



LaFayette

Community Newsletter



From the Town Supervisor:

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Since taking office in 2018, I have tried my best to work with the Town Board on setting our sights on the future – being fiscally responsible, staying within budget, keeping the burden on the residents to a minimum, all while delivering the highest quality service that our residents have come to expect. I want to thank the Town Board for the hard work they put into the 2021 budget. We know people are struggling with COVID 19 and its horrible economic side effects. We are happy to report that we have reduced the budget by an annual decrease of \$27 per \$100,000 worth of home value.

I know this is a small piece of a much larger pie for everyone but we wanted to make that a reality in these difficult times. Many other local governments went and raised peoples’ taxes we did not do that. Furthermore, we worked hard at SOTS these last three years and have been able to keep trash rates stable at \$325. If current trends continue, we should be able to keep those rates stable, if not lowering them in the near future. We are already the heaviest taxed state in the country so we here in LaFayette are doing what we can to reduce the burden on you.

In addition to the success we have had with keeping rates down, we managed to maintain our credit rating which will

continue to help keep our taxes down. We also have had good news on federal, state, and county grant money coming in. We have some tremendous development projects being announced that will be huge steps forward for our town. Plus, by the time of this publication, we are hoping to have good news on Cardiff water and some other major happenings in the town.

All of this talk of money makes this, perhaps, my driest newsletter yet so let me end on a “Dad Joke” -

What is the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is a heavy mammal the other is just a little lighter.



Happy New Year, LaFayette!

—Danny Fitzpatrick



From the Town Clerk



The Town of LaFayette
Cordially invites you
to the
2021 Organizational Meeting
On Tuesday, January 12, 2021
5:30 pm via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 854 3222 3021



2020 has been one heck of a year! The pandemic altered many lives in many ways, the hardest being the numerous deaths caused by COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected in anyway by the Corona Virus.

All are welcome to join our 2021 Organizational Meeting. Regretfully, we will not be hosting the "open house" reception prior to the meeting, due to COVID-19, as we would have to limit the amount of people allowed in the Town Hall. At least the Zoom meeting gives everyone the opportunity to participate and meet town employees virtually including the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Grievance Board, Town and Court Clerks, Zoning, Tax Dept., Codes, Clerks, Highway, Library, LCC, along with most everyone involved that continue to work to ensure that LaFayette continues to be a great place to live.



Speaking of limiting those who enter the Town Hall, we are encouraging all residents to do all possible business via mail, email or drop-off, (there is a securely locked drop-box next to the front entrance of the Town Hall, that you may utilize at all hours to drop

off paperwork, including tax payments.) instead of in-person visits. We have no idea what restrictions will be enforced regarding the Corona Virus by the time this newsletter reaches you, so for the safety of all, we feel this is the best way to serve our residents.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE PUBLIC SERVICES:

(Please call ahead)

- DEC licenses (hunting, fishing, etc.) and Duck Stamps
- Dog licenses (all dogs over 4 months of age need to be licensed)
- Facility Rentals (Stafford Park Pavilions and Community Center)
- Handicap parking permits
- Marriage Licenses (please call for an appt.)
- Notary Public Service,
- Voter registration forms
- Passport Services (by appointment)
- Veterans Discount Cards (F.A.V.O.R.)



Please visit the Town of LaFayette website or call for information regarding any of the above Services. Most forms needed can be downloaded or mailed to you for your convenience

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.

From the Town Clerk cont'd...



