

Clarkson Good Neighbor News

Preserving our past while building a future

Summer 2025 Edition

NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Hafner Park and New Town Hall: a vision for renewal and community connection

The Town of Clarkson is excited to share an update on the Hafner Park Improvements Project—an effort that also includes plans for a new Town Hall as part of our shared town campus. Since receiving a planning grant in late 2023 from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, we spent the months of April - September 2024 assessing the needs of the community by gathering public input and developing a forward-thinking vision for a central community space.

Community Voices Leading the Way

Your input has been instrumental. Through forums, surveys, and conversations, residents have told us how much Hafner Park means to families, seniors, and neighbors of all ages. Over 100 households provided thoughtful feedback, helping prioritize improvements and highlighting a strong desire to see the park become an even more welcoming destination. A feasibility study was prepared, and a concept plan was designed. Both can be reviewed on our website.

Top Priorities for Hafner Park

The concept plan proposes nine primary improvements to the park, and with the help of our engineers, MRB Group, we have applied for grants as they come available to help cover the cost:

1. Spray Park
2. New and relocated sports courts
3. Trails—multi-use walking and biking trails
4. Inclusive, upgraded playground improvements
5. Two accessible restroom buildings
6. Veterans Memorial
7. Amphitheater
8. Paving and sidewalk improvements
9. Stormwater drainage improvements

Other features most frequently requested by residents include:

- Covered pavilions and seating
- Improved lighting
- Outdoor fitness area
- Improved, inclusive dock at the pond

Maintenance, safety, and accessibility will also be addressed as part of the redesign.

NEW WAY TO VIEW



Tune into our new YouTube channel @TownofClarkson1819 starting August 12th! We will be broadcasting our meetings on this channel going forward.

Make sure to go to [Town of Clarkson - YouTube](#) or use this QR code to subscribe so you don't miss out on any updates!

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NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

The Town Hall Connection

A key element of this vision is a new Town Hall building in front of the existing Highway Department, adjacent to Hafner Park. A factor to move the vision along, was expedited by the interest of the USPS's visit to our Town Hall in August 2024, when they expressed interest in using the building as the new Clarkson Post Office site. We were told that the existing post office needs to be moved by March 31, 2026. The USPS is also considering a storefront in the Clarkson Corners Plaza, but while we wait for their decision, we wanted to push forward with the dream of creating a true civic campus at Hafner Park. It will make it easier for residents to access all town services while enjoying recreational amenities. Integrating the Town Hall with the park allows for better community events, shared green spaces, and improved access for all. The planning process is designed to make both the park and Town Hall accessible, efficient, and environmentally conscious.

Bringing the Vision to Life

The project's anticipated cost is approximately \$3.3 million for the entire park project, not including the new Town Hall. We are actively pursuing numerous local and state grants for the individual projects within Hafner Park. In addition, the Town possesses funds from local solar and incentive zoning projects that have been set aside for community improvements as well as the new Town Hall. A site plan is in the works, and a concept plan has been designed by MRB. See below.



Next Steps

The Town will provide ongoing updates to the public on the park progress and the new Town Hall, as well as the USPS's decision. We will look for opportunities for public involvement as plans progress, but feel free to check in with the Town Hall or our website for regular updates.

Our shared goal is to create a renewed civic center that will serve all residents for decades to come. Thank you for helping build the future of Clarkson's community spaces! Together, we are shaping a better Hafner Park and Town Hall for everyone.

Other Town News

- The WIBA #1 waterline project is still on schedule --- water service to all by the end of August!
- The three sidewalk projects on Lake Road, and the sidewalk on East Avenue are still on the agenda; it's just a matter of scheduling for our Highway Department to do the work.
- The Multi-golf project at Kimball Park is scheduled to be installed in August. More details to come!

I hope you continue to enjoy your summer – and hope to see many of you at Good Neighbor Day on Friday, August 15th.

Ursula Liotta, Town Supervisor

TOWN EVENTS

August 27, September 24, October 22 - Mobile DMV
(located at 3655 Lake Road, Justice Court)

August 15 - Good Neighbor Day

September 26 - Erie Canal 200th Anniversary Event at Sans Souci Park

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

Monday, October 13 - Columbus Day

NO TOWN BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

CLARKSON'S CONSERVATION CORNER

The following is the inaugural informational article by the Clarkson Environmental Conservation Board. These articles will be presented quarterly and are intended to raise awareness of Conservation issues impacting all residents.

REDUCING BIRD-WINDOW COLLISIONS: A HOMEOWNERS GUIDE

A recent study conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that approximately a billion birds are killed annually in collisions with buildings. Here in Clarkson, despite its rural character, birds are still at risk of building collisions, especially in more dense residential areas.

