



The Clay Connection

Not just time to survive, but rather time to THRIVE!

July 2020

Challenging Year

We all have to deal with 100 year flooding, 40+ year pandemic, 60 year civil unrest, all in the last 3 months. We all should be proud on how resilient our community is, and many have really stepped up to help others in need. It also was a challenge to maintain all the Twp services during a lockdown without many employees working. I know things are not perfect, we still have some boats throwing wakes, people that have to be careful and mindful of the COVID virus, and yes, high water is still here. Through it all, I am glad and proud we live where we do. Many people have and still are being helped from our Community Action Plan. So many service groups, churches and individuals gave to the food pantry and food give-a-ways to fund them throughout the whole summer. DDA has a COVID 19 grant helping struggling businesses to open, keeping the employees and customers safe. I received many requests from other communities located all over the state that are trying to reproduce our efforts that we have done here. Keeping Clay Twp strong.

Community Action Plan

We have one point of contact for all needs and volunteers – Clay Twp Dispatch at policedepartment@claytownship.org or 810.794.9381

Families with financial issues.

Help with food and supplies

- Algonac Food Pantry at the Trinity United Methodist 424 Smith Street, Algonac. Current hours of operation are every Friday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- Clay Twp suspended all late fees and water shut offs during this crisis. Once over, payment arrangements can be made. Call 810.794.9303
- Clay Twp Dispatch to arrange for deliveries of food or prescriptions (from school or food pantry) or medicine from any local pharmacy at 810.794.9381 or email at policedepartment@claytownship.org

Again, it is amazing how well our community pulled together, donating both time and money to help people struggling in these hard times.

High Water

The Army Corps is stating that our water levels should be peaking now and soon start to lower. Any weather anomaly can impact our levels, any rain or wind event can increase our levels 6-8 inches. The Township will make available unfilled sandbags to its residents at cost for \$18/100 bags. They will be available at the township offices during normal business hours. The water diverter tubes that the Twp was selling last year can be bought direct from the manufacture at www.aireindustrial.net. Use promo code TUBESALE10 for a discount. With much more enforcement needed for wakes, we are having the Clay Twp Police boat out patrolling along with the Sheriff this year. The Twp has been busy shoring up our infrastructures as best as we can, (roads, water supply, waste water treatment), with many backup plans. The Twp has tried it's best to help you but it is up to each home owner to protect your own private property.

ELECTION WORKERS

Anyone interested in working the Aug 4th or the Nov. 3rd election, contact the Twp Clerk at 810.794.9303

COMMUNITY BEACH PARK

The Twp has been working with the County Parks & Rec for many years to have a Beach Park for all of us to enjoy. This dream is closer now, since property has been secured for the beach across from Catch 22. Development probably will not start for about 1 1/2 years but the county has committed funds to make it a first class beach park.

NEW WATER METERS

Current water meters are at their end of life. We will be installing a new meter system throughout the Twp over the next 3 years. The new system is customer friendly, one benefit is that it allows customers to log in to and view their water usage. It will allow us to monitor for leaks and provide on the spot meter reads, serving customers more efficiently and saving the Twp in labor and the end user in cheaper rates.