Meeting	Day	Time	Email	Phone	Fax
Assessor	Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 am—1:30 pm Call first to schedule	assessor@townoflafayette.com	677-3420	677-7806
Building & Zoning Code Enforcement	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm or by appointment	codes@townoflafayette.com	677-5371	677-7806
Town Supervisor		by appointment	supervisor@townoflafayette.com fitzervisor@gmail.com	677-5251 247-1600	677-7806
Planning Board	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM if there is an agenda	townclerk@townoflafayette.com	677-3674	677-7806
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM if there is an agenda	townclerk@townoflafayette.com	677-3674	677-7806
Town Board Meeting	2nd Tuesday of the month	Vouchers at 6:00 pm Meetings 6:30 pm	townclerk@townoflafayette.com	677-3674	677-7806
Town Clerk	Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri Tuesdays or by appt. Summer Hours—Closed Fridays May—October	9:00 am—4:00 pm 9:00—7:00 pm Offices are closed on all federal holidays	townclerk@townoflafayette.com	677-3674	677-7806



Town Board Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning with vouchers at 6:30 pm followed by meeting at 7:00 pm excepting the January 12 Organizational Meeting will be

held at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Special Meetings will be posted on Facebook, the Town website, Town Hall bulletin board, the Post Office and Post Standard/Syracuse Media website.

DOG LICENSING - The fees are \$8.00 for Spay/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 vaccines. You may pay with check or cash, via mail or in person. Forms for new licenses may be downloaded from our website. It is **New York State Law** that all dogs must be licensed in the municipality which they reside. Please contact Dog Control Officers; Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000; Deputy Dog Control Officer Laura Holt (315) 696-6468 for any stray/lost dogs.

RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

– The first clinic for 2021 will take place in March, however no dates have been confirmed for the rabies clinics for 2021. You may call (315) 435-3165 Animal Disease Prevention or visit www.ongov.net/health/ADP.html for further details.

Upstate University Hospital's Mammography Van to visit Town of Lafayette Offices on February 3, 2021

The October mammography-van visit was quite successful; therefore, Upstate University Hospital's Mammography Van will return on February 3, 2021. As in October, the van will be parked in the lower parking lot by the Library and pre-registration is required.

The screenings will be available between **10 a.m. and 3 p.m.** for women who have scheduled an appointment.

To schedule an appointment for a mammogram with the van, women should call **315-464-2582**. Appointments can also be requested online at: <http://www.upstate.edu/mobile-mammography/>

From the Town Clerk cont'd...



To be eligible for a mammogram on the van, women should be 40 years and older; not have had a mammogram in the past 12 months; and not be experiencing breast problems.

The van, funded by a New York State Department of Health grant, is part of Gov. Cuomo's "Get Screened, No Excuses" Breast Cancer Initiative, which is aimed at getting rid of obstacles to breast cancer screening for women in New York. The average rate for screening mammography in New York is 81 percent. The

governor's initiative is to increase screening rates by 10 percent over the next five years.

The mammography van spans 45-feet and is equipped with a state-of-the-art 3D digital mammogram system, private exam and dressing room and a waiting room.

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women, effecting one in 8 women. It's also one of the most treatable cancers when detected early. Mammograms—x-rays of the breasts—are the most effective screening procedure for the early signs of breast cancer. *For information, contact: Wendy Hunt at 315-492-3353.*

Our wish for everyone is that 2021 brings happier times, good health, wealth, happiness, the ability to spend time with your loved ones. Dear Lord, let there be "PEACE ON EARTH!!!"
God Bless each and everyone and please stay safe!

—Jackie Bush Roorda

Please residents you are encouraged to pay your tax bill via mail or use the secured lock box at the entrance to the town offices. If you must pay in person or with cash you will need to come during business hours and call ahead to schedule to limit the number of people in the office at once.



Tax Collector Hours

January

Monday, Wednesday—12:00—3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00—11:00 am

February

Monday—12:00—3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00—11:00 am

March

Tuesday 9:00—11:00am

Mailing address: P.O. Box 193

LaFayette, NY

315-677-9155 —Kitty Reinhardt

Fax 315-677-7806

taxcollector@townoflafayette.com



Serving the Community

John Greeley, Town of LaFayette Highway Superintendent

Retiring – January 22, 2021!

