# THE CLAYTONITE

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### From the Desk of the Town Chairperson



Well, we are now almost through the month of July, and if you hadn't noticed it's been a hot one. The heat will be a distant memory though in a few months when we are all commenting on how cold it is outside.

Prior to reaching those chilly months at the end of this year, you will witness major changes in your Town's office and fire station in Larsen. The reconstruction and remodeling has just begun, with the project to be completed in three phases. Phase one will be the renovation of what is currently the Community Center into our new Board meeting room. If all

goes according to plan, the newly remodeled meeting room will be far enough along so we can hold the primary election there on Tuesday, August 14th. At the same time, the front half of the existing structure where there are currently two (shorter door) truck bays will be remodeled into our new Town Offices. After moving into the new office space, phase two will be the demolition of the current office and meeting building and construction of the addition to the East for the new entrance, rest rooms and fire department training facility. After the old structure is demolished the addition to the North for the second drive thru fire bay will begin. Phase three will then be the completion of the exterior of the additions along with the finishing of the inside of the structure. Landscaping, driveway and parking will be completed as well. The

plan is to have the entire project completed and in use by the end of 2012. As usual, the best laid plans sometimes fall apart (see the Administrator's comments).

We are striving to make this project and transition to the renovated building go smoothly for the sake of all of our residents, but as in any major construction project there may be glitches. Also, when the time comes for the move from the old office building to the new offices (probably sometime in late August), we will need to close our offices for a short period of time to accommodate the move. Be assured we will make every effort to accommodate the needs of our residents and I apologize in advance for any inconvenience you may experience during this process. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

Mark E. Luebke



The WIOUWASH Trail between Breezewood Lane and Oakridge Road.

Staff apologizes for the delay in the publishing of this issue of the Claytonite. In future we will do our best to meet the publishing schedule laid out on the back page of this letter and on the Town's home page.

#### From the Administrator



Town Chair indicated that we would like to hold the August 14<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary in the Town's Community Room. As a result of some relatively minor demolition issues, we found some asbestos tile and therefore, we will need to hold the Primary election in the Board's Meeting Room adjacent to the Fire Hall. Because of the construction site, we ask that residents wishing to vote enter the parking area from the Trailhead Park entrance and access the Meeting Room from the door on the east side of the structure. Staff and your Poll Workers

will work diligently at placing signage to facilitate the voting process. I would respectfully ask that residents be patient with the Poll Workers as they will be doing the best possible work that they can to guarantee a fair, honest, and proper election in less than ideal conditions. In anticipation of a large turnout, staff fully expects to be in the new building in time for the Presidential Election.

I would like to thank the Residents of the Town of Clayton in advance for their assistance and cooperation with the election process.

Richard Johnston

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

— <u>Leo Tolstoy</u>

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## From the Fire Chief

Due to the severe heat and dryness this summer we have decided to repeat one of Chief Mathison's earlier articles.

With the winter season ending and the spring season arriving the fire department would like anyone planning to conduct a control burn of leaves or brush to contact the Winnebago 911 center at 727-2890 to inform them of your control burn before you start it. The dispatcher will then ask you the address where the control burn will take place and ask you for a phone number where you can be contacted (preferably a cell phone, because you will be out watching the fire). The dispatcher will write your name, address, and phone number on a dry erase board. This is so if they receive a call from a neighbor or a passerby of a fire they can inform the fire department that we may be responding to a controlled burn. Also remember that the control burn must be watched and controlled at all times while it is burning. It is always a good idea to have a garden hose or water supply handy to help control the fire. After the fire is totally out the person conducting the control burn should then again contact the E911 center and let them know it is out so they can erase it off of their board.

#### **Before lighting a control burn:**

Wind speed – wind speeds under 7 mph. help prevent the spread of fire & smoke

**Wind direction** – so neighbors and or roadways are not affected by the smoke

Exposures – be mindful of things nearby that could burn (buildings, vehicles, and neighbors' property)

Future Conditions – is the wind supposed to pick up and/or change direction

<u>Burning Bans</u> – be aware of any temporarily put into place if conditions become too dry (after the snow melts & before grasses/trees start to green up)



Please contact me with questions on con ducting a control burn or about the depart ment at 836-9518.

CLAYTON/WINCHESTER
FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
NEW PIERCE
FIRE TRUCK

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#### Lot/Yard Mowing

The Town of Clayton's
Weed Control Ordinance,
Lot/Yard Maintenance Standards,
Section 3.0 (2),
Requires the following:

Any person

owning, occupying, or controlling any lot or yard within a Recorded Subdivision Plat shall remove or cut

untended and unmanaged weed or grass growth which has grown to a height greater than ten (10) inches.



WIOUWASH Trail RR trestle at the Rat River Preserve

#### Yard Waste Site

#### Open:

April 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **HOURS:**

Thursdays, 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Saturdays, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Sundays, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 P.M.

#### **ACCEPTED:**

Grass clippings, Branches, Leaves, Brush, etc.

#### NOT ACCEPTED!!!

Metal, concrete, tree/bush stumps, Appliances (incl. microwaves) electronics, Televisions, computers, Other hazardous waste, etc.

NO COMMERCIAL DIS-POSAL ALLOWED.

This is a *free* service to the Town of Clayton residents.

"ALL OF THE ANIMALS EXCEPT FOR MAN

KNOW THAT THE PRINCIPAL
BUSINESS

OF LIFE IS TO ENJOY IT"

SAMUEL BUTLER

#### **CONTROLLED BURN**

#### BEFORE YOU BURN... CALL 920-727-2890

By doing this, you have alerted Emergency Services that You have a planned burn.

#### Make Sure You Have the Following:

Someone attending the fire at all times.

Enough water to put the fire out.

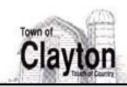
Someone attending the fire UNTIL the fire is OUT!

AFTER YOU BURN... CALL 920-727-2890

# Aaaah! The simple pleasures...



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Phone: 920-836-2007 Fax: 920-836-2026

Office Hours: M-F 8:00am — 4:30pm

Yard Waste Site Hrs: Thurs. 3pm — 7pm Sat. 8am — 4pm Sun 12pm — 4pm

**Control Burn:** 920-727-2890

Newsletter available www.townofclayton.net March 20th June 20th September 20th December 20th

