



# LaFayette

## Community Newsletter

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### LaFayette Winterfest 2022! "Our Community in Action"



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Photos Courtesy of Optimists  
Michael Johnson & John Paige

# On to Spring →



# From Our Town Historian Rick Stout

## The Life and Times of the Lafayette Hotel 1871-1971

There was an air of excitement on April, 1871 in LaFayette when an announcement was made: "We are rejoicing in the prospect of a new hotel. Mr. George W. McIntyre, the owner and proprietor of the old store, having received liberal encouragement from the citizens by way of subscriptions for the purpose, has broken ground for an addition to his building 36 X 40 feet in extent to be used as a hotel. In the third story will be a hall to be used for town purposes. The project will be pushed through vigorously." Mr. McIntyre's old store was the first framed hotel in LaFayette built by October 1807. This is the middle portion of the hotel with the gable end facing west. In order to build this addition, McIntyre purchased the shoe and harness shop of James Keeler Jr. which stood on the corner, originally occupied by Orange King's famous log tavern built about 1800.

Two early newspaper entries follow the progress of the hotel. "William A Felter has rented the hotel of Mr. McIntyre and has procured a license. He is now ready to entertain his guests in the most approved style." (Journal, May 17, 1877) "Mr. McIntyre is fixing up his store and hotel considerably and putting new blinds on the hotel." (Courier, Apr. 28, 1879) The first floor, beginning at the north end, was the public parlor next to the bar. On the upper floor was the ballroom and a general store was located in the original part of the building. In the cellar, with doors facing north, was a kitchen and dining room. On the south end of the structure McIntyre built living quarters for his family. In the ballroom every kind of public gathering and social event was held such as



medical shows, theatricals, dances and town meetings. In addition, the Roman Catholic Mass was said from 1883 to 1889 and in 1889 the post office moved there. In one corner was a room used as a lock-up for the village drunks.

In the Standard, May 30, 1885 we find "Mr. James Conan has taken possession of George W. McIntyre's store having leased it for a term of years." Shortly thereafter the times were changing.

"The town of LaFayette voted no license at the annual town meeting in February." (Tully Times, May 1892) The town being "dry" was a very contentious issue and indignation meetings were held by both sides of it. In 1893 the question was put up for vote again and license was restored. Finally in 1903 the "dry" cause won once again and James Conan knew the days of his hotel were over.

Within the next ten years the old hotel was mostly vacant and fast becoming an eye-sore. Across the street the Crowe Brother's store was out-growing its rented building, and with urging from friends, James and Michael Crowe purchased the hotel in January, 1915. During the summer of 1916 the hotel was raised four feet and placed on a new foundation. Twenty feet were built onto both the north end and the east side. In 1919 they installed a gasoline pump. In the mid 1930's an overhang was built over what was now two gas pumps. In October, 1945 the building was sold to Sam and John Long. They modernized the interior of the store, added a lunch counter and built ten apartments on the upper floors of the building. In 1963 John Long sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stiles who moved to their new IGA store January 11, 1972.

Dodge, Roy. "LaFayette, New York. Historic Photos of a Four-Cornered Hamlet" and "LaFayette, N.Y. a History of the Town and its People", 1975.



— Rick Stout, Town Historian

# From the Town Clerks

I love my frequent visits with my neighbor and a best friend, Pat Keller. As we enjoy a glass of Sherry, we discuss news events; Covid, the border situation, Afghanistan mess, inflation, the increase in crime waves, etc., but recently we mostly talk about the devastation going on in Ukraine. We usually end our conversations looking out the window at deer tracks, various birds, our beautiful scenery and comment on how blessed we are to live in LaFayette, New York, USA.

**"With Springtime here and Summer ahead -  
"Let's get the parties started!"**

*Thanks to the LaFayette Optimist Club for Stafford Park and the two pavilions there. They book up quickly with graduation parties, family & class reunions, birthday & anniversary parties and even weddings. If you are interested in the 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.*

**FREE  
SHREDDING  
EVENT**

## SHREDDING / MEDICATION DISPOSAL / TORN OR TATTERED FLAGS DROP OFF

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9am-12pm**

**LaFayette Town Hall-Upper Parking Lot**

**SHREDDING** - this free service is for residents, including businesses, so bring your personal paperwork, business files, tax returns, statements & bills, etc. to the Town Hall upper parking lot. Watch your papers be shredded on site, via a video camera attached to the shredding truck. It is then locked and taken to a waste management site for recycling. This saves you time and saves our environment and gives you piece of mind that your personal documents are secure.

**MEDICATION DISPOSAL** - Is your *medicine* cabinet full of unwanted and expired drugs



or *medications* you no longer *use*? Seven out of 10 people who abuse prescription drugs get

them from friends or relatives. I have coordinated a prescription take back event to take place during the shredding event. 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. What's safe for you might be harmful for someone else. You can dispose of your **expired**, unwanted, or unused **medicines** when you drop off your shredding...



## From the Town Clerks cont'd...

**TORN OR TATTERED FLAGS DROP OFF** - For proper disposal of your torn or tattered American Flags, please drop them off at the Town Hall for the WATCH FIRE flag burning ceremony @ Community Day on Saturday, June 4th at Stafford Park.

**DUMP DAYS - May 7<sup>th</sup> -May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 See Highway Department Page for details**

FYI - did you know that the Salvation Army will accept one TV (intact) per person at their drop off site, any day, free of charge.

Another FYI – Nightingale’s Hardware Store in Tully and Wegman’s accepts used batteries.

### April 22nd & 23rd Earth Day Litter Cleanup 2022

(recognized nationally by Keep America Beautiful)

for more information

<http://ocrra.org/events/earth-day-litter-cleanup>

Despite the pandemic, last year more than 4,160 volunteers collected over 56,000 pounds of litter!



### TOWN CLERK SERVICES

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

**PASSPORTS**—*Application are available on-line at <http://travel.state.gov>, or in my office. Please call to schedule an appointment to process passport applications and clarify any instructions.*

**HANDICAP PERMITS**— *Applications available here or at your doctor’s office.*

**DEPT. OF CONSERVATION LICENSING** Hunting, fishing, trapping, Duck Stamps, etc. are all available.

**DOG LICENSING** Just a reminder: **ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED.** You have the option of licensing your dog for one to three years now. The cost per year is \$8.00 for spay and neutered dogs and \$20.00 for unsprayed 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 CLINICS - Per Onondaga Dept of Health -

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to COVID-19, safe and socially-distanced drive-thru clinics are being planned in place of the regular clinic schedule. Go to [www.ongov.net/health/env/rabies.html](http://www.ongov.net/health/env/rabies.html) and on their Facebook page as they are planned. Veterinarian offices and some local pet supply stores can also provide the shot, call ahead for more information.

Did you also know that you can get your pet’s rabies vaccine & more done at Tractor Supply, every Thursday between 5:30pm -7 pm (6641 Manlius Center Rd, East Syracuse) by the Pet Vet Affordable Preventative Clinic?

**TRASH / RECYCLING** - Any new customers should contact Sherry LaVancher, LaFayette Assessor to set up your trash/recycling service. For missed pick-ups; please contact **Dependable Disposal directly at (315) 472-7455 Ext 25 (Christine)** The hours of pick-up may vary as there is no exact service time, however your bins need to be out the night before or by 5:00 AM. They also provide service of picking up larger items such as couches, etc. for an extra fee and you must call for a special pick-up.

### HOLIDAYS THAT INTERRUPT TRASH SERVICE

**Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



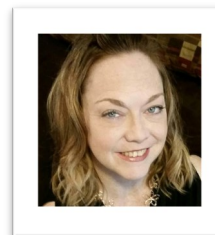
## From the Town Clerks cont'd...

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

Don't forget to check out the community calendar on [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com). Don't miss the many activities and festivities that take place in the months to come in our Town. Please be safe, happy, healthy and kind!



***God, bless the people of Ukraine who are going through horrific times right now. We pray for peace; we pray for their safety, we pray they are provided with food, warmth, shelter and families are reunited. We grieve for the tremendous losses of family members, friends, homes and what was once your peaceful everyday life in Ukraine. In Jesus 'name, we pray Amen -***



—Jackie Bush Roorda/Kristin Colburn

### ABBREVIATED VERSION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWN DIRECTORY

Office	Official	Office/Home Phone	Cell Phone	Fax #	Email
Supervisor	William McConnell	315-677-3674	315-391-8167	315-677-7806	supervisor@townoflafayette.com
Deputy Supervisor	Mark Distler		315-569-7563	315-677-7806	markdistler@gmail.com
Town Clerk	Jackie Bush Roorda	315-677-3674		315-677-7806	townclerk@townoflafayette.com
Deputy Town Clerk	Kristin Colburn	315-677-3674		315-677-7806	deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com
Councilor	Steve Zajac		315-727-5883	315-677-7806	szajac1@twcny.rr.com
Councilor	Melanie Palmer		315-436-3544	315-677-7806	mjp6331@gmail.com
Councilor	Carole Dwyer	315-677-3965	315-436-6020	315-677-7806	caroledwyer@howardhanna.com
Councilor	Jerry Marzo		315-751-7757	315-677-7806	Jerald.marzo@carrier.com
Highway Supt.	Steve Robson	315-677-9535	315-952-6063	315-677-3239	stevlafhighway@yahoo.com
Deputy Highway Supt.	Don Skinner	315-677-9535	315-396-1070	315-677-3239	donlafhighway@yahoo.com
Tax Collector	Kitty Rienhardt	315-677-9155	315-952-5951	315-677-7806	kitty22@twcny.rr.com
Court Clerk	Carlene LaRonde	315-677-9350		315-677-4622	tolcourt1@aol.com
Codes	Ralph Lamson	315-677-5371	315-677-3586	315-677-7806	codes@townoflafayette.com



**For the complete Town of LaFayette Directory and the complete Town of LaFayette Community Directory please visit the homepage of the Town of LaFayette website at [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com)**

# From the Highway Department



Its spring again, Hope everyone is well and survived this long winter. We have some dates to remember as we proceed into spring and early summer.

- **Annual Brush Pick-up:** April 11 thru May 5. All brush must be out on your road side by April 11, to save money due to rising fuel cost we would like to make one trip around our town. Please place your brush butt end first towards the road and no longer than 8' (please no bags of leaves or other debris). This brush will be recycled into mulch and provided to the residents free of charge at the Highway Garage starting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Brush may be dropped off during Town Clean-Up Days as per hours of operation listed below.
- **Earth Day:** April 22, Please Help Clean-Up Our Town, the highway will be open Friday April 22 from 7 am to 2:30 pm for drop off and Saturday April 23 from 9 am till 2 pm. You can register with OCRRA at <https://ocrra.org/contact-us/earth-day-signup-form/>
- **Town Clean-Up Days:** Will start on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> and end on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>, and 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> thru Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Closed on Sunday.** Please have your ID ready at the gate.



- **Please Note:** Any questions please call Steve Robson (Highway Superintendent) or Don Skinner (Deputy Superintendent) at 315-677-9535.

The Highway Department would like to thank our residents for their patience this winter and would ask you to be patient with our road work this spring and summer. Stay Safe!

-Steve Robson

## YES WE WILL ACCEPT

- E-WASTE (COMPUTERS, SMALLER SERVERS, TV'S (TWO PER HOUSEHOLD), MONITORS, KEYBOARDS, MICE, FAX MACHINES, PRINTERS/SCANNERS, PHONES, VCR'S, DVR'S, DVD PLAYERS, GAME CONSOLES, DIGITAL CONVERTER BOXES, CABLE/SATELLITE RECEIVERS
- BATTERIES—ONLY 6V AND 12V ATV, MOTORCYCLE, CAR AND TRUCK, ETC.
- 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)
- HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES (such as AA, AAA, C and D etc.)

## TIRES ARE ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING FEES:

- SMALL TIRES TO 14" \$3 EACH
- LARGE TIRES 15" - 20" \$5 EACH
- EXTRA LARGE TIRES DUMP TRUCK AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT \$10 AND UP





# Town of LaFayette Highway Department



Left to Right: Thomas Kurtz, Paul DuRocher, Joseph Nolan, Lucas Greczyn, Michael Stiner, Arthur Gabriel retired January 28, 2022, William Sutton, Deputy Superintendent Donald Skinner and Superintendent Steve Robson

*Congratulations\**

ART GABRIEL RETIRED JANUARY 28, 2022



As the weather warms up, it is important to be more aware of locking your vehicles, not leaving your car running with the keys in it while running errands and not leaving valuables in your vehicles. Also assure all homes, sheds, garages are locked at all times. Watch out for your neighbors and report all suspicious activity by calling 911.

**The power of prevention and keeping vigilant will keep our community safe!**



## Southern Hills Garden Club

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April 19, 2022	7:00 pm	LaFayette Community Center	Herbs in Colonial Time
May 17, 2022	6:00 pm	Plumpton Farms 3990 Coye Rd. Jamesville, NY	Container Planting
June 21, 2022	6:30 pm	Tour of Michael Brennan's Gardens	For details contact Cathy Nagel 315-677-9342

# From the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission

## Solar Farms in LaFayette

Lately, solar farms have been the subject of activities in the Town of LaFayette. There is a solar farm newly constructed on Sentinel Heights Road (across the road from the gas pipeline facility) by C2 Energy Development. There is a farm being proposed for 3660 Apulia Road by Carley Farm Solar, LLC and Dimon Solar, LLC. Last summer, Supervisor McConnell requested the LACC to review the current town law about solar farms (Town Code §290-32(H)) and recommend changes to update it and, more recently, align it with the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan. The changes were approved by the Town Board on March 8. This article describes the overarching interests LACC considered when developing its recommendations.

As a group focused on conservation, the LACC understands the long-term benefits that solar energy provides, primarily with respect to natural resource preservation and air pollution reduction. We also know that solar farms can have, if not properly sited and/or designed, a negative impact on the local community, primarily in the form of visual impacts and, to a lesser degree, noise and soil erosion.

LaFayette's new Comprehensive Plan makes clear that our residents highly value our open spaces, farmlands, and scenic vistas. According to resident surveys, it is the most valued Town asset. One of five goals in the Plan is dedicated to preserving these valued resources. By requiring by law that solar farm developers address potential negative impacts, we can have solar farms that align with the Town's goal to preserve rural character.

Bottom line, we want solar farms in our community that do not impact the peaceful enjoyment of living in LaFayette. Therefore, going into our review we considered the balance of interests of three groups of people:

- Town residents
- Property owners (land lessor)
- Solar farm developers (land lessee)

Residents don't want to be affected by the types of potential impacts already mentioned. Property owners want to lease their land for solar farms because the lease payments can help keep the farms in the family and/or can be used to support other parts of their farm businesses. At the end of the solar farm's life, they want their property left undamaged and with all traces of the solar farm removed at no cost to them. Solar farm developers want fair and clear regulations.



We began our research by reviewing what other towns have incorporated in their solar farms laws. To strive for fairness with solar farm owners, it was important our recommendations would be reasonable. Most of our recommendations were borrowed from other towns.

We also added specificity to the law, making it clearer to both applicants and the Town Planning Board. We specified the farms and public scenic vistas that we want to preserve, as identified in the new Comprehensive Plan. We also added objectiveness to parts of the law, particularly with respect to visual impacts, which sometimes can be considered subjective.

Our final analysis yielded recommendations in 13 areas. Most were selected to help protect property owners (*e.g.*, strengthened decommissioning and bonding requirements) and the community (*e.g.*, greater communication about public hearings, larger setbacks, more approvals by the Town, strengthened topsoil and stormwater management and visual impact requirements).

Our next planned article will explain how residents can reduce their energy costs while supporting solar farms in our Town. This is known as Community Solar.

—Mark Distler



## From County Legislator Dave Knapp



I am very excited to announce that I have secured a \$500,000 grant from the County Hamlet Main Street Revitalization Program for the Town of LaFayette. The funds are to be used specifically for the rehabilitation of the former LaFayette Hotel building at the intersection of Routes 11 and 20. I am looking forward to working with the Town Board, and hearing from Town residents, on determining and developing the highest and best use for this strategic property. Keep watch of the Town of LaFayette website and social media for more information as the process develops in the coming months.



—Dave Knapp

**LaFayette's Bicentennial is coming in 2025. Town Historian Rick Stout and Town Supervisor Bill McConnell invite you to get involved with building our celebration. The 200th Anniversary Committee will begin forming soon. Please reach out to Rick or Bill at the following email addresses if you wish to get involved in any way:**

**Bill McConnell: [wmmac4@aol.com](mailto:wmmac4@aol.com)**

**Rick Stout: [rick\\_stout@juno.com](mailto:rick_stout@juno.com)**



## Court Corner

**Closings:** April 20, 2022  
May 30, 2022  
June 20, 2022



The court is now accepting small claims. We have small claim guides available for more information.

Evictions are now permitted for landlords. The rental assistance program has been closed.

We all have spring fever....but please watch your speed on the road, watch for motorcycles, pedestrians and bicyclists that all share our roads. Stay safe everyone!!!

**Happy spring from all of us at the Court.**

Honorable Maureen Perrin and Honorable Adrian Shute  
Carleen, Katey & JoAnne



**Torn and tattered flags are being collected at three locations in Town. They will be respectfully retired at the watch fire at Community Days June 4:**

- LaFayette Town Clerks Office
- Boy Scout drop location at entrance to the LaFayette Library
- LaFayette Highway Department

## Beverly Oliver our Unsung Hero



***Beverly Oliver: an Unsung Hero to our Children and more!***

The Chancellor and the President of Syracuse University recently bestowed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Unsung Hero Award upon Beverly Oliver in recognition of the positive differences that Beverly has made upon the thousands of children over the past 44 years!

Where does time go when in Beverly's words, I moved from "pavement to dirt"! She moved from the Borough of Queens to the Hamlet of Cardiff in 1978 when her husband accepted a new job with the Department of Agriculture. Here she met Jane and Terry Woodward and Mildred Miller who "had a lifetime impact" on Beverly as she unknowingly began her calling to care for the "Latch-Key Children" as the owner and operator of the LaFayette After School Program (L.A.S.P.) and early learning program.

The L.A.S.P. journey has spanned forty-four years in our community and the program has had many locations that it has called home: from the local churches in Town, the Community Center and of course the Grimshaw School. From an inaugural class of ten children to thousands of youngsters throughout the years, Beverly has touched our Community in countless ways through our own children.

But there are also four other children who may hold just a little bit more of her heart - her own! Oldest son Justin, twins Chris and Collin, and her daughter Deirdre. Four children who of course were part of the L.A.S.P. over the years! All LCS grads; Justin works in Lake Placid with the NYS Mentally challenged program utilizing outdoors sports, Chris is at Syracuse University and is employed as a carpenter, Collin works at Danzer's German & American Gasthof as a Sous

Chef (second in command) while Deirdre lives in Greenville, SC and "teaches teachers how to teach"!

***My Best Memory of All?*** Working with the children of the former Community Under Restoring Neighborhood (Syracuse, NY) Program as they shared part of their summers with the Camp Hoover program in Tully, NY. "To see children from the city and the country all camping out, it just all clicked! They were scared of each other, but it all worked out. Some became pen-pals and developed relationships beyond the camping."

***As I look back?*** I stayed here in LaFayette because of the people that I met. They accepted me as I am. My husband coached many sports in LCC and even marched in the Memorial Day Parade!"

Beverly will "retire" in 2022, and she will not stop "working"! She is off to begin work with the Literacy Program in Syracuse, and she'll travel to visit her daughter and grandchildren. Please take a moment to reach out to Beverly over the next few weeks and pass along your Thank You and Congratulations to ***Our***



***"This is Home"! Beverly Oliver***





# There's a New Business in Town

## LaFayette Welcomes Carroll Restorations!



Kevin and Chris Carroll, owners and operators of Carroll Restorations, have relocated their business, in-part, to the former True Value Hardware store on Route 11 North as of January 1, 2022.

