

# CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Clayton Village News

It is a busy time in Clayton, and along with the Clayton town and village consolidation project, Clayton village officials are busy with many important capital projects.

- **1000 Island Regional Dock Project** Phase 1 for Frink Park completed December 2006. Police Chief Kevin Patenaude is working with Homeland Security on requirements for 105 Port Status that allows large vessels and cruise ships to dock locally. Phase 2 for Frink Park is on the drawing board.
- **Westside Sewer Project** The engineering firm of Sterns and Wheeler presented updated project status and design drawings in Spring 2007. The firm plans to complete final drawings in early summer. The project will then go out for bid.
- **Strawberry Lane/Brooks Drive Improvement Project** This project, getting underway in late Spring 2007, will be completed with the cooperation of the Clayton Town Highway Department. New roads, curbs, and sidewalks will be part of this water and sewer upgrade.
- **Veterans Memorial Monument Restoration** Kicking off the 2007 summer season, the refurbished Veterans Monument at the end of John Street was dedicated during a Memorial Day ceremony. Phase 1 of the project included restoring the monument, and installing new lighting and benches. The village board voted to rename the area *Veterans' Park*. In a surprising occurrence, a plaque that had been missing from the monument for more than fifty years was safely returned. Investigation is continuing into the recovery of a second missing plaque. Sale of paver stones, engraved with veteran's names helped fund Phase 1 and will again be available, at \$150 each, to fund Phase 2. For information on this purchase contact the village office at 686-5552. Phase 2, scheduled for completion July 4, includes a new flagpole, handicapped accessible picnic tables, and new curbstones around the cannon that will match the sidewalk borders.
- **Frink America Property** The Clayton Local Development Corporation awaits DEC work plan approval for final site remediation and expects cleanup and removal of contaminated soil to begin in late Summer 2007 by municipal work forces.

Adding to the excitement in Clayton: the Antique Boat Museum and Clayton Opera House are completing multi-million dollar projects; storefronts are being refurbished; new homes are being constructed and plans are underway for a 4-star hotel to be built in 2008.

### Do You Know?

- ✓ Free parking is available behind Redwood Bank, courtesy of the Antique Boat Museum. Access is from James St., Riverside Dr. or Jane St. No overnight parking is allowed, and the lot is closed to the public during Boat Show weekend Aug. 3, 4, and 5.
- ✓ The flags flown in Frink Park are displayed in such fashion to be viewed from the International Waterway.
- ✓ Be mindful of water leaks. A leak the size of a pencil point can cause the loss of 120 gallons of water per day/3600 gallons per month. Water and sewer usage is billed March, July and Nov. 1.
- ✓ A courtesy bike rack is located at the corner of James St. and Riverside Dr. as bike riding & rollerblading is prohibited on the sidewalks in the downtown business district.
- ✓ The new restrooms at the Riverside Drive docks, corner of Riverside Drive and Merrick Street, are open for public use.

## Important Meetings

**Clayton Town Board**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 5pm  
425 Mary Street

**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  
425 Mary Street

**Clayton Joint Zoning  
Board of Appeals**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 7pm  
425 Mary Street

**Clayton Local  
Development  
Corporation**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thur, 4pm  
425 Mary Street

**Clayton  
Local Waterfront  
Advisory Board**  
As Needed  
425 Mary Street

**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)

## Consolidated Town/Village Offices and Administrative Space ... what are your thoughts?

In October 2006 the Clayton Town offices made a temporary move to the old fire station in the Clayton Village Municipal building while the Clayton Opera House, home of the Town's permanent offices, was under construction.

The feedback since this move has been very positive. The public likes the new location as it provides "one-stop-shopping" with ground-level access and easy parking for town and village business. Town and Village staff members like the ease of walking between offices to share information face-to-face rather than on the telephone or by mail.

Previously the Town and Village Boards discussed consolidation of services and several suggestions surfaced, among them, a permanent relocation of the Town Offices to the Village Municipal Building, building a completely new building, and building an addition at the Joint Town/Village Highway Garage. The public expressed support for a joint facility and sharing space.

