

Clarkson

Good Neighbor News



TOWN OF CLARKSON, NY PRESERVING OUR PAST WHILE BUILDING A FUTURE



Once again we will host the *Best Little Christmas Party* ever! So, please save the date—Saturday, December 17th, 10:00 AM at the Clarkson Courthouse. We have been sponsoring this tradition for over 50 years. Parents drop off a \$10 or less gift at the Clarkson Town Hall or Courthouse a few days before the party. Please label the gift clearly with your child’s first and last name. Santa will be stopping by to hand out the gifts!



Paul Kimball
Town Supervisor

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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

TOWN BOARD
2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS AT 6PM

PLANNING BOARD
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS AT 7PM

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

CONSERVATION BOARD
AS NEEDED

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
AS NEEDED



Happy 200th Birthday Clarkson Community Church 1816 – 2016

The first meeting to organize a Clarkson church was April 1, 1816 in the schoolhouse on the north side of Ridge Road (the building was across the street from the present church on the spot of the veterinary hospital parking lot.) The church was organized as the first Presbyterian Congregational Society of Murray, as the town of Clarkson was not formed until 1819. Rev. Henry Smith opened the meeting with prayer and the following founders were present: Benjamin Allen, Abel Baldwin, J.J. Bushnell, Joshua Field, David Forsythe, Moody Freeman (1st settler in Clarkson), Joel Palmer, Dr. Nathaniel Rowell, Lewis Smith, Leonard Stephens and Witter Steward. At least three homes of these founders still survive. The first of 48 pastors of the church was Ezra Woodworth; the present being Pastor Tony Bartolucci.

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ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8TH

There are four polling sites in Clarkson:

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| Brockport Exempts | Districts 2 and 5 |
| Lodge at Hafner Park | District 6 |
| Lodge at Clarkson Recreation Park | Districts 1 and 3 |
| Seymour Library | District 4 |



If you have questions, you may call the Board of Elections at 753-1550 or visit their website at www.elections.state.ny.us. Hearing impaired people with TDD/TTY may call the New York State Relay 711. For those residents who may be traveling at election time, absentee ballot applications can be obtained at the Town Hall.



*Don't forget to turn
your clocks back...
Daylight Savings ends
Sunday,
November 6th!*

Town Clerk » Sharon S. Mattison

DOG LICENSE RENEWALS

The number of delinquent dog licenses has been steadily increasing. Renewal notices are mailed to residents at the beginning of each month (i.e. if your dog was originally licensed in the month of March, you receive your renewal notice every March). This gives residents approximately 30 days to respond.

Sending out second and/or delinquent notices costs the Town time and money, so please take care of your renewals in a timely fashion. You can bring your renewal to the Town Hall in person, mail it, or place in the drop box on the front of the Town Hall.

NOTE: Be sure your pet's rabies vaccination is up-to-date as we cannot renew the dog license if the rabies information is expired. If their rabies immunization is expired, you will need to bring in proof that the rabies has been updated before the dog license can be renewed. *If the rabies immunization is valid, you can call the Town Clerk with your credit card information and we can take care of your renewal over the phone!*



MATT'S COATS FOR KIDS

Have your children outgrown their winter coats? Please help with this annual coat collection. You can drop off your coats at the Clarkson Town Hall. For more information on this annual event, please visit our website at www.townofclarkson.org.

LODGES FOR RENT!

The Town of Clarkson has two enclosed lodges available for rent! Amenities at both lodges include refrigerator, stove/oven, microwave, indoor bathrooms, outdoor playground, and heat.

GOODWIN LODGE located at 3655 Lake Road.



RIDGEWOOD LODGE located at 8000 Ridge Road.



Call the Town Clerk's office at 637-1130 or visit our website at www.townofclarksonny.org for availability and further details!

Message from the Court » Judge Hammel serving since 2002; Judge Wilcox serving since 2006

Clarkson Town Justices ...

The Town of Clarkson has two Town Justices that are elected to a four-year term. I had the privilege of being elected in the Fall of 2001 to fill the position being vacated by late Judge Stanley Pogroszewski. We will have the honor of renaming the Clarkson Courthouse to “The Honorable Stanley Pogroszewski Clarkson Justice Court” on October 15, 2016 at 10 AM located at 3655 Lake Road in Clarkson. Judge Pogroszewski was very helpful in assisting me in my meager attempt to fill his position. I will remember his kind words and dedication to the Town of Clarkson and to the people that appeared before him in court.

What is Small Claims Court?

