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Community Newsletter

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From the Town Supervisor:



New Property for Stafford Park

The town has just recently acquired the house and barn on Route 11 by Stafford Park with the intention of adding the property to the park and developing a new community center on the site.

Below is an initial design of potential use for the property including parking and building space. The town is working with all stakeholders including the Optimist Club to make sure we get the most use out of this new property and hope to make Stafford Park truly the center of our great town and the place to be for community events.



Town Surplus

In January we closed the books on the first year of our new board and supervisor. We had a great year financially - thanks to the hard work of John Greeley, Steve Robson, and our LaFayette Highway Department and our partners in the county, especially Legislature Chairman Dave Knapp, we finished the year with more than \$300,000.00 in surplus in the highway budget. That money will be put aside for any major purchases in the future, like new trucks or repairs to the garage. This will be a major offset of future taxes. In addition, all other budget lines ran a five figure surplus. All in all, a very positive year for town finances.

Association of Towns - NYC

In February, I travelled to NYC for the Association of Towns annual meeting. This is a meeting of the 932 towns across NYS and an opportunity for the towns to voice their collective opinion on matters impacting town government at the state level. The main focus of myself and others is the proposal by Governor Cuomo to cut AIM funding, or roughly 1% of our town's budget. For the time being, it looks like our efforts have been successful and that proposal has been stalled. We will continue to keep an eye on the matter and do all we can to avoid the state taking money away from us.



From the Town Supervisor cont'd.....

Potential Solar Farm - Apulia Rd. and Palladino Rd.

Cypress Creek, a solar farming, green energy company has approached the town about putting in a solar farm on Apulia Rd. near Palladino Rd. They have already agreed to do all they can to keep the site aesthetically appealing as possible which is a good first step on working with the town. The solar energy production, should the planned site move forward, would allow residents who opt in to reduce their electricity bills by as much as 15%. The issue will be discussed further at our next planning board meeting for those who wish to have their opinions heard on the matter.



New Town Attorney



I would like to welcome aboard the town's newest employee - Attorney Jeff Brown. Jeff has a tremendous track record of success and will be a huge asset to our team. Jeff used to represent LaFayette in the NYS Assembly, is an officer in the 174th Fighter Wing, and represents the Town of Pompey and Village of Marcellus. The board and myself are thrilled to have Jeff as part of the team and I expect we will accomplish a lot together.

—Danny Fitzpatrick
Town Supervisor

Trash Opt Outs

There continues to be some confusion on trash opt outs - those who own or lease a dumpster or are a business or a farm are allowed to opt out of the trash service as long as they provide a receipt to the clerk and return their opt out form. You can always call with questions.

For more information on opt out information, please visit the Trash Services page on the town's website: <https://www.townoflafayette.com/trash-services.html>

From the Town Clerk



This has been or at least it feels like it has been one of the most difficult winters to deal with in a long, long time. The extreme fluctuation in temperatures was ridiculous! One day blizzard like conditions and within days it was rainy and muddy and ugly! And all the school delays and closings...crazy. People have been over this 2018-19 winter for months and I certainly agree! I am sharing part of a poem written by a 5th grader named Elsa Cheung that I think is appropriate.

*"Changing of the Seasons
Each one has different reasons
Spring does all the growing
Then you'll start the mowing
Summer is coming
Just wait and you'll see
Summer is for you
And
Summer is for me!"*

SHREDDING / MEDICATION DISPOSAL / RECUSE MISSION DROP OFF

May 11th from 9am-1pm LaFayette Town Hall

The Town Board again has agreed to offer this free **SHREDDING** service to residents, including businesses. Please bring your personal paperwork, business files, tax returns, statements & bills, etc. to the **Town Hall upper parking lot**. Your papers are shredded on site, you can watch via a video camera that is attached to the truck; then the shredded papers are secured and taken to a waste



management site for recycling. This saves you time, saves our environment and gives you piece of mind that your personal documents are secure.

From the Town Clerk cont'd....

After dropping off your shredding come inside the **Town Hall Lobby** for **MEDICATION DISPOSAL** to safely get rid of your unwanted and *expired* drugs or *medications*. 70% of people who abuse prescription drugs get them from friends or relatives, so let's avoid this happening in our homes. With all of the prescription drug abuse we hear of, let's get them disposed of properly for the safety of our kids, families and environment. **NO SHARPS PLEASE!**

This was a huge success last year so we are having another **RESCUE MISSION DROP OFF AT THE TOWN HALL** in combination with the shredding and medication disposal. You may drop off everything from small furniture, blankets, clothes, etc. for the Rescue Mission at the Town Hall. While you are spring cleaning & cleaning out closets, instead of taking it to the landfill site, please drop them off at the Town Hall. Please be sure things are clean and in good condition. (No junk please.)



OTHER TOWN CLERK SERVICES

FACILITIES RENTAL – *thank you again to the LaFayette Optimist Club for all they do and have done at Stafford Park!! The two pavilions book up quickly with graduation parties, family & class reunions, birthday & anniversary parties and even weddings. If you are interested in renting either of the Stafford Park pavilions or the Community Center, I advise you to act quickly to reserve them. The fee for residents is still only \$100.00, non-residents or businesses \$250 plus the deposit.*

MARRIAGE LICENSES - *Please check our website for forms & instructions. Please call for an appointment.*

PASSPORTS *Application is available on-line at <http://travel.state.gov>, or in my office. Please call to schedule an appointment to process passport applications. Renew your passport by mail yourself if your current passport isn't over 5 years expired with five easy steps and form DS-82 at website above.*

HANDICAP PERMITS– *Applications available here or at your doctor's office.*

DOG LICENSING Just a reminder: **ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED per NYS LAW.** You have the option of licensing your dog for one to three years. The cost per year is \$8.00 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$20.00 for unspayed and unneutered dogs. When doing a multiple year license, the license expiration date must

be before the expiration date of the rabies vaccination. Replacement tag fee: \$3.00; Impoundment fee: \$150.00. Please be responsible for your pets.

