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The City of Clare - A Selected Michigan Main Street Community
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City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2009 in observance of Labor Day. Garbage, recycle, & lawn waste pick up will be delayed until September 11, 2009. The City Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

BRUSH CHIPPING

The City of Clare normally chips brush one time each month, **time and weather permitting**. Brush is to be placed at the curb (large end facing the street) **before** 7:00 a.m. on the first day scheduled for chipping. The chipping crew will go down each street **one time only**. **Tentative** chipping dates are:

August 31st

October 5th

November 2nd

November 30th

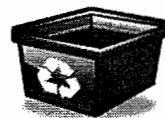


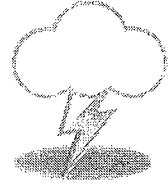
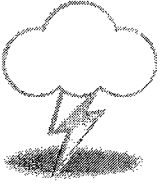
SUMMER SEWER CREDITS

Summer sewer credits have been in effect for single family residential dwellings for the usage months of May, June, July, & August, 2009. If you need to add water to your pool in September, you must call 386-7541 x 201 **in advance** to ensure your sewer credit.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Just a reminder that as of August 1, 2009 residential refuse (trash, recycle, and yard waste) is now being collected by Waste Management. **The new residential pickup day is Thursday** and all items for collection should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. Items placed at the curb after Waste Management has been down your street will not be collected. Pizza boxes may also now be included in the recycle materials if they are clean (no food/sauces left in them) and large cardboard boxes must be broken down and placed on top of the recycle bin. Thank you.

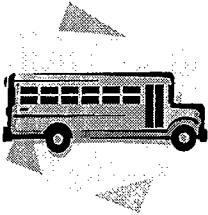




Public Service Notice—Weather Warning Sirens

As a public service when threatening weather approaches, weather warnings in Clare are signified by a tree-minute, continuous siren (may sound warbled, as our sirens rotate 360 degrees). The all-clear signal is one minute in duration with a sound akin to a scoreboard buzzer at a basketball game (again, the sound may be warbled, as our sirens rotate 360 degrees for maximum area coverage). We have three sirens in the City; all have voice capability that allows us to use them for public safety purposes other than threatening weather. Our sirens are tested each month on the first Thursday between the hours of 3-3:30 pm unless threatening weather is forecast or imminent. The test may consist of a warning siren, an all clear signal, a voice message, or a combination of all three signals.

Starting the School Year Safely



As the long days of summer move toward September, it is time to start preparing for the upcoming school year. The following tips may be helpful.

Remember, those large yellow school busses that have been dormant for several months and are now on the road, each carrying our precious cargo. Please give the buses plenty of room and be patient if you have to wait for them. If your child rides a bus to school, designate a safe place that is set back from the street to wait. Your child should stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver has indicated that it is okay to approach.

If you have a child that bikes to and from school, the most important safety measure is insuring that they wear a helmet. When worn properly, helmets can reduce the risk of injury by up to 85 percent. Before buying a helmet, have your child try it on in the store to ensure that it fits properly and is comfortable.

If your child walks to school, please spend a few minutes with them talking about staying on the sidewalks and out of the road. Also, make sure the younger children cross with the crossing guards. If you drive your child to school, help the Clare police by watching for any suspicious persons in the area and encourage your child to tell an adult if approached by a stranger.

The area in front of the primary school continues to be congested with traffic. This is because more and more parents are driving their children to school and not using school busses or having their children walk. Sometimes this is frustrating for parents, but please be patient. In order to help alleviate some congestion, children can be dropped off behind the primary school or a block or two away and be allowed to walk to the crossing guards. These things might help make the commute / transition a bit smoother and most of all safer. The Clare City Police wants your child to have a safe and happy school year. Please contact us at 386-2121 at any time with your concerns or questions.



