

Clarkson Good Neighbor News

Preserving our past while building a future

Spring 2025 Edition

NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR



WELCOME SPRING! I think we are all ready for sunshine and warmth. I am happy to give you updates of our ongoing projects.

WIBA No.1 (Water Improvement Benefit Area No.1): this project has experienced delays out of the contractor's control, resulting in an extension of time for completion to August 29, with final project completion and restoration being extended to October 31, 2025.

Proposed New Town Hall: The Town Board recently authorized the town's engineers, MRB Group, to proceed with site development plans and architectural concept plan. We are moving forward and will keep you informed as we do.

Lake Road Sidewalks: 1. The continuation of the sidewalk on the E side of Lake Road, from the Clarkson Corners Plaza driveway entrance to the corner of Ridge Road is on Highway's to-do list. **2.** We are still striving to get permission from NYSDOT to build a sidewalk on the E side of Lake Road, N of Gilmore Road, to connect the subdivisions at Lacey Lane and Woodstock Lane. **3.** We are also hoping to extend the sidewalk on the W side of Lake Road from Horizon Drive to Gilmore Road. It would increase pedestrian travel for access to Hafner Park on foot. Working with NYSDOT takes time, and we ask for your continued patience. We are also researching funding opportunities since sidewalks are pricey.

East Avenue Sidewalk Extension: The Monroe County Municipal Sidewalk Funding grant application for a sidewalk on the N side of East Avenue between Mission Hill and Wedgewood was approved by Monroe County Legislature, and we have signed the Intermunicipal Agreement with Monroe County. We are in the process of reviewing the sidewalk design proposal and will then apply for a NYSDOT highway permit to be able to move ahead with this project.

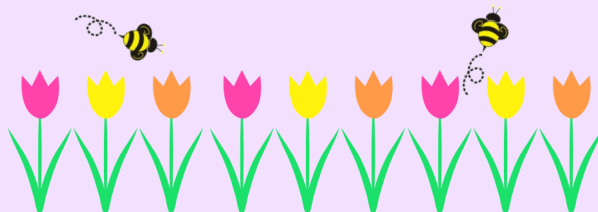
Transfer Station Updates: On 12/20/24, we submitted a EPA SWIFR grant application for structural and accessibility improvements at the transfer station, plus new equipment to manage the site and haul debris to processing facilities. We had hoped to hear by the end of winter, but the EPA advised that the awards will be announced by 7/31/25.

Town Hall: No news from the USPS on whether they wish to still consider leasing the upper level of our building as the new post office, but even so, we are continuing with the upkeep and maintenance. We most recently had the entryway interior and stairwell painted and will be replacing the entryway flooring soon. Replacing the exterior steps from the back parking lot to the front parking lot is still on Highway's to-do list for this year.

Stay informed by watching the Town Board meetings streamed live on Facebook every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6 pm, or check for updates on our FB page, website, or in the Westside News.

Until next time, enjoy all things Spring!

Ursula Liotta
Town Supervisor



TOWN EVENTS

May 28, June 25, July 23 - Mobile DMV
(located at 3655 Lake Road, Justice Court)
June 14 - Shred Day
August 15 - Good Neighbor Day

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, May 26th - Memorial Day
Thursday, July 3rd & Friday, July 4th - Independence Day
Monday, September 1st - Labor Day

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PROJECTS, POOLS, AND PERMITS!

Pools, hot tubs, spas, decks, standby generators, roofing, sheds and additions and alterations are some examples that require permits. Even temporary pools may require permits. Please contact the Building Department at 585-637-1145 for further guidance on requirements. Permit applications are also available on the Clarkson Town websites Building Department Page, <https://clarksonny.org/building-department/>.

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN BACKWASHING YOUR POOL, HOT TUB, SPA OR FOUNTAIN

Pool backwashing is a very common maintenance activity. However, this can become a pollutant to our stormwater system; and draining to a storm sewer or water body (pond or creek) is illegal if the water contains chemicals. Please be aware of the following:

- Backwash water should drain into the lawn or other landscaped area of your property. Draining slowly will allow chemicals to dissipate and prevent erosion.
- Never drain backwash into a stream, creek, pond, or other natural water body.
- Do not drain backwash water into the storm sewer.
- Do not drain backwash onto driveways, sidewalks, streets or other impervious surfaces.
- All wastewater from acid washing should be neutralized to PH between 6.0 and 7.0 and discharged to the lawn or sanitary sewer.
- Dispose of diatomaceous earth (DE) in the garbage. **



**Rinse cartridge filters onto a dirt area and work filter residue into soil. Backwash diatomaceous earth filters onto dirt.

Diatomaceous earth cannot be discharged to surface waters, storm drainage systems, septic systems or on the ground; it must be disposed of in the garbage.