All birds are subject to colliding with windows. Migrating songbirds that we attract to bird feeders, are particularly vulnerable during migrating months March-June and August-November. Songbirds migrate at dawn and dusk; times when window reflections are most deceptive.

A recent study conducted at the University of Rochester (<https://www.smashthecrashur.com/reports/>) states "Collisions occur because windows are invisible to birds". The study is one of many attempts across the country to better understand what can be done to reduce bird collisions with buildings. Glass also reflects the outside environment resulting in birds mistaking it for a flight path followed by a collision; often fatal. Although birds may appear to be temporarily stunned after colliding with windows, they often die later due to internal injuries.

How can you help?

Bird collisions can be greatly reduced by bird-proofing your windows. Because birds are agile and can fly in small spaces it's important to create a visual barrier to your windows.

The most successful method follows the "two by two" rule which involves the application of decals at least ¼ inch in size to create a grid pattern spaced 2" apart both vertically and horizontally, with the grid pattern covering the entire surface of the window (see photo example). This method can be achieved by applying:

- Window film which is readily available in numerous patterns
- Decals, stickers, and masking tape that can be applied to the outside of windows.
- Your own artwork; be creative! Showcase your art by decorating windows with tempera paint or soap.

Other effective methods:

- Acopian Bird Savers ("Zen Curtains") are closely spaced cords that hang down over the outside of a window. This barrier is highly effective and can be aesthetically pleasing.
- Exterior window screens that cover the whole window.

Birds are crucial for maintaining healthy ecosystems. They play vital roles in pollination, seed dispersal, and pest control. Their presence benefits agricultural and natural environments while contributing to human well-being through the beauty and joy they bring.

For more information consider visiting one of the organizations listed below.

American Bird Conservancy (www.abcbirds.org)

National Audubon Society (www.audubon.org)

Submitted by: Clarkson Conservation Board

Jake Straub, Chair

Marilynn Brown

Dante Paladino

Kelly Smith



Example: Applied film with a 2 in. x 2 in. grid pattern applied to a sliding glass door (photo courtesy of Dante Paladino)

CLARKSON GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 5:00 pm—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 - Macarollin - The Creamery - Duke's Doughnuts - Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck

Entertainment: 5:30 - 7:30 DJ Music provided for the car show

7:30 - 9:30 Ruby Shooz

9:30 Fireworks

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

Other: Equipment trucks, school bus, emergency equipment and more!



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES IN CLARKSON!

Brockport School of Dance and Performing Arts - 4068 Lake Road

Cusimano's Pizzeria - 3670 Lake Road North

Ironwood Tavern/Restaurant - 100 Craig Hill Drive

Life Solutions - 2435 Lake Road North

The Flooring Department - 9329 Ridge Road West

Truly Pampered - 122 West Ave, Suite 1

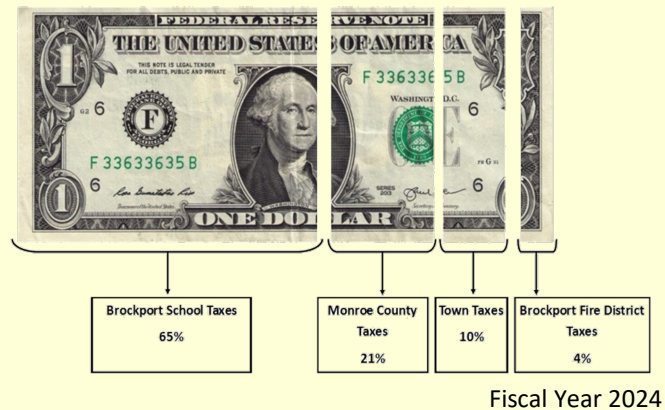
Vine Medical Group - 122 West Ave, Suite 6B

Whitehall Mansion Event Center - 3845 Lake Road



SCHOOL TAX SEASON IS UNDERWAY

September 1st marks the start of the School Tax Season. Here is how all your **property taxes** are being distributed:



NEW HOURS FOR CLARKSON TOWN

HALL

Effective September 2, 2025 the town hall office hours will be as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

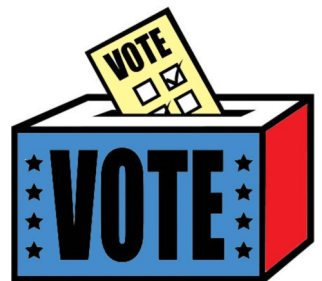
The Town Clerk's office will still be open until 6:00 pm on Tuesdays.

Submitted by: Ursula Liotta, Town Supervisor

VOTING INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4 - 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)



MOBILE DMV

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

MONROE COUNTY DAY AT THE BROCKPORT FARMERS MARKET – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Monroe County Legislator Jackie Smith is teaming up with the **Brockport Farmers Market** on **Sunday, September 14th** to host a special **Monroe County Day**—bringing county departments and community organizations together for a morning of fresh produce, helpful resources, and local connections.