Small Claims Court is an informal court proceeding in which people can sue for money damages only. There is not a requirement for either party to hire an attorney. Either party can bring an attorney to the proceeding if they choose. There is a limit of \$3,000 for which a party can sue for in the Town and Village Courts under the small claims provisions. Courts can

ONLY award monetary damages. There is a filing fee involved based upon the amount of damages being sought. The fee must be paid at the time of filing in order for the case to be placed on the court docket. The person named as the defendant must reside in the town where the action is brought forth. Once the defendant is notified, there will then be a hearing. The judge will decide the outcome based on the facts presented. The person filing for small claims must be 18 years old. Those minors that want to sue can do so through a parent or legal guardian.

The Town and Village Courts do have a printed guide that you may obtain at no charge from the Court.

The last topic for this article is Surcharges ...

Surcharges are set by the State of New York and NOT waivable by the local courts. The surcharge is in addition to what ever fine is imposed by the courts.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Judge Allyn S. Hammel

ROUNDABOUT IN CLARKSON

Despite the fact that the roundabout at Lake Road/East Avenue/West Avenue has been in place now for a few years, there still seems to be some driver confusion on the proper way to navigate through a roundabout. Some residents are confusing the roundabout with a traffic circle. Definitions per the New York State Department of Transportation:

- ***Roundabouts follow the “yield-at-entry” rule in which approaching vehicles must wait for a gap in the circulating flow of traffic before entering the circle.***
- Traffic circles require circulating vehicles to grant the right of way to entering vehicles.



Roundabout
With 12 potential points of conflict

If we all work together and follow the same rules, we can keep the traffic flowing smoothly through the roundabout!

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SEYMOUR LIBRARY ANNUAL AFTER HOURS EVENT



Come out to the 8th Annual After Hours @ Seymour Library Fundraiser Event! The event will take place at the Seymour Library on Saturday, November 19th from 7 – 10 PM. We will be commemorating 20 years in the new Library and celebrating the Library's 80th birthday with wine and craft beer tastings, hors d'oeuvres pairings, delectable desserts, silent basket auction and music! The money raised at this year's After Hours Event will go towards library programs, activities and the construction of private study rooms for general use. The cost of the event is \$25 and you can purchase your tickets at the Library or by filling out the form (www.seymourlibraryweb.org) and sending in a check made payable to the Foundation of the Seymour Library.

Halloween Safety Tips

Always walk with an adult.

- Make sure you look both ways before crossing the street.
- Wear a costume with visible colors, or stick reflective tape on your costume.
- Stay on the sidewalk.
- Respect other people's properties.
- Don't forget to say "Thank You"!
- Ask your parents to check your candy before you eat it.

2017 TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

Transfer Station permits for 2017 will go on sale at the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, December 19, 2016. As in the past, you **MUST** bring in the registration of the vehicle you will be using, along with payment.

GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS...

Send ideas, comments and/or suggestions to Kathy Kemp at the Clarkson Town Hall, P.O. Box 858, Clarkson, NY 14430; fax: 637-1138; or send by email: deputytownclerk@clarksonny.org.

STREET LIGHT OUT?

Please call National Grid at 1-800-867-5222. They will need to know the location as well as the pole number (which will begin with either NM or NG).



Don't Forget the Mobile DMV!

WHEN: Every Thursday (except holidays) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Clarkson Courthouse @ 3655 Lake Road
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Highway Department

FALL CLEAN-UP



Brush will be picked up beginning Monday, October 17th. We encourage residents to take advantage of this service. Please have your brush at the curbside by this date. Only one pass will be made on each street. Guidelines are as follows:

- Brush is to be cut to 6-foot lengths.
- Brush is to be placed parallel to the road.



Leaves will be picked up on the following three Mondays: October 31st, November 7th and November 14th. Guidelines are as follows:

- Leaves are to be placed in recyclable paper bags only.
- No plastic bags.
- No loose leaves will be picked up.

FALL JUNK DAY
One Day Only



Fall Junk Drop-Off Day will take place on Saturday, October 22nd from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Clarkson Highway Garage, 3623 Lake Road.

For more specific information regarding this program, please go to the Town's website at www.clarksonny.org and click on the link for Fall Junk Day.

No paint, hazardous material or household garbage will be accepted.

~ highway@clarksonny.org

SELF-SERVICE BRUSH DROP OFF!

Brush and leaves will now be accepted at the Highway Department. Concrete bins will be available in front of the Highway Garage at 3623 Lake Road, 24/7 from April 15th to November 15th. Brush and leaves are to be placed in separate bins that will be labeled. No plastic bags.

