



# LaFayette

## Community Newsletter

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### Town Takes on Cardiff Water Project

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In February, the Town Board approved an agreement with the Town and Village of Tully to provide a long-term water source solution to the residents in the Cardiff water district. Below is a summary of the project in addition to other ongoing community development projects.

**Cardiff Water**

It was reported in the last newsletter that the Town is working with the Town and Village of Tully on a memorandum of understanding to provide a long-term source of water for the 28 parcels in the existing Cardiff Water District. Since then, the memorandum was finalized and approved by the Town Board.

The next step is to evaluate the feasibility of the expansion of the water district to other properties along Route 11A, south of Route 20, and possibly along the adjacent roads. The Town of Tully is also planning to evaluate expansion of its existing Route 11A water district to connect to the Village of Tully as the new source of water for these valley areas. Once the expansion is decided, engineering reports will be prepared with maps and estimated cost to construct. These reports are required for funding applications.

To that end, the Town Board selected Barton & Loguidice (B&L) to provide engineering services for the planning and design of the upgraded and expanded water district. The first step will involve an income survey, an analysis of expansion alternatives, and the first funding applications. By the next newsletter, they will have completed those items and the engineering reports, all to be ready for more funding applications.

Supervisor McConnell has recently met with the County IDA executive and Congressman Williams to brief them on the project and talk about funding opportunities. The Town is pursuing funding together with the Town and Village of Tully.

**Crossroads Building**

In the last newsletter, the results of the community survey about what to do with the Crossroads Building (on a corner of Routes 11 and 20) were presented. The survey revealed that a majority of residents prefer that the building be rehabilitated and put back into commercial use as a restaurant and inn. The Town Board voted at its January 9 meeting to pursue rehabilitation. Since then, the Town re-engaged with Hanover Real Estate Development to discuss project development details that would be part of a purchase and sale agreement between the Town and Hanover.

# Town Takes on Cardiff Water Project cont'd...

The Town also retained legal services to form a Local Development Corporation (LDC) that is required to legally negotiate the agreement. By the next newsletter, the Town expects to form the LDC and transfer the properties to the LDC, and the LDC will sign an agreement with Hanover.

## Community Center Remodeling

Here is an updated status of remodeling projects at our Community Center:



Basement	New concrete floor	Completed
First floor (main floor)	New flooring	Completed
HVAC	New furnace & A/C	Completed
Furniture	New tables & chairs	Completed
Porch	New flooring, ceiling, railing, steps	Contracted for Spring
First floor (bathrooms)	Complete remodel	In design
Kitchen	Complete remodel	Pending design

There are six other projects planned, depending on remaining grant funds. Most of the remodeling should be done before our bicentennial celebration next year.

## Speed Limit Signs

The installation of the electronic speed limit signs (also referred to as radar feedback signs) for Route 20 in front of Grimshaw and for Route 11 in front of the high school is pending NYSDOT approval. —Mark Distler



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For complete listing of Town & Community contacts visit the homepage [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com)

# From the Town Clerk

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

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9am-12pm / LaFayette Town Hall-Upper Parking Lot

**SHREDDING** - this is a free service to 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. A prescription take back event will 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.

## TORN OR TATTERED FLAGS DROP OFF

For proper disposal of your torn or tattered American Flags, please drop them off at the Town Hall, Boy Scout receptacle outside the LaFayette Library, Highway Department or LaFayette VFW for the watch fire flag burning ceremony @ Community Day on Saturday, June 1st at Stafford Park.

**DUMP DAYS - May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 accept used batteries

## UPSTATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL'S MAMMOGRAPHY VAN



Upstate University Hospital's mobile Mammography Van will be here on: 6/11/24 from 9am – 3pm. The van will be parked in the lower parking lot by the library and pre-registration is required. Register now by phone (315) 464-2582 or Online at [www.upstate.edu/noexcuses](http://www.upstate.edu/noexcuses).

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE PUBLIC SERVICES:

- Dog licensing is required by Town law and NYS Ag & Markets  
The fees are \$8.00 for Spayed/Neutered dogs and \$20.00 for Un-spayed/Unneutered dogs. Licenses may be obtained for 1, 2, or 3 years depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccine. You may pay with check or cash, via mail or in person or after hours in our Dropbox. Forms for new licenses may be downloaded from our website. Please contact Dog Control Officers; Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000 or Deputy Dog Control Officer Laura Holt (315) 696-6468 for any stray/lost dogs.
- Marriage Licenses & Transcripts (applications) can be found on the town website. Please call for an appointment
- Routine Passport Processing (APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED)
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Handicap Permits, be sure to have a form completed by your physician
- Notary Public Services (Free of Charge for Residents—(please call prior to coming in)
- Facility Rentals (Stafford Park Pavilions & Community Center)

And many other things... feel free to give us a call @ 315-677-3674 or email @

[townclerk@townoflafayette.com](mailto:townclerk@townoflafayette.com) Or [deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com](mailto:deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com)

We will be more than happy to assist in any way that we can!!



