

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: February 27, 2025
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of March 3, 2025

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical dredging by the city and hydraulic dredging by Savin Lake Services are paused for the winter due to the ice and cold temperatures. Both will return as soon as weather and permits allow.

For the dam project, our engineering firm, GEI, is continuing design work for the dam. The City and GEI have submitted the full application for the second phase of the Dam Risk Reduction Grant (DRRG) and we hope to hear back by April. We are still waiting on the grant agreement for the second approved grant (High Hazard Potential Dams – HHPD).

March Board of Review. The March Board of Review will meet at Clare City Hall, 202 W. Fifth Street, Clare MI 48617, at the following times:

March 4, 2025 (1:00 pm) – Organizational Meeting – No Appeals
March 10, 2025 (9:00 am – 3:00 pm) – Appeal Hearing
March 11, 2025 (3:00 pm – 9:00 pm) – Appeal Hearing

If you have questions about your tax assessment change notice or wish to schedule an appointment, contact the City Assessor's Office at 989-424-4066 or 517-940-2823, or email assessor@cityofclare.gov.

If you do not make an appointment, you may have to wait for an available time. Residents and non-residents may protest by letter; the written appeal must be received prior to 12:00 pm, on March 11th, 2025. Appeals delivered via email will not be accepted, please drop it off or mail it to:
City of Clare, 202 W. Fifth St., Clare, MI 48617.

Let Water Run Order. We are continuing to monitor the frost levels and at this time the let water run notice is still in place for the City of Clare. We have advised residents to continue to do so until they see a city notice directing them that the order is lifted. *Notice is attached.*

DDA Meeting. The DDA held their meeting on February 20th. They had several items and discussion topics on their agenda which included:

- Approved a request from the Clare County Arts Council to fund a portion of the 2025 Art Sculpture Walk and contribute to the purchase one of last year's art pieces to be placed in the DDA
- Discussion/Update regarding the process of expanding the boundaries of the DDA to include the Depot
- Discussion/Update regarding the replacement of trees in the DDA
- Discussion on the 25/26 DDA budget
- Discussion on a potential Downtown Music One Day Event
- Discussion on Members First Credit Union's upcoming Volunteer Day and potential projects
- Approval of Excusals, Minutes, Financials, and Payment of Bills

50th Annual Irish Festival. March is the time for Leprechauns and Irish Festivals. The City of Clare's 50th Annual Irish Festival is coming up soon. It takes place from March 11-15 and will have lots of great

activities during the week and weekend. I have included the flyer (*attached*) with this report that lists the events, specials, and entertainment going on throughout the festival. Hopefully everyone can attend the events and make this 50th celebration an Irish Festival to remember.

Assessing RFP. Recently, the City received notice that our contracted Assessor, Michigan Assessing Coalition, Inc., (MAC) is terminating their contract with the City of Clare due to staffing levels and narrowing their coverage area. The current contract is for three years and we are close to the end of the 2nd year. The 2nd year of the contract ends April 30th and MAC will terminate on that date. They have provided the required 60 day notice to end the contract. An RFP has been prepared and sent out for Assessing Services for the City and is scheduled for a bid opening on April 1st. We sent the RFP to multiple newspapers, MML, other organizations, and to the Michigan Assessors Association, which posted and emailed notice to all their members. The bids will be presented to the City Commission for approval of a new Assessor for the City.

Taser Demonstration. As you know, the City's Police Department recently purchased new Axon Tasers to replace our old tasers. These new tasers are safer and more effective and use the most up-to-date less lethal technology available. If you would like to see more information about them you can do so at the following website: <https://www.axon.com/products/taser-10>. After the meeting of March 3rd, the Police Department has arranged to provide the City Commission with a live demonstration of the use of the tasers and their enhanced technology. I have also attached a product information document to this report.

Attachments:

1. Let Water Run Notice.
2. 50th Annual Irish Festival Flyer.
3. Axon Taser 10 Information Document.



LET WATER RUN NOTICE



**The City of Clare has issued a 'Let Water Run' order.
Please do the following to ensure your water lines do not freeze:**

- Water is to run 24 hours a day from ONE faucet.
- Stream is to be the size of a pencil lead or slightly larger.
- Do NOT shut water off until directed to do so by the City of Clare.
- The City of Clare is NOT responsible for thawing frozen water lines.
- Water bill will be averaged on past consumption during the 'Let Run' order.

