



The Clay Connection

Watch out for school busses flashing lights

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Higher Water

High water will be a concern for some time, do not let your guard down. Water levels dropped about 4" in Aug. and the Army Corps of Engineers project our water levels to drop another 5" over Sept. depending on rainfall. Any wind event from the west or southwest can be trouble for us. Aug 6th, we actually had a mini Tsunami that raised water over a foot for about an hour. It caused flooding in many garages, boat houses and homes. Please keep an eye out for your neighbors and help if they need assistance with the high water.

Clay Twp along with the County sent a letter to the Governor requesting a emergency to be declared on Aug 12. This would open up additional resources to us from the State and Federal levels. We are doing this to prepare for next year incase the water is higher. If granted, we can get help from the Army Corps and other agencies. The Governor has not yet responded.

Tough times do not last, tough people do, and Clay Twp is strong. We are prepared for the worst, praying for the best. Think warm sunny days with no rain.

Permanent Absentee Voting

Absent voter ballots are available to registered voters for all elections. They provide a convenient method for casting a ballot when the voter is unable to attend the polls on Election Day. Michigan now allows any voter to be placed on the **Permanent Absentee Voter List**. Once you're on the list, you will automatically receive an **Absentee Voter Application** before every election. You will need to sign and return the absentee ballot application to your local clerk before you will be mailed an actual absentee ballot. If you would like to automatically receive an application for the option to absentee vote please call or email the clerks office to add yourself to this list.

Electric Drowning

If you have electrical wires underwater, beware of electric drowning. Electric current in the water can cause anyone to drown. Turn off power to docks that are under water The Fire Department can check to see if you have current in the water with a meter. Do not swim at marinas.

New Zoning Code Enforcement Officer

I'd like to introduce our new Code Enforcement Officer, Shannon Murray. He is fast becoming an asset to the community, already with noticeable results. Blight is one of our biggest problems and Shannon has been busy. He has many years of experience dealing with code enforcement in other communities such as Ira Township and Capac. To deal with any blighted property, there is a process that we have to follow and sometimes it takes time. We would much rather have compliance rather than tickets and going to court. But if we must, the Township will go to court to force the property to be cleaned up at the property owner's expense. You can reach Shannon directly at 810.794.9303 x 150 or email at smurray@claytownship.org You also can go to our website at www.claytownship.org and fill out a complaint form.

Drive careful, school is opening soon!!!

Sewer Infiltration problems

It is against the law to pump or drain water into the sewer system. Do not remove your sewer cleanout cap to let water drain into the sewer. By doing this, you are taxing our whole sewer system and waste water treatment plant. If we find illegal dumping, we will disconnect and cap your sewer feed and assess a \$500 fine. If this goes unchecked, the treatment plant will be looking at large fines from the DEQ. The DEQ could make us isolate the issue and turn whole streets off from sewer. Also, by doing this, you are not helping out your situation from the high water.

Water on Roads

Several roads are underwater and we are trying our best to keep them safe, especially Anchor Bay Dr, Colony Rd & Aqua Isle Sub. We added gravel to Columbine road and hope to have Kripsin Rd. and Voakes Rd. open soon. Please drive slow where there is water (No Wake). There are large potholes under the water. Thank You for your patience.