



Airport Manager Report - April 2026

Our current price is \$4.65. We are the lowest in the state and still have 5,800 gallons remaining. Hopefully oil prices stabilize before we need a resupply.

The bids came in for the runway rehab project. The low bid will reduce the City match significantly and MDOT is only requiring a 2.5% match for this project. This is scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2026.

MDOT announced State Grants for General Aviation airports to be awarded and used by the end of September 2026. We will apply for a grant to fund the fence.

The culling is completed (There are two tags remaining). We spent an additional 3 nights filling 19 tags. Currently, the venison is being processed and will be distributed soon.

Cutting and topping of trees has begun on Melvin Byler's property. This should be completed by the end of April. MDOT will verify with another drone survey afterwards. Once completed, the project funding will be released, moving the project forward towards completion this calendar year.

All hangars are rented.

Thanks!

Gabe Ambrozaitis

48D Airport Manager



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City of Clare – Department of Public Works Report

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Completed a wide range of seasonal and maintenance operations throughout the reporting period. Crews chipped brush and burned brush, along with cleaning up storm damage on the island. Sewer maintenance included preventative maintenance (PMs) and televising sewer lines. Water department tasks included issuing water shut-off letters and completing several water meter appointments.

UTILITY BILLING

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Street and infrastructure work included cold patching (multiple times), grading gravel streets, washing sidewalks, ditching on Witbeck Drive, and installing various signs. Crews also handled Miss Dig requests and poured concrete at several locations.

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Cemetery operations included several burials and the demolition of a shed.

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Significant support was provided for the Irish Festival, including putting out Irish flags and banners, staging and setting up road closure signage, borrowing and returning signage from the county, working the Irish parade, and taking down decorations afterward.

Winter operations included plowing snow, hauling snow, and plowing the airport. Additional duties included cleaning the garage and assisting with a train derailment.

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Monthly Director's Report, April 2026
City of Clare Parks and Recreation
Prepared by Joy Simmer



Continued, Current and Upcoming Programs and Events

Senior Cards and Coffee takes place on Thursday mornings at the Pere Marquette District Library from 10-12 p.m. in one of the small group rooms. The card games that are played are determined by what the group wants to play and the group is supplied with coffee and card decks.

Art in Sculpture is a collaboration between Clare Parks and Recreation, Middle Michigan Development Corporation, the Clare County Arts Council, local artist Jeff Best and is headed by C. Santini. The new installation pieces will be at their current location until April 30, 2025. The 2026 opening reception will be held on May 12, 2026. Simmer is the point of contact for the high school art/shop teachers and sent out an informational letter to the school. Simmer will also be once again creating the evening program and brochure for the opening reception and 2026 AIS walk.

The 2026 **Clare Summer Concert Series** line-up is complete. The series will take place at Shamrock Park from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday evenings starting June 4th and will run until August 13th. Flyers and social media posts will go out soon!

Currently scheduled and working on the details is the Ethan Gage Junior Firefighter Academy, Wonders of Water Day Camp and Summer Soccer Camp.

Past Programs and Events

Annual Clare Irish Festival – March 11-14, 2026

People were able to submit their fun **Irish Pet Photo Contest** photos from January until Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Winning photos received Clare Cash (1st Place \$50; 2nd Place \$25; 3rd Place \$10) and were announced on the Clare Parks and Recreation's Facebook page at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Judging was completed by the members of the Spay-Neuter Animal Project.

People of all ages are encouraged to drop off their specially designed leprechaun traps to the Pere Marquette District Library Between February 16 - March 17th for our annual **Leprechaun Trap Contest**. Voting will take place March 18-31st and the trap with the highest votes won \$15 to Cops & Doughnuts.

Our annual **Once Upon a Tea – Tea Party** took place on Saturday, March 21st at 3:00 p.m at the Pere Marquette District Library. There was tea, hors d'oeuvres by the Dairy Phil, wand, crown, and potion making! Elaine's Hair and Nails joined us for a pamper activity during the event as well.

