

# Currently Clare



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**www.cityofclare.org**

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

## VOTE FOR THE RAILROAD DEPOT!!!

**We've been selected for the 2011 *This Place Matters* Community Challenge!**

Through a competitive application process the City of Clare has been selected to participate in the 2011 *This Place Matters* Community Challenge to help restore our Historic Railroad Depot! Our community was chosen to be one of 100 finalists nationwide competing for 3 cash awards. Now it's your turn to help us win!

You will be able to vote once per email address during the Challenge which runs from June 1 through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be announced on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> \$25,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10,000, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5,000.

You can help by registering and casting your vote by visiting [www.claredepot.com](http://www.claredepot.com) and opening the link in the article.

**The City-Wide Garage Sale will take place on:**  
**Thursday, June 30th; Friday, July 1st;**  
**and Saturday, July 2nd**

For more information please call Chamber of Commerce at (989) 386-2442

## 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, 2011. Please remember that applications must be submitted annually. Application forms are available online at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury) or you can pick up an application at Clare City Hall, 202 W. Fifth St., Clare, MI 48617

City Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011, in observance of Independence Day!

**The City Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5th, at 6:00 pm**

Please also note that there will be **NO** change in garbage pick-up. Garbage will still be collected on **Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

## YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

***The City of Clare Police Department ...***

announces the dates for its annual Youth Police Academy. This 2 week academy runs July 11th-14th and July 18th-21st. The classes will be Monday through Thursday starting at 9:00am and ending at 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. The cost of this year's academy is only \$5.00. Students starting 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of this fall are encouraged to participate. Classes will include, first aid, K9 procedures, Crime Scene Investigation and many more law enforcement duties will be taught. Don't miss out!



Contact the Clare Police Department for more info Open Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm  
(989) 386-2121

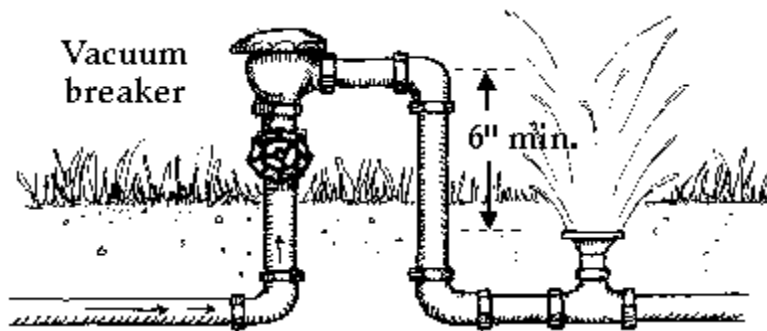
## POOL SAFETY

Above ground pools between 2 feet and 3 feet 11 inches in height must be enclosed by a 4 foot fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate—the latch must be located on the upper **inside** of the gate. In order to limit access to young children, pools that are 4 foot in height need to have ladders removed when adult supervision is not present. Please call Dave Williams @386-7541 ext. 212 with questions concerning pool requirements.

## 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 incident: <http://departments/publicaffairs/hcm/fall04/features/feature1.html>

the Holy Cross University  
[www.holycross.edu/](http://www.holycross.edu/)

### BRUSH CHIPPING

Brush Chipping is strictly a "Time & Weather" permitting activity, and is a service provided by the City of Clare (not the refuse contractor). As time & weather allow, we normally begin chipping brush on the Monday of the week where the first day of the month falls. If you are unsure, you can check the listing on the Clare Informational Access Channel (Cable TV – Channel 97) or call 989/386-2182, x201 or 202.

The City of Clare chips brush for **properties where an existing structure is already in place**. Brush to be chipped should:

Be placed at the curb before 7:00 a.m. of the first scheduled day of chipping;

Be placed within 2 feet of the curb with large ends facing same direction;

Be not longer than 6' in length nor larger than 8" in diameter; AND

**Not include Stumps, Roots, or Vines.** The property owner is responsible for disposing of these as they will not go through the chipper.

If you have a large amount of brush, please call 989/386-2182(x201 or 202).

**For vacant lots, you should contact the D.P.W. at 989/386-2182(x201 or 202) for further information.**

### TENTATIVE CHIPPING DATES

June 27<sup>th</sup> August 1st, August 29th and October 3rd

# SUMMERFEST 2011!

On June 30th, 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 1st, when Clare will be celebrating Summerfest 2011. As always, there are lots of fantastic events planned for this year's celebration. 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. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music of the Gateway Community Band at 8pm. 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 June 30th, July 1st and 2nd.

If you would like a complete listing of events, you may contact the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce at [386-2442](tel:386-2442) or go to [www.claremichigan.com](http://www.claremichigan.com).

## Wonders of Water Camp

Join in on the fun and learn all about the Wonders of Water this summer! Camp will be held **June 21 and 22** at Shamrock Park from **1:00-3:00 pm for ages 5-10 years old**. Registration is **FREE**, thanks to a generous grant sponsored by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Each participant will receive a free tee shirt, and one snack each day. Please be sure to wear weather-appropriate clothing and plenty of sunscreen! Only mail-in and walk-in registration will be accepted; there will be no registration or daily drop-in available at the site.

## NEW RATES FOR PETTIT PARK CAMPING

### Starting July 1st

Electric: \$20 per night

Non-electric: \$15 per night



## SENIORS CARDS & COFFEE

Each Wednesday, seniors are invited to stop by the Pere Marquette District library from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to play cards, drink coffee, and have a great time enjoying conversation with friends. Open to all adults! No preregistration needed!

## Saturday, July 16, 2011

### Main Street Clare Car & Bike Show



Show: 11am-3pm on W. 4th St.

Registration: 8am-10am

Judging: 11am—1:30pm

Award Ceremony: 2:30pm

Car & Bike Cruise: 3pm

Additional Activities

Kid's Cardboard Car Show

Street Faire Craft Show

Main Street Dining and Shopping

Sidewalk Sales

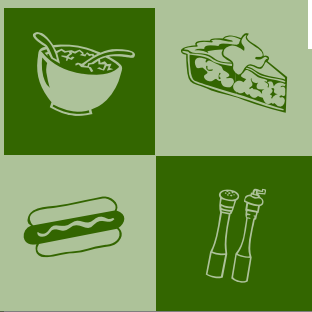
Visit [mainstreetclare.com](http://mainstreetclare.com) or Contact Lori Schuh at 989 386 9190 for more information.

## Pere Marquette District Library Summer Programs

**Soar into Reading** - Tuesday, June 14 at 12:00pm. Held at the Clare Municipal Airport, there will be hotdogs, planes, gliders, skydivers, a hot air balloon and more! The Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team will perform at 2:00pm. It should be a great time!

**Summer Reading program** - Registration has begun! Stop in anytime to sign up!

For more information on these programs visit [www.pmdl.org](http://www.pmdl.org) or call Rachel Brownlee at the library, 386-7576.



# RECREATION



## Summer Parks Program

**Time** 8:30 am -12:30 pm, M-F

**Location:** New Middle School Lobby/Gym

Cost: \$35/week for City Residents

\$40/week non-residents

Daily rates: \$8/ day for City Residents

\$10/ day for non-residents

Week 1: July 11-15

Week 2: July 18-22

Week 3: July 25-29

Week 4: August 8-12

Week 5: August 15-19

Week 6: August 22-26

The Summer Parks program offers daily activities including sports, arts and crafts, group games, and community service. Registration: Registration for the Summer Parks Program is at Clare City Hall.

**Please send a sack lunch for your child.**

### DISCOUNTED AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

The City of Clare Parks and Recreation Department are currently selling discounted amusement park tickets at Clare City Hall for Cedar Point and Michigan's Adventure. Tickets will be on sale through Friday, September 2st.

#### Cedar Point

\$ 38.25 for adult (at least 48" tall)

\$ 19.00 for Junior/Senior Cedar Point (3-6) years old and under 48" tall OR 62+ years old)

#### Michigan's Adventure

\$ 25.00 (ages 3 years and older)

Kids 2 years old and under are FREE

### CLARE WALKING GROUP IS BACK IN ACTION!

The program is simple; we meet at **6:00 p.m.** at **Shamrock Park** every Monday and Wednesday evenings **June 1-Aug. 17** for a one-hour walk throughout Clare. Discover how beautiful our little town is by getting out of the house and giving yourself some time to relax. Parks & Recreation will provide a route, & there is no cost for the program. If you can't make it, no problem. Modern technology will allow us to communicate and send out routes and advice. If you're interested, meet us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 1st. We'll sign up there and walk. See you then!

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Load up your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and visit downtown Clare each **Thursday, 6-8 p.m.** in **June and July** to enjoy a nine week long outdoor Summer Concert Series under the water tower in Clare City Park! There will be free live music and fun for the whole family to enjoy. In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be cancelled. The Summer Concert Series is hosted by Clare Parks and Recreation and Clare Main Street. Future concerts include:

### June 2 - Johnny Gross - Variety Selections

Sponsored by: Gateway Pharmacy in Clare & Eagle Pharmacy in Farwell

### June 9 - Rowland - Folk Americana

Sponsored by: Jaynie Smith Hoerauf, P.C. & Horizon Senior Living Center

### June 16 - Southbound- 50's, 60's, 70's Variety & Old Country

Sponsored by: Leonard R. Strouse, Clare County Commissioner, District 3

### June 23 - The Colmus Family - Old-Time Country/Gospel

Sponsored by: Chemical Bank & Schumacher Insurance Agency

### June 30 - Summerfest Kick-off- Night Shift - Rock

Sponsored by: Clare Moose Family Center LOOM 2268 WOTM 1038 & Mid Michigan Medical Center-Clare

### July 7 - Sunshine String Band - Folk/Bluegrass

Sponsored by: Clare County Arts Council

### July 14 - Second Mile Band - Light Christian Rock

Sponsored by: Schuh's Cleaning Services & Herrick House and Mulberry Café

### July 21 - Kevin Chamberlain - Country

Sponsored by: Bella Home Care & Benchley Chiropractic Clinic

### July 28 - Delightfuls - Alternative - Teen Rock Group

Sponsored by: Doherty Hotel

### Soccer Camp

Soccer Skills & Tactics Camp - Grades 2nd - 8th

Goal Keeper Camp - Grades 2nd - 12th

**Date:** June 27th - 30th

**Meeting Location:** Pavilion behind Clare Primary

**Fee:** \$25 per camp/\$35 for both camps



**Don't Forget to Sign-Up for Fall Soccer League!!**

Only \$20 now thru June 30; \$25 July1 - August 5