

CLARKSON GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

Winter 2025 Edition

Preserving our past while building a future



NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to Winter! As I think back on 2024, we accomplished so much! I'm excited to see all that we can achieve for our community in the year 2025.

WIBA No.1 (Water Improvement Benefit Area No.1): this project is expected to be substantially completed by the end of March, with final completion by the end of May. (See separate article on Page 3)

Proposed New Town Hall: The USPS is considering leasing the upper level of our current town hall building as the new post office. The USPS visited our town hall last August and took measurements, and we are waiting to find out if it's a go. Meanwhile, we have decided to move forward with plans to build a new town hall on Lake Road in front of the Highway Department. Our vision is to create a 'town campus' with all resident services in one location, as well as offering numerous recreational opportunities in the park itself. Stay tuned for updates!

Lake Road Sidewalks: **1.** The continuation of the sidewalk on the E side of Lake Road, from the Millhouse Plaza driveway entrance to the corner of Ridge Road has also been approved by NYSDOT. Highway will perform this work. **2.** We are also asking NYSDOT for permission to build a sidewalk on the E side of Lake Road, N of Gilmore Road, to connect the subdivisions at Lacey Lane and Woodstock.

East Avenue Sidewalk Extension: On 12/5/24, we submitted a Monroe County Municipal Sidewalk Funding grant application for the installation of a sidewalk on the N side of East Avenue between Mission Hill and Wedgewood. This will greatly increase the walkability for residents in nearby subdivisions and the Village of Brockport. We are waiting for Monroe County Legislature to approve our request. The project cost is ~\$507k. This is a matching grant — Monroe County pays 1/2; Town of Clarkson pays 1/2.

Transfer Station Updates: On 12/20/24, we submitted a EPA SWIFR grant application for structural and accessibility improvements at the transfer station, plus new equipment to manage the site and haul debris to processing facilities. We hope to hear by the end of winter whether our request for the ~\$883k project cost is granted.

Town Hall: Replacing the exterior steps from the back parking lot to the front parking lot is still on Highway's to-do list; however, the renovations of the two lower-level bathrooms is on hold for the time-being.

We seem to be moving the Town of Clarkson forward at a rapid pace; it's a lot of work but very exciting! I am so grateful for the help of our town staff and the town's engineers, MRB Group, for all their help. Stay informed by watching the Town Board meetings streamed live on Facebook, or check for updates on our FB page, website, or in the Westside News. If you do not already receive the free weekly local paper at home, you may contact the circulation desk 585.352.3411, x123 to schedule delivery.

Until next time, enjoy the Winter days ahead...and our ice-skating rink!

Ursula Liotta
Town Supervisor



**CLARKSON/HAMLIN FREE
RABIES CLINIC**

Save the date!



Thursday, May 1st

5:30p – 7:30p

1658 Lake Rd N. , Hamlin

Watch our FB page and website for more details as they come!

LODGES FOR RENT

The Town of Clarkson offers 2 lodges for rent! Amenities at both include full kitchen, indoor bathrooms, heat, TV (no WiFi), AC, BBQ grills, picnic tables and outdoor playgrounds.

Goodwin Lodge 1700 Sq. Ft.– 3655 Lake Rd. (Hafner Park)

Ridgewood Lodge 4250 Sq. Ft.– 8000 Ridge Rd. (Kimball Park)

Call the Town Clerk’s office at 637-1130 to secure a date or visit our website www.clarksonny.org for availability and further details.



COMING SOON TO OUR TOWN PARKS

We have been working towards making some improvements to our town parks; some of these updates include:

Hafner Park Study Grant: The park redesign concept plan is in the works and once our engineers, MRB Group, present it to us, we will share it with the public. The concept plan will include a new town hall!

Crosswalk to Hafner Park: NYS DOT has approved a crosswalk from the Millhouse Plaza entrance on the E side of Lake Road, to the Hafner Park entrance on the W side. Highway will perform this work.

