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Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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CITY HALL HOURS/HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 30th - July 2nd. All city offices will be closed July 3rd and July 4th for Independence Day.

CITY ORDINANCE REMINDERS

It is the city’s responsibility to ensure a clean and safe environment for everyone to work and live. To maintain the beauty and functionality of our city, we have city ordinances regarding vehicle storage and parking, seasonal vehicles, and tall grass & weeds. We kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these regulations. Compliance with city ordinances helps maintain the quality of life we all enjoy in our community. Ordinance codes are available on the city’s website: www.cityofclare.gov.

Vehicle Storage and Parking, Sec. 52-308

City ordinance code states: no vehicle shall be parked in any portion of a front yard within the city unless in a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard-surfaced material. Parked recreational vehicles must also be licensed. The parking or storage of a commercial vehicle, excluding an emergency vehicle, of more than two-ton capacity is prohibited within any residential district. Anyone who fails to comply is guilty of a civil infraction and liable for a civil fine of up to \$500.00.

Seasonal Vehicles (Campers, RVs, Watercraft, ATVs, UTVs), Sec. 52-310

All campers, RVs, watercraft (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), all snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, and other similar items, if stored upon a designated parcel, must:

- Be operable, registered, and licensed if registration/licenses are required for the unit under state law.
- Be stored upon, or in, fully operational trailers registered and licensed under state law.
- Be stored or parked on a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard-surface material and only during the period each year between April 15th and October 31st for summer in-season use.
- If storage is in a required front yard, storage must be upon a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard-surfaced material.
- No camper, RV, boat, trailer, or the like may be parked in a rear or side yard closer than five feet from a public sidewalk, ten feet from the curb if present, or ten feet from the edge of a roadway without a curb.
- No vehicle, camper, RV, boat, trailer, ATV, UTV, or the like shall be stored on a vacant lot.
- Total number of campers, RVs, watercraft (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, and other similar items is limited to a maximum of four in any combination.
- All residences, including corner lots, are regulated so that the “front” of the house is designated by the street address, thereby defining the front yard, side yard, and back yard accordingly.
- Violations of this section are deemed civil infractions, punishable by a fine of \$250.00 for a first offense and \$500.00 for a second offense.

Tall Grass and Weeds

Please remember the city has an ordinance that requires property owners to cut their grass and weeds. The ordinance provides the city the authority to mow the grass and weeds and pass the mowing fee on to the property owner if the grass and weeds exceed the maximum height (8”) allowed by the ordinance. We strongly encourage all property owners to mow their own grass and weeds to preclude receiving an invoice for mowing charges from the city. Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20.

Pools

All pools should comply with accessory structure setbacks. Pools above 2’ in height must be enclosed by a 4’ fence or wall with a self-closing, self-latching gate sufficient to make the water inaccessible to small children. The latch must be placed 4’ above the ground or otherwise be inaccessible to small children from the outside. All pool installations shall comply with the state construction code. Call 989-424-4071 before filling your pool to ensure your usage adjustment.

RESIDENTIAL TRASH, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE COLLECTION REMINDER

All items for curbside collection should be placed at the curb before 6:00 AM on the scheduled pick-up day.

- **Bulk Items:** Allowed 1 item per week. Please contact Utilities at (989) 424-4071 before placing the item at the curb.
- **Recycling:** Boxes that do not fit in your recycling tote must be broken down, tied together, and not to exceed 35 pounds. The tote is to be placed curbside with the handle facing the residence. Per the city's receptacle ordinance (Sec.36-34), containers shall not be placed by curbside more than 24 hours prior to schedule pick-up and must be retrieved from the curbside within 24 hours after pick-up.
- **Garbage:** Items must be placed in the 96-gallon tote provided by GFL. The tote is to be placed curbside with the handle facing the residence. There is a no "bag" limit, but all materials must be bagged (no "boxes" of trash). Per the city's receptacle ordinance (Sec.36-34), containers shall not be placed by curbside more than 24 hours prior to schedule pick-up and must be retrieved from the curbside within 24 hours after pick-up.
- **Yard Waste:** Yard waste collection began April 4th and will continue until November 30th, unless substantial snowfall occurs before November 30th.

BRUSH CHIPPING is a service provided by the City of Clare (not the refuse contractor), time and weather permitting. Brush chipping is normally done on the first Monday of the month. The chipping crew drives down each street one time only. The brush should be placed at the curb before 7 AM on the scheduled day; be within 2 feet of the curb with the large ends facing the same direction; be no longer than 6' in length nor larger than 8" in diameter; AND not include stumps, roots, or vines. If you have a large amount of brush please call (989) 424-4071. **Tentative Chipping Dates are July 7th, and August 4th, 2025.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES – June 5th – August 14th, 2025

The Summer Concert Series is held Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm at Shamrock Park, 221 Wilcox Parkway. This year's concert schedule is as follows:

JUNE

5th – Woodman Unplugged
12th – Southbound
19th – Justin Judge
26th – The Real Deal

JULY

3rd – Crosstown Drifters
10th – Kevin Chamberlain
17th – Rich Kelley
24th – Gabe Couch
31st – Mir and the Man

AUGUST

7th – Ryan Ambs
8th – Mid Michigan Brass Band
14th – Country Express

CLARE SUMMERFEST JUNE 20th – 22nd. More information can be found on the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce website: www.claremichigan.com and on their Facebook page.

YOUTH SOCCER CAMP – JUNE 23rd – 26th. Soccer Skills & Tactic Camp: \$30 fee for grades 2nd – 8th. Goalkeeper Camp: \$20 fee for grades 2nd – 12th. To participate in both camps, the fee is \$40.00. Registration is required, and forms are available at City Hall.

2025 FALL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE – SEPTEMBER 6th – OCTOBER 11th. For children going into pre-kindergarten – 8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. The early registration fee is \$35 for city residents and \$40 for non-city residents and ends June 16th. After June 16th, the registration fee is \$40 for city residents and \$45 for non-city residents. Registration forms are available at City Hall and will not be accepted after July 17th.

CLARE POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY (Ages 11-17) – JULY 7TH – 11th, 8AM-5PM. There is no registration fee; however, there is a limited class enrollment. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms are available at Clare City Hall. For more information, contact City Hall at (989) 386-7541 or Officer Sentz at: ssentz@cityofclare.gov.

THE ETHAN GAGE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY (5 Years and Up) – JULY 18, 2025, 9AM-1PM
Cost is \$12 and includes a certificate and pizza lunch. Registration forms are available at City Hall and must be turned in to City Hall with payment by July 1, 2025. For more information, contact Joy Simmer at: jsimmer@cityofclare.gov or (989) 424-4074.

WONDERS OF WATER DAY CAMP (Ages 5-10) – AUGUST 1, 2025, 9AM-3PM Pre-registration is required for this program, and forms are available at Clare City Hall. Space is limited to 25 participants, with the cost of \$5 per participant. For more information, contact Joy Simmer at: jsimmer@cityofclare.gov or (989) 424-4074.