Dog Control Officers: Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000 and Laura Holt (315) 696-6468.

If you have any questions or situations involving a dog, please call dog control. If you have a concern regarding wild-life animals, you may call (607) 753-3095. If you see any suspicious/strange acting animals (possible rabies) please contact the Department of Environmental Conservation Police at (315) 426-7431.

RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Thursday April 25, 5:00PM-7:00PM Meacham Ice Rink, 121 W. Seneca Trpk, Syr.
- Thursday, May 16, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, Clay Highway Garage 4483 Route 31, Clay
- Thursday, June 6, 5:00PM-7:00PM Camillus Town Hall, 4600 W. Genesee St. Syr.
- Thursday, June 20, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, SPCA, 5878 East Malloy Road, Mattydale



Did you also know that you can get your pet's rabies vaccine, etc. done at Tractor Supply, Thursdays between 5:30 pm - 7 pm (6641 Manlius Center Rd, East Syracuse) by the Pet Vet Affordable Preventative Clinic? You may call ahead (315) 432-1640.

DEPT. OF CONSERVATION LICENSING Hunting, bow hunting, muzzle loading, fishing, trapping, Life Time Licenses and Duck Stamps, etc. are all available.

RETURN THE F.A.V.O.R. CARD (Find & Assist Vet of Record) Onondaga County gives back to honorably discharged Veterans. Bring in your DD214 to receive your discount card and a list of the numerous businesses that support this program! It is our privilege to be a part of this wonderful program! Thank you for your service!!!!

Onondaga County Return the **FAVORCARD**
Veteran Discount Card Program



TRASH / RECYCLING For missed pick-ups; please contact **Dependable Disposal directly at (315) 472-7455.** The hours of pick-up may vary between 5:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

From the Town Clerk cont'd....

HOLIDAYS THAT INTERRUPT TRASH SERVICE

Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day. If the holiday falls on or before your pick up day within that week, pick-up is delayed one day. Any new residents need to contact the Assessor at (315) 677-3420 or assessor@townoflafayette.com to have their trash service set up.

April 26 & 27th Earth Day Litter Cleanup 2019

(recognized nationally by Keep America Beautiful) for more information <http://ocrra.org/events/earth-day-litter-cleanup/>

Dump days, free shredding, medication disposal, brush pickup, e-waste, etc. With offering these FREE services, we urge residents and businesses to keep your property neat and clean and respect your neighbor's property as well. It is so depressing to see junk in yards and trash and debris along the side of the road & in the ditches. Taking pride in the appearance of our Town means everyone needs to do their part. I'm thrilled that some abandoned buildings/houses are being renovated and occupied and hopefully more will follow.

Questions??? Answers to most questions, forms or information you may need can be found on our website at www.townoflafayette.com, or email me townclerk@townoflafayette.com; or call (315) 677-3674.

Make sure to check out the community calendar. We don't want you to miss the many activities and festivities that take place in the warmer months in our Town, especially **COMMUNITY DAY ON JUNE 1, 2019** at Stafford Park.

By the time you receive this newsletter Spring should be here (it better be!!!) and we then have our summer months to enjoy all the wonderful events that we pack into these months. Enjoy every minute of it and please be safe, happy, healthy and kind!

—Jackie Bush Roorda



Mommypalooza.com



There are so many opportunities in the coming months to spruce up our town and our homes. Please take advantage of these services and all the EARTH DAY initiatives available throughout the Town



Saturday, May 11, 2019 9:00 am—1:00 pm
At the LaFayette Town Hall Parking Lot

- **FREE SHREDDING OF ALL YOUR UNWANTED DOCUMENTS** – Just bring your papers to the Town Hall and watch as they are sucked up and securely shredded right before your eyes.
- **MEDICATION DISPOSAL** – Safely dispose of all your un-used or expired medications, and vitamins - **NO SHARPS PLEASE!!**
- **RESCUE MISSION DROP OFF** – You can bring items you may no longer want or need. They will accept everything in fair condition from small furniture, small appliance (i.e. toasters), cd's & video cassettes, blankets, clothes, etc. Please be sure that they are clean and in good condition. All unused items will be recycled.
- **TORN OR TATTERED AMERICAN FLAGS** can be dropped off at this time or at the Highway Garage anytime prior to Community Day Saturday, June 1 for the Watch Fire burning ceremony
- **Questions? Call 315-677-3674**

From the Highway Department

Happy **Spring** from the Highway Department. Below are some important dates as we move through April—May—June.



- Annual Brush Pick-up:** April 1st through April 26th—Putt butt end out first (no longer than 8'). Please no bagged leaves or wood with nails as the highway recycles this material for mulch. Mulch will be available to residents for “free” starting May 4th. All trees and branches that are cut by contractors are the contractor’s responsibility to move. There is no need to call as the Highway Department will travel all roads. Please work on getting all brush out by the end of March.
- Earth Day** – In celebration of Earth Day, please consider volunteering to clean up one of our town roads. The Highway Department will be open on Friday, April 26 from 6:30 am—3:00 pm and again on Saturday April 27 from 9:00 am—2:00 pm for drop off. We will also pick up roadside by calling the Highway Department at 315-677-9535. Register at <http://ocra.org/events/earth-day-litter-cleanup>.