Submitted by: Kevin Moore; Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer & Fire Marshal

A LETTER FROM OUR JUSTICE COURT

Here at the Clarkson Justice Court we thought we'd provide an update on our operations and personnel. The Town Court is a multi-faceted Court responsible for the processing and adjudication of criminal, civil, and traffic violations within Clarkson.

Both of our Town Justices are practicing attorneys who thoroughly comprehend the law. The Honorable Christopher T. Wilcox is now serving in his 19th year as Town Justice here in Clarkson, while the Honorable Ian E.W. Penders is in his 7th year. Both judges, along with Court Clerks, Susan Weiss and Cody Steffen, are committed to serving the community to the best of their abilities.

Please note that normal courthouse hours are from Noon to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Submitted by: Cody Steffen, Court Clerk

WESTSIDE VETERAN AND SENIOR SERVICE CENTER

Submitted by: Jackie Smith, County Legislator District 2



**Monroe County
Office for the Aging
Veterans Service Agency**

Monroe County has opened a Veteran and Senior Service Center at the Greece Ridge Mall. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Monroe County Veterans Service Agency will provide free, personalized assistance to ensure veterans and their families receive the benefits they've earned, including help with navigating the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' claim system and filing appeals for denied claims.

The Office for the Aging will connect older adults and caregivers with expert guidance and support through our partners at Lifespan of Greater Rochester. This includes everything from home care options and financial support to wellness programs, transportation assistance, and caregiver resources—all with the goal of enhancing independence and quality of life.

Please stop in on your next mall visit or feel free to give them a call at 585-753-2802.

HISTORIAN NEWS - CELEBRATING THE ERIE CANAL

This year we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Erie Canal.

After the completion, canal packet boats left Buffalo for New York City, a 363-mile trip. The Seneca Chief at the time, was in the first boat. The boats stopped at all ports and made speeches and sometimes had fireworks. The trip included going through 83 locks and 18 aqueducts. In 1810, Dewitt Clinton stayed in Clarkson while planning the path of the canal. When the path was finally determined, some Clarkson residents purchased land in what would eventually be Brockport. Two of these residents were Mr. Brockway and Mr. Seymour. Our park on the canal, Sans Souci Park, 4159 County Line Road, was named after a local doctor several years ago. This year we hope to gather to see the boat "The Seneca Chief" on September 26.



Submitted by: Leanna Hale – Clarkson Historian

SUMMARY OF OUR TOWN PARKS

Hafner Park Study Grant: A draft concept plan of new amenities to the park has been designed and approved by NYS Office of Parks. A draft feasibility report has also been prepared and is being reviewed. The design creates a campus feel including the new town hall to be built at the entrance of the park in front of the highway department. The design concept is on the counter and on our website for your review. The plans are exciting!

Crosswalk to Hafner Park: The crosswalk from the Millhouse Plaza entrance on the E side of Lake Road to the Hafner Park entrance on the W side is on highway's to-do list for this year, however, the sidewalk from the driveway entrance to the corner of 104 needs to be installed first.

Sans Souci Park Grant: On January 27th, it was announced that **we were awarded the maximum of \$24k** to install a new playground, a new boat ramp with a fishing dock, and add bike racks; the project cost estimate is ~\$100k. According to the grant agreement, the project completion date is 4/30/2026. Another highway project ...

Kimball Park Multi-Golf: Unfortunately, the resubmission of the T-Mobile Hometown grant application on 12/23/24 was denied. We are still committed to this project---it will be the only one in the Northeast. Avery Jenkins, DiscGolfPark, the designer, visited and walked Kimball Park on 4/8 and is excited about this project for our town. It will be a destination for all ages! Build it and they will come! We will keep you advised as this project progresses.

Kimball Park renovation: Highway still plans to replace the garage doors with windows at the rear of Kimball Lodge. This will increase the 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, and the basketball hoop area will be removed and/or redesigned.

Goodwin Lodge renovation: The lodge was completely renovated by our highway department guys in March, including a new kitchen with new appliances, new lighting, fresh paint, upgraded bathrooms, etc. The crew did an excellent job and we hope you will be pleased!

Submitted by: Ursula Liotta, Town Supervisor

Local waste haulers have asked us to remind residents about proper preparation methods to make sure all of your cardboard left at the curb will be recycled.

Make sure your cardboard is:

- no larger than 2'x 4'
- clean & flattened
- not tied or bundled

Otherwise, your cardboard is at risk of being landfilled as it will not fit in the recycling area of your hauler's collection vehicle.

Help your hauler and make sure your cardboard is properly recycled by following these rules!

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.

