

Clarkson

Good Neighbor News

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



The last six months have been exciting and productive for the residents of Clarkson.

I have had many opportunities to work with you and with our neighboring community members. It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance at Good Neighbor Days this summer.

Thanks to the efforts of our committee members, neighbors and friends, the event was a huge success.

In June, I joined many residents attending a presentation by Thomas R. Maloney, Cornell University, at Seymour Library, concerning current agricultural labor issues in New York State. This is an important topic affecting our community as our farms and dairies depend on agricultural workers.

You may have wondered "What is Behind the Fence?" on Sweden Walker Road in the Town of Sweden. Caleb Ayers from Duncan Family Farms Northeast explained the organic farm operation on August 9th, at a presentation at Sweden Farmers Museum. The farm provides organic fresh greens to local supermarkets.

I continue to meet regularly with other town leaders. In a community-wide effort regarding health and safety, I

invited Sheriff Todd Baxter to meet with Brockport Mayor Blackman, Sweden Supervisor Johnson and myself in July. Also note that the Town Board has voted to make all of the Town of Clarkson properties smoke-free zones.

Mark your calendar for November 14th for another property assessment informational meeting. The meeting will be held at The Lodge at Kimball Park, from 6-8pm. Our Town Assessor, Liz Spencer, will be able to provide you with information concerning the Enhanced Star Program and answer any questions about property assessment. Liz may be reached at her office at the Town Hall, 637-1135.

Don't forget about the mid-term election on November 6th. Both local and state candidates will be on the ballot. Every vote counts and it could be your vote that makes the difference...please VOTE. Polls are open from 6am to 9pm on November 6th.

Moving forward, planning has begun for our annual Holiday Party and the Clarkson Bicentennial Celebration. You are always invited to join us at Town Board meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Best Regards,

Jerry Underwood

NEWS FROM YOUR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT *ROBERT VISCARDI*

It has been a very busy summer for the Highway and Parks Departments. Highway projects included:

- The installation of the Clarkson Parma Town Line Road water line, which included 8,000 feet of 10" waterline from Route 104 (Ridge Road) to Peck Road. It was a long, tedious project, but a successful one for the Clarkson and Parma residents along that stretch of road who previously had wells. We are now in the process of restoring and reseeding the area.
- We trued, leveled and paved a portion of Ireland Road; and soon we will be doing the same on Lawrence Road from Route 260 (Sweden Walker Road) East to Route 19 (Lake Road).



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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

Town Board
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6 PM

Planning Board
1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7 PM

Zoning Board of Appeals
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7 PM

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Clarkson's *Best Little Christmas Party* will be held on Friday, December 7th at 7 PM at the Clarkson Courthouse, 3655 Lake Road.

Parents should drop off a \$10 or less gift at the Clarkson Town Hall or the Clarkson Courthouse a few days before the party.

Please label all gifts clearly with your child's first and last name. Santa will be attending the party to hand out the gifts!



RECIPES NEEDED FOR CLARKSON'S BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

The Town Clerk's Office is currently collecting recipes from Clarkson residents. These will be used to publish a cookbook as part of next year's Bicentennial celebration! You may visit the Town Clerk's Office to pick up a form to be used for submitting your recipes or print the form off our website (www.clarksonny.org)! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 637-1130.

Sharon S. Mattison, Town Clerk

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

**We need a logo for Clarkson's 2019
Bicentennial celebration!**

**Residents may submit their entry to the
Town Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 858,
Clarkson, NY 14430
or by email: town.clerk@clarksonny.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, heat.

GOODWIN LODGE—3655 Lake Road



LODGE AT KIMBALL PARK—8000 Ridge Road



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

SPONSOR A TREE AT KIMBALL PARK



Would you like to help beautify Kimball Park on Ridge Road? Our wonderful lodge at the park is in need of some additional shade trees. Individuals or families can sponsor a tree which will be planted at the park by the Town's seasonal parks employees. A marker will be placed at the tree base and a sign posted inside the lodge identifying the tree sponsor(s).

The town has made an arrangement for discounted pricing at Sara's Farm Market for the purpose of this program. Trees range in price from \$69 to \$129 and are five to nine feet tall at planting. A menu of available trees is available at the Town Hall and below.

The tree sponsorship fees can be paid to the Town of Clarkson and the purchase will be made by the Town at the discounted prices available to the Town.

The following is a list of the top recommended trees for planting in our area as recommended by Sara's. All are chosen for their ease of growth and maintenance, their tolerance to weather and soils, their resistance to insect and disease and mostly because of their great ability to enhance and beautify our local parks.