On behalf of the Town of LaFayette and its 5,000 residents,

Thank You for your **“24/7 – 365 Leadership”**! Our roads are often mentioned for how well that they are taken care of in the worst of weather conditions by You and Your Team of Pro’s!

Superintendent, LaFayette Highway Department: 2010 – 2021

Deputy Superintendent, LaFayette Highway Department: 2005 - 2010

John is a life-time citizen of LaFayette having been raised here since 1962. His late Parents, John Sr. and Marilyn were from Nedrow and relocated to LaFayette where they raised their children; daughters Cathy and Linda, and their fraternal twin sons John Jr. and Jerry (John being 15 minutes older!).

Great influences on John’s early years are:

- Legendary Coach Hugh Moyer: “Don’t ever give up, you can be who ever you strive to be”!
- Educator & Coach Bob Graney: “Education! Get yourself in the classroom, realize the importance of an education!”
- Classmate Brad Palmer: “I learned the meaning of what hard work is from Brad Palmer and what it will mean to you later in life.”

Factoids on John:

- Graduated from LCS Class of '77. Wrestled and played baseball.
- Enlisted into the United States Navy in 1978 and chose the Construction Battalion (C B) career field, otherwise known as the SEABEES. Here is where John cut his teeth on “operating the levers” on many pieces of equipment around the world building airstrips, combat bases, or a remote forward operating bases in the combat zone. Achieved the rank of Second-Class Petty Officer while serving over eight years on active duty.
- Best moments while employed at the LaFayette Highway Department: “experiencing the Team Work while working with the “guys”, having a good laugh” on the job, working on projects in your own Town and building the walking path at Stafford Park.

I asked John what his most challenging moment as the Highway Superintendent was and: “on a Christmas morning having to contend with a downed electrical pole and its line on one of his Crew’s in a Snowplow!” “Black ice was the cause and we had to back down both ends of Naughton Road to lay down salt and sand so emergency vehicles could arrive and shutdown the electricity in order to get our guys out!”

How about your greatest challenge of all: “contending with COVID-19 and ensuring our crews remained healthy while completing our Mission. The internal stress, protocol, and the PPE, all took its toll.”

After years of working with Piscitell Block, Carrier, and then the NYS DOT, why did you apply to work at the highway department? “I wanted to be home more often in LaFayette and to contribute to my town.

What do you consider your greatest achievements over the course of your lifetime?

- My family!
- My classmates and friends for over the past 40 years: Tom Sutton, Tom Quartier, Tammy Moltion, Jack Sutton and Kitty Defeo!
- My most Proud moment as the Highway Superintendent was “Cutting the Ribbon of our “new highway building”!
- Being able to be a part of the Optimist Club and I was honored to be elected as the President in 2000.

John, you, and your wife Kathleen are off to the retirement area named the Villages in Central Florida. What is the definition of retirement to you? “I’m excited to pay myself back in time to do the things that I wasn’t able to do over the years of working”! I look forward to enjoying my “Swan Song in Life” by Traveling for long stints to Maine, North Dakota; taking a trip with dear friends and driving through the Canadian Rocky Mountains!” We will back to Central New York often, we can’t leave our roots”!



The Town of LaFayette salutes John on January 22, 2021 as he takes his “final tour” of the roads of LaFayette as our Highway Superintendent! Thank you, John, for a Job, Well Done! Wishing you the Best!

-Bill McConnell

A warm welcome and Congratulations on the promotion of Steve Robson from Deputy Highway Superintendent to replace John Greeley as the Interim Highway Superintendent. His many years of service as Deputy has prepared him well with the experience needed to lead the team of dedicated highway personnel we are so thankful for to keep us safe.



LAFAYETTE, NEW YORK
Historic Photos of a
Four-Cornered Hamlet



LaFayette, NY: Historic photos of a four-cornered hamlet is available at the Town Clerk’s office. It contains over two hundred photographs and more than twenty five other illustrations in 94 pages. The price is \$25.00.