Contact the Utility Billing Department for questions about the 'Let Run' order at:
(989) 424-4071.

50th Annual CLARE IRISH FESTIVAL



**MARCH
11th - 15th, 2025
CLARE, MICHIGAN**



TUESDAY, MARCH 11th

6:30pm-7:30pm Chelsea House Orchestra Performance
At Ideal Theater. *Sponsored by Benchley Chiropractic Clinic, Buccilli's Pizza of Clare, & Ideal Theater*
8pm-10pm Irish Comedy Tour - At Doherty Hotel. *Sponsored by Clare County Convention and Visitors Bureau, JX Truck Center - Clare, Sound Productions Entertainment, My104.3, Buck92.3, & The Doherty Hotel*

5am-6pm Cops & Doughnuts - Special Irish baby cakes and donuts
9am-5:30pm Stitches for Britches - Daily Giveaways. 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
9am-5:30pm Almost Up North - 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
10am-10pm Arby's - \$9.99 Corned Beef Reuben Meal
10:45am-10pm Timeout Tavern - Reubens, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinners. Food and Green Drink Specials
11am-9pm Buccilli's Pizza of Clare - Reuben Sub
11am-9pm The Evening Post - Green beer, TACO TUESDAY! \$2 beef \$3 chicken \$4 steak soft or hard shell
1pm Clare County Arts Council - Shamrock & Spring Flowers Class. \$30 deposit, total cost \$35. 989.698.6539 to register
4pm-8pm Doherty Hotel - Irish Food & Beverages
4pm-9pm Four Leaf Brewing - Taco Tuesday Test Kitchen, Featuring Chef Andy Bryan's Irish Taco Dinner
6pm-7:30pm Clare FCA - FCA Pancake Supper at Clare High School Cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased at door. \$30 for family or \$10 for individual. All proceeds go to Clare FCA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th

5pm-7pm Business After Hours - At Doherty Hotel. *Sponsored by Mercantile Bank & CFX-95.3*
6:30pm Mid Michigan Big Brothers Big Sisters Auction - At Doherty Hotel

5am-6pm Cops & Doughnuts - Special Irish baby cakes and donuts
7am-3pm 505 Cafe - Irish Food & Drink Specials. Discount if participating in Spirit Week
9am-5:30pm Stitches for Britches - Daily Giveaways. 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
9am-5:30pm Almost Up North - 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
10am-10pm Arby's - \$9.99 Corned Beef Reuben Meal
10:45am-10pm Timeout Tavern - Reubens, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinners. Food and Green Drink Specials
11am-9pm Buccilli's Pizza of Clare - Reuben Sub
11am-9pm The Evening Post - Green beer, \$1 wings boneless & traditional, \$2 pints \$3 tall (domestic only)
4pm-9pm Four Leaf Brewing - Irish Pub Food Specials. 6pm 5th Annual Irish Pub Trivia Night. No cost to play, reservations encouraged, 18 years of age or older, and festive gifts & prizes to be won
4pm-9pm Doherty Hotel - Irish Food and Beverages

Clare Parks & Rec & Pere Marquette District Library -
PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

IRISH FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

First Prize: \$2,550. CASH
2nd Prize: \$550 Cash - 3rd Prize: \$250 Cash
Tickets \$5 each
Drawing 6pm Monday, March 17th
At Cops & Doughnuts



THURSDAY, MARCH 13th

6pm-7:30pm Irish Recipe Contest with The Clare High School Jazz Band & The Farwell High School Melodic Fusion Band - At Clare High School Cafeteria. *Sponsored by Mid Michigan College*
6:30pm Stein Holding Contest - At Four Leaf Brewing. *Sponsored by R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.*
7:30pm-9pm Gateway Community Band Concert - At Clare High School Gym

