



# The Clay Connection

Best of luck to the Graduating Seniors! Go Muskrats!

July 2022

## CLAY DAYS was a success!

Clay Township turned 200 years young on May 8th of 2022. 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 Pearl Beach Lions hosted a Live Ghost tour at the Oaklawn Cemetery. We highlighted several graves (18) like Emily Butterfield (first women architect in the nation) Robert Folkerts (who served under Napoléon and was at Waterloo). Friday night, we had Algonac's own Meldrum Brothers playing in the Frank Forbes and the Gobies played on Saturday night. We had over 30 American Indian vendors selling their wares along with a Powwow and dancing. Sunday we had historian/folk singer Lee Murdock performing his songs about this area from the 1800's. Then we buried the time capsule near the Log Cabin.

Exhibits include "What these windows saw" Windows over a 100 years old painted by local artists what you may have seen looking out the windows done by decades. They will be displayed in the Twp Hall.

Exhibits include Miss America X, the Voyager French & Indian canoe, and about 45 storyboards depicting our history from the 1700's till now. Ship-building 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, Harsens Island's own Tom D'Eath winner of 3 APBA Gold Cups. When the storyboard project is done, we will have between 80 to 100. They are made portable and can be used in different events to teach people our history but more importantly, they can be brought to the schools to teach our children how bold people in our past were. **Out of boldness becomes boldness and our children can be bold too.** Challenged 7th grade students to write a note to their Great Grand children, what life is like, what they like to do and any words of wisdom for the time capsule. Many people put things in the time capsule. Clay Days is about bringing people together, celebrating our history and increasing community pride. I can not even thank all the people who contributed to it's success. It will be an annual event.

## Road Projects

This year, Clay will have lots of road paving being done (6 roads). Anchor Bay Drive, Middle Channel Drive, Bates Highway, part of North Channel Drive and the second half of Phelps Road. Golf Course Road will undergo a total reconstruction this year. The projects are going out to bid right now with the work to be done this spring/summer. All this road work is being done without a township road tax. Clay is one of the few townships in St Clair County without a road tax. Clay funds this work through its general fund which is getting more and more challenging. We try our best to fund these projects with grants and other means, but with Federal and State stipulations, we do not always qualify.

## WATER PROJECTS

We are looking to replace a 85+ year old water main along M-29 and to add a second water supply feed to Harsens Island. I have applied for Federal grants of \$2.5 million help with the project. The grants are like the \$1 million grant we received for our sewer interceptor project. Goal is to do this with no additional water debt charge,

## MUSIC in the PARK

We have a great lineup this year. Seven O'clock, every Thursday except during the Pickerel Tournament. July 7 in Algonac is the Meldrum Bros. July 14 it moves to Clay with The Gobies, Detroit Blues Band, Ten Beach Drive, Lisa Mary and ending up with Los Gringos on Aug 11th.

## Please Cut Your Grass

Clay has a tall grass ordinance and have already sent out many violation letters. Clay Twp does not want to be in the grass cutting business, but if you don't cut your grass, we will for you, at a high cost. We would rather have compliance than tickets.

no special assessments or tax increase. Shovels should hit the ground in 23-24. We are now finalizing the engineering. The goal is to have a rock solid infrastructure for Clay residents to enjoy for generations to come. This project is necessary to preserve health, safety, and welfare of the public. Also, to promote economic growth and jobs.

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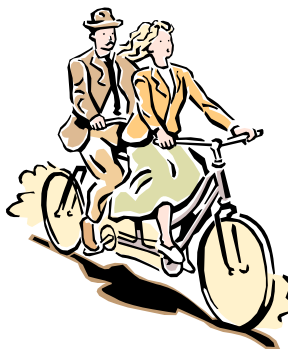
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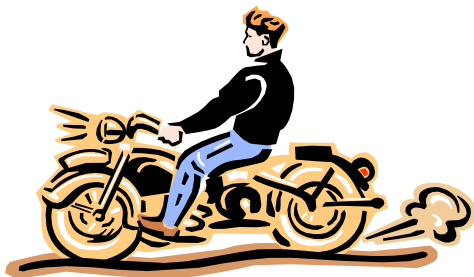
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Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4  
Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com



*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.



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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-