

CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Frink America Property Progress

Since transfer of title in February, the Frink America property has changed. A municipal work force reestablished the old fence, added new fencing for security and removed brush in preparation for the land surveyors. A main entrance gate has been established on Hugunin Street, with a check-in location and information sign. As a DEC controlled 'Brownfield Site', access to the property can be gained only with permission and an escort. DEC regulations halted use of the parking lot until it is tested and/or cleaned. In March, Niagara Mohawk under DEC required monitoring by Project Environmental Engineer Lu Engineers, removed four electric transformers. The pre-demolition inspection determined asbestos to be present in 12 of 14 buildings. A licensed asbestos abatement contractor is required for proper removal of this material. The process to bid the service has been started. Asbestos removal could start in mid August. Lu Engineers will conduct onsite testing during July and August to determine the level of in-ground contamination. Demolition cannot be started until all asbestos is removed, possibly in September.

Information: Bob Cantwell, 686-3512.

Cooperating Municipal Services, Community Donations & a State Grant Create a Unique Park

Thanks to shared Town and Village manpower, equipment and talents, the upgrading of Clayton's Centennial Park is complete. The result is the only paddle park on the St. Lawrence River. Financial support came from community members and a grant from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Town Highway Department and the Village DPW prepared the site for construction of the 165-foot seawall using indigenous Jefferson County limestone, and installed new handicapped-accessible sidewalks. A perennial garden planted by community volunteers brightens the East side, as well as trees with memorial plaques donated by devoted families and service groups in the area. Picnic tables, also handicapped-accessible, have been installed. A twenty-foot ramp for non-motorized craft launching, complements the west end of the Seawall. James Tinney, landscape architect of Barton and Loguidice, P.C. volunteered his landscaping design services. Don Badour, of Don's Prop Shop, constructed the ingenious new flagpole and he used recycled material for his work of art. The Cooper family of Pine Island donated a teak Victorian arbor. Thus, the park reflects the past, present and future of Clayton, and will provide recreation and reflection for all residents and their guests, now and in the future. A rededication and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday July 16th, 10:00AM.

Information: Debra Sephton 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
Monthly
Clayton & LaFargeville
Town Offices

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

TIERS Profile: Providing Emergency Medical Services for Our Community

Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service, Inc., a 501c3 not for profit organization, was established November 27, 2001. Its Board was designed to establish and eventually govern a paramedic level ambulance service for the towns of Clayton and Orleans. After a lengthy application process TIERS, on December 21, 2004, became the official independent ambulance service for Clayton and Orleans. They meet once a month. Board members are: Jean Heady (Chairperson), Bob Markert (V. Chairperson), Terry Valin (Secretary), David Storandt (Treasurer), Bob Barnes, Polly Jobson, Bob Kelsey, Larry Girard and Paul Moore. Rolly Churchill is Executive Director. Information: 686-2058

The Public is
welcome at all
meetings!

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

- Dept. of Public Works: Street repair, plowing/sanding and sweeping
- Two playgrounds, four parks and a tennis/basketball court
- Sidewalk Replacement Program
- Fall & Spring trash pickup, leaf and Christmas tree pickup
- Public Safety: Police Chief, Sergeant, Officer and K-9 Officer, Dog Warden
- Justice Court System
- Public parking, courtesy parking violation envelopes
- Use of Municipal Building for nonprofit events and voting site
- Employee wages and benefits - 17 Full-time and 26 part-time
- Planning, Zoning and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)
- Public docks, boat ramp and Harbor management, bathhouse and public restrooms
- School crossing guards
- Economic development projects: 1000 Island Regional Dock and Centennial Park
- Street lighting and Welcome Arch
- Beautification: Tree trimming and flower planting
- Special event preparation: parades, flags, holiday decorating
- Support open-air ice rink at the Lion's field
- Clayton Youth Commission, Summer Youth Program and Bicycle Safety Fair & Rodeo
- Hawn Memorial Library building and support
- Chamber of Commerce and Paynter Senior Center support
- Building space for Volunteer Fire Department
- Historian, Notary Public, handicapped parking permits

Public Sewer and Water service, including fire hydrants that assist the Clayton Fire Department with fire protection, is paid for by sewer and water user fees and are not funded by taxpayer dollars.

The top priority for the Village of Clayton is to provide the highest degree of services while maintaining the lowest possible tax rate for 998 village properties. The current tax rate is \$9.04 per \$1000 of assessed property value.

For more information call Debra Sephton at 686-5552.

Public and Private Partnership Benefits Performing Arts

When the Town of Clayton and the T.I. Performing Arts Fund (TIPAF), a private not-for-profit group, joined forces in 2002, the purpose was to promote performing arts and community events in a restored Opera House. The town dedicated the Opera House to this purpose in perpetuity, and TIPAF committed to raise the funds to manage and renovate the facility. Funding this project would also be a public and private process. TIPAF's private donation program will be key, as public funding agencies require a 50% local match. The Town and TIPAF are committed to the future of the historic Opera House. For more information: TIPAF 686-1037.

Do You Know?

The Village of Clayton hosts a Summer Recreation Program for ages 6 to 12 from late June through mid August. A director is on site from 9AM - noon and 1PM - 4PM, Monday - Friday. Lunch is not included. Children meet at the Village Square Park to play games, take local hikes and use the town pool. There is no charge. Applications are available at the Village Municipal Building weekdays 8AM - 4PM. Contact: Geneva Phelps Miller, 686-5552.

2005 Clayton Community Calendar

Sun. July 3, then Thursdays thru Sept 1
Waterfront Concert
 7pm Free admission – Frink Park

July 3
Gala Fireworks
 Fireworks start at dusk Clayton Waterfront

July 15 - 17
37th Annual Decoy & Wildlife Art Show
8th Annual Model Boat Show
 Recreation Park Arena – East Line Rd.
 315-686-5794

July 16
8th Annual Festival of Oar, Paddle & Sail
 Antique Boat Museum – 750 Mary St.
 315-686-4104

July 22 - 23
11th Annual Quilt Show
 Knights of Columbus Hall - James St.
 315-686-5794

July 23 - 24
27th Annual T.I. Stamp, Coin, Postcard, Jewelry, Gem & Collectable Show
 Recreational Park Arena - East Line Rd.
 315-686-4310

July 24
Clayton Celebrates Summer Parade
 1pm Downtown
 315-686-3771

July 27 - Sept 2
Art Exhibit "Along the River's Edge"
 Handweaving Museum & Art Center - 314 John St.
 315-686-4123

Aug 5 - 7
41st Annual Antique Boat Show
 Antique Boat Museum - 750 Mary St.
 315-686-4104

Aug 11 - 14
40th Annual Antique Show & Sale
 Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.
 315-686-4123

Aug 20 - 21
28th Annual Clayton 1000 Island Rotary Gun & Sportsman Show
 Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.
 315-686-4123

Aug 26 - 28
28th Annual Juried Craft Show & Sale
 Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.
 315-686-4123

Sept 3
3rd Annual Stone Soup Festival
 Frink Park Downtown Clayton
 315-686-3771

Sept 10
Fall Trash & Treasures Day
 Clayton Area
 315-686-3771

Sept 24 - 25
8th Annual Vintage & Classic Street Meet
 Downtown / Graves Street
 315-686-3771

A complete list of events is available at
1000islands-clayton.com or 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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