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Clark Mills Strong

Let's show our support for our neighbors in Clark Mills by purchasing "Clark Mills Strong" [apparel or other memorabilia](#) from Max's Print Shop in Marcy. This fundraiser benefits the Clark Mills Fire Department and those affected by the June tornado. Needs identified in light of the recent tragedy include an emergency generator for the fire house, a weather alert system, a thermal imaging camera, an AED machine and supplies, multiple sets of turnout gear, air packs, and an electronic community sign.

Funds are also being raised for a community healing event. In addition, tax-deductible donations can be addressed to "Clark Mills Fire Dept. Relief Fund" and mailed to CMFD c/o Keith Kulpa, 7700 E. Main St., P.O. Box 167, Clark Mills, NY 13321.

Small Project Fund

Grant applications have been received from businesses and organizations in the DRI zone interested in funding for building renovations, minor exterior projects, and small business assistance in the [DRI zone](#). A committee will

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Community Conversations

CKIC is sponsoring a series of community conversations as we seek to identify our priorities for the coming year. In addition to administering surveys at the Farmers Market earlier this month and again at the Art & Music Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23, we're planning several open meetings.

- Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirkland Senior Center in Clark Mills
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 5 p.m., at the Kirkland Town Library
- Wednesday, Sept. 17, a CKIC-sponsored Business After Hours with the Chamber at the Clinton Firehouse #2

Watch for more details and come ready to share your thoughts about the strengths and needs of our community.

We've also met with community leaders from the town, village, college, school and chamber, and we hope to schedule meetings with students from Clinton Central and Hamilton College.



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SHOP CLINTON DURING ITS REMODELING

*Shop Clinton this summer and complete raffle
entry forms at participating businesses.*

**Weekly Drawings for
five \$25 gift certificates**

- July 19, 2025
- July 26, 2025
- August 2, 2025
- August 9, 2025
- August 16, 2025
- August 23, 2025



RAFFLE

***All Entries Eligible for \$500 Grand Prize Drawing
August 23, 2025***

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Shop Clinton Raffle

Let's make an extra effort to support our downtown businesses during the road reconstruction. CKIC is sponsoring weekly drawings for five \$25 gift certificates through August 23, and all entries are eligible for the \$500 cash prize during the Art & Music Festival.

shopped) include:

Week 1:

Dorothy Pierce, Clinton, (Lucianna's)
Gailk Vivyan, Clinton, (So Sweet)
Shannon Fitzpatrick, Yorkville, (So Sweet)
Cindy Freudenberger, Utica, (Rose Petal)
Kim McNamara, Clinton, (China Sea)

Week 2:

Justin Grube, Clark Mills, (Alteri's)
Sara Ziesenitz, Clinton, (Rose Petal)
Stephen Moskal, Clinton, (Utica Bread)
Chris Tickle, Clinton, (Alteri's)
Eva Fiorentino, Frankfort, (Survey Participant)

Week 3:

Sarah Greiner, Whitesboro (Utica Coffee)
Brittany Bogan, Waterville (So Sweet)
Jennifer P. Hughes, Clinton (Krizia Martin)
Michele Migdal, New Hartford (Artisan's Corner)
Brian Winters Jr, Holland Patent (Agway)

What's Happening with the DRI?

Here's the list of the 11 DRI projects that received funding from New York State as part of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and where they stand in the process.

- **Reimagine, Re-create: Transform Community Arts at the Kirkland Art Center (\$1,931,000)**

Renovate the Kirkland Art Center (KAC) into a modern, accessible community arts facility. The KAC will rebuild the old barn structure to include a state-of-the-art pottery studio, children's dance studio, and spaces for traditional and visual arts programming. The KAC will also add a new culinary arts studio and stabilize the historic church structure.

The Kirkland Art Center has finalized its DRI contract with the NYS agency of Homes and Community Renewal and hired a grant administrator, Heritage Resources LLC, to manage

expected to go out shortly.

- **Reimagine the Village Green (\$2,000,000)**

Redesign the Village Green to improve traffic flow, increase pedestrian accessibility, and add amenities within the historic green space. Proposed improvements include new landscaping, lighting the replacement/relocation of sidewalks and the addition of a public Wi-Fi network.

The Village has submitted its contract to New York State and retained EDR to serve as a consultant on the Green project. Meetings are planned in the coming weeks with the designers, architects and engineers, and Village Engineer Tim O'Hara will serve as the liaison and provide oversight on behalf of the Village. A schedule of work will be developed and published shortly.

