Clarkson Good Neighbor News

November-January 2027

Preserving our past while building a future

NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Greetings and Salutations! --- Summer is over and we have been enjoying beautiful fall weather. But as we all know, winter is coming. I hope you find the project updates and reminders for the changing seasons informative. Happy reading!

Hafner Park

- We are still working with our engineers, MRB Group, on supplying all the necessary documents to NYS for the recent grant awarded to us for one-half of the upgrades to Hafner Park and are working on a plan to finance the other half of the park so that all upgrades may be completed together. This will be our focus for the community in 2027.

Kimball Park

- The 18-hole multi-golf project is complete and ready for play, and we had a grand opening on September 26th. It's a beautiful course, thanks to our Highway crew. The Legacy Tree Program continues; more info in this newsletter.

Sans Souci Park

- The deadline for the Canal Tourism Infrastructure grant project has been extended to 4/30/27. We plan to start the dock rehab as soon as the water is let out of the canal for the season. The swing set and bike rack will be added this fall. The playset will not fit properly at the park, so we decided to use it at Hafner Park near the pond/pavilion area.

Salt Barn

- The resubmission of the WQIP grant for a second salt barn for the Highway Department was submitted by its 7/31/26 deadline. We are still waiting for a reply.

MS4 Mapping Grant

- We continue to work with MRB Group on meeting the requirements of the grant received to fund comprehensive digital mapping of our stormwater systems as required by NYSDEC.

Sidewalks

- We continue to work with the property owners' concerns on East Avenue from Wedgewood Court to Mission Hill Drive, regarding the installation of sidewalks to connect the three subdivisions under the grant received from Monroe County. We hope to put the project out to bid in the spring.
- Unfortunately, the NYS DOT TAP Grant application submitted on 3/12/26 for sidewalks and crosswalks on Lake Road, North of Ridge Road to Woodstock Lane, was denied. We are disappointed and will schedule a review of the denial with NYSDOT.
- The GM on Main Street Grant application submitted on 2/13/26 was also denied. We are considering investing in solar speed signs to help reduce speeding on Lake Road and Ridge Road.

Other

New Landscaping has been added to the Town Hall, Kimball Lodge, Goodwin Lodge, and Justice Court. Thanks to our Highway crew for removing the old, and Safari Landscaping for creating the new. It was long overdue and now looks fabulous!
New Town Hall — we are pausing on this project for a time to focus on the Hafner Park rehab in 2027. Stay tuned for updates!
Happy Holidays -- all of them! The next newsletter will be printed in February 2027. Until then, take care –

~Ursula Liotta, Town Supervisor

Seasonal Reminder: Projects & Permits

As fall gives way to winter in Clarkson, many homeowners take advantage of the cooler weather to wrap up outdoor projects before snow arrives. This is a great time for repairs and small improvements but remember that some common projects still require permits. Work that often needs approval includes:

- Deck repairs, replacements, or expansions
- New sheds or accessory structures
- Standby generators
- Fireplaces, woodstoves, or outdoor furnaces

Checking permit requirements early helps ensure your project is safe, compliant, and ready before winter sets in. If you're unsure whether your plans need a permit, the Clarkson Building Department is happy to help. Call us at 585-637-1145 for guidance.

~Clarkson Building Department

Grow a living legacy at Kimball Park!

Multi-Golf Legacy Tree Program

The Town has planted ~40 trees throughout the new multi-golf course as part of its overall design. You can now choose a tree to honor or remember someone special. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on our website. You provide the information and the Town will provide a plaque with your specific wording.

Cost: $100 per tree payable at Town Hall

TOWN HALL & HIGHWAY CLOSURES

Wednesday, November 25th - **closed**

Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Day—**closed**

Friday, November 27th - Day after Thanksgiving—**closed**

Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve - **closed**

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day—**closed**

Friday, January 1st - New Years Day—**closed**

Monday, January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day —**TH closed; Highway open**

Monday, February 15th - Presidents Day —**TH closed; Highway open**

DROP BOX

For your convenience, a drop box is available in front of the Town Hall building for many transactions. Place items in an envelope and be sure to include your name, property address, phone number and email address for further contact. Feel free to call our office 585-637-1130 if you have any questions.

