

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CLARE Recreation Services

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Do you enjoy doing physical activity, but can not find anyone to play with? Then join us! Please note, drop-in programs taking place at schools are cancelled when school is closed (holidays, storm days, in-service days).

LINE DANCING

This line dancing class is tailored to older adults who have some experience with dancing.

WHEN: Thursdays

TIME: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Clare Veterans Centre

COST: FREE!

ADULT SKATE

It's time to lace up your skates! Older adults and parents/caregivers with infants or toddlers are welcome. Strollers may be used on the ice and skate trainers are provided on site or can be borrowed from Clare Recreation.

WHEN: Tuesdays

TIME: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Université Sainte-Anne arena

COST: \$3

COMMUNITY SOCCER

Join us for adult community soccer this winter. Soccer takes place every week on the campus of Université Sainte-Anne, dates and times to be determined. Contact Marc-Alexandre at projet@munclare.ca.



INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

Escape the winter conditions and walk comfortably indoors at École secondaire de Clare. Please wear clean indoor shoes.

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays

TIME: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: École secondaire de Clare

COST: FREE!

PICKLEBALL

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

WHEN: Mondays and Fridays

TIME: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Université Sainte-Anne

COST: FREE!

WHEN: Wednesdays

TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: École secondaire de Clare

COST: FREE!

BADMINTON

Who's up for a round of singles or doubles badminton? All necessary equipment provided! Please wear clean indoor shoes.

WHEN: Mondays

TIME: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: École secondaire de Clare

COST: FREE!

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

POLAR SURF & SWIM

On Saturday, February 11, at 11 a.m., Clare Recreation and The Good Wave Project will host the second annual Polar Surf & Swim at Mavillette Beach Provincial Park. Those interested are asked to register by e-mailing info@thegoodwaveproject.com. All proceeds go directly to the Clare Food Bank.



GIRLS ON BOARDS WATER SAFETY AND SURF PROGRAM

This spring, Clare Recreation, The Good Wave Project and the Clare Community Health Board are organizing a FREE water safety and surf program for youth ages 8-18 who identify as female or non-binary in Clare. No equipment necessary! Learn about team building, water safety, mental skills in sports, health and nutrition and first aid. To register, please contact Laura Comeau at info@thegoodwaveproject.com.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Clare Recreation Services is accepting applications from students for the following summer employment opportunities:

- Team Lead – 16 weeks
- Advertising Specialist – 15 weeks
- Special Events Coordinator – 15 weeks
- Special Events Assistant – 8 weeks

Successful applicants must possess a valid driver's license, have access to a vehicle and must be able to communicate in both official languages. Application deadline: Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Please submit your resume along with the employment application form by mail, fax or e-mail. (Employment application forms may be downloaded from our website.) All positions are pending grant approval.

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MARDI GRAS FAMILY DAY

In collaboration with la Société acadienne de Clare, CFA de Clare, le Congrès mondial acadien 2024 and our friends in Church Point, LA, we're celebrating a Cajun Mardi Gras in Clare! Stop in for some gumbo, a traditional *courir* mask-making workshop, music from the band Cadien and skating at the outdoor rink.

WHEN: Sunday, February 19

TIME: 2 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Clare Veterans Centre

COST: FREE!

PAINT FOR A CAUSE

Paint the ice at the arena at Université Sainte-Anne with a message, a name or a logo to remember a loved one. Once completed, the ice will be sealed and games and free skating will take place throughout the weekend. Donations are encouraged, with proceeds going to the Clare Special Olympics.

WHEN: Friday, March 31

TIME: doors open at 4 p.m.

WHERE: Université Sainte-Anne arena

COST: donations welcome



MARCH BREAK

In partnership with ÉcolesPlus Clare, we will be offering 3 full days of programming for March Break. Children ages 5 to 11 years old will enjoy activities such as swimming, skating, art & crafts, outdoor games and more!

WHEN: March 14, 15 and 16

TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

WHERE: Université Sainte-Anne campus

COST: \$20 per day



MEMORY CAFÉ

Sign up for a free winter social activity that helps improve social and emotional well-being for older adults with memory challenges, their caregivers and families. Take part in conversations, entertainment and one another's company once a month in a welcoming café atmosphere. Some sessions are offered in person and others virtually. Please contact the Recreation Manager by phone at 902-769-2031 or by e-mail at recreation@munclare.ca.

