



# The Clay Connection

Drive Safe, School is Open, GO Muskrats!

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## Leaving us this Winter

If you are leaving us in the cold this winter, you should do a couple things before you leave. Have the water dept shut off the water to your home at the road. Also, sign up with the Police Dept Property Protection Program. Do these things for your peace of mind, even if you are only going for a few weeks.

## Shake Your Mailbox

Shake your mailbox to make sure it will withstand the pressure of the snow from the snow plow this winter. Hard to talk about snow but it is easier to fix them now instead of the dead of winter.

## Holiday Office hours

Closed Nov 22 & 23 for **Thanksgiving**

Closed Dec 25, 27, & 28 and Jan 1 for **Christmas and New Years**

**Treasury will be open Dec 26 for tax collection only**

## SMART 911 and WINS SYSTEMS

**Smart911** is a system that We can link your cell phone to your address. This will give first responder vital information when you call 911. You have to go to [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) to fill out a profile. When you call 911, the dispatcher will automatically know vital information that will save precious time responding. Information like number of people in the house, names and where their bedrooms are, pictures of them, medical information, and other important info for emergency. The information is private, we only have access to it when you call 911. This is a free service provided to you by Clay Twp, thru grants, not costing the taxpayers anything.

### WINS- Warning Information

**Notification System** is a public alert system that includes 150 categories from weather, emergency alerts to non emergency alerts such as ferry closures, garbage pick up issues. The warnings go to your phone, email, text messages. You can choose the alerts you want to receive and delivery methods, what ever is more important to your family. It is offered county wide To enroll, go to the [stclaircounty.org](http://stclaircounty.org) website. This is another free service offered to you from our dispatch center and St Clair County Emergency Management.

## North Channel Sturgeon Classic

Last year, the North Channel of Clay was recognized as the Sturgeon Angling capital of Michigan. Last month, the Sturgeons for Tomorrow and the Pearl Beach Lions club sponsored the North Channel Sturgeon Classic.

This is the only fishing tournament of this type in the Great Lakes. We had 28 boats and they caught and released 87 fish in one night. The largest was 70.5 inches and the smallest was 21 inches. Finn's Sport fishing won with a dozen fish.

## Road Projects for 2018

Beginning 2018, the county is going to repave the north section of Marsh road and Swartout between Morrow and Starville. We will be putting the repaving of St John Dr. out for bid. After we receive the grants awarded us, the costs to the township will be about \$40,000. Projects will be done in 2018. I have started the grant writing process to fund the replacement of the Flamingo bridge just as we did the Merrill St. Bridge. Normally, the replacement of these bridges would be up to the township, (\$580,000 for the Merrill Bridge). But that project was funded by Fed grants of \$456k, \$100k grants from the state, \$11,200 from the county leaving only \$3,200 for the township. We are seeking the same grants for the Flamingo Bridge.

We try to spend your hard earned tax dollars' wisely, stretch them as far as we can through aggressively seeking matching grants.