

CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The Clayton Riverwalk plans in motion

The Town of Clayton and the Clayton Local Development Corporation received a \$300,000 Department of State matching grant to initiate the Frink property Riverwalk. The local match comes from the value of the 25-foot easement the Town placed on the full length of Frink shoreline last June. This easement guarantees public access and allows for the installation of this portion of the Riverwalk. Part of the grant funds will be used to develop plans and specifications for the Riverwalk on the Frink site. Furthermore, the community will now have resources available to establish identifying features for the new pedestrian vista. Elements such as design and location of signage and lighting can also be established. After the design stage is complete, the remainder of the grant funds will be used to bid and construct as much of the walkway along the Frink shoreline that the remaining money will allow. The construction phase can begin after Frink clean up activities are completed this coming summer.

The Clayton Riverwalk was a result of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program initiated by the Town and CLDC for the planning component of the Frink project. The concept grew out of the need to have a central thread to weave the community together, and after many months of LWRP work, became the natural conclusion of all the various committee work. ***The Clayton Riverwalk*** should not only be used as a planning tool, it was concluded, but also as a marketing tool for the community, businesses, museums and various organizations to attract tourists, boaters, businesses, developers and new residents.

Projects of this magnitude can only be achieved with a great deal of cooperation from all community members including governments, committees, not-for-profit organizations, and a flood of volunteers who collectively spent thousands of hours working on this planning project. Many thanks to LWRP Chair John Kehoe and the LWRP committee; Jack Stopper, chair of the CLDC and the CLDC board of directors; Town of Clayton Supervisor Bob Cantwell and the Clayton Town Board; Mayor Dale Kenyon and the Clayton Village Board of Trustees; Chairman Bud Baril and the Joint Town and Village Planning Board, and Tom Zyskowski, New York Department of State. Special thanks to Dawn Rusho, LWRP committee member who spent countless hours preparing and reviewing documents, and to Augusta Withington for volunteering her services and expertise developing and administrating the Clayton Riverwalk web site, www.claytonriverwalk.info.

For more information contact Phil Randazzo at 686-3630 or email @claytonriverwalk.info.

Clayton's Veterans Memorial Monument Restoration

More than a year ago, the Clayton Village Board determined that the Veteran's Memorial Monument at the end of John Street needed repair. Originally, the plan was to re-point the structure at an estimated \$4000. The village allocated \$2000 in its budget, and was matched by a \$2000 donation. Unfortunately, the stonework had deteriorated to where re-pointing only was not feasible. The 45-year-old structure needs a complete \$20,000 restoration to ensure its future as a village landmark.

Frank Cook, engineer who worked with Gordon Cerow to design the monument in 1961, provided original drawings to project supervisor Barry Ingerson of Rusty Johnson Masonry. With pictures taken before each stone was removed, numbered and stored for the winter, and the infrastructure shrink-wrapped to protect it from the harsh winter, the monument will be returned to its original beauty in the spring of 2007. Rededication is planned for May 28.

Tax-deductible contributions to complete this community-worthy project can be sent to Village of Clayton, c/o Erin Brick, PO Box 3, Clayton, NY 13624. Questions or suggestions may be directed to Karen Goetz, Clayton Chamber of Commerce; Charlie Stage, American Legion Post 821; Mr. and Mrs. Cary Brick or Norma Zimmer, Village Trustee at 686-3018.

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

TOWN OFFICES TEMPORARILY RELOCATED

The Town of Clayton offices have relocated to the Village Municipal Building, former location of the Clayton Fire Department, 425 Mary Street. From late September through most of November 2006, Town employees renovated the last two truck bays of the former fire station. The construction was done in compliance with public building codes and the plans and specs produced by Bernier Carr & Associates. Town personnel moved in November 23, 2006.

This temporary move was the result of the Opera House Renovation Project that includes changes to the basement level of the Town Hall building at 405 Riverside Drive. These changes include the addition of an elevator, new larger bathrooms and relocation of some of the individual offices. Even though the temporary move was advertised in the *Thousand Islands Sun*, and signs were posted, getting the message of the move to the general public was difficult. Town officials apologize for any inconvenience the move may have caused. Town offices will move back to the Town Hall/Opera House in June of 2007, at a date to be announced.

A review of activity at the Town offices for 2005 indicates that at least 5500 visitors entered the offices at the Town Hall Riverside Drive location. This high pedestrian traffic which influences commerce in the downtown area, the virtually new offices which are being built at no debt payment, and the location's close proximity to public docks, are some of the reasons why the Town offices will probably stay located on Riverside Drive for the foreseeable future.

For more information contact the Town Office at 686-3512.

Do You Know?

Free Parking Free parking is available on Riverside Drive, behind the Redwood Bank, for Clayton Village shoppers. The parking lot is owned by the Antique Boat Museum, and is available except on boat show weekend starting at 4PM Aug 2 through 4PM Aug 5, 2007.

Winter Parking There is no overnight parking on any Village street from November 1 to April 1.

Snow Removal Village sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours after accumulation. Snow cannot be placed in the streets, whether by shovel or snow blower.

2007 Clayton Community Calendar

March - Wednesdays

Hashing Over History
1000 Islands Museum 312 James St.
10 AM Free Admission 315-686-5794

Mar 3

1000 Is. Decoy Collectors Seminar & Dinner
Knights of Columbus James Street
315-686-5794

Mar 17

Clayton Vol. Fire Dept. Booster Club Dinner
Graves St. Fire Station 315-686-3771

Mar 24

"Springtime Reptiles & Amphibians" w/Linda G
1000 Islands Land Trust 135 John Street
315-686-5345

Apr 13 - 15

36th Annual Spring Boat Show
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

Apr 26

Empty Bowls Soup & Bread Dinner
5-7PM Food Pantry Fund Raiser
Info: Handweaving Museum & Arts Center 686-4123

Apr 27

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

May 10 – Jun 22

Spring Exhibit - "Children's Art Show"
Handweaving Museum & Arts Center
314 John St. 315-686-4123

May 12

Casino Big Band Night
In the Historic Remar Building on Theresa Street
1000 Islands Museum 315-686-5794

May 19

Good Will Day Parade
Downtown Clayton
315-686-3771

May 19 - 20

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

Jun 1 - 3

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

Jun 2

Family Day Open House
1000 Islands Museum 312 James St.
10 AM Free Admission 315-686-5794

Jun 9

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

Jun 9

1000 Islands Family Miracle Day
Free Admission Demonstrations & Activities
Antique Boat Museum 750 Mary St.
Noon – 4PM 315-686-4104

Handweaving Museum & Arts Center 314 John St.
10 AM 315-686-4123

1000 Islands Museum 312 James St.
10 AM 315-686-5794

Jun 20 – Jun 25

The Moving Wall
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
American Legion Post 821 315-686-3442

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

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