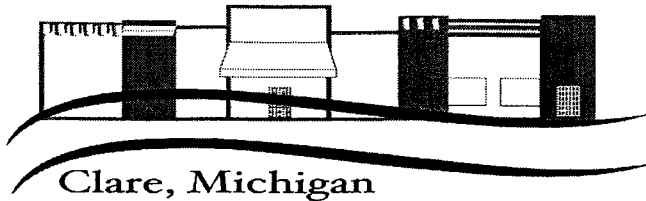


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SOUTH BR-127 MISSION ROAD CONSTRUCTION

MDOT is making excellent progress on the roundabout at the south on/off ramps to BR-127. In order to remove and rebuild the pavement on OLD Mission Road from Mike's Nursery north to the Mini Warehouse, south bound Mission traffic will soon need to be detoured for approximately one week—June 15th—19th (weather permitting). During this time the roundabout will be open to freeway ramp traffic and traffic traveling north from South Mission. The detour will be for Mission Road traffic going south. They will be detoured on the freeway to Rosebush exit, and will then have to travel back north from Rosebush. By allowing this short time detour, it is believed that the contractor will be able to make up time lost by the weather this spring and have the roundabout fully open by the end of June. We thank you for your continued patience during this project.

STATE STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

East State Street (from McEwan Street to Cedar Street) construction project began June 8th and is expected to be completed before Labor Day. Work in this area includes milling existing asphalt, replacing water and sewer mains, new curb and gutter, storm drain repair, and street reconstruction (paving). During the project, East State Street is closed to all through traffic, and there will be no parking on the street permitted at any time. We will make every effort to keep access to the Methodist and St. Cecilia's church parking lots open for parking during their services. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone affected by the project for their continued patience this summer.

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Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed holidays.

City Offices will be closed on Friday,
July 3, 2009, in observance of
Independence Day!

Free Car Seat Safety Checks

City of Clare Police Department will be offering free car seat safety checks from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at the Public Safety Building. Stop in and have the car seats for your little ones checked to make sure they are properly installed, and in good working condition.



Youth Police Academy



The Clare City Police Department is happy to announce that they are sponsoring a Youth Police Academy.

This summer Clare Police Department would like to welcome students that will be entering 6th through 9th grade in the fall. The Youth Police Academy will be held July 13th -16th and July 20th -23rd from 9am until 3pm at Clare Public Schools.

The Youth Police Academy will offer courses in CSI, Gang Task Force, K-9, Patrol Procedures, Accident investigation, and much more.

If you are interested in becoming a police cadet please pick up a registration form at the Clare Police Department or on the City of Clare website at www.clarecitypolice.com Registration forms are due June 29th.

The Clare Police Department looks forward to seeing you this summer!

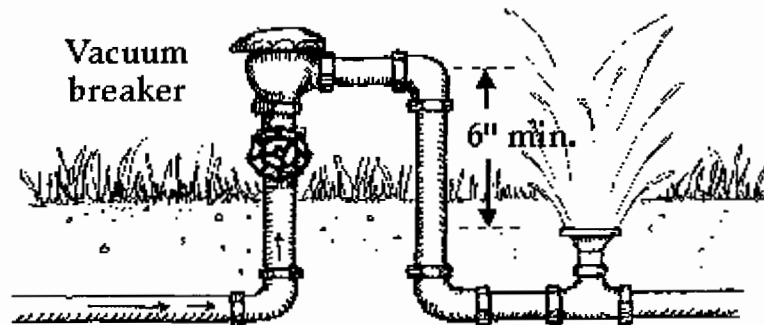
Deferment of Summer Taxes

Did you know that Summer Taxes can be deferred if you qualify? The process is simple. Just complete an Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes and submit it to the City Treasurer by September 15, 2009. Please remember that applications must be submitted annually. Application forms are available online at www.michigan.gov/treasury or you can pick up an application at Clare City Hall, 202 W. Fifth St., Clare MI 48617

What is that thing in the yard?

Maintenance on Your Lawn Sprinkler: Testing the Backflow Protection.

Each season the backflow prevention device on your lawn sprinkler system must be tested. This is required by the plumbing code of the State of Michigan. So what is it? This is a device that stops any water surrounding the sprinkler heads or piping from being drawn back into the drinking water system. Do I need one? Yes, these devices are required by law, plumbing code and City ordinance to be placed on all lawn sprinklers before the sprinkler heads. Can I really contaminate the drinking water? In 1969, 90 of the 97 football team members and coaches of Holy Cross University became infected with hepatitis A from a lawn sprinkling system. Water use during fire fighting in the local area caused puddle water contaminated with the hepatitis virus to be drawn into the drinking water system of the practice field. Luckily no one died, but the Holy Cross football season was cancelled. What does the device look like? The typical device found on a lawn sprinkler is a vacuum breaker. It is attached to a pipe coming out of the ground and has another pipe reentering the ground. It has a cap on top with several test ports on the side of it. Where can I find it? Usually, it is found along side of your home. These devices are normally placed in areas that are hidden from view. Look behind bushes, shrubs, a shed or it may even be in a corner of your basement or utility room. How do you have them tested? A licensed plumber that is certified in backflow prevention may test the device. For a list of certified plumbers is available or for any questions you may have contact the Department of Water and Wastewater Treatment at 386-2321.



