

## Currently Clare



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Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed holidays.

# VOTE May 4th

It is that time again for the School Election that is held Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

The polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm on May 4th and once again we will be voting in the Public Safety Building located at 207 W. Fifth Street. Parking is available around the water tower (enter off Beech or Fourth Street) with handicapped spaces available at the south end of the police station; enter off of 4th Street to utilize the handicapped spaces. Contact Diane at 386-7541 x 106 for an absentee voter application.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Nominating petitions for the office of City Commissioner will be accepted in the office of the Clare City Clerk, 202 W Fifth St, Clare, MI until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. To obtain a petition form and requirements for filing petitions, please contact the City Clerk.



### MEMORIAL DAY CLOSING

**CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY MAY 31, 2010 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES PLEASE CONTACT BOB RICHMOND AT THE CLARE VFW - 386-7221.**

### CEMETERY FOUNDATIONS

If you have a headstone to be set in the Cherry Grove Cemetery prior to Memorial Day, please call 386-7541 x 201 by Friday, April 30th, to order the foundation. You may also call this number if you have a deceased veteran interred in the Cherry Grove Cemetery who does not have the veteran's flag holder placed on the grave-site.

***Congratulations to Shari Lowel!***  
Shari is the winner of the \$50 Clare Cash Certificate in the "Take 10 in 2010" Census Drawing.

### SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Residents wishing to request sidewalk replacement for the 2010-2011 season may do so by calling the DPW (386-2182 x 201 or 202) no later than June 1st. This program is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with the City picking up 50% of the cost. This applies to residential (public) sidewalks only. Sorry...we do not share the cost of driveway approaches, private sidewalks, or business sidewalks.

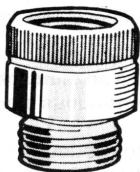
Summer Sewer Credits (for single family/single meter residents) go into effect with May usage/billed in June/due July 1st.



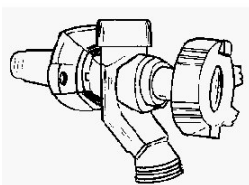
## THE DANGEROUS GARDEN HOSE

### One of the biggest threats to our drinking water

Why is a garden hose such a threat? The garden hose is one of the most common types of cross connections. What is a cross connection? The simple explanation of a cross connection is when a drinkable source (potable) of water is connected to an undrinkable (non-potable) source of water. These connections can be either permanent or temporary. So let's consider this scenario: It's a beautiful sunny day and you decide to spray your lawn with pesticide to kill those grubs that have been killing your grass. You use one of those handy ready to use bottles that applies the pesticide at the proper rates when you turn on the faucet. Just after you start a fire begins down the street. A sudden drop in the water pressure occurs as the water is rapidly pulled out of the mains to fight the fire. This causes the pesticide in the bottle to be sucked back into the drinking water. Now your family and neighbors are drinking water with pesticide in it. It's not just these handy spray bottles that can cause problems. What if you left the hose lying in a puddle or in a bucket of soapy water while you're washing your car? Other types of cross connections exist too. Hoses hanging into a sink full of water, swimming pools, and lawn sprinkler systems are just some of the common domestic cross connections. How can you prevent cross connections from occurring? There are two simple ways. You can install an anti-siphon faucet or you can screw a hose bibb vacuum breaker onto an existing faucet. Both of these items can be purchased at one of the local hardware stores.



HOSE BIBB VACUUM BREAKER  
No. 8



## LAWN WASTE COLLECTION

YARD WASTE COLLECTION FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS HAVING CURBSIDE COLLECTION HAS RESUMED AND WILL CONTINUE EVERY THURSDAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOLIDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER. YARD WASTE IS TO BE AT THE CURB BY 6:00 A.M. IN APPROVED YARD WASTE CONTAINERS. LAWN BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED AT CITY HALL, OR RESIDENTS CAN USE A RIGID CONTAINER CLEARLY MARKED **YARD WASTE ONLY** IN A CONTRASTING COLOR. PLEASE DO NOT USE CARDBOARD BOXES.



