

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: August 15, 2024
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of August 19, 2024

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Dredging continues with good progress. We were able to complete some needed repairs on the barge container and do some work at the spoil's location improving the road for access to the hauling site recently and now, our mechanical dredge is back working M-Th, 10 hours a day, on the section north of the beach at Shamrock Park. Savin is operating both dredges 24 hours a day, 5 days (M-F). Most of the last couple weeks of work has been on the large section of the lake west of Barnes Island and they are making good progress. Recently we were notified by EGLE that the city has been selected for another grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Grant. This grant is federal dollars that are flowing through the State of Michigan through EGLE and are being awarded equally to 7 sub-recipients, of which Clare is one. The federal dollars given to Michigan total \$3,035,886 and the City of Clare's award will be \$433,698 unless another entity does not take the dollars and then our share could increase. This is great news and we are working with GEI and EGLE to ensure that we are fully eligible as there are some requirements, but it does appear that we have met them at this point. There is a 35% match which we will use our original state-allocated dollars to cover. There will also be a grant agreement with this grant that will come to you soon. This brings our additional (above the 6.8 million) grant total to over 1.3 million to be used for the dam reconstruction. The city along with our dam engineers, GEI and Spicer, are still waiting on the grant agreement from the State for the \$600,000 High Hazard Dam Grant that the City was awarded. When I checked with them recently, they said it is still moving through the State's management team for review and approval but it can take quite some time.

Rail Trail. The project is continuing to move forward and appears to be on schedule still to finish in the next month or two hopefully. Most of the recent work has been focused on the extensive work on the trestle bridge west of Clare near the Moose Lodge. The new trailhead sign has been installed at the Depot as well as the concrete and sidewalk connecting the parking lot and the trail to the accessible entrance of the Depot (*see att'd picture*). With luck, we will be able to have a ribbon cutting and official trail opening celebration sometime in October tentatively.

MDOT Road Work. Recently MDOT completed a 1.5" cold mill and 1.5" resurfacing project in the City of Clare. The project on McEwan/South Clare Avenue from State Street northerly to the north of the Speedway gas station (north of US-127), approximately 1.72 miles in length was mostly complete in one week. The contractor, Rieth-Riley, did a spectacular job on the project, both completing it in a timely manner, and also keeping traffic flowing in a very busy section of the City. The road turned out wonderfully and will be an asset for many years to come. Thank you again to MDOT for working the project into their schedule to take advantage of funds that became available.

Street Reconstruction Project. Robin Harsh Excavating, Inc. has begun construction on South Rainbow Drive from Eastwood to Glendale. They have already made good progress and have removed the old curb, gutter, asphalt, and 16 inches of clay. Sand has been brought in and curb work could start as early as the 19th or 20th along with gravel being hauled in to build the new base. As a reminder, the proposed street work includes the removal of curb and gutter and haul off-site and install 1,688' curb and gutter, removal of asphalt and haul off-site, undercut the road 18" outside curb area and approaches, furnish and install 12" sand base to outside curb area, furnish and install 6" of 22A gravel base in road area, and install 1,415 sq ft 7-1/2' approaches along with a single course 2.5-inch lift of asphalt. *I have attached some pictures.*

City Attorney Retirement Celebration. Attached you will find a flyer (*att'd*) regarding a retirement celebration for long-time City Attorney Jaynie Hoerauf. Jaynie has been the City Attorney for many years and we wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement. The office will continue to serve the city and Heather Nevill will take over for the firm as the City's primary contact as City Attorney.

Old 27 Motor Tour 2024. Join hundreds of classic cars as they tour nostalgic Old US 27. Michigan's Old US 27 Motor Tour visits several cities including a stop in Clare on August 22, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 PM, where automobile enthusiasts can view hundreds of classic cars. Cars will be lined up on McEwan Street from 3rd to 5th, and on 4th Street from Beech to Pine. If you are a local bringing a car to the tour, special parking has been arranged in the Doherty's north parking lot right by the band (Night Shift). *The event flyer is attached to this report for more details.*

