

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: May 11, 2023
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of May 15, 2023

Lake Shamrock Dredging Project. Mechanical dredging is still paused for fish spawning, but we are getting closer to June 1st when we can resume work. We have hired a new Heavy Equipment Operator for the dredging with the barge after our interviews earlier this month. His name is Kurt Lehmkuhle and he will be starting soon after he completes his two weeks' notice with his current employer. I would like to have him attend an upcoming City Commission meeting so that you can meet him. I would like to start this process with all new hires so that they can see how a City Commission meeting is run and the commissioners have a chance to meet all new employees. The hydraulic dredging contractor is still hard at work on preparing and submitting permits to EGLE but there is no new news currently.

4th Street Paving. Now that the asphalt plant is back open for the season, the paving of the 4th Street project from last year, that was not able to be completed before winter, is set to be completed on May 19th.

Taste of Clare. The Taste of Clare event (*flyer att'd*) is back again this year hosted by the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by restaurants and businesses throughout the Clare area. The event is being held on Saturday May 13th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hopefully you will have or did have a chance to partake of all the great food and drinks all around the area.

2023 Art in Sculpture: Sculpture Walk. The #DestinationClare Art Sculpture Walk features an outdoor sculpture exhibit that is displayed year-round. The selection committee was comprised of various local artists, business and community leaders and each entry is evaluated on its artistic merit, creativity, public safety, and durability in an outdoor setting. For the 2023 Art in Sculpture Walk there were 10 entries selected to be displayed in various locations (*locations att'd*) across the main corridor of the downtown area for public viewing. A brochure (*att'd*) was created for information about the art being showcased in Clare as well as a page for people's choice voting. There were two awards given out at the opening ceremony reception dinner that was held on May 9, 2023, the Bob Guiliani Award (in memory of Bob and was selected by his wife Linda) and the Juried Award (selected by Kim Kleinhardt and Jeff Best). The Sparrow sculpture was the chosen piece for the Bob Guiliani award (located by the Whitehouse) and the Phoenix Rising Piece located outside of Isabella Bank was the juried award winner. The sculptures will remain be in place from now until April 30, 2024 and then will be swapped out for the 2024 art pieces.

Depot Days. Depot Days is a new and upcoming event/fundraiser for outdoor restrooms to be constructed at the Clare Union Railroad Depot. This fundraising event will take place on July 15, 2023 and will be a collaborative effort between community members, organizations, businesses, and the City of Clare. Clare Parks and Recreation and Shari Buccilli are organizing the event and have already secured interest in bakers for a bake sale, entertainment, and silent auction items. A flyer (*att'd*) has been created for the event and there will be a Facebook event page available soon.

Congratulations. Congratulations to Commissioner Maegan Jenkins and her husband Daniel on the birth of their daughter Savannah Rose-Marie who was born at 3:12 p.m. on May the 4th. 19 inches long and 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Attachments:

1. Taste of Clare Flyer.
2. Destination Clare Art Sculpture Walk Flyer.
3. Destination Clare Art Sculpture Locations.
4. Depot Days Flyer.

Taste of Clare

Sat. May 13th, 2023
2pm-5pm

Tickets \$15

The Loop
CLARE

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Chamber or the day of at the tent on the corner of 4th and McEwan Street

The Taste of Clare tickets include a sample at each participating business.

Join us on "The Loop"!

For more information call 989.386.2442
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(Last Years Ticket)



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VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE



Name of art piece/location

1. Prudence Peacock

MyMichigan Medical Center Entrance

2. Sparrow

The Whitehouse Restaurant

3. Seven Chakras

Art Alley Exit (along 5th St.)

4. Phoenix Rising

Isabella Bank

5. Heart

505 Cafe'

6. Mondrian Windows

Clare Hardware

7. Kwame

Ray's Bike Shop

8. Helicopter Seeds

Edward Jones

9. Gentle Samba

Clare Print & Pulp

10. Reflective Journey

Schumacher Agency

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

What brought you to Clare: _____

Did you enjoy the Sculpture Walk? Y N

Will you recommend it to others? Y N



Vote with the QR code
or by dropping off at:
The Clare Union Railroad Depot
201 W. Fourth St., Clare, MI



Last Year's
People's Choice Winner
"Bait Ball"
by Dave Riemer
of Wausaukee, WI

#DESTINATION CLARE : ART SCULPTURE WALK

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ADDITIONAL ART INSTALLATIONS COMMISSIONED BY THE CLARE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL:

- A Portrait of Dali - City of Harrison - Second Street
- Bait Ball - The Doherty Hotel
- Clarence the Leprechaun - Clare City Hall (available after July 1, 2023)
- Conductor Sculpture - The Clare Union Railroad Depot
- Hypnotic Sphere - The City of Harrison - Second Street
- Pioneer Mother Statue - Clare Middle School
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Destination **CLARE**
2023 ART SCULPTURE WALK
MAY 9, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

Prudence Peacock

Amy Biniecki
Clare, Michigan

Amy created this peacock in reflection of Michigan's history in copper mining, as well as the natural rocks and minerals in the state. Over time, the peacock will develop a beautiful green patina, symbolizing personal transformation as a reminder to those "othered" by society to remain bold, stand tall and take up space.



