



Town of Clifton Park

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Supervisor Phil Barrett's 2018 January Recap

A new year is often seen as a time for new beginnings. A chance to start new initiatives or partnerships. The Town has long had a history of working together with other governmental organizations and non-profits to create beneficial opportunities for the residents of Clifton Park.

For several years the Town has benefited from its relationship with the Shen Nordic Ski Club. The Nordic Club is a booster club for the Shenendehowa Ski Team with thirty-five participants. The partnership resulted in the Club utilizing Kinns Road Park for training and recreation and in return the Club has voluntarily completed grooming of the trails using Town snowmobile and equipment. During this time the Club has held numerous fundraisers and as a result has acquired a snow mobile, sled and groomer in order to groom cross-country ski trails without conflict with other uses. As a result, the Nordic Ski Club came to the Town Board asking if they could expand the partnership to include Garnsey Park. Garnsey Park already has a series of established trails through both woods and fields including a few small hills. We were pleased to support this expansion as it would provide additional opportunities for cross-country skiers, ski teams, snowshoe enthusiasts and walkers alike all at no cost to the taxpayer.

We began 2018 by growing Clifton Park's vast park and recreational network with an eighty-eight acre donation to the town from Belmonte Properties. The donation is not connected to any project that Belmonte Properties has in front of the Town now or in the future. We will add this property to the more than 1300 acres of property we have permanently preserved since 2000, resulting in new recreational areas for everyone to enjoy. This parcel is a strategic acquisition, which features sensitive environmental qualities and has potential as a future passive recreational asset and connection to other Town properties.

If you have not done so already, be sure to renew your membership at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center. All members are welcome at any Center activity and receive member discounts on activities and trips. Our trips have been very popular, and we are expanding trip opportunities with a three-day, two-night trip to Boston, Massachusetts in June. Be sure to invite your friends to join you. You don't need to be a member to enjoy this trip, but members receive a discount. Be sure to sign up early as there is limited space available. The monthly friendship dinners have been very successful as well. Please look for future dinners and get your tickets early as we only have room for 125 people.

Finally, as we begin this new year I want to take an opportunity to thank the many residents that serve on our various Town Committees and Commissions. They voluntarily give of their own time, sometimes late into the evenings and on weekends in service to their community. We are thankful for their time and the valuable insight and assistance they often provide to our Town.

Be sure to visit our Town webpage at CliftonPark.org regularly for more information or "like us" on Facebook to keep up to date on the great happenings in the Town of Clifton Park.

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