Clare Area Chamber of Commerce Raffles. This is your chance to win a brand new 2024 Chevy Trax (*flyer att'd*)! (Taxes and Fees not included). Tickets are \$100 each. Get your tickets at various local businesses around the area or online. The drawing will be on October 1st at 6 p.m. at Wood's Household during Family Night Out! Only 500 tickets will be sold, so get yours before it is too late! If less than 300 tickets are sold, it will revert to a 50/50 raffle. Get your tickets online at <https://clareraffle.thedctree.org/shop/>. Also, do not forget that the Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle is still going on (*flyer att'd*)! Tickets are \$2 each and are only available at Timeout Tavern, where you can also find the rules and how-to-play! Drawings happen every Wednesday night at 8 p.m., so get your tickets before 7:45pm to get into the drawing!

Attachments:

1. Rail Trail Sign Picture.
2. South Rainbow Construction Pictures.
3. City Attorney Jaynie Hoerauf Retirement Celebration Flyer.
4. Clare Area Chamber of Commerce 2024 Chevy Trax Raffle Flyer.
5. Clare Area Chamber of Commerce Queen of Hearts Raffle Flyer.
6. Old US 27 Motor Tour Flyer.



CLARE

Pere Marquette State Trail



Welcome to Clare

le St

**ROAD
CLOSED**









CELEBRATE THE

Retirement of

JAYNIE

HOERAUF

DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED

SEPTEMBER


THURSDAY | **12** | 5-7 PM

2024


HOERAUF & NEVILL, P.C.
601 BEECH ST
CLARE, MI 48617

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

PLEASE RSVP BY AUG. 29TH WITH OUR OFFICE BY CALLING
(989) 386-3434 OR EMAILING MONTANA@HOERAUFLAW.COM



JAYNIE HAS
REQUESTED NO
GIFTS. YOUR
PRESENCE IS
PRESENT ENOUGH.



Old U.S. 27

Motor Tour

Thursday, August 22nd, 2024

Downtown Clare

**Cars will be lined up on McEwan St. from 3rd to 5th
and on 4th St. from Beech to Pine**

All locals please park in the north Doherty parking Lot

6pm to 8pm

Itinerary for the day

*17th
Annual*

**6-8pm - Cruise-in
Downtown Clare**

**6-8pm - Night Shift Band
playing in the Doherty's
north parking lot by the
patio. Sponsored by Clare
County CVB**



For more information contact the

Clare Area Chamber of Commerce at (989)386-2442

Or visit www.ClareMichigan.com/old-27-motor-tour



OLD U.S. 27 MOTOR TOUR THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

Local Cars

Tesla Supercharger
Night Shift Band

Bench Dedication

W 5th St

E 5th St

E 5th St

1

McEwan

3

2

4

ROAD CLOSURES

MyMichigan Medical Ctr Clare

Pizza • S

Flowers By Suzanne Jan Florist

Clare City Hall

The Whitehouse

Timeout Tavern Grill • \$\$

Doherty

Jay Trucks & Ass

e Auto Service

Cops & Doughnuts Headquarters Donuts • \$

Herrick House and The Mulberry Cafe

505 Cafe

Pere Marquette District Library

W. 4th St

Clare Depot

Ruckle's P Grill

Four Leaf Brewing

Shear Envy Salon

E 4th St

E 3rd St

E 3rd St

St

BUS

**CLARE AREA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

New **2024**
CHEVY TRAX
RAFFLE



DRAWING
OCTOBER 1, 2024
6PM

\$100
PER TICKET

500
TICKETS
TO BE SOLD

DURING FAMILY NIGHT OUT AT
WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD
1401N. MCEWAN STREET
CLARE, MI 48617

TAXES AND FEES NOT
INCLUDED
NOT ACTUAL VEHICLE
PICTURED

IF LESS THAN 300
TICKETS SOLD -
50/50 RAFFLE

RAFFLE LICENSE # R76661

For more information

www.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 uncovered.
4. **\$25** is awarded on any **Ace through 10** uncovered
5. **\$50** is awarded on any **Jack through King** (except the Queen of Hearts) that is uncovered
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Ticket stubs must be legible.
9. 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

Raffle # C3144

Questions call the Clare Chamber 989-386-2442

