

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: November 30, 2023
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of December 4, 2023

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical dredging by the City is continuing in front of Shamrock Park. The cold and ice have not caused any issues for us yet. It actually helps at the disposal site with the ground getting harder which makes it easier for the truck. For the hydraulic dredging project, Savin Lake Services has received a draft permit from EGLE and are reviewing any final requirements, which there are a couple (discharge permit and restrictive covenant for the holding cell). They are working on keeping the ice clear by the dam and both suction dredges are here and ready to go after the permit is finalized and the pipe is put into the lake. The Dam feasibility study work is continuing and our meeting on November 28th went well. Several alternatives were presented and we were able to give some direction to the team. They are also helping us apply for some additional funding for the Dam replacement and we should know if we are eligible in the next couple of months.

Chamber of Commerce Events.

Queen of Hearts Raffle to help support Fireworks and other Chamber events and organizations. The Clare Area Chamber of Commerce and Timeout Tavern are excited to announce that we are starting a Queen of Hearts progressive raffle! Tickets are available only at Timeout Tavern during business hours. Stop in and get your tickets to support the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce City Fireworks and much more. Drawing Dates: Every Wednesday starting on November 22nd, 2023. Time: 8 PM. Location: Timeout Tavern. 601 N. McEwan St., Clare, MI 48617. Questions should be addressed to the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce at 989-386-2442 or to office@claremichigan.com. State of Michigan License #C31449 (*See the attached flyer for more detailed information*)

2023 Christmas in the Clare Area is December 9, 2023, at the Clare Depot Building – 201 West 4th Street from 10-2. Lots of great events here in Clare including Santa at the Santa House, Reindeer, Craft Show, Carriage Rides, Doughnuts/Hot Chocolate/Coffee. (*See the attached flyer for more detailed information*)

Positions Filled. I just wanted to comment on how happy I am that we were able to fill three key positions (Treasurer/Finance Director, Airport Manager, and Assistant Deputy Clerk) recently with quality candidates. That is not often the case in many places. This speaks volumes about the community that we live in and the reputation that Clare and the City have for being a good place to live and work.

Attachments:

1. Queen of Hearts Flyer.
2. Christmas in the Clare Area Flyer.

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Drawing Dates: Every Wednesday

Now to October 30th, 2024

8 PM at Timeout Tavern

Tickets can be purchased all week prior to the drawing.



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THE CLARE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE STARTED A 50/50 QUEEN OF HEARTS PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE!

THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CLARE FIREWORKS, THE CLARE AREA CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND MORE.

TICKET PRICE: \$2.00 PER TICKET



Tickets are available only at Timeout Tavern during business hours

Questions or concerns should be addressed to the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce at 989-386-2442 or to office@claremichigan.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Drawings

Every Wednesday at 8pm

November 22nd, 2023 through October 30th, 2024
at Timeout Tavern. Need not be present to win

HOW TO PLAY

1. This is a 50 week progressive raffle.
2. Jackpot prize card is the **Queen of Hearts**.
3. \$100 is awarded when a **Joker** is drawn.
4. Reset Cards and consolation prize cards are the two Jokers.
 - a. If a Joker is drawn the whole board is reset and the board will be renewed for next drawing.
 - b. If a Joker is drawn on the final drawing prior to the Queen of Hearts being drawn, the consolation prize will be paid, however, the board will not reset on the final drawing date.
5. The jackpot is a 50/50 percentage of raffle sales. 50% to the winning person who uncovers the Queen of Hearts and 50% to the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce for fireworks and more.
6. Ticket stubs must be legible.
7. After each drawing when the queen is not drawn, all tickets are disposed of and the drawing starts over for the next week with the pot increasing.

TICKETS: \$2.00 EACH



Tickets are available only at Timeout Tavern
Full rules are posted near board

Questions call the Clare Chamber 989-386-2442



2023

CHRISTMAS IN THE CLARE AREA

DECEMBER 9TH



CLARE

AT THE DEPOT BUILDING - 201 W. 4TH ST.

10AM

☛ Santa will be escorted through town to his Santa House at the Depot

10AM TO 12PM

☛ Feed Santa's Reindeer

10AM TO 2PM

☛ Visit Santa in his house

☛ The Outdoor Holiday Craft Show around the Depot

☛ Carriage Rides from the Depot

☛ Doughnuts, Hot Chocolate, and Coffee inside the Depot by Cops & Doughnuts

FARWELL

AT THE VILLAGE MARKET - 124 W. ILLINIOS ST.

3PM

☛ Santa arrives in Farwell

3 TO 5PM

☛ Christmas Party at the Market

4:30 PM

☛ Cry Baby Burger Contest at the Market with the Patty Wagon

4 TO 6PM

☛ Carriage Rides

6PM

☛ Farwell Light Parade

6:30PM

☛ Tree Lighting in the Village Park

LAKE

AT THE LAKE DEPOT & PAVILION - 7844 MYSTIC LAKE DR.

5:30PM

☛ Tree Lighting Ceremony

☛ Caroling

☛ Hot Cocoa & Cookies

☛ Santa!!!

SATURDAY THE 9TH

NOON TO 5PM & 7PM TO 8PM

SUNDAY THE 10TH - NOON TO 2PM

☛ Coat Giveaway at the Lake Depot

CHRISTMAS

2023 IN CLARE

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