YES WE WILL ACCEPT

- E-WASTE (COMPUTERS, SMALLER SERVERS, TV'S, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS, MICE, FAX MACHINES, PRINTERS/SCANNERS, PHONES, VCR'S, DVR'S, DVD PLAYERS, GAME CONSOLES, DIGITAL CONVERTER BOXES, CABLE/SATELLITE RECEIVERS)
- BATTERIES
- PAINT CANS—(EMPTY WITH LIDS OFF)
- FUEL TANKS (EMPTY, 1 FOOT HOLE IN THEM)
- PLASTIC PIPE, WIRE OR CABLE UNDER 8 FEET LONG
- REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, HUMIDIFIERS
- MICROWAVES, STOVES
- MATTRESSES, COUCHES, RECLINERS
- CARPETING, LINOLEUM
- ALL METALS, NAILS AND SCREWS IF CONTAINED
- RECYCLABLES

NO WE WILL NOT ACCEPT

- ANY KIND OF GLASS TO INCLUDE WINDOWS
- ANY KIND OF WOOD FENCING
- INSULATION
- CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (I.E. SHEETROCK)

TIRES ARE ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING FEES:

- SMALL TIRES \$3 EACH
- LARGE TIRES \$4 EACH
- TRUCK TIRES \$8 EACH
- EXTRA LARGE TIRES \$.45/LB.

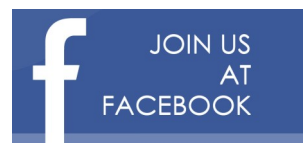


- Annual Town Clean up Days**—Saturday, May 4th—Saturday, May 11th—Saturday’s 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Weekdays 12:00 noon—6:00 pm at Groth Road Landfill. We will be closed on Sunday. E-waste will also be accepted at this time. Please have proper id ready.

The Highway Department wishes everyone a safe and productive Spring. We ask for your continued patience as we work to keep our roads safe.

Questions/Comments:
315-677-9535.

—John Greeley
Highway Superintendent



Spring Cleanup



Court Corner

Spring is here, finally! Road crews will be out repairing the roads from the winter onslaught. Speeds need to be reduced in construction areas. The safety of the road crews, other drivers, and yourself, depend on it. Fines for speeding in work zones are doubled, with a \$93.00 state surcharge, and points on your license.

We have a web page under the Town of LaFayette, select the court department and our question and answer tab which may answer a lot of your questions. Please check it out!

<https://www.townoflafayette.com/court.html>



Hours: 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-5:00pm Mon-Thurs
Closed Fridays
Phone: (315)677-9350
Fax number: (315)677-4622

The court office will be closed on Monday 5/27/19 in observance of Memorial Day.

- Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm
- Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30. Please call court to schedule.
- District Attorney nights are the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 5:30pm by appointment. A confirmation letter will be sent to you. This is subject to change when needed.

District Attorney requests can be mailed to:

LaFayette Town Court
PO Box 135
LaFayette, NY 13084

*When you come to court you are expected to be dressed in presentable attire.
Remove your hats.
Turn your cell phones off.
A sign in desk with instructions is located upon entry into the court*

DID YOU KNOW: Now that spring is here, the highway departments will be busy with repairs, road construction, and brush pick up. Also, our officers and emergency personnel are out on the highways to help motorists with car trouble or assist when there is an accident. Please remember to move over to allow them to do their job safely!!! They all have loved ones who are waiting for them to come home safely each and every day and this requires us as drivers to be respectful and understand this. The flashing lights can be seen miles away and require us to be aware and move over when safe to do so. Help save lives.....drive defensively, put down your cell phones, and be courteous!!!

We will put a notification on our court page under the court cancellation tab if court needs to be cancelled due to bad weather or any other reason.



**Honorable Maureen Perrin and
Honorable Adrian Shute
Carleen, Katey & JoAnne,
your court clerks**

Cardiff and its Environs,
LaFayette, New York

by J.RoyDodge



Views and Vistas of Onativia
LaFayette, New York

J. Roy Dodge



Roy Dodge's next book of old pictures is now in preparation. It will contain over 200 photographs devoted to the LaFayette hamlet. Tentative title is given as Old photos of a four cornered hamlet: LaFayette, NY. The book is printed "on demand" at a price per page. It will therefore be necessary to sell it at \$25 per copy. Despite the increased price he promises that it will be unique and worth the investment. It should be available at the Town Clerk's office by April 1.

From the LaFayette Town Assessor



The Town of LaFayette is appreciative and thankful for the many years of dedicated service to the residents of LaFayette from our outgoing Assessor, Shawn Adam. Wishing you much joy & happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life enjoying your children and grandchildren. Stop living at work and start working on living.

We will miss you!

To The Citizens and Residents of LaFayette:

After ten long, wonderful years as your assessor I would like to announce that I will be retiring on June 30, 2019. It has been an honor and privilege to have served the Town in this capacity in addition to past services on the Community Council Board, the Board of Assessment Review and the Planning Board.

Beyond the duties of office, I have come to know many of you on a more personal basis. We have shared stories, opinions, gripes and concerns, sorrow and tears and a whole lot of laughs. Through all of that, I hope your experiences were as rewarding as those that you have given me. Admittedly, the matters of taxation, assessments and paperwork don't rank high for any of us in terms of the human experience but I think we achieved a good balance of honesty, respect and cooperation over the years. That certainly made my experience worthwhile.

My successor will be introduced in the next newsletter. I ask that you welcome her into our wonderful community and afford her the same courtesies I have enjoyed. I am confident she will be a good fit for our Town.

To all: be well, be safe and be proud of what and who we are.