BRUSH TRAILER RULES



The 6' x 12' dump trailer with side boards, is the property of the Town of Clarkson Highway Department, and is offered as a courtesy for residents' use, subject to the following:

- First come, first served, and subject to availability.
- Monday - Wednesday morning drop-off; pick-up the following morning.
- Thursday morning drop-off; pick-up the following Monday.
- Drop-off to be on pavement or stone only.
- Trailer is not to be taken off of the support block.
- Trailer is not to be moved from the drop-off site.
- Trailer is to be used for brush only and not be filled higher than the side boards.

*Contact the Highway Office
at 637-1132*

A dump permit is not needed for Clarkson residents to drop off brush and leaves at the Transfer Station on Wednesdays from 2 to 7 PM & Saturdays from 8 AM to 4 PM.

STORING YOUR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

It's time to winterize and store the campers and boats!

Every year I get calls from residents whose sunset views are blocked by 34 feet of their neighbor's motorhome.



It is possible to store your boat or motorhome outside on your own property, but there are a few rules you have to keep in mind:

- If you can store it inside that's great (*move on to the next article*).
- If you have to store your vehicle outside, it must be behind the front wall of your house;
- be at least 15 feet from your side lot line; and

- be at least 30 feet from your rear lot-line.
- Here is a new requirement from New York State: *Don't shoot the messenger!*



... "no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair or in the process of being stripped or dismantled."

You read that correctly - your motorhome, travel-trailer and/or boat all must be kept licensed, registered and road-ready if you plan on storing them outside your house.

Here's a bit of inside knowledge...if your stuff is stored in a compliant fashion and your neighbors do not complain, I will have no reason to be close enough to see your registration or inspection sticker!

~ chad.fabry@clarksonny.org

Clarkson Historical Society News...from Mary Edwards

Our 8th Annual Clarkson Classic 5K on August 13 was a success! We had only a brief shower prior to the race and then came the heat and humidity. Runners ran, walkers walked, and one seven year-old boy competed in the race, finishing 3 miles in 26 minutes and 44 seconds, placing 31 out of 92 runners---an amazing feat for such a young boy. We'll keep our eye on him next year! Our CHS board members had everything under control as we took over management of the race. This year Sheldon finally got to run the race he has managed for the past eight years along with his wife, Sara, and I think they really enjoyed it! I also want to thank our 5K Sponsors for their ongoing support: Agape Physical Therapy, TJ Maxx, Martin Farms, Richardson Brothers Construction, Monarch Lawn & Landscape, Strong West, Sara's Farm Market, Clarkson Veterinary Hospital, Five Star Bank, Spurr Dealerships, Tender Loving Family Care, and Jimmy Z's. These are all local businesses and we encourage you to support them. **We thank them all for making this wonderful Clarkson race possible.**

Our third annual CHS Summer Camp came fast on the heels of the 5K, and was a real joy for all of us involved. The students were delightful, smart, interested, and had such fun perfecting their cursive with our wonderful teacher Ruth Rath. They played old games like statues, jump rope, running races and huckle-buckle beanstalk. Leanna Hale challenged them with trying to drop the clothespin (this year a pencil) into a milk bottle. The boys especially got in line repeatedly to try their aim over and over again. It turns out to be trickier than it looks, and they loved it! The kids had a great time singing fun songs with Sue Baker with her autoharp on Monday & Tuesday. Geri Lemcke had them singing Take Me Out to the Ballgame on Wednesday and Thursday. On Tuesday Jerry McAllister taught geometry, which the children applied by drawing pictures of their houses, using squares, rectangles, triangles, points and circles. Kermit Mercer got their attention on the last two days with Science, focusing in on what Scientists do. He presented an amazing array of scientific equipment that most all of us have never seen before. Next up are the Brockport Central School field trips to the Academy. We expect about 200 students to come to the Academy this October, and we can't wait to see them!

Assessor's Corner » Elizabeth Spencer

WHAT'S NEW?

There have been some changes made to how **NEW** homeowners will apply for STAR and how they will receive the STAR benefit. New applicants must register with NYS instead of applying at the assessor's office. This is for Enhanced and Basic Star- **NEW HOMEOWNERS ONLY**. If you are a current resident and receiving the basic STAR, have turned 65 years of age or will be turning 65 years of age, please contact me so I can see if you qualify to receive the Enhanced Star based on income and age. The same criteria applies:

- **Basic Star** is for all home owners where it is owner occupied, primary residences where the resident owner's and their spouse's income is less than \$500,000.
- **Enhanced Star** is for the primary residency of residents age 65 and older with an income of \$86,000 or less.

