

Clayton Community Newsletter

Winter 2009 Issue

A free bi-yearly newsletter by Clayton, for Clayton, about Clayton

Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Grant

The Town and Village recently applied jointly for a NYS Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant in an effort to enhance their Clayton Map Viewer (a geographic information system). The Clayton Map Viewer (CMV) is a utility that allows the public and municipal staff to view parcels within the Town of Clayton and access zoning and assessment information, among other things. In their grant application, the Town and Village requested funds to help expand the data available on the CMV and to make the data more functional to the viewer. This would include adding data such as the coordinates of docks on Grindstone Island so that emergency responders are better able to respond quickly to a call and adding a utility that would allow users to print maps from the CMV that are larger than 8-1/2" x 11". The grant awards will be announced in June, 2009. The CMV is accessible from the homepage of the Town of Clayton's website: www.townofclayton.com and clicking on the "CMV Map Viewer" link.

Clayton Youth Commission Banner Year 2008

Nearly 500 area kids participated in softball, baseball, soccer, football, cheerleading and basketball. This program is partially funded by the Village and Town of Clayton. A great board and volunteers are responsible not only for the actual programs but have completed park dugouts, resurfaced the baseline at Lion's field, hosted regional and state softball tournaments and are constructing soccer kickboards. Projects for 2009 will be dugouts for Lion's Field, 3rd ball diamond at Rec. Park, develop a master plan for Lion's Field. All of this comes with challenges of finding quality coaches, board members, maintenance of fields and facilities, scheduling, and fundraising. If you have kids that would like to be a part of this great program or you would like to be part of this team check out the www.claytonyouth.org web page for updates and details.

Do You Know?

Parking - No parking on village streets from 2am – 6am until April 1st. Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner and must be cleared within 24 hours of a snow event. This enables our DPW to get the street cleared and provide a safe environment for all walkers.

Law Change – After careful consideration the parking spaces from Bain Street (near Centennial Park) to Jane Street on Riverside Dr. will be eliminated. Meters will not be put back in the spring.

Handicap Parking – The village now provides nine parking spaces, marked with a sign on the meter pole for easy year-round visibility. Meters will no longer be used for handicap spaces.

Important Meetings

Clayton Town Board
2nd & 4th Wed, 5pm
405 Riverside Dr

Clayton Village Board
2nd & 4th Mon, 6:30pm
425 Mary Street

**Clayton Joint
Town/Village Planning**
1st Thurs, 7pm
405 Riverside Dr

**Clayton Joint Zoning
Board of Appeals**
3rd Mon, 7pm
405 Riverside Dr

**Clayton Local
Development
Corporation**
1st Thurs, 4pm
405 Riverside Dr

**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, 6:30
Clayton TIERS &
LaFargeville Town Offices

**Public is welcome at all
meetings!**

Route 12E Sewer and Water District Formations

At the request of the Village of Clayton, the Town has been asked to establish two specific legal "Special Benefit Districts" for users of Village services outside the Village limits, but within the Town of Clayton—one sewer district and one water district.

In an effort to be cost-efficient, we have determined that creating a sewer district that runs from the Village of Clayton line to the Town of Cape Vincent line would be practical. In this manner, if the sewer lines were eventually extended beyond their current location, the residences within this boundary would already be included within that district.

The Town of Clayton will have to follow the procedures set forth by NYS law in order to form this new "Route 12E Sewer District."

Once our engineers have completed the map, plan and study related to the Sewer District, we will begin the State Environmental Quality Review process. After that, there will be public informational meetings and a public hearing on the process.

The new "Route 12E Water District" is concentrated along Route 12E outside the Village and surrounding Bartlett Point. The Town of Clayton will have to follow similar procedures set forth by New York State law in order to form this new district.

Once our engineers have completed the map, plan and study related to this Water District, we will begin the State Environmental Quality Review process. We will also need to get a water supply permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation. After that, there will be public informational meetings and a public hearing on the process.

We appreciate any input or questions that you may have on this process. Please feel free to contact the Town Supervisor's Office if you wish to discuss this project further at 686-3512, ext. 20.

Redevelopment of Frink Property

Buildings have all been removed and cleanup nearly completed. The land planners (EDR) are in the process of contacting developers to complete a preliminary survey of interest in the property and conceptual infrastructure plans are on the table.

Joint Village/Town Municipal Building Project

The current village municipal building at 425 Mary St. has been designed to accommodate the village and town offices, with the actual construction of this project on hold due to the present economic conditions, however this is a "shovel ready" project that might fit into the pending stimulus package.

Christmas Lights Competition

The Clayton Town Board sponsored a Community Christmas Lights Competition which was judged on December 19, 2008. The judges included Lance Peterson, Sr., Town Councilman, Doug Rogers, Village Trustee, and Chris Bogenschutz, President of the Clayton Chamber of Commerce. Gift baskets full of goodies from local Clayton shops (including the TI Museum, Porch & Paddle, Corbin's River Heritage, and Karla's Christmas Shoppe) were awarded for the top three winners. First prize went to Bernard LaPlante of County Route 179. Second prize was awarded to Steve Cooley of County Route 5. And, third prize was taken by Charles Solar of James Street. Other entrants included Brian Solar, Kevin Garnsey, Bobby & Jill Schultz, Doug & Nicky Badour, Kathy Brola, Jreck Subs, and the Cerow Agency. We would also like to thank John Woodley for participating.

Clayton Community Calendar Highlights

- March 8 Annual Figure Skating Show
Recreation Park Arena
- March 13 Midtown Bones Quartet
Clayton Opera House
- April 3-5 38th Annual 1000 Islands Spring
Boat Show
Recreation Park Arena
- May 23 Grape Blossom Festival
TI Winery
- May 25 Memorial Day parade & Service
Downtown Clayton at the Monument
- May 30-31 TI International Chapter of
Dogs Show
Recreation Park Arena
- June 21 Great New York State Food &
Wine Festival
Recreation Park Arena