Shawn Adam

LaFayette Business Network



If you follow the Town of LaFayette on social media, perhaps you noticed that we resurrected the LaFayette Business Network. We are trying to promote LaFayette based businesses and the "Buy Local" - "Shop Small" business philosophy. The listing will be available on the Town of LaFayette website and should prove to be a useful resource for

you should you be looking for local services. As of this writing, we have welcomed several members including; EAS Custom Carpentry, LLC, The Garrillo Agency, Landscape Planning—Site Design, The Power Barn, LaFayette Kennels, Herlihy Smokehouse & Grill, The LaFayette Inn, Hiwire Honeybees, Travel Savvy, Oliver's Campers and Pro Snow Removal. The only requirement is that your business is physically located in the Town of LaFayette. If you would like to have your business listed in this database, please fill out the application form found at:

<https://www.townoflafayette.com/business-network-application.html>

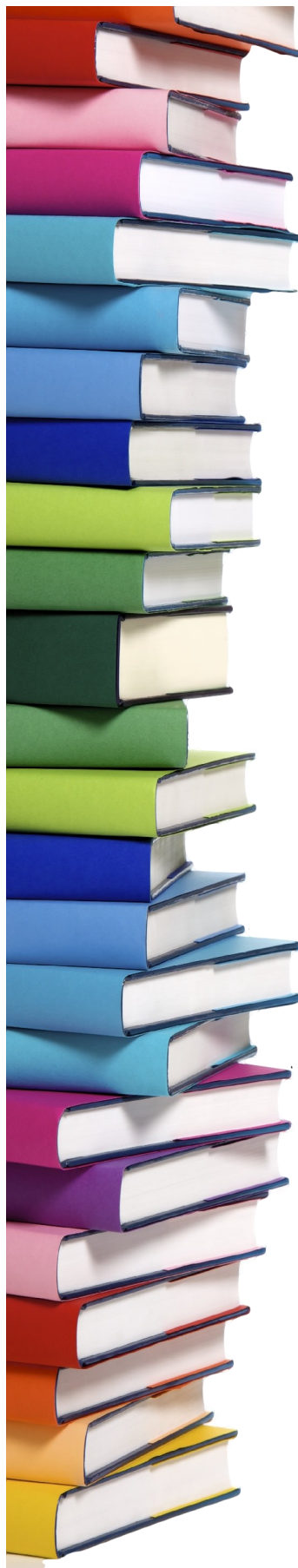
Our hope is that residents check out this business listing and support their neighbors and our local businesses. The complete listing will continue to grow and is located on the town's website at:

<https://www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-business-network.html>



—Sue Marzo
Information Officer

From the LaFayette Public Library



First we would like to apologize for some unplanned early closings in the last couple of months due to the lack of sufficient heat in the library. The issue has been resolved. Sorry for any inconvenience!

For any questions regarding closing due to weather, event schedules and other information, please go to our website –

www.lafayettelibrary.org or our Facebook page for up to date information.

Upcoming events:

Imagination Lab – April

- April 3rd – Sensory Balls
- April 10th – Homemade Floam
- April 17th – Negative Space Art
- April 24th – Jar Terrariums

Tuesday Tea – April 17- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Our

Tuesday Teas are every month on the third

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from

knitting to coloring

books or just bring

yourself. We also have a jig saw puzzle set up. Come join us

Step to stop falling: Wednesdays @10 a.m. in the library community room – through May 22



Reminder: the library has three Empire passes that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga county parks. The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan

period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. Enjoy!

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/>, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you! Thanks!

Along with many other libraries in Onondaga County, LaFayette Public Library is working with an organization called “Field Goods”. They deliver fresh foods from small farms. The library serves as a drop off/pick up place to deliver the food. This is a “local supports local” effort. There is an option to add \$1.00 to your order that will go to the library so it serves as a fundraiser besides helping to support the local economy. It is custom ordering so you can pick what you want delivered. The food is delivered on a weekly basis on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.field-goods.com>.

If you would like to display your craft, hobby or collection or know of someone who might be interested in displaying their work in our display case, please let us know.

We have an ongoing jigsaw puzzle exchange in the entryway to the library. Pick up a puzzle or two – leave a puzzle or two. It’s very popular and we have some really cool puzzles come through here! Also we have a puzzle set up in the library so come in and fit a piece or two (or three).

The library system has a number of databases available that range full courses to Newspaper archives to genealogy. Many of these databases are available on any device that can access the internet using your library card and pin number. Others are in-library use only. Ancestry.com is one that is accessible for in library use.

Don’t forget to visit: www.lafayettelibrary.org . Also you can follow us on Facebook .



GETTING THEM READY TO READ YOUNG

LaFayette Library cont'd...

A reminder that we have a children's computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it. We also have two ipads in the children's area with lots of fun and education apps on them

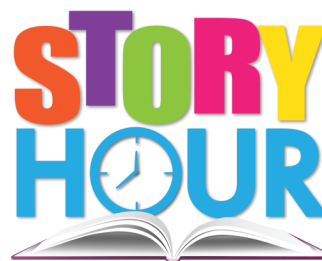
We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

—Scott Kushner



Attend a free estate planning class to learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care proxies, protecting assets from nursing home costs, and reducing taxes. Attorney Timothy P. Crisafulli will teach about these topics in an easy-to-understand

format at the LaFayette Library Community Room, 2577 US Route 11, LaFayette, NY, on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Please call ahead to reserve your space: (315) 309-8211.



WEDNESDAY
10:30 - 11:30 AM



ODD FELLOWS—Uncas Lodge I.O.O.F will

commemorate the 200th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America with an open meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in the fraternity or in this lodge, soon to be 168 years old, is welcome to attend.

From LaFayette Senior Citizens



The LaFayette Senior Citizen group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the LaFayette Fire Station, on Route #11 in LaFayette. (please note that if school is cancelled for any reason, the group will not meet).

Currently, the Senior Group is looking for new members over the age of 50! For only \$5 a year, you can attend all meetings, enjoy the camaraderie, have a wonderful lunch, and take part in the fun activities we plan.

To join, all you need to do is bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and \$5 for dues for the year! Coffee and tea is provided. Come and see what we are all about, and learn about the exciting trips that our Trip Coordinators have planned for the 2019 year. Anyone can join, whether you live in LaFayette, or not, so bring your friends who do not live in the immediate area!

Like Comedy? Our first trip of 2019 is an overnight to the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, N.Y. For only \$195 a person (double occupancy) you can do "all things Lucy" in her hometown. Contact Jennifer Hopper at (315)469-6592 to make a reservation, or for more information.

