



The Clay Connection

Be safe, be smart and have fun on the water.

July 2024

Property Tax Breakdown

It is the Township's duty to assess property values and collect property taxes per State statute. Thought we should show how your hard-earned tax money supports services received. Listed below are the millage rates:

County Operations	5.3153
Drug Task Force	.5598
Senior Citizens	.7983
Library	1.200
Ambulance	.500

County Parks & Rec	.4944
County College	1.8820
Veterans	.0998
County Rd	.2495
County Total	11.0091

County RESA

Int School	.1930
Spec Ed	2.3026
Voc Ed	.9210
RESA Total	3.43166

State Education	6.0
School Debt	2.8
Sinking Fund	1.8787
School ops	17.3113
School	28.6787

Non homestead pays upto an additional 18 mills to schools

Clay Township

Clay operations	.5039
Clay PD	4.85
Clay FD	2.125
Clay Total	7.48

Non-homestead properties have an additional 18 mills rate added to their bill going to Schools. This is voted in by the people of the school district. Clay Twp general millage rate is reduced to just over .5 mills, the lowest

rate by far of all the Townships in the County. It also must be noted that Clay is one of very few Townships in the county that does not have a road tax. Many Townships have at least 1 to 2 full mills for roads. Our local roads (44 miles) are 100% funded from our general operations budget. As the property value goes up, our general operations millage is decreased. The total Township share is just over 14% of your property taxes. The County receives 22%, RESA receives about 7% of your taxes. The State and local schools receive 57% of your property taxes. The Twp. general fund received the same amount in real dollars this year as it did in 2009, about \$282,000. At the same time, Clay is offering many more services than it did in the past. Every year we try to do a major local road repair. With today's economy, it is challenging to operate Twp. services with the same funding levels as 15 years ago. I am proud of our administrators and Twp. Board in reducing our costs. Also, receiving many grants supplements our expenses. We received over \$12 million in grants over the last 4 years for watermain and sewer projects, parks, roads and bridges to rebuild our infrastructure, saving our own tax monies.

Bluebill Bridge Replacement

Construction is scheduled to begin around July 15. Originally, the plan was to replace half of the bridge at one time. However, the contractor will instead install a temporary bridge for traffic, similar to what was done on the Flamingo Bridge job. The temporary bridge will accommodate one-way traffic controlled by a light. The weight restrictions on the temporary bridge will be the same as the existing bridge. The anticipated completion date for the entire bridge replacement project is around October 26. The total cost for replacing the bridge is \$1,157,318. After factoring in Federal, State, and County grants/funding, the Township's share of the cost is \$7,149. This results in significant savings for the taxpayers of Clay Township, totaling \$1,150,159.

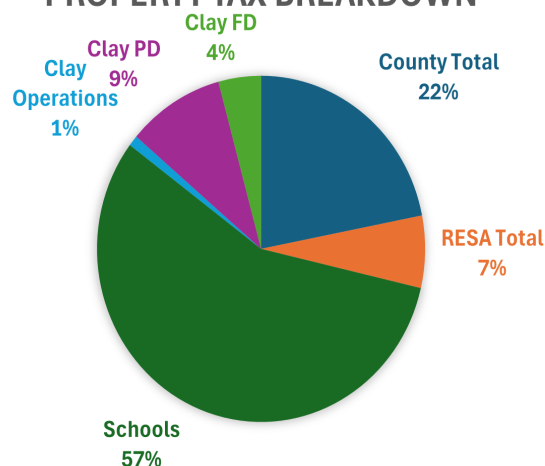
Clay Community Garden

The community garden aims to create a space where residents can come together to grow produce, fostering community spirit and providing fresh food options. **Six core volunteers** are needed to help with planning the layout of the garden, organizing other volunteers, and guiding the project's progress. Also, looking for **general volunteers** to assist with various tasks, donate materials, services, and provide support to the project. The location is across from Danny's at M-29 and Helene. To volunteer, reach out to Artie Bryson: supervisor@claytwpmi.gov or call the Twp. Office.

Park Upgrades

Construction will start this August on the Playscape, other park upgrades, and the outdoor exercise equipment. All paid for by grant dollars.

PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN



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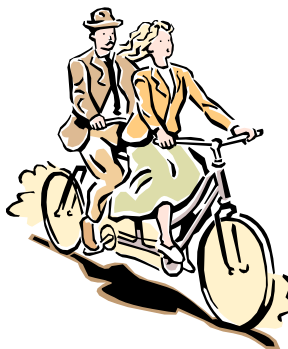
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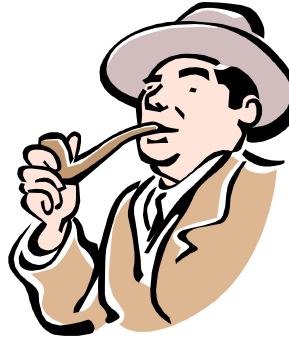
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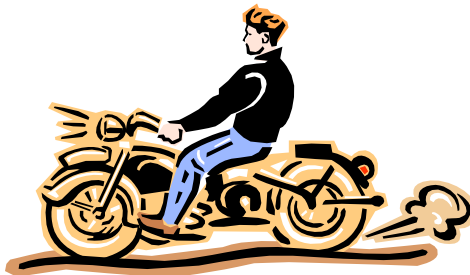
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Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4
Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com



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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