It is the fourth in the series of old-time picture books from the collection of former town historian Roy Dodge. All four of Roy Dodge’s historical books can be purchased at the LaFayette Town Offices.

From the Highway Department



Greetings and Happy New Year Residents

As the Highway Department is readied for the winter season, I have a few annual reminders:

- Please remember no parking on State, County and Town roads from November 1st thru April 1st. Blocking highway roads and turnarounds prevent school buses, emergency vehicles and snow plows from doing their job!
- A friendly reminder to all residential and commercial plow drivers, State/County/Municipal law does not allow snow to be pushed across any road way.
- The 2021 Christmas tree recycling program will begin December 21st and end February 26. Please drop off all trees to the Highway Department (2849 Rt. 11 North). Please no plastic bags or wreaths. Look for the "Christmas Tree Sign" at the south end of our building.

Residents— Please Help!



Our Town of LaFayette plow drivers are asking for your help in placement of your garbage cans on snowy days. There have been many instances where the cans have been in the



road causing the plow drivers to have to veer around them. The arms on the Dependable trucks can reach out to 11' so there is no need to put your cans in the road. It is also recommended

that your garbage cans be removed from roadside when your garbage is picked up as a courtesy to our plow drivers to make their jobs easier.

—Thank you for your cooperation

Town of LaFayette Highway Department



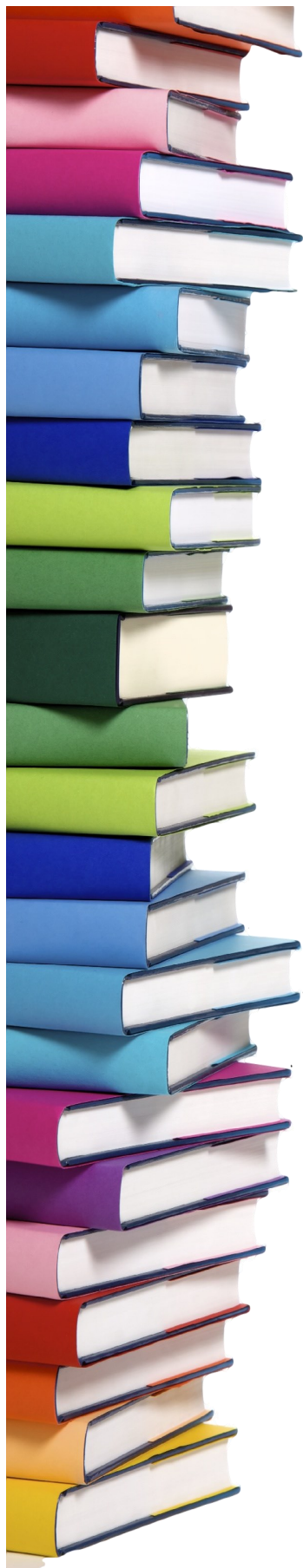
- As always the Highway Department recommends that residents leave an ample amount of time before heading out on winter roads.
- We ask you to be patient with our plow drivers as they clear the roads for safe travel.
- Lastly please remember to social distance and wear a mask, we all would like to get back to our normal lives as soon as possible. Stay Safe and Thank You!



—Steve Robson
Deputy Superintendent



From the LaFayette Public Library



So, what a long strange trip it has been! Due to the fluctuations in Covid cases, our status, like many other organizations, is in flux. As of this writing, The LaFayette Public Library continues to be open for limited in house use by appointment. We will maintain this as long as possible. The following processes will continue:

Returning items: (this process is the same as when we were closed)

Whether or not you plan on coming in the building, please place **all returns** in the **outside book drop**. As things come into the library via the book-drop, they will be quarantined for 7 days before they are checked in (the number of days is subject to change. We maintain a system wide protocol). At that time, the check in date will be backdated to when they were put into the book-drop, so it looks they were returned on the drop off date (e.g. You return an item on November 24. The item will be quarantined until December 1. At this point it is checked in back dated to November 24). This way both the staff and the patrons can be rest assured that the items that are being handled for check out or put into delivery to other libraries are safe from contamination. All notifications regarding overdues, etc. have been adjusted accordingly. So if you are in the habit of checking your record, you will see items still check out to you that you returned. Not to worry!