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

Many of the forms: marriage license, dog license, passport forms, handicap permit applications, building permits, etc.... can be found on the town website:

[www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com).

Please visit the Town of LaFayette website or call for information regarding any of the above Services. Most forms needed may be downloaded for your convenience. I invite you to visit our office or call and we will be happy to assist you in obtaining the services you require.

***Also, please be advised that we do not accept credit or debit cards. All Town Clerk transactions need to be paid by cash or check or money orders.***



### TRASH / RECYCLING

Any new customers should contact Richard Maxwell, LaFayette Assessor to set up your trash/recycling service. For missed pick-ups, please contact Dependable Disposal directly at (315) 472-7455 Ext 48 (Phil). 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 a service to pick up larger items such as couches, etc. for an extra fee but you must call for a special pick-up.

Trash Service will be delay in observance of Memorial Day 2024. If the holiday falls on or before your pick-up day within that week, pick-up is delayed one day.



Kristin Colburn/Tonya Farewell

## From the Highway Department



Its spring again, Hope everyone is well and enjoyed this mild winter. We have some changes and dates to remember as we proceed into spring.

**Please Take Note:** Effective March 6, 2024 the Town of LaFayette Highway will no longer accept any Electronic Waste at our facility or during our annual Town Clean-up Days May 4<sup>th</sup> thru May 11th. This is due to the safety risks associated with accepting anything that has a Lithium-Ion Battery. At this time, I am working diligently to reinstate accepting electronic waste without taking anything with a Lithium-Ion Battery to mitigate the risks.

The regulations that are required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to be listed as a “Registered NYS Electronic Waste Collection Site”, states we cannot pick and choose what electronics we accept at this time. I have provided alternate locations for recycling all of your electronic waste at no charge, please see the following link to the Department of Environmental Conservation collection site listing. <https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/ewcosites.pdf> (scroll to Onondaga County). You can also visit <https://www.sunnking.com/events/destiny-usa-05-18-24> and register to recycle your electronic waste free of charge at an e-waste event on May 18, 2024 at Destiny USA.

The Highway Department is truly sorry for the inconvenience but the safety of our employees and facility must come first. Please refer to Page 6-7 for an article from Safety Officer, Steve Pitoniak. He will refer to ways you can mitigate the risk of Lithium-Ion Batteries in your home, car and work place.



**The Highway  
Department is no  
longer accepting**



# From the Highway Department cont'd...

- **Annual Brush Pick-up:** Pickup will start April 15<sup>th</sup> and run thru May 1<sup>st</sup>. All brush must be out on your road side by April 15<sup>th</sup>. To save money due to fuel cost and preparations for paving we would like to make one trip around 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 May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you miss our annual brush pick-up you can bring it to the Town Clean-up Days and dump it.
- **Earth Day:** April 13<sup>th</sup>, Please Help Clean-Up Our Town, the Highway Department will be open Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 2:30 pm for drop off and Saturday April 13 from 9 am till 2 pm. You can register with OCRRA at <http://ocrra.org/events/earth-day-litter-cleanup/>
- **Town Clean-Up Days:** Will start on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and end on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> thru Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>. **Closed on Sunday.** Please have your ID ready at the gate.



Town Clean Up Days—Groth Road Landfill	
Saturday, May 4 & Saturday, May 11	9:00 am—4:00 pm
Monday, May 6 thru Friday, May 10	12:00 noon—6:00 pm
Closed Sundays - Please have your I.D. ready	
YES WE WILL ACCEPT	NO WE WILL NOT ACCEPT
Batteries—only 6V and 12V ATV, motorcycle, car and truck, etc.	All 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
Paint cans (empty with lids off)	Any kind of glass to include windows
Fuel tanks (empty, 1 foot hole in them)	Any kind of wood
Plastic pipe, wire or cable under 8' long	Fencing
Refrigerators, freezers, humidifiers, microwaves	Insulation
Mattresses, couches, recliners	Construction materials (i.e. sheetrock)
All metals, nails and screws if contained	Household batteries (such as AA, AAA, C and D, etc.
Tires are accepted with the following fees	
Small Tires to 14"	\$3 each
Large Tires 15" - 20"	\$5 each
Extra Large Tires—Dump Truck & Heavy Equipment	\$10 and up



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  
Highway Superintendent



# From our Safety Officer—Lithium-ion Battery Safety

On February 2, 2024, New York City Fire Commissioner, Laura Kavanaugh, announced that lithium-ion batteries have recently become a leading cause of fires and fire deaths in New York City and that the problem is growing nationwide. This announcement was prophetic. On February 22nd, just 20 days later, a New York Journalist was killed in a New York City apartment fire that also injured at least 18 others. The cause of the fire was a lithium-ion battery. From January 1 to February 22 there have been 31 fires caused by lithium-ion batteries in the city. Thirty-one fires in fifty-three days.

