

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CLARE Recreation Services

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

PICKLEBALL

WHEN: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Clare Veterans Centre

COST: FREE!

Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis and tennis. All necessary equipment is provided. Please wear clean indoor shoes.

SUMMER ACTIVE CHALLENGE

We invite you to participate in our Summer Active Challenge from May 31 until August 20. Do at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times per week and contact Clare Recreation Services by phone or by e-mail at recreation@munclare.ca before 4 p.m. every Tuesday starting May 18 to be included in the weekly draw. Each week that you call or e-mail us, your name will also be entered in the grand prize draw to be won at the end of the summer. Visit our website or come to the municipal office to get your copy of the tracking sheet.

MOVE MORE

FIRST SESSION: Wednesday, May 26

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Office

COST: FREE!

Have you been thinking of starting an exercise program, but you need motivation to get going? Well, the Move More program is perfect for you. During this six-week program (two hours per week), you will try various activities, meet new friends, learn about nutrition and have fun. The next Move More will start on May 26 at the municipal office at 6:30 p.m. Participants must register in advance by contacting Recreation Services at recreation@munclare.ca.

BEACH YOGA

FIRST SESSION: Tuesday, June 29

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Mavillette Beach

COST: FREE!

Every other Tuesday in July and August

Meet us at the second staircase (civic #336), bring your mat and breathe in the sea air during free outdoor yoga sessions in partnership with Corbeau Yoga Studio. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled to the next day.



SIDEWALK CHALK GAMES

We want you to get out and enjoy the fresh spring weather. At the end of May, sidewalk chalk games will be cropping up on different sidewalks around Clare. These activities will be added throughout the summer for the entire family to enjoy. Don't forget to send us photos of all the fun!



EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Clare Recreation has a variety of recreation equipment that can be borrowed, including our new play bags, lawn bowling equipment sets, badminton and tennis rackets, lifejackets, GPS, hula hoops, washer toss, a variety of balls, and more. Contact the Recreation Manager by phone at 902-769-2031 or by e-mail at recreation@munclare.ca to learn more about our equipment loan program.

BIKE CHALLENGE

To celebrate Bike Week, Clare Recreation Services will host a Bike Challenge! From May 29 until June 6, take a bicycle tour of Clare and take a photo at an iconic park, building, trail or beach WITH your bicycle! You do not need to be in the photo, but the bicycle must be to count as a point. Each location = 1 point. You cannot submit the same location twice. You can submit your photos via Facebook Messenger or by e-mail to recreation@munclare.ca. The challenge ends on Sunday, June 6, at 11:59 p.m. and the winners will be announced on Monday, June 7. We encourage you to post your progress and invite your friends to join the challenge as well. Good luck!

List of possible locations :

- Church Point Lighthouse
- Le Petit Bois
- Cultural Hub
- Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre
- St. Bernard Church
- Church Point Church (Sainte-Marie)
- Saulnierville Church (Sacre-Cœur)
- Mavillette Beach
- Havelock Community Centre
- Cape St. Mary Lighthouse Park
- Belliveau Cove Municipal Park
- Meteghan Family Park
- Clare Veterans Centre (legion)
- Wentworth Lake Municipal Park
- Bangor Sawmill
- Smugglers Cove Provincial Park

Please be sure to check our website and social media channels for any event cancellations or postponements due to COVID-19 restrictions. Stay active and stay safe!



A BALANCED MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

In a year that has been challenging for Clare residents due to COVID-19, municipal Council and staff have been dedicated to passing a balanced budget in the amount of \$9,518,756 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, with no increase in its residential tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessment or its commercial tax rate of \$2.07 per \$100 of assessment. The Municipality will continue to invest in health, safety, innovation, transportation services and community heritage. Through its Grants to Organizations program, the Municipality will also provide a total of \$40,000 in financial assistance to several local projects aimed at preserving the region's heritage and promoting community development.

Tax bills were mailed to property owners at the end of April. The Municipality of Clare's tax deadline is June 30, 2021.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER REWARDED FOR THEIR VOLUNTEERING ACHIEVEMENTS

The Municipality of Clare would like to congratulate Joanne Deveau, the grand prize winner of the 2021 Volunteer Caregiver of the Year Award from the Alliance des femmes de la francophonie canadienne. Ms. Deveau is a caregiver for her daughter with cerebral palsy. She has also been a caregiver for her mother and mother-in-law while continuing to maintain a career. She has also helped support the construction of a group home for people with specific needs, la Maison d'Amis, which will open this spring. Congratulations, Joanne, for your dedication!

The Municipality of Clare is proud to select Joanne's daughter, Josanne Deveau, as its Volunteer Representative of the Year. Nominated by Clare Special Olympics, Josanne has volunteered for the organization for more than eight years, first to assist her sister (a Clare Special Olympics athlete), then devoting her time to coaching and fundraising. Her patience and big smile have earned her the love and respect from the athletes. Besides the Clare Special Olympics, Josanne is an active volunteer and mentor for the Clare-Digby Minor Hockey Association. She loves to see women enjoying the sport as much as she does. Congratulations, Josanne!