Item #1 Acer Maple 'Autumn Blaze'
\$79 (Town Cost), 5-7' at planting

Item #2 Acer Tatarian Maple 'Pattern Perfect'
\$109, 5-7' at planting

Item #3 Amelanchier Serviceberry, 'Autumn Brilliance'
\$129, 7-9' at planting

Item #4 Cercis canadensis 'Eastern Redbud Tree'
\$79, 5-7' at planting

Item #5 Crataegus laevigata English Hawthorn 'Crimson Cloud'
\$109, 7-9' at planting

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SEYMOUR LIBRARY PRESENTS... AFTER HOURS: *THE GREAT SEYMOUR CAPER!*



Please join us for a Night of Mystery and Intrigue on Saturday, November 17th for the Seymour Library Annual After-Hours Fundraiser. *The Great Seymour Caper* is happening at the Library from 7pm – 10pm. The evening will be a fun interactive performance full of exciting twists and turns that will keep you guessing. There will be Wine & Hors d'oeuvre pairings, basket raffle, Wine Pull and of course the "Mystery" to be solved that night. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Over the years the monies raised have helped the library remodel the Teen Spot and Children's Room play area, purchase furniture and computers, addition of the local history room and the Children's courtyard.

Reservations may be obtained at the Circulation Desk at the Seymour Library or feel free to stop by the Town Hall and pick up a Reservation Form.

**Jackie Smith - Town Board Library Liaison
After Hours Committee Member**

BOOKS NEEDED FOR CLARKSON'S NEW 'LITTLE LIBRARY'

Little libraries have become popular and grew out of the simple idea of "give a book, take a book" exchanges, usually in a small enclosed case and placed in a public area for easy access by residents. Hopefully residents are enjoying Clarkson's *Little Library* which is located by the bridge at Hafner Park! **All book donations are welcome and greatly appreciated!**



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Upcoming town projects:

- Milling and paving some subdivision streets, including parts of **Tearose Meadow Lane, Chadlee Drive, Laura Lane, Darla Drive, and St. Katherine Way.**
- Installation of the Lake Cook sewer main is scheduled for late October-November. The sewer main is located on the west side of Route 19 (Lake Road) starting at Woodstock Lane and continuing 1000 feet south to an existing manhole that ties into the Monroe County sewer system.

Ongoing:

- Various Monroe County DOT projects for increased revenue.
- Remediating various residential drainage issues and installing/replacing driveway drain tiles.



Parks projects included:

Three new pickleball courts were added and are ready for play. The Highway Department resurfaced and painted the courts and installed new posts and nets. The existing tennis court was also resurfaced, and new lines were painted. We hope you come out and enjoy the new courts!



As always, if you have any concerns
please call the
Highway Department Office
at (585) 637-1132.

Message from the Clarkson Justice Court

A visit to the Clarkson Courthouse, whether to handle a traffic ticket, answer criminal charges, or to take care of a Department of Motor Vehicle matter through the mobile DMV service and you will see our courthouse facilities are well maintained and modern. The major renovations to the courthouse such as the new gallery chairs and the bench came by way of a judicial grant. The Judicial Court Assistance Program (JCAP) is a grant created by the Unified Court System. The grant allows local town and village courts to apply for funds to pay for furniture, office equipment and renovations. The JCAP believes “*Justice Courts are critical components of New York State’s judicial system and New Yorkers—litigants and their governments alike—heavily rely on their justice courts to dispense justice and achieve essential public policy goals such as ensuring access to justice and making reasonable accommodations for the disabled.*”

The Clarkson Justice Court will be applying for a 2019 JCAP grant to pay for security cameras. While court proceedings are currently recorded via audio recording, there are no security cameras. Security cameras in the courtroom not only help keep the courtroom safe, but add to the integrity of the proceedings. JCAP was awarded \$3 million in funding last year and the same for 2019. In 2017-2018 the JCAP funded \$1.8 million for security equipment and construction for courts. Clarkson is dedicated to finding cost effective and innovative ways to strengthen the Justice Court.

Highway Department

FALL PICK-UP

BRUSH: One sweep will be made through the town starting Monday, October 29th. Brush is to be cut in 6 – foot lengths and left parallel with the road before the start date.

LEAVES: Pick-up will be on Mondays — October 29th, November 5th and November 12th. Recyclable paper bags ONLY. No loose leaves will be picked up.

JUNK DROP-OFF

WHEN: Friday, October 26th—7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, October 27th—8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Clarkson Highway Department
3623 Lake Road

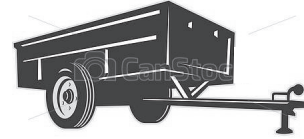
OPEN TO: Town of Clarkson residents ONLY
Maximum of 5 pick-up loads per household

Please refer to the flyer for complete details on the Highway page at www.clarksonny.org.



A dump permit is not needed for Clarkson residents to drop off brush and leaves year-round at the Transfer Station located at 3078 Redman Road on Wednesdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BORROW THE BRUSH TRAILER



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 (no other debris, including leaves, dirt, rocks or garbage of any kind). Do not fill higher than the side boards.

**Contact the Highway Office
at 637-1132
to schedule a drop-off date.**

BRUSH DROP OFF!

Available 24/7 from April 15th – November 15th at the Highway Department, 3623 Lake Road, in the front parking lot areas designated “brush” and “leaves”.

