate income range that are in need of eligible home improvements. The Housing Rehabilitation Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.), under the direction of Wayne County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

We are currently establishing a waiting list. If you would like further information regarding qualification guidelines or would like to know more about the Program, please contact Denise Sciacca, Rehab Specialist on Thursday afternoons at (734) 676-3900.

### Minor Home Repair:

Assistance with minor home repairs is available to Senior Citizens and low-income residents who qualify. For more information, please call (734) 676-3952.

### Flood Information:

Information concerning the National Flood Insurance Program is available at City Hall.

### 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. Both the meter and the remote should read the same number. If not, notify the Water Department at (734) 676-3952.

### American Flag Disposal:

The Gibraltar Community Center has a box for the disposal of old American Flags.

### Computer Printer Cartridges:

There is a recycling box for used inkjet cartridges inside the Gibraltar Community Center.

### Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids:

There are drop boxes available at City Hall and the Gibraltar Community Center for eyeglasses and hearing aids that are no longer needed.

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## **Police Department General Information**

### **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.

### **Fermi Siren Test:**

The Public Safety Department wishes to keep you aware of activities involving our City and the Fermi Nuclear Power Plant located in Monroe County. Our City is located within a 10-mile radius, to the north of the plant. Thus, Gibraltar falls within the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ). Wayne County Emergency Management Division is the agency in charge of all emergency planning for the communities in Wayne County that fall within the EPZ, (Gibraltar, Flat Rock, Rockwood, and center/south portions of Brownstown). On the last Wednesday of each month, between 9:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. the Fermi siren is tested. We also test our Emergency Siren located north of the Police Station at the same time. If there were an actual emergency at the Fermi Plant, you would need to tune your radio to either WJR (AM 760) or WWJ (AM 950), for information and/or instructions. Our City also uses the Emergency Siren for other emergencies as they occur.

### **“Check Theft ID”:**

The Police Department is a partner with a Company called “Check Theft ID”. Their website is [www.checktheftid.com](http://www.checktheftid.com). They list on their website stolen articles along with serial numbers.

### **Handgun / Rifle Gun Locks:**

The Police Department has “free” gun locks available to all residents. There is no limit. You can pick up the gun locks at the Gibraltar Police Department anytime.

### **Crime Prevention Tips:**

Should you observe suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood, please call the Gibraltar Police Department and notify them of your observations. A description of people or vehicles is helpful.

### **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 '2008' Animal Licenses are 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 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.

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**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.

**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.

**Senior Travel:**

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

**Senior Transportation:**

The City has a 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.

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**Community Center Information/Programs**

**“Let’s Dance”:**

Classes are offered in ballet, tap, and jazz for pre-school to seniors. Classes will resume in September. For more information please call Joyce at (734) 692-3804.

**Step Into Shape:**

Step into Shape is a low impact exercise class for the 50 plus crowd. Classes will resume in September. For more information please call (734) 782-1702.

**Karate for Kids:**

Lil Dragon Karate Classes are held on Monday at 5:45 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.

**Scrap Booking:**

Scrap booking classes are being held at the Community Center. For more information, please call Molly at (734) 675-4826.

**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 24, 2008 through July 24, 2008. 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.

**Summer Recreation Program:**

The Gibraltar Summer Recreation Program is for children age 5 to 12. The program will start July 21, 2008 through August 22, 2008. 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 five weeks. The cost of the program is \$75.00 per child and \$65.00 for each additional child from the same family. Register at the Gibraltar Community Center prior to July 21, 2008. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

**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.

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**Gibraltar Historical Commission**

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The Gibraltar Historical Museum is run by the Gibraltar Historical Commission.

The museum is located on the Second Floor of City Hall and is open Sunday's from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment. The Historical Commission's mission is to identify, collect, preserve, promote and exhibit all historical items that support our heritage in the City of Gibraltar. The Historical Commission and Museum can be reached by email at [gibraltarhs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gibraltarhs@sbcglobal.net).

**Volunteers Needed:**

Volunteers from Gibraltar are needed to help clip newspaper articles, obituaries, etc. (newspapers are provided) and can be done anywhere. This volunteer would be at museum to greet visitors and answer phones, perform basic filing, and miscellaneous activities. People are also needed to help with the special fundraisers throughout the year. Contact Debbie Davenport at (734) 692-8901 or (734) 676-3900 and leave a message.

**Commission Meeting:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
City Hall, Second Floor  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Museum Membership:**

Support our Community History! Join the Museum as a Member--\$5 individual and \$10 Family, \$25 Corporate/Group yearly fees. The membership will provide a newsletter every three months and invitations to exhibits before they open to the public. It also provides your sponsorship of the educational programs we will provide to the community free of charge. Please show your support and request a membership form today. Contact the museum at (734) 676-3900 and leave your name, address, and phone number and we will drop one off or mail it to your home.

**Historic Walking Tours:**

This summer, the Gibraltar Historical Museum will be hosting Walking Tours on Saturday Evenings and/or Sunday Afternoons. Details are still being worked out at this time. Please look for future updates.

**Cemetery Walking Tour:**

This fall, the Gibraltar Historical Museum will be trying to arrange for a cemetery walking tour through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please let Debbie Davenport know if you would be interested in this adventure. It will require some volunteers for research on genealogy of the sites.

## Upcoming Community Events

**Tee Ball Program:**  
**Tuesday, June 24, 2008 to**  
**Thursday, July 24, 2008**

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**American Red Cross**  
**Blood Drive:**  
**Wednesday, June 25, 2008**

The American Red Cross will be having a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Fireworks:**  
**Friday July 4, 2008**

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**Humbug Marsh**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays:**  
**Friday, July 11, 2008**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2008**  
**Sunday, July 13, 2008**

Hike the property on your own – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. No registration required. Transportation will be offered in conjunction with the Trenton Mid-Summer Festival.

**Rotary Golf Outing:**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2008**

The Gibraltar Rotary is sponsoring their annual Golf Outing on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at the Westburn Golf Course. For more information, please call Jim Duke at (734) 676-2983.

**Movies in the Park:**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2008**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2008**

The Recreation Commission and the DDA are sponsoring Movies in the Park on Saturday, July 12, 2008 and Saturday, July 26, 2008 at the Gibraltar Community Center. The movies start at 9:00 p.m. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

**Car Show:**  
**Sunday, July 20, 2008**

The Beautification and Recreation Commission's will be sponsoring the Annual Car Show on Sunday, July 20, 2008 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.

**Summer Recreation Program:**  
**July 21, 2008 to**  
**August 22, 2008**

The Gibraltar Summer Recreation Program is for children age 5 to 12. The program will start July 21, 2008 through August 22, 2008. 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 five weeks. The cost of the program is \$75.00 per child and \$65.00 for each additional child from the same family. Register at the Gibraltar Community Center prior to July 21, 2008. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.

**Primary Election Day:**  
**Tuesday, August 5, 2008**

A Primary Election will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Both Precinct #1 and #2 are at the Gibraltar Community Center. For more information, please call (734) 676-3900.

**Household Hazardous**  
**Waste Collection:**  
**Saturday, August 9, 2008**

The Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Henry Ford Community College Campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Southgate, MI 48128. For more information, contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

**Humbug Marsh**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays:**  
**Saturday, August 9, 2008**

Hike the property on your own – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Guided Nature Walk – 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Late summer wildflowers will be the focus of the walk through the meadows of Humbug Marsh. All ages welcome, but please no pets. No registration required.

**BIKAYBOCA Fest:**  
**Saturday, August 23, 2008**

The Gibraltar Area Community Foundation (GACF), in conjunction with the cities of Rockwood, Flat Rock, and Gibraltar, is sponsoring the second annual bicycle, kayak, boat, and car festival - "BIKAYBOCA" on Saturday, August 23, 2008. This festival will highlight the wonderful kayaking, bicycling and boating opportunities available in the downriver area. Humbug Marsh will also be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Watch the City Cable channel for further updates.

**Antique Boat and**  
**Classic Car Show:**  
**Saturday, August 23, 2008**

The Gibraltar Rotary Club is sponsoring the Annual Vintage Woodies Classic Wooden Boat and Car Show at the Gibraltar Boat Yard 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.

**Safety Day:**  
**Saturday, September 6, 2008**

The annual Gibraltar Safety Day will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008 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 27, 2008**

The Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center Park on Saturday, September 27, 2008, 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.

**Gibraltar Fire Department**  
**Annual Open House:**  
**Saturday, October 11, 2008**

The Gibraltar Fire Department will be holding their Annual Open House on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**St. Victor's Craft Sale:**  
**Sunday, October 19, 2008**

St. Victor's Annual Craft Sale will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center on Sunday, October 19, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information or to reserve a table, please call (734) 675-2641.

**Father & Daughter Dance:**  
**Saturday, October 25, 2008**

The Annual Father and Daughter dance will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center on Saturday, October 25, 2008 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:**  
**Friday, October 31, 2008**

Halloween is Friday, October 31, 2008 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.

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**Gibraltar Rotary Club**

**Gibraltar Rotary Club:**

The Gibraltar Rotary Club meets every Wednesday morning at the Mirage Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. Dues are \$30.00 per month, which helps to cover the cost of breakfast. Membership is open to anyone wishing to assist with service projects in support of our community. For more information, please call (734) 676-7774.

**Community Service:**

The Gibraltar Rotary Club supports our community. Here are some of the Rotary Club's activities for this past year: \$500 to Senior Recreation, \$1750 for Beautification Benches, \$2500 for Trees, \$600 towards a new Stage, \$250 to Goodfellows, \$400 for Little League Uniforms, \$200 to Girl's Softball, \$500 to Boy Scouts, \$300 to Girl Scouts, \$200 to Carlson Rowing, \$217 to Recreation, \$100 to Carlson Hockey, \$100 to Parsons School, \$500 to the Downriver Council of the Arts, \$125 to Carlson Baseball and \$3000 for Gibraltar Resident's College Scholarships. The Gibraltar Rotary Club wishes to thank everyone that participates in and supports our fundraising activities.

## **News You Can Use**

### **DON'T LOSE YOUR HOME TO FORCLOSURE THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE**

It is no secret that a number of our residents and fellow Michiganders are facing some economic challenges that are affecting their ability to maintain their quality of life. More and more individuals and families are finding it increasingly difficult to make their mortgage payments resulting in possible foreclosure. The most unfortunate thing is that many do not realize that they don't have to lose their homes. In many cases, there are programs available designed to assist homeowners in getting back on track. If you are facing foreclosure, there is help available

#### **Information on Foreclosures**

*What is Foreclosure?* [http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-45866\\_47905-177816--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-45866_47905-177816--,00.html)

*Foreclosure Q & A:* <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-45866-177818--,00.html>

#### **Tips to Avoid Foreclosure**

##### **1. Don't ignore the problem.**

The further behind you become, the harder it will be to reinstate your loan and the more likely that you will lose your house.

##### **2. Contact your lender as soon as you realize that you have a problem.**

Lenders do not want your house. They have options to help borrowers through difficult financial times.

##### **3. Open and respond to all mail from your lender.**

The first notices you receive will offer good information about foreclosure prevention options that can help you weather financial problems. Later mail may include important notices of pending legal action. Failure to open the mail will not be an excuse in foreclosure court.

##### **4. Know your mortgage rights.**

Find your loan documents and read them so you know what your lender may do if you can't make your payments. Learn about the foreclosure laws and timeframes by contacting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at 517-373-8370.

##### **5. Understand foreclosure prevention options.**

Valuable information about foreclosure prevention (also called loss mitigation) options can be found at [www.fha.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm](http://www.fha.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm).

##### **6. Contact a HUD-approved housing counselor.**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds free or low-cost housing counseling nationwide. Housing counselors can help you understand the law and your options, organize your finances, and represent you in negotiations with your lender if you need this assistance. To find a HUD-approved housing counselor near you, go to [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) or call (800) 569-4287 or TTY (800) 877-8339.

### **7. Prioritize your spending.**

After healthcare, keeping your house should be your first priority. Review your finances and see where you can cut spending in order to make your mortgage payment. Look for optional expenses that you can eliminate such as cable TV, memberships, or entertainment.

### **8. Use your assets.**

Do you have assets such as a second car, jewelry, or whole life insurance policy that you can sell for cash to help reinstate your loan? Can anyone in your household get an extra job to bring in additional income? Even if these efforts don't significantly increase your available cash or your income, they demonstrate to your lender that you are willing to make sacrifices to keep your home.

### **9. Avoid foreclosure prevention companies.**

You don't need to pay fees for foreclosure prevention help, use that money to pay the mortgage instead. Many for-profit companies will contact you promising to negotiate with your lender. While these may be legitimate businesses, they often charge a hefty fee (often two or three month's mortgage payments). Contact your lender or a HUD-approved housing counselor to find out about free help that they can provide.