The annual **Great EGGstravaganza** egg drop took place on Saturday, April 4th between 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Clare Municipal Airport. There were three timed drops for the various age groups and registration was open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Due to the weather conditions the planes could not fly, but there were over 1,800 plastic eggs dropped onto the fields where the children were able

to collect them and recycle them in for candy, along with other children's activities being held in an open hangar. Sound Productions was at the event with their dj and we had a face painter and some other organizations who came out to participate.

Additional Information/Reminders

- MSU Extension has continued their invasive species study of McIreland Trail. The findings report is attached in this document and in the department head report folder.
- Simmer has continued to work with local artist Jeff Best and the Clare County Arts Council to try and get an art sculpture placed at the south end of town. Simmer has received the grant funds from the Clare County Community Foundation for the public art grant that was wrote for this specific project. Best has the sculpture completed and now Simmer is just waiting for the approval from MDOT for placement in or around the area of the south end round-a-bout. The permit application and information packet (recommendation letters and request letter and information) has been submitted, we are just awaiting confirmation of approval.
- Clare Parks and Recreation has updated the Youth Police Academy flyer for the police department.
- Simmer is working with the new MMI rep for a summer crew again in the parks and a potential one on one staff member for 6 weeks.
- Registration for Fall Youth Soccer will start mid-May.

Ongoing

- The next Clare Union Depot Governing Board Committee meeting will be held quarterly in March, June, September, and November.
- Clare Parks and Recreation is represented by Simmer on the Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation Board where Simmer has served as the board secretary since July 2015. There is a monthly meeting for the board and takes place the 4th Tuesday of each month. The Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation has been a great partner and contributor for the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail project and has sponsored many other events and programs in the City of Clare and within the county.
- Clare Parks and Recreation is continuing to be a part of the Knuckles Knorth group. This regional group focuses on parks and recreation opportunities for Central Michigan → North.
- Clare Parks and Recreation is a part of the MSU Extension – District 6 Advisory Council. This is a committee of outdoor recreation, agriculture, community leaders in the district to join together for the area. It is a newly formed council and will involve 3 meetings a year and is geared to keep everyone informed and involved within the district.



*****NEXT PRAB MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 4/21/26*****

CITY OF CLARE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Jeremy Howard, City Manager, and Clare City Commission,

The Clare Police Department remained active throughout the month of March. With the transition toward spring, officers handled a steady volume of calls for service, including weather-related traffic incidents and an increase in general activity consistent with improved conditions and more residents spending time outdoors. Officers issued a total of 28 written citations during this reporting period and conducted 120 traffic stops.

March included several notable dates and community considerations. St. Patrick's Day brought increased traffic and activity within the downtown area. Officers maintained a visible presence throughout the day and evening hours to ensure public safety, with particular attention given to traffic enforcement and disorderly conduct prevention. The day passed without any significant incidents. Spring break for Clare Public Schools also occurred during this reporting period.

During this reporting period, the Clare Police Department handled the following incident types: Non-Aggravated Assault totaled 9 incidents. Aggravated/Felonious Assault totaled 2 incidents. Intimidation and Stalking accounted for 8 incidents. There was 1 reported Extortion case. Burglary involving Forced Entry occurred 2 times. Larceny (Other) was reported once. Fraud involving False Pretense or Swindle totaled 2 incidents. Damage to Property was reported in 2 cases. Controlled Substance Violations totaled 2 incidents. Family Abuse or Neglect cases accounted for 2 incidents, with an additional 1 categorized as Family-Other. Obstructing Police occurred once, while Obstructing Justice totaled 11 incidents. Disorderly Conduct was reported 2 times, with 1 additional Public Peace-related incident. Operating Under the Influence offenses totaled 3 incidents, along with 3 general Traffic Violations. Health and Safety violations accounted for 1 incident. Trespass (Other) was reported 3 times. Conservation-related incidents totaled 2. Juvenile Delinquency cases accounted for 2 incidents. Traffic Accidents totaled 8, with an additional 1 Car/Deer Accident. False Alarm Activations were reported 9 times. There was 1 Fire-related accident and 1 additional accident categorized as All Other. Suspicious Persons calls were the most frequent, totaling 21 incidents. These account for a total of 453 total incidents for the month.

