

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: May 30, 2024
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of June 3, 2024

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. The pause for fish spawning ended June 1st. We are back dredging with our equipment utilizing mechanical means and Savin Lake Services is back dredging hydraulically as well. The contractor plans on operating both dredges 24 hours a day and 7 days a week as soon as they can get started. We recently met with our dam engineers, GEI and Spicer, regarding our awarded \$600,000 grant and are working on a plan to move forward with the project and funding we have while we wait for additional potential funding sources.

Rail Trail. The project is continuing to move forward and appears to be on schedule still.

MDOT Summer Road Project. Brian Atkinson, Operations Manager for MDOT, recently reached out to the city to let us know that due to the light winter, they had winter savings in maintenance for our Region. As a result, they are adding a 1.5" cold mill and 1.5" resurfacing project in the City of Clare. The project will be on McEwan/South Clare Avenue from State Street northerly to north of the Speedway gas station (north of US-127), approximately 1.72 miles in length. MDOT did not have plans to do work in our community over the next several years on this stretch of roadway, but because of the winter savings, they are now able to invest approximately \$1 million in funds to keep this section of roadway in good condition. The project is currently being advertised, and MDOT anticipates having the bids by June 1st. The construction window would be mid-June thru August, with approximately 20 working days.

Michigan Green Communities. Clare was again recognized for the year 2023 for environmental leadership by the statewide Michigan Green Communities program. As part of the Michigan Green Communities (MGC) Challenge, local governments were awarded gold, silver, or bronze seals of achievement reflecting community leadership in areas such as energy efficiency, climate adaptation and resilience, recycling, environmental justice, and more. The City of Clare achieved silver status for exemplary action in multiple categories, including items in categories related to planning, economic development, land use, climate resilience, climate adaptation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, materials management (AKA recycling, composting, waste diversion), water conservation and protection, clean mobility, and community engagement. I have attached the recent press release and our designation image to this report.

Summer Concert Series. The 2024 Summer Concert Series in Shamrock Park starts June 6th and runs through the summer until August 15th every Thursday night from 6-8 at Shamrock Park. See the attached flyer for more information on who will be playing at each concert.

Attachments:

1. Michigan Green Communities Press Release and Award.
2. 2024 Summer Concert Series Flyer.

Record Number of Communities Participate in 2023 Michigan Green Communities Challenge

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – A record 63 local governments across Michigan have been recognized for their sustainability efforts and environmental leadership through their participation in the Michigan Green Communities (MGC) Challenge. This year’s participants included 43 cities, 11 townships, 7 counties and 2 villages. Together, they represent 4.1 million Michiganders.

“Michigan’s local governments are critical to creating and protecting clean, safe and healthy environments for Michiganders,” said **Julie Staveland, Assistant Division Director for the Materials Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)**. “We’re proud to support the Michigan Green Communities program and partner with them to accelerate local action on waste diversion, energy efficiency, clean energy adoption and climate resilience. This year’s record-breaking participation in the MGC Challenge is a testament to the program’s ability to provide local governments with an accessible list of best practices while supporting them with technical assistance to reach their goals.”

Communities are awarded bronze, silver, gold or platinum seals of achievement. These certifications reflect their leadership in areas such as energy efficiency, climate adaptation and resilience, recycling, environmental justice and more. For the 2023 Challenge, there were 36 communities that achieved gold seals, 20 achieved silver seals and 7 achieved bronze seals. This year’s Challenge retained 96% of participants and had 10 new participants.

This year’s 63 participating communities’ certifications were:

Bronze: City of Bay City, City of St. Joseph, Kalamazoo County, City of Brighton, Monroe County, City of Clawson and Village of Mackinaw City.