Picking up items*

We continue to have visits at 15 minutes intervals for patrons to come to get items, except instead of curbside pickup, you will schedule a time to come into the library to pick up items and browse. This also includes other services like making copies, faxing, etc. For now, we'll do 3 patrons per 15 minutes to better insure social distancing.

***Please note: to maintain health protocols during the pandemic, no one will be allowed in the building without face covering. We also ask that you sanitize your hands upon entering the library, with sanitizer we will provide. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping us safe and healthy**



Pick up and browse schedule (15 intervals)

Mon & Tues	10:00 am—6:30 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am—4:30 pm
Thursday	12:00 pm—6:30 pm
Friday	10:00 am—4:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am—2:00 pm



Computer use: In house and wireless

You can schedule a time to use a computer at 1 hour intervals. We have six slots/hour for in house computers and 5 slots/hour (places to sit) for inside laptop use (wireless is still available outside the building 24/7). If no one is waiting for either a computer or laptop spot, your time can be extended.

From the LaFayette Public Library cont'd...

One hour intervals:

Monday & Tuesday	10:15 –5:15 (last slot 5:15-6:15)
Wednesday	10:15 –3:15(last slot 3:15-4:15)
Thursday	12:15-5:15 (last slot 5:15—6:15)
Friday	10:15-3:15 (last slot 3:15-4:15)
Saturday	10:00-12:45(last slot 12:45-1:45)

Don't have access to the internet at home? Reminding you that we now circulate 7 Chrome Books with a Verizon hotspot. They go out for 3 weeks. You can place holds, but no renewals. They must be returned to the lending library and need to be checked in at the circulation desk. It must be verified that all parts are returned before the kit can be returned. Come take advantage of this. This is the courtesy of our county legislators (County Legislature Chair Dave Knapp and County Executive Ryan McMahon in particular). Please thank them if you get a chance!

Reminder: the library has three Empire passes that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga county parks. For the county passes, please call the facility you plan to visit beforehand to make sure they are accepting the passes at this time (for example, right now the zoo is *not* accepting the passes for financial reasons) The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. These passes are good throughout the year. Enjoy!

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/>,

login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you! Thanks!

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

All temporarily cancelled:

Story times
Imagination Lab
Tuesday Tea



Although in house programs are not possible, we are working developing some virtual and/or take home projects. Stay tuned....

—Scott Kushner



From the Southern Hills Garden Club

Due To COVID19 monthly meetings are temporarily on hold. Wishing everyone a healthy, happy New Year!

Southern Hills Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month February through November at the LaFayette Community Center, 2508 US Route 11, LaFayette NY. 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



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, 677-7272. Messages will be retrieved twice per week and an LCC board member will return your call. Emails are also accepted at lafayettecommunitycouncil@townoflafayette.com. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084



Announcements:

Donation: The LaFayette Community Council Board would like to thank the LaFayette Coed Softball

League, which plays games on Friday evenings during the summer and Sundays in the Fall, for its very generous donation to LCC. These funds will help support the many youth and adult programs LCC offers.

Community Council Board: All LCC Board positions are currently vacant, as of January 1, 2021. Please consider taking on one of these Board positions: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, or Secretary. The recreation clerk will assure the continuity of programs and will be available to new Board members for guidance. If you have any questions about any of these positions, e.g., responsibilities, please call 315-677-7272 and leave a message. In addition to the Board positions, new members are needed to help us to continue current programs and provide ideas and input so that we can expand the array of programs we offer.