5am-6pm Cops & Doughnuts - Special Irish baby cakes and donuts
7am-3pm 505 Cafe - Irish Food & Drink Specials. Discount if participating in Spirit Week
9am-5:30pm Stitches for Britches - Daily Giveaways. 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
9am-5:30pm Almost Up North - 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
10am-10pm Arby's - \$9.99 Corned Beef Reuben Meal
10am-Close Ruckle's Pier - Irish Nachos, Reuben Soup, Reuben Egg Rolls, & Grasshoppers
10:45am-10pm Timeout Tavern - Reubens, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinners. The Mega Mary. Food & Green Drink Specials. 6:30pm-9:30pm Live Music by Ryan Amb's
11am-9pm Buccilli's Pizza of Clare - Reuben Sub
11am-9pm The Evening Post - Irish Trivia, Green beer, Reuben's, Irish cheddar burger specials
12pm-9pm Clare/Farwell American Legion Post 558 - Special Reuben Sandwich & Irish Drink Special. 4pm-7pm Live music by Pickers
12pm-9pm Four Leaf Brewing - Irish Pub Food Specials. 6pm-9pm Locals night featuring a lovely evening of live music by Generations & Harmonies
4pm-8pm Doherty Hotel - Irish Food and Beverages
5pm-10pm The Trap Door - Clare's Celtic Return. Live Music by Travis Wardin
6pm Clare Moose Lodge - Trivia with Stacia and Karaoke
McEwan Street Fudge & Ice Cream Shop - Fudge, Ice Cream, Gelato, Candy, and Hot Chocolate Specials with Free Kids Prizes and Free Samples

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th

1pm Road Closures - McEwan Street from 5th to 3rd and 4th Street from Alley to Alley
4pm Irish Storytime - At Ideal Theater. *Sponsored by Jay's Sporting Goods*
5pm-11:30pm Firepits - Firewood sponsored by Members First Credit Union
5pm-11pm Food Trucks - Downtown
5:30pm Blessing at the Blarney Stone - Intersection of 4th and McEwan Streets. *Shamrock Pins sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kleinhart and Family*
6pm Barrel Race - At Four Leaf Brewing. *Sponsored by Four Leaf Brewing & CFX-95.3*
6pm-7:30pm Black Murray Band - Under Entertainment Tent on East 4th Street. *Sponsored by Schumacher Insurance Agency, Letherer Truss, Inc., Sound Productions Entertainment, & Big Top Rental*
8pm Drone Show - Downtown. *Sponsored by Maury Irwin State Farm Insurance, Clare Rotary Club, The Twisted Fork, CFX-95.3, & Real American Beer*
8pm-10:30pm Kennedy's Kitchen Band - Under Entertainment Tent on East 4th Street. *Sponsored by Jay's Sporting Goods, Sound Productions Entertainment, & Big Top Rental*

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, cont.

7am-3pm 505 Cafe - Irish Food & Drink Specials. Discount if participating in Spirit Week
8am-3pm Herrick House & Mulberry Cafe - Breakfast - Dublin Omelet & Corned Beef Hash. Lunch - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner with potatoes & Carrots and Reuben Sandwich
9am-5:30pm Stitches for Britches - Daily Giveaways. 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
9am-5:30pm Almost Up North - 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
10am-10pm Arby's - \$9.99 Corned Beef Reuben Meal
10am-Close Ruckle's Pier - Perch Dinner, Broiled Cabbage, Reuben Egg Rolls, & Grasshoppers
10:45am-10pm Timeout Tavern - Reubens, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. The Mega Mary. Food and Green Drink Specials.
11am-10pm Buccilli's Pizza of Clare - Reuben Sub. 4pm-9pm Dine in Special Large Pizza 3 items, 24 Piece Cheese Stix w/sauce, & 2 Drinks \$25
11am-9pm Doherty Hotel - Irish Food and Beverages. 4pm Two-U Duo, 8pm Kevin Chamberlain, 8pm Viva Rex
12pm-8pm Clare Moose Lodge - Reuben Specials. 6pm-10pm Love Music by The Lonesome Strangers
12pm-9pm Clare/Farwell American Legion Post 558 - Special Reuben Sandwich and Irish Drink Special. 5:30pm-8:30pm Live music by The Real Deal Blues Band
12pm-10pm Four Leaf Brewing - Irish Pub Food Specials. 7pm 'Pot O' Gold Karaoke
5pm-12am The Trap Door - Irish Food & Drink Specials
5pm-2am The Evening Post - DJ, Green Beer, Grasshoppers, Reuben's, Irish Cheddar Burgers, Corned Beef & Cabbage - Sponsored Giveaways
6pm-2am The Venue - Live Music by Jedi Mind Trip 7pm-11pm. DJ & Dancing 11pm-2am
McEwan Street Fudge & Ice Cream Shop - Fudge, Ice Cream, Gelato, Candy, and Hot Chocolate Specials with Free Kids Prizes and Free Samples
Opened 24 Hours Cops & Doughnuts - Special Irish Pastries and Donuts
Opened 24 Hours Whitehouse - Irish Specials

