



Monthly Director's Report, January 7, 2016 Parks and Recreation

Past Events

One of the Christmas events that are still to come this season is **Santa's Mailbox**. His mailbox is located in the front entrance of City Hall. Santa Mail provides a direct mailing service between residents of the Clare area and Santa Claus himself. Children, who drop their letters in the box before December 12th, will be able to receive a letter back from Santa!

North Pole Calling will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. During this event someone from the "North Pole" (Santa, Mrs. Claus, or an elf) will call the registered children and will take a few moments to chat with them about life at the North Pole and getting ready for Christmas.

Current Events

Senior Cards and Coffee continues each Wednesday, at the Pere Marquette District Library from 10 am-12pm. This is a free and fun way for seniors and older adults to get together with peers in the community to socialize. Weekly attendance varies from 8-11 individuals.

Current Grants and Donations

Received a call from the representative from the Operator's Union letting us know that they will be donating excavation of the Recreation Complex and we will receive more information in January regarding their projected timeline.

On December 23, 2015, we received the \$20,000 grant award check from the Strosacker Foundation.

Future Events

The **ice rink** at Shamrock Park has been assembled and when the ground freezes and it stays cold enough to form ice inside the rink, the rink will be in use once again! Water will be put in the rink as the weather continues to get colder. Due to the unusual winter we are having, it may be mid-January before it is completely ready for use.

Planning has been started for the 2016 Clare Irish Fest and Summer Concert Series. Another project on the horizon includes the Great EGGstravagana in April.

- * Updates on the **DNR 5-year Master Plan** update are still being worked on.
- * A meeting is scheduled with Clare Family Fitness to schedule the Diabetes Awareness Walk.
- * We are still in the works with the Pere Marquette District Library and a former Central student, to get a **Community Fit Club** started in the spring.