PLEASE NOTE: Brush and leaves only; no other debris, i.e. rocks, dirt, construction debris or garbage; and no plastic bags.

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Don't Forget the Mobile DMV!

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



Did you know? Halloween is an annual holiday celebrated each year on October 31. It originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween.

Enjoy and be safe!

REPORT FROM TOWN BOARD MEMBERS: Christa Filipowicz & Jackie Smith

Thank you to all our residents who took the time this past July to fill out the Sweden Clarkson Recreation Survey. This survey was conducted by Patty Hayles, Town of Sweden and Christa Filipowicz and Jackie Smith from the Town of Clarkson in order to gather residents' feedback regarding the Sweden/Clarkson Community Center's recreation programming and facilities. It was the first survey to be conducted by the Towns in several years.

The Survey was conducted in July with 354 total general outcome of the survey was very positive for being helpful and courteous. In addition, fees affordable and 91.2% rated the recreation that residents had little interest in were video. With that said, 83.49% of the respondents influenced healthier lifestyles.



participants, 328 electronic and 26 paper. The and the staff received particularly high marks 90.25% responded that they found the program facility good, very good and excellent. Topics exercising and healthy cooking light classes. confirmed that the Center programming has

The survey has given us an immense amount of information. We have reviewed the 179 comments (50% of participants offered additional comments). Within those comments there were many good suggestions for ways to improve in various areas. Most of them we were aware of and will be addressed in day-to-day activities, budgeting and a capital plan. Recreation Supervisor Jill Wisnowski, and her staff have already started to address some of those suggestions/comments such as starting this fall, all program participants will be given a satisfaction survey to complete after the end of their program. The results of these surveys will be used to develop the short-term and long-term Strategic Plan for the community center. This will help with future Clarkson and Sweden budgets and planning. Our next steps will be to continue to study the survey results along with current sources of information to provide continuous improvement of offerings at the community center.

The full report of the results to the individual survey questions are available on the Town of Clarkson website: <https://www.clarksonny.org>

SPONSOR A TREE AT KIMBALL PARK

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Item #6 Heptacodium miconioides, shrub like 'Seven-sons tree'
\$69, 5-7' at planting

Item #7 Robinia pseudoacacia, Black Locust, 'Lace Lady'
\$79, 7-9' at planting

Item #8 Nyssa, Black Tupelo, Black Gum, 'Wildfire'
\$109, 7-9' at planting

Item #9 Malus, Crabapple, 'Royal Raindrops'
\$79, 7-9' at planting



Patrick Didas, Town Board Member

NEW TOWN WEBSITE GOES LIVE!



The new Town of Clarkson website (ClarksonNY.org) underwent a massive transformation this past spring and went live in July with no downtime. The result is a fresh design and intuitive navigation that allows residents to find news and information easily.

The content is organized into three general categories consisting of **Government**, **News**, and **Services**. The News section should be the place that residents go to in order to find factual information about what is going on in and around town.

Town Board member Christa Filipowicz led the project, organized and edited all content and former Clarkson resident Nicole Jenney created the website and provided training to the Town Hall staff.

Employees will now be able to edit the content in-house and provide real-time updates, rather than paying for this as an outside service.

Residents are encouraged to send Christa (christa.filipowicz@clarksonny.org) news, photos and event information, and we will post on the website to share with our neighbors.

IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

- Property Assessment Seminar, Wednesday, November 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lodge at Kimball Park, 8000 Ridge Road.
- Deadline for all exemptions to be filed is March 1, 2019.
- New assessment letters should be in your mailbox in January 2019.

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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 Ian E.W. Penders	 637-1134
Judge Christopher T. Wilcox	637-1134
 Monroe County Legislature 2nd District Hon. Michael J. Rockow	 753-1922
 25th Congressional District	
 27th Congressional District Hon. Chris Collins	 (716) 634-2324
 56th Senatorial District Hon. Joseph E. Robach	 225-3650
 139th Assembly District Hon. Steve Hawley	 589-5780

TOWN OFFICES

Director of Finance, Kristin Coon	637-1131
Court Clerk: M. Dawn Rejewski	637-1134
Deputy Court Clerk: K. Mesler	637-1134
Deputy Court Clerk: P. Preston	637-1134
Code Enforcement: Chad Fabry	637-1145
Assessor's Office: Liz Spencer	637-1135
Historian: Leanna Hale	637-1130
 Dog Control: Dave Maynard	 353-8177
Seymour Library	637-1050
Sweden/Clarkson Recreation Center	431-0090

SUPPORT STAFF


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

OTHER

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

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TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Veteran's Day	-	November 12
Thanksgiving	-	November 22/23
Christmas	-	December 25

TOWN EVENTS

Brush Pick-Up	-	October 29
Junk Drop-Off	-	October 26 & 27
Leaves Pick-Up	-	Oct. 29, Nov. 5 & 12
Local Election	-	November 6
Children's Xmas Party	-	December 7



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH**