



The Clay Connection

GO MUSKRATS!!!!!!

November 2016

State recognizes Clay Township as the Sturgeon Angling Capital

On October 25th, the state house and senate passed resolutions proclaiming the North Channel of Clay Township, the Sturgeon Angling Capital of Michigan.

The resolutions state;

- The waters of the St. Clair River within Clay Township have the longest and most active harvest seasons for lake sturgeon in Michigan for nonstocked waters with natural reproduction;
- The waters of the North Channel of the St. Clair River within the boundaries of Clay Township support the only commercial charter boat fishery for lake sturgeon in the state of Michigan;
- More tagged sturgeon are reported to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and more Lake Sturgeon Management

Cooperator patches are issued to anglers fishing the Clay Township waters of the Clair River than to anglers fishing anywhere else in the state; and Michigan's only sturgeon and most unique fishing tournament, the North Channel Sturgeon Classic, is held fully within the Clay Township waters of the North Channel of the St. Clair River. There were more than 33 fish caught by anglers during the tournament in 2015.

National Geographic television filmed a sturgeon angling segment on the Clay Township waters of the North Channel of the St. Clair River, which aired in 2009 and several times thereafter as part of the "Monster Fish" series. Michigan Out-of-Doors television has done several sturgeon angling segments over the last several years. All of these trips have taken place in the Clay Township waters of the North Channel of the St. Clair River.

Twp reducing it's debt

I am proud to say, Clay Township has gained and maintained a **AA+ D & B rating**. It is the highest standard that a municipality can have. What does this mean? Clay Twp is financially strong, can borrow funds at lower interest rates. We just retired more water debt saving thousands of

dollars. Last year, we paid off the mortgage on the park property several years early saving tens of thousands of dollars. Two years ago, the township refinanced our outstanding bonds and lowered our interest rates from between 7% - 5% down to 1.87%. This saved the tax payers hundreds of thousands of dollars. We are always aggressively seeking ways to lower our costs going forward

Rec. Programs

"Online Safety"

Monthly Consumer Presentation provided by Michigan Attorney General and is **free to all**.

Investment Fraud
Wed. November 16
At the township hall

In-Home Care and Senior Residences Fraud
Wed. January 16, 2017
At the township hall

NEW PROGRAM
Cooking Matters
Healthy food skills for families, teaching nutritious, wallet friendly cooking. 5 classes starting Monday, Oct. 17 6pm - 8 pm. At Algonac School. Contact 810-794-9303 for further information. Walk in Welcomed. This is taught by a real **chef** as is **free to all in our community**.

Rec. Programs Cont.

Holiday Family Photos

Saturday, **December 3rd**
Sunday, **December 4th**
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Clay Township Hall

Photographer Tom Watkins

Cost: \$25 includes (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7, 4 wallets.

Tom is donating \$5 back into Clay's Parks & Rec fund.

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. Call 810-989-6935 or 810 - 7 9 4 - 9 3 0 3 o r cbabisz@claytownship.org. **Free** to our community

Hazard Material Waste

The township has the only Haz Mat waste site in South St Clair County, located behind the Mainland Fire Station. We accept and properly dispose of all Haz Mat items including oil base paint, medical syringes, chemicals,

batteries, mercury. Please no latex paint. To dispose of latex paint, take the lid off and put cat litter in it and let it dry. Then you can dispose of it with your household trash. Our natural resources and water are very important to our township. We take every step possible to protect the largest fresh water delta in the Northern Hemisphere.