



The Clay Connection

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April 2024

Blight Awareness Month is May!

Clay Township is starting a blight awareness month this May. Please look over your property as the weather is starting to get better. This will help to continue to make our community safe and clean. To help with the efforts in maintaining your property, the Township is holding the first of the two cleanups on May 18 where you can get rid of most anything. On the mainland, it is located behind the water dept. on Muskrat Run. On Harsens Island, it is at Brown's Field May 18th and 19th. Hours are from 8 am - 4 pm.

Bring us your appliances, lawnmowers or whatever you have. Tires will have to be off the rims. The Clay Fire Department will take **hazardous materials** across the street including old needles, oil-based paint and chemicals any time of the year. For latex paint, pop the lid off and add some dirt/sand and let it dry then dispose in your regular trash. There will also be a second date added for this service in late August. Algonac will also be joining us in this effort.

Boat/watercraft Storage

Boat/Watercraft storage for the season will be coming to an end on May 1st. Storing of boats 10 feet from the start of the road during the winter months is allowed. The required front yard set will be changed back to what the property is zoned and must meet the requirements of the Zoning Ord. #126 Section 3.17 (h) as stated. Zoning Setbacks: R-1 25 feet, R-2 15 feet, R-3 15 feet, R-4 20 feet. If you have any questions, please call our code compliance officer, Roman, at 810.794.9303 ext 150.

Bluebill Bridge

The engineering is being done on replacing the Bluebill Bridge. Construction will be this summer/fall. The estimated costs will be around \$1 million. After Federal, State, and County grants, the Township's share will be under \$3,000. Without these grants, the cost would have rested solely on the Clay taxpayers.

Clay Website

Check out Clay's new website and see all of the Twp services, at www.ClayTwpMi.gov or email me at supervisor@claytwpmi.gov.

EGLE gives Clay the process permit for an Algae Wheel Plant

People have come to the Twp. with issues receiving septic permits on Harsens Island. In response to this and having little luck with EGLE, the Twp. is looking at solutions. One is an Algae Wheel treatment plant that utilizes algae to treat the water. EGLE just gave us approval of the Algae Wheel process. It means that we now can build a Algae Wheel Treatment plant in Michigan. This would provide service to downtown Sans Souci and the surrounding area. We received a \$2,000,000 grant to build the plant and hook up Sans Souci area. (Phase 1) Working with EPA, Dept of Energy for funding Phase 2 with lots of positive feedback.

St. Johns Marsh Cleanup

The St. Johns Marsh Cleanup will be May 11th starting at 8:00 am.

All volunteers, please meet at the DNR boat Launch on Pte. Tremble Rd. Bring boots and gloves; dress for the weather. Hot Dogs and snacks will be provided by the Clay Twp Police and Algonac Rotary Club along with t-shirts.

Clay Days and Pow Wow May 11

There are so many people that do not realize how rich our history is. Our tag line for the event is REMEMBER, HONOR, CELEBRATE. **The North American Indian Pow Wow** will be from noon to 4 pm with dancing. We will have around 30 American Indian vendors selling their wares along with dancing at noon. The Pow Wow is a drug and alcohol free event. The Clay story boards will be on display throughout the park. The story boards are words and pictures that depict our history from the 1700's till now here in our community. Examples like; Shipbuilding in the 1800's, traveling by boats, all the large resort hotels on Harsens Island, boat racing from Chris Smith, Gar Wood, and Clell Perry who built and raced the Notre Dame and Miss Pepsi, Tom D'Eath winner of 3 APBA Gold Cups, Chris Craft's role in WWII. and more.

Fruit Road Repaving

We received local road funding from the County Road Commission that will pay for half of the repaving of Fruit and Cemetery roads this year, saving Clay taxpayers \$100,000.