



# Town of Lafayette

## Community Newsletter

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## From the Town Supervisor:

I'm wishing you a Happy New Year on behalf of the Town Board! During the past year, Your Town Board has tackled a dynamic agenda focused on improving five major areas within our Town. You may recall in the January 2014 newsletter that we pledged to communicate more often, lay out an outline for the year ahead, and to bring you current updates and information.



This newsletter will again do the same and we will also add a progress chart for each area to demonstrate to you where I think we stand with each area. This is our Progress Chart for you: our Primary Customer!



### Revitalize the Hamlet: Our Primary Focus –

Through dialogue with the New York State Region Three Department we made progress with the Hamlet Road Project. The road within the Hamlet area was repaved this past September with the goal of providing a 3 – 5 year fix to the current road conditions.

We will remain engaged on this with the goal of reaching a 100% solution when considering traffic volume, storm water flow, addition of a turn lane, and the remainder of the original plan being adapted to future use.

We have made a small amount of progress in the Hamlet with the focus on a beautification effort. Banners citing our Welcome to those who travel through our Crossroads along with the new seasonal banners add a feature of Pride and Welcome **but, we still need your ideas and help to further this cause.**



**Please take a moment and submit your ideas to us.**

We are also beginning the process of defining what the Old Highway Building property could be utilized for. More to come on this in the very near future.

### Build a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Town Highway Department building:



This project is progressing along our contractual timelines. The goal is to be using this new facility in the next 10 weeks. Work will continue through the spring to complete 100% of the project

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to include landscaping. There will be a dedication ceremony in late spring for you to attend. **Check the Town Highway and Town face book pages for updates.**

**Thank you, Our Tax Payers for providing this new facility to our Highway Team!**

## Manage cost: Creating Revenue Generators:



The Town Board has entered into a lease of the Town's cell tower on Groth Road to Crescendo Capital Trust, LLC and thus has received a \$617,000 influx of capital into the Town's holdings. This amount coupled with the former county sales tax total of \$218,000 ensures that we can continue to add funds into a tax stabilization budget line for greater than the envisioned 10 year expectancy. The Town Board will tackle the issue of building budget priorities for the use of the largest portion of the cell tower funds in the first quarter of 2015.

We are also engaging on the use of Solar Generated power for the Town facilities that would come at no cost to the Town and this would also generate revenue for the Town.

## More to come on these two areas in the March 2015 newsletter.

### Grow Business in the Hamlet:



NYS DOT Region Three approved the Byrne Dairy dual entrance – exit plan in late November 2014.

Their recommendation was sent to NYS DOT – Albany for review and comment. I would hope to hear back in early 2015 on their disposition of this matter.

### Improve Parks:



Stafford Park received its final top coat of emulsion free paving in October 2014, the adult fitness work stations should be installed in the spring of 2015, and the Beach renovation is nearing completion. A great amount of cleanup work was completed at Marion Bailey Park and we will continue to whittle down the priorities that were established by the local residents. **Great work on this by Dave Prince!** It's been a busy 2014 and we will continue to work on the areas discussed above along with involving you in the decisions on solar power, the

next use of the old highway building property, and improvements in our Town. We've continued to communicate more often last year by increasing our newsletter to bi-monthly. With that comes an increase in cost due to an increased cost in postage. We will introduce an initiative to reduce cost by offering the newsletter electronically in late 2015. The Town has also created a Face Book page to put out newsworthy items and updates for you and to also build our LaFayette Brand. This is still in an infancy stage. Chris Camden our new Social Media consultant is guiding us in building our foundation to communicate with you at a moments notice.

*As the Baseball Hall of Fame player Babe Ruth once said, "You can't beat a Team who Never Gives Up!"*



**Your Town Board will continue to work on Your behalf.**

**—Bill McConnell, Supervisor**

# From the Town Clerk –2015 happenings

Lots of great things are happening in LaFayette in 2015.



The most exciting and biggest endeavor is the new highway garage. I can't wait to see the finished product as I'm sure many of our residents feel the same. It has taken a lot of work on behalf of the Town Board, highway crew and the residents with the passing of the referendum approving this huge project. We will hold an open house for all to see once completed.

