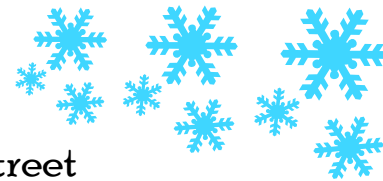
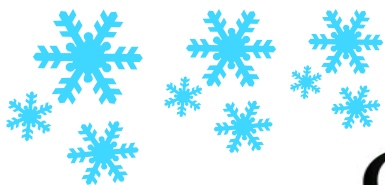


December 2011/January 2012



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From all your Friends here at the City of Clare, we wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

City Office Holiday Schedule:

Closed Friday, December 23, 2011

Closed Monday, December 26, 2011

Closing at noon Friday, December 30, 2011

Closed Monday, January 2, 2012



CLARE CITY HALL WILL BE DELIVERING LETTERS TO THE NORTH POLE!

'Santa Claus is coming to town...' to pick up your letters! Leave your **postage-free** letter with return ad-

dress for Santa now thru December 19 in the special mailbox in Clare City Hall lobby and if you've been nice (not naughty) you may receive a letter from Santa! (Please note that letters can be dropped off at any time of the day or night).

Enjoy our Clare Parks, Trails and Pathways this Winter!

Just because it's winter doesn't mean the outdoor fun has to stop. Winter is a great time to get out and enjoy our new addition to the Pere Marquette Rail Trail, walk the Melrand Nature Trails, and the Kevin Sherwood Memorial Trail. Try our parks and trails for walking, snowshoeing, or cross country skiing, or build a snowman in the park. Clare Parks and Trails are for all seasons!



Settle in for a cozy, family night at the library!



Help us celebrate the last day of school with a special viewing of *The Polar Express*. On Wednesday, December 21 at 6pm, you're invited to bring a blanket, pillow and wear your p.j.'s to enjoy a holiday classic in our theater. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided.



Get Ready to go Ice Skating!

The Clare ice skating rink will be opening (as soon as nature allows), for your enjoyment! The Shamrock Park ice rink is lighted and hours run from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

2012 Park Pavilion Rental Reservations start January 3rd, 2012, on a first come first serve basis.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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| Airport..... | 386-0445 |
| Chamber of Commerce..... | 386-2442 |
| City Hall..... | 386-7541 |
| City Police (non-emergency)..... | 386-2121 |
| Department of Public Works..... | 386-2182 |
| Main Street Manager..... | 386-9190 |
| Water/Wastewater Treatment..... | 386-2321 |

CLARE CITY POLICE COMMUNITY NEWS

Happy Holidays

Here are some suggestions from the City of Clare Police Department for this Christmas season.

Remember that Clare Schools will be closed during the Christmas and New Years Holiday period. Our energetic students will be outside during the day and need a watchful eye from motorists.

Is Santa bringing a new bicycle into your home? Make sure and have it registered with our police department. Doing so will aid us in returning it to you if it is lost or stolen.

Leaving town over the holidays? Please contact us and we will provide extra patrol of your property while you are away. This also provides us with a way to contact you if we receive a call about a problem at your home.

If you are traveling out of town, automatic timers for your inside house lights can help reduce crime. You can also ask your neighbor to watch your home, shovel the walks, pick up newspapers, collect mail, and park in the driveway from time to time. ALWAYS be sure and lock all doors and windows while you are away. Locking the doors to your home and vehicles is a great way to significantly reduce crime.

Remember that during the holiday months people travel more than ever. Always wearing a seat belt may prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Please ensure that ALL your passengers are wearing safety belts.

The Christmas season also brings many overnight guests into our homes. I would like to remind our citizens that vehicles cannot be parked on any city street between the hours of 3:00am and 6:00am. Our Department of Public Works crew needs to keep our streets clear of snow and ice.

The holidays are also a good time to update or create a home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list their descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify the stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.

Christmas and New Year offers the Clare City Police Department an opportunity to reflect and say thank you to the community we serve. As a small police agency, we are grateful for the encouragement and support of our citizens. From our families to yours we would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season.

BRUSH CHIPPING

Brush chipping is a 'time and weather permitting' service provided by the Department of Public Works. Brush to be chipped is to be placed at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on the first day of scheduled chipping. City crews will go down each street one time only. Our tentative chipping dates starting in 2012 are:

**January 3rd, January 30th, March 5th,
April 2nd, and April 30th.**

GARBAGE /RECYCLING

We Would also like to remind everyone that yard waste collection by WMI ended in November and will not resume until April, 2012.

Also, as Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on a weekend, there will not be any change in the regular residential collection day. As always, refuse and recycle bins should be placed to the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection. WMI will not return for materials put out late.

**No Parking on City Streets 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
November 15th thru April 1st**

City Code, Chapter 126, Section 8.25, prohibits parking on City Streets from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. between the dates of November 15th through April 1st of each year. The price you will pay for untimely parking is \$30.00 per offense.

Street Lighting

If you notice a street light out, please don't hesitate to call City Hall's Department of Public Works at 386-7541 ext. 201 to report the problem.