CLARE SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Clare Recreation Services partnered with C.O.R.D. (Clare Organizations Representing Persons with Disabilities) to recognize and thank our Clare Special Olympics athletes for representing the Municipality of Clare at the 2020 Provincial Summer Games. Due to COVID-19, the banquet and presentation of certificates (originally scheduled for March 2020) did not take place. During the week of March 7-13, 2021, Bobby Comeau, President of the Clare Special Olympics, personally presented the certificates to the athletes.



UPDATE: MAINLAND TELECOM INTERNET INSTALLATION

Since late 2020, Mainland Telecom and partnering crews have worked to build the infrastructure for a fibre-optic Internet backbone in Clare. Residences and businesses in certain areas of Clare (mainly New Edinburgh, St. Bernard and the Township Line / Highway 340 area) are now connected to high-speed Internet. So far, customer feedback has been very positive.

Besides providing fibre Internet services, Mainland plans to hold community events to increase awareness of its network footprint, service offerings and municipal involvement.

The public is invited to visit www.mainlandtelecom.com to learn more about Mainland Telecom's Internet, television and telephone options.

CANCELLATION OF 2021 GRAN FONDO

After careful consideration and monitoring of public health directives surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 edition of Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie has been cancelled. Our priority is the health and well-being of participants, volunteers, our community and supporters.

We will be back in 2022 with another stellar event that will meet the high quality and expectations that our participants and community have come to expect over the last five years. We hope to see you all on September 17 and 18, 2022!



COUNCIL MEETINGS: A reminder that municipal council meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. In order to respect the measures put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19, a limited number of 10 distanced seats will be made available to the public. We ask that members of the public please wear a mask.

WHAT IS CFA DE CLARE?

Did you know that Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has designated the Municipality of Clare as one of 14 Francophone Welcoming Communities (CFAs) in Canada? This three-year pilot project (2020-2023) aims to help make the community of Clare more welcoming to all and to ensure that all community members have a positive attitude towards new immigrants, including those who wish to settle in French.

A partnership between the Municipality of Clare and la Société acadienne de Clare, CFA de Clare aims to promote inclusive leadership, equitable access to reception and settlement services, economic and employment opportunities and community involvement through a variety of special activities and services.

A NEW COMMUNITY SKATING RINK IN CLARE

In partnership with the Municipality of Clare and with funding from IRCC, CFA de Clare is in the process of building a community outdoor synthetic ice rink. The rink will be located on the grounds of the Clare Veterans Centre. This is the first step in a year-round program to teach newcomers to skate, including in mild weather. The new rink will also fulfill one of the objectives of the Welcoming Francophone Communities initiative, which is to make public spaces in the municipality more welcoming to immigrants by creating a space where newcomers and neighbours can meet and make meaningful connections.

“JOURNÉE TUQUES ET DIVERSITÉ” CELEBRATES INCLUSION IN OUR SCHOOLS

On Thursday, March 25, 2021, the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and CFA de Clare worked together to present “Journée Tuques et Diversité” for Clare’s elementary schools Joseph-Dugas and Stella Maris. Our teachers received a fun and informative educational package on the topic of the importance of diversity. Each student left with a Communauté francophone accueillante de Clare tuque to warm their heads and hearts.

When it comes to diversity in our community, we wholeheartedly share the CSAP’s commitment to honour and celebrate diversity in all its forms. We encourage you to celebrate diversity and inclusion every day of the year!



WINNING RECIPES FROM THE KITCHEN PARTY À LA BAIE CONTEST

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Kitchen Party à la Baie contest! We really enjoyed looking at your photos and reading the stories behind your recipes. We can’t wait to try them—and now you can too! Visit www.clarenovascotia.com/en/CFAClare to see some recipes from our community. Congratulations to our grand prize winner Marguerite Durand-Bigras (and her little sisters) who submitted her recipe for soft chocolate chip cookies.



RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA BAIE WELCOME CENTRE

At the Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre on the main campus of Université Sainte-Anne in Church Point, we are pleased to offer a variety of services to newcomers. Welcome Centre Manager Jean-Paul Kalwahali is on hand to assist newcomers with the following services:

- one-on-one meetings with newcomers and special needs assessments;
- support services and accompaniment associated with the newcomer’s need in either French or English;
- referrals to community public services and referrals to appropriate services;
- visits and tours to connect newcomers to community resources and local services.



COMING UP

Mark your calendars!

We will launch our first ever COVID-19 compliant multicultural festival, Journées multiculturelles de Clare, on June 25-27, 2021. The full program will be announced shortly. Keep an eye on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CFAClare) for more details.

Are you new to Clare? We’d love to hear from you! Please contact Jean-Paul Kalwahali, Manager of the Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre, at bienvenue@munclare.ca or 902-769-2345.



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