

# CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Frink Property Progress

On February 11, 2005 the Town of Clayton and the Clayton Local Development Corporation took possession of the former Frink America property. Under the direction of the CLDC's Remediation Committee, the property was cleared of asbestos materials, 90% of the buildings and foundations were cleared, and removal of hazardous materials in the ground will start soon. Upon completion of these remedial processes, the community will have a clean, saleable, vacant lot.

The CLDC's Redevelopment Committee is charged with marketing the property. They are working under two main guidelines: one, what is best for the community and two, steering developers in a desired direction without overly restricting them. With this in mind, discussions over the last sixteen months have resulted in a plan calling for public access along the shoreline of the property. This will be accomplished through an easement for pedestrian traffic as part of the deed. The easement will be 25 feet wide, run the full length of the Frink shoreline and include a walkway to be known as the "RiverWalk". The future owners of the property will still own the property, maintain it and develop it as approved, yet the easement space will be "green" space maintaining a view of the River for all to enjoy.

Clayton's rich heritage can be found in its museums, its historic downtown business district, the Opera House, and along the water's edge where once trains and steamboats exchanged passengers going to and from majestic hotels and where ship building and log rafting were the industries of the day. The Frink property has always been an integral part of that heritage and an important component of Clayton's economy. Ship building, log rafting, hotels, steamboat ferries, rock quarries, rail lines, and coal refueling for steamships have all been part of the Frink property's impact on Clayton's history and economy. It is now the plan to have that same site be the birthplace of the next major evolution in Clayton's rich economic and cultural life as the RiverWalk is established on that property.

As it took years for past innovations to become established and grow, so too it will take years for the Clayton RiverWalk to come to its full potential as it expands in the rest of the community. Though major businesses and industries have come and gone at the Frink location, the property is still there. Today we have the opportunity to be sure that it remains a part of Clayton's heritage by establishing the RiverWalk. For more information contact Bob Cantwell at 686-3512.

## 1000 Island Regional Dock

The Village of Clayton is proceeding with construction of the 1000 Island Regional Dock along the downtown riverfront at Frink Park. The existing dock will be replaced with sheet piling to reinforce the shoreline and an attached dock measuring 21 feet wide by 364 feet long. The surface of the dock will be reinforced concrete and stretch from the former Brabant property on the west to the Frink America SnoPlow property on the east.

Aubertine & Currier, of Watertown, N.Y., are the architects and the construction firm is M.A. Bongiovanni, Inc. of Syracuse, N.Y. Bongiovanni, has done similar projects throughout N.Y. State, and will subcontract with several local contractors. The project will commence this summer and be completed in the fall. During construction Frink Park will continue to be used for community activities.

Funding for the dock comes from multiple sources: Federal funds, NYS funds, lease funds from the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and a local (Village) share. The village share, indicating a village investment in the community, will also help with future grant requests, particularly phase 2 of this project, which proposes grounds upgrades and a bandstand at Frink Park. The total cost of phase 1 is \$1,563,000 with the Village providing approximately 19% of the costs. For more information contact Joe Orobona at 686-5164.

## Important Meetings

**Clayton Town Board**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 5pm  
405 Riverside Drive

**Clayton Village Board**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon, 6:30pm  
425 Mary Street

**Clayton Joint  
Town/Village  
Planning**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thur, 7pm  
405 Riverside Drive

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

**Clayton Local  
Development  
Corporation**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thur, 4pm  
405 Riverside Drive

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

**Clayton Fire District**  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://TownOfClayton.com) and [VillageOfClayton.org](http://VillageOfClayton.org)

## Inter-Municipal Cooperation

On June 7, 2006, a joint meeting of the Clayton Town and Village Boards was held to discuss Inter-Municipal cooperation on a number of issues. Two committees were appointed to address two important topics – relocation of town offices during building renovation, and review of current Inter-Municipal agreements.

The renovation of the Town Hall/Clayton Opera House will require Town offices to relocate for an approximate six-month period. A committee of Town and Village board members was appointed to study the feasibility of relocating the Town offices to the Village Municipal Building for the six-month period. Since the Clayton fire department moved to a new location, there is now ample space in this building for possible sharing. The committee will report its findings and recommendations by July 12, 2006 to the combined Boards. While the Town supervisor and clerk, along with the Historian and Zoning Enforcement Officer, would like to move back to the Town Hall, there is the possibility that Town and Village Justices could permanently relocate to the Village Municipal building.

The joint Boards also appointed a committee to study the current Inter-Municipal agreements regarding the Joint Planning Board, Joint Zoning Board, and Joint Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Town and Village have had these Inter-Municipal agreements in effect for a number of years for the sake of economic benefit and efficient planning. It was felt that these agreements should be in the form of laws or ordinances where necessary, thereby strengthening them. This committee is also made up of Village and Town board members and will begin to meet over the summer.

Anyone interested in providing input to either of these committees should send their input to either the Town at 686-3512 or the Village at 686-5552.

### *Do You Know?*

**Summer Recreation Program** 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 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to 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, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Geneva Phelps Miller, 686-5552.

**Handicap Parking** The Village is installing a new handicap parking space between Key Bank and Bella's on Riverside Drive. As an added courtesy, all handicap parking meters will be painted blue for easy handicap parking space identification.

## 2006 Clayton Community Calendar

### Thursdays, July 6th into September

6-8pm **Waterfront Concert &**

4-8pm **Farmers Market**

Free admission Frink Park - Downtown Clayton

### July 22 - 23

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual T.I. Stamp, Coin, Postcard, Jewelry, Gem & Collectables Show**

Recreational Park Arena - East Line Rd.  
315-686-3771

### July 23

**Clayton Celebrates Summer Parade**

1pm Downtown  
315-686-3771

### July 28 - 29

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show**

Knights of Columbus Hall - James St.  
315-686-5794

### Aug 4 - 6

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction**

Antique Boat Museum - 750 Mary St.  
315-686-4104

### Aug 5

**Tricky Tray Auction**

10am-4pm Hawn Memorial Library - 220 John St.  
315-686-3762

### Aug 10 - 13

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Antique Show & Sale**

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.  
315-686-4123

### Aug 18 - 20

**Antique Race Boat Regatta**

Antique Boat Museum - 750 Mary St.  
315-686-4104

### Aug 19 - 20

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Clayton 1000 Island Rotary Gun & Sportsman Show**

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.  
315-686-4123

### Aug 19

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ**

Thousand Islands Museum - 312 James St.  
315-686-5794

### Aug 25 - 27

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Craft Show & Sale**

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.  
315-686-4123

### Sept 9 - 10

**1000 Islands Model Train Fair**

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.  
315-686-3771

### Sept 14 - Oct 30

**Fall Art Exhibit**

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

### Sept 16

**2nd Annual "HOGS & HOT RODS" Poker Run**

Thousand Islands Museum - 312 James St.  
315-686-5794

### Sept 23 - 24

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage & Classic Street Meet**

Downtown / Graves Street  
315-686-3771

A complete list of events is available at  
[1000islands-clayton.com](http://1000islands-clayton.com) or 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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