

June-July 2024 Newsletter



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

Holiday Closure

City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, 2024 for Independence Day.

2024 Elections Update

Michigan now has early in-person voting for federal and state elections. Clare County will have 9-days of early in-person voting, which will be held at the County Building located at 225 W. Main St., Harrison, Michigan. Any registered Clare County elector can come to the County Building to cast their vote during the days and hours noted below.

Election Dates and Early Voting Hours for 2024 State and Federal Elections

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Election</u>	<u>Early Voting Dates</u>	<u>Early Voting Hours</u>
August 6 th	State Primary	July 27 th – August 4 th	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
November 5 th	General Presidential	October 26 th – November 3 rd	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

All registered Clare County voters still have the option to vote by absentee ballot or to vote at their township/city polling place ON ELECTION DAY. There are many opportunities to vote and hopefully, you will find an option that works for you.

If you are currently on an “absentee ballot application list” and vote by absentee ballot your clerk will be changing to an “absentee ballot list,” in 2024. The difference is that in the past you were mailed an application before every election to complete and submit if you wanted to vote absentee in that election. In 2024 if you mark the box that you want to be on the “absentee ballot list”, you will automatically be sent a ballot for all future elections, to the address at which you are registered to vote and you will never have to submit another absentee ballot application. If you are going to be out of town for an election, your ballot will NOT forward. You must notify your local clerk (elections@cityofclare.gov) in advance of the address at which you want the ballot mailed.

Clare County Transit offers free rides to and from voting – this will be for early voting along with Election Day voting. Please call 989-539-1473 to schedule pickup.

Residential Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste Collection Reminder

All items for curbside collection should be placed to the curb before 6:00 AM on scheduled pick-up day.

- **Bulk Items:** Allowed 1 item per week, please notify the City Utilities Clerk at (989) 424-4071 prior to placing the item at the curb.
- **Recycling:** Boxes that do not fit in your recycling bin must be broken down, tied together and not to exceed 35 pounds.
- **Yard Waste:** Yard waste collection began April 5th and will continue until November 30th, unless substantial snowfall occurs prior to November 30th.

Brush Chipping is a service provided by the City of Clare (not the refuse contractor), time and weather permitting. Brush chipping is normally done on the first Monday of the month. The chipping crew drives down each street one time only. The brush should be placed at the curb before 7 AM on the scheduled day; be within 2 feet of the curb with the large ends facing the same direction; be no longer than 6’ in length nor larger than 8” in diameter; AND not include stumps, roots, or vines. For vacant lots, or if you have a large amount of brush, please call (989) 424-4071. **Tentative Chipping Dates: July 1st & August 5th**

Consumers Energy Tree Grant

Each year, the City of Clare applies for a Consumers Energy tree grant. Awarded tree grants allow the City to plant trees in the City’s Right-of-Way around late summer/early fall. If you are interested in having a tree planted near your residence or would like more information regarding the tree grant, please contact Mary Warner at (989) 424-4071.

Vehicle Storage and Parking

Sec. 52-308 of the City ordinance code states: 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.

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.

Pools

All pools should comply with accessory structure setbacks. Pools above 2' in height must be enclosed by a 4' fence or wall with a self-closing, self-latching gate sufficient to make the water inaccessible to small children. The latch must be placed 4' above the ground or otherwise be inaccessible to small children from the outside. All pool installations shall comply with the state construction code. Call 989-424-4071 before filling your pool to ensure your usage adjustment.

Summer Concert Series

The Summer Concert Series will be held at Shamrock Park, 221 Wilcox Parkway from June 6th – August 15th, 2024. Concerts will be held on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm.

CONCERT SCHEDULE		
<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
June 6 th Mer and the Man	July 4 th Woodman Unplugged	August 1 st Stephanie Terpening
June 13 th Justin Judge	July 11 th Kevin Chamberlain	August 8 th Southbound
June 20 th Evan Haller – 4pm The Real Deal – 6pm-8pm	July 18 th Crosstown Drifters	August 15 th Country Express
June 27 th Sunshine String Band	July 25 th The Gabe & Tom Show	

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Airport	(989) 386-0445
Chamber of Commerce	(989) 386-2442
City Hall	(989) 386-7541
City Police (non-emergency)	(989) 386-2121
Department of Public Works	(989) 386-2182
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	(989) 386-2151
Pere Marquette District Library	(989) 386-7576
Water/Wastewater Treatment	(989) 386-2321