- **Construct New Apartment Buildings on Lewis Road (\$1,500,000)**

Reactivate historically vacant land by constructing apartments near the Village. The project adds to the Town's housing stock in a desirable and walkable area.

The sponsor of this project is in the Planning Board review process and hopes to start construction by the start of the fourth quarter of the year. They are currently working on site development and architectural drawings.

- **Build New Apartment(s) Community on Remediated Brownfield at Taylor Ave. and Utica St.(\$1,500,000)**

Build a small apartment community on a vacant brown field at the north end of the Village of Clinton. The project will expand the Village's housing stock and improve connectivity within the Village.

The sponsor of this project has conducted a site plan review and received approval from the Planning Board to move forward. Demolition of several vacant structures has already taken place. Final approval from the state funder of this project is expected soon.

- **Convert Vacant Commercial Space into a New Craft Hard Cider Operation at 43 College St.(\$270,000)**

Convert a former commercial laundry facility to expand local craft cider operations and encourage agrotourism in the Village. The project will result in a new offshoot of the Clinton Cider Mill dedicated to the production of craft hard cider using locally sourced fruit pressed at the Mill's Elm Street location.

improve the design of the space, the experience and looking at options to improve the functionality and the exterior appearance of the building with a tasting room and a large exterior mural.

- **Expand the Clinton Cider Mill for Year-Round Operation in its 100th Year (\$364,000)**

Expand the existing retail space with a new, climate controlled, ADA-compliant addition that will include an expanded outdoor seating area, indoor dining space, customer bathrooms and a wheelchair lift into the building.

The Cider Mill project on Elm St is in the process of a slight redesign with the help of architects to better encapsulate the sponsor's current vision for the project. This will include some redesign of the current space in addition to new construction, and possibly a large outdoor art piece. The sponsor is also completing two independent building projects (a new storage structure and a large parking expansion) to help prepare for the larger DRI work. The goal is to have the projects completed in time for the Cider Mill centennial year in 2027.

- **Expand Amenities at the Kirkland Town Library to Reflect Emerging Needs (\$153,000)**

Create a public incubator/makerspace, gathering space and mural to respond to emerging needs in the community.

The Kirkland Town Library submitted its contract to New York State. The next step will be developing an RFP and reviewing proposals.

- **Build New Housing at 17 Kirkland Ave (\$440,000)**

Construct a new apartment building, providing much-needed residential space in a neighborhood and improve the quality and quantity of the Village's housing stock.

The sponsor of this project has updated the original plans and decided to self-fund the construction of four new apartments on the same location. Construction is already underway. A meeting was held in early July to provide recommendations to the state for how the DRI funds could be reallocated.

- **Establish the Clinton-Kirkland Small Project Fund (\$600,000)**

The Clinton-Kirkland Small Project Fund will be accessible for businesses and non-profit organizations to conduct building upgrades, such as facades or interior upgrades.

As required by the state agency that is providing the funding for this project, a consultant (LaBella Associates) has been retained to help administer the Small Project Fund. The deadline for businesses and organizations to submit final applications for a share of the funds

- **Create Complete Streets for All (\$750,000)**

Implement a series of complete streets improvements to increase walkability and accessibility in key areas. Improvements will be made along Franklin, Elm, Norton, Kirkland and McBride.

The Town of Kirkland is pursuing an engineering study and final cost estimates to install sidewalks on Franklin Avenue. The sidewalks would connect with those currently being installed along Meadow Street as part of the NYS Department of Transportation project, providing safe, accessible pedestrian access, especially for residents of Clinton Manor Apartments and Mohawk Valley Apartments.

- **Placemaking through Branding, Marketing and Wayfinding (\$192,000)**

Enhance the visibility of the Clinton-Kirkland downtown area and small business community through a large-scale branding and marketing campaign and the installation of wayfinding signage.

The Chamber is working through the contracting phase of the project and hopes to have that completed in the coming months.

☐ Yes, I want to support The Clinton Kirkland Improvement Corporation and its work to develop and manage projects that create or stimulate economic and community improvement

☐ I am interested in volunteering opportunities: ☐ Culture ☐ Economy ☐ Education
☐ Environment ☐ Recreation ☐ Other

☐ Please keep me updated on what's happening with CKIC. Email: _____

Donation: \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other ☐

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Can we publish your name as a donor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, how should your name be listed: _____

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Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI)



Visit the CKIC website for updates on the DRI

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