

The Town of
CLERMONT
Est. 1788

September 26, 2026

Clermont's Letter to the Future

Clermont and its residents played an important role in the founding of the United States from notable resident Robert Livingston's membership on the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration of Independence to the battle that resulted in the burning of Clermont on October 17, 1777. Clermont also has the distinction of establishing the first public school in New York State that was sited in front of the current Town Hall. With the fast pace of daily life we do not take time to consider we continue to make history today.

We invite residents to capture a snapshot of current life (history) in Clermont to share with Clermont residents in 2076 through the creation of a time capsule.

Items to be included are:

- Artwork
- Photographs
- Memorabilia from Clermont families and businesses
- Letters, essays and reflections on current events
- Other items that capture our culture, values and daily experiences

Items can be left in a marked receptacle at Town Hall Thursday evenings 6pm-8pm and Saturday mornings 10am and 12 Noon. There will also be the opportunity to make your submission at the 250th Anniversary Celebration on October 24th. 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.

Please contact Dawn Brownson, Town Historian at historianclermontny@gmail.com with any questions.