The town clerks, assessors, code enforcer and supervisors office got a "facelift" with new carpet and paint. The eighteen year old, previously used carpet sure did its job all these years but needed to go to its place of rest. We will also be installing an outside sign board so residents may easily view upcoming meeting notices, public hearings and events.



I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Kristin Colburn as the deputy town clerk. It is the responsibility of the deputy town clerk to step in as acting town clerk and have the knowledge and skills to perform every step of the job.

Kristin has already mastered a lot and is looking forward and is eager to grow this position and achieve the rest. Our goal is to make our town records easily accessible. With the website, facebook, twitter, our newsletter, etc. we will be able to update everyone what is happening in LaFayette. We are also pleased to announce that we will not close for lunch and will extend Tuesday's hours of operation from 9:00 to 7:00 pm.

**DOG LICENSING**—Thank you to everyone who licensed their dogs during the 2014 Dog Enumeration. The enumeration resulted in approximately 130 new dog licenses in our town.

The fees have increased for 2015; \$8.00 for spay/neutered dogs and \$20.00 for unsprayed/ 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.

Here's to a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous "2015"!!!

—Jackie Bush Roorda



**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE PUBLIC SERVICES:**

- DEC licenses (hunting, fishing, etc.)
- 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
- Passport Services (by appointment)
- Veterans Discount Cards (F.A.V.O.R.)
- Voter registration forms
- Blue recycling bins are available for pick up

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. We invite you to visit our office or call and we will be happy to assist you in obtaining the services you require.

## From the Highway Superintendent

Hello LaFayette Residents!

During the winter months, the Highway department focuses most of our efforts on plowing town and county roads. We also work hard maintaining the equipment in preparation for the next snow event.



In the event of inclement weather, I will be working directly with the school Superintendent on the status of school closings.

I remind everyone to please adhere to State—County and Town Laws.

- *No parking on streets or roads from November 1 through April 1.* This makes it very difficult for buses and plows to turn around.
- State law prohibits plowing snow across State, County and Town roads.
- Plowing speeds cannot exceed 25 mph. Please be patient as we try to keep the roads safe for everyone.

The new highway building is moving along despite winter sinking her teeth in . All of the foundations are poured and walls are complete. Black top was completed in December.



### CHRISTMAS TREE DROPOFF

Look for the “tree drop off” sign at the old highway building

We will accept Christmas trees now through February 1



**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR REAL TIME EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AS WELL AS SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

<https://facebook.com/lafayettehighwaydept>

—John Greeley

## Library news

We are expanding our Lego Mindstorms collection and getting some programming off the ground to learn and/or use our materials. We are also investing in “littlebits” which are sets of electronic modules that snap together with magnets and are used for innovative invention. This is a nice addition to the Lego Mindstorms sets and the 3D Printer in our “Maker Corner”.

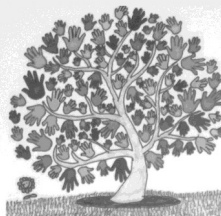


In addition to updating our print and media collection in the children’s area, we have a children’s computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we

encourage everyone to come and use it.

As always, we are constantly updating our collection, whether it be print, audio, or video. Come on in and “check out” the collection (pun intended).

Imagination Grows  
@ LaFayette Public Library



We are still looking to add to our teen task force grades 6-12 to do brainstorming on programming, collection development, etc. If you are

interested, please contact Kyra Nay 677-3782 or [knay@onlib.org](mailto:knay@onlib.org). A teen book club is also underway. Come and check it out!

Computer training for our patrons is offered as a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

—Scott Kushner

It's story  
**TIME**  
@your library™

Wednesday  
10:30 am– 11:30 am  
Thursday  
6:30pm – 7:30pm



## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Lodge of Odd Fellows was beginning to think that their game was nearly up. After 162 years the oldest non-religious organization in town was finding it more and more difficult to meet expenses. Paying thirteen hundred dollars a year in taxes in addition to utility bills was proving to be very difficult. Coming up with five members to constitute a meeting was always uncertain. So the lodge decided to put their property up for sale.

