

CLAYTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Clayton Village News

There is no slowing down in the Village of Clayton this winter! Here are some exciting Village projects and up coming events.

- **Samaritan Medical Center** A Samaritan Medical Center Town Meeting will be held at the Village Municipal Building on March 26th, 2008 at 7PM. Everyone is invited to attend and learn about the plans for the new Medical Center.
- **Downtown Multi-use Facility** Phase 2 of the Rotary Multi-use Facility on Riverside Drive is scheduled for a Spring 2008 completion. Currently this new facility houses public restrooms, the dock attendant's office, and the US Customs video-telephone. Phase 2 includes an observation area on the roof with access via stairs and a lift so everyone can enjoy the great view!
- **Frink Redevelopment Project** The Clayton Local Development Corporation sponsored site remediation efforts, including removal of contaminated soil, shut down for the winter in November 2007 and are scheduled to start up and complete June 2008.

In January 2008 the Riverwalk – Frink Segment Advisory Committee requested quotes for a design engineer / consultant to design and manage construction activities for the Riverwalk in the Frink redevelopment property. The work is funded by a \$300,000 grant from the NYS Department of State Division of Coastal Resources. The committee is scheduled to select a design engineer / consultant in February 2008.

A Clayton Chamber of Commerce "Business with a Twist" event sponsored by the CLDC and the Clayton Opera House (TIPAF) is scheduled for February 21st, 2008 from 5-7PM at the Opera House. All Chamber of Commerce members and the public are invited to attend this informal presentation focusing on initial design and planning for the Frink Redevelopment Property. The presentation includes a display of 26 conceptual designs for the Frink property completed by SUNY Syracuse Environmental Forestry School (EFS) students in the Spring of 2007.

- **Westside Sewer Project** Construction is underway with a Spring 2008 completion date.

Do You Know?

- ✓ That the Town of Clayton recently renovated their website at TownOfClayton.com?
- ✓ That the Village of Clayton taxpayers saved several hundreds of thousand of dollars through the utilization of Village and Town municipal workforces to complete the Strawberry Lane/Brooks Drive reconstruction project?
- ✓ That the Town and Village of Clayton are working toward a joint Municipal Building at the current Village of Clayton Municipal Building site?
- ✓ That you can help Emergency Rescue personnel find and assist you by installing 911 Locator Address Signs at your residence or business and by signing up for the SAFEGUARD Program? For information stop in or call the TIERS office at 100 Union Street, 686-2058.
- ✓ That 125,000 square feet of buildings were raised and 125,000 square feet of concrete floors and footers were removed from the Frink property before the contamination cleanup started?

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
1st 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

Clayton Fire District
2nd Wed, 7pm
Clayton & Depauville
Fire Halls

TIERS 1000 Is. Emergency Rescue Service
3rd Tues. of Month
6:30pm
Clayton TIERS & LaFargeville
Town Offices

The Public is welcome at all meetings!

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

Depauville Library Renovations – Start & Start Again

It has long been the goal of the Depauville Free Library to make the Library building easily accessible to all individuals and to conform to the regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. A representative of the Americans With Disabilities Act through the Northern Regional Center for Independent Living conducted an accessibility survey on May 30, 2007. Changes in the restrooms and the width of the aisles in the Library were two of the items identified to achieve conformance. Renovation efforts funded by the Town of Clayton commenced in early Summer 2007. Quickly it was determined that the building contained asbestos and the removal of the asbestos became a major part of the project cost.

The asbestos remediation process included the removal of floor tile and mastic in bathrooms, pipe insulation on hot and cold water piping in the boiler room, and exposed pipe insulation in the basement meeting room. Also, removal of carpets in the lobby, down the stairs, and in both the Library and the meeting rooms due to the asbestos content in the floor tiles beneath the carpets.

As the renovations to the Library moved forward something unexpected happened. The Library experienced a devastating fire on September 21, 2007. The fire destroyed almost the entire collection of books held in the Library and most of the furniture and electronics in that room. A hole had to be cut in the roof to provide ventilation for the fire. The rapid response and diligence of the responding Fire Departments ensured the Community Center and other rooms were spared and that the building remained structurally sound. The fire was determined to be of electrical origin in an old ceiling fixture.

On January 22, 2008, after months of effort repairing fire damage, renovation work resumed. Work to repair the fire damage was partially covered by the Town of Clayton's insurance on the Library building. New and replacement books will be funded by the Library Board, the Town of Clayton and multiple community organizations. New shelving will be installed to replace the shelving damaged in the fire. A late Spring 2008 re-opening of the Depauville Free Library is highly anticipated by all. For more information contact the Town Office at 686-3512.

Town of Clayton and Jefferson County Swap Roads

In December of 2007, Jefferson County completed documents that transferred certain premises located in the Town of Clayton to the Town itself. These premises include the following:

- County Road 10 (1.60 miles commencing at the five-way intersection of Ellis Road, Center Road, and County Road 5, and running northwesterly to the intersection of County Road 181 and Lover's Lane). This stretch of road will be known as Clayton Center Road
- County Road 128 (0.84 miles commencing at the intersection of NYS Route 180 and County Road 128, and running northwesterly to its intersection with NYS Route 12), together with Culvert G006 located thereon. This stretch of road will be known as Fox Corners Road
- A portion of County Road 125 (2.39 miles commencing at the Town of Brownville Town line, and running northeasterly to its intersection with County Route 128), but with Bridge G001 located thereon continuing to be maintained by the County. This stretch of road will be known as Morris Tract Road.

Unless otherwise noted, the Town of Clayton will now be responsible for maintaining these portions of the roads.

As part of this road swap, Jefferson County took responsibility for 3.76 miles of the Depauville-Brownville Road (commencing at the Brownville Town Line and running to County Route 179). This stretch of road will be known as County Route 54. For more information contact the Town Office at 686-3512.

2008 Clayton Community Calendar

Feb & Mar - Wednesdays

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

Feb 16

Clayton Fire Dept/K of C Ice Fishing Derby
Knights of Columbus James St.

Ice Shanty Judging
French Bay and Carrier Bay Only

Kite Exhibition
11AM-3PM French Bay (Ice) / Zenda Farm (No Ice)
315-686-3771

Feb 17

Winterfest Dessert & Figure Skating Show
5:30PM Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-686-4761

Feb 18 – 22

Learn To Skate
9AM Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-686-4761

Mar 1

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

Mar 1

Vegas Night
Clayton Opera House 403 Riverside Drive
7-10PM 315-686-54123

Mar 9

Annual Figure Skating Show
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
5PM 315-686-4761

Mar 22

Easter Egg Hunt Village Park
Clayton Village Park at Mary & John St.
315-686-3762

Mar 28 – 30

**Northern Racing, Carting, Street Rod, Custom
Motorcycle Expo**
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

Apr 4 - 6

37th Annual Spring Boat Show
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

May 8

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

May 16 - 18

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

May 30 - Jun 1

1000 Islands Intl. Chapter of Dogs Show
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-686-3771

Jun 1

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

Jun 6 - 8

Bi-Annual Quilt Show
Recreation Park Arena East Line Rd.
315-686-3475

Town of Clayton, 315-686-3512
Justin A. Taylor, Supervisor

Town Board: Robert Cantwell III, George Kittle, Lance Peterson, Donald Turcotte

Village of Clayton, 315-686-5552
Norma Zimmer, Mayor

Village Board: Dennis Honeywell, Joseph Orobona, Doug Rogers, Shauna Sherboneau

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