

City of Gibraltar Community Newsletter

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Gibraltar, Michigan 48173

www.cityofgibraltar.net



Breakfast With The Easter Bunny **April 4, 2015**

For 2015 the Gibraltar Recreation Commission and the Gibraltar Firefighters Association will once again be sponsoring Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at the Gibraltar Community Center (29340 South Gibraltar Rd.). A Pancake Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Children under 3 are free. A marshmallow drop (weather permitting) will begin at 11:45 a.m. There will also be an Easter basket give away, face painting and a lot more fun. For more information, please call (734) 671-1466.



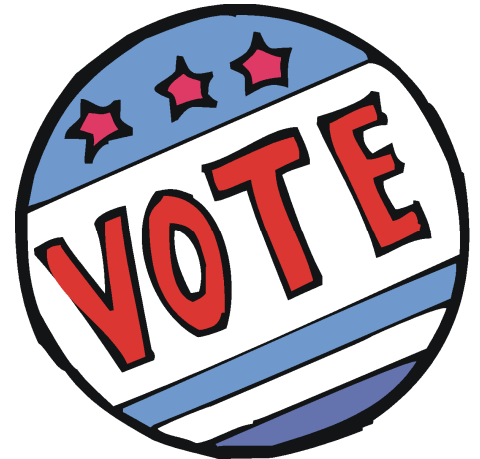
Annual City Clean-Up Day **May 2nd, 2015**

The City of Gibraltar's Beautification Commission will conduct its annual City Clean-Up on May 2nd, 2015 from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Residents and businesses are encouraged to participate. Free yard waste bags will be available for residents and businesses to pick up at the Gibraltar Community Center- 29340 South Gibraltar Rd. If you would prefer to assist the Beautification Committee with, public park clean-up, painting projects exist, or other jobs, we are in need of volunteers. This event is being held in conjunction with the Keep Michigan Beautiful, May Clean-Up Initiative.



May 5, 2015 Election Update

Polls will be open on May 5th, 2015 for voters to cast their ballot in favor or against a proposed 1% increase in the state sales tax rate. The 1% increase will elevate the capture rate from 6% to 7%, with the increased revenue slated for funding road improvements. Based upon estimates, the increase in the tax rate would generate approximately \$1.2 billion. Voters must be registered by April 6, 2015 in order to be eligible to vote in the May 5th, 2015 Election. Anyone wishing to vote absentee should contact the Clerk's office at 29450 Munro, or 734-676-3900. Voter applications can be received at the address listed above. The City has two polling precincts, they are both located at 29340 South Gibraltar Rd. Polls will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.



**2015 Spring Perennial Plant Exchange
and Hanging Flower Basket Sale**
(rain barrels also available for purchase)

Sponsored by:
Gibraltar Beautification Commission

**Saturday May 9, 2015
10:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Rain or Shine**

Bob Lo Pavilion – Middle Gibraltar Road

Exchange plants and ideas with fellow gardeners
Master Gardeners available to answer questions

Tables available for displaying your “treasures”

No plants to exchange?
No Problem!

Gardeners happily share their extras

Some Plant Exchange suggestions

*Bring bags to carry your plants

*Pot or wrap & label the plants you bring

PLEASE bring only healthy plants, bulbs or seeds

This event is free and open to the public
For more info please contact Dorothy Wood 734 675 9633

51st Annual
Gibraltar 4th of July Celebration
July 3rd - July 4, 2015

Sponsored by the Gibraltar Downtown Development Authority

The 2015 City of Gibraltar 4th of July Celebration will be held on two days this year, July 3rd and 4th, 2015. For the 51st edition of this year's festival, residents and visitors will be treated to a wealth of activities and entertainment for all ages. This year's schedule is as follows:



Friday- July 3rd, 2015- Activities will start at 4:00 p.m. and will continue until dark. Events on Friday will include carnival rides, live entertainment, food, and a beer tent sponsored by the Gibraltar Fire Fighters Association.

Saturday-July 4th, 2015- The day will commence with a parade at 10:00 a.m. It will begin at the Gibraltar City Hall (29450 Munro) and end at the Gil Talbert Community Center (29340 South Gibraltar Rd.). 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 10:00 p.m. 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.

