



The Clay Connection

Watch out for thin ice!!!

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Higher Water

High water will be a concern for some time, do not let your guard down. Water levels were dropping until we had a record rainfall a couple weeks ago. This raised the water levels about 10" putting us about 14" higher than we were this 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.

The Governor denied our emergency request that would have opened up additional resources to us from the State and Federal levels. It has been frustrating to the Twp, trying to be proactive on many measures while the State Emergency Act is very reactive not doing anything until we have damages. Working now on State Legislation to set a temporary no wake law but enforcement will be another issue.

My message to you is now is the time to get prepared and protect your own private property. **Stay Safe!!!**

Clay Police Property Protection Program

Going away on a trip or for the winter? The Clay Township Police Department has been offering a free property check program to our citizens for several years. It is intended to help give our citizens more peace of mind while being away from their residence for a period of time. Contact the Clay Township Police Department at (810)794-9381 with your name, address and phone numbers, date you will be leaving, and returning, your contact information in case of emergency and other information will be asked. This program is free of charge and is another way your tax dollars are working for you.

GoodFellows

Due to the great generosity of our community, the Downriver GoodFellows helped well over 80 families in need this Christmas. They truly made sure that no kid in our area goes without a Christmas. Delivering food, clothes and toys to everyone that is in need.

If you can't tear it, Don't Flush it

The Algonac/Clay/Ira Waste Water Treatment Plant is operated to provide a safe, efficient and cost-effective sanitary disposal system to serve the local inhabitants. Residents can assist in this endeavor by refraining from flushing certain items not meant for disposal into the sanitary system. Disinfecting/cleaning wipes, dental floss, diapers, reinforced paper toweling, cloth and plastics do not break down when discarded into the sanitary system. These items will cause obstructions, which are labor intensive to remove and can damage equipment, ultimately increasing the cost of the wastewater treatment. Avoid flushing items that cannot be easily torn with your bare hands; **if you can't tear it, don't flush it.** Following this simple rule of thumb will greatly assist in maintaining the local wastewater sanitary system efficiently and economically, for yourself and your neighbors.

GOD BLESS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

New Payment Option

Clay Township Expands Bill Pay Options for Utility and Property Tax with the launch of a New Bill Pay Service, offering the addition of Phone Payments and Pay by Text!

The easy-to-use payment portal provides quick access to customer accounts to view bills, check balances and make payments with credit/debit card or electronic check. Features include an "at a glance" dashboard, scheduling one-time or automatic payments, securely storing payment information, and receiving email and text (optional) reminders. Paperless billing will now be available! Creating an account is recommended to access all the features, however, it is not required to view and pay bills online. Customers will soon be able to use this new system to make payments online or enroll in Pay by Text. For more information, please visit www.claytownship.org.

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