Updates: Information about 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.

Youth Programs:

Fall Sports - The LCC youth soccer program was conducted in September and October. Due to COVID-19, the program was conducted following state guidelines for sports and recreation activities, and all activities were kept "in-house." At the end of the season, the boys grades 5&6 and girls grades



5&6 teams played an intra-squad scrimmage.

Grades K-2 and grades 3&4 were coached by Kevin Morel and members of the LaFayette School District's soccer teams, including: Amy Shute, Colin Morel, Mason Shute, Aidan Abbott, Mark Humphrey, and Jack Martorella.

Grades 5&6 girls were coached by Sabrina Harmatuk and Renee Clemens

Grades 5&6 boys were coached by Mike White

Thank you to the coaches and everyone else that helped with these programs, including Aiden Griffin.

Winter Sports – LCC will parallel the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) and delay starting "high-risk sports" until at least January 4, 2021. NY state considers basketball, wrestling, and volleyball "high-risk" sports. Whether we will be able to conduct these programs beginning in January will depend on state mandates, as well as the school district policies.

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

From the Community Council cont'd....

Ski Program: LCC's chaperoned ski nights will begin Friday, January 8, 2021. Lessons that are included with respective passes will also begin on this date.

Upcoming Youth Sports:

Baseball and Lacrosse: Registration for the baseball and lacrosse programs will be in early March. Electronic notices with details for each respective sport will be sent out by the LaFayette Central School District. Information will also be provided through the Town's website and LCC's Facebook page.

As spring approaches, LCC is in the process of planning the baseball and lacrosse seasons. Coaches are needed at all levels for both sports. Please let us know if you are planning to coach this upcoming season; we need to know of your intention to coach so that we can plan accordingly

Adult Programs:

Senior exercise, yoga and men's basketball remain on hold for the time being.



—Dave Prince

THANKS AGAIN TO THESE LCC DONORS



From the LaFayette Senior Citizens

Because of the Covid epidemic, all the activities and trips usually enjoyed by the LaFayette Senior Citizens have been put on "hold" until it is deemed safe to get together again. We were all hoping that by now all the restrictions would have been behind us. Hopefully, sometime in the first part of 2021 this will happen!



As soon as it is deemed safe, our callers will let everyone know when we can resume meeting. Until then, follow the guidelines to stay well, and pray that we can all resume our former lives before long!

All the best to you and your families in the New Year

—Rita Bush

From the LaFayette Optimists

Greetings from the Optimists! I hope you all enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday season with family and friends.

The Club continued work at Stafford Park recently with further upgrades to the Main Pavilion. A new steel ceiling has been installed in the Pavilion, and the soffits have been enclosed. There has also been new lighting and outlets installed, as well as new flood lights on both ends of the building. This has been a GREAT improvement, making the area more usable and keeping the birds away so things are cleaner.

We had a great opportunity to take advantage of the Pavilion upgrades with this year's Halloween Party. The party was relocated from Grimshaw to Stafford Park so we could provide a safe, socially distant setting for the event. THANK YOU to all for the great attendance! The Park provided a perfect setting for the Haunted Trail and other events including: pumpkin carving contest, Halloween movie, campfires, costume parade, and snacks. Check out our Facebook page to see the pics taken in our photo booth as well!

In December the Club decorated the downtown area with lights, wreaths, and Manger scene. Michael Grimm Services provided and installed NEW lighting for the big tree.

Closing out 2020 also brought the Optimist Installation Dinner. Club Officers have been kept the same for this year, and we welcomed one new member:

New Member: Wayne Brennan

Officers:

President: Scott Gates
 Vice President: Ed Castleman
 Secretary: Doug Kautz
 Park Director: Jerry Marzo
 Board Members: Steve Borte
 Frank Gordnier



Looking ahead: Unfortunately we will be unable to host the 7th and 8th grade basketball tournament, so we are planning to bring back WINTERFEST! Planning is underway and we are targeting Saturday February 6th from noon to 5 at Stafford Park. Keep an eye out for updates as the date approaches.