Carroll Restorations has been building custom cabinetry, making furniture, custom new-construction, and remodeling kitchens since 1994 from their original location in Pompey, NY. Their business Team consists of Tim Carroll (son), Matt Carey (son-in-law) who works with all projects and supervises, and occasionally, their son Sam. Paul Sr. (Kevin's Dad) will also stop in and offer a piece of advice too - ***all committed to providing world-class products to their customers.***



Tim Carroll, Matt Carey, Kevin Carroll in the renovated location

"We wanted to expand our business and needed more space for building our products. When we walked in to look at the property, it felt right" stated Kevin. "Our products have been marketed and sold from coast-to-coast in the USA and no project is too small or too large!"

Our Faith has been our guide in the building of our company over the past twenty-eight years. Our Core Values are:

1. We are Part of God's Business

2. Empowering & Blessing the Kingdom of God
3. Do all Things to the Very Best of our Abilities – mentally, spiritually, and physically
4. Complete transparency, openness, and honesty in all that we do

You may remember Kevin and Chris, both 1985 graduates of LCS. They have raised their family of seven children in Pompey where their original shop still is located. Kevin was a three-sport student-athlete, played professional baseball in the NY Mets organization and is a member of the inaugural class for the LCS Sports Hall of Fame.

Team Carroll has recently been involved in a 5,000 square ft. build-out project in Lake George. "We've have also worked as a sub-contractor for local builders and we want our customers to know that there is no job that is too big"! Kevin went on to say that ***"we don't cut corners and our jobs will be done right!"***



Carroll Restorations are also looking for new employees. The skill sets that they look at are a willingness to learn, that you are "teachable", and that you have an interest in building a high-quality product. Please stop in to speak with Kevin during their business hours of 8 AM – 5 PM during weekdays if you are interested!

"Our goal is to continue to grow and to keep Quality #1  
Thank you to the LaFayette  
Community"



# From the LaFayette Library



The library has welcomed two new staff members. My name is Jessica Rice and I am the new Director of the LaFayette Library and Em Mong is the new Youth Services Coordinator. I previously worked as a school librarian and in the

Preservation Lab at Syracuse University. Em is an amazing artist, and brings energy and enthusiasm to her position working with young people here in LaFayette.

Now that the New York State Education Department is lifting mask requirements for schools, the library will be changing our policy as well. Masks are **recommended but no longer required** in the library. Hand sanitizer is still available. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our most vulnerable citizens safe. If the public health situation changes, we may change our policy in response.

The library was extremely pleased to receive a grant from Assemblyman John Lemondes in February. We want to thank him for his efforts on behalf of the library. He and his family live in LaFayette and operate Elly's Acres Farm.

We plan on bringing back more in-person programming now that the COVID-19 situation is stabilizing. We welcome program ideas and suggestions at [lafay13084@gmail.com](mailto:lafay13084@gmail.com). Currently we are offering "Imagination Lab" from 3 – 4:30 on

Wednesdays, which is for grades K-6. We make crafts, have fun with science, and work our brains with engineering. You could say that we do a little bit of everything!

If you are interested in quilting, we have a dedicated group of quilters who meet every Monday (except holidays) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the library community room. The community room is upstairs where the town offices are located. They would love new members. Please feel free to stop in and see what these friendly quilters are working on.

—Jessica Rice



## Library Hours

Mondays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Tuesdays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Wednesdays	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Fridays	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturdays	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Closed Saturdays during the summer July through Labor Day	



MEMORIAL  
DAY  
PARADE



Monday, May 30, 2022

9:00 am

Lineup will begin at 8:30 at LaFayette Alliance Church



# From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities can be found 24/7 on the town's web site at the following link <https://www.townoflafayette.com/community-council.html>, on the main navigation bar or by calling the Community Council phone, 315-677-7272. Messages will be retrieved five times per week and an LCC board member will return your call. Emails are also accepted at [lcc@townoflafayette.com](mailto:lcc@townoflafayette.com) The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084. Follow us on Facebook.




## Youth Programs:

- **Baseball/Softball/ Tee-Ball:** Boys and girls in grades K-6.
- **Instructional Tee-Ball:** Boys and girls in Pre-K & K (2021-2022 school year) that have not played tee-ball in the past.
- **Lacrosse:** Boys and girls K-6.

Registration for all will be through [www.sportsengine.com](http://www.sportsengine.com). Details on these programs and a direct registration link will be provided through the school, Town Website and Facebook.

**Swim Lessons (boys and girls all ages):** Final arrangements for swim lessons are pending. Generally, lessons are offered in conjunction with the Town of Pompey and are conducted at Cazenovia College in two separate 3-week sessions, usually beginning in July. Lessons are conducted daily, Monday – Friday, with 45-minute time slots beginning at 8 a.m. There is no cost to residents of the Town of LaFayette; however, participants must provide their own transportation. Once arrangements are finalized, further details and registration information will be provided through the school and will also be available at the LaFayette Town Hall or online at the Town's LCC website.

If you are able to help with the LCC programs – **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP** - please contact LCC at 315-677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

*Thank You Thank You Thank You*

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

**Soccer** - Kevin Morel, Colin Morel, Amy Shute and members of the LaFayette School District's Varsity Soccer Team; Tom Schwartz and Gail Ruterma; Arif Karicic, and Kurt Shafer.

**Wrestling** – Pat Dwyer, Todd Briggs, Carl Shaw, Matt Moses and Mike Johnson; Caitlin Shaw for communications/scheduling volunteers; and many individuals who helped out with score and time keeping during the home wrestling matches that LaFayette hosted and for the items provided for the wrestling banquet.