Hope to see you soon

—Rita Bush



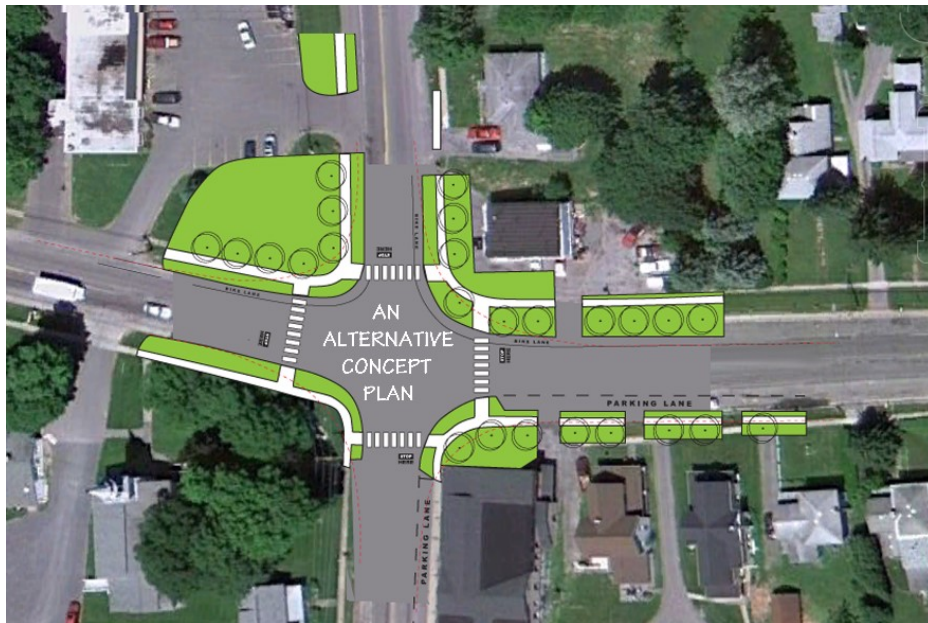
From the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission

LaFayette's 4 Corners – Let's Save & Improve Them!

Back around 2012, NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) drafted plans for widening the roadway at the 4 corners in LaFayette. The DOT's planned road expansion would bring increased large truck traffic through our Town's main intersection (Routes 11 and 20) and it would change the historic form of LaFayette. The historic homes and church would face an unattractive, huge expanse of truck-filled roadway (see below).



A better plan, that still allows easy truck turns, simply moves the "STOP" lines on the roadway back enough to allow large trucks to clear sitting traffic. Our historic Hamlet can be preserved, and rehabilitating the historic streetscape with trees, sidewalks with shorter and safer crosswalk distances, and on-street parking, is a better design solution for our Town center (see below).



This year (2019), NYS DOT has put the LaFayette Roadway Intersection Project on its "to do" list. Let's not let a huge roadway expansion become a sad reality when we can have a more attractive and walkable hamlet center that better supports economic development and quality of life at the heart of our Town. If we let NYS know what we want before the project moves forward, we can get a much better intersection design, true to our Town's Comprehensive Plan.

– Jeanie Gleisner, Chair, LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission

From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities can be found 24/7 on the town's web site at the following link www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html, on the main navigation bar or by calling the Community Council phone, 677-7272. Messages will be retrieved twice per week and an LCC board member will return your call. You can speak to an LCC representative face to face during Town Hall Tuesdays every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Emails are also accepted at lafayettecommunitycouncil@townoflafayette.com. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette,



Youth Programs:

Baseball/Softball/Tee-Ball:

Boys and girls in grades K-6. Registrations were held in March and players have been assigned to teams.

Practices will begin in April. Regular season games are scheduled to be played April 29 through June 7.

Pre-Season Baseball and Softball Workouts: Saturdays, April 13 & 27, 12-3 p.m. Girls and boys in grades 3-6 are welcome to attend these sessions to work on baseball/softball skills. If necessary, these workouts will be held in the Grimshaw School gymnasium.

Instructional Tee-Ball – Boys and girls in Pre-K & K. This program will begin in May and run through mid-June. **Fee is \$5.**

Lacrosse – Instructional programs for girls and boys in grades K-2 (full-day kindergarten), and developmental programs for boys and girls in grades 2-6. Programs will begin the week of July 8 and run for six weeks. **Fee is \$5.**

PLEASE NOTE: This is not ULA (Upstate Lacrosse Association) – LCC will not be hosting ULA teams this year due to past difficulties finding coaches and fielding teams.

Swim Lessons* (boys and girls, all ages) – Lessons are offered in conjunction with the Town of Pompey and are conducted at Cazenovia College. There are two separate 3-week sessions: July 1-19 (no class July 4th), and July 22-August 9. Lessons are conducted daily, Monday – Friday, with 45 minute time slots beginning at 8 a.m. There is no cost for residents of the Town of LaFayette; however, participants must provide their own transportation. Registration forms are available at the LaFayette Town Hall or on line at the Town's LCC website. **The registration deadline is May 17, 2019.**

Soccer Camp* (boys and girls grades K-6) – LCC hopes to host this camp, offered by The Ultimate Goal, again this year. Details of the camp are TBD, but likely the camp will take place the last week of July at Stafford Park.

Tennis Camp* (boys and girls entering Grades 3- 7) – LCC hopes to host this camp, conducted by LaFayette Sr. High

School Varsity tennis coach, Joe Fox, again this year. Details of the camp are TBD, but likely the camp will take place the last week of July at the Stafford Park tennis courts.

