



The Clay Connection

Live everyday with enthusiasm, faith, and positive thinking!

February 2023

Clay receives \$2.5 Million Infrastructure Grant

Clay Township has received a \$2.5 million infrastructure federal grant. Working with our congresswomen Lisa McClain and Senator Gary Peters, the \$2.5 million is included in the federal budget to help Clay's watermain replacement. It also includes a second waterline feed to Harsens Island. The watermain along M-29 in Clay is over 80 years old and the only feed to Harsens is almost 60 years old. Eighty percent of our watermain breaks on this dated water main. It will be 3 years before the money will be available and construction will start. The project will be around \$6 million but with this grant, Clay will not have to secure a bond and debt to complete the project. It will improve system reliability, water pressures, fire protection. In the last 3 years, Clay has received \$4.6 million in infrastructure grants which we will soon start seeing the benefits. (\$1.1 million SAW grant and a \$1 million sewer interceptor grant)

Blessing Boxes

We have blessing boxes around in our community. They are for people short on funds that need some food, it is there to help them out. There is one at the Clay Twp park along Lakepointe, in front of Amiels Enterprises at 5256 Pte Tremble Rd and Dr Megan Bradford on Michigan St in Algonac. Donations for the boxes can be made at any of the locations or the Clay Twp offices.

We also installed a pet blessing box also in the Clay Twp Park. It will be used to house pet food for our pet owners that need help taking care of their furry friends. Donations for the pet box can also be made at the Clay Twp Offices.

Clay Cleanup Weekends

Clay spring cleanup is Saturday, May 20th from 8 am-4 pm behind the water department. Bring us all your junk. Tires must be off the rim and refrigerators must have freon removed. We accept just about everything else. Hazardous materials, no problem. Latex paint can be dried out and go into the regular garbage.

Emergency Sirens

We have been looking for a while to increase the number of emergency sirens in the Township, with a goal of getting most of the area and bays covered. Currently, we only have 3 along M-29 that the DDA has installed. We have a plan to install 6 sirens that would cover the Township, including the popular bays in the summer.

After meeting with our County Commissioner Dave Vandebossche, we have developed a plan where the County will pay for 2/3 of the cost, saving the township over \$120,000. 5 of the 6 are installed and soon will be on line. This will cover most if not all of the Township to keep us safe.

Clay Twp Park

Our Twp park has served our community well. We are looking at many upgrades to the Park. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is looking at building 3 Pickleball courts in the park. Also, the Township applied for 2 Spark grants for outdoor exercise equipment along the walking path. It would

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.

include 17 exercise stations, also including a checker/chess board table, foosball table, corn hole games and more. The second grant would include new playscapes in the playground. All would be state-of-the art barrier free with the rubber ground surface. Since the stage rental increased over 50% in the past few years, we may be looking at a band gazebo.

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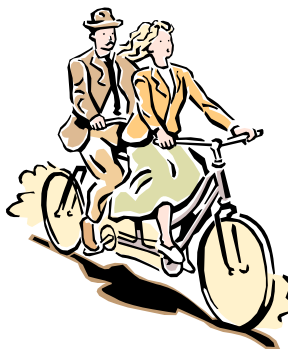
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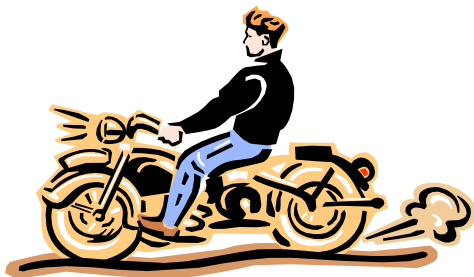
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Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4
Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Your business tag line here.

**We're on the
Web!
example.com**

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your news-

letter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

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If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auc-



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