**Volleyball** – Alyssa Armstrong, Yut Yang, Heidi Johnson, Karen Reynolds and Cam Joyce

**Grades 2-3 Basketball** – Sally Morel

**Grades 4-6 Basketball** – Nate Loughlin, Eric Mangold, Jay Anderson and Corey Sullivan

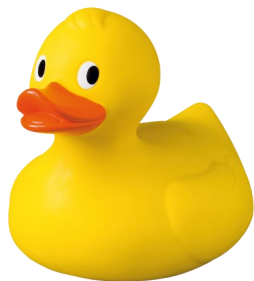
Thanks to each of the individuals and businesses that have provided donations to LCC programs and events. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

## Announcements

**Crossroads Cup** – Stix it to Cancer, sponsored by LaFayette Athletic Booster Club on Saturday May 14, 2022 – LCC will have a tent at the fundraising event.

**Memorial Day Parade** - All LCC participants are invited to march with LCC in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. Meet at LaFayette Alliance Church, 6069 Us Route 20, at 8:15 a.m.

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



**Community Day** - Saturday, June 4 at Stafford Park, LCC will be providing popcorn and scones, and conducting other activities, including the Annual Duck Race. Stop by our table; enjoy some refreshments and **GET YOUR DUCK!**

**Pickle Ball** – If anyone is interested in starting a pickle ball league, please contact LCC.

Updates on all LCC programs can be found on the Town's web site under the "Community Council" tab. Information is also posted on LCC's Facebook page and the Town's social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook). When possible, notices will also be provided through the LaFayette School District.

—Kimberly Tingley  
Secretary

## Troop 100 Wants More Boys & Girls to Adventure With!



The Scout BSA program in Lafayette is actively recruiting boys and girls older than 11. We do fun stuff and learn life skills, leadership and prepare for emergencies. What kind of fun stuff? Last fall, we chartered a boat and fished off the coast of New Hampshire. In February, we camped in cabins at Highland Forest, where we snowshoed 2 miles and cooked our own food. In March, we made our own fleece sleeping bags, participated in a youth leadership retreat and got to stay up late playing video games in the Sentinel Heights Fire Department. We needed to perform service hours to do the Lock-In but making pies & pie boxes at St. Joe's for Applefest was enjoyable. This summer we're going back to Sabattis Scout Camp in the Adirondacks. We get to ride our bikes all week in between activities like archery, rifle, nature study, rock climbing, fishing, canoeing, small boat sailing, and earning patches like Polar Bear. You get that when you jump in the lake before breakfast 5 days in the week. It's more refreshing than it sounds!

Life's an Adventure! So, if you like the outdoors, hanging out with friends, having influence in what activities are done every month and a desire to improve your life and leadership skills- Join Us.

Contact Christian Borchert, Unit Commissioner at [chrisandal@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisandal@hotmail.com) to learn more.

—Christian Borchert





# From the LaFayette Optimists

## Hello from the Optimists!

Recently the club held the Optimist Winterfest at Stafford Park! The event was a great success with wonderful turnout. It was great to see so many people from town having fun and enjoying the park. Thanks to all who were able to join us. Also special thanks to:

- **Steve Robson and the Highway Department Crew** – The guys did an EXCELLENT job (during a very busy time!) preparing the park and building a really great sledding hill for the event.
- **The LaFayette Optimists and the Town of LaFayette** for jointly purchasing the ice rink
- **The LaFayette Optimists** for the Fireworks
- **The LaFayette Fire Department** for helping fill the ice rink. Too bad mother nature did not do her part to freeze the rink
- **Fritz's Polka Band and McDonald's School of Irish Dance** for providing entertainment
- **Shute's Logging** for providing firewood for the bonfire and warming stations
- **LaFayette Community Council** for providing popcorn and smores kits
- **Maple Hedge Farms** for providing the horse drawn sleigh rides
- **Adam Vural** for the wonderful ice sculptures



In January the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball tournament was back this year after taking a year off due to Covid. The LaFayette teams played their hearts out but came up a bit short. A special thanks to James McElhannon and Kevin Lerch for coaching this years teams.

Looking ahead: Spring is on its way and you will soon see the Optimists doing our annual clean-up of Stafford Park. We are also getting ready to dredge the pond this summer.

The Saturday before Mother's Day (5/7) will be the annual Kid's Fishing Tournament at the Park. Dig your fishing rods out of the basement and get out to pick some nightcrawlers! As always, the pond will be stocked with trout and there will be plenty of prizes to be won.

This year we will also be hosting the Bike Rodeo. Stay tuned for updates on when and where this great event will be taking place.



Another great Optimist Spring event is the Oratorical Contest. We will be communicating date and time, as well as topic and format through the school soon. We look forward to seeing our Lancers show off their writing and speaking skills!