For more information on the Holy Cross University incident: <http://www.holycross.edu/departments/publicaffairs/hcm/fall04/features/feature1.html>

NOW ACCEPTING SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT REQUESTS

Residents wishing to request sidewalk replacement for the 2009-2010 season may do so by calling the DPW (386-2182 x 201 or 202) no later than July 1st. This program is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with the City picking up 50% of the cost. This applies to residential sidewalks only. Sorry...we do not share the cost of driveway approaches or business sidewalks.

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.

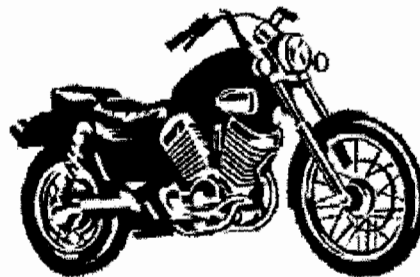
Tentative chipping dates are:

**June 29th, August 3rd,
August 31st**

SUMMERFEST 2009!

On July 2nd, Summerfest kicks off with Night Shift playing from 6-8 p.m. as part of the Summer Concert Series in the Clare City Park. Join us on Friday, July 3rd, when Clare will be celebrating the 21st Annual Summerfest. As always, there are lots of fantastic events planned for this year's celebration. The Summerfest ice cream social will be held at Shamrock Park from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. And, as usual, City employees will be cooking hotdogs, provided by Witbeck's Family Foods, at the Free Family Picnic at 6:00 p.m. Also, new this year, be sure to get a front row seat for our Youth Theatre Workshop's patriotic production. The evening wraps up with a fireworks show at dark. Come join us for a great evening! City-wide garage sales are back again, and residents do not need to obtain a permit for a garage sale if it falls on July 2nd, 3rd, & 4th.

If you would like a complete listing of events, you may contact the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce at 386-2442 or go to www.claremichigan.com.

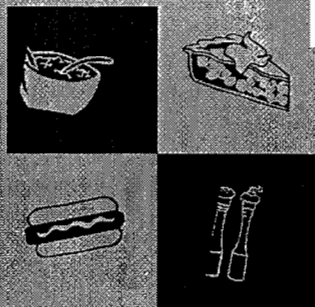


Saturday, July 18, 2009

Main Street Clare Car & Bike Show

Show: 11am-3pm on W. 4th St.
Registration: 8am-10am
Judging: 12pm—2pm
Award Ceremony: 2:30pm
Car & Bike Cruise: 3pm

Additional Activities
Diecast Model Display
22nd Annual Craft Show in the City Park
Main Street Dining and Shopping
Clare Street Faire and Sidewalk Sales



RECREATION



Summer Parks Program

8:30—12:30 M-F at Clare (new) Middle School Gym

Cost: \$35/week for Clare resident \$40/week non-residents

Week 1: June 8	Week 2: June 15	Week 3: June 22
Week 4: July 6	Week 5: July 13	Week 6: July 20
Week 7: Aug. 3	Week 8: Aug. 10	Week 9: Aug. 17

The Summer Parks program offers daily activities including arts and crafts, group games, and community service.

Registration: Registration for the Summer Parks Program is at Clare City Hall. Registration deadline for each weekly camp is the Friday prior to the week(s) you are signing up for. We will only accept mail-in and walk in registration; there will be no registration or daily drop-in fees at the sites. **Please send a sack lunch for your child.**

This coupon good for \$5 off the Clare Parks Program registration fee per participant per week. Save up to \$45 on remaining 8 weeks!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Load up your lawn chairs and the kids and come to downtown Clare to enjoy a nine week long outdoor concert series in the Clare City Park!

- June 4 – The Johnny Gross Variety Show
Sponsored by Gateway Pharmacy
- June 11 – Kitty Donohoe (Celtic/Folk)
Funded by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and Art Reach of Michigan
- June 18 – Sunshine String Band (Folk/Bluegrass)
Sponsored by Chemical Bank & Schumacher Agency In.
- June 25 – Back 40 (Country)
Sponsored by Jaynie Smith Hoerauf, P.C.
- July 2 – Night Shift (Rock) SUMMERFEST KICKOFF
Sponsored by Clare Moose Family Center LOOM2268 WOTM 11038, Bob's Lounge & Rainbow Point Adult Foster Care
- July 9 – Hurry the Jug—(Celtic/Folk) Sponsored by Clare County Arts Council
- July 16—Clare Super Star - showcasing local talent
Sponsored by 104.3 WCZY, Herrick House, Maxwell's Flowers & Gifts & Schuhs' Cleaning Services
- July 23 – The Colmus Family (Country/ Gospel)
Sponsored by Central Michigan Community Federal Credit Union & Horizon Senior Living
- July 30—T-Bus (Alternative-Christian Teen Rock Group)
Sponsored by Firstbank

DISCOUNTED AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

The City of Clare Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce that they are selling discounted amusement park tickets at Clare City Hall for Cedar Point and Michigan Adventure. Tickets will be on sale until Friday, August 28, 2009.

Ticket prices are:

Cedar Point Adult \$36.25, Cedar Point Child \$18.00, Michigan Adventure \$24.00