Ideas for the event include Broomball, Chili cook-off, Human Dog Sled race, Fireworks, ...??? Please bring any ideas you have to an Optimist member. This will be a great opportunity for a safe way to bring the community together and enjoy our wonderful park.

Promise yourself to think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. – The Optimist Creed

—Doug Kautz, Secretary



Resident Highlight—Dave Romancik



Many of you have seen the only “Official United States Postal (USPS) mail delivery vehicle” making deliveries in LaFayette for years now The mailman driving it and making those deliveries is our one

and only Dave Romancik from LaFayette!

If you meet Dave out at your mailbox, he will tell you that each driver is delivering 250 – 350 packages a day due to the combination of COVID and the USPS – Amazon Partnership. But you will never hear a word of complaint from Dave! He’s been up and down our roads 24/7 for sometime due to the sheer amount of parcels waiting on delivery to you.

Dave and his wife Katey arrived in LaFayette in 1988 after growing up and living on the West Side of Syracuse. He attended school at Sacred Heart of the former Parochial League and was also selected as an All-Parochial Basketball League Honorable Mention during his senior season. His shooting eye was also witnessed during many years of playing in the LaFayette Community Council Monday night men’s basketball league.

Where did the journey to LaFayette begin? “While I was working at Chrysler in 1984, I had a conversation with a fellow employee, the late Phil “Beetle” Bailey who lived on Sky High Road in LaFayette, and he convinced me to look at living “out here”! “We didn’t want our children to attend city schools any longer and we chose to move here, set in our roots and built our home on Mondore Drive”.

We have four children; David Jr. who attended Fowler High School. Katrina (2002), Jake (2004), and Brad (2008) all were student-athletes at LCS. Dave

Thank you, Dave Romancik!

United States Postal Service, Serving LaFayette

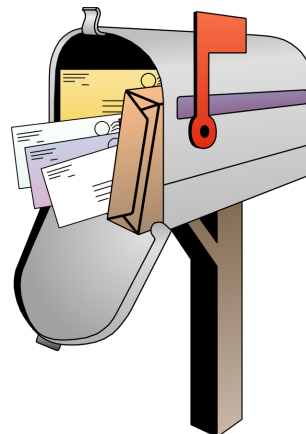
and Katey also have six grandchildren, one of whom is a student at SUNY Oneonta.

“LaFayette has been one great choice for us the past thirty-two years ... **great people, fun to live here, and we loved the sports our children participated in while at LCS**”.

Best memories of living in LaFayette: “There are too many! We loved attending a game at LCS and then everyone making their way to the Log Cabin Inn for post-game celebrations and great community camaraderie! Being part of the chase for two state championships by the LCS boys’ basketball team and the boys lacrosse team, great memories! I loved playing basketball with the guys on Monday nights and then heading up to the LaFayette Inn for burgers, Monday Night Football, and a few pops”!

How did you find yourself working for USPS? “I had retired from Chrysler in 2008 after 35 years of service and had planned on that, retiring. But I found myself wanting to get out of the house and wanted something part time. I enjoy working outside and I now find myself in my tenth year at USPS”! “I enjoy it; I’m 67 years old but I’m acting like I’m 47”!

Dave’s delivery route includes 650 customers along Winacre Drive, Commune Road, Sentinel Heights, Route 11, Meeker Hill, Sky High Road and 80 apartments in town.



Please take a moment to meet Dave at your mailbox and Thank him for all that he does!

Thank you Dave Romancik for Serving those who live in LaFayette!

—Bill McConnell

Church News

Onativia United Methodist Church

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

Join us for worship—Sunday mornings at 9:00

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

Pastor: Shin, Se Gye

Email: pastorsegyeshin@gmail.com

Church email: onativiachurch@hotmail.com



Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

We thank all who supported our fish dinners in October and November

We hope to plan future take-out meals in the spring, again following all COVID protocols.