The problem is not restricted to New York City. On Tuesday, March 5th, the Skyline apartments in Syracuse caught fire. The cause? Lithium-ion batteries. Lithium-ion battery fires happen everywhere.

Explosions and fires from cell phones, e-bike batteries, and even e-cigarettes are just a few of the many lithium-ion devices reported in the news that have been injuring or killing people. Although the problem is getting worse due to the growing use of these batteries, there is very slow movement on the part of safety regulators to adequately address this situation.

The list below includes a few examples of lithium-ion devices commonly found in homes.



## Lithium-ion home devices (a few examples)

1. Smartwatch
2. E-readers and laptop computers
3. Cell phones
4. Rechargeable vacuum cleaners
5. Rechargeable shavers
6. Many toys (ex. Helicopters)
7. Rechargeable drills and lawnmowers
8. Cameras
9. Bluetooth Speakers
10. Rechargeable lithium-ion flashlights
11. Lithium-ion smoking vapes
12. Rechargeable headphones & hearing aids

Following are lists of Warning Signs, Safety Tips, and Disposal Suggestions for Lithium-ion batteries. These lists were derived from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Fire Protection Agency, the NYS Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection, and the NYS Homeland Security Emergency Services.

### Warning signs

Stop using your device if you notice an unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking fluid, odd noises such as hissing, popping, or cracking, or if the device is smoking.

### Safety Tips

1. OSHA recommends that you **read and follow the manufacturer's instructions** for your device.
2. Do **not hold** the device if warning signs appear. A fire or explosion can occur within seconds.
3. Unplug the device (if plugged in) and immediately leave the area to avoid injury and **call 911**.
4. Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
5. Do not charge the device under your pillow, on your bed, or a couch or chair.
6. Do not let batteries set in the sun. Do not charge them where it is below **32°F** or above **105°F**.
7. Store batteries in a cool, dry place, away from flammables, and **do not pile them** on each other.
8. **Put electrical tape on the battery terminals of stored batteries** (do not remove batteries from devices unless they were made to allow safe removal).
9. Look for safety labels such as "UL," "SA," and "NSF," on devices and check for battery damage.
10. Always plug the charger directly into the wall (not a power strip) and **do not overcharge**.



## From our Safety Officer cont'd...

### Disposal Suggestions

1. **Never put a lithium battery in the trash.** May temporarily store a dead battery in a **cool, dry** area out of sunlight and **away from flammables**. Keep batteries **separated** and **terminals taped**.
2. Recycle batteries at battery recycling site as soon as possible (battery may still be dangerous).
3. If batteries are damaged, place in fire resistant container (e.g., metal drum) with sand or other extinguishing agent, and dispose in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. **Call** your approved battery recycling center for storage, **transporting**, and disposal instructions.

**BATTERIES  
CAN SPARK  
OR EXPLODE**

They don't belong in recycling or trash.



### References:

<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/system/files//2023/09/lithiumion.pdf>

<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/charge-safe>

—Stephen Pitoniak

Chairperson/Safety Officer, Safety and Building Maintenance

## Court Corner

New York State Unified Court System has a website for court related help.

Visit [www.nycourthelp.gov](http://www.nycourthelp.gov)



### Our hours are as follows:

- Mon-Thurs 9:30—5:00 pm
- Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 daily
- Closed on Fridays



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!

[www.townoflafayette.com/court.html](http://www.townoflafayette.com/court.html)

**Phone:** (315)677-9350

**Fax number:** (315)677-4622



Many people still seem to be unaware



of the **Move Over Law** which has been in effect in New York State since 2012.

First offense can be 2-3 points on your license

and up to \$300 in fines plus NYS surcharges.

Here are some safety driving tips:

- As soon as you see lights, vests or reflectors, check traffic around you, **SLOW DOWN** and safely **MOVE OVER**.