### BRUSH CHIPPING SCHEDULE

The City of Clare normally chips brush once 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:

May 3rd, June 1st, July 6th,  
and August 2nd, 2010

### TALL GRASS & WEEDS



Please remember that the City has an ordinance that requires property owners to cut their grass and weeds. The ordinance

provides the City the authority to mow the grass and weeds and pass the mowing fee on to the property owner if the grass and weeds exceed the maximum height (8") allowed by the ordinance. We strongly encourage all property owners to mow their own grass and weeds to preclude receiving an invoice for mowing charges from the City.



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Clare Summer Concert Series is a community program that takes place during the summer months. The first concert of 2010 will take place on June 3. All concerts are held on Thursday evenings at City Park from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Residents of all ages, who attend these performances, enjoy listening and dancing to live music in an outdoor atmosphere. We are presently looking for sponsors to help with the funding for this program. Donations in any amount from either local businesses or private citizens are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in a sponsorship, or would like further information, please contact Amanda Green at (989) 386-7541 ext. 213. or [agreen@cityofclare.org](mailto:agreen@cityofclare.org)

### *Moms on the Move*

We'll meet at 7:00 p.m. at Shamrock Park every Tuesday evening June 1-August 17 for a one-hour walk throughout Clare. If you're interested, meet us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday-June 1st. For more information on this program, contact Amanda in Parks and Recreation at 386-7541 ext. 213 or by email at [agreen@cityofclare.org](mailto:agreen@cityofclare.org)!

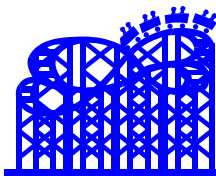
### **Parks Open For Spring**

**6 AM - 11 PM**

Pavilion and Baseball field rentals are available. Call (989) 386-7541 for more information.

### **TICKETS TO FUN!**

Clare City Hall will once again be selling discounted amusement park tickets for Cedar Point and Michigan's Adventure. Call for details! (989) 386-7541 Ext. 213 or [agreen@cityofclare.org](mailto:agreen@cityofclare.org).



## SENIORS CARDS, COFFEE, AND CONVERSATION COMING TO CLARE

Hey seniors, want a fun way to get out of the house and spend time with others in the community? Join the Pere Marquette District Library and Clare Parks and Recreation as they team up to offer a new program for seniors and adults in the community. Each Wednesday, starting May 5<sup>th</sup>, seniors are invited to stop by the library from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to play cards, drink coffee, and have a great time enjoying conversation with friends. We'll play euchre, cribbage, and some other old or new favorites requested. This event is free and open to all adults interested; just show up, no preregistration needed!

For more information about this or other programs, please contact Parks and Recreation at 386-7541 ext. 213 or [agreen@cityofclare.org](mailto:agreen@cityofclare.org)

## KICK UP YOUR FEET WITH LINE DANCING AND BALLROOM DANCING

Tuesdays, June 8<sup>th</sup> through July 13th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,

**Shamrock Park Large Pavilion**

Join Clare Parks and Recreation for a six week session of line dancing and ballroom dancing. Lessons will be done Tuesday evenings for ages 10 years old to seniors.

Dance instructors will work with various age and skills levels to ensure an enjoyable and rewarding session. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring a bottle of water.

Cost is \$50 for the six week session per person or \$90 per couple. Drop in or individual class fees are \$10 per class per person.

Registration forms are available at Clare City Hall, or download an "Activity Registration Form" on the Recreation page of the City's website at [www.cityofclare.org](http://www.cityofclare.org). For

more information contact Parks and Recreation at 386-

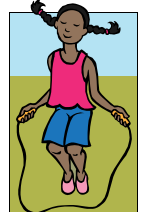
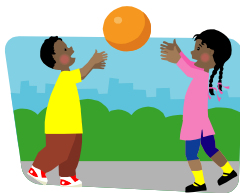
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# Your Summer is Saved!

