



# The Clay Connection

Live everyday with enthusiasm, faith, and positive thinking!

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## If you can't tear it, Don't Flush it

The Algonac/Clay/Ira Waste Water Treatment Plant is operated to provide a safe, efficient and cost-effective sanitary disposal system to serve the local communities. Residents can assist in this endeavor by refraining from flushing certain items not meant for disposal into the sanitary system. Disinfecting/cleaning wipes, dental floss, diapers, reinforced paper toweling, cloth and plastics do not break down when discarded into the sanitary system. These items will cause obstructions, which are labor intensive to remove and can damage equipment, ultimately increasing the cost of the wastewater treatment. Avoid flushing items that cannot be easily torn with your bare hands; **if you can't tear it, don't flush it.** Following this simple rule of thumb will greatly assist in maintaining the local wastewater sanitary system efficiently and economically, for yourself and your neighbors.

**DO NOT VEER FOR DEER!**

## LED Street Lights

Clay is converting all our streetlights to LED. We have contracted DTE to make the switch at a cost of \$28,854. It will take less than 2 years for our investment to be paid off. At that point, we will be saving at least \$17,000 of tax money from that point on.

## New Water Meters

We are starting phase 2 of 3 phases of replacing our water meters. Current water meters are at their end of life. We will be installing a new meter system throughout the Twp over the next 2 years. The new system is customer friendly. It will allow us to monitor for leaks and provide on the spot meter reads. This will serve customers more efficiently and save the Twp in labor and in the end, cheaper rates. The labor saving of these meters will pay for themselves in about 6.5 years and the life of the meters are about 20 years. This investment will save on water rates for years to come. Our water rates have not gone up for 3 years now.

## Snow Birds

Leaving 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. If there is a problem with your heat, this can save your home from damages. Also, sign up with the Police Dept Property Protection Program. Do these things for your peace of mind.

## Shake your Mailboxes

Hard to talk about snow, but it is easier to fix them now instead of the dead of winter. Shake your mailboxes to make sure it will withstand the pressure of the snow from the snow plow this winter. The county only covers damages if the truck hits your mailbox, not if the snow hits it.

## Hazard Material Waste

The Twp. has the only Haz Mat waste site in South St Clair County, located behind the Mainland Fire Station. We accept and properly dispose of all Haz Mat items including oil base paint, medical syringes, chemicals, batteries, mercury. Please, no latex paint. To dispose of latex paint,

## Support the Goodfellows

The Goodfellows do so much for our community. Not only do they make sure that no child goes without a Christmas, they are around all year long helping. God forbid, if someone gets burned out of their home, they will provide people temporary lodging, clothes and other necessities to get people's lives back to normal as it can be. At Clay Twp. you can round up your water bill or kick in an additional amount and the money will go directly to the Goodfellows. Just put in a short note telling us what to give to them. From the generosity of our community, we have raised thousands of dollars over the past 2 years for our Goodfellows. The Goodfellows help people out when they need it the most.

take the lid off and put cat litter or sand in it and let it dry. Then you can dispose of it with your household trash. Our natural resources and waters are very important to our Township. We take every step possible to protect the largest fresh water delta in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Merry Christmas Keep in touch with Family and Friends**