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**Hours of Operation:**  
**Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Closed Fridays & Holidays**

**WATER LET-RUN ORDER IN EFFECT**

The City of Clare issued a “Let Water Run” order in late January. Please do the following to ensure your water lines do not freeze:

- Water is to run 24 hours a day from ONE faucet.
- Stream is to be the size of a pencil lead or slightly larger.
- Do NOT shut off water until directed to do so by the City of Clare.
- The City of Clare is NOT responsible for thawing frozen water lines.
- Water bill will be averaged on past consumption during the “Let Run” order.

Contact the Utility Billing Department for questions about the “Let Run” order at: (989) 424-4071.

**2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Clare March Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at Clare City Hall, 202 W. Fifth Street, Clare, MI 48617. The March Board of Review meeting dates will be held the following dates and times: Monday, March 9, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have questions about your Tax Assessment Change Notice, you may contact the Assessor at [assessor@cityofclare.gov](mailto:assessor@cityofclare.gov) or 231-519-1632. Most questions can be answered with one email or phone call, but you may also discuss your concerns with the Board of Review. No appointment is necessary. Meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

**STORM CLEANUP/BRUSH CHIPPING.** After the recent storms that hit the Clare area, DPW crews are still 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 significant time to get through the entire city. Additional snow and ice storms have also delayed the process and caused issues with the chipping and buried some of the piles, but rest assured that they will continue to work on it as time and weather permit.

**REGULAR BRUSH CHIPPING SCHEDULE** is a time and weather permitting service provided by the City of Clare (not the refuse contractor). Brush chipping is normally done on the first Monday of each month. The chipping crew will travel down each street one time only, so proper placement is important. Brush must be placed at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled chipping day; located within 2 feet of the curb; stacked with the large ends facing the same direction; no longer than 6 feet in length, and no longer than 8 inches in diameter; and be free of stumps, roots and vines. If you have a large quantity of brush, please call (989) 424-4071 in advance. Tentative Chipping Dates: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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 City Hall at (989) 386-7541 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 at curbside more than 24 hours prior to scheduled pick-up and must be retrieved from 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 at curbside more than 24 hours prior to scheduled pick-up and must be retrieved from curbside within 24 hours after pick-up.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Cherry Grove Cemetery Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>. This includes the removal of all artificial flowers. In accordance with the Cherry Grove Cemetery Rules & Regulations, all “winter” decorations must be removed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Winter/Seasonal decorations that you wish to keep should always be removed prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Spring decorations may be replaced after clean-up has been completed. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **CITY ORDINANCE REMINDERS**

It is the city's responsibility to ensure a clean and safe environment for everyone to work and live in. To maintain the beauty and functionality of our city, 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 **under the 'RESOURCES' tab** on the city's website: [www.cityofclare.gov](http://www.cityofclare.gov).

### ***Overnight Parking: No Parking on City Streets from 3 AM to 6 AM, November 15<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>, Sec. 44-31***

We would like to remind residents of the seasonal overnight parking restriction in effect from November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. During this period, parking is prohibited on all city streets between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This temporary restriction is essential to allow the Department of Public Works (DPW) to perform snow removal and winter maintenance efficiently and safely. Keeping streets clear during the early morning hours helps ensure safer roadways for everyone. Residents are encouraged to use off-street parking options during the restricted hours, including garages, driveways, and designated parking lots.

### ***Vehicle Storage and Parking, Sec. 52-308***

City ordinance prohibits parking any vehicle in a front yard unless it is located on a prepared driveway or designated parking area constructed of aggregate or hard-surfaced material. All recreational vehicles parked or stored within the city must be properly licensed. The parking or storage of commercial vehicles with a capacity of more than two tons is prohibited in any residential district, with the exception of emergency vehicles. Failure to comply with this ordinance constitutes a civil infraction and may result in a civil fine of up to \$500.00.

## **NOMINATING PETITIONS**

Nominating petitions for the office of City Commissioner will be accepted in the office of Clare City Clerk, 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, MI **until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.**

## **UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS**

### **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Clare Irish Festival – March 11-14, 2026**

#### **Clare Parks and Recreation Events**

***Irish Pet Photo Contest*** submit your Irish-themed pet photo no later than Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m. for a chance to win Clare Cash (1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$10). Winners will be announced on the Clare Park and Recreation's Facebook page on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

***Leprechaun Trap Contest*** put your creativity to the test and design a clever Leprechaun trap! Drop off your specialty designed trap to the Pere Marquette District Library starting February 16<sup>th</sup>. All traps must be delivered to the library by March 17<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the contest. Voting will take place March 18<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

***Time for Tea*** you are cordially invited to the Pere Marquette District Library on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for a "Once Upon a Tea" party. Experience an evening of elegance and enchantment at the library sampling different teas. Hors d'oeuvres provided by Dairy Phil. Activities include wand, crown and potion making. Space is limited, purchase your tickets at the library today!

#### ***The Great EGGstravaganza***

Join Clare Parks & Recreation and the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> for the annual egg drop event at the Clare Municipal Airport. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Over 1,800 plastic eggs will be dropped from an airplane for children to recycle for candy, along with other children's activities.

*For more information on Clare Parks and Recreation events, please contact: [jsimmer@cityofclare.gov](mailto:jsimmer@cityofclare.gov) or call (989) 424-4074.*

## **CITY HALL HOURS/HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

City Hall's regular office hours are 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. M-Th. During the week of March 30, 2026, we will be open 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and closed April 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Good Friday.