

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: July 13, 2023
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of July 17, 2023

Lake Shamrock Dredging Project. Mechanical dredging by the City is continuing. As you are aware at approximately 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, an underground sewer line (force main) was struck by a piece of equipment used to dredge Lake Shamrock causing a small crack in the force main sewer line that runs under the Western end of Lake Shamrock. There was no active flow at the time of the incident and the line was isolated within minutes, therefore only a small amount of residual sewage was potentially released into the lake body near the VFW. Testing was done as a safety precaution, and public notices were posted at the site. The Health Department recommended avoiding bodily contact with the water in that area until testing was complete and postings could be removed. Test samples were taken both upstream and downstream from the location of the incident on Wednesday and taken to the Health Department. The results were received Thursday from the Health Department and testing showed no difference in the two samples therefore the Health Department determined there is no issue and the notices could be removed and any precautions could be lifted. Crews were onsite Thursday morning boring in a new line and the repair was completed by Friday. There were no interruptions of service to any residents or businesses as the lift station that feeds the force main was manually pumped during the incident and repair. Savin Lake Services, who is working on the hydraulic dredging, reported to the City recently that they are making progress with EGLE regarding conversations about the area of the Airport that will be used for the holding cells for the pumped material. They believe that EGLE feels the site on the south end of the airport will be acceptable and permitting requests are now being made.

July Board of Review. The July Board of Review has been scheduled. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Clare City Hall, 202 W. Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan. The purpose of this meeting is to correct the assessment roll as allowed by MCL 211.53b. This meeting is subject to the Open Meetings Act. Sharon Frischman, our new Assessor will oversee the BOR meeting.

Depot Day. Depot Day is this Saturday at the Union Depot in Clare. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., stop on out and help raise money towards building the outside bathrooms for the rail trail trailhead. The Clare City Police will be having an exciting K-9 demonstration at 11:00 a.m. for people to watch. There will be tons of items to bid on at the silent auction. There is going to be a bake sale with lots of goodies to buy donated by members of our local community. There will be games, coloring pictures, and little train rides for the kids. Hot dogs, ice cream, and Crazy Kettle Corn for sale all donated by, Witbeck's Family Foods, the Dairy Phil, and Max & Jo Schunk. If you have not bought a brick to be engraved and placed at the Depot, there is no time like this Saturday to do that. The Clare Art Council will also be there selling prints and you can stop in to see all the wonderful items they have for sale inside the Depot. While there, please make sure to check out all train memorabilia that this restored Depot has on display and visit the two cabooses that are on the property. (See flyer)

City of Clare Pitch Competition. MMDC is thrilled to be hosting the second Downtown Pitch Competition (available to all of Clare Businesses) - this time in Downtown Clare! Through a competitive pitch competition, ideas will be presented, developed, and ultimately showcased at a community event on September, 19th 2023 at the Ideal Theatre! The competition will fund projects that enhance the vibrancy of our incredible city, with funding provided by community sponsors who believe in the value of Clare. (See flyer)

Are you interested in pitching an idea? Here are some key dates to keep in mind:

- Application Deadline: July 21st, 2023
- Kickoff Meetings for Applicants: July 11th, 2023, at 10 am at the Clare City Hall and July 12th, 2023 at 6 pm, on-line via Zoom
- Phase 1 Pitch Presentation: August 4th, 2023 (presentation deck submitted via email)
- Phase 2 Pitch Presentation and Draft of Project Summary: August 15th, 2023 (updated presentation submitted after receiving feedback from committee submitted via email)
- Phase 3 Pitch Presentation (in person): August 22nd, 2023
- Competition Presentation: September 19th, 2023

Street Reconstruction Project. Malley Construction recently called DPW Director Luke Potter to let the City know that they are running ahead of schedule and will likely be in the City of Clare in the next 2-4 weeks to start the road construction project that they were awarded. As a reminder, the proposed street work this year includes the removal and replacement of the asphalt as well as the road base (replaced with new sand and gravel), new curb and gutter, and approaches on North Rainbow Drive from Glendale to Eastwood.

City Department Tours. M, after our meeting, we will be continuing our informal city department tours at the Airport. After the meeting is adjourned, we will head over to the Airport for an informal tour.

Attachments:

1. 2023 Depot Day Flyer.
2. 2020 City of Clare Pitch Competition Flyer.

JULY 15, 2023

DEPOT DAYS

10-4 p.m.



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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 are available for purchase at the Doherty Hotel.

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





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WHAT'S DOWNTOWN PITCH?

Clare's first ever Downtown Pitch competition is underway. It's an effort to bring amazing ideas to life and further facilitate community engagement in our community. The competition will fund up to three projects that will enhance the vibrancy of our incredible town.



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WANT TO PITCH YOUR IDEA?

If you are a resident or business located within, or have the desire to locate within, the city limits of Clare and meet the eligibility requirements, we encourage you to consider pitching your idea! Need more information or help drafting your pitch? Join us

**July 11th at 10 am at the City of Clare City Hall or
July 12th at 6 pm via Zoom for an informational session**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July **21**

Deadline to Apply
at [MMDC.org/downtown-pitch-clare](https://mmdc.org/downtown-pitch-clare)

Interested in being a sponsor?

Contact Sarah Adkins at sadkins@michworks4u.org