***Flyers with registration form and additional details for each respective program will be sent home from school. Information and forms can also be found at the Town Offices and on the Town's website under the Community Council tab.**

For additional information about the above programs, or if you are able to help out with them – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC at 677-7272 or send e-mail to: lafayettecommunitycouncil@townoflafayette.com. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Adult Programs:

Daytime/Senior Exercise: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette VFW on Rte. 11. The current session runs April 2 – May 9. The cost per session is \$36 and **cannot be pro-rated.** The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The current session runs through June 19, 2019. The cost for this session is \$76 if attending class one night per week, either Monday or Wednesday, and \$152 if attending class both Monday and Wednesday. **Fees cannot be pro-rated.** The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

WERQ® (This class replaces Zumba and Tabata): WERQ® is a dance fitness class that tightens and tones the entire body through athletic moves and dance steps choreographed to dance, pop and hip-hop music. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Grimshaw Elementary School. The current session runs through June 19, 2019. The cost for this session is \$76 if attending class one night per week, either Monday or Wednesday, and \$152 if attending class both Monday and Wednesday. **Fees cannot be pro-rated.** The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Tai Chi: Beginner and advance classes. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

Men's Basketball: Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. Program runs through May

From the Community Council cont'd.....

2019. Participants must sign a waiver, which are available on line or at each session. The cost for this program is \$20 for the entire session or \$5 per week walk-in fee.

Other Programs:

Walking: Don't let the weather keep you from getting some exercise during the winter months; the hallways of Grimshaw Elementary School are available for walking weekday evenings from 6-8 p.m., until April 30, 2019. Please use the gymnasium entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls. A note book will be provided in the gymnasium foyer for sign-in. The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk. During the winter, only the south section of the path will be maintained for walkers.

Thank you:

LCC would like to thank the following individuals who volunteered their time and efforts as coaches for LCC winter sports programs.

Joe Greco - Girls grades 5 & 6 basketball

Jim McElhannon, Richard Dix, Wayne Brennan and Jay Colburn - Boys grades 5 & 6 basketball

Todd Briggs, Nick Moltion, Joe Clemens, Steve Albro, Pat Dwyer, Chris Lawton - Wrestling

Announcements:

"Step Up To Stop Falls": A falls prevention program designed to raise awareness about falls and how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults and includes an exercise class designed to improve strength and balance. LCC, in conjunction with the LaFayette Public Library, has arranged for yoga instructor, Kate Farrar, to provide this program. Classes are held on Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the LaFayette Public Library's conference room, located on the main floor of the Town Offices, adjacent to the courtroom. **There is NO FEE for this program.** Call 315-677-7272 for additional information.



Community Council Board Meetings: Are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. **Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.**

Memorial Day Parade: All LCC participants are invited to march with LCC in the Memorial Day parade, Monday, May 27, 9:00 a.m. Lineup at 8:30 at LaFayette Alliance Church.

Community Day: Saturday, June 1 at Stafford Park. LCC will be providing popcorn and sno-cones, and conducting other activities, including a wrestling "Take Down" tournament and the Annual Duck Race. Ducks can be purchased the day of the race only. Kid's ducks, which can be decorated, will be available at no charge again this year. Stop by our table; enjoy some refreshments and GET YOUR DUCKS!

LCC Wrestling Program:

Approximately fifty boys and girls in grades K-6 participated in LCC's youth wrestling program this past season. Season highlights include competing in a dual meet against South Onondaga before the combined LaFayette/Tully/OCS Varsity wrestling team's match against Otselic Valley on January 9, and hosting a tournament, with eight teams participating, at Grimshaw School on February 2, at which the new wrestling mats, purchased by LCC, were debuted.



—Dave Prince

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27, 2019 9:00 am—Parade

Lineup will begin at 8:30 at LaFayette Alliance Church

Memorial Day Benefit for Outreach—8:00—12:00 noon at Columbian Presbyterian Church

Interested in entering a float, please call 315-677-9282—prizes awarded




Did you know Meals on Wheels is available in LaFayette and Tully
For information:
Meals on Wheels
Call (315) - 637-5446



COMMUNITY DAY 2019

Annual LaFayette Community Day
Saturday, June 1, 2019 3:00 pm
Stafford Park, Route 11, LaFayette



Community Day started in 2009 as a way for people in the Town of LaFayette to come together once a year to meet each other and have fun.

Since, then, Community Day has grown in size, but has remained a free event with no sales or merchandising. It is a chance for people to come out and meet their neighbors, get some free food, listen to music, play some games and enjoy the fireworks. The Town of LaFayette, LaFayette Optimists, Lafayette Community Council, LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department, LaFayette VFW and many other groups work together to make this happen.

- **MUSIC**
- **FOOD**
- **BIKE RODEO**
- **DUCK RACE**
- **GAMES**
- **AND MORE.....**



Please drop off your torn and tattered flags to the LaFayette Highway Department for proper retirement during Community Days



From the Southern Hills Garden Club

Please contact Cathy Nagel, phone: 315-677-9342 or email: CEN42085@aol.com, for information regarding any of these events

Soil and Soil Testing: Melanie Henson, Master Gardener—bring a sample of	April 16, 2019	7:00 pm	LaFayette Community Center
Highway Clean Up	April 27, 2019	9:00 am	Meet at LaFayette Community Center
Divide and Multiply Spring, Donna Kraft	May 18, 2019	2:00 pm	Off site
Container Planting, Cindy Plumpton	May 21, 2019	6:30 pm	Plumpton Farms
Annual Plant Sale	June 1, 2019	9:00 am	LaFayette Community Center
Visit Mundy Wildflower Gardens, Krissy Boys Wildflower Garden	June 18, 2019	6:30 pm	Off site



From the LaFayette Optimists

The Lafayette Optimists rest not. We had a great showing at the 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball tournament in January. Kids having fun and getting exercise in a safe supervised setting is what it's all about. It's what the Lafayette Optimists are all about. Scott Gates was our champion at this event and his planning and effort was as obvious as it was appreciated.

