

**Clarence Town Board Agenda**  
**9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 12**  
**Town Hall auditorium, 1 Town Place**  
**Available to watch live at**  
**www.youtube.com/@ClarenceNY**

*The town reserves the right to continue the in-person meeting without the livestream if technical issues arise.*

- Some agenda items include:
- Appoint registered architect and code enforcement officer for inspection of premises pursuant to unsafe building code.
  - Authorize town engineer to approve individual change orders to Fogelsonger Park pavilion project.
  - Authorize parks department to purchase equipment.
  - Award bid for the removal of primary mulch.
  - Add the title of payroll clerk, part-time, to the list of positions authorized to receive cell phone reimbursement.
  - Pay the annual fire hydrant maintenance fee to Erie County Water Authority for one fire hydrant on Woodside Drive.
  - Appoint laborer, full-time, in the parks department.
  - Consider St. Mary's Church/Lynda Carver's request for a special event permit for a 5K run/3K walk on July 20.
  - Consider St. Mary's Church request for a special event permit for its annual picnic from July 19 to 21.
  - Consider Yoga in the Park's request for a special event permit for yoga classes from June 20 through Aug. 29 in Main Street Town Park.
  - Consider The Brothers of Mercy's request for a special event permit for its Oktoberfest 5K walk/race fundraiser on Sept. 6.
  - Consider a special event permit for the annual Clarence arts and craft show on Sept. 7 and 8.
  - 9950 County Road – KD Associate Buffalo Inc. requests a public hearing to consider a temporary conditional permit for outside storage to operate a landscaping, snowplowing and property maintenance business, KD Landscaping, in the industrial business park zone.
  - 5445 Transit Road – Griffon Gastropub requests approval of a modification to an existing temporary conditional permit for an expansion of outside dining in the major arterial zone.
  - Commence a coordinated review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and seek lead agency status to consider a local law amending the Town of Clarence zoning code chapter 229, expressly prohibiting crematoriums in the Town of Clarence.
- To view the full meeting agenda, visit [www.clarence.ny.us](http://www.clarence.ny.us) and click on the "Agendas & Minutes" section. Physical copies can be picked up from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays) at the town clerk's office, 1 Town Place. Town board meeting agendas become available by the end of the day on the Friday before the meeting.

# The roots nourish the tallest trees

As I write this, it is the 80th anniversary of D-Day, a date that will live in infamy. This special anniversary comes less than two weeks after Memorial Day – a day that I consider to be one of the most important days of the year.

This year, Clarence's Memorial Day remembrance was a very special one to remember. The Bee's headline on its Memorial Day edition stated that "rain did not damper ceremonies." It certainly didn't. Sometimes "Less is more." This year's remembrance honoring our nation's war dead in the park's clubhouse brought over 300 of our residents inside for the ceremonies. The ambiance of our clubhouse made this year's event even more special, honoring our fallen dead.

Thank you, American Legion Post 838, for every year making sure that our fallen were honored. Commander Terry Dickinson Sr. and Legion member Randy Garver led the ceremony, which featured students from Clarence High School performing for those in attendance. Newly appointed Town Historian Joseph McGreevy highlighted the Clarence residents who lost their lives fighting for our country.

Thirteen veterans were added to the honor walls this year. Chairperson of the Clarence Veterans Memorial and Clarence Rotarian Chrissy Casilio Bluhm, along with members of the Clarence Rotary Club, read the names and service history of the new veterans on the wall. The Clarence Rotary Foundation funded the veterans memorial, which forever will make sure we remember those who have served. Additionally, the rain held off long enough to have five area veterans raise the military branch flags for the 2024-25 year.

Someone who was surely missed at this year's event was Ginger Lindner, who also held a strong presence with the American Le-

gion at the parades every year. Ginger's love of and respect for our nation's military and veterans were so special to our community. She served for 16 years as a past president of the Clarence American Legion Auxiliary Post 838. She developed the idea of sending care packages to the military. She, along with several auxiliary ladies, sent over 6,000 care packages throughout the years. The Clarence Rotary Foundation is in the early stages of planning to continue this tradition in Ginger's memory.

At the end of this month, the Clarence Rotary Club will once again be bringing back Fireworks in the Park. The event will be held from 4 p.m. until dusk, with dozens of other local organizations participating to help make this a great event. The goal was to keep it simple yet family-friendly and fun. It was also very important for the Clarence Rotary Club to use this event as a catalyst

for several other organizations to raise money. The event will be held on Saturday, June 29 – which also happens to be the day of the Clarence High School graduation. In the past, there were a handful of times when this event was held on the same day as the high school graduation – and it has traditionally shown an extremely strong attendance. Please note that only preapproved vendors will be allowed to sell anything in the park – especially since we are trying to support our local nonprofit organizations.

Thank you in advance to the committee that has been working hard since the beginning of the year in planning for this event. Lastly, congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2024. As you embark on your journey toward a bright future, carry with you the memories and lessons from your hometown, for it's the roots that nourish the tallest trees.



**Patrick Casilio**

TOWN OF CLARENCE SUPERVISOR

**News Brief**

American Legion Post 838 is seeking new members. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Post home, 5850 Goodrich Road, Clarence Center. All veterans are welcome to join – contact Jim Schultz at 716 812-0405 for more information.

## Meet our 2024 local Democratic ticket

This March, all political parties collected signatures from their respective registered voters to nominate candidates for office. Each party nominated a single candidate for each contested office, meaning that there will be no primary elections this June in Clarence. The tickets are punched, and I'm excited to introduce our endorsed 2024 local lineup.

For the State Assembly, we are excited to endorse Michelle Roman for NY District 144. Michelle is the former mayor of the City of Lockport and is currently a special education teacher. Her leadership in the City of Lockport resulted in a balanced city budget and a reduction in the property tax levy while also increasing services to make the city a more beautiful community for its residents. Her fiscal responsibility, people-over-party attitude, and record of coalition-building will serve the unique needs of District 144 residents well in Albany.

For Erie County District Attorney, we have endorsed acting DA Michael Keane. Since assuming his role as acting DA this April, he has worked tirelessly to combat issues facing our community. He has created a dedicated unit to address the surge in vehicle thefts across the county and is fighting crime at its root causes through high-risk youth outreach and habilitation programs. His dedication and vision for Erie County have earned him the endorsement of various police benevolent associations across the county, including the Erie County Sheriff's and New York State Trooper's police be-

nevolent associations.

A new judicial seat was created this year to address the congestion in our county family court system. We are thrilled to endorse Judge Kara Buscaglia for Erie County family court judge. Judge Buscaglia currently serves as a town justice in Amherst, where she has presided since 2014. When she is not on the bench in Amherst, she works in private practice, specializing in family law. As town justice, she has presided over a diverse range of cases covering nearly every aspect of the law. She also helped create the first town-level opioid treatment court in Western New York. She hopes to bring her wealth of experience and the lessons she has learned in treatment court to Erie County Family Court.

Finally, for the only Clarence-specific election of 2024, we have endorsed Judge Mike Powers for reelection as Clarence town justice. In addition to a proven fair

track record, Judge Powers is also responsible for creating Clarence's drug treatment court, which is an invaluable service to the community. When meeting with us to seek our endorsement, Judge Powers displayed remarkable compassion and care for those who came before him in treatment court.

Our ticket is ready to fight for you, but we need your help to get them there between now and Nov. 5. To find out how you can get involved in local Democratic politics, visit [clarencenydems.com](http://clarencenydems.com) or attend our next monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, in the Clarence Center American Legion Hall.



**Alexander Maccallini**

CLARENCE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEMBER

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