

CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Frink America Property Progress

Following strict environmental requirements, Frink America buildings will soon be completely removed. All materials as well as ground surrounding the site, must be decontaminated before new development can begin.

The Town of Clayton and the Clayton Local Development Corporation have been working with the NYS DEC to clean the property in preparation for future development. Our goal is 100% decontamination in accordance with DEC regulations that require removal of all concrete floors, footers and contaminated grounds. The costs of asbestos abatement and demolition of buildings above the floors will be reimbursed at 50% by the DEC, and the removal of floors, footers and ground contamination at 90%.

S & S Environmental Inc. started removing asbestos materials on September 6th. W.D. Bach, LLC, helped in the removal of the roof on the main building that had asbestos contamination. Full demolition of all but two of the structures will start on or about October 3rd, utilizing municipal forces. Two smaller buildings, currently being used for the clean up operation, will be removed toward the end of the project in 2006.

Historically, this site has had a positive economic impact on Clayton beginning with the railroad and later, the manufacture of Frink snowplows. It will be exciting to see the role it will play in Clayton's economic future.

For more information contact Bob Cantwell at 686-3512.

1000 Islands Regional Dock Project

The Frink Park Dock, constructed of wooden piers, is 73 years old. It has been deteriorating for many years. Our plan to restore the dock, the 1000 Islands Regional Dock Project, has been in the planning stage since 1999 and dock rehabilitation is expected to begin soon.

Funding such a large project takes time, cooperation and coordination. With the assistance of NYS Senator James Wright, we secured a grant from the NYS Department of State for \$550,000 with a match, in the form of a public access easement on the Frink America adjoining property, provided by the Clayton Local Development Corporation and the Town of Clayton. A NYS Parks & Recreation and Historic Preservation grant of \$99,000 also aided us. Additionally Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton secured a \$250,000 grant from the NYS Department of Transportation and Congressman John McHugh secured a \$67,000 grant from Housing and Urban Development.

With all this and the recent St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation letter of intent negotiating a prepaid lease arrangement for \$300,000 presented to the Village of Clayton by Administrator Albert Jacquez, we are ready to proceed with dock rehabilitation.

Thus, we will proudly provide a beautiful port that will accommodate large vessels and bring increased economic benefits to the region. In addition, the new dock will provide a staging area for emergency response units in case of a marine disaster.

For more information contact Debra Sephton at 686-5552.

Important Meetings

Clayton Town Board
2nd & 4th Wed, 5pm
405 Riverside Drive

Clayton Village Board
2nd & 4th Mon, 6:30pm
425 Mary Street

**Clayton Joint
Town/Village Planning**
4th Thur, 7pm
405 Riverside Drive

**Clayton Joint Zoning
Board of Appeals**
3rd Mon, 7pm
405 Riverside Drive

**Clayton Local
Development
Corporation**
1st Thur, 4pm
405 Riverside Drive

**Clayton
Local Waterfront
Advisory Board**
As Needed
405 Riverside Drive

Clayton Fire District
2nd Wed, 7pm
Clayton & Depauville
Fire Halls

**TIERS
1000 Is. Emergency
Rescue Service**
Last Mon. of Month
630PM
Clayton & LaFargeville
Town Offices

**The Public is
welcome at all
meetings!**

Meeting minutes are posted on the Web at TownOfClayton.com and VillageOfClayton.org

Clayton Town Sewer and Water Districts

The Town of Clayton currently is responsible for three sewer districts. The Heritage Heights District originated in the 1960's as a closed private sewer system, and became a district in 1978 when the discharge went into the sewer system of the Village of Clayton. The Depauville Sewer District has its own wastewater treatment system that went online in 1991. The Reed Point Sewer District came online at the end of 2004 and is part of a three-town (Orleans, Alexandria and Clayton) sewer system with the sewage treatment plant located about a 1/4 mile east of the TI Bridge.

Fees, paid by all users in each district, fund capital costs and the ongoing operations and maintenance costs of the systems.

Establishing an individual sewer or water district, including the actual construction, can take anywhere from two to five years. The Town of Clayton is currently working to establish a water district for Depauville that will include the NYS Route 12 corridor between Depauville and Clayton. Two potential sewer districts are being studied, one in the area of Bartlett Point Road and NYS Route 12E outside the village limits and the other along NYS Route 12 between the Village of Clayton and east to the Orleans Town line.

For more information contact Bob Cantwell at 686-3512.

Special Fall Event - Come Join The Fun

With our 2005 tourism season behind us, it is our continuing goal to increase our tourism season by adding special events during the fall and winter months.

With this in mind, we plan to entertain the Clayton community and visitors with a Clayton Christmas. Every Saturday beginning at noon from November 26 to December 24, the Young People's Theater will perform a series of holiday vignettes downtown at the west end of Riverside Drive. Carolers in vintage costumes will stroll along Riverside Drive and James Street.

If you are interested in caroling please call Betty Giles at 686-3112 or Debbie Sephton at 686-2258.

Do You Know?

The Village Clerk's office is one of the very few locations still issuing handicapped parking permits. There is no charge for the permit, which is issued immediately upon request. Applicants must bring a completed permit application signed by their doctors, with valid NYS driver's license or NYS non-drivers ID card. Call for more information – 686-5552.

2005 Clayton Community Calendar

Sept 8 – Oct 30

Fall Art Exhibit

Handweaving Museum & Arts Center
315-686-4123

Oct 5

Benefit Dinner – Clipper Inn

Clayton Figuring Skating Club
686-3842

Oct 9

Fall Classic Chicken BBQ

Depauville Fire Department
Depauville Fire Hall

Oct 9 – Oct 15

3rd Annual Archival Week

Thousand Islands Museum
315-686-5794

Oct 13

Annual Fall Banquet- Sand Bay Inn

Clayton Area Chamber of Commerce
315-686-3771

Oct 14

Spaghetti Dinner – C-Way Restaurant

Clayton Lions Club

Oct 16

Pancake Breakfast

Thousand Islands Museum
315-686-5794

Oct 29

Booster Club Dinner

Clayton Municipal Building
5PM 315-686-3771

Nov 11

Veteran's Day

Service at 11AM
Clayton Monument – Downtown

Saturdays, Nov 26 - Dec 24

Holiday Vignettes & Caroling

12 Noon West end of Riverside Drive
315-686-3112

Nov 27- Dec 23

11th Annual Festival of Trees

Thousand Islands Museum
315-686-5794

Dec 1

Shoppers Poker Run & Tree Lighting

Clayton Downtown
315-686-3771

Dec 2 – Dec 3

Christmas Craft Show

Clayton Knights of Columbus Hall
315-686-5794

Dec 3

Holiday Food Fair

Clayton - St. Mary's Parish Center

Dec 3

Holiday Social

Handweaving Museum & Arts Center
9-5PM 315-686-4123

Dec 4

43rd Annual Christmas Parade

2PM Clayton Downtown

Town of Clayton, 315-686-3512

Robert W. Cantwell, Jr., Supervisor

Town Board: Vivian F. Black, George E. Kittle, Justin A. Taylor, Donald Turcotte

Village of Clayton, 315-686-5552

Debra L. Sephton, Mayor

Village Board: Todd Cerow, Joseph Orobona, Tim Pacific, Norma Zimmer

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