

CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Clayton Newsletter Published Quarterly by Clayton, for Clayton, about Clayton

Welcome!

Welcome to your new Clayton Newsletter! There are exciting things happening in Clayton, and we want you to be involved. The Newsletter is one method of communicating with everyone.

Look here for news briefs on the many activities affecting Clayton residents, such as:

- Frink America
- Village Square Park
- Recreation Park
- Opera House
- TI Regional Dock
- Frink Park
- Centennial Park
- DOT Loop Rebuild
- Lion's Field
- Friends of Clayton
- Senior Paynter Center
- Town/Village Consolidation
- Village Sidewalk Program
- Main Street Revitalization
- TIERS & Fire Departments
- Depauville Beautification Committee
- Sewer and Water Surveys & Projects
- Grindstone School House & Heritage Ctr.

Your input is necessary. The newsletter will present briefs on a variety of topics. You can join the decision making by attending committee meetings or contacting the team leaders. Help plan Clayton's future. Your input is welcome and very important!

Clayton Receives \$ 200,000 in Main Street Revitalization Funds

The Clayton Improvement Association has been awarded a \$200,000 grant to assist local businesses and organizations with Main Street Revitalization efforts. Funding for this Program was made available through the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation.

The goal of the Main Street program is to revitalize mixed use commercial/residential neighborhoods through historic building preservation as well as providing for and updating affordable housing units in second and third floor apartments.

The target area for this program has been identified as the James Street portion of the 1985 Historic District.

The Matching Funds can be used for façade & building improvements as well as streetscape enhancements.

Call Matt Taylor at 686-3212 for information.

New Owners for Frink America Property

On Friday, February 15, 2005, the community of Clayton took possession of 8 acres of Clayton history, the former Frink Snowplow factory. Jefferson County received the property through a tax foreclosure. The title was then transferred to the Town of Clayton and the Clayton Local Development Corporation for a future payment of \$300,000 in back taxes and an estimated \$70,000 for current taxes. In 2005, the levels and locations of contamination will be assessed, and demolition will begin. The actual clean up work will be done in 2006, with the implementation of development and infrastructure planned for 2007.

For additional information, contact Bob Cantwell at 686-3512.

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

The Public is welcome at all meetings!

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

Where Do My Town Tax Dollars Go?

Ever wonder what services are covered by your Town tax dollars?

- Ambulance Service, 24X7 at the Paramedic Level
- Town Roads, 75.84 miles - built, maintained & plowed
- Trash/Recycling disposal - Clayton Transfer Site, Crystal Springs Road
- Recreation Park – arena, pool, ball fields, tennis courts, pavilion, & exercise trail
- Grindstone dock & landing
- Grindstone Schoolhouse
- Depauville and Hawn Library support
- Chamber of Commerce support
- Clayton Youth Commission
- Senior Center support
- Employee wages - 21 full time & 24 part time jobs
- Depauville Community Center – park, ball court & pavilion
- Economic development projects, i.e. sewer - Rt. 12 & 12E, water – Depauville & Rt. 12, Opera House & Frink America
- Emergency Management System, i.e. 1998 ice storm, 1995 micro-burst, 2003 blackout
- Justice Court System
- Planning & Zoning
- Real Property Assessment
- Hunting/Fishing/Trapping/Dog licenses
- Marriage licenses, death certificates & genealogy
- Cemetery custodian

At a 2005 Town tax rate of \$2.00 per \$1000 of assessed value, the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 pays \$200 in Town taxes per year. Holding the tax rate, while improving services for the 3831 tax parcels in the Township, is the highest priority for the Town of Clayton officials and employees.

Call for more information - 686-3512.

Village of Clayton Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village of Clayton Board of Trustees has implemented a sidewalk replacement program to enhance pedestrian safety and to improve pedestrian accessibility. This program will enable property owners to obtain sidewalk replacement for the cost of materials only. The Village DPW will provide the labor.

Owners of properties within the village, which currently have sidewalks, are eligible to participate in the program. Forms and complete information may be obtained at the Village Municipal Building at 425 Mary Street in Clayton, 686-5552.

Do You Know ?

Not-For-Profit organizations can reserve the Municipal Building Community Room for social functions for free. Use of the kitchen can be included for a nominal fee. Call for more information – 686-5552.

2005 Community Calendar

Apr 8-10

34th Annual Spring Boat Show
Clayton - Recreation Park Arena -- East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

May 5-Jul 21

Spring Exhibit: "Building Blocks"
Clayton - Handweaving Museum & Arts Center
315-686-4123

May 11-12

Northern New York Construction Expo
Clayton - Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

May 21-22

Weaving History Conference
Clayton - Handweaving Museum & Arts Center
315-686-4123

Jun 3-5

1000 Islands Intl. Chapter of Dog Shows
Clayton - Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.
315-686-4310

Jun 4

1000 Islands Family Day
Clayton - Antique Boat Museum / Handweaving
Museum & Arts Center
12 - 4 PM 315-686-4104

Jun 7

Clayton Community Band Concert
Clayton – Opera House
315-686-2200

Jun 11

Trash & Treasures Day
Clayton
315-686-3771

Jun 11

Summer Festival Orchestra
Clayton – Opera House
315-686-2200

Jun 15-17

Elderhostel Program
Clayton - Handweaving Museum & Arts Center
315-686-4123

Jun 17

Festival of Open Space
TI Land Trust - Clayton - Zenda Farms
315-686-5345

Jun 24

Children Only Book Sale
Clayton - Municipal Building
10AM - 2PM 315-686-5552

Jun 24-26

The Great NYS Food & Wine Festival
Clayton - Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

Jun 25

Bicycle Safety Fair & Rodeo
Clayton - Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.
1-3 PM 315-686-5552

Jun 27

Dinner Theatre
Clayton – Opera House
6 PM 315-686-2200

Jun 27

3rd Annual Victorian Week
Clayton - Thousand Islands Museum
315-686-5794

Jun 30

Waterfront Concert
Clayton - Frink Park Downtown
7-9pm 315-686-3771

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: Rebecca Bond, Todd Cerow, Tim Pacific, Norma Zimmer

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