

CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Opera House Renovations

This year will be a busy one for the Clayton Opera House Revival project. The partnership of the Town of Clayton and the Thousand Island Performing Arts Fund "TIPAF" is readying the renovation project to start this October 2006. The project is scheduled for completion by June 2007, just in time for the summer programs.

TIPAF is heading up the capital campaign with over \$1,000,000 raised/pledged from the private sector, while the Town applied for State and Federal matching funds for this \$2,600,000 project. Some higher-ticket items include a 20' X 50' four-story addition to the existing building, a new sprinkler system, a heat and A/C system for the upper three floors, and an elevator to make all four floors accessible to everyone.

New Look For Town Offices

The elevator and bathroom expansions of the Opera House renovation project will temporarily displace many Town offices. In the interim, office spaces will be set up in the current Boardroom, the Village municipal building will temporarily house some offices, and the Paynter Center may be used for Board meetings.

Upon completion everyone will return to renovated and/or rearranged offices and the new community room on the upper floor will be used for Board meetings. This new look and additional benefits will be achieved at no cost to the Town taxpayer.

For more information contact Bob Cantwell at 686-3512.

Clayton River Walk Restroom Facility

The Rotary Club of Clayton has received the completed plans for the new restroom facility on Riverside Drive in Downtown Clayton. Bill Grater of Clayton helped with the plans, which were finalized by Bernier, Carr and Associates of Watertown. The heated building will promote and extend the tourism season for downtown merchants.

The new structure includes a Harbor Master Office and a storage room. Each restroom is wheelchair accessible with a changing station for babies. The roof of the building will be an observation deck with railings and a wheelchair lift.

Jefferson-Lewis BOCES students are assembling the structure, including all the rough-in work for electrical and plumbing, in their winter and spring classes. When complete, the three-part structure will be transported to Clayton with Town and Village support. Town and Village workers, as well as local contractors, are scheduled to complete the site preparation work. Many contractors have pledged time to the project and others have donated materials and money.

Join the team to complete this community-worthy project by sending your tax-deductible donations to:

Rotary Club of Clayton
P. O. Box 295
Clayton, NY 13624

For more information contact Tony Pisarski at 686-4073.

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

Hawn Memorial Library – Growing and Changing

Spring 2006 at Hawn Memorial Library promises to enliven your transition from winter hibernation to summer's pace. A variety of programs will ensure that all of our patrons will enjoy themselves and, in the process, enhance learning and access to learning resources in the community.

- **April 2-9 Library Week:** open up a whole new world for children through reading!
- **Mon, April 3, 7pm, *The Northern Light Book Discussion Group*** will discuss local talent **Jennifer Donnelly**. Stop in and reserve a book and a seat for this lively group, lead by Mrs. Nellie Mae Schauer– space is limited to 15.
- **Wed, April 5, 10am Story Hour** unveils our new flannel-board puppets with Miss Alice and Miss Sharon. At **3:30pm**, grades K-2, **After School Special *Spring Flowers*** will plant seeds and enjoy a healthy snack, along with a guest musician.
- **Wed, April 12, 10am**, the **Easter Bunny** will supervise a pre-school age egg hunt and story time in the children's room
- **Sat, April 15, 11am**, the **2nd Annual Bunny Bop** at the Village playground park: 2000 stuffed eggs will be waiting for children up to grade 5 – thanks to Chair Mrs. Bobbi Fredrick. Expect prizes, stories read, and fun for all!

While the Pony Club and story hours continue, the spotlight in **May** is on grownups:

- Mrs. Erin Brick of JCCC's English department will teach a free **Poetry Appreciation Workshop** – limited to 15, so do not delay in registering at the library.
- **Mon, May 8, 7pm**, Chief Kevin Patenaude, Sgt. Pierce, and the newest canine partner will offer ***Illegal Drug Use: Unplugged*** -- free to anyone over age 16, but not for the feint of heart!
- Planning to participate in the **2006 Dickens Christmas?** Join Mary Krahn's **Workshops on Costume Making & Victorian Ornament and Tree Decorating.**

Mark your calendars **June 30** for the **Children's Only Book Sale** and the big **3-day sale at the Municipal Building July 12, 13, and 14** for incredible bargains in literature and music!

Please join us in applauding Hawn Memorial new technology and library upgrades, including: changes in layout to make locating books easier; acquisitions in juvenile-young adult sections, classics, video-audiobook selections, and new military books in the Richard Schnell Collection; our 4th public access computer and a new computer table; and wireless access for laptops, so patrons can now log into the North Country Library Systems website from home.

Hawn Memorial Library continues to grow and serve community needs – stop in and see what we can offer you. For more information contact Sharon Briggs at 686-3762.

2006 Clayton Community Calendar

Apr 7 - 9

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

Apr 21

K9 Fund Spaghetti Feed
5 pm Flat Rock Cafe - Plessis, NY
315-686-3859

Apr 28

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

May 10

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

May 20 - 21

Weaving History Conference
Handweaving Museum & Arts Center
314 John St. 315-686-4123

May 24 – Jul 5

Spring Art Exhibit
Handweaving Museum & Arts Center
314 John St. 315-686-4123

Jun 2 – 4

1000 Islands Intl. Chapter of Dogs Show
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-788-0722

Jun 8 – 11

Northern NY Firemen's Convention
Graves St. Fire Station 315-686-3771

Jun 9 – 11

Bi-Annual Quilt Show
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

Jun 10

1000 Islands Family Miracle Day
Antique Boat Museum 750 Mary St.
315-686-4104

Jun 10

Trash & Treasures Day
Village of Clayton 315-686-3771

Jun 23 – Jul 9

3rd Annual Art Around Town
TI Museum Clayton 315-686-5794

Jun 23 – 25

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

Jun 29

Waterfront Concert 6-8PM
Farmers Market 4-8PM
Clayton Frink Park 315-686-3771

Do You Know?

A new curbside, handicap accessible mailbox is now located on Riverside Drive, at the west end of the parking median. This mailbox replaces the John Street curbside mailbox at the Post Office and provides safer drive-up access. Pick up time at the new mailbox is 9AM Monday-Saturday. Call for more information – 686-3311.

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Village of Clayton, 315-686-5552
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Village Board: Todd Cerow, Joseph Orobona, Tim Pacific, Norma Zimmer

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