



# The Clay Connection

Watch out for wildlife crossing the road.

June 2016

## 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

## Electronic Recycling Day

Recycle your electronics, safely and securely, on **June 4th** behind the water department from 8 am - 2 pm. Accepted materials include: all TV's, Computers & Computer Related Items, Monitors, Printers, UPS's, VCR's, Cell Phones, Cable Boxes, Typewriters, Satellite Dishes and much more.

### Cleanup Day

We will have dumpsters at the Water Dept. located on Ainsworth, **June 4th, 8am to 4 pm**. We will be accepting all junk. Bring us your tires, appliances, lawnmowers or whatever you have. The Clay fire department will take hazardous materials across the street including old needles, paint and chemicals year round. Island clean up is **June 4th & 5th** at Browns Field

## Music In the Park

Music in the Park is back again. I am excited to announce the title sponsor, Emterra Environmental. We will be starting June 16th in the Algonac Riverfront Park and running Thursdays starting at 7:00pm. We will be moving to Clay Township Park starting Thursday, July 28, through Aug. 25th. In Algonac, playing is All for One, Detroit Brass Society, Mickey & the Meldrum Brothers, Stone Soup, Dog Fish. Thank Score Boards & More, Kane, Clemons Joaquim & Downey, Gilbert Funeral Home, LaBelle Electric, Jennifer Sobier State Farm for sponsoring the bands in Algonac. See our flyer

## 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 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.