



The Clay Connection

Think Spring!!!!

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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 Yard Waste 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.

Krispin Blueway Trail Grand Opening

We are having a red ribbon cutting and opening celebration of the Krispin Blueways trail on June 10 (river days) at 11:00 behind the School House Grille. We are hoping to have around 50 kayakers from around the county and then going on about a 3 hour paddle on the drain. We will be putting up signage on the drain for directions and rules, etc. As of now, we have 6 access spots for the drain and will be working on some handicapped Kayak launches soon. For additional info, contact you can email Lori Eschenburg at leschenburg@stclaircounty.org or call 810.989.6950. The township is working on handicapped kayak launches and mapping of the access points.

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.

School Buses

Watch out for school buses. Do not pass when the red flashing lights are on. Our children's safety is a priority of the township.

Cleanup Day

Clean up Day is Saturday June 3th on the mainland and June 3rd and 4th on Harsens Island. We will have dumpsters available behind the water department from 8-4 and also electronic recycling from 8-1 and Browns Field Saturday and Sunday.

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 sign applications are 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/ 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.

Beware of Scams

There has been an increase in phone and mail scams as of late. If you receive a call from someone stating they are from the IRS, credit card or utility companies, **BEWARE**. They probably are not! Do not give them any of your personal information. The IRS and most companies

will not call you or send you emails. They will also try to bait you with free trips, you must pay the tax and misc charges. **IF IT IS TO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS NOT TRUE.** Also, Clay requires a peddlers permit where we do back ground checks and issue picture ID's before we allow strangers going door to door in our community.