*To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.– The Optimist Creed*

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—David Coakley  
Secretary

Mother's Day May 7, 2022



# COMMUNITY DAY 2022

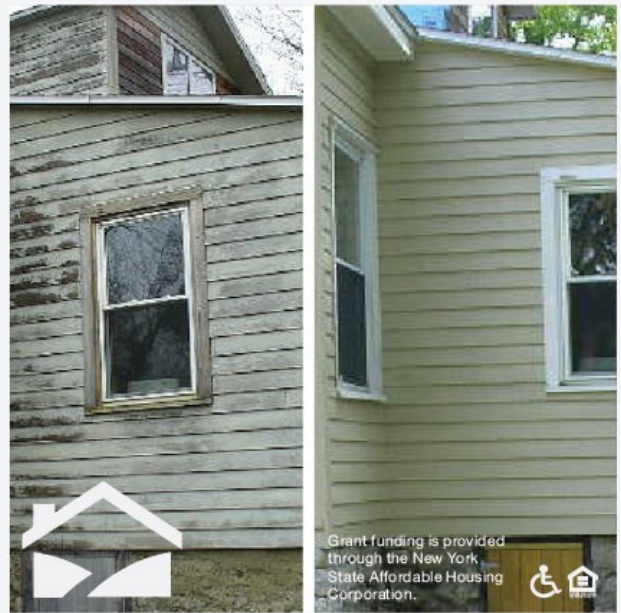
**Annual LaFayette Community Day**  
**Saturday, June 4, 2022 3:00 pm**  
**Stafford Park, Route 11, LaFayette**

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 and businesses work together to make this happen.



Congratulations and Welcome to LaFayette Dental Associates as they move to their newly renovated office. They are located in the former Ichor Technologies building.

SOUTHERN HILLS PRESERVATION CORPORATION



Home Improvement Grants Up to **\$30,000** Are Available to Qualified Residents of Southern Onondaga County (Town of Fabius, LaFayette, Marcellus, Onondaga, Otisco, Pompey, Skaneateles, Spafford, or Tully)

**Southernhillspc.org/apply** or call **(315) 677-3863** to have an application mailed to you!

Southern Hills Preservation Corporation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Corporation established in 1986 as the Rural Preservation Corporation of Onondaga County.

Grant funding is provided through the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation.







## From LaFayette Senior Citizens

Well, we are trying again! The LaFayette Senior Citizens gathered on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at noon, for a meeting and potluck lunch at the LaFayette Fire Station for the first time this year. Everyone was sure pleased to be able to get back together, and hope that we can continue to do so. The LaFayette Senior Citizens' group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 because of inclement weather, the group will not meet). The Senior Group is always looking for new members .... If you are over 50 years of age, come and enjoy the camaraderie, have a delicious lunch, and take part in the fun activities that are planned. To join, all you need to do is to bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and \$5 for dues for the year. Coffee and tea is provided. Anyone can join, whether you live in the immediate area, or not!

The LaFayette Senior Citizens share trips with the Tully Seniors' group, and following are the offerings for the remainder of this year:

### LaFayette 2022 Trips

- The April 28 – May 1 – Trip to Virginia for the Parade of Nations & International Tattoo unfortunately had to be cancelled. Any

payments you made will be returned in the near future.

- July 12 – Clayton, NY to tour two castles, have lunch, visit a winery, and more.
- September 20 – Train ride to Old Forge, shop in Old Forge Hardware, and have lunch.

For pricing, and more information about these trips, contact Jennifer Hopper at (315) 469-6592

### Tully 2022 Trips

- June 9-10 – Overnight trip to Pennsylvania Amish lands for shopping and performance of *David* at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA.
- August 30 – Shopping at Sauder's, Lunch at Springside Inn, and REV Theater for *State Fair* production.
- October 11 – Trip to Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino for some gambling and *Sweet Caroline* performance.
- November 13-21 – Christmas Time in Branson, Missouri, featuring 7 Christmas shows, and much more, including lodging and many meals.

For pricing, and more information about these trips, contact Esther Hoose at (315) 317-1618 (**NOTE: This is a change in telephone number**)

The next Meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Hope to see you there!

—Rita Bush



**TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER  
THEIR FIGHT....IS OUR FIGHT!**



**The LaFayette Athletic Booster Club cordially invites everyone to  
THE CROSSROADS CUP**

Please join us for our **Stix to Cancer** event at the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School on Saturday, May 14, 2022

We will be hosting a full day of athletic events

Come early and stay late

There will be concessions, baked goods, coffee, henna, 50/50 raffles, music, food and fun

For more information regarding the day or to pre-order t-shirts visit our Facebook Page—[LaFayette athletic booster club](#)

Any questions please reach to an officer or call/text 315-415-7932 or email us at [LaFayetteABC1@gmail.com](mailto:LaFayetteABC1@gmail.com)



## From the LaFayette Rural Cemetery



The operation and maintenance of our cemetery is an ongoing commitment. The cost of opening and closing of graves, pouring cement for headstone foundations, mowing and trimming of grass and general maintenance, all add to the expense most of which are hired services.

The financial income the cemetery receives from lot sales is not nearly enough to cover the cost of operation and maintenance.

The cemetery is a separate entity and receives no financial aid

from the Town of LaFayette. Therefore, the cemetery is responsible for its own cost of operations. There are no contracts.

We do welcome all public donations to help with the ongoing cost. There are no salaried positions on the Board of Trustees. Thank you.