The following are the highlights of the event:

- Parade starts at 10:00 A.M. (Saturday)
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.
- Entertainment includes Danny Albani and the Cruzzers, Rustbelt Revival, Billy Bynum and Co., and many others.
- Pony Rides, Petting Farm, Rides
- Awards for Policeman of the Year, Fireman of the Year, Miss Gibraltar
- Food Concessions
- Craft Vendors

If you or your organization is interested in participating in this year's parade, please complete the form on the second page of the newsletter and return it to the Recreation Director, Tamey Gorris at the address listed on the form.

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**City of Gibraltar
July 4th 2015 Parade**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I will walk in the parade: yes _____ no _____

Type of outfit: _____

I will have a float in the parade: yes _____ no _____

Type of Float: _____

If you will be participating in the parade with a float can you please have a sign or magnet on the left side of the car representing the company or persons? This will help the announcers identify who you are and announce you to the crowd.

Thank you,

Tamey Gorris
Recreation Director
tamey@city of gibraltar.net
Phone (734) 671-1466
Fax (734) 676-3309



City of Gibraltar
Annual Classic Car Cruise In

Sunday July 19, 2015

2 - 4 pm

Music with – Cruzzers Band

Door Prizes

50/50 Raffle

Food

Gil Talbert Gibraltar Community Center

29340 S. Gibraltar Road

For more info call 734 671 1466

Sponsored by Gibraltar Beautification/Recreation Commissions

City of Gibraltar- EVIP Plan Available Online

In compliance with 2014 Public Act 252, the City of Gibraltar has formulated and recently posted online our Transparency in Government Annual Documentation. This plan is available for public viewing on the City Webpage, www.cityofgibraltar.net. Upon review Gibraltar residents will find valuable information such as the following:



1. 2014 Performance Dashboard
2. Citizens Guide – Pages 1-4 (Revenues, Expenses, Obligations, and Financial Position)
3. City of Gibraltar 2014-2015 Budget Summary Citizen Pamphlet – Pages 1-2
4. FY14 Projected Budget Report (2014-2015), Including Assumptions
5. Bond Schedules (Debt Service Requirements)

Upon review, should Gibraltar residents have questions about any of the information listed in the report, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at 734-676-3900.

Bridge Repair Work Completed Fall 2014

This fall, work was completed upon the Horse Island Bridge which insured reliable service for another 10-15 years. The work, performed by PavEx Corporation and managed by Collins Engineering, involved the repair of the abutments in order to replace scoured concrete and solidify the structure.



Work on the structure included the excavation of damaged material from the abutment faces, rebuilding the face with concrete material, and backfilling any voids that existed.

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This project was financed via ACT 51 funds. These funds are allocated annually to the City by state fuel tax revenue and are earmarked to repair roads and associated infrastructure. Long term capital improvements plans include the repair of other existing bridges within the City limits as funding allows.

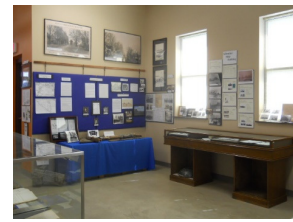
Gibraltar Historical Museum

Open:

1st Sunday of every month

from 2- 4 pm

Located on 2nd floor of City Hall



Come see what you've been missing...

For more info please call:

Dorothy Wood 734 675 9633

MUSIC IN THE PARK SCHEDULED FOR 2015

The City of Gibraltar Recreation Department has recently scheduled it's Music in the Park series for 2015. The following are the dates:

1. July 19, 2015 – The Cruzzers (in conjunction with car show)
2. August 15, 2015 – Downriver Community Band (in conjunction with Rotary Duck Race)
3. September 17, 2015- Sarah and Sherrard
4. October 8, 2015- TBD

Times and days of the week vary, please contact Gibraltar Recreation for more information – 734-671-1466.

