

CLARKSON GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

Spring 2024

"Preserving our past while building a future"

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR



Hello! My name is Ursula Liotta and as most of you know, I was appointed as Town Supervisor on September 19, 2023, and was elected to a 2-year term in November. Thank you for entrusting me to be your Town Supervisor. I have worked for the Town of Clarkson since 2008, serving as the Deputy Town Clerk, Building Department Coordinator, and Administrative Assistant to the Highway Superintendent. The experience and knowledge that I have gained over the past 16 years, and my first career as a legal assistant, facilitated my ability to successfully fulfill my role as your Town Supervisor.

My assistant, Tammy Blanchard, started shortly before me in September, and we are learning the responsibilities of this office together. I am grateful to all the employees and the Town Board for being such a huge help to both Tammy and I as we continue to learn the nuances of our positions. It has been a fast six months, but we have accomplished quite a lot together so far:

September-November:

- The Town Board worked hard on the budget calculations for 2024, resulting in a reduction of the general budget, the tax rate, and the tax cap.
- The Town received a matching grant for \$45,000 from NYS Parks & Recreation to be used for conceptual planning of Hafner Park. We hope to create a more campus-like feel which would include more amenities for our residents. More info to come soon.

November-January:

 Received approval from NYS Parks & Recreation that our town is now designated as a Historical Preservation District, and a new Historic Preservation Commission has been established, thanks to the

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CONTACT INFO FOR TOWN OFFICES

Town Supervisor
Ursula Liotta 637-1131

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Susan Henshaw 637-1130

Highway Superintendent

Robert Viscardi 637-1132

Bldg. Inspector/Code Enforcement

Kevin Moore 637-1145

Assessor's Office

Tammy Baker 637-8683



For local events, visit www.rochestereclipse2024.org

Visit us at www.clarksonny.org

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

TOWN BOARD

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

ZONING BOARD

1st & 3rd Wed. at 7 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Clarkson Town Hall

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Shred Day Saturday, June 1st

The shred truck will be located outside the Highway Garage from 10 a.m. until Noon. Grab those files you no longer need and bring them down for safe, secure, and immediate shredding!

Town Hall Summer Hours

[effective May 28-September 3)



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

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fridays

2024 Good Neighbor Day

Friday, August 16 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Scheduled events include the classic car show, Ruby Shooz concert, kid's games, food trucks and fireworks to name just a few! Watch for more details on the Town website!

Free Rabies Clinic

The Dog Control Officer David Maynard has announced the free Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



This clinic is hosted by the Towns of Clarkson and Hamlin. Please call Clarkson Town Clerk Susan Henshaw at 637-1130 to schedule an appointment for your dog, cat, or ferret. You MUST have an appointment.

Mobile DMV

The Mobile Department of Motor Vehicle no longer comes to Clarkson; however, it does come to the Brockport Village Court on the first Wednesday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can find them at 49 State Street in Brockport.

The mobile unit also comes to the Ogden Town Hall on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are located at 269 Ogden Center Road in Spencerport.



Help! Our Medical Loan Closet is bare!

Do you have crutches, a walker, a shower chair, etc. not being used? Please consider donating them to our Medical Loan Closet. Call the Town Clerk at 637-1130!

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TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

May 27 Memorial Day
July 4 & 5 Independence Day
September 2 Labor Day

TOWN EVENTS

April 27 Junk Days begin
April 22 Brush Pickup begins
May 2 Free Rabies Clinic
June 1 Shred Day
August 16 Good Neighbor Day

FACELIFT FOR THE LODGE AT KIMBALL PARK

Funds from the Green Area Trust have allowed us to give our Lodge at Kimball Park a much-needed facelift. Improvements include a new kitchen area with new appliances, storage room for tables and chairs, new paint on the walls, and ceiling fans. The patio area will be upgraded and windows will replace the back garage doors.

Many thanks go out to our talented Highway Department as much of the work was done by them!

To rent the Kimball Park Lodge or the Goodwin Lodge at Hafner Park, please call the Town Clerk, Susan Henshaw, at 637-1130 to check availability.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BRUSH AND LEAVES

Monday, April 22: Regular brush pickup starts. Highway will do one sweep through the town. Leave brush in 6' lengths, parallel with the road.

