

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: May 1, 2025
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of May 5, 2025

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical dredging by the city and hydraulic dredging by Savin Lake Services are still paused. Both will return as soon as permitting will allow, which is the beginning of July. Note: As we have done in coordination with the dredging work in the past, Savin did provide a notice (*att'd*) that they will be treating aquatic plant life to allow the dredges to function more efficiently when they start in July. This will take place over the next couple of months periodically.

For the dam project, our engineering firm, GEI, is continuing design work for the dam and options for the type of systems we may be able to utilize. The City and GEI have submitted the full application for the second phase of the Dam Risk Reduction Grant (DRRG), and we have been preliminarily notified that though the full amount we were requesting was not funded a portion of our request has been awarded. We will have more details soon. We are still waiting on the grant agreement for the second approved grant (High Hazard Potential Dams – HHPD).

May 6th Special Election Information. Just a reminder that the May Special Election is Tuesday, May 6th and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Pere Marquette District Library for City of Clare residents. You can vote in person at the polling location or return your absentee ballot by 8 p.m. election day at the Clerk's office or in the drop box located at City Hall in the front lobby.

For the purpose of registration for Elections at the City of Clare or any questions, Elections staff may be contacted by calling (989) 386-7541; or emailing elections@cityofclare.gov. Election staff will also be working on Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. to register voters and/or issue and receive Absent Voter Ballots.

School Crossing Traffic Island – Wheaton and McEwan. As you will recall, the City Commission approved a recommendation from MDOT and the City Traffic Safety Committee last year in October to place a temporary traffic Island on McEwan Street at the intersection of Wheaton Street. Overall, this addition has created a much safer crossing for morning and afternoon school crossings at that location. Recently MDOT contacted the city as they, as well as the City, had received complaints of northbound traffic utilizing business parking lots north of the island to turn around and then be able to turn on to West Wheaton Avenue to go west. This led MDOT to propose the removal of a portion of the island (*see attached design*) on the south end to allow cars heading north to still be able to turn left (West) on to West Wheaton Avenue from McEwan Street. All the other restrictions for cross traffic and turning would remain in place as they are now. This island would then function much like the one at the corner of McEwan Street and Dwyer Avenue. The City and Traffic Safety Committee (*see memo from Chief Saad*) were in support of this change and MDOT has added the work to their schedule to be done as soon as practicable.

Attachments:

1. Lake Shamrock Treatment Notice – Savin Lake Services.
2. Wheaton Avenue and McEwan Street Temporary Traffic Island Redesign.
3. Memo from Police Chief Saad and Traffic Safety Committee.



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2025 Lake Treatment
Notice For: Lake Shamrock

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2025 Lake Treatment Notice



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Toll Free: 1-877-SAV-LAKE

Hale: (989) 728-2200

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2025 LAKE TREATMENT NOTICE – PLEASE READ - IMPORTANT

The residents of your lake are planning to have the lake treated with aquatic herbicides to control lake weeds, and algae.

This notice is being circulated at least (7) days in advance of the initial treatment in accordance with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requirements. This notice will only be sent once this season, however we will perform several applications. Each time that we treat your water body – we will post new brightly colored 8.5" x 11" signs. You are receiving this notice if you are in the proposed treatment area, or if you are within 100 feet of the treatment area. As a courtesy, this notice may also be sent to adjoining subdivisions, and property owners that have deeded access to the lake.

Please keep this notice, as you will NOT receive additional notices for each treatment. A permit for this treatment will be secured from the EGLE before any work is performed. The timing for each lake treatment is dependent on conditions like weather, water level, and water temperature. For this reason, we cannot predict treatment schedules. Our initial treatments usually occur between middle May and middle June. Please watch for the posting of your lake. We will be treating more than once this season. Posted signs will indicate the aquatic herbicides utilized, and the associated water restrictions. All aquatic herbicides & algaecides are approved by the State of Michigan and the Federal EPA, and are applied in amounts approved by the EGLE. When these products are applied at the approved application rate, the aquatic herbicides & algaecides are not harmful to fish or wildlife. We anticipate using one or more of the products listed below. Please be aware of the associated water use restrictions on each.

PLEASE READ THE SIGNS POSTED AND DO NOT REMOVE THEM UNTIL ALL RESTRICTIONS HAVE EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

AQUATIC HERBICIDES & ALGAECIDES, AND THEIR ASSOCIATED WATER-USE RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Florpyrauxifen-benzyl (like ProcellaCOR EC): Do not use the treated areas for swimming or lawn irrigation for 1 day. Do not use the water for household use or irrigation (crops or ornamental gardens) for 7 days. There are NO restrictions on fish consumption.