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th

The Unipiper - Strolling throughout Clare and in the parade. *Sponsored by McEwan Street Fudge and Ice Cream Shop, Gateway Pharmacy, Eagle Pharmacy, & Harrison Family Pharmacy*
9am Leprechaun Contest - At Witbeck's Family Foods. *Sponsored by Witbeck's Family Foods*
8am Clare Irish Festival Road Race 2M, 5K, 10K, Walk - Start at Clare High School. 10K starts at 9am, 5K starts at 9:05am, and 2 mile walk starts at 9:15am. Sign up at ClareIrishFestival.com
Co-Sponsored by WCTM
9am Kiss my Irish A\$\$ - Next to Whitehouse Restaurant
9am-6pm Strongman Competition - At Witbeck's Family Foods. *Sponsored by Huntington Bank, Mammoth Distilling, & Witbeck's Family Foods*
9am Irish Whistle Instruction - At Ideal Theater. Free Irish Whistle for the first 100 attendees. *Sponsored by Isabella Bank & Ideal Theater.*
9:30am-11am Some Ukulele Nuts - Irish Performance at Cops & Doughnuts
10am-11:30pm Firepits Firewood *Sponsored by Members First Credit Union*
10am-4pm Irish Craft & Vendor Market - At Clare Primary School

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th, cont.

10am-4pm Food Truck - Clare Primary School
10:30am-11:30am & 3pm-4pm Northern Irish Dance Academy - Under tent on East 4th Street. *Sponsored by Wood's Household, Buccilli's Pizza of Clare, Sound Productions Entertainment, & Big Top Rental*
10:30am-12pm & 2pm-3:30pm Joel Tacey's Tiptop Entertainment - Strolling Downtown. *Sponsored by Clare Kiwanis*
11am-11:30pm Food Trucks - Downtown
12pm PARADE - On McEwan Street from Clare VFW to 3rd Street. *Sponsored by MyMichigan Health*
2pm Irish Bed Race - Event starts immediately following parade - McEwan Street from 3rd to 5th Streets. *Sponsored by Jim's Body Shop*
2pm White Pine Pipes and Drums - Strolling throughout Clare. *Sponsored by Timeout Tavern, The Trap Door, The Evening Post, Ruckle's Pier, Four Leaf Brewing, & The Doherty Hotel*
3pm Barrel Race - At Four Leaf Brewing. *Sponsored by Four Leaf Brewing & CFX-95.3*
4pm Most Irish Contest - In front of Cops & Doughnuts
4:30pm Red Hat Strutters - Performing Downtown McEwan St.

8am-3pm 505 Cafe - Irish Food & Drink Specials. Discount if participating in Spirit Week. 9am-3pm Souvenir Tent with Irish Merchandise for kids and adults
8am-3pm Herrick House & Mulberry Cafe - Breakfast - Dublin Omelet & Corned Beef Hash. Lunch - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner with potatoes & Carrots and Reuben Sandwich
8am-9pm Doherty Hotel - Irish Food & Beverages. 12pm & 8pm Kevin Chamberlain, 3pm Two-U Duo, 2:30pm & 8pm Viva Rex
9am-12pm Elaine's Hair & Nails - \$5 Hair Tinsel
10am-2pm Stitches for Britches - Daily Giveaways. 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
10am-2pm Almost Up North - 25% off Select St. Patty's Day Merch
10am-10pm Arby's - \$9.99 Corned Beef Reuben Meal
10am-Close Ruckle's Pier - Grasshoppers
10:45am-10pm Timeout Tavern - Reubens, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. The Mega Mary. Food & Green Drink Specials
11am-8:30pm Ponderosa - Special Irish Buffet
11am-10pm Buccilli's Pizza of Clare - Reuben Sub. Pizza Buffet w/green dough. 7pm-10pm Dine in Special Large Pizza 2 items, 12 Piece Cheese Stix, Cinna Stix & 2 Drinks \$20
11am-2am The Evening Post - Live DJ, Bloody Mary Bar, Green Beer, Grasshoppers, Reuben's, Irish Cheddar Burgers, Corned Beef and Cabbage Specials, Sponsored Giveaways
12pm-5pm Pettit Kapplinger VFW Post 5738 - Irish Stew
12pm-8pm Clare Moose Lodge - Reuben Specials. 2pm-4pm Live Music by The Clown Band. 4pm-6pm Live Music by Jasper Creek
12pm-9pm Clare/Farwell American Legion Post 558 - Special Reuben Sandwich and Irish Drink Special. 2pm-4:30pm Live Music by Tamra Mackie. 5:30pm-8:30pm Live Music by Woodman Unplugged
12pm-10pm Four Leaf Brewing - Enjoy The Luck of the Brew, Irish Pub Food Specials, and Live Music
12pm-12am The Trap Door - Drink Specials
12:30pm-2am The Venue - Irish Hoedown, Mechanical Bull, Cornhole from 12:30pm-4pm, followed by Derek Winter from 4pm-6:30pm, ending with St. Paddy's Black Out Party, DJ, & Dancing from 6:30pm-2am.
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Opened 24 Hours Whitehouse - Irish Specials

