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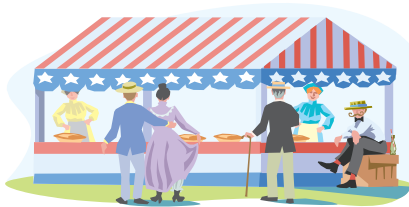
NEWSLETTER OF THE CLARENCE HOLLOW ASSOCIATION

To Promote, Improve, and Maintain the Quality of Life, Prosperity of Business, and Historic Charm of Clarence Hollow

## Heritage Days on July 25-27

As a part of the Bicentennial celebration of the Town of Clarence, there will be a three-day celebration from Friday through Sunday, July 25 - 27, at the Clarence Town Park, Main Street. For your enjoyment there will be music, food, games and many activities for all ages. Saturday, July 26 will feature hot air balloon rides, car show at noon, a time capsule, unveiling of the Bicentennial bell, and music. Sunday will feature a Bicentennial Parade at 1 pm, chicken BBQ, music, games, and more.

There will be a concert in the park on Wednesday, July 23, at 7 p.m. to kick-off the celebration and a closing concert on Sunday at 7 p.m. See the enclosed flyer for details. Any questions please call Darlene Feinen at 759-9580 or email: [dfeinen@gmail.com](mailto:dfeinen@gmail.com).



## Clarence Group Walk Invites You to Join

You are invited to join us for the Walk the Villages group walk hosted by the Clarence Committee.

We will start at the Clarence Historical Society at 10465 Main Street on Thursday, July 24, at 6:00 pm.

Historian, Teacher and Author Doug Kohler and the Clarence Historical Society will give us a preview of the Bicentennial Heritage Days celebration. Doug will give us a short walking tour of Clarence Hollow and we will stop at Craftsmen Café where owner Tina Ames will provide complimentary refreshments including her famous Chunkee Monkees cookies.

Please join us, bring your friends, and learn more about Clarence. Any questions please contact Flora Leamer at 984-5235 or email to [clarencehollowassociation@gmail.com](mailto:clarencehollowassociation@gmail.com)



### Membership Meeting

**Thursday,  
July 31, 2008**

**8:00 to 9:00 a.m.  
Asa Ransom House**

**Michael B. Powers,  
Clarence Town Justice**

“The Clarence Justice Court”

## Clarence Town Justice To Speak on July 31

Michael B. Powers, Clarence town justice, will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, July 31, membership meeting of the Clarence Hollow Association from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Asa Ransom House. He will discuss the Clarence Justice Court and its functions.

Judge Powers has been a partner in the Buffalo office of Phillips Lytle LLP since 1988, and is an active member of several not-for-profit organizations.

He will also talk about community matters in which he has been involved including the removal of Thruway tolls, Casino issues, and preservation of the Erie Canal District.

The meeting is open to all interested. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

## Association to Participate in Annual Taste of Clarence

The Clarence Hollow Association will participate in the Taste of Clarence & Cruise Night on Monday, August 4, sponsored by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce.

The popular event, in its fifth year, will take place in the Main Street Town Park from 4 to 9 p.m. The event will include area restaurants, antique and classic cars, raffles, wine tasting, Chinese auction, and music. Admission and parking are free.

Members of the Clarence Hollow Association will sell tickets to Wine, Wheels & Song and chances on the Farmers' Market August wine basket. (759-2345)



# PRESERVATION —QUOTE—

"Chain stores are often like algae in a pond, choking out local expression and local possibility. And that's an incredibly dangerous thing."

Ken Burns  
Documentary Film Maker

## We Get Letters



To Clarence Hollow Association Members:

Thanks to all of you who participated in the chicken barbecue at Day in the Park by enjoying a chicken dinner or volunteering your help. We sold 900 chicken dinners. It was great to see so many community organizations working together to make Clarence a better place to live.

This was a special year as Clarence is celebrating 200 years with its Bicentennial. Clarence is a great place to live and we are truly fortunate to be able to help promote, improve, and maintain the quality of life, prosperity of business, and historic charm of Clarence Hollow.