Currently both Town and Village Boards feel that consolidation is a good idea worthy of active consideration and they used a local architect and engineering firm to create a conceptual drawing of how space in the Village-owned Municipal Building might be used if the Town and Village were to have shared common space.

An example, that can be incorporated in the layout, includes one common work area for the Town and Village clerks with shared telephone systems, Internet, fax and copy machines. The Town and Village clerks perform similar duties such as receiving tax, water and sewer payments, issuing licenses and providing access to Town and Village official records. The potential exists for cost savings from more efficient staff utilization and elimination of duplicate equipment.

Included in the design is a multi-use boardroom that can be used as the Joint Town/Village Court and as meeting space for the Village Board, Town Board, Joint Planning Board, and Joint Zoning Board. Technology in this room includes a built-in electronic Power Point presentation board to enhance meeting productivity. The room meets the current security standards being implemented by the State Office of Court Administration.

The design provides adequate private space and offices for the Zoning Officer and Assistant, Assessor, Town Justices, Town Supervisor, Village Mayor, and all support staffs and it allows for future expansion.

There is initial construction expenditure and additional costs for the joint operation and maintenance of the shared building. The NYS Governor and Legislature promote and reward local government consolidation. Senator James Wright secured a \$100,000 grant to assist the project. The Village, as lead agency, and the Town applied for a Shared Municipal Services Initiative Grant to offset a portion of local costs.

The community is growing and as it moves forward, professional office space is required to meet the needs of town and village residents and visitors to the area. We asked both the Town and Village staffs for their input and we greatly appreciate hearing your thoughts. Please contact me, Justin A. Taylor, Clayton Town Supervisor, at 686-3512 or [jataylor@townofclayton.com](mailto:jataylor@townofclayton.com).

## 2007 Clayton Community Calendar

June 20 – 25

### The Moving Wall

Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 821 315-686-3442

Jul 1

4:30-9PM Frink Park **Waterfront Concerts**

Clayton Waterfront at Dusk **Gala Fireworks**

**Sundays, July 1<sup>st</sup> thru August**

6:30PM Jul / 6PM Aug **Sunset Concert Series**

**Thursdays, July 5<sup>th</sup> thru August**

6:30-8:30PM **Waterfront Concert &**

4-8PM **Farmers Market**

Free admission Frink Park - Downtown Clayton

July 14 - 15

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Oar, Paddle & Sail**

Antique Boat Museum - 750 Mary St.

315-686-4104

July 20 - 22

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Decoy & Wildlife Art Show**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Boat Exhibit**

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.

315-686-5794

July 22

**Clayton Celebrates Summer Parade**

1PM Downtown

315-686-3771

July 25

**Pasta On The Greens**

C-Way Restaurant Rt. 12

Hawn Memorial Library Fundraiser 315-686-3762

July 28 - 29

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual T.I. Stamp, Coin, Postcard,**

**Jewelry, Gem & Collectables Show**

Recreational Park Arena - East Line Rd.

315-686-3771

Aug 3 - 5

**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction**

Antique Boat Museum - 750 Mary St.

315-686-4104

Aug 10 - 12

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

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.

315-686-4123

Aug 19 - 20

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Clayton 1000 Island Rotary**

**Gun & Sportsman Show**

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.

315-686-4123

Aug 25 - 26

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

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.

315-686-4123

Sept 8 - 9

**1000 Islands Model Train Fair**

Recreation Park Arena - East Line Rd.

315-686-3771

Sept 15

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "HOGS & HOT RODS" Poker Run**

Thousand Islands Museum - 312 James St.

315-686-5794

Sept 22

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

Downtown / Graves Street

315-686-3771

A complete list of events and times is available at  
[1000islands-clayton.com](http://1000islands-clayton.com) or 686-3771.

Town of Clayton, 315-686-3512

Justin A. Taylor, Supervisor

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

Village of Clayton, 315-686-5552

Dale Kenyon, Mayor

Village Board: Joseph Orobona, Tim Pacific, Shauna Sherboneau, Norma Zimmer

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