GIBRALTAR FARMER'S MARKET TO START JUNE 17th

The City of Gibraltar will host its second year of Farm Market Events every Wednesday June 17th- September 30th. The hours of operation are 1:30 pm-6:30 pm and will be held at the Bob Lo Pavilion, Middle Gibraltar Rd. All vendors must clean up and vacate by 7:00 pm each Wednesday. The Gibraltar Farmer's Market is always looking for volunteers to assist with the event as well as vendors. If you are interested in participating in the Market as a volunteer or vendor please review the information listed below:



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GIBRALTAR FARM MARKET INFORMATION

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

Application Instructions

1. Read rules and regulations
2. Complete and sign application
3. Return completed application, payment and copies of insurance to:
Gibraltar Community Center - Farmer's Market
ATTN: Jessica Kirksey
29340 S. Gibraltar Rd.
Gibraltar, MI 48173
Phone: (734) 363-3983 Fax: (734) 676-3309
4. Questions should be directed to jessywalt@gmail.com
5. Please keep a copy for your records

Rules

1. The following products are permitted and MUST be produced or grown by the vendor.
 - a. Locally grown plants, flowers, fruits and veggies
 - b. Locally produced food items, including but not limited to meats, fish, poultry, cheese, eggs, baked goods, jams, salsa, granola, honey, tea, popcorn, cider, herbs, maple syrup etc.
 - c. Locally prepared or packaged foods and items such as pasta, coffee, etc.
2. Supplementing produce for the month of June is ok if grown in US.
3. Vendors are required to have prices and signage posting the name of the business clearly exhibited but cannot be attached to the pavilion.
4. Vendors sell only fresh, wholesome products, clean and free from spoilage and safe for human consumption. Repeated complaints will result in termination from our market.
5. Any item that is unpasteurized must state so.
6. If applicable, a copy of license must accompany this application.
7. Vendors must provide own insurance if uninsured you can sign a hold harmless agreement with the city of Gibraltar.
8. The market director will assign vendor space. The space will be given at the beginning of the season and will remain the same thru out.
9. If your seasonal space is not filled by 1:00 pm daily rate vendors can occupy the space.
10. Set up is to be completed by 1:00 pm and all vehicles in designated parking areas. NO VENDOR CAN BEGIN SET UP AFTER 1:00 pm. Your booth must remain open until 6:30 pm.
11. A responsible adult of the age of 18 must run booth.
12. Market is rain or shine.
13. Rental fee is based on a 10x10 space and the usage of electricity.
14. You are responsible to provide table, tent (with weights), chairs, power cords, etc.
15. All tents have to be weighted at 4 corners, no stakes are allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.
16. All garbage must be removed from booth and placed in on site container. A \$25 fee will be placed if we clean up after you.
17. If you cannot participate in market please contact market director by 9am. If you fail to contact market director the consequences are as follows. First offense = warning, 2nd offense = \$25.00 fine, 3rd offense = grounds for dismissal from the market.
18. Leaving early is not permitted; the Gibraltar Farm Market is open till 6:30pm so after 6:00pm patrons can shop.
*Emergencies are a different circumstance.
19. Outside restrooms are available at the community center building.
20. Alcohol, smoking and drugs are strictly prohibited.

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21. We reserve the right to dismiss any vendor from our market for noncompliance to our rules and regulations.

VENDOR SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The Gibraltar Farm Market will operate every Wednesday from June 17 through September 30th. The hours are 1:30 pm-6:30 pm and will be held at the Bob Lo Pavilion, Middle Gibraltar Rd. All vendors must clean up and vacate by 7:00 pm each Wednesday. There are a total of 16 markets for 2015.

TYPES OF VENDORS

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

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

Daily vendors rent from week to week.

Please indicate the plan you prefer and your available dates.

_____ Seasonal Vendor rate \$10 weekly for 10x10 space.

_____ Daily Vendor \$20 for 10x10 space.

_____ \$5 extra for use of electrical power per market day.

10 weeks at \$10 each = \$100.00 10 weeks with power at \$15 each = \$150.00

All vendor fees must be prepaid by June 1. Please indicate all the days you plan to be present.

