



The Clay Connection

It's Nice to be Nice!

November 2019

Higher Water

High water will be a concern for some time, do not let your guard down. Water levels dropped about 14" from our highs. The Army Corps of Engineers project that we will be 9" higher at years end than we were at the same time last year.

What about next year, is the big question. Nobody knows yet. Levels have increased every year since 2013 (at least 5 or more inches). To be prudent, we must plan for higher water next year. If we have the same winter and spring as we did last year, water will be higher this next summer.

We have been talking to the Governors office to open up additional resources to us from the State and Federal levels. Things like loads of dredged sand from the river to be used to fight flooding instead of going to a state owned landfill and other plans. We are doing this to prepare for next year incase the water is higher. Laying the ground work to get help from the Army Corps and other agencies.

Tough times do not last, tough people do, and Clay Twp is strong. We are prepared for the worst, praying for the best, and hoping for a warmer winter. **Stay Safe!!!**

Helping the Goodfellows

Its time to lend a helping hand to those who help us all out. The Goodfellows are looking for donations so no kids go without a Christmas. We are taking donations at the Clay Twp hall, you can bring in any new unwrapped toy or cash donations. Make checks payable to Downriver Goodfellows. Also when paying your water bill or any other Twp bill, you can round up and the balance will go to the Goodfellows. The Goodfellows help our citizens in need all year round. Helping displaced families after a fire when the only thing they have is the clothes on their backs. Support Goodfellows with their paper sale. Let all come together and have a **Merry Christmas!**

New Score Board

The Clay Twp DDA replaced a much needed scoreboard for the Algonac Football Field. The new state of the art scoreboard will be in service for many years, brightly lit up with LED lights. Shows off our Muskrat Pride!!!

GO MUSKRATS!!!

Winter Tips

Shake your Mailboxes

Hard to talk about snow but it is easier to fix them now instead of in the dead of winter. Shake your mailbox to make sure it will withstand the pressure of the snow from the snow plow this winter. The county only covers damages if the truck hits your mailbox, not if the snow hits it.

Snow Birds!

Leaving this winter? You should do a couple things before you leave. Have the water dept shut off the water to your home at the road. Also, sign up with the Police Dept Property Protection Program. Our police will actually check to make sure your doors are secure and walk around your house weekly and do drive-bys daily. This is one of many added services that we offer to our citizens without costing any tax money. Do these things for your peace of mind.

GOD BLESS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS!

Beware of Scams

There has been an increase in phone and mail scams as of late. If you receive a call from someone stating they are from the IRS, credit card or utility companies, **BEWARE**. They probably are not! Do not give them any of your personal information. The IRS and most companies will not call you or send you emails. They will also try to bait you with free trips, you must pay the tax and misc charges. **IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS NOT TRUE.** Also, Clay is reviewing our peddlers application, we will be doing back ground checks and issuing picture ID's. If you see any suspicious behavior, call our police dispatch at 810-794-9381.

New Nature Park

Just closed on 9 acres of property on Harsens Island located on the Krispin Blueways Trail. After the County and State grants, it will cost the Twp only \$14,000. We will develop a handicapped kayak launch, an educational nature trail, an observation tower overlooking the marsh with public bathrooms and parking. It will also serve as a bike and kayak trail