We look forward to doing Spring cleanup at the park in anticipation of heavy usage again this year. For a community our size Stafford Park is a gem of a park with all the different offerings from the playing fields to the pavilions to horseshoe pit to the walking path to the exercise area.

We Optimists worked closely with the Town of Lafayette in order to acquire new property that is going to be added to the parks footprint. We continue to work with the Town to give input in how this property should be incorporated. We have even formed a committee of interested Optimists to continue to oversee the development. That's right ...a separate committee...that's how seriously we take our responsibility to oversee the park in all manners. The addition of the new property will also be the site of the Lafayette Community Center if everything works out and this would not have happened without the sustained stewardship of Dan Fitzpatrick, town supervisor.

Speaking of the park, the Optimists are thinking about doing some recurring family event at the park this summer.....first Thursday of the month, every Friday , every other Tuesday...we're not sure what the community interest is but we are thinking

about horseshoe tournaments and hot dog cooking and or volleyball etc...whatever the community would like to see most of. This is something new for us and we like the idea of a recurring chance to support the community and get people together, gobble down a dog, enjoy all the



green at the park, so we ask that anyone who wants to make a suggestion contact us at our Facebook Page and leave us your suggestions. The Facebook Page is Lafayette Optimists ..how easy is that? We are eager for your suggestions.

Like we posted in the last newsletter we'll have the Fishing Derby in May and the Bike Rodeo in June and don't forget at the Lafayette Community Days we are responsible for the fireworks and the money for that comes from the sale of golf ball drop tickets.



Let me close by reciting another line from the Optimist Creed. Promise yourself to be so strong so that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. Obviously that's not physical strength, its mental strength and that's not the same as smarts...having a positive attitude, positive expectations, positive frame of mind is something each and every one of

us can achieve if we want it. As we learned from the Rocky Horror Picture show...."don't dream it....be it " .

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—Joe Barry

Lafayette Optimist Junior Fishing Derby



Stafford Park, Route 11
May 11th, 2019
Registration at 8:00 am
Fishing begins at 9:00 am
Prizes awarded at 11:30 am
Derby open to LaFayette Residents
Preschool through 8th grade

LaFayette Outdoors—



A very long time ago... when I was in elementary school, once a year the teacher would announce “tomorrow is Earth Day”. That was music to my ears because it meant we would break out of jail (classroom) and spend a couple hours outside picking up trash. I come alive when outside and as soon as my low top Converse sneakers crossed the school door threshold and landed outside I was a free man! While other classmates were being good boys and girls picking up trash, I would work my way towards the closest creek near the school “picking up trash”... Once I reached my destination I was flipping over rocks looking for worms, crayfish, frogs and other creepy crawl creatures. My field trip was abruptly interrupted by my teacher barking out “Craig, get back here” “Ok Mrs. Kaminski, lots of trash over here near the creek, on my way!” I was just starting to have fun and Mrs. Kaminski literally brought me back to Earth...Day.



Earth Day was started on April 22, 1970 by Gaylord Nelson. It was designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth’s environment. Gaylord started it for support for environmental protection. By the end of that year the first Earth Day led to the creation of the US Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. In 1990 Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries.

Earth Day can be every day! Here are some things you can do to make our planet a little bit better:

- ◆ Plant a tree
- ◆ Walk or ride a bike
- ◆ Shop at local farmers markets
- ◆ Buy a reusable water bottle
- ◆ Switch all your bills to paperless
- ◆ Start a compost pile in your backyard
- ◆ Carpool
- ◆ Plant a garden
- ◆ Convert your lightbulbs to LED

**MAKE EVERYDAY
EARTH DAY**

Anything to help our environment is a perfect thing to do on Earth Day and every day. Don't restrict yourself to just one day a year; learn about how you can make a difference to environmental protection all the time. It's going to take a lot of work to heal our planet. Leading by example will help others remember that the earth is important every day of the year.

—Craig Giancola

Visit <https://ocrra.org/> to educate on Recycling, Composting, Household Toxics, Disposal of items that can not go in trash and cannot be recycled. Join OCRRA’s volunteer litter cleanup crew and help beautify our community on Friday, April 26 or Saturday, April 27, 2019– trash drop-off and/or pickup available from the LaFayette Highway Dept.



The **Town of LaFayette** has joined with the **HeatSmart CNY** campaign to help make it easier for residents to switch to high efficiency heat pump heating and cooling systems.

Heat pumps are devices that look like central A/C units or furnaces, but are able to heat and cool VERY efficiently. Unlike conventional heating which burns fossil fuels to heat a home, heat pumps work by bringing heat from the outside into our homes. That heat might be from the ground for ground-source (or "geothermal") heating, or from the outside air, even as low as -13° F! These systems can be up to 400% more efficient than conventional heating methods.

The HeatSmart CNY campaign will be holding workshops and open houses in the area in March and April, including one here at the town offices. Anyone heating with propane, oil, or electric resistance should really consider attending!

LaFayette HeatSmart CNY Workshop

Thursday, April 4, 2019 | 6:30 PM
LaFayette Town Hall
2577 US Route 11 LaFayette, NY 13084

To find out more information or to enroll for no-cost energy efficiency assessment, contact Lindsay Speer, Campaign Manager for HeatSmart CNY at Lindsay@HeatSmartCNY.org, 833-315-HEAT, or visit the website at HeatSmartCNY.org

Lindsay Speer Alliance for a Green Economy
Campaign Manager, HeatSmart CNY
<http://AllianceForAGreenEconomy.org>



RELAY FOR LIFE

Join the American Cancer Society to celebrate lives, save lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer

June 7, 2019
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Apple Festival Location
To sign up your team go to:
www.relayforlife.org/applecountry

For more information contact:
Margaret DeNeve 315-415-1318 or
Email: rflapplecountry@gmail.com



Sign up your team and start fundraising for a cure

Live Music with Sydney Irving
Luminaria Ceremony in honor of a loved one for a \$5 donation
Games for all ages



Announcements



Onativia United Methodist Church

Please join us for worship - Sunday mornings at 9:00

Celebrating 160 years of worship at the corner of
Apulia Road and Dodge Road

Pastor: Stephen Jackson

Phone: (315) 558-3534



St. Joseph's Catholic Church of the Nativity

The Mission of St. Joseph's Parish is to build up the Kingdom of God in the name of Jesus Christ through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit by the proclamation of the good news and the evangelical service that flows from it.

