June-July 2023



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

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Airport	386-0445
Chamber of Commerce	386-2442
City Hall	386-7541
City Police (non-emergency)	386-2121
Department of Public Works	386-2182
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	386-2151
Pere Marquette District Library	386-7576
Water/Wastewater Treatment	386-2321

POOL SAFETY

Above ground pools between 2 feet and 3 feet, 11 inches in height must be enclosed by a 4 foot fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate. The latch must be located on the upper inside of the gate. In order to limit access to young children. Pools that are 4 foot or greater in height need to have ladders removed when adult supervision is not present.

POOL FILLING

Don't forget to call 386-7541 extension 201 before filling your pool to ensure your usage adjustment.



City Offices Will Be Closed Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4th

Yard Waste Collection

The City of Clare participates in the residential curbside yard waste collection program. Yard waste is collected every **Friday** until November 30th (barring substantial snowfall). Please place on curb **before 6am** on collection days.

Waste is collected in the following containers: biodegradable bags available at City Hall OR a privately owned contain-

> er permanently marked "YARD WASTE ONLY" in large, clearly visible letters.

Please make sure your container weighs no more than 35 lbs when full. Drivers go down each street once.

Tall Grass and Weeds

Please remember that 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.



Brush Chipping Upcoming Tentative Dates: **July 3rd and August 7th**



Brush Chipping is strictly a "Time & Weather" permitting activity, and is a service provided by the City of Clare. The City of Clare chips brush for properties where an existing structure is already in place.

Brush to be chipped should:

- Be placed at the curb before 7 a.m. of the first scheduled day of chipping;
- Be placed within 2 feet of the curb with large ends facing same direction;
- Be no longer than 6' in length nor larger than 8" in diameter; AND
- Not include Stumps, Roots, or Vines.

City of Clare recently amended its zoning code for vehicle storage and parking

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. The parking or storage of a commercial vehicle, excluding an emergency vehicle, of more than two-ton capacity is prohibited within any residential district

The following restrictions apply to all residential zoning districts, nonconforming residential uses in commercial districts, and commercially zoned properties inside residential neighborhoods:

All <u>campers</u>, <u>RVs</u>, <u>watercraft</u> (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), all snowmobiles, <u>ATVs</u>, <u>UTVs</u>, 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 that are 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 May 15th through October 15th each year for in-season use. During the period each year, between October 16th through May 14th front yard including driveway storage is not allowed. Exception: During the period each year, between October 16th through May 14th front yard on a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard surfaced material, while on open operable, registered, and licensed trailers with operable, registered and licensed snowmobiles or other similar winter season items for in-season use.
- -If storage is located in a required front yard, storage must be upon a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard surfaced material.
- -Parking or storage is not permitted in the City unless in a required side yard or rear yard during the period each year between October 16th through May 14th and is not required to be on a hard surface, or aggregate surface for this seasonal storage or parking of campers, trailers, RVs, boats, snowmobiles, and the like.
- -No camper, RV, boat, trailer, or the like may be parked in a rear or side yard, closer than 5' from a public sidewalk, 10' from the curb if present, or 10' 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 (4) in any combination.
- -All residences, including corner lots, are regulated so that the "front" of the house is designated by the street address of the house thereby defining front yard, side yard, and back yard accordingly.

Work Trailers Exception

-Work Trailers are defined as open or enclosed utility trailers, flatbed trailers, or the like.

- -Work Trailers are defined as such by being specifically and presently used for business purposes and must come and go on a regular daily or weekly basis.
- -Work Trailers must also be stored or parked on a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard-surfaced material.
- -Work Trailers must be operable, registered, and licensed if registration/licenses are required for the unit under state law.
- -Work Trailers are exempt from seasonal restrictions per this ordinance if all other regulations within this section are met.

Violations are deemed civil infractions, punishable by a fine of \$250 for a first offense, and \$500 for a second offense.

