

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: January 15, 2026
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of January 19, 2026

Lake Shamrock Dredging. Mechanical dredging by the city continues at the west end of the lake as time and weather permit. Savin's hydraulic dredging has been paused due to the temperature and ice formation on the lake. They have pulled the barge for the season and will be back to start work in 2026 as soon as possible, weather permitting, to hopefully complete before the March 15th through June 30th fish spawning pause occurs.

Lake Shamrock Dam Project. For the dam project, our engineering firms, GEI and Spicer, are continuing design work for the new dam, emergency/auxiliary spillway, and the new walkway. GEI and Spicer are continuing to work toward completion of the design. The City meets weekly with the design engineers and project managers to get the RFP for the project out soon. We are still waiting on the grant agreement with FEMA and will bring that to you at a future meeting.

North+South Passenger Rail Project Press Release / Community Survey. Below is a press release (*att'd*) from the group studying the North+South Passenger Rail Project and feasibility.

The North+South Passenger Rail Project is exploring a new intercity train service that would connect Southeast Michigan to mid-Michigan and the northwest Lower Peninsula. This proposed service would open up a new way to travel across the state, offering a safe, enjoyable, and sustainable alternative to driving while expanding access to Michigan's vibrant communities. As the team undertakes a major planning study for the route, we would like to hear from you! By completing the community survey, you will help us better understand travel needs, preferences, and priorities, ensuring that this service is designed for the people who will use it. Learn more about the project at www.northsouthrail.org.

Storm Cleanup/Brush Chipping. After the recent storms that hit Mid-Michigan and the Clare area quite hard, DPW crews are actively working on picking up and chipping brush that has been piled at the curb throughout the city. Due to the massive amount of tree damage, it is taking time to get through the entire city. Additional snow and ice storms have also delayed the process and caused issues with the chipping. The DPW crew as well as Police and Fire have all been very busy and hard at work and have done an amazing job. They deserve our thanks for all the work and hours that have been put in during these storm events.

MyMichigan Hospital Clare Ribbon Cutting. Phase one of the expansion and revitalization project at MyMichigan Medical Center Clare will open Monday, February 2, 2026 to the public. The first phase includes an expanded emergency department, private patient rooms, and new imaging area. Come celebrate Phase One of MyMichigan Health's Expansion & Revitalization Project with a Ribbon Cutting on January 30th at 4:00 p.m. (*flyer att'd*). All are welcome to come show support and help mark this exciting milestone for our community's future in healthcare.

Attachments:

1. North+South Passenger Rail Press Release and Community Survey.
2. MyMichigan Hospital Clare Ribbon Cutting Flyer.

NORTH + SOUTH PASSENGER RAIL

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Ribbon Cutting

Come celebrate the opening of Phase One
of the Expansion and Revitalization Project
at MyMichigan Medical Center Clare

Friday, January 30 ★ 4 p.m.
MyMichigan Medical Center Clare

703 N. McEwan Street • Clare, Michigan 48617

**New Emergency Department Entrance*

No tours will be offered at this time.

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