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December 2009/January 2010

202 West Fifth Street

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

City Office Holiday Schedule:

Closed December 24, 2009

Closed December 25, 2009

Closed at 12:00 noon December 31, 2009

City of Clare strongly advises that residents **SHOULD NOT** dispose of leaves/yard waste in area rivers, streams, lakes, etc. Doing so could result in significant fines from the DNR.

Santa Claus Is coming to town... to pick up your letters! Leave your postage-free letter with return address for Santa from November 29—December 18 in the special mailbox in Clare City Hall lobby and if you've been nice (not naughty) you may receive a letter from Santa. Kids, get your letters written now, you want to make sure Santa receives your letter on time! To participate, children must live or go to school in Clare. For more information contact the recreation department at 386-7541 ext 213.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Airport.....	386-0445
Chamber of Commerce.....	386-2442
City Hall.....	386-7541
City Police (non-emergency).....	386-2121
Department of Public Works.....	386-2182
Fire Dept (non-emergency).....	386-2151
Main Street Manager.....	386-9190
Pere Marquette District Library...	386-7576
Water/Wastewater Treatment.....	386-2321

Santa Claus Hours

Don't forget to come visit Santa Claus at the Clare City Park. Santa's hours are:

Fridays 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Saturdays 2:00 pm—5:00 pm

Santa's last day will be December 19, 2009.

Please bring the children by to see him!

QUICK, GET THE PHONE,

IT'S THE NORTH POLE CALLING!

Join us in spreading the holiday magic and invite a resident of the North Pole to call your home! A celebrity from the "North Pole" (Santa, Mrs. Claus or an elf) will call your home and chat with your child/children on Wednesday, December 16, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Entry forms are available at City Hall, through school flyers and online at www.cityofclare.org beginning November 23. Please mail, fax, or drop off your entry to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 15.

This program is free and open to children who live or go to school in Clare and attend Kindergarten through 3rd grade only.

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.

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.

CITY BRUSH CHIPPING

The City of Clare normally chips brush once a month. 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. City crews will go down each street **one time only**. Tentative chipping schedules (*time and weather permitting*) are:

January 4th, February 1st, and March 1st

We Would also like to remind everyone that yard waste collection by WMI ends in November and will not resume until April, 2010; and ALL MATERIALS being placed at the curb for collection by WMI must be at the curb by **6:00am**. If you have questions regarding qualified bulk items and/or what is recyclable, please call 989-386-7541 ext 201

WEATHER WARNING SIRENS—As a public service when threatening weather approaches, weather warnings in Clare are signified by a three-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.

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.