**Columbian
Presbyterian Church**



For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at
Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com or follow us on FACEBOOK
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Pastor Shawn Reyburn

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00am

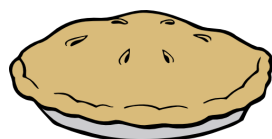
Church Office Hours:

Tues—Fri 9:00 am—noon

Taste of Chocolate	Cancelled for 2021	
Chicken & Biscuit Supper	To go only Tuesday March 23 \$10 for adults ; \$5 for ages 6-12 Children 5 & under eat free	4:00—7:00 pm

Thank you—to everyone who participated in our fall events: Outreach Pantry food collections; Fall BBQ's & Pie Sale; Trunk-or-Treat; Election Night Dinner and the Great \$5 Sweater Sale.

250+ sweaters, snow pants, gloves, hats and coats were donated to area nursing homes, schools, New Hope Family Services and the Rescue Mission.



We have some frozen, unbaked double-crust and crumb-top apple pies \$12 each and ready for your mid-winter comfort-food cravings. Call ahead and come get em!



"A Christ-Centered Family Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30—10:30 am	Worship Service
10:45—11:45	Worship Service
6:00 pm	Ignite Prayer Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays)

If you would like further information concerning our church or its programs, please contact the church office at 315- 677-9810.

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

~ Bible Quizzing~

Bible Quizzing is for 3rd-12th grade students and practice is held on Thursday evenings, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

This year quizzers will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. For more information or to register please contact the church office at 315-677-9810.

~ Ladies' Bible Study~

Two ladies' Bible studies are held on Thursday (in person) and Saturday (remotely) mornings, both at 10 am. They are studying the Gospel of Luke. For more information, please contact the church office at 315-677-9810.



Come Celebrate Mass with Us

St. Joseph's Catholic Church of the Nativity

6104 Route 20 East, Lafayette, New York 13084
Ph- 315-677-3439 / Website- www.stjosephslafayette.org

**Sunday 9:00am with Rev. James H. Carey
Deacon William Ferguson/Weekend Associate Rev. Ed Reimer**

Additional Mass Locations and Times:

Immaculate Conception (Pompey)	Sunday – 9:30 am
St. Leo's (Tully)	Saturday – 4:30 pm / Sunday – 8:00 am
St. Patrick's (Otisco)	Sunday – 9:00 am

****Notice: Regular Mass times are in place—St. Joseph's website will provide upcoming events or specialties****

Faith Formation classes will resume from a distance. Be sure to arrange a pick up of your books, etc. Please complete a registration form and be sure to include your email and phone# for contacting.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SUCCESSFUL APPLE PIE SALES FOR 2020
APPRECIATION IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PURCHASED OUR PIES TO SELL OUT OF THEM

Go to St. Joseph's website for Pre-registration to attend our mass

St. Joseph's website - www.stjosephslafayette.org

St. Joseph's Church looks forward to seeing our member's at Mass!

***Pre-registration is a good and easy way to secure your seating at our masses—Give it a try!**

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STAY SAFE LAFAYETTE

Upcoming Events—Jan—Feb—Mar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
1/12/21	Organizational Meeting	Virtually via Zoom	5:30 pm Meeting ID 854 3222 3021
2/3/21	Mammogram Screening	Town Offices Lower Parking Lot	10:00 am—3:00 pm must be scheduled
2/9/21	Town Board Meeting	Town Hall or Zoom TBD	Vouchers 6:00 pm 6:30 pm meeting
3/9/21	Town Board Meeting	Town Hall or Zoom TBD	Vouchers 6:00 pm 6:30 pm meeting
3/23/21	Chicken & Biscuit Supper	Columbian Presbyterian Church	To go only 4:00 –7:00 pm

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