Purchase Price : \$10,000



Purchase Price : \$8,000

Sparrow

Robert Porreca
Columbus, Ohio

This piece was inspired by the wildlife in the backyard. At first the form is clearly recognizable. But viewed from behind, the bird changes into abstraction. Some refer to the forms as resembling a sunburst. It is similar to watching a flock of birds travel across the path of the sun often becomes obscured from view.

Seven Chakras

Angela Larson
Plymouth, Michigan

Recycled materials, such as reclaimed steel, bring together discarded remnants of the past to make a cohesive statement. The combination of steel and ceramic creates a juxtaposition of these forms. The transformation of steel which is inorganic, machine-like, cold, hard, non-referential, into a drawing space with organic qualities that flow with energy is what she seeks.



Purchase Price : \$1,200

Phoenix Rising

Maureen Gray
Interlochen, Michigan

We have the opportunity to rise above daily frustrations, judgement and misunderstandings. With understanding comes the ability to soar, envisioning our reality in a positive manner.



Purchase Price : \$6,000



Purchase Price : \$8,800

Heart

Dave Riemer
Wausaukee, Wisconsin

The Heart kinetic sculpture design uses a gear box to reverse the direction of movement between the two sections. The wind powers the lower section, and the gears reverse that to move the upper section in the opposite direction.

Mondrian Windows

Kelly O'Neill
Brighton, Michigan

Kelly's art is the fusion of iron and earth. Each piece is unique and symbiotically created from recycled steel paired with metal, clay and glass.



Purchase Price : \$2,500



Purchase Price : \$20,000

Kwame

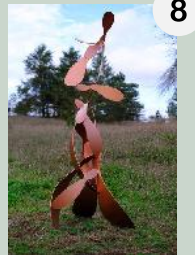
Ray Katz
Pontiac, Michigan

Kwame alludes to an evolutionary process shared as the human experience where active forms are brought together to represent the flux of life. Kwame embraces the transformative concepts such as evolution, metamorphosis and transcendence. Public Art transforms the way people look at visual phenomena in their environment and affects people's attitudes toward their surroundings.

Helicopter Seeds

Brian Ferriby
Empire, Michigan

This sculpture was inspired and curated as an abstract taken from something real and close at hand. In Michigan's late spring, the maple trees offer up millions of "helicopter seeds" which can be identified as the root of this sculpture.



Purchase Price : \$8,000



Purchase Price : \$1,200

Gentle Samba

Jim Wolnosky
Bath, Michigan

This piece was inspired by the great jazz artists of the 50's and 60's, as well as multiple abstract artists of the mid-twentieth century. This sculpture is an aluminum abstract expressionism and a reflection of non-ordinary reality.

Reflective Journey

John Merigian
Dexter, Michigan

Reflective Journey stands as a reflection of relationships and the connection we share with others. In their simplicity, the figures are accessible and present a depth of emotion ranging from highly reflective and soulful to joy filled and slightly humorous. Their complexity lies in the relationships that emerge with the space, lines, silhouettes, shadows and each other.



Purchase Price : \$10,000

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201 W. Fourth St.
Clare, MI
48617

ART



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JULY 15, 2023

DEPOT DAYS

10-4 p.m.



**YARD GAMES
ACTIVITIES
CRAFTS
BAKE SALE
SILENT AUCTION
CHILDREN'S TRAIN RIDE
AND MUCH MORE!**

CLARE HISTORIC UNION DEPOT
201 W Fourth St., Clare

Join us for this family fun/fundraising event. Funds that are raised will go towards a outdoor public restroom facility at the Clare Union Railroad Depot (the future Pere Marquette Rail-Trail Trailhead). This addition of outdoor public restrooms will serve Clare residents, visitors, City Park and Pere Marquette Rail-Trail users.

The Clare County Arts Council will also be holding "The Art of Gardening Tour" from 10-3 p.m. Tickets for the tour are \$10 and will be available to purchase soon!

If you would like to get involved, please contact
jsimmer@cityofclare.gov.