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 any 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

A Little Less Fall Cleanup Can Help Our Wildlife

By now, most of us are trying to squeeze in those last outdoor chores before winter decides to show up. If you don't get every leaf raked or every garden bed perfectly cleaned out, here's some good news: you may be helping our local wildlife. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation encourages homeowners to leave some "messy" areas, like brush piles and thickets, because they provide food and shelter for wildlife. Leaves tucked under trees and shrubs give insects and other critters a place to spend the winter, while dried flowers and seed heads provide food for birds. Have a field or meadow? Consider leaving it alone until spring. Tall grasses provide winter cover for rabbits, mice and other small animals and support the hawks and owls we regularly see around our area.

While leaving natural cover and food sources can benefit wildlife, living alongside animals such as deer also calls for a little balance. Deer can be especially hard on young trees and shrubs during the winter when other food is scarce. Before the snow piles up, consider protecting newly planted or vulnerable trees with tree guards or sturdy fencing. It's a simple way to help young trees make it through the winter without turning your yard into a battle with the deer. As tempting as it may be to put food out when deer wander through, it's better to let them find food naturally. Feeding deer is **prohibited** in New York and can cause more problems than it solves.

The same lighter-touch approach can apply once winter arrives - go easy on the salt. Shovel first and use only what you need. The extra eventually finds its way into our soil, ditches, streams and groundwater.

So, if the yard isn't perfectly cleaned up before the first snow, don't worry too much. Leave a few leaves, let those dried flowers stand, protect that young tree and keep the brush pile in the back corner. Sometimes taking care of your little piece of Clarkson means knowing when to lend nature a hand—and when to simply leave it alone.

Submitted by: Clarkson Environmental Conservation Board-
Jake Straub (Chair), Marilyn Brown, Dante Paladino, Kelly Smith

INTERFERING WITH SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

- **PLEASE** keep garbage cans, recycling bins, discarded furniture, or similar items **on your property**, and not on the shoulder or right-of-way (ROW) in the path of the snowplow. Leaving items in the ROW can create **serious hazards**, forcing plow drivers to brake and maneuver unexpectedly, which also disrupts oncoming traffic.
- Interfering with snow removal operations by leaving items or snow piles in the ROW, or by pushing snow across the roadway and leaving trails is **prohibited**. Please let your private plow drivers know!
- The Town of Clarkson may pursue legal action under **Section 214 of NYS Highway Law**, which forbids placing snow on any town road.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping our plow crew safely do their jobs. If you have questions, please contact the Highway at **585-637-1132**.

~ Robert Viscardi, Superintendent of Highways

Who's Who

Elected Officials

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

Tom Guarino, Councilperson & Deputy Supervisor

Sharon Mattison, Councilperson

Kathy DeLorme, Councilperson

David Howlett, Councilperson

Susan Henshaw, Town Clerk & Tax Collector..... 637-1130

Robert Viscardi, Highway Superintendent..... 637-1132

Christopher T. 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

Steve Frosini, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal..... 637-1145

Andrea Rookey, Building Department Clerk.....637-1145

Robin Anderson, Assessor.....637-8683

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) 353-8177

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 HOURS

Monday:	8a – 4p
Tuesday:	8a – 6p
Wednesday:	8a – 4p
Thursday:	8a – 4p
Friday:	8a – 1p

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Public Services

Brockport Post Office (temporarily) .....(585) 637-4400
Monday-Friday 8:30a – 5:00p
Saturday 9:00a – 2:00p

Monroe County DOT, County roads only.....(585) 753-7750
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
Oaks Disposal, Garbage Disposal.....(585) 449-6257
Water Authority, Water services.....(585) 442-7200

TRANSFER STATION --- NEW CLOSING HOURS!
Effective: August 1st

Wednesday: 2:00 pm-6:30 pm - gate closes at 6:45 SHARP!
Saturday: 8:00 am-3:30 pm - gate closes at 3:45 SHARP!

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https://townofclarksonny.gov