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Clare Recreation offers an opportunity to borrow a variety of recreation equipment including adult skates, children's skates, play bags, pétanque equipment sets, tennis rackets, life jackets, GPS devices, washer toss games, 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 borrow our equipment.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week will take place April 16 to 22, 2023. Volunteer organizations throughout the Municipality of Clare will soon be receiving nomination forms to submit the name of an outstanding volunteer within their organization. Please contact Clare Recreation Services to ensure that your volunteer organization is listed. The Municipality of Clare thanks all volunteers who devote their time and energy to helping those in need and towards the betterment of our community. Nomination forms must be submitted by no later than February 24, 2023.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CAPE TO CLIFF BEACH RUN

Join us this summer for a beach run or walk on Mavillette Beach! Registration required on RaceRoster, starting May 2023.

WHEN: Saturday, August 5

TIME: 9 a.m.

WHERE: Mavillette Beach Provincial Park

COST: \$30

www.facebook.com/capetocliffbeachrun



GRAN FONDO BAIE SAINTE-MARIE

Join hundreds of cyclists for the 6th annual Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie. Registration required on RaceRoster, starting February 1, 2023.

WHEN: September 9 and 10

WHERE: Université Sainte-Anne campus

COST: \$129

www.granfondobaiesaintemarie.ca

Are you interested in volunteering?

Contact us at recreation@munclare.ca



The Clare Community Calendar is a great tool for discovering what is going on in your community or for announcing your community event. For details, visit www.clarenovascotia.ca/en/recreation/community-calendar.





CLARE AND CHURCH POINT RENEW TWINNING AGREEMENT

Representatives of the Municipality of Clare, Nova Scotia, and the Town of Church Point, Louisiana, came together on October 8 to renew a twinning agreement dating back to 1985. This ceremony was held as part of the Great Acadian Awakening, a state-wide, nine-day celebration of the language, music, history, culture and influence of the Acadian people in the heart of Acadiana, Louisiana.

“There may be more than two thousand miles that separate us, but our residents share the same names, the same language and the same story,” says Yvon LeBlanc, Warden for the Municipality of Clare.

A delegation of five visitors from Clare met with local dignitaries and were treated to a day of festivities in Church Point. Warden LeBlanc and Church Point’s Mayor Ryan “Spanky” Meche also presented one another with a Certificate of Honorary Citizenship. During their four-day visit to Louisiana, Municipality of Clare representatives took the opportunity to promote the community of Clare, along with the upcoming Congrès mondial acadien 2024.



Municipality of Clare Warden Yvon LeBlanc (left), shakes hands with Mayor Ryan “Spanky” Meche of the Town of Church Point, LA, to celebrate the renewal of the twinning agreement between the two communities.

30 YEARS OF RADIO CIFA

On October 1, Radio CIFA had a 30th anniversary celebration with an open house at the Cultural Hub in Comeauville. Warden Yvon LeBlanc was onhand to congratulate the community radio station for being a vital link for the francophone residents of Southwest Nova Scotia and for promoting the value of the Acadian language and heritage.



Left to right: Clare MLA Ronnie LeBlanc, ARCA President Rose Madden, Radio CIFA Executive Director Lisa Doucette and Clare Warden Yvon LeBlanc

MAJORS ROAD BRIDGE INAUGURATED IN OCTOBER

On October 23, the Municipality of Clare’s Director of Community Development and Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie President Pam Doucet attended the official opening of the Majors Road Bridge. Built and maintained by the Sou’West Nova ATV Association, the bridge provides safe passage to off-road vehicles crossing the Wentworth River. Through its Grants to Organizations program, the Municipality of Clare contributed \$2,000 towards the project.



Left to right: Ron Goudey (Sou’West Nova ATV Association), Digby MLA Jill Balsler, Pam Doucet (Municipality of Clare), Warren Gibbons (Yarmouth Crane Ltd.), David Theriault (A.F. Theriault & Son Ltd.) and Clare MLA Ronnie LeBlanc

GRAND OPENING OF MULTI-USE COURT IN HAVELOCK

Havelock’s multi-use court is now open! On October 23, the Municipality of Clare through Clare Recreation Services, in partnership with the Havelock Wesleyan Church, the Havelock Fire Department and the Havelock Community Centre, hosted a fun-filled grand opening complete with bouncy castles, a barbecue, games and more. The new court is located at the site of the Havelock Community Centre (4628 Highway 340). The \$101,285 project was funded by the Municipality of Clare, with a \$18,216 contribution from the Nova Scotia Recreation Facility Development Grant.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CLARE HEALTH CENTRE

On-call appointments can be booked by phone only at 902-645-2777 as of 8 a.m. Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays and holidays. These services are available to patients of the Clare Health Centre and residents of the Municipality of Clare. No in-person appointment bookings with the on-call doctor are permitted. Please remember that this service is in high demand and should be used for urgent issues. For emergency situations or for urgent issues when no appointments with the on-call doctor are available, please call 911 or visit your nearest emergency room. Any aggression or abuse directed towards staff and providers will not be tolerated.