- Drivers must use due care when approaching an emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle including police vehicles, firetrucks, ambulances, construction and maintenance vehicles, tow trucks and also any disabled vehicle.
- The move over law applies to both sides of the roadway not just the shoulder on the right.
- The court office will be closed on Monday May 27 and Wednesday June 19.
- Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00 pm
- 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 5:30 pm 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**

**P.O. Box 135**

**LaFayette, NY 13084**

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

# The Return of General LaFayette to CNY

1825  2025

*Celebrate with us!* TOWN OF  
**LAFAYETTE**  
*200 Years!*

VISIT US FOR DETAILS: [townoflafayette.com](http://townoflafayette.com)

In the last newsletter it was noted that 1825 was an important year for LaFayette as that is when it became a town (April 15) and it was the year the Erie Canal was opened. The Erie Canal was the impetus for creating a good connecting thoroughfare from Tully to Syracuse which led to the construction of the Syracuse-Tully Plank Road in 1848, just the 2<sup>nd</sup> of its kind. Lastly, 1825 is noted for General LaFayette's visit to Central New York.

LaFayette had received numerous invitations to visit America but delayed such a trip because of the French political situation. During the French upheavals he was reduced to poverty and could no longer afford such a trip. However, as a result of requests in the form of resolutions of both Houses of Congress and a personal invitation from President Monroe, he decided to make the trip. He arrived in New York City on August 15, 1824, accompanied by his son George Washington LaFayette, who was in charge of the itinerary. From August 15, 1824 to September 9, 1825, LaFayette covered over 6,000 miles by carriage, stagecoach, canal boat, and steamboat, traveling to all 24 states. His legend had only grown over the 40 years since his last visit. The tour was one continual succession of receptions, parades, banquets, balls, speeches, band playing, picnics, fireworks and public functions of every kind. Few men could have maintained this schedule, but he truly enjoyed it.

So it was that on June 6<sup>th</sup> in Lockport, New York, LaFayette traveled the Erie Canal on the canal boat "Rochester" heading east to Albany. LaFayette came through Central New York with much haste, traveling day and night, in order to be in Boston for

the laying of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The itinerary called for LaFayette to stay on the canal until Albany, but at Rochester he unexpectedly changed his plans and accepted an invitation by letter from James Rees of Geneva to visit him and the village. He never went back to the canal boat but traveled by land and boarded the same canal boat which was waiting for him at Syracuse. The overland route gave him an opportunity to see the Finger Lakes and took him through Canandaigua, Geneva, Waterloo, Cayuga, Auburn, Skaneateles, Marcellus, Onondaga Hill, Onondaga Hollow and Syracuse. He arrived in Syracuse June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30AM having had no sleep for 48 hours, traveling day and night. All the towns despite having little advance notice came out in force to welcome LaFayette with all sorts of celebrations. This was as close as LaFayette would get to our town. We don't know what might have happened if it were not for the time constraints to get to Boston by the 17<sup>th</sup>. LaFayette missed us in 1825 but I am pleased to inform you that LaFayette will not miss us in 2025. I know of at least 2 events where he will make a public appearance in LaFayette, that being the April 15', 2025 Town Hall Meeting and the 2025 Memorial Day Parade where LaFayette will be riding a horse! In addition, the national organization of the American Friends of LaFayette are recreating the exact itinerary complete with speeches and celebrations of LaFayette's 1824-25 tour.

The kickoff for all of the years' celebrations will be the April 15, 2025 Town Board Meeting at the High School. Invitations will have been sent out to mayors and supervisors of all towns and cities named LaFayette. The High School band will be performing a song composed for just this event. There will be a table of desserts and appetizers supplied by the Big Picture School. Various awards including essay awards will be given out to honor certain LaFayette citizens. Old photos of LaFayette will be shown. Roy Dodge is writing a new book to be ready in time for this event. This promises to be one Town Board Meeting you will not want to miss.


—Rick Stout, Historian

**PS** -Very soon a complete calendar of events will be printed out for everyone to have.



# From the Community Council



Questions about recreational activities can be found 24/7 at the following link [www.playlcc.com](http://www.playlcc.com), on the main navigation bar or by calling the Community Council phone, 315-677-7272. Messages will be retrieved at least three 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.



New Website is live!

[www.playlcc.com](http://www.playlcc.com) or scan the QR Code above.

### Youth Programs:

**Winter Sports:** Wrestling season concluded for pre-K through 6th with over 45 participants and basketball concluded for 1st through 6th with over 100 participants.

Thank you to all our volunteer coaches and assistants for helping make a great season happen!

Volleyball is underway for 3rd through 6th grade with over 40 participants.

**Spring Sports:** Lacrosse and softball/baseball/tee ball registrations were sent out in March. Stay tuned for details on practice start dates.