April 1 – November 15: Dump brush/leaves inside Highway Department fenced area during regular business hours, Monday – Thursday from 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

April 23, April 30 & May 7: Highway will pick up bagged leaves left at roadside (paper bags only)

Available year-round: Bring brush/leaves to the Transfer Station at 3078 Redman Road on Wednesdays (2 p.m.-7 p.m.) and Saturdays (8 a.m.-4 p.m.). No permit required.

Available year-round: Call Highway to reserve the 6' x 12' brush trailer (NC) for drop off at your home, based on availability.

JUNK DAYS AT THE HIGHWAY GARAGE

Saturdays, April 27 and May 4: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 29 thru May 3: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Maximum of 5 pick-up truck loads per household Accepting **FREE** collection of electronic equipment

Additional charge:

| Car/pickup tires | \$ 2.00 ea | Large truck tires | \$10.00 ea |
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| Large tractor tires | \$20.00 ea | Propane tanks-new | \$ 2.00 ea |
| Refrigerators/freezers | \$25.00 ea | A/C units & dehumidifiers | \$10.00 ea |

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Town of Clarkson assessor will send out assessment notices by April 1, 2024. The Town of Clarkson assesses Real Property at 100% of current market value. Most residential property owners will *not* see an assessment change due to the revaluation done in 2023.

Grievance Day is Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 and will be held at the Clarkson Town Hall from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

If you disagree with your property's tentative assessment, in order to protect your right to assessment review, you must file a formal written complaint on the officially prescribed form RP-524 (available online at www.tax.ny.gov or at your assessor's office) with your Board of Assessment Review (BAR) on or before Grievance Day May 29th, 2024. More information will be available after assessment notices are mailed.

WATER IMPROVEMENT BENEFIT AREA No. 1



The project status was provided to the Town of Clarkson by its engineers, MRB Group, on 2/1/2024. A full report is available on the Town Website at www.townofclarksonny.org.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) recently announced the annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning. This ban began on March 16 and runs through May 14.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Kevin Moore, the Town's Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer has submitted the 2023 endof-year report to the State.

Those statistics include 232 permits issued, 38 property violations, 14 Planning Board applications, 5 Zoning Board applications, 299 certificates of occupancy, 1,239 inspections, and 12 Conservation Board applications.

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the efforts of Town Board member, Nick D'Amuro. Clarkson is only one of a very few in the country to receive this designation. We are still awaiting final approval from the National Park Service. This will allow for the town and historical homes opportunities to receive certain grants for home improvements.

January-March:

- In late December, we said goodbye to Tom Guarino, as a former Town Board member. In early January, we welcomed Sharon Mattison and Evan Wexler to the Town Board.
- We are focusing on the logistics of the Total Solar Eclipse event on April 8th and hope it's an enjoyable day for all. See our website and Facebook page for updates specific to Clarkson.
- The Zoning Code Committee is back to work on revising the town code; completion expected soon.
- We are applying for grants to benefit our residents; one is for a disk golf course to Kimball Park. We are working closely with Monroe County Parks and are at the beginning stages but stay-tuned for more Kimball Park updates; we are striving to make this park a more desirable place to visit.

Renovations:

- Town Hall's exterior was painted in the fall; new windows were installed, and new window blinds were recently added. It's made quite a difference, inside and out. The monies came from one of the incentive zoning projects that specified that the funds be directed to town hall updates. Other changes to the town hall are planned for 2024, including updating the bathrooms, fixing the front steps, redoing the outer steps from the lower parking lot to the upper parking lot, and paving both parking lots.
- The former 'emporium' from the transfer station has been relocated to the back town hall parking lot and repurposed as storage for the rented table and chairs that were housed in the lower level of the town hall. This will allow residents much easier access with their vehicles. A key will be provided to residents to access the shed by the Town Clerk's office, much like the lodge rental keys.

We are looking forward to continuing to serve the Town of Clarkson residents with more positive accomplishments in the warmer months ahead.

Sincerely,

Ursula Liotta

Clarkson Town Supervisor