MASS SCHEDULE

Church Location	Mass Time
St. Joseph's LaFayette	Sunday 9:00 am
Immaculate Conception, Pompey	Sunday 9:30 am
St. Leo's Tully	Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 8:00 am
St. Patrick's Otisco	Sunday 10:30 am

SPRING SCHEDULE

Faith Formation Classes	Sundays 9:50 -10:50	At St. Joseph's, LaFayette
Stations of the Cross	Fridays @ 7 pm (3/8 - 4/12)	At St. Joseph's, LaFayette
Palm Sunday Mass	4/14/19 @ 9 am	At St. Joseph's, LaFayette
Holy Saturday Mass	4/20/19 @ 8 pm	At Immaculate Conception
Easter Sunday Mass	4/21/19 @ 9 am	At St. Joseph's, LaFayette
First Communion Mass	5/5/19 @ 9 am	At St. Joseph's LaFayette
Confirmation Mass	5/19/19@ Noon	At Immaculate Conception Church, Pompey

ADDITIONAL SERVICES HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Meals on Wheels—drop off	Monday—Friday 11:00 am—2:00 pm *Except on holidays
Outreach	Tuesdays 9 am—Noon & 1st & 3rd Thursdays 5pm—6:30 pm
W.I.C.	7:30 am on the 1st Tuesday of each month

6104 US Route 20 East
LaFayette, NY 13084
(315) 677-3439
Website: www.stjosephslafayette.org
Email: parish@stjosephslafayette.org
Rev. James. H. Carey
Weekend Associate: Rev. Ed Reimer
Deacon: William Ferguson
Church Office Hours: Tues- Thurs 10am-3pm
Peggy Sutton, Secretary

LaFayette Outreach List of needed items: Paper products, Canned Goods, Pasta, Toiletries, Cleaning Products



“A Christ-Centered Family Church”

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Sunday Worship Schedule beginning Sunday, May 5th

8:00—9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:15—10:15 am	Bible-in-Life Hour
10:15—10:45 am	Coffee and Fellowship
10:45—12:00 pm	Blended Contemporary Worship Service
6:00 pm 1st & 3rd Sundays	Ignite Prayer Ministry
4:30 pm 2nd & 4th Sundays	Thrive Youth Group

If you would like further information concerning our church or any of its programs, please contact the church office at 677-9810.

We are located at the corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road in LaFayette. The church is handicap accessible. Check us out on the web! You can listen to Pastor Rob’s messages, subscribe to our weekly email update, The Weekly Connection, and find out even more details about our various programs www.lafayettealliance.org

Columbian Presbyterian Church



For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com or follow us on FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/pages/LaFayette-Columbian-Presbyterian-Church

Pastor Shawn Reyburn

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20
LaFayette, N.Y. 13084

(315) 677-3293

Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com

cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com

Worship Service 10:00am

Church Office Hours

Tues- Friday 9:00 am—Noon

Men’s Breakfasts	Mondays 6:00 am	April 1, May 6, June 3
Youth Breakfasts	Fridays 7:00 am	April 26, May 17
Gods Girlz	Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 pm	April 24, May 8, June 5
Lenten Soup & Bread Series	Wednesdays 6:30 pm	April 3, April 10
Maundy Thursday Stone Soup	Thursday 6:00 pm/Service 7:00 pm	April 18
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Friday 7:00 pm	April 19
Sunrise Service/Easter Service	Sunday 7:00 am/10:00 am	April 21
Easter Brunch	Sunday 8:00 am	April 21
LaFayette Rural Cemetery Meeting	Tuesday 7:00 pm Session Bldg.	May 21 (open to the community)
Memorial Day Benefit for Outreach	Monday 8:00—noon	May 27
Chicken Barbecues	Saturdays 11:00—gone	May 18, Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 17

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
4/1-4/26/19	Brush Pickup	Roadside	Butt end first no longer than 8'
4/4/19	Free Estate Planning	LaFayette Library Community Room	2:00—4:00 pm
4/4/19	LaFayette HeatSmart Workshop	LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
4/9/19	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Town Hall	7:00 pm
4/13/19	Clothing Give-Away	LaFayette Alliance Church	9:00 am—Noon
4/25/19	I.O.O.F Anniversary Party	Uncas Lodge I.O.O.F	7:30 pm
4/26/19	Earth Day Trash Dropoff	LaFayette Highway Garage	6:30am—3:00 pm
4/27/19	Earth Day Trash Dropoff	LaFayette Highway Garage	9:00 am—2:00 pm
5/4-5/11/19	Clean Up Days	Groth Road Landfill	Saturdays 9:00 am—4:00 pm Weekdays Noon—6:00 pm Closed Sundays
5/11/19	Shredding/Med Disposal/Rescue Mission	LaFayette Town Hall Parking Lot	9:00 am—1:00 pm
5/11/19	Optimist Fishing Derby	Stafford Park	Registration 8:00 am—12:00 pm
5/14/19	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Town Hall	7:00 pm
5/27/19	Memorial Day Parade	Town Center	9:00 am
6/1/19	Community Day	Stafford Park	3:00 pm—dark
6/7/19	LaFayette Relay for Life	Apple Fest Grounds	6:00—10:00 pm
6/11/19	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Town Hall	7:00 pm

LaFayette Town Offices — PO Box 193, 2577 Route 11, LaFayette, NY 13084

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