Sans Souci Park Grant: On 11/14/24, we submitted a Canal Tourism Infrastructure grant application, offered to commemorate the Erie Canal’s Bicentennial in 2025. The award range was \$5k - \$24k. On January 27th, it was announced that **we were awarded the maximum of \$24k**, and we are very pleased! The improvements we hope to make include installing a playground, a new boat ramp with a fishing dock, and adding bike racks; the project cost estimate is ~\$100k. According to the grant agreement, the project completion date is 4/30/2026.

Kimball Park Disk Golf: On 12/23/24, we resubmitted a T-Mobile Hometown grant application for a multi-golf course, the first of its kind in our county. The project cost is \$100k; the funding is ~\$50k. The award announcement is expected by 3/1/2025.

Kimball Park renovation: In addition to the renovations already completed in 2024, Highway will be replacing the garage doors with windows at the rear of Kimball Lodge. This will increase visibility of the playground from inside. Also, the steps leading from the extra parking area to the N of the lodge parking lot will be replaced to increase safety.

Goodwin Lodge renovation: The lodge will be closed to rentals from 2/24 – 3/28. Highway will be doing some much needed renovations, including kitchen and bathroom updates, new paint throughout, new ceiling and outside updates as weather allows.

Submitted by: Ursula Liotta, Town Supervisor

THE TOWN OF CLARKSON WATER IMPROVEMENT BENEFIT AREA NO. 1

FEBRUARY 1, 2025

The Town’s engineers, MRB Group, provided the following update:

As of January 17th the Contractor has installed approximately 31,000 linear feet of water main along portions of Drake Road, Redman Road, and Monroe Orleans County Line Road.

The schedule below outlines the remainder of the watermain installation for the project.

Restoration of the areas disturbed during construction will occur after the attached schedule as the weather allows and should be completed by the end of May 2025.

Eligible residents within the water district who have not signed up and would like to, are encouraged to call Monroe County Water Authority as soon as possible. Contact Virginia Smith, New Services, 442-2001, Ext. 229 or email: Virginia.Smith@mcwa.com.

Feel free to contact Scott Mattison, Project Engineer, 585.340.3661 with any questions.

Pilon Construction Co., Inc., 13205 Route 31 Albion, NY 14411

County Line Road	01/06/2025-01/22/2025
Redman Road	01/23/2025-02/03/2025
West Ave./Old State Rte. 31	02/04/2025-02/20/2025
Lawton Road	02/21/2025-03/05/2025
Ireland Road	03/06/2025-03/18/2025
Sweden Walker Road	03/19/2025-03/28/2025
Horizontal Drilling	02/03/2025-03/28/2025



MOBILE DMV



The 4th Wednesday of the month from 10:00a – 3:30p at the Justice Court located - 3655 Lake Rd, Clarkson.

DO YOU HAVE HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE?

ECO PARK HOURS OF OPERATION:

Wednesday..... 1:00pm - 6:30pm

Saturday..... 7:30am - 1:00pm

Located at 10 Avion Drive Rochester, NY 14624

The Eco Park is an innovative partnership between Monroe County and Waste Management of New York that provides Monroe County residents with a “one-stop drop-off.”



APPOINTMENT REQUIRED* Schedule HHW appointment at www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark for the following items:

EXAMPLES OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze, brake, power steering, and transmission fluids)
- Aerosol Cans, Cleaners (soaps, waxes, drain cleaners, etc).
- Driveway Sealer
- Flammables (gasoline, thinners, solvents, etc.)
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Paint (oil-based & latex more than 1/3 full)
- Fertilizers, Herbicides & Pesticides
- Pool & Photo Chemicals
- Wood Stain & Preservatives

Questions? Visit www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark or email mcdes@monroecounty.gov

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTIONS

PROPERTY OWNERS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTIONS ON THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE. TO QUALIFY, GROSS INCOME CANNOT EXCEED **\$58,400 FOR TAX YEAR 2023.**

THIS EXEMPTION IS BASED ON A SLIDING SCALE RANGING FROM 5% UP TO 50% AND MAY APPLY TO COUNTY, TOWN, VILLAGE AND/OR SCHOOL TAXES BASED ON INCOME.

