

October 2009 City News-



Clare, Michigan

A COOL CITY MICHIGAN MAIN STREET COMMUNITY



Main Street

Spook-Tacular

Something to Howl About

Saturday, October 24, 2009

10 am - 1 pm

Downtown Clare 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Kids Costume Parade

Skeleton Search

**Halloween Safety**

It is that time of year again when our little ghouls and goblins will be making their annual pilgrimage for tricks and treats. While the hallowed eve is generally a safe and fun time for kids of all ages, there are a few things that parents can do to make this a safe and happy event.

The first is make sure the little ones can be seen! Even the most dark and evil costume can be made more visible with the help of a small flashlight with a red or other colored lens. Other ideas are glow sticks the kids can carry or wear, or reflective tape. Another tip is to make sure the costumes are not so long as to be caught up in little feet. We actually see this a lot while patrolling trick or treat areas. You would be surprised how many bed-sheet ghosts end up face down on the sidewalk at some point during the night.

The third tip is to have the kids walk in groups and stay together. This is always a good idea and the kids will have the added benefit of sharing the evening with friends.

The Clare City Police Department would like to wish all citizens a safe and happy Halloween.

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202 West Fifth Street

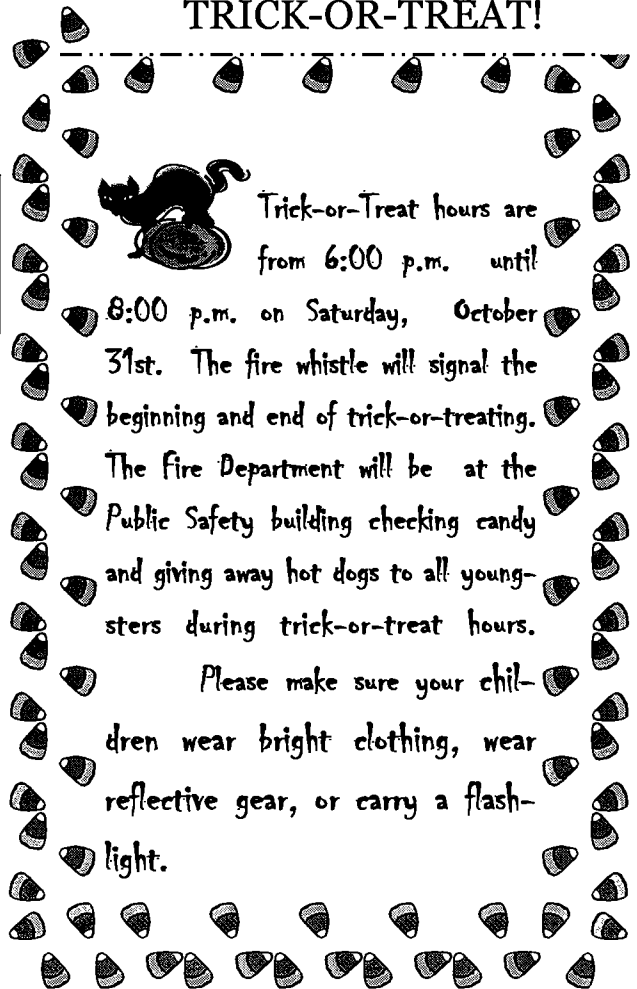
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**Don't Forget to Vote!!!**  
The Election will be held November 3rd with polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT!**



Trick-or-Treat hours are from 6:00 p.m. until

8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. The fire whistle will signal the beginning and end of trick-or-treating.

The Fire Department will be at the Public Safety building checking candy and giving away hot dogs to all youngsters during trick-or-treat hours.

Please make sure your children wear bright clothing, wear reflective gear, or carry a flashlight.

## LEAVES, LEAVES, AND MORE LEAVES!

Just a brief reminder that residents should **never** rake leaves into the street. We do not currently have the ability to vacuum leaves from the gutters. Raking leaves into City streets plugs storm sewers as well as the street sweeper.

Paper lawn & leaf bags are available at City Hall for five for \$2.01 and sold in increments of 5. Waste Management collects lawn waste on Thursdays through November 24th or the first substantial snow fall—whichever comes first. Please remember that yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, and Waste Management enforces their 35 lb limit on all lawn waste containers and bags. If you have questions regarding leaf collection, please call 386-2182 x 201.

### GARBAGE PICK-UP

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

***THANKSGIVING - PICKUP WILL BE  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH.***

***CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR—  
REGULAR THURSDAY PICKUP***

## CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

All summer decorations should be removed by October 16th. Cemetery cleanup will take place October 16th thru November 1st. Grave Blankets may be placed in Cherry Grove Cemetery on or after November 15th, and shall be removed prior to April 1st. Any questions please call DPW@ 386-2182 or 386-7541 ext. 201 or 202.

## 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:

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**



FROM THE OFFICE  
OF THE CLARE CITY TREASURER

**City of Clare Internet Site:** On August 21, 2009 a completely updated Internet site was made available that includes a tremendous amount of information and services for the community. The most significant addition to our already comprehensive site is the inclusion of the entire City Commission packet for the upcoming meeting along with an archive of past meetings. This level of governmental transparency will help the community remain informed at the convenience of your personal computer. It is important to note that the availability of this information on the City's Internet site is in addition to all other sources of communication/distribution that has already been available to the public which will continue to be used.

The City of Clare's updated Internet site also includes: an expanded availability of forms to request city services; all published public notices; the entire City Charter and Code of Ordinances; a summary version of the complete City Budget by fund and activity; current and historical assessing, property taxation, utility use and building permit information for all properties in the City of Clare; contact information for the City Commission; committee and board descriptions and a listing of members; contact information for all city departments; current and archived city newsletters; and city utility and refuse collection information including curbside recycling guides. We encourage you visit the City of Clare's updated Internet site at: [www.cityofclare.org](http://www.cityofclare.org) .

**Road Millage Renewal:** On November 3, 2009 the electors of the City of Clare are being asked to renew the City's  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mill road millage. This five-year millage was first passed by the residents of the City of Clare in the late 1980's and it has made a **significant** difference in the City's ability to resurface and improve the roadways within the City of Clare. The City has augmented these dedicated millage funds, which are levied on both business and residential property, to complete numerous street improvements within the City over the past several years. For instance, in the past couple of years three blocks of E. State Street were completely rebuilt; several blocks of Maple Street, First Street, Hemlock, Fourth Street and Wilcox Parkway have been resurfaced and/or reconstructed as the condition of the roadway warranted and funds became available.