**Summer Sports:** Summer swim program with Town of Tully - details TBA.

### Adult Programs:

**Basketball:** Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM at

Grimshaw Elementary. Participants are asked to register every time they attend.

**Volleyball:** Fridays from 7:00-9:00 PM at Grimshaw Elementary. Participants are asked to register every time they attend.

### Announcements:

**Memorial Day Parade:** Participants of all LCC Sports are invited to join us with adult supervision to march in the Memorial Day Parade.

If you are able to help with the LCC programs – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP -

please contact LCC. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their time and efforts as coaches. Thank you.

Updates on all LCC programs can be found on our website. 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.

—Hillary Bevins

He's approaching the finish line...

## MR LAROSE IS RETIRING!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for refreshments as we celebrate the retirement of Tom Larose.

Tuesday April 9, 2024  
3:30 PM until ???

Heritage Hill  
3149 Sweet Road  
Pompey, NY 13138

Cash bar available.  
Everyone is invited!



The LaFayette VFW is looking for Community Organizations to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in the form of Classic Cars, Floats, Military Vehicles, Tractors, Horses, Marchers, etc. Please contact Mark Young at 315-744-3799  
*Let's make this a parade to remember!*  
**Monday, May 27, 2024 9:00 am**

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



## From Legislator Knapp—State of our WIFI



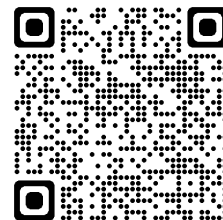
### Verizon FIOS Broadband Update

I am sure many of you have noticed the Verizon trucks around town carrying large spools of fiberoptic cable. This is part of the Onondaga County fifteen-million-dollar broadband project which County Executive Ryan McMahon and I initiated to bring high speed internet to all areas of the County. Verizon is also putting in seven million dollars of their own money. Due to the mild winter Verizon has been able to continue installing cable all season long and are running ahead of schedule. They are anticipating having the necessary infrastructure in place within the next few months. The primary goal of this initiative was to get broadband to those who had no access or very limited access to broadband internet. As soon as Verizon is ready to start connecting customers, they will be sending postcards to all households that were identified as being in need of broadband internet with instructions on how to proceed. Once that phase of installation is completed any residence or business that is along the path where cable was installed will also have access to Verizon FIOS. Please keep a watch of the Town website, Facebook page, or call the Town office for further updates as we get closer to the rollout of this exciting project. —**Dave Knapp, Onondaga County Legislator**



### Memorial Tree & Bench Program

This year's deadlines for the memorial tree & bench program at Stafford Park and Bailey Park have been extended. **To learn more about the program** follow this link or scan the QR code: <https://www.townoflafayette.com/memorial-program---treebench.html> . For a hard-copy contact the Town Clerk at 315-677-3674



### **Extended Deadlines for Sponsorship Requests**

Trees: June 1 Benches: May 1

## From the LaFayette Rural Cemetery

With spring around the corner, we have some information on new policies to share with the community. First, we invite all interested individuals to attend the Cemetery's Annual meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, May 21st at 7:00PM in the Session Building of the LaFayette Presbyterian Church. During this time, we welcome questions pertaining to the cemetery's upkeep/maintenance, policies, and fees. The cemetery hires professional mowers/trimmers to maintain the grounds from early spring through late fall. To prevent damage to the mowers and trimmers, and to prevent accidents to those running the machines, as of April

1st, we will no longer permit artificial flowers, wreaths, shepherds hooks, or trinkets on graves and flat markers. Live flowers are allowed, but it is recommended they be planted in the ground. The cemetery will continue to place flags on veteran's graves from Memorial Day through July 4th. As always, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to email us at [LaFayetteRuralCemetery@gmail.com](mailto:LaFayetteRuralCemetery@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Meeting and at the cemetery for the Memorial Day observance and service. —**Elizabeth Esmark**



# COMMUNITY DAY 2024

**Annual LaFayette Community Day**  
**Saturday, June 1, 2024 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.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

LaFayette Fire Dept.  
 12:30 pm—4:30 pm  
 April 9, 2024 and  
 June 11, 2024  
 To schedule



**SCAN QR CODE**



## Food Pantry Needs

LaFayette Outreach Food Pantry is reaching out to the Community to help with supplying some items (see list below) Also, any canned food or non-perishable items will be appreciated! You may fill a box yourself, with a classroom, a business or with friends and neighbors. Please deliver your box to the LaFayette Outreach Food Pantry located at St Joseph's Church. Open hours are every Tuesday 9:30 – 12:00 noon, or the first and third Thursday of the month 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. You can call 315-677-5221 with any questions or to set up a delivery time if needed. Please note we can only accept un-opened packages and non-expired items.