THE TOWN ALSO OFFERS EXEMPTIONS TO **VETERANS** AND PERSONS WHO ARE **DISABLED WITH LIMITED INCOME.** IF YOU FEEL YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ANY OF THESE EXEMPTIONS, CONTACT THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE OR VISIT US.

APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION ARE DUE BY **MARCH 1, 2025.**

Tammy J. Baker, Assessor, IAO
Darla Emmerson, Assistant to Assessor
585-637-8683
18 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420

WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE

Our highway crew does a great job clearing the town roads, but it is extremely difficult and hazardous to maneuver the plow trucks around parked vehicles during snow operations. We ask that you be aware of this and abide by the snow ordinance.

Please take notice that there is a snow parking ordinance in effect from mid-November through mid-April. Any vehicle parked in the roadway is in violation of this ordinance and may be towed.

We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the Highway Department at 585-637-1132.

Robert Viscardi,
Superintendent of
Highways



PASSPORTS!

We process applications for passport books, passport cards and can take passport photos for your renewals at the Town Hall. Appointments are preferred but will accept walk-ins if able. Please call the Clerk’s office for more information at 637-1130 or visit the Town website under the Clerks page.



Passport Book Fees:

Children – to age 15	\$100
Adults – ages 16 and above	\$130
Photos	\$10
Processing Fee	\$35 per application

Passport Card Fees:

Children – to age 15	\$15
Adults – ages 16 and above	\$30
Photos	\$10
Processing Fee	\$35 per application

LOAN CLOSET

Town Clerk Susan Henshaw wants to remind everyone that she has a loan closet with light use items; crutches, walkers and canes. Items are free for residents for a short period of time as needed.



Please call 637.1130 if you have questions.

GETTING HITCHED?



Susan Henshaw, your Town Clerk, is a Marriage Officer.

Give Suan a call at 585-637-1130 to schedule your nuptials!

NATIONAL HANDWRITING DAY

The Clarkson Historical Society would like to invite the following grades to enter in our Annual Cursive Handwriting Contest:

Grades 4 and 5 • Grades 6, 7 and 8 • High School

Entries will be judged on legibility, neatness, and clarity of letter formation. Prizes will be given to the winners on each level. Winners will be notified by phone.

To qualify, entries must be postmarked on or before February 12, 2025. Return entry to the Clarkson Historical Society, PO Box 600, Clarkson, NY 14430. You can contact the Clarkson Historical Society at Clarksonhistorical@gmail.com.

Entry forms can be found in the vestibule of the Clarkson Town Hall.

Submitted by: Leanna Hale, Town Historian

INTERFERING WITH SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

At the request of our plow drivers, PLEASE leave your garbage cans, recycling boxes, discarded furniture, etc. on your property, not on the shoulder or the right-of-way cleared by the plows. These items cannot be left in the path of the plow.

It is extremely hazardous for plow trucks to slow down, brake, and maneuver around the containers left in the path of the plow, which then impedes the flow of traffic from the other direction.

Interfering with the snow removal operations of the Town of Clarkson by leaving your garbage cans and snow piles in the Right-Of-Way, or by pushing snow across the roadway and leaving plow trails in the road is prohibited. We may be forced to commence legal action against you as provided in Section 214 of the NYS Highway Law. This law specifically prohibits you from depositing snow on any road within the town.

We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the Highway Department at 585-637-1132.

**Robert Viscardi,
Superintendent of Highways**



WESTSIDE NEWS

Do you receive this paper? The Westside News contains a wealth of information for the happenings around Clarkson and neighboring towns, including, obituaries and ads from local businesses. You're missing a lot if you don't yet receive this paper. If interested, call the Circulation Desk for FREE delivery to your home address —585.352.3411 ext. 123.