### **10. Don't lose your house to foreclosure recovery scams.**

If any firm claims they can stop your foreclosure immediately if you sign a document appointing them to act on your behalf, you may well be signing over the title to your property and becoming a renter in your own home! Never sign a legal document without reading and understanding all the terms and getting professional advice from an attorney, a trusted real estate professional, or a HUD approved housing counselor. (Source: <http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/>)

## **How to Keep Your Home**

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority also provides useful information to homeowners at: [http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-45866\\_47905-177797--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-45866_47905-177797--,00.html)

## **Looking for Help?**

### **Beware of Scams!**

Home lending and foreclosure scams are costing Michigan residents dollars and often their homes. Those who are particularly vulnerable citizens and those with low incomes or poor credit. Don't allow your family to fall victim to one of these scams—educate yourself.



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Scams come in many forms. State Attorney General Mike Cox has outlined many of these scams designed to strip you of your money and in many cases your home. To find out more go to: [http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,1607,7-164-17337\\_17291-134533--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,1607,7-164-17337_17291-134533--,00.html)

Be very cautious of any claim that promises to lower your monthly mortgage payment while also promising that in a short time you can own your home free and clear of debt. Further, con artists will seek you out. If you find yourself in foreclosure proceedings and receiving solicitations at your home via telephone, letter, home visits, etc., it is most likely these are attempts by scam artists to take advantage of your situation.

Complaints may be filed with the Attorney General's Office at:

Consumer Protection Division  
P.O. Box 30213  
Lansing, MI 48909

517-373-1140  
Fax: 517-241-3771  
Toll Free: 877-765-8388  
[www.michigan.gov/ag](http://www.michigan.gov/ag) (online complaint form)

### **Assistance is Available**

#### **Michigan State Housing Development Authority**

*"Save the Dream"* ([http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-45866\\_47905-177801--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-45866_47905-177801--,00.html))  
Helps connect homeowners with Home Ownership Counselors

#### **MSHDA Home Ownership Counselor Directory**

<http://www.mshda.info/counseling/search/index.jsp>  
866-946-7432

#### **National Foundation for Credit Counseling**

Homeowner Housing and Credit Counseling  
<http://www.nfcc.org/>  
800-388-2227

#### **Federal Housing Administration**

<http://www.fha.gov/>  
Provides certain sub-prime borrowers refinancing opportunities  
1-800-CALL-FHA

#### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

For further information on foreclosures and to locate a Home Ownership Counselor  
<http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/>

#### **HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies**

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=MI>  
888-995-HOPE

#### **"How to Avoid Foreclosure" Publication**

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/pa426h.pdf>

## City Calendar of Meetings

### June 2008

2	Beautification Commission	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
4	Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
9	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
11	Waterways Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
17	Planning Commission/DDA	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
23	City Council	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
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### September 2008

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### October 2008

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## **City of Gibraltar**

### **Water and Sewer Department**

#### **2007 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality**

**June 2008 - WQR No. 10**

**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 2007 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 moderately 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.

If you would like to know more about this report, or a complete copy of this report, **please** contact our water department 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 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.

## **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 2007.

## **Cost Comparison**

In Gibraltar, the tap water costs **\$3.10\* 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.

We welcome 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 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>.

## City of Gibraltar

### 2007 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	Aug. 8 2007	ppm	4	4	0.92	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	Aug. 8 2007	ppm	10	10	0.21	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from Septic tanks,sewage;Erosion of nat deposits
<b>Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov2 007	ppb	n/a	80	24.6	6.2-42.3	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	60	13.6	4.9-23.0	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant (Total chlorine) Residual	Jan-Dec 2007	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.73	0.67-0.82	No	Water additive used to control microbes

<b>2007 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
0.16 NTU	<b>100%</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Soil Runoff</b>
<p><b>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.</b></p>			

2007 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month 0	No	Naturally present in the environment.
<i>E.coli</i> or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E.coli</i> positive.	entire year 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2005 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2005	ppb	0	15	3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2005	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.031	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.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running Annual Average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
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

### 2007 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.21	Erosion of natural deposits

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.

<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>HAAS</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>&gt;</u></b>	<u>Greater than</u>	

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