ARTWORK PURCHASED FOR LA VIEILLE MAISON FUNDRAISER

On December 12, Daniel Robichaud, Secretary for La Société Vieille Maison Association, and Miguel D'Eon, owner of the graphic design company Saltwreck, stopped by the office to deliver the Municipality of Clare's latest art purchase: a limited-edition map of Le Grand Déangement / The Great Acadian Upheaval. The artwork is embedded with biological DNA extracted from a real Belliveau apple tree located in Clare. The Belliveau Apple, a culturally important species of apple tree, pre-dates deportation. This series of 25 prints is a fundraising effort, with the majority of sales going to La Vieille Maison.



FIFTH SEASON OF GIVING CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

And that's a wrap for the 2022 Season of Giving campaign! The Municipality of Clare would like to thank all those who participated by either making a donation or by organizing a donation drive. A very special thank-you to the students at École secondaire de Clare, who collected two pickup truckloads of non-perishable goods! It brought us great joy to drop off food donations to the Clare Food Bank and toy donations to *Les Papas Noël de Clare*.



Left to right: ESDC students Sylvain Deveau, Alexis Ashe and Sophie LeBlanc with the Municipality of Clare's Amy Paradis—and a lot of food donations!

NEW ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IN METEGHAN

The Municipality of Clare and the Government of Canada are proud to announce the \$1.5-million funding of an active transportation project that will revitalize and expand a system of sidewalks in Meteghan. Repairing, widening and extending sidewalks in the community will enhance accessibility, functionality and safety for residents, particularly seniors and people with mobility issues.

The federal government will invest \$995,558, while the Municipality of Clare will fund the remainder of the 4-km sidewalk project.

CLARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS THANKS THE COMMUNITY

The first annual Clare for the Holidays community Christmas lunch was held on December 24. In all, 100 guests were served food at the Clare Veterans Centre and 100 meals were prepared for take-out. That entailed roughly 25 volunteers, 12 turkeys, 100 lb of potatoes and 4 crates of apples, among other ingredients that were generously donated by the community. A total of \$650 was also raised, which will go towards next year's community meal. Should you wish to donate, you may do so directly at the Caisse Populaire de Clare; please mention Shane Robicheau's Clare for the Holidays account. Many thanks to community partners, volunteers and guests for a great event!



ART ET MINÉRAUX CELEBRATED FOR 35 YEARS IN BUSINESS



Left to right: Larry Peach, Tourism Manager for the Municipality of Clare, artist and Art et Minéraux gallery owner Claude Chaloux and Councillor Nil Doucet

At the Regular Council Meeting on December 21, members of Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare congratulated Claude Chaloux on his 35th anniversary as owner of the Art et Minéraux gallery in Belliveau Cove. He was also presented a certificate from Council at his gallery. Congratulations, Claude, on your work as a local business owner and ambassador for the visual arts in Clare!

2023 PROPERTY SALE TAX BY AUCTION

The Municipality of Clare's 2023 property tax sale will be held by auction on Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. at the Clare Veterans Centre (9938 Highway 1, Saulnierville). Property listings can be consulted in local newspapers, on the municipal website and at the Municipality's Finance Department during regular office hours. Questions? Please contact the municipal office at 902-769-2031 or at taxes@munclare.ca.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: A reminder that municipal council meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers at the municipal office. These meetings are public, and everyone is welcome to attend.

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 Welcoming Francophone Communities (CFAs) in Canada? This four-year pilot project (2020-2024) 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.

Managed by the Municipality of Clare, CFA de Clare aims to promote inclusive leadership, equitable access to reception and settlement services, economic and employment opportunities and community involvement through various special activities and services.

PUMPKINS APLENTY IN LE PETIT BOIS IN OCTOBER

What a creative collective effort! In October, the community decorated close to 200 pumpkins, which were then displayed in the trails of Le Petit Bois in Church Point. Thank you to everyone who decorated a pumpkin, along with our partners Clare Recreation, École Joseph Dugas and Inclusion Clare.



