



# The Clay Connection

School is open, drive safely!

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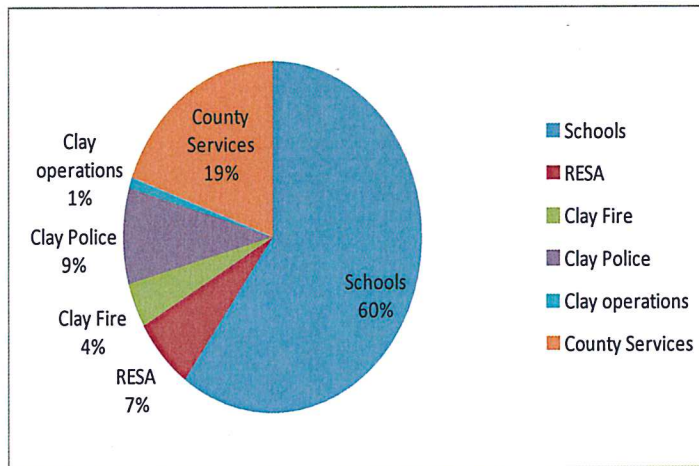
## Where Do My Property Taxes Go?

It is the township's duty to assess property values and collect property taxes per State statute. Thought we should show how your hard earned tax money supports services received. Listed below are the millage rates assessed;

County Operations	5.3265
Drug Task Force	.5610
Senior Citizens	.8
Library	.7
Parks & Rec	.4954
County College	1.8891
Veterans	.1
County Rd	.25
<b>County Total</b>	<b>10.122</b>
County RESA	
Int School	.1938
Spec Ed	2.3113
Voc Ed	.9245
<b>RESA Total</b>	<b>3.43</b>
State Education	6.0
School Debt	5.25
School operations	19.95
Clay Twp operations	.5282
Clay PD	4.60
Clay FD	2.125
<b>Clay Total</b>	<b>7.25</b>

The total township share is only 14% of your property taxes. That includes Fire, Police, and Operations including roads. The County receives 20%, RESA receives about 7% of your taxes. The State and local schools receive 60% of your property taxes. Township operations makes up only 1% of your property taxes. Operations include Assessing, Building, Planning, Zoning, Administration,

Roads, Street Lighting, Elections, and more. Township Police collect about 9% of the taxes and Clay Fire Dept receives about 4%. These are restricted funds, in other words, money for the police and fire cannot be used for anything else. Clay does not have a road tax as many townships do. We pay for all road repairs from the general fund and grants.



## COMMUNITY BEACH

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. We are still in the designing phase but it will sport a very nice and large sand beach, gazebo, bathroom and changing rooms. Also we will be hosting events there from beach yoga to music events. Once completed, this will be another jewel for us to enjoy.

## Safely dispose of your drugs

Bring in unwanted prescriptions to our Police Dispatch-24/7. This will prevent them from being consumed or distributed accidentally or illegally. **DO NOT FLUSH THE DRUGS**, we need to keep them from our waterways.

## 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. It will allow us to monitor for leaks and provide on the spot meter reads.

This will serve customers more efficiently and save the Twp in labor and in the end, cheaper rates. The labor saving of these meters will pay for themselves in about 6.5 years and the life of the meters are about 20 years. This investment will save on water rates for years to come. We are starting the process of switching the water meters now.

## Flamingo Bridge Replacement

Without grants secured for the project, the costs would be 100% up to the Twp. With an estimated cost of \$1.56 Million. Grants are as followed; Fed/State funding \$1,339,500, County \$225,200, Twp share is now \$32,900. The project is going out for bid, with spring or early summer 2021 construction