



The Clay Connection

Live everyday with enthusiasm, faith, and positive thinking!

October 2021

Clay Township Birthday!

Clay Township turns 200 years young on May 8th of 2022. This makes Clay one of the oldest Townships in the State. The settlement of Clay predates the organization of the county. Clay was organized as a Township in 1822 under the name of Plainfield and remained so until 1828, when the name was changed to Clay. It was changed because there already was a Plainfield Township in Allegan County. The first supervisor was Harvey Stewart.

If you have any input, please email me at supervisor@claytownship.org. We are looking for ideas and suggestions to celebrate our town's rich history. I would like to bring in the museums, schools, service groups and others to honor Pearl Beach, Pte Tremble, Harsen's Island, Russell Island, Dickinson Island and St. Johns Marsh. I also feel we should have events throughout the year. A friend already coined the possible name of "Clay Days". REMEMBER, HONOR, CELEBRATE.

Township Cleanup Day

In case you missed it, we will be adding a second **CLEANUP DAY**, Oct. 2nd on the mainland located on Muskrat Run, behind the Water Department building. On Harsens, we will be there on Oct 2nd and 3rd at Browns Field. We will be accepting all junk except for hazardous materials. Bring us your appliances, lawnmowers, or whatever you have. The Clay Fire Department will take the **hazardous materials** anytime 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. **Tires must be off the rims.**

Let's Clean Up Clay

God Bless our First Responders

LED Street Lights

Clay is converting all our streetlights to LED. We have contracted DTE to make the switch. It will take about 3 years for our investment to be paid off and we will be saving tax money from that point on.

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.

Flamingo Bridge Project

The bridge project ran a month longer because of material shortages, but is done as I type this, minus a little bit of cleanup. The project cost \$1,560,000. It is a local road so without the Federal, State and County grants, it would have fallen on the backs of the township taxpayers.

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.

With the grants, the cost to Clay Township is only \$32,900. Next, we will be working on funding to replace the Bluebill Bridge in 2024. It is a lot of work and takes time to get these grants but it's worth it saving Clay Twp citizen's money and getting the most bang for your tax dollars.

Stop for flashing school bus lights