

CLAY BIRD LANE FIRE HISTORY

Photographic and Source Record

Compiled photographs, fire-service/social-media posts, news coverage, and source index

Final record: 33 photographic exhibits + media/source appendix

Note: Source labels are included where visible in the supplied screenshots. Original screenshots are preserved so logos, account names, dates, captions, and source context remain visible.

DID YOU LIVE THROUGH THIS?

A DECADE OF MULCH FIRES AT CLAY BIRD LANE

2014 SEPTEMBER 30, 2014  Firefighters battled a large brush / mulch fire at the end of Clay Bird Lane off Old Chappaqua Road. • Reported by: LoHud / The Journal News 	2015 FEBRUARY 3, 2015  20-foot flames reported on Clay Bird Lane. Briarcliff Manor Fire Department confirmed a mulch fire. • Reported by: Millwood Fire Company 	2021 JULY 2021  Briarcliff Manor Fire Department and mutual aid responded to a large mulch fire on Clay Bird Lane. • Reported by: Kempter's Fire Wire (Facebook) 	2024 DECEMBER 8-9, 2024 news12  WESTCHESTER COMPOST FIRE Massive mulch fire visible for miles, including from the Taconic State Parkway. More than a dozen tankers, 17 departments, and over 30,000 gallons of water used. • Reported by: News 12, Daily Voice, BMFD 
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NO HYDRANTS. TANKERS FROM MULTIPLE COUNTIES. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF WATER. UNACCEPTABLE RISK.

 DEC 2024 - NIGHT OPERATIONS	 DEC 2024 - MASSIVE SMOKE	 DEC 2024 - ACTIVE BURN	 SEPT 2014 - LADDER OPS	 DEC 2024 - HEAVY EQUIPMENT	 DEC 2024 - DEEP SEATED FIRE	 DEC 2024 - DRONE VIEW
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2026 APRIL 8-9, 2026 Firefighters responded again to smoldering / fire conditions. According to dispatch records, approximately 38,000 gallons of water were used.    	17 TANKER RESPONSE DECEMBER 8-9, 2024  Multiple counties. Multiple departments. One mission: Protect life and stop the fire.
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2014 • 2015 • 2021 • 2024 • 2026 | FIVE MAJOR FIRES. ONE LOCATION. MORE THAN A DECADE OF DANGER. | THIS IS A PATTERN. THIS IS A HAZARD. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Source: Composite summary graphic; individual news/fire-service sources are identified within the graphic.

APPENDIX A - MEDIA / FIRE-DEPARTMENT / TOWN SOURCE INDEX

The following sources were found or confirmed during the article/source review. Use exact source language when citing water-volume figures, department counts, or dates.

1. Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department - Tanker 10 Mutual Aid to Briarcliff Two Days in a Row

Date: 9/29/2014

URL: https://www.crotonfd.org/apps/public/news/newsview.cfm?news_id=179

Use: Fire-department source for the two-day 2014 mulch/yard-waste fire and mutual-aid roster.

2. Millwood Fire Company - MILLWOOD AND BRIARCLIFF BATTLE LARGE BRUSH FIRE WITH HELP FROM NUMEROUS OTHER AGENCIES

Date: Undated; timing matches 9/25/2016

URL: https://www.millwoodfire.org/apps/public/news/newsView.cfm?News_ID=202

Use: Corroborates large brush fire at the Mt. Pleasant Town Dump / Claybird Lane and tanker mutual aid; verify date with Millwood before using as standalone dated event.

3. Millwood Fire Company - Millwood Tanker Requested to Fully Involved Mulch Fire in Briarcliff Manor

Date: Undated

URL: https://www.millwoodfire.org/apps/public/news/newsView.cfm?News_ID=138

Use: Corroborates 20-foot flames on Claybird Lane and tanker/mutual-aid response; exact incident date should be verified.

4. Briarcliff Manor Fire Department - Mount Pleasant Dump Fire

Date: 7/12/2021

URL: <https://www.bmfd.org/blog/2021/07/12/mount-pleasant-dump-fire/>

Use: Official BMFD article confirming mulch piles on fire, multiple responding units, tanker-truck mutual aid, and return call for additional watering.

5. Kempter's Fire Wire - Images from yesterday's annual Clay Bird Lane mulch fire in Briarcliff Manor, NY

Date: 7/11/2021

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/KemptersFireWire/posts/images-from-yesterdays-annual-clay-bird-lane-mulch-fire-in-briarcliff-manor-ny/845298459699384/>

Use: Social-media source documenting the recurring nature of the Clay Bird Lane mulch fire.

6. WPDH / Townsquare Media - Early Morning Fire Roars Near New York's Taconic State Parkway

Date: 12/9/2024

URL: <https://wpdh.com/brush-fire-taconic-parkway-ny/>

Use: Additional independent coverage of the 12/8/2024 fire, reporting 11 water tankers and 17 departments from as far as Putnam and Orange counties.

7. Daily Voice - Drone Captures Massive Mulch Fire As Crews Battle Blaze For Hours In Mount Pleasant

Date: 12/10/2024

URL: <https://dailyvoice.com/article/drone-captures-massive-mulch-fire-as-crews-battle-blaze-for-hours-in-briarcliff-manor/>

Use: Strong independent source for Clay Bird Lane location, lack of hydrants, tanker relay, County DES support, drone footage, and 17 departments.

8. Briarcliff Manor Fire Department Instagram / Facebook - Early morning yesterday, at 1232 AM...

Date: 12/9/2024

URL: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DDXhfP3pdFO/>

Use: Fire-department social-media source confirming dispatch time, Clay Bird Lane location, large area mulch fire, full-department upgrade, and mutual aid.

9. News 12 Westchester / News 12 HV - Large Compost Fire

Date: 12/2024

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/News12WC/videos/large-compost-fire-more-than-a-dozen-tankers-were-deployed-to-the-briarcliff-man/1090789896107740/>

Use: Video/news-source reference for the large compost fire and more-than-a-dozen tanker response.

10. Westfair Communications / Westchester County Business Journal - Amodio's Garden Center accused of creating nuisance

Date: 6/24/2026

URL: <https://westfaironline.com/courts/mount-pleasant-says-garden-center-created-nuisance/>

Use: Independent reporting on the Town's lawsuit and claims about smoldering piles, outside material, stockpile limits, DEC citations, and environmental testing.

11. The Examiner News - Mt. Pleasant Residents Demand Answers as Mulch Facility Dispute Escalates to Police Standoff

Date: 7/20/2026

URL: <https://www.theexaminernews.com/environmental-concerns-resident-standoff-at-mt-pleasant-mulch-facility-frays-tensions/>

Use: Independent local coverage of the dispute, 12/8/2024 fire, emergency removal contract, RFPs, contamination concerns, and residents' well/groundwater concerns.

12. Town of Mount Pleasant - Important Statement from Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi, Regulatory Compliance Regarding Clay Bird Ln

Date: 8/12/2026

URL: <https://www.mtpleasantny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=889>

Use: Town public statement; not independent news, but useful to compare the Town's characterization against the documented fire record.