MOBILE DMV

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



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SEYMOUR LIBRARY

Our Ambassador, Seymour the Dragon, is excited to introduce our program theme for our 2025 Summer Reading Program, Color our World! Seymour invites you to embark on a journey with us of art and creativity, celebrating the myriad of ways in which art enriches our lives. Our program is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages through a diverse array of artistic expressions. The library will host programs and reading events for all ages and interests throughout the summer.

Kickoff: June 26th, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Enjoy music, activities, prizes and of course, Lugia's Ice Cream!

Summer Reading Runs June 26th-August 14th.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

In 2025, Monroe County's Household Hazardous Waste collection program again takes to the road to bring this service closer to residents! Similar to home base – the Monroe County / WM ecopark, where hazardous waste is collected twice a week, every week – **appointments are REQUIRED for ALL Hazardous Waste collections** and can be made by:

Visiting the Monroe County / WM ecopark website:
www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark

2025 Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

Saturday, April 26

Town of Gates DPW

200 Beaver Road

Saturday, May 17

Town of Perinton DPW

100 Cobbs Lane

Saturday, June 7

Town of Ogden DPW

2432 S. Union Street

Saturday, September 20

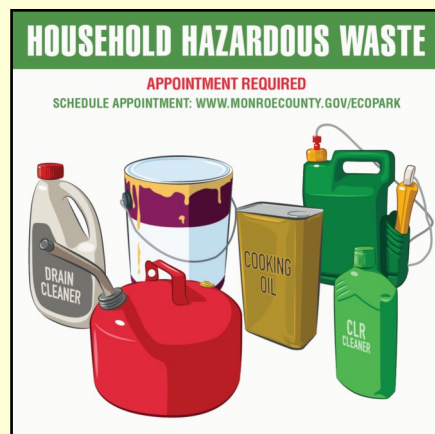
Town of Webster DPW

1005 Picture Parkway

Saturday, October 4

Town of Greece DPW

647 Long Pond Road



2025 MOBILE PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE SCHEDULE

Several mobile collection events for unwanted pharmaceuticals are scheduled throughout 2025.

No appointments required for mobile pharmaceutical events - drive up and drop off!

Three collections will be held in cooperation with local Wegmans stores.



All are Saturdays from

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

Wegmans - Mt. Read Blvd.

Greece

Saturday, July 19

Wegmans - Calkins Road

Henrietta

Saturday, September 10

Wegmans - Eastway

Webster

Remember: Pharmaceuticals are collected during **regular collection hours**

every Wednesday and Saturday

at the

Monroe County / WM ecopark -

no appointments necessary!

BRUSH REMINDER

Spring and summer are fast approaching, and as a reminder we have brush trailers available at no cost to Clarkson residents on a first come first serve basis. To book the brush trailer to be dropped off at your house, please call the highway department at 585-637-1132.



We also have a brush drop off bin open year-round located at the Clarkson Highway Department (3623 Lake Road) for residents to drop brush off between 6:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday.

You can also drop off your brush at the Clarkson Transfer Station (3078 Redman Road) without a permit on Wednesday's from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm and Saturday's from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. All other items will require a permit that can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office located at the Clarkson Town Hall.

Submitted by: Robert Viscardi, Highway Superintendent

SUMMER HIGHWAY PROJECTS

ROADWORK

Lawrence Road - Mill & Pave
Craig Hill Drive - Pave
Edmunds Road—Mill & Fill

OTHER PROJECTS

Valley View Dr. Sewer Lining



*Submitted by: Robert Viscardi,
Highway Superintendent*

CLARKSON GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

★ Evening Of Fun At Clarkson's Hafner Park ★
3645 Lake Road

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

• **Classic Car Cruisin'**

(5:30PM-7:30PM)

• **Band "Ruby Shooz"**

(7:30PM-9:30PM)

• **Fireworks**

(9:30PM)

• **Bounce House, Obstacle Course**

(5:30PM-7:30PM)

• **Food Trucks and Ice Cream**

• **Face Painting** (5:30PM-7:30PM)

• **Kids Activities** - lawn games, pony rides



SHRED DAY

Date: Saturday, June 14 Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Where: Clarkson Highway Garage, 3623 Lake Road

Grab those files you no longer need and bring them down for safe, secure, and immediate shredding!



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.

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- Wellington Woods
- Seymour Library
- Hamlin Library
- Krony's Pizza in Hamlin
- Tops Hamlin



Who's Who

Elected Officials

Ursula Liotta, Supervisor.....637-1131

John Culhane, Councilperson

Nick D'Amuro, Councilperson

Sharon Mattison, 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 Steffen, 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 - held at Town Hall

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 SUMMER HOURS



(Effective May 27 - September 1)

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday

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

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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<https://clarksonny.org>