COLLABORATIVE PROJECT IN PROGRESS: CLARE CUISINE +

Game creator Chad Comeau is cooking up something innovative: with the collaboration of long-term and newcomer residents in Clare, he is developing a cooking app that allows users to follow the steps of a recipe while listening to an interactive podcast. When completed, *Clare Cuisine +* will feature Acadian recipes, as well as dishes from around the world. The project is funded by Canadian Heritage, CFA de Clare and the Government of Nova Scotia. The game is expected to launch later this year.



Game creator Chad Comeau (right) and photographer Marc d'Entremont (left) met with residents like Mar Duocastella (centre) in September to document recipes from Clare and everywhere for the app *Clare Cuisine +*.

CLARE HOSTS PROVINCIAL FORUM ON IMMIGRATION

On November 7, CFA de Clare had the honour of co-hosting the Provincial Forum on the State of Francophone Immigration in Nova Scotia with its partner the *Réseau en immigration francophone de la Nouvelle-Écosse* at the Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre on the campus of Université Sainte-Anne. Designed to kick off National Francophone Immigration Week, the gathering provided an opportunity for immigration partners to converge, discuss achievements and challenges in their respective sectors, and envision the future of francophone immigration in the province. The Honourable Jill Balsler, Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration, and the Honourable Colton LeBlanc, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie, were also on hand to unveil the Action Plan for Francophone Immigration to Nova Scotia, which aims to boost the province's francophone population by 2025.



Left to right: President of *la Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse* Kenneth Deveau, the Honourable Jill Balsler, the Honourable Colton LeBlanc and Manager of *Immigration francophone de la Nouvelle-Écosse* Emmanuel Nahimana

MEMORIES OF WARMER WEATHER

This summer, community members spent a Sunday evening at the beach learning the ins and outs of clam digging with our pal Marcel Saulnier from the Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre (right). Participants also shared tips and tricks on how clams are traditionally prepared in their home countries. Keep an eye on our community calendar, as we will be hosting this activity once again in 2023.



Clare
Communauté francophone
accueillante

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

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FIRST ANNUAL MARCHÉ DES FÊTES DE CLARE

CFA de Clare and Clare Recreation kicked off the holidays on November 20, with our first ever holiday market, *le Marché des Fêtes de Clare*. Twenty vendors brought their wares to the Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre, where approximately 200 customers browsed the stalls. We had everything, from mini Christmas trees and kimchi to steamed pork buns and handmade holiday decorations. Santa Claus even paid an early visit! Thank you to everyone who helped make this day possible. Who knows... we might make this an annual tradition.



Pilar Carbone (right) and her husband Rolland Jaume from the jewellery boutique Chez Pili speak with customers during the first annual *Marché des Fêtes de Clare*.

LIGHTING OF CLARE'S LOBSTER TRAP TREE

Spectators bundled up on the evening of November 24 to observe the Municipality of Clare's very first trap tree lighting ceremony at Joseph-et-Marie-Dugas Municipal Park in Belliveau Cove. A collaboration between Clare Recreation and CFA de Clare, the tree made of more than 150 lobster traps was an ode to Clare's lobster fishing industry, and was also dedicated to all temporary foreign workers and permanent residents who have settled in the region to participate in the industry.

Many thanks to Réjean and Clyde Deveau, Carl and Zach LeBlanc and Hubert Saulnier for their generous donation of traps and buoys, as well as the Belliveau Cove Development Commission for help in assembling the trap tree.



FREE LANGUAGE COURSES IN CLARE

Are you thinking of taking language classes? CFA de Clare has two FREE opportunities!

In partnership with the French as a second language department at Université Sainte-Anne, CFA de Clare offers the *Cours de Langue pour Immigrants Canada* (CLIC) program to permanent residents and refugees in Southwest Nova Scotia. These courses are designed for people who wish to improve their language skills and employability in order to better integrate into Canadian society and obtain Canadian citizenship. For more information, please contact Anna Rémond at anna.remond@usainteanne.ca.

New to Clare and looking to learn English while making connections in the area? On Wednesday evenings, representatives from CFA de Clare and YREACH Settlement Services look forward to welcoming you to the Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a friendly chat and good cup of coffee. Families are welcome! Please reserve by contacting Marc-Alexandre at projet@munclare.ca.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On December 12, Église Sacré-Coeur in Saulnierville hosted a special mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which was held primarily in Spanish. A national holiday in Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day commemorates the appearance of Mary to the peasant Juan Diego at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City in 1531. Today, the basilica is the most-visited Catholic shrine in the world.



COMING UP: LES RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

CFA de Clare will be participating in the 25th edition of *Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*. This national initiative takes place from March 1 to 31 and promotes inclusive values by highlighting the contributions of Canadians from diverse backgrounds. Keep an eye out on our social media and local bulletin boards for details.



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