



CLARKSON GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

Summer 2024

“Preserving our past while building a future”

NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Hello! Summer is here! We have been extremely busy since our last newsletter at the end of March! Here is a quick summary of ongoing and future projects:

Water Improvement Benefit Area #1 (WIBA #1) - waterline project

- Bid opening is the week of July 16th
- Award project @ town board meeting on July 23rd
- Construction expected to begin September 2024
- Substantial completion (water on) March 2025
- Final payment (project completed and cleaned up) May 2025

Kimball Park

- Acoustic panels were added to lodge ceiling to lessen the echo; the lodge patio is being expanded, and new grills will be installed. A/C will be added in the future, and the two garage doors will be replaced with large windows to view the patio and playground areas.
- The playground is being expanded to include swings, and new playground mulch has been added.
- Sidewalks to the playground are being installed from the lodge and the parking lot.
- We are pursuing a grant to bring a 9-hole multi-golf course to the park, including, disk golf, foot golf (played w/a soccer ball), and park golf. This is an exciting venture; more info will be coming soon!

Hafner Park

- Work is progressing under the grant we received to create a concept plan for a future town campus. An informational survey has been prepared for residents to complete; this is available online and at town hall. An informal public presentation of the plan will be held on Thursday, 7/11 from 4-8 pm, at Goodwin Lodge. More info is in this newsletter.
- The playground area has been enhanced by the removal of the railroad ties surrounding the area, and new playground mulch has replaced the stone.
- The pickleball courts received a fresh coat of paint, and new grills have been installed.

Town Hall

- Both parking lots will be resurfaced this year, and the side steps from the back lot to the front lot will be replaced as well.
- We are planning towards renovating the two lower-level bathrooms.

Please be sure to check the town's Facebook page and website for regular updates in our town. We are moving along at a good pace, and do not want you to miss out! A lot of this information is also shared during our town board meetings. We would be happy to see you in the audience or you may view the meeting on Facebook live. Until next time, I hope you enjoy all things summer!

Ursula Liotta
Town Supervisor

TOWN HALL SUMMER HOURS*thru August 30*

8 am – 4 pm Mon., Wed., Thurs.
 8 am – 6 pm on Tues.
 8 am - 1 pm on Fri.

**NO TOWN BOARD MEETING ON
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH**

REMINDER!

School tax
 collection
 begins in
 September.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

July 4 & 5 Independence Day
 September 2 Labor Day

ANNUAL COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

**This town clerk sponsored event was held on June 1st
 and collected over 3 tons of shredded paper!**

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day or Decoration Day was created for the purpose of commemorating the fallen Civil War soldiers. In 1868, General John A. Logan called for a day of remembrance. This practice of decorating soldiers' graves and flying flags at half-mast became law in 1971. The last Monday in May would be known as Memorial Day.

On May 13th, the Clarkson community came together to honor Decoration Day by placing a flag at the grave marker of each soldier who served in our military. It was an honor to be included in this special event. Please feel free to join us next year to continue this great tradition in our community.
Submitted by Evan Wexler, Councilperson

CLARKSON GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY**Friday, August 16 from 5:00-10:00 pm**

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun evening of activities along with some delicious food!

Classic Car show: Sponsored by the Lions Club. Dash plaques for the first 100 cars!

Food: Lions Club --- Cusimano's Pizza --- Braided Acres --- Duke's Donuts --- Lugia's Ice Cream!

Highlights: Kid's Zone with bounce houses, giant sand box, outdoor games, glowsticks, face painting and more!

Other: Equipment trucks, school bus, emergency equipment, Before the Last Call equine therapy booth, Seymour Library booth, and more!

Entertainment:

- 5:30-7:30 Music provided by DJ Tony Starnino for the car show.
- 7:30-9:30 Ruby Shooz band
- 9:30 Fireworks

I AM YOUR FLAG

Excerpt from a pamphlet distributed in Clarkson in 1996

I was born on June 14, 1777, over two hundred years ago, I am more than just cloth shaped into a design, I am the silent sentinel of freedom, I am the emblem of one of the greatest sovereign nations, I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes. Old Glory is my nickname and proudly I wave on high.

Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position. Lest I never return, keep alight the fires of patriotism and strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.