Bob Lenz, BBQ Chairman  
Flora Leamer, BBQ Co-Chairman



Clarence Hollow Association:

The annual Clarence Fun Family Bike Ride was well attended on July 12. We gave out bike pins, reflectors, candy and bike path maps. (The bike path maps will be available at the Farmers' Market at 10717 Main Street every Saturday.)

So if you missed the Bike Ride you can still get the map which shows the bike paths, parking areas, merchant locations, and restrooms along the way.

Thank you for your participation and we hope you enjoy our beautiful community.

Flora Leamer, Event Chairman

## Advertise Monthly To New Residents

Business members of the Clarence Hollow Association can advertise their products and services to new area residents under a monthly program available through the association's advertising committee.

Each mailing to approximately 100 new residents includes a welcome letter, a Clarence Hollow brochure, and participating merchants' flyers. The packets travel by first class mail.

Communities covered are Akron, Alden, Clarence, Clarence Center, East Amherst, Williamsville, and Lancaster. Cost varies from \$10 to \$25 per month depending on the size and weight of the member's insert.

To participate, provide 100 inserts folded to fit a #10 envelope, and your check to Bob Lenz at the Asa Ransom House before the first of the month. (759-2315)

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#### Mission Statement

*The Clarence Hollow Association is a not-for-profit volunteer organization working to promote, improve, and maintain the quality of life, prosperity of business, and historic charm of Clarence Hollow.*

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## Welcome New Members



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# Wine, Wheels and Song To Open Ticket Sales

Tickets will go on sale soon for Wine, Wheels, and Song II, to be held on Friday night, September 19, at the Western New York Event Centre. Sponsored by the Clarence Hollow Association, the fundraising event will again feature wine sampling by more than 25 New York State wineries from the Lake Erie, Niagara, and Finger Lakes regions.

Tickets at \$25 pre-sale will be available from members of a ticket committee being formed, several area businesses, and over the internet. Admission will include wine and cheese tasting, food by area restaurants, wine sales by the bottle, commemorative wine glass, beer, soft drinks, wine raffle, and Chinese, silent, and live auctions.

Proceeds will again benefit Clarence bike path improvements, along with new Main Street holiday decorations, and Town Park Clubhouse restoration.

The committee is headed by JoAnn Barnes, chairperson; and Don Boyd Jr., coordinator of the Fundraising Events Committee, vice chair. Other members so far include Flora and John Leamer, Don Boyd III and Karen Boyd, Richard Barnes, David Passalugo, Marsha Brauer, Nancy Haley, Bruce Fowler, and Pat Brace.

To date, 24 wineries have agreed to participate, several restaurants have committed, and three limosine companies will again donate wine tours to the live auction, JoAnn Barnes has reported.

To volunteer, or for information or questions, call 759-2345.

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## Auction Donations Sought For Wine Tasting Event

In an effort to increase the amount raised at Wine, Wheels and Song II, the Clarence Hollow Association will conduct a Chinese (chance) auction and will increase the size of the silent and live auctions compared with last year's event. Donations of items are being solicited from association members and others by an acquisitions committee headed by Don Boyd Jr.

This will be the fourth year that the Clarence Hollow Association has relied on a major fall fundraising event to support the increasing list of its own and others' community projects and balance its budget without increasing member dues.

In 2005 and 2006, The Harvest Auction Gala events at the Clubhouse benefitted the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market, the Clarence Arboretum, and association projects. The 2007 Wine, Wheels and Song raised money for bike path surveillance equipment. Total for the three years was approximately \$25,000.

This year's event will again provide a donation for bike path safety, plus benefit the fund to buy Christmas decorations for light poles on Main Street in the Hollow, and donate to the September fund drive of the Clubhouse Restoration Committee.

Current membership in the association is 151 business members and 48 resident members paying \$95 and \$35 respectively in annual dues.



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## Members to Host August 18 Event

The Emerling Agency-EMS Group and the Clarence Community & Schools Federal Credit Union will co-host a Business After Hours get-together on Monday, August 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will take place at Emerling's office, 8625 Main Street, in the Harris Hill Plaza.

Sponsored by the Clarence Hollow Association Networking Events Committee, the mixer provides an opportunity for the exchange of business cards and advertising materials. Refreshments will be served; there is no charge for members and their guests.

Scott Medole is a partner at Emerling. Marsha Brauer is manager of the credit union, located at 9145 Sheridan Drive.