*Pray for Peace*

*Pray for Ukraine*



## Come Celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church of the Nativity

6104 Route 20 East, Lafayette, New York 13084

Ph- 315-677-3439 / Website- [www.stjosephslafayette.org](http://www.stjosephslafayette.org) or [www.southernhillscatholic.org](http://www.southernhillscatholic.org)

**Sunday 9:00am with Rev. James H. Carey or Msgr. James O' Brien**

### SPECIAL EVENTS/ NOTICES

LOOKING FOR SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION?

COME JOIN THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY MISSION "FEEDING THE HUNGERS OF THE HEART"

MISSION KICK OFF AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES – APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> & MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

EVENING MISSION WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. JOSEPH'S @ 7PM ON MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> – MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 9AM/ EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 9AM

CONFIRMATION MASS ON MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 2PM

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# 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  
6257 Dodge Rd. (P.O. Box 316) LaFayette, NY 13084

Pastor: Shin, Se Gye      Email: [pastorsegyeshin@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsegyeshin@gmail.com)  
Church email: [onativiachurch@hotmail.com](mailto:onativiachurch@hotmail.com)



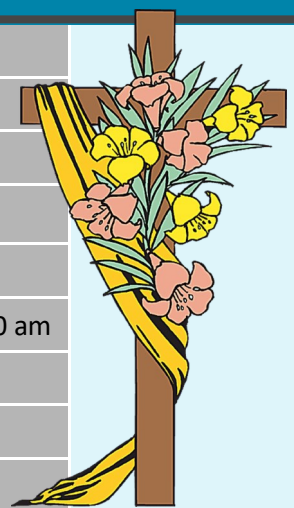
## Columbian Presbyterian Church



**Pastor Shawn Reyburn**  
Corner of Route 11 & Route 20  
LaFayette, N.Y. 13084  
(315) 677-3293  
[Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com](http://Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com)  
[cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com)  
Worship Service 10:00am  
Church Office

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

Men's Breakfasts	April 4, May 2	6:00 am
LaFayette Community Band Rehearsals	Tuesdays	7:30 pm—Session Bldg.
Easter Egg Hunt—Outside only	April 9	11:00 am
Maundy Thursday Service	April 14	7:00 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	April 15	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday Service	April 17	Breakfast 8:00 am Service 10:00 am
LaFayette Cemetery Meeting	May 19	7:00 pm—Session Bldg.
Tag Sale for LaFayette Outreach	June 4	9:00 am—2:00 pm
Chicken Barbecues	May 21, June 18	11:00 am



### "A Christ-Centered Family Church"



Robert Gates, Senior Pastor  
Trevor Smith, Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule	
9:00—10:00am	Sunday School
10:00—10:25am	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30am	Praise & Worship Service
6:00pm	Ignite Prayer Ministry (1st & 3rd Sunday)

**BIBLE QUIZ** Bible Quizzing is for 3rd-12th grade students and practice is held on Thursday evenings, from 6:30—8:00 pm. This year quizzers are studying the books of Romans and James. For more information or to register please contact the church office at 315-677-9810.

**CLOTHING DRIVE** The next Clothing Give-away will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 am—Noon at our Church. Contact the Church for more details.

*If you would like further information concerning our church or 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](http://TheWeeklyConnection.org), and find out even more details about our various programs [www.lafayettealliance.org](http://www.lafayettealliance.org)*

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## Upcoming Events—APRIL-MAY-JUNE

(Visit [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) home page for complete town calendar)  
Need to add a Town event email [infoofficer@townoflafayette.com](mailto:infoofficer@townoflafayette.com)

# E V E N T S

April 5	LaFayette Fire Dept.—Red Cross Blood Drive	1:30—6:30 pm
April 9	Easter Egg Hunt Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am
April 9	Carol Watson Greenhouse—Celebration of the Senses	10:00 am—4:00 pm
April 11-May 5	Roadside Brush Pickup butt end first	Assure it is out by Apr 11
April 12	Town Board Meeting - LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
April 22	Earth Day Cleanup Dropoff	7:00 am—2:30 pm
April 23	Earth Day Cleanup Dropoff	9:00 am—2:00 pm
April 24	LaFayette VFW—Pancake Breakfast	8:00 am—Noon
May 7 –14	Town Clean Up Days Groth Road Landfill—Closed Sundays	9:00 am—4:00 pm Sat 12:00 noon—6:00 pm M-F
May 7	Free Shredding/Medication Disposal—LaFayette Upper Parking Lot	9:00 am—Noon
May 7	Optimist Fishing Derby Stafford Park	9:00 am—Noon
May 10	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
May 14	The Crossroads Cup—Stix it to Cancer at LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School	10:00 am—4:00 pm
May 19	LaFayette Cemetery Public Meeting Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm
May 21	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
May 21	Clothing Give-away—LaFayette Alliance Church	9:00 am—noon
May 30	Memorial Day Parade	9:00 am
June 4	Community Day—Stafford Park	3:00 pm
June 4	Tag Sale Benefit LaFayette Outreach-Columbian Presbyterian Church	9:00 am—2:00 pm
June 7	LaFayette Fire Dept.—Red Cross Blood Drive	1:30—6:30 pm
June 14	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
June 18	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone

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