The Volunteers wish to thank the community for all the support you have given to the LaFayette Outreach Food Pantry.  
 —Cathy Nagel

Soup, various types	Crackers	Flour	Sugar
Coffee/Tea	Mac & Cheese	Boxed Potato	Pork & beans
Taco/Chili Mix	Skillet Meal Mix	Spaghetti Sauce	Vegetable Oil
Vinegar	Cake/Muffin Mix	Paper Towels	Toilet Paper
Kleenex	Bar Soap	Shampoo	Conditioner
Deodorant	Laundry Soap	Sponges	Foil/Plastic Wrap
Storage bags	Toothbrush	Dryer Sheets	Dish Soap



# From LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission

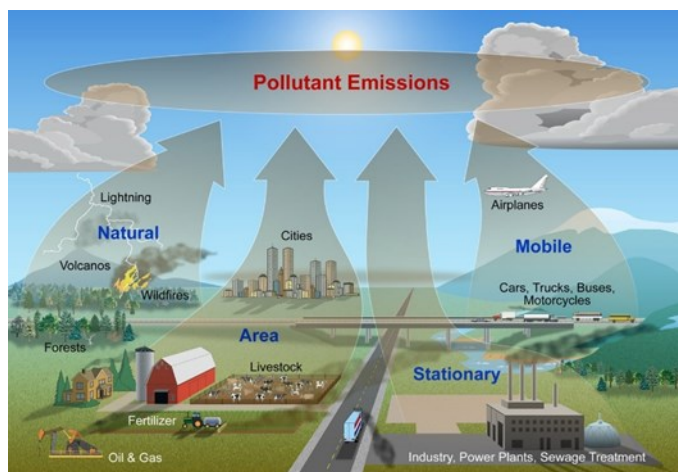
## Is Air Quality In The US Worse Now Than 10 Or More Years Ago?

Outdoor air concentrations of the six most common pollutants have steadily decreased ever since 1990 when regulations were implemented to reduce air pollution emissions<sup>1</sup>. For the last 10 years, average air concentrations have been below standards set to protect our health. Only 20 years ago, four of these pollutants were above standards, on average.

These are averages across the US and throughout a given year. Therefore, there are some places on some days where air quality is unhealthy. Currently, many areas in the country have days when air quality, primary ozone and particulate, exceeds standards (*i.e.*, unhealthy levels). Fortunately for us, no Upstate NY counties are exceeding air quality standards (based on averages). But last year's unhealthy level of particulate from the Canadian wildfires was a very rare air quality exceedance for our county.

### What contributes to air pollution?

This illustration shows the major sources of air pollution, much of which burn fossil fuels (*e.g.*, coal, natural gas, and propane). Transportation is a large source of emissions, as well as residential, commercial and industrial heating and cooling systems. Therefore, areas of high-density traffic and buildings (*e.g.*, cities) and near industrial plants will typically have days of unhealthy air quality.



### What does the improvement mean to my health?

Both short-term and long-term exposures to unhealthy levels of these pollutants primarily harm our respiratory system and increase our risk for heart disease and lung cancer. People with medical conditions such as asthma are particularly affected. The improvement in air quality from 1990 to 2010 reduced the number of deaths related to air pollution by nearly half<sup>2</sup>, which is significant by itself and even more so considering the expanding economy, population, miles traveled, and energy usage<sup>3</sup>. But there is still 1 in 35 deaths related to air pollution, which is the same death rate as vehicle accidents and gun shooting combined.<sup>2</sup>

### What else should be done to protect our health?

Our air quality will continue to improve as new regulations catalyze additional technology and infrastructures in the fields of renewable energy and electric vehicles and heating/cooling systems. More lives each year will be saved. But the greatest improvements yet to be made will be the reduction of pollutants not regulated until 2011.

In 1990, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases were not pollutants of primary concern. Since, we learned they contribute to climate change, which is harmful to our planet and therefore to our future. In addition, the recent record hot temperatures are resulting in increasing ozone levels, and thus are harmful to our health.

Fossil fuel combustion is the primary source of carbon dioxide. Therefore, more renewable energy and less fossil fuel usage will help in slowing climate change and lowering air pollution.

### What can any of us do?

The second article in this series will partially answer this question, where we will look at the pro and cons of heat pumps.

