



The Clay Connection

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May 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.

Sans Souci Block Party

The Sans Souci block party called Dancing in the Streets is May 18th at 5 pm. There will be 3 different bands on 2 stages. Featuring music from 10 Beach Drive, Meldrum Brothers and Los Gringos. Call the Twp at 810.794.9320 for more information or visit our website.

Clay Website

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

New additions to the Clay Park

Clay was awarded a Spark Grant of \$584,000 for playground upgrades in our Clay Twp Park. We just awarded a bid that will install 2 new, all-inclusive pirate ship playscapes along with an all-access safe play surface. Also, included is a bike repair kiosk. We will be moving the existing playscapes to Harsens Island. St. Clair County is funding 17 outdoor exercise stations, plus an outdoor foosball table, cornhole games and chess/checker tables for \$176,000. The County also has funded a mobile stage for Clay costing \$125,000, that will reduce our event costs. The new stage will be utilized next summer.

St. John Marsh Cleanup

The St. John 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 11th

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 storyboards will be on display throughout the park. The storyboards are words and pictures that depict our history from the 1700s' till now 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, 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.