Granular 2-4D (like Navigate, Sculpin G): Do not use the treated water for swimming for 1 day. Do not use the treated water for irrigation, agricultural sprays, or domestic water supplies for (14) days. "Irrigation" includes watering gardens, but does not include watering lawns. Watering lawns when only 2,4-D has been applied will not hurt your lawn. "Domestic use" means using lake water inside your dwelling. Fish and wildlife are not affected at the applied application rates. There is NO restriction on fish consumption.

Diquat Dibromide (like Littora, Reward, Alligare, Tribune): Do not use the treated water for swimming for 1 day. Do not use water for drinking or irrigation for 5 days. There is NO restriction on fish consumption.

Endothal Products (like Aquathol K, Hydrothol 191): Do not use the treated water for swimming for 1 day. Do not use the water for household use, irrigation (lawns or gardens), or similar uses for 1 day. There is NO restriction on fish consumption.

Flumioxazin (like Clipper, Propeller, Schooner): Do not use the treated water for swimming for 1 day. Do not use the water for household use, irrigation (lawns or gardens), or similar uses for 5 days. There is NO restriction on fish consumption.

Copper Sulfate & Chelated Copper Algaecides (like Triangle Brand-Crystal, Chem One Ltd. Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate, Old Bridge Inc.,

Algimycin-PWF, Cutrine-Plus, Cutrine-Ultra, Cutrine-Plus Granular, Symmetry, Captain, Captain XTR, SeClear, SeClear G): No water-use restrictions with the use of any of these products.

Chelated Copper Herbicides (like Komeen, Nautique, Harpoon & Current): Do not use the treated water for swimming for 1 day. There are NO restrictions on watering (irrigation) or fish consumption.

Triclopyr (like Renovate 3, Renovate OTF, Navitrol, Navitrol DPF): Do not use the treated water for swimming for 1 day. Do not use water for irrigation of any plants (except for established lawns/grasses) for 120 days. There are NO irrigation restrictions on established lawns / grasses or fish consumption.

Fluridone (like AVAST or Sonar): Do not use the treated water for swimming for 1 day. Do not use the treated water for watering established tree crops for 7 days. Do not use treated water for irrigation of established crops / turfs / plants / newly seeded vegetation for 30 days. There is NO restriction on fish consumption.

