

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission  
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager  
DATE: November 27, 2024  
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of December 2, 2024

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Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical and hydraulic dredging both continue to make good progress. Mechanical dredging by the city has gotten to a point that most of the section we have been working on north of the beach has been completed. We will now be doing some additional cleanup at and along the beach area and to the West in a couple areas. Hydraulic dredging by Savin Lake Services is operating Monday through Friday 24 hours a day and are making good progress. There is still one barge working the north and west sides of Barnes Island and they have now moved the second barge into the East finger of the lake.

For the dam project, our engineering firm GEI, is continuing design work for the dam and recently received notice that the geotechnical subsurface exploration work (soil borings and ground water monitoring wells) will be beginning in the next few weeks pending permits. We are still waiting on a grant agreement for the second grant (High Hazard Potential Dams – HHPD) to cover the next phase of the project. We are also still working with GEI currently to submit 2<sup>nd</sup> round grant applications in hopes of receiving additional grant dollars for the project.

Extended Yard Waste Pickup Dates. The city recently reached out to our waste hauler, GFL, and asked if they would be willing to extend the yard waste pickup dates due to many of the trees in city neighborhoods still holding on to their leaves. They have agreed to extend the pickup dates two weeks into December, barring any major snowfall event, making the last pickup December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to GFL for offering this service and being flexible.

Christmas in Clare. The 2024 Christmas in the Clare celebration is Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the Clare Depot Building – 201 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 10-2. Lots of great events here in Clare including Santa at the Santa House, Outdoor Market, Food Trucks, Martial Arts Demonstrations, Wreath Decorating, CCAC Make and Take Crafts, Christmas Dog Costume Contest, Carriage Rides, and Doughnuts/Hot Chocolate/Coffee. (*See the attached flyer for more detailed information*). The flyer also includes additional activities on the same day happening in Farwell and Lake.

1st Annual Clare Christmas Tree Lighting. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Clare Christmas Tree Lighting and activities will take place on Friday, December 6, 2024 at the Clare Depot Building at – 201 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street at 7:00 p.m. There will be lots of activities in addition to the lighting as well. (*Look for more information and a flyer soon*)

Attachments:

1. Christmas in Clare Flyers.
2. Clare Christmas Tree Lighting Flyer (*when available*).



# CHRISTMAS IN THE CLARE AREA



## DECEMBER 7TH, 2024

### CLARE

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

**10AM**

❄️ Santa will be flying in to his Santa House



**10AM TO 1PM**

❄️ Visit Santa in his house

**10AM TO 2PM**

❄️ Outdoor Holiday Market around the Depot

❄️ Far Out Food Truck

❄️ Doughnuts, Hot Chocolate, & Coffee inside the Depot by Cops & Doughnuts

❄️ Dragon Martial Arts will be doing interactive demonstrations outside the Depot

❄️ Clarabella Flowers will have wreaths and trees to decorate outside the Depot

❄️ Clare County Arts Council will have Make & Take Crafts in lower level of Depot, White House Ornament silent auction, & a gift basket giveaway

**11:30AM**

❄️ Christmas Dog Costume Contest

**12 TO 2PM**

❄️ Carriage Rides



### FARWELL

AT THE VILLAGE MARKET - 124 W. ILLINIOS ST.

**3PM**

❄️ Santa arrives in Farwell

**3 TO 5PM**

❄️ Christmas Party at the Market

**3:30 TO 5:30PM**

❄️ Carriage Rides

**4:30PM**

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

**6PM**

❄️ Farwell Light Parade

**6:30PM**

❄️ Tree Lighting in the Village Park

### LAKE

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

**SATURDAY THE 7TH**

**11:30AM TO 5:30PM**

**SUNDAY THE 8TH**

**11AM TO 2PM**

❄️ Coat Giveaway at the Lake Depot

**5:30PM**

❄️ Tree Lighting Ceremony

❄️ Caroling

❄️ Hot Cocoa & Cookies

❄️ Visit Santa

Thank you to our Christmas in Clare Sponsors!





# SANTA CLAUSE is coming to Clare!

**DECEMBER 7TH  
10:00AM - 1:00PM  
CLARE UNION RAILROAD DEPOT**

**Santa is trading in the sleigh &  
will be flying in on a helicopter!  
He will land at 10am**



Thank you to our Christmas in Clare Sponsors!





# Christmas

## DOG COSTUME CONTEST

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER**  
*7th*

MORE INFORMATION:  
Contact  
(989)386-2442



BRING YOUR DOG IN THEIR BEST CHRISTMAS OUTFIT  
TO THE CLARE DEPOT AT 11:15AM  
PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT 11:30AM  
WINNERS WILL BE THE TOP THREE  
BEST CHRISTMAS OUTFITS

All dogs must be on a leash &  
up to date on vaccinations and tags!

Prizes provided by  
**FAMILY Farm & Home**



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# DECEMBER 7th

SATURDAY FROM 12-2PM  
AT THE CLARE UNION DEPOT

MORE INFORMATION:  
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Free Carriage Rides  
by Town's End Clydesdales & Carriage



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CHRISTMAS IN CLARE



# ACTIVITIES

CLARE UNION RAILROAD DEPOT

10AM-2PM

## WREATH DECORATING

Clarabella Flowers will have small wreaths and trees to decorate outside of the Depot!

**\*Cash Only\***



## MAKE & TAKE AND MORE

Clare County Arts Council will be providing Christmas Crafts to make & take home in the lower level of the Depot. Along with a White House Ornament silent auction & a gift basket giveaway!



## MARTIAL ARTS

Dragon Martial Arts will be doing interactive demonstrations by the Santa House!

