



The Clay Connection

Drive Safe, School is open. Go Muskrats!!

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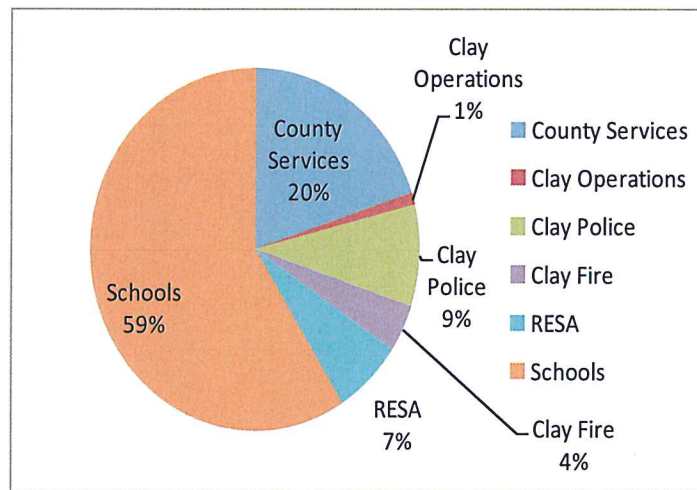
Where Do My Property Taxes Go?

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
County Total	10.122
County RESA	
Int School	.1938
Spec Ed	2.3113
Voc Ed	.9245
RESA Total	3.43
State Education	6.0
School Debt	6.09
School operations	17.7622
Clay Twp operations	.5569
Clay PD	4.35
Clay FD	1.625
Clay Total	6.54

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 59% of your property taxes. Township operations makes up only 1% of your property taxes. Operations include Assessing, Building, Planning, Zoning, Administration,

Roads, Street Lighting and Elections, and more. Township Police collect about 9% of the taxes and Clay Fire Dept receives about 4%. These are set up as restricted funds, in another words, money for the police and fire have to be spent for police and fire only. The Clay Water and Sewer are supported 100% from user fees. So only about 14% of your tax bill stays in the township.



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.

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. Do these things for your peace of mind.

Shake your Mailboxes

Hard to talk about snow but it is easier to fix them now instead of the dead of winter. Shake your mailboxes 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.

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.

Watch out for deer

Watch out for deer while driving, they are on the move this time of the year

Merry Christmas

And remember to support our good fellows during their paper drive. Their goal is, no kid goes without a Christmas. **God Bless our first responders.**