



# The Clay Connection

Think Spring!!!

May 2018

## Cleanup Day

Spring is here, time to clean out your garage and sheds. We will have a dumpster behind the Water Department located on Muskrat Run, June 2nd from 8 am. to 4 pm. We will be accepting all junk except for hazardous materials. Bring us your tires, appliances, lawnmowers or whatever you have. The Clay fire department will take **hazardous materials** across the street including old needles, oil based paint and chemicals any time of the year. For latex paint, pop the lid off and add some dirt/sand and let it dry then dispose in your regular trash.

## Yard Waste Winter Hours

We are on our Winter Schedule for the Yard Waste Yard. It will be open Saturdays only from Noon to 4 PM. It will return to Summer hours April 15th. If anyone wants free wood chip's ask the water department.

## Special School Election May 8th

We are having a special School millage election May 8th. A Michigan voter is eligible to vote absentee in an election if he or she cannot make it to the polls on Election Day for one of the following reasons:

The voter is 60 years old or older.

The voter is unable to vote without assistance at the polls.

The voter expects to be out of town on Election Day.

The voter is in jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

The voter is unable to attend the polls for religious reasons.

The voter has been appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of his or her precinct of residence.

To vote absentee, a request must be received by 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the election. To receive an **absentee voter application** you can print one off the Clay Township website or call the office for one to be mailed to you.

**Other elections this year are;**

**State primary**  
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

**State General Election**  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018

**Let your voice be heard.**

## 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 are 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/](http://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 received bids for repaving of St John Dr. costing \$96,500. After the grants we received, the cost to the township is \$45,000., saving the township \$51,500 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. Looking at repaving Lake PDrive between Taft and M-29.

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