



# The Clay Connection

Watch out for wildlife crossing the road.

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## OPERATION SAFE ZONE

The Police Department offers **OPERATION SAFE ZONE**. This is where individuals can come to the Clay Township Police Department Lobby to finish their exchange of merchandise and money and feel safe. The Lobby and parking lot are recorded 24 hours a day. We hope to eliminate or reduce violence and fraud to our citizens. Citizens should be leery of people who refuse to meet at the police station. We find that sellers do not like the concept of coming to the police station if they are not honest, have a warrant out for themselves or plan on deceiving or robbing a citizen of their money. Often times if items are stolen one would be very hesitant to bring it to the Police Station. Our citizens will not have to

conduct their business at a house, a darkened parking lot or a place where one will not feel comfortable being. Citizens should understand that people who deceive citizens often want to meet in those environments. They are hesitant to come to our environment if they are going to defraud someone or rob them. When coming into the station please notify the dispatcher at the window the reason you are there. Our hope is to reduce violence and fraud. We cannot guarantee that items being purchased are legitimate. There are no weapons allowed in the building. I am proud to say, we were one of the first police departments to offer this service. It is another way we can give you a added service without increasing taxes. Please use it and be safe.

## Police Station Addition

We have started a much needed addition to our police station. The current station once housed our water department and was never designed for a police station. We had security issues, inadequate evidence room, no women's locker room or training area. MIOSHA has been requesting that the

township address the women's locker room issue. We are expanding and improving our evidence room. We are required to properly store some of the items forever and we must maintain temperatures and store biological evidence. Plans are to build a more secure interview room, temporary kennel for stray animals, more office space

## Consumer

### Education Series Programs

I am excited to announce that the township is sponsoring the lecture series to better protect our citizens. We are working with the Michigan Attorney General to bring these to you at no cost. They are going to be the 3rd Wednesday of the month, for the next 6 months, at the township hall starting at 7:00 pm. August 17 - Identity Theft, September 21 - Online Safety, October 19 - Home Repair and Improvement Scams, November 16 - Investment Fraud, January 18 - In Home Care and Senior Residences Scams. Educate yourself so you will be protected from these scams and thefts. Knowledge is power.

## Music In the Park

Music in the Park is back again. I am excited to announce the title sponsor, Emterra Environmental. We will be moving to Clay Township Park starting Thursday, July 28, through Aug. 25th. July 28 - Burnwood, Aug 4 - Dude and the Abiders, Aug 11 - Teen Angles, Aug 18 - Mystic 6, Aug 25 - Gasoline Gypsies. Thank Score Boards & More, Kane, Clemons Joaquim & Downey, Gilbert Funeral Home, LaBelle Electric, Jennifer Sobier State Farm, Baxter Insurance, Community Law Group, Northstar Bank, Algonac Dairy Queen and Talmer Bank for sponsoring the bands

## FARMERS MARKET

The Greater Algonac Chamber of Commerce **Farmers Market** is up and running. It will be in the Clay Township Park, every Wednesday, from 2:00 pm till 5:00. For information on becoming a vender, contact Doreen at the Water Lily, 810-794-7673. Produce, home made crafts vendors welcome.

and a training area that will be named after long time retired police chief, Carl Trombly. The \$403,000 addition is being paid for from a \$220,000 police building fund balance and the DDA funds. It will not affect our tax rate what so ever. It will enable our police department to run more efficiently. Our first responders are our heroes and the true heartbeat of our community.