

CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Frink Property Progress

After the major transformation that took place this fall, the Frink Development site has been put to rest for the winter months. All buildings have been removed except for two smaller buildings that will be used until the remediation project is complete. Completion includes taking up over 120,000 square feet of concrete floors this spring and excavating a few thousand yards of contaminated soil next summer.

The quiet months of winter are a good time to reflect upon items that community members hope to see in the redevelopment of this property. They include a hotel, more retail space, a bakery, and varying types of residential property. The LWRP Advisory Board, the Remediation and the Redevelopment Committees of the CLDC, and the CLDC Board are also once again discussing a long-considered plan - a "River Walk District" designed to tie all of these ideas to a downtown cultural-historic scheme. The Frink Development property, the historical downtown business district, the three museums, and the Opera House would all be tied together in a "River Walk" network.

As we wonder what the Frink Development property holds for our future, let us hope that it will be the birthplace of a project to strengthen Clayton's commercial activity by capitalizing on "the River", our greatest asset.

For more 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
2nd 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
6:30PM
Clayton & LaFargeville
Town Offices

The Public is welcome at all meetings!

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

Do You Know?

The Department of Transportation (DOT) Loop refers to the U-shaped loop of streets, north of Rte. 12, formed by James Street, Riverside Drive and Webb Street. This is a State Route that was classified a rural major collector in June 2003. The State name for this loop is Route 971 L.

The DOT loop is eligible for federal funding; however, funding is not likely to become available. An option for the Village would be ownership of the loop. While this would mean Village maintenance, it would allow for local control and would make the loop eligible for Federal (80%) and State (15%) pass-thru funds. Major projects would cost the village 5% of the project cost. The village is considering this option. It would allow for street repaving, burial of utility lines, and curbing, sidewalk and crossing enhancements.

Call for more information – 686-5552.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

What is a LWRP?

A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is a plan endorsed by New York State and the federal government "to guide the beneficial use, revitalization, and protection of waterfront resources" (NYSDOS 2000). It involves a locality's water and land use for the natural and built-up waterfront, as well as coastal protection and development. Once approved, the LWRP helps coordinate state and federal support of local program goals.

A LWRP provides many benefits, foremost among them, a local voice on waterfront matters. Without an approved program, actions by the state and federal government are governed by New York State's coastal policies with limited local input. The formal process that gives local governments expanded control is called "consistency." It works as follows: Clayton's Village LWRP replaces the State's Coastal Management Program for the Village's coastal area. State and federal agencies, as well as the Village itself, are then required to conduct their activities in a manner *consistent with* Clayton's LWRP.

A LWRP also provides these benefits:

1. A comprehensive, local plan for waterfront and community-wide resources
2. Technical assistance from the Department of State to develop local legislation, to carry out programs, and to review complex projects
3. An information exchange supported by the Department of State (including bulletins, special reports, workshops, conferences, and dialogue with other communities)
4. Attraction of funds – an approved LWRP can attract public and private investment in waterfront projects since it demonstrates a community's commitment to revitalization, resource protection, and a predictable and efficient development process. A LWRP is *required* to receive certain state and federal grants.

Clayton's LWRP

On April 1, 1986, the Village of Clayton under Mayor Robert Purcell adopted a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), approved consistency laws, and amended zoning to include a waterfront overlay district. The consistency laws require that actions taken by the Village of Clayton are consistent with applicable state and local policies established by the Village's LWRP. The Waterfront Overlay District, superimposed on the primary zoning districts, is an *additional level of review*. In other words, any development on Clayton's waterfront must be consistent with the local waterfront plan.

In December 2003 the Clayton Joint Planning Board created the Clayton LWRP Advisory Board to assist landowners and the Planning Board to comply with the Clayton LWRP requirements. When requested, the Advisory Board meets with applicants, offers suggestions, and submits recommendations to the Clayton Joint Planning Board.

In October 2004 the Town of Clayton and the CLDC contracted with Saratoga Associates to revise the Village LWRP. At that time the LWRP Advisory Board was expanded and given the task of assisting Saratoga Associates. The Advisory Board provided current data on the physical assets of the Village waterfront and conducted surveys of residents and businesses to identify key objectives for the development of the Clayton commercial core and the land in the Frink Development area.

Current LWRP Advisory Board members are: John Kehoe, Chairperson and Dawn Rusho, Vice Chairperson

Donny Badour	Kelly Cantwell	Audie Cerow	Bill Danforth	Sissy Danforth
Peggy DeYoung	Lori Durand	Mike Geiss	Bill Grater	Bob Kittle
John MacLean	Theresa Mitchell	Andy Anderson	Phil Randazzo	Matt Taylor
Robyn Vogel	Aaron Vogel	Warring Blackburn		

Clayton's Village waterfront extends from Bartlett Point on the west to Goose Bay on the east (up to Rte. 12). It includes French Creek, French Creek Bay, commercial and residential zones along Riverside Drive, Frink Park, and the Frink Development property. It is encouraging to know that this valuable resource is protected by a well-developed plan with support from both the state and federal governments.

For more information contact John Kehoe at 686-4247 or Dawn Rusho at 686-4308.

2006 Clayton Community Calendar

Jan 28 - Mar 4

Winterfest
Alexandria Bay, Clayton & Cape Vincent
315-686-3771

Feb 3-5

Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby
Clayton - K of C
315-686-3852

Feb 4

Craft Fair
Clayton Municipal Building - Mary St.
10am-4 Free Admission 315-686-1106

Feb 18

**1st Annual "Catch & Release"
Ice Fishing Derby**
Clayton Volunteer Fire Department
315-686-3771

April 7-9

35th Annual Spring Boat Show
Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

April 28

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner
C-Way Restaurant - Rt. 12 Clayton
315-686-3771

Town of Clayton, 315-686-3512
Robert W. Cantwell, Jr., Supervisor

Town Board: George E. Kittle, Bonnie L. Rose, Justin A. Taylor, Donald Turcotte

Village of Clayton, 315-686-5552
Dale Kenyon, Mayor

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

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