Silver: City of Fennville, Saugatuck Township, City of Clare, City of Hancock, Ingham County, Williamstown Township, City of Grandville, City of Eastpointe, Marquette County, City of Madison Heights, Village of Milford, City of Troy, Buena Vista Charter Township, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, City of Dearborn, City of Livonia, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Charter Township and the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

Gold: City of Coldwater, City of Battle Creek, City of Petoskey, City of Grand Blanc, Delhi Charter Township, City of East Lansing, City of Lansing, Meridian Charter Township, City of Kalamazoo, City of Portage, City of East Grand Rapids, City of Grand Rapids, City of Rockford, City of Sterling Heights, City of Marquette, City of Ludington, City of Muskegon, City of Berkley, City of Birmingham, City of Ferndale, City of Novi, Oakland County, Orion Township, City of Royal Oak, City of Southfield, West Bloomfield Charter Township, City of Northville, City of Grand Haven, City of Holland, City of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Charter Township, City of Ypsilanti, Canton Charter Township, Macomb County, the City of Detroit and the City of Traverse City.

“I am very encouraged by the response to the MGC Challenge that we saw this year,” said **Danielle Beard, MGC Program Coordinator**. “In a time when equitable climate action at every level is imperative to protect current and future generations, we are seeing more and more Michigan local governments stepping up to the challenge. Next on the horizon for MGC is to continue expanding participation, particularly among historically under-invested and overburdened communities, to accelerate this critical work.”

Michigan Green Communities (MGC) is a free program open to all local governments in the state. MGC provides networking, benchmarking and technical assistance to guide communities in their work to improve their sustainability efforts and adapt to our changing climate. The program also helps communities to protect infrastructure and to improve the quality of life for those living in their communities. The goal of this work is to create a more environmentally and economically sustainable future for Michigan.

MGC is supported by EGLE, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Townships Association. MGC is funded by EGLE and MEDC with in-kind staffing support from the Michigan Municipal League.

More information about the program is available at www.migreencommunities.com. Questions regarding the program can be directed to the League’s Danielle Beard, Program Coordinator of Michigan Green Communities, at dbeard@migreencommunities.com. For media inquiries, contact the League’s Jessica Weirauch, Director of Marketing and Communications, at 734-669-6311 and jweirauch@mml.org.



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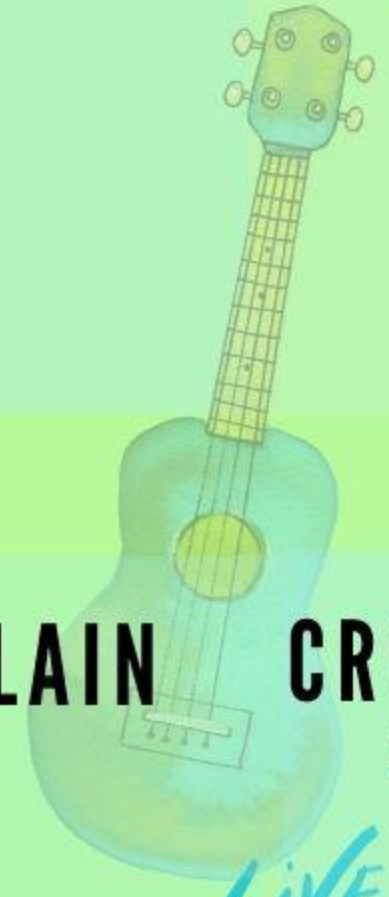
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City of Clare



CLARE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

SHAMROCK PARK - 221 WILCOX PARKWAY
JUNE 6 - AUGUST 15, 2024
6-8 P.M.



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| JULY | 4TH | 11TH | 18TH | 25TH |
| | WOODMAN UNPLUGGED ACOUSTIC | KEVIN CHAMBERLAIN COUNTRY | CROSTOWN DRIFTERS SOUTHERN/CLASSIC ROCK | THE GABE & TOM SHOW VARIETY |
| AUGUST | 1ST | 8TH | 15TH LAST CONCERT | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |
| | STEPHANIE TERPENING MULTI-GENERATION POP & FOLK | SOUTHBOUND CLASSIC ROCK | COUNTRY EXPRESS OLD TIME COUNTRY | OLD 27 <i>Car Tour</i> DOWNTOWN CLARE ON AUGUST 22ND FOR MORE INFO VISIT THE CLARE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE |

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