The department also continues to benefit from the support of our Reserve Unit, which contributed a total of 262 volunteer hours during the month. These hours assisted with Saint Patricks weekend, patrol functions, community presence, and overall operational support.

The department continues to focus on proactive patrol, traffic safety, and community engagement as we move into the spring months. Preparations are underway for upcoming seasonal events, with an emphasis on maintaining a safe environment for residents and visitors. Despite ongoing demands, the department remains committed to providing professional and responsive service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief David Saad

Clare Police Department

WATER TREATMENT'S MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT March 2026

Wastewater Treatment Plant

In addition to their routine duties, our Operators performed the following tasks:

- Sent in the DR3900 to be sent for yearly calibration
- Installed new lights in the ferric room
- Repaired the floats in cell one
- UV unit #1 is down. It's leaking outside the cabinet through the solenoid. The piston is bad and it's turned off.
- Pulled aerator 3 took it to shore and pulled the motor and sent it in for repair
- Changed out the generator transfer switch,
- Exercised the gate valves
- Took apart and repaired the check valve on sludge pump #
- Started the auto transfer switch and it is working properly
- Changed the oil in the vacuum pump
- Changed the back pressure valve on the ferric pump
- Changed the oil in the compactor
- Pulled both pumps on lift station 3 and cleaned them up. Also, fixed the latch on the lid.
- Lift station 10 has increased build-up of grease and pumped it off

Water Treatment Plant

In addition to their routine duties, our Operators performed the following tasks:

- Replaced belts on the air stripper
- Checked the backwash bypass and it is turning off to make sure its calibrated correctly.
- Adjusted VFD programming.
- Repaired a plugged drain for well 6.
- Caulked the electrical opening at well 7.
- Replaced meter gaskets at well 7
- Changed out the injection fitting on the chlorine line.

Landfill

In addition to their routine duties, our Operators performed the following tasks:

- Visual inspection of the cap.

Administrative Functions

During the month, the following administrative tasks were performed:

- Visual Edge IT was out and fixed the printer. New drum, DV unit, and installed the OEM toner we had here.
- Meet with EGGLE, EPA, PRP on discussing the super fund site.
- Sent in the CCR Report and had it published in the paper
- Sent in the Cross Connection report
- Andrea attended a Water Supply Cross Connection Report Workshop
- Lapham came out and marked some trees that need to be trimmed down so the lights at the airport can be seen.
- Sent in the IPP report

Dale Clark
Director of Water Treatment



CHERRY GROVE CEMETERY

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commissioners
FROM: Laurie Jackson, Deputy Clerk
DATE: April 15, 2026
RE: Cherry Grove Cemetery Quarterly Report

Cemetery Advisory Board – Quarterly Report.

The Cemetery Advisory Board met and confirmed its 2026 quarterly meeting schedule. The Board received an update that the old unfinished building at the cemetery is scheduled for demolition by June and that additional tree work is planned, including removal of declining trees in the older sections of the cemetery.

Cemetery Road Project and Capital Improvement Plan.

The Board reviewed a center- and south-gate road repair proposal totaling just over 29,000 dollars, noting that the unit price (approximately 95 dollars per ton for a little over 300 tons) is favorable but not guaranteed beyond this year. The Board voted to move this project into the Capital Improvement Plan so it can be considered by the Planning Commission and then the City Commission, with staff planning to attend those meetings to answer questions.

Cemetery Finances and Future Planning.

Staff reported that, since the last Board meeting, grave sales totaled \$3,512 and perpetual care contributions totaled \$860.25 dollars. The Board discussed the current allocation between operations and perpetual care, possible use of new trust options to improve investment returns, and the potential need for a future review of cemetery rates relative to neighboring communities. No changes to fees or allocations were recommended at this time; staff will compile comparative rate data and additional information on trust options for a later meeting.