



The Clay Connection

Happy and Safe New Year!

January 2018

THANK YOU GOODFELLOWS

The Down River Good fellows raised over \$28,000 and helped out over 97 families over Christmas. Their goal is that no child goes without a Christmas, and no family goes hungry in the Holiday Season. They also help many families throughout the year after fires that in some cases, have lost everything and are displaced from their homes. They are better than good fellows, I think they are Great Fellows. They raise their money through fund raisers such as selling candy canes and newspapers.

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Public Hearing on Proposed Kayak Access site

Monday Jan 22, 2018 at the Harsens Island Lions Hall, 7 p.m. Looking at buying 9 acres of land on the Krispin Blueway trail costing the Twp about \$14,000 after DNR grants.

SMART 911 and WINS SYSTEMS

Smart911 is a system that we can link your cell phone to your address. This will give first responder vital information when you call 911. You have to go to www.smart911.com to fill out a profile. When you call 911, the dispatcher will automatically know vital information that will save precious time responding. Information like number of people in the house, names and where their bedrooms are, pictures of them, medical information, and other important info for emergency. The information is private, we only have access to it when you call 911. This is a free service provided to you by Clay Twp, thru grants, not costing the taxpayers anything.

WINS- Warning Information

Notification System is a public alert system that includes 150 categories from weather, emergency alerts to non emergency alerts such as ferry closures, garbage pick up issues. The warnings go to your phone, email, text messages. You can choose the alerts you want to receive and delivery methods, what ever is more important to your family. It is offered county wide To enroll, go to the stclaircounty.org website. This is another free service offered to you from our dispatch center and St Clair County Emergency Management.

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 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/ 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.

Road Projects for 2018

Beginning 2018, the county is going to repave the north section of Marsh road and Swartout between Morrow and Starville. We will be putting the repaving of St John Dr. out for bid. After we receive the grants awarded us, the costs to the township will be about \$40,000. Projects will be done in 2018. I have started the grant writing process to fund the replacement of the Flamingo bridge just as we did the Merrill St. Bridge. Normally, the replacement of these bridges would be up to the township, (\$580,000 for the Merrill Bridge). But that project was funded by Fed grants of \$456k, \$100k grants from the state, \$11,200 from the county leaving only \$3,200 for the township. We are seeking the same grants for the Flamingo Bridge.

We try to spend your hard earned tax dollars' wisely and stretching them as far as we can through aggressively seeking matching grants.