



# The Clay Connection

Hug Somebody Today!!!!

February 2017

## Where does your Tax Money Go

The winter tax bills went out in December and will be due by February 14th. The numbers below are assuming the property value is assessed at \$200,000 and your taxable value is \$100,000. The Township receives 22% of your total property tax bill. The total millage that the Township receives is 6.527 mills. It supports police, fire, garbage, building, assessing departments and township operations. So \$55.26 of your taxes go towards township operations that includes Roads, Building, assessing, Administration, Parks, and Cemetery maintenance among other things. Police receives \$435 and fire receives \$162.50 of your

tax monies. I am glad to say that our public safety departments are up to date with the latest technologies and are very professional and well trained. Garbage costs you \$172.00 a year for your road side garbage pickup and recycling, it also pays for the Lawn Waste Yard and the yearly Clean Up Weekend where you can bring us anything to dispose of. The County receives 44.92% of your property taxes or 13.5516 mills and the schools receive 33.44% of your taxes if you are a homestead resident. The schools assess 10.09 mills and if you are not homesteaded in Clay, you pay 27.9982 mills. We are always looking for ways to save the taxpayers their hard earned money.

## 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/](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. Algonac, MI 48001. Supports our Firemen and Women.

## Rec. Programs

### “Online Safety”

#### Investment Fraud

Wed. February 15  
At the township hall

### Eat healthy, Be Active

will be held on Saturday Mornings

9:30 am starting January 7, 2017 at the Clay Township Hall, No registration fee is required. However, pre-registration is requested for supply purposes.

### Cooking Matters for Teens

Starting March 6th every Monday for 6 weeks at 2:45. Deals with food safety, nutrition, recipes, food budgeting, and everyone receives a cutting board and certificate. Call 810-989-6935 or 810-794-9303 or [cbabisz@claytownship.org](mailto:cbabisz@claytownship.org).

Free

## Rec. Programs Cont.

### NEW PROGRAM Leisure Activity Club Game Night

for 18 and older with **Special Needs!** Location at the Algonac High School, in the commons area, 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Future programs include Pickle Ball, Day camps for kids, Painting classes and builders camp for kids

Call 810-794-9303 Cindy Babisz for info on any of or programs.

## 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.

## Winterfest

The third annual winterfest, put on by the Pearl Beach Lions, will be February, 17-19. It will be bigger and better this year featuring Kids Ice Fishing, and fishing for handicapped kids. Beer tent with Meldrum Bro. playing Friday night and Soul Provider

On Saturday night. Sunday, Professional Wrestling. Everyday, Figure skating, Horse shoes, bingo, petting zoo and more. All the proceeds for the winterfest go towards the support of the Pearl Beach Lions vision program where elementary children get their eyes checked and free glasses provided.