—Mark Distler

<sup>1</sup>[AirTrendsReport\\_2023\\_Custom\\_v1\\_d2 \(epa.gov\)](https://www.epa.gov/air-trends-report-2023-custom-v1-d2). The six most common air pollutants are carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxides, nitrogen oxides, ozone, lead, and particulates.

<sup>2</sup>[U.S. Air Quality Trends | Air Quality \(nasa.gov\)](https://www.nasa.gov/air-quality-trends).

<sup>3</sup>[Air Quality - National Summary | US EPA](https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-national-summary)

## From the LaFayette Optimists

### Hello from the Optimists!

Winterfest was back again this year. The event was a great success and everyone in attendance had a great time. It was great to see so many people from all over Central New York having fun and enjoying the park. Thanks to all who were able to join us. Also special thanks to:

**Fritz's Polka Band** for providing entertainment,

**Shute's Logging** for providing firewood for the bonfire and warming stations,

**Lafayette Community Council** for providing popcorn.

**Maple Hedge Farms** for providing horse drawn sleigh rides.

In January the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tournament was back this past January. The LaFayette team played their hearts out and played in one of the best games of the tournament. A special thanks to Tim Baker for coaching the team this year.

Spring is on its way, and you will soon see the Optimists doing our annual clean-up of Stafford Park. Saturday May 11th 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.

Another great Optimist Spring event is the Oratorical Contest. The event will be taking place in May at the High School. We look forward to seeing our Lancers show off their writing and speaking skills!

—David Coakley



### Chili Contest Winners

1. Scott Heath
2. Chris Somerlot
3. Walt Nowey

Saturday, May 11, 2024



*To forget the mistakes of the  
past and press on to the greater  
achievements of the future*

— The Optimist Creed

## From Boy Scout Troop 100

Along with our entire community, Troop 100 is saddened by the loss of Devon Scott. We will remember Devon as an Eagle Scout, an Order of the Arrow brother, a mentor to his younger Scouts, as a Scout who said "Yes" before "No," and as someone who loved cooking and never burned the pancakes! We intend on honoring him by installing a new plaque at his Eagle Scout project- the pergola next to the library parking lot. Any donations can be sent to the Troop Committee Chair's Venmo account: @Christian-Borchert for "Eagle Plaque."

Speaking of donations, we are actively collecting scrap metal from our community.

You can schedule a pick-up with Christian at 315.729.9555. We are scheduling for the remaining dates of 4/13 and 4/14. Additionally, if you would like to bring us your metal, you may leave it behind the VFW Hall near the asphalt pad. Our meetings are Tuesday evenings at the VFW and we can transfer until 4/9. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 to send our Scouts to Sabattis Summer Camp. It's a highlight for them and we have 5 Scouts on staff this summer as well!

Thank you all for your support of our Troop. We appreciate it very much!!



—Christian Borchert

# LaFayette Senior Citizen News

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 due to inclement weather, the group will not meet).

The Town of LaFayette website now has a page for LaFayette Senior Citizens! To access this page, go to [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com); then, select the Community Tab, and scroll down to the bottom for LaFayette Senior Citizens. Use this link to take you directly to the page [www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-senior-citizens.html](http://www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-senior-citizens.html) or scan the QR Code. From there, you can scroll through to a section where you can offer ideas for Senior Programs .... please let us know



*Let's Connect!*

what you would be interested in! You do not need to be a "senior" to participate in a future program, just an interested, enthusiastic joiner! Also on this website is a link to a new resource to help empower NY Seniors with comprehensive Assisted Living resources. If you are at a point in your life where you might be thinking about this option, check out this link: <https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living/new-york>

Further down the page, there are Flyers for both LaFayette and Tully upcoming trips. Again, review the trips, and if you are interested, there is contact information at the bottom of each flyer.

Our LaFayette Seniors Group is always looking for new members .... If you are over 50 years of age, come and enjoy the companionship, have a delicious pot-luck 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 are provided. Anyone can join, whether you live in the immediate area, or not! So, join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, see what the "Seniors" is all about, check out the Town website, and join the upcoming trips that are planned! Hope to see you at a meeting soon ....

— Rita Bush



**Southern Hills Garden Club** meets the third Tuesday of each month, February through November at the LaFayette Firehouse 2444 US Route 11, LaFayette. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. Offsite meetings typically have an earlier start time.

Guests are welcome and membership is open to anyone interested in gardening. For information regarding meetings or membership, please contact Cathy Nagel 315-677-9342 or Email [CEN42085@aol.com](mailto:CEN42085@aol.com) .