Every year, I place a copy of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights on display in the Town Hall. As your historian, I ask only that you will think a little about the reason for the day as you celebrate. **Happy Fourth of July!**

Submitted by Leanna Hale, Historian



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE – Tammy Baker, IAO, 585-637-8683

Something new for this year, under the link - <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/>

For homeowners who purchased their homes after **2015** and have the **STAR Credit**, will now have the option to have the **STAR Credit Direct Deposit**. To enroll, credit recipients will log into a new Homeowner Benefit Portal, which is also how new homeowners will register for the **STAR Credit**. In addition, the portal provides STAR applicants and recipients with much more functionality than they previously had, such as: checking the status of their property tax registration, viewing, editing, or closing their registration, ensuring their information is accurate and complete, and taking action to resolve issues. (This would also include those living in Manufactured Housing Parks). Homeowners with existing Tax Department Individual Online Services accounts can now find the Homeowner Benefit Portal under Real Property Tax after they log in. Other homeowners will be prompted to create an Individual Online Services account. Homeowners without access to the internet can continue to register for STAR by calling a representative at 585-457-2036. Homeowners cannot enroll in STAR Direct Deposit over the phone.

Homeowners who had the **STAR Exemption PRIOR to 2015**, will continue to receive the exemption from school taxes and need not take any further action.

NEWS FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - 2024 SUMMER PROJECTS**Roadwork**

Crescent Drive
Sherwood Drive
Sunset Center Lane
Lynwood Drive – North Loop
Edmunds Road

Other Projects

Continuing to address drainage issues on town and county roads.
Continuing rehab and remodeling town parks and buildings.

OUR PARK, OUR FUTURE: SHAPING HAFNER PARK TOGETHER

The Town of Clarkson is excited to announce the Hafner Park Redesign Project. **We're kicking things off with a community forum on Thursday, July 11th at the Goodwin Lodge in Hafner Park. Please arrive any time between 4:00 and 8:00 pm.**

This is your chance to learn about the project goals and share your ideas for the park's future. Whether you're a regular visitor or simply someone who values green spaces, your input is crucial. Together, we can create a park that reflects the needs and desires of our community.

For more information or to take our online survey, visit [\[https://clarksonny.org/hafner-redesign/\]](https://clarksonny.org/hafner-redesign/) or scan the QR code here.

**THE MOBILE DMV IS RETURNING TO CLARKSON!**

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, starting June 26

Justice Court Building – 3655 Lake Road, Clarkson, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

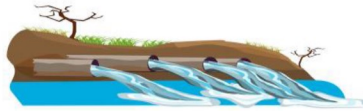
We are so glad to bring this much needed service back to our residents!
We heard you. We listened. It's back!

VOTING INFORMATION

Here is the link to Monroe County Board of Elections, where you can register to vote and/or make changes to your current voter registration:

[https://www.monroecounty.gov/files/boe/voteregform-eng-fillable%20\(12\).pdf](https://www.monroecounty.gov/files/boe/voteregform-eng-fillable%20(12).pdf)

NEWS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT - POOLS, FOUNTAINS & SPAS



Pool Backwashing: Pool backwashing is the most common maintenance activity. Backwash water can become a pollutant to our stormwater system, and draining to a storm sewer or water body is illegal if the water contains chemicals. Some basic practices to prevent pool backwash chemicals (as well as fountain and spa wastewaters) from entering a water body include:

- 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.

Draining Pools, Fountains, and Spas: Drain your pool, fountain or spa only when a tested sample does not detect chlorine.

- Do not drain pools, fountains, or spas down a driveway or into a storm sewer. Instead, drain slowly to the lawn or other landscaped area of your property using a low-volume pump or siphon.
- Be aware of drainage patterns that may affect neighboring properties, especially steep slopes.
- Winterize your pool by waiting for chlorine levels to be close to zero, draining your pool as described above and then adding your winter treatment chemicals. Draining first reduces the amount of chemicals needed and saves money. Mix the chemicals in your pool by using a skimmer pole and brush attachment.

To learn more about reducing stormwater pollution, visit the
Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County website:

www.thestormwatercoalition.org or the H₂O website: www.h2ohero.org

STAY TUNED!

The town code for owning chickens is being updated!

We have heard your concerns. The code for owning chickens on residential lots is being updated and is scheduled to be completed in July. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the Building Department @ 585-637-1145.

