



# The Clay Connection

Water is high, watch your wake.

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## NO WAKE 200/600 FOOT RULE

Just a reminder, there is no wake for boats 26 feet and longer, 600 feet from shore or a dock. All boats should be at no wake speeds 200 feet off of a dock or shore.

Our water levels are the same or higher than it was same time last year. We have free sand bags available at the water department, call 810.794.3475 to arrange for pick up. We also have smaller "No Wake" signs available at the Clay offices designed for people who live on a canal. Everyone I talk to is catching fish. Have fun but stay safe on the water.

## Yard Waste

### Summer Hours

We are on our Summer Schedule for the Yard Waste Yard. It is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 2 PM to 6 PM and Saturdays & Sundays from 9 AM to 5 PM. If anyone wants free wood chips ask the water department.

## Fire Bond Question for Aug election for New Fire Trucks.

We will be asking our voters for a .33 mill increase in taxes to get a \$2,000,000 bond for the fire department to be used only for capital improvements. If you have a house valued at \$200,000 with a taxable value of \$100,000, it will cost you \$33 a year.

Our fire trucks are well over 20 years old and we have been spending lots of money on repairs so they can pass the yearly mandatory NFPA testing.

If passed, we will be purchasing 4 new fire trucks replacing 5 trucks, downsizing our fleet. Also, we will be replacing our boat motors which are past their useful life.

Also doing some upgrades to the building, primarily the ventilation system that is required by the state,

if people are sleeping in the stations. This money has to be used for capital improvements **only**, not operations. The Twp got in this position from the policy years ago of buying used equipment which is proven not to be cost-effective in the long run.

The useful life of a front-line fire truck is 20 years, then you might get another 10 years out of a truck as a secondary unit. We have 3 pumpers that are 24-26 years old, and a 32-year-old tanker that doesn't meet current NFPA safety standards. The new equipment will save operations costs, be more reliable to serve our community and keep our firefighters safe.

## ADDRESS SIGNS

It is important for all businesses and residences to have their street address displayed. Makes it a lot easier for our first responders. The metal address signs are at Clay Twp offices. Two-sided reflective, bright green or red with white numbers, fit on any mailbox or sign post. Delivery within 2-3

weeks. To Order, download form at [www.claytownship.org/](http://www.claytownship.org/) under documents. The cost is \$13, checks payable to the DRFFA (Down River Fire Fighters Association) Please specify color and choice of vertical or horizontal. Please include house number, mail check and form to Clay Twp, PO Box 429.

## Firework Ordinance

Clay Township has a fireworks ordinance. You are allowed to fire off low impact fireworks anytime. The new Consumer Fireworks can be fired off, on the day before, the day after and the day of the ten national holidays between the times of 8 AM to Midnight. The township received a tremendous amount of complaints last year and passed the most restrictive ordinance allowed by the State. Please think of your neighbors when using fireworks.

## Music in the Park and Free for all Wednesdays!

We are in full swing with music in the park. Every Thursday this summer starting at 7:00 pm. Aug 2 40 Beach Drive, a fun tropical band. Aug 9th, Renegae, High energy band. Also we started to have activities on Wed. Nights at 7:00 Check Clay Twp Parks & Rec Face book page for details.

**Clay Township offices will be open Friday September 14th for Summer tax collections from 9 am till 5 pm. It is your last day to pay your summer taxes with out interest.**