Date: Sunday, September 14 **Location:** Brockport Farmers Market, Main Street

Come meet representatives from several Monroe County departments and local services, including:

- Environmental Services
- Monroe County Sheriff's Office
- Office for the Aging
- Veterans Outreach & Veteran Services
- Department of Early Intervention
- Department of Human Services
- Monroe County Library System/Seymour Library
- Strong West
- Oak Orchard Health
- Honor Flight Rochester



Take Back Pharmaceutical Day: Legislator Smith will also be holding her **annual Pharmaceutical Take Back event** during the market with the help of the Brockport Police Department. The **Environmental Services Tent** will be located at **Main St./State St.**—no appointment necessary.

Accepted items include:

Prescription & over-the-counter medications (pills and liquids), ointments, creams, sprays, and inhalers; pet medications, epi-pens and sharps, empty prescription bottles and vials (labels may be left on)

For more information, contact Legislator Jackie Smith at legislatorsmith@gmail.com.

Don't miss this great opportunity to shop local and learn about Monroe County resources available to you and your family. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by: Jackie Smith, Monroe County Legislator, District 2

WHY VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT

Help first responders find you when every second counts.



**HOUSE NUMBERS
SAVE LIVES**

The Acton Police and Fire Departments respond to over 25,000 calls every year, including medical emergencies and fires.

What's YOUR number?

Check your house and mailbox and make sure your numbers are:

- 4 Inches tall or larger not less than a ½ inch in width, Arabic numbers- not script or text
- VISIBLE FROM THE STREET and with proper lighting
- As close to your front door as possible
- On a contrasting background
- On both sides of your mailbox
- Unobstructed by trees or light fixtures

Submitted by: Building Department



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.

<https://westsidenewsnyc.com/digital-edition/>

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

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



CELEBRATE THE ERIE CANAL BICENTENNIAL VOYAGE AT SANS SOUCI PARK!

ERIE CANAL **200** YEARS LET'S GO!

Save The Date SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

SANS SOUCI PARK
4159 COUNTY LINE ROAD, CLARKSON
The Smallest Park Along The Erie Canal

GREET THE INCOMING BOAT "THE SENECA CHIEF"



The Town of Clarkson and the Clarkson Historical Commission are excited to announce a once-in-a-generation event! On Friday, September 26th, we'll welcome the **Seneca Chief**—a full-sized replica of the historic Erie Canal boat—on its 200th Anniversary Bicentennial Voyage which also coincides with the opening of the Canal.

Join us at Sans Souci Park starting at 1:00 PM for a family-friendly community celebration, featuring:

- Games for all ages
- Historic programming and exhibits about the Erie Canal
- Food truck: **ARMY EATS** (veteran-owned and operated—don't miss their menu!)

The Seneca Chief will depart from Medina that morning, stopping in Brockport later in the day. Around **3:00–3:30 PM**, the boat is expected to arrive in Clarkson. We invite everyone to help escort the ship into Brockport by **walking along the canal—a scenic 3.3-mile route (about the distance of a 5K)**. All are welcome to join this unique community walk!

Pre-register on our town website for event t-shirts (limited supply). The Seneca Chief will spend the night in Brockport, with additional programming and festivities continuing there.

This event is part of a larger, statewide voyage commemorating 200 years since Governor DeWitt Clinton's original trip that united New York by water. Come be a part of history, enjoy great food, and celebrate our canal heritage with neighbors and friends!

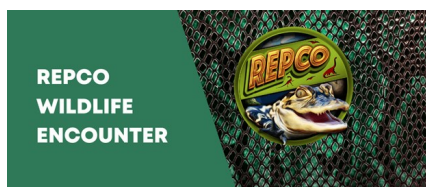
For more details or to register for your t-shirt, scan the QR code on the back of this newsletter to register at [Town of Clarkson – New York](#) or contact the Town office.

Submitted by: Nick D'Amuro, Town Board Councilperson

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SEYMOUR LIBRARY**Seneca Park ZooMobile Festival**

Monday, August 11th, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Learn about what animals need to do to survive in their natural habitats! Drop in anytime, all ages welcome, no registration is required.



Monday, August 4th, 11:00 am

-12:00 pm

"Color our World" by learning about animal colors and their importance in the wild!

All ages welcome. No registration.



Our Summer Reading Program continues through August 14th!

There are so many great programs for children, teens, and adults!

Stop by the Library for more information and to pick up a schedule of events.

ASH TREES

If you are in need of ash tree information, you can visit our town website under the Highway Department for assistance, or scan this QR code with your phone's camera to review the Town's Tree Policy.