Instead of receiving a STAR Exemption, you will receive a STAR check in the mail.

To apply, either call NYS at 518-457-2036 or apply online www.tax.ny.gov.

- **Senior Citizen Exemption:** If you are 65 years of age and your income is below \$37,400, you could be eligible for an additional exemption. Please stop in my office to see if you qualify or call me at (585) 637-1135.
- **Veterans' Exemption:** There are three different property tax exemptions available to veterans who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces, including veterans who have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Please stop in my office with your DD-214 to see what you may be eligible for.

Please stop in anytime with questions about exemptions and/or your assessment. I will be glad to answer all your questions. I can be reached at 637-1135. Valuable tax information is available at www.tax.ny.gov. To find out information about **property tax credit checks**, please visit this website: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/property-credits-combined.htm>.

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Article submitted by Leanna Hale, Town Historian

In 1823, thirty-three gentlemen from the congregation met to rename the organization the First Congregational Society of Clarkson. Sunday services were conducted in the schoolhouse and mid-week services were conducted in various homes until 1825 when the church building was started. The building cost was \$3,500, measuring 41 x 51 feet. Sheds were also erected to accommodate horses and their vehicles. (Note: When the automobile became popular the second sheds which had been reconstructed in 1878 were moved to the William Blodgett Farm on Lake Road.)

In the early days, the church adhered strictly to its beliefs. Any infractions such as hunting or working on Sunday, mistreating a parent, drinking, profanity, or not having family prayers or attending church regularly could end in a reprimand or ex-communication and removal from church rolls.

In 1835 the Church leased a plot of land to the original Clarkson Academy which burned down in 1852 and was re-built from Clarkson bricks in 1853, where it remains to this day. The church bell was cast in 1846 and would toll once for each year of a member's life at the time of their death. In 1853 the members voted to become independent from any church society, rented church pews in 1854 for support of the building, and voted on church remodeling in 1857. In 1873 and 1940 the steeple and belfry received significant repairs. Since the 1960's there have been significant additions on the rear of the original church building.

Since the church was formed in 1816 and the building built in 1825 there has been a continuous congregation without lapse, a fact of which very few churches in New York can be proud. Feel free to attend Sunday 10:30 AM services in this historic church on Route 104, east of Route 19. You will receive a warm welcome. **Happy Birthday Clarkson Community Church!**

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CLARKSON ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Supervisor Paul Kimball	637-1131
Councilperson Allan Hoy	
Councilperson Christa Filipowicz	
Councilperson Patrick Didas	
Councilperson Jackie Smith	
Town Clerk: Sharon S. Mattison	637-1130
Highway Superintendent: Robert M. Viscardi	637-1132
Judge Allyn S. Hammel	637-1134
Judge Christopher T. Wilcox	637-1134
Monroe County Legislature 2nd District	
Hon. Michael J. Rockow	637-6204
25th Congressional District	232-4850
Hon. Louise M. Slaughter	
27th Congressional District	716/634-2324
Hon. Chris Collins	
56th Senatorial District	
Hon. Joseph E. Robach	225-3650
139th Assembly District	
Hon. Steve Hawley	589-5780

TOWN OFFICES

Assistant to the Supervisor: Kristin P. Coon	637-1131
Court Clerk: M. Dawn Rejewski	637-1134
Court Clerk: Stacy Burke	637-1134
Code Enforcement: Chad Fabry	637-1145
Assessor: Liz Spencer	637-1135
Historian: Leanna Hale	637-1130
Dog Control: Dave Maynard	525-1608
Seymour Library	637-1050
Sweden/Clarkson Recreation Center	431-0090

SUPPORT STAFF

Building Department: Kristen DiFilippo	637-1145
Deputy Town Clerk: Kathy Kemp	637-1130
Highway Clerk: Ursula Liotta	637-1132
Highway Foreman: Mike Farrell	637-1132

OTHER

For Goodwin & Ridgewood Lodge Rentals	637-1130
Clarkson Courthouse	637-1134
Clarkson Post Office	637-6726

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TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

November 11	-	Veteran's Day
November 24/25	-	Thanksgiving
December 26	-	Christmas

TOWN EVENTS

Brush Pick-Up	-	Begins October 17 (see pg. 5 for details)
Junk Drop-Off	-	October 22 (see pg. 5 for details)
Leaves Pick-Up	-	Begins October 31 (see pg. 5 for details)
Children's Xmas Party	-	December 17 (see pg. 1 for details)