June 17th, June 24th, July 1st, July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, August 12th,

August 19th, August 26th, September 2nd, September 9th, September 16th, September 23rd, September 30th

Booth Assignments:

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

METHODS OF PAYMENT: Do you accept credit cards? YES/NO

Contact and on site information:

Business Name _____

Applicant Name _____

Full Address _____

Phone Number _____

Cell _____ Home _____

Email _____

Website _____

Social Media Sites _____

Hold Harmless Agreement: Indemnification and Release

Seller: _____

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

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

Indemnification

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

Release

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

Market Safety Requirements

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

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

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

Seller's Name: _____

Seller's Signature: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE RETURN WITH APPLICATION/AGREEMENT TO:

Gibraltar Community Center

ATTN: Jessica Kirksey

29340 S. Gibraltar Rd.

Gibraltar, MI 48173

Phone: (734) 363-3983 Fax: (734) 676-3309 Email: jessywalt@gmail.com

City Locates ATM in City Hall Lobby- Winter 2015

As of the Winter of 2015, the Gibraltar City Hall installed a 24 Hour ATM. The automated teller machine is located in the City Hall Lobby. Fees for use of the terminal are \$2.50 /transaction in addition to any additional fees your financial institution may charge.



City Installs Prescription Medicine Drop Box at City Hall

Any residents looking to dispose of unwanted prescription medication can now dispose of their surplus or expired pharmaceuticals in a purposed drop box located at Gibraltar City Hall. Managed by the Gibraltar Police Department, these unwanted medications will be disposed of properly insuring they will not enter the environment where they can be harmful. Access to the box is 24/7. For any questions relative to the drop box, please contact the Gibraltar Police Department at: 734-676-1022.

Payment Drop Box and USPS Mailbox

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

City Assessor

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

Community News and General Information

Winter Tax Bills

Will be accepted at City Hall until March 2nd, 2015

Summer Property Tax Bills

The 2015 Summer Property Tax Bills will be mailed out by June 30, 2015 and are due no later than August 31, 2015, without penalty. After this date, a 4% penalty will be added. Starting March 3, 2015 real property tax must be paid at Wayne County, 400 Monroe Street #320, Detroit MI 48226. If your mortgage company pays the taxes for you, they will receive a copy of your tax bill. If you have delinquent water bills, these balances will be placed on your taxes with the summer billing plus a 25% fee.

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Housing Rehabilitation Program

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

Water Department General Information

New Water Information Brochure Available at City Hall

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

Water Bill Reminder:

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

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

Chipping:

City chipping service will normally be done once a week. This is subject to change due to emergencies, scheduling, etc. Tree branches for chipping should be left as long as possible, with the larger end of the branch facing towards the road in a neat, uniform pile. **THE CHIPPING SERVICE IS FOR TREES CUT DOWN/TRIMMED BY RESIDENTS THEMSELVES. IF A CONTRACTOR IS HIRED, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHIPPING AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS.**

Property owners should try to cut small branches and limbs into smaller lengths and place them in a yard waste bag. Brush and tree trimmings less than 2" in diameter and tied into bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length and/or 60 pounds in weight can be put out with the Yard Waste for Steven's Disposal to pick up. Chipping by the City is seasonal and usually scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

DPW General Information

Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days:

Wayne county Department of Public Service's Land Resource Management Division will be hosting the following Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for 2015:

1. Saturday, April 4, 2015- Romulus Civic Center – 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI- 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
2. Saturday, May 2, 2015- Flat Rock Community Fields, off of Gibraltar Road by Flat Rock High School- 25600 Seneca Street, Flat Rock MI- 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3. Saturday, June 20, 2015- Henry Ford College – 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn MI - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
4. Saturday, August 15, 2015- Westland Shopping Center- Warren Road and Nankin Blvd- Westland MI- 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
5. Saturday, October 10, 2015- Wayne County Community College- 21000 Northline Road, Taylor MI



Examples of Acceptable Items include the following:

- Household paints, stains, dyes
- Floor was, floor care products, carpet cleaner
- Furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents
- Nail polish, glue
- Fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides
- Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, propane tanks
- Automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs
- Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors
- Mercury thermometers, thermostats and electrical mercury
- Computer CPU's monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, etc.
- Cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions

Garbage and Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

Garbage and Yard Waste is picked up by Steven's Disposal. All residential homes will be picked up on Tuesdays.

Yard Waste Collection Schedule

2015 Start Date- April 1, 2015

Holiday Waste Pick-Up

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day- Trash and yard waste service will be delayed if one of these

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*holidays falls on a Monday or Tuesday,
otherwise pick-up will remain on Tuesdays.*

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

Police Department General Information

POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

Animal Reminders: The '2015' Animal Licenses are now available for purchase. Prior to March 2015, license fees are \$5.00, after March 2015 they are \$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 any time.