"I'm bored!" "There's nothing to do!" "I never get to have any fun." Sound familiar? School will soon be out and you will be hearing those phrases again unless your child joins the Clare Parks and Recreation Summer Parks Program! The Summer Parks Program is a nine week program designed for kids ages 5-12 (children must have completed Kindergarten) that offers kids the opportunity to get out of the house and to participate in exciting activities like arts and crafts, outside games, indoor games and much, much more with Clare Parks & Recreation. Your child won't want to miss this exciting adventure, so sign up today!



**Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Week 1: June 7-11	Week 4: July 5-9	Week 7: July 26-30
Week 2: June 14-18	Week 5: July 12-16	Week 8: August 9-13
Week 3: June 21-25	Week 6: July 19-23	Week 9: August 16-20

## Please send your child with a brown bag lunch

Fee: The Summer Parks Program offers families the opportunity to pick the weeks that work best for them! The fee for each week of the program is listed below. Limited scholarships are available for low-income families. Please contact Parks and Recreation for more information (989) 386-7541 ext. 213 or [agreen@cityofclare.org](mailto:agreen@cityofclare.org).

	City of Clare Resident	Non-Resident
Drop In Rate	\$8.00 (per child) per day=\$2.00/hr	\$10.00 (per child) per day=\$2.50/hr
One Week	\$35.00 (per child)=\$1.75/hr	\$40.00 (per child)=2.00/hr
Nine Weeks	\$280.00 (per child)=one week FREE!	\$320.00 (per child)=one week FREE!

Registration: Registration for Summer Parks Program begins on Monday, May 3 at Clare City Hall Activity registration forms are available at City Hall or online at [www.cityofclare.org](http://www.cityofclare.org). counselor-in-Training Program (CIT): Clare Parks and Recreation is offering a Counselor-in Training (CIT) program as a part of the Summer Parks Program. The goal of the CIT program is to provide interested adolescents with an opportunity to develop leadership skills in a comfortable atmosphere under the supervision of Clare Parks and Recreation staff. The program is designed to give students ages 13-16 a base of understanding about youth, leadership, health and safety, and program planning. Contact Parks and Recreation for more information!

## Clare Teen Group!

The Clare Teen Group, sponsored by Clare Parks and Recreation and the Pere Marquette District Library, is a group of local students' ages 13-18 who gather at the library each week for fun and games, and to assist the Parks and Recreation Department in planning local events for youth and teens. This year, we want to get a great line up of programs going for teens including: \*Dances, \*Parties, \*Special Events, \* Teen Nights, \* Volunteering, \*and Much More! Clare Teen Group meets each Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the Pere Marquette District Library. Participants must be 13-18 years old, must live or go to school in the Clare School District, and must **love** to have a good time.

For more information on Teen Group, please contact Amanda Green, Parks and Recreation Director, at 386-7541 ext. 213, by email at [agreen@cityofclare.org](mailto:agreen@cityofclare.org), or as a friend of "Clare Recreation" on Facebook!



### LEARN TO BECOME A SUPER SLEUTH WITH CLARE CITY C.S.I.

Hey kids! Do you want something great to kick off your summer with the right foot print? Then join the Clare Police Department and Parks & Recreation as we investigate "the scene of the crime!" Through fingerprinting, footwear impressions, crime scene photography and hard evidence collection, police officers will show how crimes can be solved. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn how Clare Police Officers conduct official business! At the end of the session, the participants will celebrate with a pizza party and will receive an award certificate! Please wear old clothes that can be ruined – we're going to get messy!

