



## Monthly Director's Report, June 2016

### **Current Events:**

The 2016 **Summer Concert Series** started on June 9, 2016. Flyers were printed and distributed to the schools and to local businesses. The series will take place 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays until August 18, 2016. The "Summer Fun" addition will return for its second year during the June and July concerts. There have been a couple of organizations who have committed to running craft or game station during the concerts. MacTV has also contacted and asked if they would be able to follow the series for a community project that they are currently working on.

**Summer Soccer Camp** is being held on June 20-23rd, with a participant base of 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This camp will be run by the Clare Varsity Soccer program. A portion of the proceeds from the camp will go to the Clare Parks and Recreation Dept. with a majority being kept by the varsity program. There is no cap on how many children may participate and we are taking registrations up until the first day of the program. Participants have the option to attend a goalie camp and/or soccer skills and tactics camp.

**Junior Fire Fighters Academy** is back again this year to allow the area youth an opportunity to learn fire safety and prevention through hands-on activities and informative discussions. The program will take place on June 30, 2016. The Parks and Recreation Dept. along with volunteers from the Clare Fire Department will help assist the children enrolled in the camp. The fee for the academy is \$10.00 a person, and includes an award certificate, t-shirt, and lunch.

**Wonders of Water Camp** is set to take place on July 18, 2016 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This camp will be a collaboration between Clare Parks and Recreation and Waste Water Treatment Department. The program is free, but we will only be taking in twenty registrants this year. The participants will be educated on the value of water as a resource and to do some educational activities involving water (bug picking, sampling, etc.). Lunch is being donated by the Brankel family.

Early **Soccer Registration** started mid-May. So far we have had over sixty registrations turned in for the program. Last year's soccer season brought in over 304 participants. Registration will continue until August 1, 2016. Flyers were printed, bundled and distributed in early May.

**Senior Cards and Coffee** is held weekly at the Pere Marquette District Library from 10-12 p.m. With the Now that winter is over our seniors who vacationed out of state are back and the attendance has been ten or more seniors each week.

The Operators Union Local 324 started groundwork at the **Recreation Complex** on May 23, 2016 and they have been making a lot of progress at the site.

Clare parks and Recreation has been working with **Relay for Life** for their 2016 fundraiser in Clare County. The event will take place on July 16, 2016 at the Clare City Park from 10 a.m. - midnight.

The Parks and Recreation Department has been working on a **Community Fit Club** with a Central Michigan University fitness graduate and the **Pere Marquette District Library**. There were two dates held back in May and there are three total set for June. The club is free to community members to help promote health and fitness within the community.

We will hold a **soccer equipment swap** for parents of our soccer players. We will be placing donation boxes in the entrance of City Hall and Clare Family Fitness next month.

The license application has been sent in for the **Fall Soccer Raffle**. We are now waiting on the license to come back and then the tickets will be ordered, so that they can be bundled and ready for August distribution to the coaches. The ticket price will remain the same as last year with \$1/ticket or 6/\$5 and the prize amounts being \$300/\$200/\$100. The players who sell all of their twenty-four assigned tickets will be entered into a drawing for various prizes. We did decrease the ticket order amount this year from 9,000 to 8,500.

Current works in progress are: **Junior Firefighter Academy** on June 30, 2016, **Wonders of Water** on July 18, 2016, **Summerfest** on June 24-25, the **Clare Fall Youth Soccer Program**, and the **Mommy and Me Tea Party** (collaborative project with the PMDL).