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CLIFTON PARK ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

Initiative Will Promote Environmental Practices While Supporting Local Non-Profits

The Town of Clifton Park has a long record of managing natural resources effectively, protecting sensitive environmental areas, taking measures to significantly reduce municipal energy consumption, instituting successful recycling programs, and other initiatives that reflect a commitment of being careful stewards of our resources. The Clifton Park Town Board also consistently initiates new and innovative programs to reduce expenses, increase revenue and support community organizations.

A new initiative will incorporate these principles and past practices of the Town Board. The Clifton Park Community Action Fund will offer an opportunity for community non-profit organizations to apply for funding to support programs and projects that result in a tangible benefit to Clifton Park and its residents. Financial support for the Community Action Fund will be generated by the acceptance of bottles and cans that can be redeemed for a deposit when recycled.

Donations to the Fund will be accepted at two locations. The first option is the recycling center at the Clifton Park Transfer Station. All bottles and cans that can be redeemed for a deposit, can be donated at the structures identified for this purpose. All containers that do not offer a deposit, can be recycled in the bins associated with the single stream recycling program managed by the Town. A second option is the Bottle and Can Redemption Center located at 1208 NYS Route 146 adjacent to Cartwheels Gymnastics Center. When completing your donation, simply ask the attendant to apply the proceeds to the Town of Clifton Park Community Action Fund.

An application process is currently being devised to accept requests for the funds that are collected during the year. A committee consisting of Supervisor Barrett, Councilwoman Walowit and several community representatives will make a series of recommendations to the Town Board relating to the establishment of an application process and criteria. The committee will also review and process submitted applications for further consideration by the Town Board. Applications will be due September 30th, only organizations located in Clifton Park can apply and requests will be limited to \$1,000. An organization can apply in conjunction with individuals affiliated with the group. Only non-profit organizations may apply and the program will not accept individual applications unaffiliated with an organization. A full description of the program details will be disseminated in the near future. Donations are being accepted now and funds derived from this program will be used to support community programs and organizations that directly support people in Clifton Park.

“The more redeemable bottles and cans we collect the more money we can invest in our community,” said Town Supervisor Phil Barrett. “Working together on this simple task undertaken by many people on a regular basis, will make our community stronger. This is a simple opportunity to help each other- one nickel at a time!”

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