

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners
FROM: Diane Lyon, City Clerk
DATE: March 17, 2016
RE: *Communications

For the Agenda of March 21, 2016

***Note: This is a Consent Agenda item and is considered as routine by the City Commission. As such, this matter shall be automatically enacted by one motion with all other Consent Agenda items unless a Commissioner or citizen requests this item be individually discussed, in which event it shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered and acted upon in its designated sequence on the approved Clare City Commission agenda of March 21, 2016.**

The following major items of correspondence were either received by or transmitted by the City since the last regularly scheduled City Commission meeting:

MLive Newsfeed. Two recent news articles covering Downtown Clare's Historic District nomination to the National Register of Historic Places are attached for the Commission's review.

The Loop. MML's most recent newsletter is attached for review.

Letter from Resident. The city received the attached letter from a resident concerning the postal conversion.

Attachments. As outlined above.

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Clare Downtown Historic District nominated to National Register of Historic Places



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Jeff Schrier | MLive.com Clare Congregational Church on Fifth Street in downtown Clare is included in the Clare Downtown Historic District that was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places along with sites in Bay City, Kalamazoo, Detroit and Mackinac County.

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Michigan sites nominated to National Register of Historic Places include Clare, Detroit, Bay City, Kalamazoo and U.P. (31 photos)



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Detroit's Pontchartrain Club and a northern Michigan town among new historic places

By Heather Jordan | heather_jordan@mlive.com[Follow on Twitter](#)

on March 14, 2016 at 12:00 PM, updated March 14, 2016 at 12:02 PM

LANSING, MI — Detroit's Pontchartrain Club/Town House Apartments, a former Masonic temple in Bay County and a northern Michigan town characterized by its Neoclassical architecture are among several spots recently nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The locations, including the Clare Downtown Historic District, were nominated during the January State Historic Preservation Review Board meeting, according to a Michigan State Housing Development Authority news release.

"This is quite an achievement for Clare Downtown Historic District," Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, said in a statement. "This area makes up the historic commercial core of the city and is certainly deserving of a listing in the National Register of Historic Places."

The Clare Downtown Historic District is situated along four blocks of North McEwan Street in the city of Clare. It is home to 51 buildings, two structures, one site and two objects, dating as early as 1873.

"If you have ever visited Downtown Clare you know it has a charm all its own," Rep. Joel Johnson, R-Clare, said in a statement. "I am proud to say that the city I call home has been nominated for this prestigious distinction."

The State Historic Preservation Review Board also approved the nomination of the following historic sites for listing. Follow the links for more information and the history of each place:

- **Sacred Heart (Gros Cap) Church** in Mackinac County's Moran Township
- **Bay City Masonic Temple**
- **Eric and Margaret Ann (Davis) Brown House in Kalamazoo**
- **Pontchartrain Club/Town House Apartments, WJBK-TV Studios Building, New Center Commercial Historic District and Professional Plaza Tower** all located in Detroit

The earliest buildings constructed in the Clare Downtown Historic District are three former residences, all framed with wood and designed using local materials available at that time, the release states. Of the three, the 1882 Goodman House at 120 E. Fifth is the most intact.

The district's two most architecturally important 19th century buildings are the adjoining Doherty Opera House (1891) and Clare County Savings Bank (1887). These buildings were designed in the Late Victorian style with complimentary broad upper facades, according to the release.

The Clare Congregational Church, listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1995, also is significant, particularly because of architect W. T. Cooper.

The Bay City Masonic Temple, 700 N. Madison Ave., was originally built in 1891 and rebuilt following a fire in 1903, according to

Ron Bloomfield, director of operations and chief historian for the Bay County Historical Society.

"The temple is a significant building because at the time it was built, the late 1800s, it was considered to be one of the finest examples of Masonic temple architecture," Bloomfield said. "It was heralded as one of the most handsome Masonic buildings in the country, at the time."

Bloomfield said being on the National Register is "like a stamp of approval" and makes certain types of funding potentially available.

"The National Register is more than a list of resources that have been researched and identified as locally and nationally significant," State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway said in a statement. "The register is a tool for honoring and preserving historic properties."

The National Register of Historic Places is a program of the National Park Service within the U.S. Department of the Interior, the release states. In Michigan, the State Historic Preservation Office administers the program. Nominated sites are generally added to the Register within 45 days of being submitted.

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Flint Mayor Dr. Karen Weaver to Speak at Capital Conference

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New Guide to Placemaking

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You can read the rules through, but, they basically say that if you as a property owner get your mail delivered to a mailbox on your porch and it's been done that way at least a year then you are grandfathered in and the Post Office can't change where and how your mail is delivered unless they get you to sign an agreement. It's your signature that's important because they are required to get the signature of every property owner affected by the change. In some cases they propose to put banks of mailboxes at one end of the street rather than delivering to your door. They have told the merchants that they will have communal boxes in one location rather than having their mail brought into the stores as has been done for more than the 35 years I've been in business. The tactics have been underhanded at best. But once again, the changes CAN'T happen without the signature of every property owner affected.

Don't sign anything unless it improves mail delivery for you.