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.



FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Department are looking for dedicated volunteers to serve the community. Available opportunities include openings for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Fire Fighters. Applications are available at the Gibraltar Police Department. For more information, please contact the Gibraltar Fire Department at 734-676-3167

Senior Citizen Information

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

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

Senior Travel: Through the various City organizations, there are many trips planned for our

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senior residents, and some are overnights. All the trips are excellent and enjoyable. To find out if your organization is eligible to use the City of Gibraltar Bus or to schedule a trip, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (734) 676-9021.

Senior Transportation:

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

The Gibraltar Over 50 Club:

The Gibraltar Over 50 Club meets on the second and last Friday of every month at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Residents 50 years or older are welcome to join. Come join the fun, social activities, and trip planning. For more information please call (734) 675-5569.

Community Center Events/Classes

Step into Shape

Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.- Taught by Brenda - For more information please contact (734) 676-1466.

Dance Class

Monday, 7:00 p.m. – Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Rumba, Cha Cha, Salsa Dancing-Teacher – Toni Deliz.

Gibraltar Senior Bus Trip Motor City Casino

Last Tuesday of Each Month- Free- Bus leaves Gibraltar Community Center 9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. – For more information please call 734-671-1466

Story Time

Gibraltar Community Center- Wednesdays Beginning January 14, 2015. Ages 2-5- Parent/Child 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.- Children's Lending Library during story time, Includes Music and Crafts- \$5.00/family

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

To benefit the Gibraltar Food Pantry- Sunday, February 22, 2015 – 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm- Gibraltar Community Center- 313-910-5871- \$25/ticket.

Kiddie Gym

Every Tuesday starting February 10th- March 10th, 2015- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (bring a drink to class)- \$25.00 /child- \$5.00 for the second child per family- 20 children must be registered to start the class- Pre-register: 734-671-1466 – Held at the community center.

Kids Power Karate

Ages 5-up- Introduction to traditional martial arts training. Positive, fun, exciting, and educational class that focuses on self-defense, physical fitness, conflict resolution, team work, and anti-kidnapping techniques. Adult attendance

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is requested. Mondays- 5:30-6:15 p.m. – Begins February 23, 2015- 6 week session- \$35- All classes held at the Gibraltar Community Center- More info – 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.

Rentals:

The Gil Talbert Community Center is open for rentals in both the small and large hall. If you are planning a graduation party or wedding for the 2015 season, now is the time to reserve it. Call (734) 671-1466 for reservations.

Flood Information

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

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

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

Watershed Information

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

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

- 1. Help keep pollution out of storm drains.** Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. Never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.
- 2. Fertilize caringly and sparingly.** Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.
- 3. Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil.** Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil, and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain, or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.

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4. **Clean up after your pet.** Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will be you a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.
5. **Practice good car care.** Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.
6. **Choose earth friendly landscaping.** Protect your pets, kids, and the environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.
7. **Save water.** Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.

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

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

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City of Gibraltar Contact Directory

City of Gibraltar Facilities:

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

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

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

Gibraltar Community Center

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

Schools:

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

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

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

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

City Phone Numbers:

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

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City Calendar of Meetings

<u>City Council</u>	<u>2nd & 4th Monday 6:30 p.m.</u>		<u>City Hall</u>
February 9	February 23	March 9 March 23	April 13 April 27
May 11	May 25	June 8 June 22	July 13 July 27

<u>Beautification Commission</u>	<u>1st Monday</u>		<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
February 2	March 2	April 6 May 4	June 1	July 6

<u>Recreation Commission</u>	<u>3rd Monday</u>		<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Comm. Center</u>
February 16	March 16	April 20 May 18	June 15	July 20

<u>Waterways Commission</u>	<u>2nd Thursday</u>		<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
February 12	March 12	April 9 May 14	June 11	July 9

<u>Planning Commission/DDA</u>	<u>3rd Tuesday</u>		<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
February 17	March 17	April 21 May 19	June 16	July 21

CITY OF GIBRALTAR WEBSITE

The City of Gibraltar is continually updating the City website. The City Charter, Code of Ordinances, and a lot of the information that was previously printed in the Community Newsletter is now available on the website. Check it out and let us know how we can make it better.

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