There are multi-drop locations to pick-up the paper:

- Crosby's at Lake & Ridge
- Wellington Woods
- Seymour Library
- Hamlin Library
- Krony's Pizza in Hamlin
- Tops Hamlin

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SEYMOUR LIBRARY

Mission to a Million Minutes

The Seymour Library has created a community challenge to read one million minutes in 2025! Whether you choose to read a book, listen to an audiobook, or read to someone else, we can use your minutes. See the Seymour website for details to sign up and start tracking your minutes. This program also serves as a fundraiser to build a new outdoor education space through our generous partners. We encourage participation from everyone in the community!



Sweet Reads

The Seymour Library Foundation has prepared Valentine's bags containing 2 of each: books, Ghirardelli chocolate, cocoa packets and bookmarks. Red tissue bags represent mystery books, pink are romance, and white children's. Cuddle up with a warm drink and a good book! The bags are \$5.00 each and are displayed in front of the circulation desk to raise funds for library improvements.



"Little Women" Program

In honor of Geva Theatre's performance of Little Women, we will be having an adult book discussion on Wednesday, February 12th from 11:00 am-12:00 noon, and a tea party for all ages on Monday, February 17th, from 11:00 am-12:00 noon. Patrons are encouraged to wear their best dress up clothes for the tea party!



All Ages Storytime

Join Miss Lauren and Miss Beth for our story times on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-11:30 am. Both sessions will be for all ages and will feature stories, songs, movements, and rhymes all children can enjoy. Keep an eye out for special guest story hours such as Storytime Safari with the Seneca Park ZooMobile.



Who's Who

Elected Officials

- Ursula Liotta**, Supervisor.....637-1131
- John Culhane**, Councilperson
- Nick D’Amuro**, Councilperson
- Sharon Mattison**, Councilperson
- Evan Wexler**, Councilperson
- Susan Henshaw**, Town Clerk & Tax Collector.....637-1130
- Robert Viscardi**, Highway Superintendent.....637-1132
- Ian Penders**, Town Justice.....637-1134
- Christopher Wilcox**, Town Justice.....637-1134
- Jackie Smith**, Monroe County Legislature
2nd District.....(585) 753-1922
- Steve Hawley**, 139th Assembly.....(585) 589-5780
- Joseph Morelle**, 25th Congressional District.....(202) 225-3615
- Robert G. Ortt**, 62nd Senate District.....(716) 434-0680

Town Offices & Partners

- Tammy Blanchard**, Assistant to the
Supervisor.....637-1131
- Carla Ward**, Deputy Town Clerk.....637-1130
- Kevin Moore**, Building Inspector/Code
Enforcement Officer.....637-1145
- Andrea Rookey**, Building Department Clerk.....637-1145
- Tammy Baker**, Assessor & **Darla Emmerson**,
Assistant to Assessor.....637-8683
- Kelly Sprague**, Highway Clerk.....637-1132
- Cody Steffan**, Court Clerk.....637-1134
- Leanna Hale**, Historian.....(585) 737-9387
- David Maynard**, Dog Control.....(585) 525-1608
- Sweden Clarkson Community Center**.....(585) 431-0090
- Seymour Library**.....(585) 637-1050


Town Meetings

- Town Board:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
- Planning Board:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Zoning Board:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Historical Commission:** 1st Monday, 6:45 p.m.
- Conservation Board:** 1st Wednesday, 6 p.m.

TOWN HALL CLOSURES
Monday, February 17, 2025 - President’s Day

Public Services

- Clarkson Post Office**.....(585) 637-6726
Open 10-1 and 2-5, Monday-Friday
10-12, Saturday
- Monroe County DOT**, County roads only.....(585) 753-7750
- National Grid**, power outages
and street light outages.....1 (800) 642-4272
[https://accountmanager.nationalgrid.com/streetlight/
OutageWarning/OutageMap](https://accountmanager.nationalgrid.com/streetlight/OutageWarning/OutageMap)
- NYS DOT**, State roads only.....(585) 352-3471
- RG&E**, Gas services.....1 (800) 743-2110
- Suburban Disposal**, Garbage Disposal.....(585) 352-3900
- Waste Management**, Garbage Disposal.....(585) 672-7656
- Water Authority**, Water services.....(585) 442-7200



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our phone to reach our website!
<https://clarksonny.org>