Main Street Digs up History on on Downtown Buildings



The Clare Main Street Design Committee began the process for designation of downtown Clare as a Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. In order to complete the National Register Nomination process, the Design Committee has obtained the services of Ken Lingaur, a Clare resident working on his Master's Degree in Historic Preservation, to assist with research, gather information and pictures from all the historically contributing buildings in the Main Street district; and develop the application. We are asking your assistance in tracking down pictures and stories of buildings within the Main Street District. The pictures and stories can be brought to the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce for photocopying. To learn more about the process and assist with this task please contact Lori Schuh, Main Street Manager, at 989-386-9190. To learn more about the process and assist with this task please contact Lori Schuh, Main Street Manager, at 989-386-9190.



CLARE STEPS UP!

If you thought stepladders were just for climbing on, think again! The master-pieces will be on display in front of their sponsoring businesses until September 10, 2009. The project will conclude with an event scheduled for September 16th at the Doherty Hotel, to auction off the ladders. If you would like to know more about this project, please call Clare Main Street at 989-386-9190 or visit www.mainstreetclare.com.

2009 Youth Soccer League Games Begin Soon!!!

Youth soccer league games will begin September 12 and will end on October 17, 2009.

We are still looking for volunteers to coach. If you are interested in becoming a coach, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at Clare City Hall 386-7541 ext.213 or by email to agreen@cityofclare.org.

Main Street Spook-Tacular

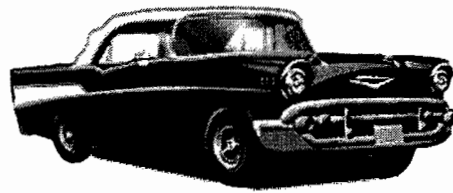
Something to Howl About

Saturday, October 24, 2009 • 10am – 1 pm
Downtown Clare • 4th Street
Kids Costume Parade

Skeleton Search

Face Painting, Pumpkin Painting & More!

**For More Information Contact:
Lori Schuh at 989-386-9190 All Activities
are FREE!!**



Old Historic US 27 Motor Tour Stopping in Clare

The 3rd Annual Old Historic US 27 Motor Tour, traveling from Coldwater to Cheboygan, is once again stopping overnight in Clare! Join us on Thursday, August 20, 2009 in welcoming the tour with an evening of food, fun, music (performed by Night Shift!), and of course - Classic Cars! The free event will be held in the 5th Street Parking Lot downtown Clare from 6 - 8 p.m.—Rain location Doherty Hotel.

Join the tour from Clare and bring back the good old days of Michigan as you travel beautiful Historic Old US 27. This is one of the premier classic car auto events in the state! The five day tour travels through beautiful scenery, delightful towns, and enjoys stops along the way. For more information on Clare's August 20th event, contact Clare Main Street at 989-386-9190. For Motor Tour information visit their website at www.old27tour.com.



WHERE DOES YOUR DRINKING WATER COME FROM?



Water is a necessary component of human survival and is a vital part of Michigan's economy. In fact, Michigan is home to approximately 20% of the Earth's readily usable fresh water. There are two types of water, groundwater and surface water.

- ◆◆ GROUNDWATER is water that is underground in cracks and spaces in the soil, sand and rocks.
- ◆◆ SURFACE WATER is water that is above the surface of the land (i.e. lakes, rivers, streams).

Groundwater fills the small spaces between rock particles (sand, gravel, etc.) or cracks in solid rock. Rain, melting snow, or surface water becomes groundwater by seeping into the ground and filling these spaces. An aquifer is any type of geologic material, such as sand or sandstone, which can supply water to wells or springs.

Groundwater, which supplies wells, often comes from within a short distance (a few miles) of the well. How fast the groundwater moves depends on how much the well is pumped and what type of rock particles or bedrock it is moving through.

Here at the City of Clare, we are supplied by 4 wells that are located in the southwest area of the city. These wells produce all the water that the City needs. They are pumped to the Water Treatment Plant on Maple Street.