-Patricia Kroneck

April 16, 2024	7:00 pm	LaFayette Firehouse 2444 US Route 11 LaFayette	Leon Ginenthall, Der RosenMeister Nursery, will give a presentation on roses
May 21, 2024	6:00 pm	Plumpton Farms 3990 Coye Rd. Jamesville	Container Planting -bring your own container, soil provided. Plants available for sale
June 18, 2024	6:00 pm	Lorenzo Cottage 17 Rippleton Road, Cazenovia	Garden Tour with Jackie Roche



# CHURCH CALENDAR



## Sunday Services

LaFayette Alliance Church	10:30 am
Columbian Presbyterian Church	10:30 am
Onativia United Methodist Church	9:00 am
St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity	9:30 am



## Church Events


### LaFayette Alliance Church

Sunday School	Sundays		9:00—10:00 am	LaFayette Alliance Church
Coffee and Fellowship	Sundays		10:00—10:25am	315-677-9810
Ignite Prayer Ministry	1st & 3rd Sundays		6:00 pm	<a href="http://www.lafayettealliance.org">www.lafayettealliance.org</a>
Olympians Ministry 1st-6th grade	First Wednesday of April & May		6:30—8:00 pm	
Summit Youth Group 7th-12th grade	Wednesdays LaFayette Alliance or Pompey Community Church		6:15 pm	



### Columbian Presbyterian Church

**Sunday Service has changed to 10:30 am beginning March 10, 2024**

Saturday, April 20		Chicken Barbecue	11:00 am-gone	Columbian Presbyterian Church
Saturday, May 18		Chicken Barbecue	11:00 am-gone	315-677-3293
Saturday, June 15		Chicken Barbecue	11:00 am-gone	<a href="mailto:cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com">cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com</a>

**We still have frozen apple pies for sale - if you are in need call the office**


[www.columbianpresbyterianchurch.com](http://www.columbianpresbyterianchurch.com)

*Pie Sale*

### Onativia United Methodist Church

Onativia United Methodist Church  
[onativiachurch@hotmail.com](mailto:onativiachurch@hotmail.com)

### St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity

May 5		Mother Mary Crowning	10:30 am	St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity
June 2		Confirmation Ceremony	TBD	315-677-3439
Sundays		Faith Formation Class	10:20 am	<a href="http://www.stjosephslafayette.org">www.stjosephslafayette.org</a>
Sundays		Confirmation Class	As scheduled	
Mondays		Holy Hour	6:00 pm	
2nd Sunday of the month		Coffee Hour	10:30 am	



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## Upcoming Events—APRIL-MAY-JUNE

# E V E N T S

April 6-7, 2024	Celebration of the Senses—Carol Watson Greenhouse	10:00 am—5:00 pm
April 9, 2024	Town Board Meeting	6:30 pm
April 9, 2024	Red Cross Blood Drive—LaFayette Fire Department	12:30—4:30 pm
April 12, 2024	Earth Day Litter Dropoff—LaFayette Highway Department	7:00 am—2:30 pm
April 13, 2024	Earth Day Litter Dropoff—LaFayette Highway Department	9:00 am—2:00 pm
April 13-14	Scrap Pickup Boy Scout Troop 100—Call to schedule required 315-729-9555	As Scheduled
April 13, 2024	Fire Department Open House	TBD
Apr 15-May 1	Annual Brush Pickup—no bags/leaves/debris—butt end first -8' min	Roadside by April 15
April 16, 2024	Southern Hills Garden Club—LaFayette Firehouse	7:00 pm
April 20, 2024	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
April 28, 2024	VFW Pancake Breakfast—LaFayette VFW	8:00 am—noon
May 4, 2024	Free Shredding and Medication Disposal Town Hall Upper Parking Lot	9:00 am—noon
May 4 & May 11	Town Clean up Days—Groth Rd. Landfill	9:00 am—4:00 pm
May 6-May 10	Town Clean up Days—Groth Rd. Landfill	12:00 noon—6:00 pm
May 11, 2024	Optimist Fishing Derby—Stafford Park	9:00 am—noon
May 14, 2024	Town Board Meeting	6:30 pm
May 18, 2024	E-Waste Event—Destiny USA—registration required	8:30 am—12:00 pm
May 18, 2024	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am—gone
May 21, 2024	Southern Hills Garden Club—Plumpton Farms	6:00 pm
May 21, 2024	Annual LaFayette Rural Cemetery Meeting—LaFayette Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm
May 27, 2024	VFW Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue—LaFayette VFW	10:30—gone
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day Parade Town Center marching to cemetery	9:00 am
June 1, 2024	Community Day—Stafford Park	3:00 pm—dark
June 11, 2024	Upstate Mammography Van -Town Hall Lower Parking Lot	9:00 am—3:30 pm
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