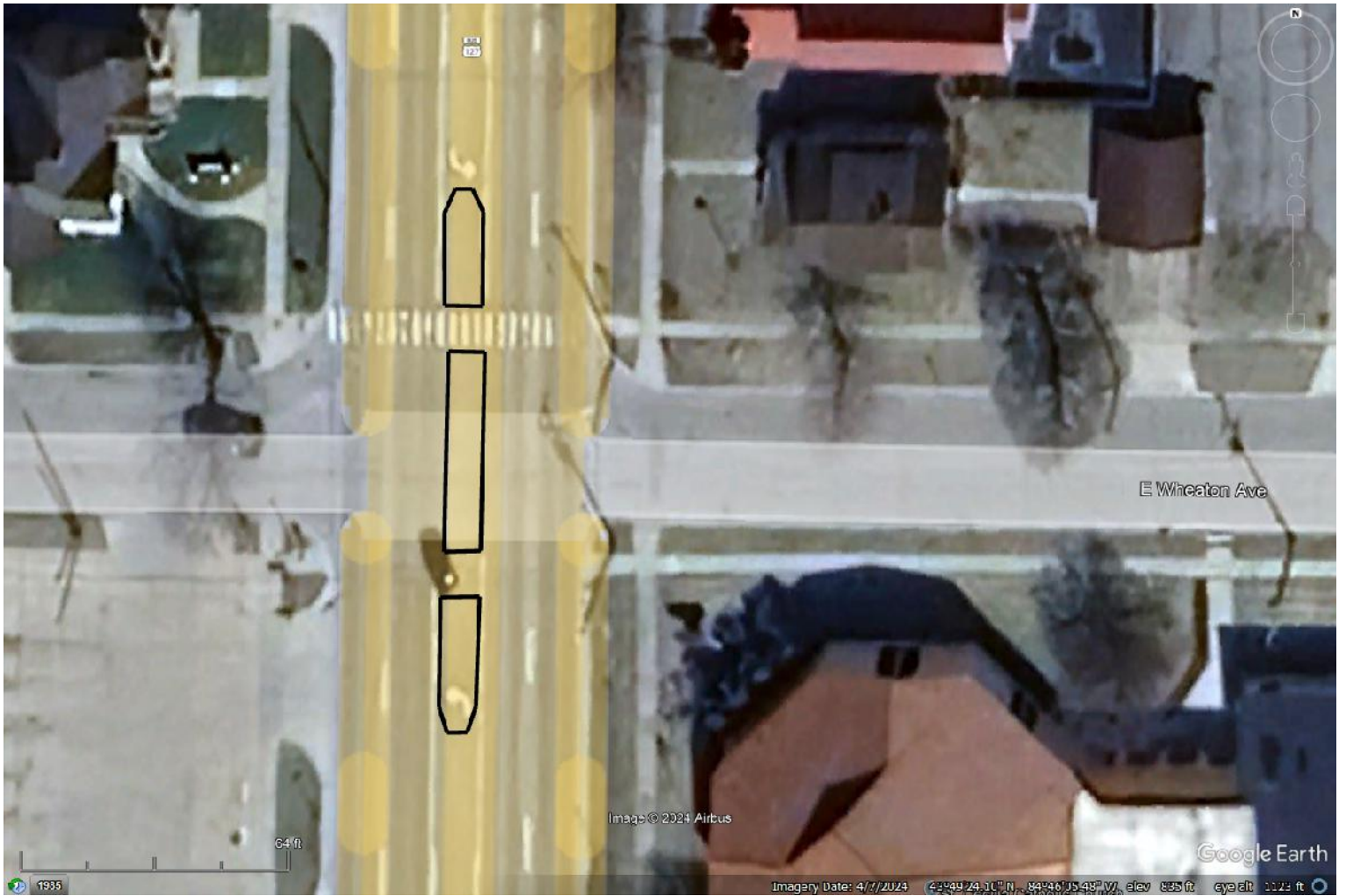
Glyphosate Products (like AquaPro, Alligare 5.4): These products are used primarily for aquatic emergent control (Lily Pads, Cattails, Phragmites etc.). Do not use the treated areas for swimming for 1 day. There are NO restrictions on watering (irrigation) or fish consumption.

Adjuvants (like Cygnat Plus, Agridex, Poly An): May be used in conjunction with other liquid herbicides and/or algaecide products and DO NOT have any additional water-use restrictions associated with their combined uses.

Imazapyr (like Habitat, AquaPier): Do not use the treated areas for swimming for 1 day. Do not use water for irrigation for 120 days. There is NO restriction on fish consumption. These products are used primarily for aquatic emergent control (Lily Pads, Cattails, Phragmites etc.).

If you have any questions, please contact your primary lake management contact person. If they cannot answer your questions we can be reached at the phone numbers above.

Thank You - Savin Lake Services Inc.



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E Wheaton Ave

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April 21, 2025

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RE: Traffic Safety Committee Response – Proposed Modifications to Temporary Traffic Island at McEwan and Wheaton

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

Thank you for your continued collaboration and for sharing the proposed modifications to the temporary traffic island at McEwan and Wheaton. After reviewing the updated diagram and having the opportunity to speak with the members of the City of Clare's Traffic Safety Committee, I wanted to provide you with our collective response.

The committee is in full support of the proposed modifications, particularly the removal of the southern portion of the island to allow for northbound McEwan traffic to turn west onto Wheaton. We believe this adjustment will alleviate the current congestion and reduce unnecessary turnaround traffic into nearby businesses. It aligns well with similar layouts already in place, such as the intersection at Dwyer and McEwan.

Regarding the two additional barricades proposed near the south pedestrian crossing, we've consulted with our crossing guard, Tim Brugger. Based on his experience and observation, he does not believe they are necessary at this time, as all student pedestrian traffic has consistently utilized the designated crossing area under his supervision. We would ask that MDOT consider omitting the barricades for now, with the understanding that we will monitor the situation. Should the need arise in the future, Mr. Brugger is more than willing to deploy barricades and signage as needed.

Additionally, in response to feedback regarding pedestrian visibility and safety, the Clare Police Department will be updating the color of our crossing guard's outerwear. Currently, the yellow gear tends to blend in with the surrounding delineators. We are evaluating alternative colors to improve visibility and ensure maximum safety at the intersection.

We greatly appreciate MDOT's continued engagement and your openness to community input. Please consider this letter as confirmation that the Traffic Safety Committee supports the proposed changes and formally requests MDOT proceed with the recommended modifications.

Should you need anything further from us as you move forward, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Chief David Saad
Clare Police Department