

The Town of
CLERMONT
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Dear Neighbors and Residents of Clermont,

As we approach the historic 250th anniversary of American independence, we gather to honor the enduring spirit of the people who shaped our community. While our town's early geography was defined by the sweeping lands of the Livingston estate, the true foundation of Clermont has always been its residents. Two and a half centuries ago, it was the local farmers, tradespeople, and families of this valley—working the land under the shadow of a changing world—who faced the anxieties and hopes of a burgeoning revolution. This upcoming Semiquincentennial celebration on October 24th is a tribute not to royal patents or wealth, but to the generations of everyday citizens who built, defended, and sustained the vibrant town we call home today.

While our nation officially marked its milestone birthday on July 4th, towns all across New York State have designated their own special days throughout the year to host localized commemorations. Here in Clermont, we have chosen **Saturday, October 24, 2026**, as our official day to gather and celebrate

In the spirit of honoring our people, we invite every resident of Clermont to help us bridge the present with the future by contributing to our 250th Anniversary Time Capsule. To capture a true snapshot of our community today, we are gathering items, stories, and photographs that reflect what it means to live in Clermont today.

Whether it is a family recipe, a photograph of your favorite local view, a letter detailing your daily routine, or a small artifact from your business, your contribution ensures that the voices of today's residents are remembered.

Items can also be left in a marked receptacle at Town Hall Thursday evenings 6pm-8pm and Saturday mornings 10am and 12 Noon. The final date to submit your item will be November 15. The time capsule, which will reside in Town Hall, will be sealed prior to the December 7, 2026 Board meeting.

Please be sure to include your name and either an email address or a phone number with your submission. We reserve the right to return items due to size limitations and subject matter.

If you have any questions about the time capsule, item guidelines, or the upcoming celebration, please reach out to our Town Historian, Dawn Brownson, at historianclermontny@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued dedication to preserving the unique story of Clermont. We look forward to capturing our history together.

The Time Capsule Committee