LOCATION: Clare City Public Safety Building

COST: \$10.00 (includes pizza, beverage, and award certificate) Two sessions will be held:

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DATE: Monday, June 7,

TIME: 1:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m

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DATE: Tuesday, June 8

TIME: 1:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m

### *2010 Youth Soccer League Registration*

The early registration fee for the youth soccer league is \$20.00 per child and runs from May 17—June 30. The late registration fee is \$25.00 per child and runs from July 1—August 6. Games will begin September 11 and will end on October 16. Registration forms are available at Clare City Hall or online at [www.cityofclare.org](http://www.cityofclare.org).

### AREA YOUTH PITCH, HIT, AND RUN COMPETITION

Clare Parks and Recreation will host a FREE pitch, hit, and run competition for area youth at Stamina Stadium, on May 8, 2010, at 10:00 AM. Registration/waiver forms are available at Clare City Hall or online at [www.cityofclare.org](http://www.cityofclare.org).



HOOPZONE Basketball 2010 summer camps are now online at [www.hoopzonebasketball.com](http://www.hoopzonebasketball.com)



### WONDERS OF WATER DAY CAMP

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

JUNE 16-17, 2010, AT SHAMROCK PARK

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THIS PROGRAM IS FREE THANKS TO A GRANT SPONSORED BY THE DNRE! ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL OR ONLINE AT [WWW.CITYOFCLARE.ORG](http://WWW.CITYOFCLARE.ORG). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA GREEN AT (989) 386-7541 EXT. 213. [AGREEN@CITYOFCLARE.ORG](mailto:AGREEN@CITYOFCLARE.ORG)



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLARE CITY TREASURER, FINANCE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Within this month's City newsletter we will briefly discuss the development of the intergovernmental network and broadband initiative which has been in the news recently. In the next newsletter we will begin our discussion of municipal accounting, finances and budgeting mentioned in our last article.

**Intergovernmental Network/Broadband Project:** For approximately the past eighteen months we have been working on developing a shared wide area computer network to reduce technology related costs and to increase governmental efficiency. This cooperative project currently includes the Clare-Gladwin Regional Educational Services District, Clare County, the City of Clare, the City of Harrison, the Village of Farwell, Surrey Township and the Clare, Farwell and Harrison Public Libraries. The initial benefit of this network includes the sharing of contracted communications services which has saved and will continue to save the participating governments thousands of dollars annually.

The original vision of this quite ambitious project is to connect all governmental offices throughout Clare County that want to connect to the intergovernmental network through either wired connections or where necessary through wireless technology so that we can share technology and reduce the associated costs. The first phase of this project is now being completed and the next phase of connecting additional township offices to the network is beginning to take shape. Though this next phase of the project has its own unique challenges we remain confident that it can be accomplished through the same type of team effort and community focus that made the first phase possible.

The third phase of this initiative is also in development at this time which includes the extension of the shared broadband computer communications network to make it available to everyone throughout all of Clare County, particular those that currently do not have access to this technology. This third phase also has some challenges, particularly within the current slowed economy. However, with the distributed access points created in the original municipal project in Clare, Farwell and Harrison along with the ever increasing capabilities of technology and the creation of partnerships with commercial Internet Service Providers this vision can also soon be a reality.

It is very important at this time to recognize the visionary leadership and commitment to the community of the Clare-Gladwin RESD, the public school systems in Beaverton, Clare, Farwell, Gladwin and Harrison who own the initial fiber network and also the vision and generous support of the Clare County Enterprise Community. Without these very dedicated community leaders this project could have taken years to accomplish if it could have been completed at all. Each of the individuals and entities involved in this project have worked together in a spirit of teamwork and cooperation with a can-do attitude and with the sole objective of serving the public more thoroughly and efficiently.

If you have any questions concerning this month's Treasurer's article or any other City of Clare finance or property tax matter we encourage you to call (386-7541, extension 107), stop by City Hall or if it is more convenient send me an e-mail message at [skingsbury@cityofclare.org](mailto:skingsbury@cityofclare.org).

***Volunteers will be out and about hand delivering "File of Life" cards to local residents on April 22, Clare Pride Day. If you don't happen to receive one that day, they will be available at Clare City Hall.***