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

**CITY ORDINANCE REMINDERS**

It is the city’s responsibility to ensure a clean and safe environment for everyone to work and live. To maintain the beauty and functionality of our city, we have city ordinances regarding vehicle storage and parking, seasonal vehicles, and tall grass & weeds. We kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these regulations. Compliance with city ordinances helps maintain the quality of life we all enjoy in our community. Ordinance Codes are available on the City’s website [www.cityofclare.gov](http://www.cityofclare.gov).

***Vehicle Storage and Parking, Sec. 52-308***

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. Parked recreational vehicles must also be licensed. The parking or storage of a commercial vehicle, excluding an emergency vehicle, of more than two-ton capacity is prohibited within any residential district. Anyone who fails to comply is guilty of a civil infraction and liable for a civil fine of up to \$500.00.

***Seasonal Vehicles (Campers, RVs, Watercraft, ATVs, UTVs), Sec. 52-310***

All campers, RVs, watercraft (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), all snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, and other similar items, if stored upon a designated parcel must:

- Be operable, registered, and licensed if registration/licenses are required for the unit under state law.
- Be stored upon, or in, fully operational trailers registered and licensed under state law.
- Be stored or parked on a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard-surface material and only during the period each year, between April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> for summer in-season use.
- If storage is in a required front yard, storage must be upon a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard surfaced material.
- No camper, RV, boat, trailer, or the like may be parked in a rear or side yard closer than five feet from a public sidewalk, ten feet from the curb if present, or ten feet from the edge of a roadway without a curb.
- No vehicle, camper, RV, boat, trailer, ATV, UTV, or the like shall be stored on a vacant lot.
- Total number of campers, RVs, watercraft (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, and other similar items is limited to a maximum of four in any combination.
- All residences, including corner lots, are regulated so that the “front” of the house is designated by the street address thereby defining the front yard, side yard, and back yard accordingly.
- Violations of this section are deemed civil infractions, punishable by a fine of \$250.00 for a first offense, and \$500.00 for a second offense.

***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.

**SPECIAL ELECTION – Clare-Gladwin RESD Millage Renewal Proposal – Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

The City of Clare’s polling place location is at the Pere Marquette District Library, 185 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm The Clerk’s office will be open on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7am-3pm for voters who need to register or need an absentee ballot. If you need an application for an absentee ballot or if you have questions, please contact the City Clerk’s office at (989) 386-7541.

## **RESIDENTIAL TRASH, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE COLLECTION REMINDER**

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

- **Bulk Items:** Allowed 1 item per week. Please contact Utilities at (989) 424-4071 before placing the item at the curb.
- **Recycling:** Boxes that do not fit in your recycling tote must be broken down, tied together, and not to exceed 35 pounds. The tote is to be placed curbside with the handle facing the residence.
- **Garbage:** Items must be placed in the 96-gallon tote provided by GFL. The tote is to be placed curbside with the handle facing the residence. There is a no “bag” limit, but all materials must be bagged (no “boxes” of trash).
- **Yard Waste:** Yard waste collection will begin April 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue until November 30<sup>th</sup>, unless substantial snowfall occurs before November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **SPECIAL ELECTION – CLARE-GLADWIN RESD – Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District Area Career and Technical Education Millage Renewal Proposal. The City of Clare’s polling place location is at the Pere Marquette District Library, 185 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm The Clerk’s office will be open on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7am-3pm for voters who need to register or need an absentee ballot. If you need an application for an absentee ballot or if you have questions, please contact the City Clerk’s office at (989) 386-7541.

**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. If you have a large amount of brush please call (989) 424-4071. **Tentative Chipping Dates are May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

## **UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS**

### ***The Great EGGstravaganza***

Join Clare Parks & Recreation and the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for the annual egg drop event at the Clare Municipal Airport. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Over 1,800 plastic eggs will be dropped from an airplane for children to recycle for candy, along with other children’s activities.

### ***Time for Tea***

You are cordially invited to the Pere Marquette District Library on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., for a Mad Hatter Tea Party. Cost: \$17 per ticket. Hor D’oeuvres by Dairy Phil will be served.

### ***Summer Concert Series***

The Summer Concert Series will be held at Shamrock Park, 221 Wilcox Parkway from June 5<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Concerts will be held on Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm.

For more information on Clare Parks and Recreation events, please contact: [jsimmer@cityofclare.gov](mailto:jsimmer@cityofclare.gov) or call (989) 424-4074.

## **HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025 for Memorial Day.

### **CITY OF CLARE PHONE NUMBERS**

- Airport (989) 424-4104
- Assessor (989) 424-4066
- City Hall (989) 386-7541
- Elections (989) 424-4068
- Fire (non-emergency) (989) 386-2151
- Police (non-emergency) (989) 386-2121
- Public Works (989) 386-2182
- Recreation (989) 424-4074
- Treasurer (989) 424-4069
- Water Treatment (989) 386-2321

### **OTHER HELPFUL CLARE AREA PHONE NUMBERS**

- Animal Control (989) 539-2331
- Building & Electrical Permits (989) 539-2761
- Clare Chamber of Commerce (989) 386-2442
- Clare County Transit (989) 539-1474
- County Clerk & Register of Deeds (989) 539-7131
- Library (989) 386-7576
- Post Office (989) 386-7682
- Sheriff’s Department (989) 539-7166