Special Recognition - **GFL - Irish Festival Clean Up / Clare DDA & Cops & Doughnuts - Light Pole Banners**



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Through extensive research and customer feedback, Axon has developed our most capable and sophisticated TASER energy weapon to date. TASER 10 has a maximum range of 45 feet and 10 probes, featuring individually targeted probes and any-probe connect. These new capabilities significantly increase accuracy and effectiveness, decreasing the likelihood of escalation to lethal force.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

/ 45-FOOT MAXIMUM RANGE

At nearly double the range of previous TASER energy weapons, TASER 10 creates more time and space to de-escalate and resolve conflicts.

/ 10 SINGLE-PROBE CARTRIDGES

10 single-probe cartridges provide users with up to 9 opportunities to achieve an effective connection and induce neuromuscular incapacitation (NMI).

/ INDIVIDUALLY TARGETED PROBES

Intuitive single probe deployment allows users to place each probe with precision and accuracy regardless of distance to the subject. Users can also create their own spread up close and at a long range, choosing their preferred target area.

/ ANY-PROBE CONNECT

Intelligent, any-probe connect with spread optimizer energizes up to 4 probes at once to maximize the effectiveness of the probe deployment.

/ VR INTEGRATION

Integration with Axon VR allows officers to enhance TASER proficiency, use-of-force decision-making, confidence and accuracy under stress.

/ AUDIBLE AND VISUAL WARNING ALERT

A bright pulsing light and loud alert sound emit whenever the weapon's Warning Alert is initiated, allowing the user the opportunity to de-escalate without deploying cartridges.



/ MULTIPLE MAGAZINES

Multiple magazine and cartridge types allow officers to train more efficiently and differentiate between training and duty weapon use in Axon Evidence.

/ INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

Axon Device Manager mobile application allows agencies to quickly assign weapons and accessories and efficiently manage devices in the field.

/ DOCK AND WALK FUNCTIONALITY

Automatic firmware updates and weapon log upload saves agencies time and ensure weapons are always up to date.

/ RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

One battery for the life of the weapon; TASER 7 battery and dock compatibility.

/ DAYLIGHT GREEN LASER

A more visible green LASER improves user aim in daylight scenarios.

/ ENHANCED DATA MANAGEMENT

Full integration with Axon Evidence allows agencies to manage newly designed pulse graphs, weapon logs, and weapon evidence PDFs.

/ ENHANCED DATA TRACKING

Automatically tracks when TASER 10 is inserted or removed from a holster, estimates deployment distance, and tracks which probes make a connection.

SPECIFICATIONS

WEATHER RESISTANCE

Dust and Water Ingress
Protection to International
Ingress Protection IP67

HOUSING

High Impact Polymer

OPERATING TEMPERATURE

-4 to 122 degrees F
[-20 to 50 degrees C]

DROP TEST

5-foot [1.5 M] drop

HUMIDITY

95% non-condensing

LASER

Class 3R Green LASER or
Class 2 Green Available

ILLUMINATION

210 Lumen LED in normal
flashlight operation, 1000 Lumen
Strobing LED in warning mode

WARRANTY

1 Year Manufacturer with
additional warranties available

USEFUL LIFE

5 Years (Recommended)