Then an almost unbelievable thing happened. For quite some time Brother Jim Moltion has been putting information on his website about Odd Fellowship. Two young men in Syracuse caught a look at it and asked to visit the lodge. An open meeting was declared to which they came followed by some of their friends and acquaintances.

The result has been a miracle for Uncas Lodge, named after the Indian chief who was the “Last of the Mohicans”. All of the new members are in their 20’s and 30’s and their enthusiasm is contagiously exciting. They are fascinated by the symbols, rituals and traditions of Odd Fellowship which they are eager to embrace.

Most fraternities and service organizations get caught in a “Catch 22” these days. They do less and less because they don’t attract members and they can’t attract members as they are not active. Due to the work of its new members the brothers of Uncas Lodge were able to give a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating LaFayette senior this year, Halee Beebe, and other contributions to a couple of worthy charities. In April they presented me with a beautifully

engraved pocket watch upon the 40th anniversary of my membership.

About a year ago the Syracuse Rebeckah Lodge began meeting in the building on alternate Thursday evenings. They too are feeling a resuscitation of interest and have taken in a number of young women members. These events have restored confidence in the notion that fraternal and service organizations need not decline to extinction.

The key in this case has been **modern technology** which can carry a message about old fashioned but still relevant institutions. ***They are so old that they can become new for a new generation.***



—Roy Dodge

## LAFAYETTE OPTIMIST CLUB

Recently at the Optimist Installation Dinner, I had the one of the proudest moments of my life. The theme of the club is “Friend of Youth”, but should be “Friend of the Entire Community”. I remember when this club was brand new in 1971, they started their plans for Stafford Park. I don’t imagine at that time they predicted it to be come as large and successful as it is today. It was blood, sweat and tears that built that first pavilion, Jack’s

Shack, the tennis and basketball courts, baseball fields, playground, etc.

It was weekends and week nights volunteering their time, their equipment and physical labor working to build this great facility. The only payment they received was their satisfaction in witnessing the wonderful activities that so many of our residents enjoy. At the dinner, my father, Ron Bush, was honored as “Optimist of the Year”. He was one of the

original charter members in 1971 and the only original “charter” Optimist who has continuously stayed active. My husband, Richard Roorda, has been named Optimist of the Year twice . If that isn’t enough, my son, Jim McElhannon, was inducted as the new President of the Club for 2015. In his acceptance speech, he thanked his grandfather, Ron Bush and his step-father, Rich Roorda, for bringing him into the club. He reminisced about his childhood

watching all the things the club has built, being fortunate enough to utilize the facilities as a young boy and throughout his life and now honored to be the President of the Club. Jim also thanked all the wives for understanding and tolerating their husband's numerous hours away from home and their families doing their Optimist work. That night was one of the top on my list of proud moments.

—Jackie Bush Roorda



## LAFAYETTE OPTIMIST WINTERFEST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 AM—3:00 PM



### GRIMSHAW ELEMENTARY

10:00—2:00	SILENT AUCTION
10:00—2:00	BROOM BALL
10:30	FROZEN MILE POKER RUN
11:30	SEARCH FOR THE GOLDEN APPLE
1:00	HUMAN DOG SLED RUN
12:00 –2:00	CHILI COOKOFF
2:00	CHILI JUDGING

## Lafayette outdoors

### **BUILDING ESCAPE COVER FOR YOUR BIRD FEEDERS**

Are your bird feeders located in the open, without brushy cover nearby to help your birds escape from a marauding hawk? The result may be a happy hawk feeding on one of your feathered “pets”. This can get out-of-hand when visiting sharp-shinned or Cooper’s hawks who learn to return regularly for easy meals.

I learned about brushy escape cover the hard way. Years ago, a covey of eight bobwhite quail regularly visited our winter bird feeding station in southern Michigan. These bobwhites were always a thrill to watch, partly because they were rare in that northernmost corner of their range. One snowy Sunday morning we happened to be watching when a sharp-shinned hawk flashed from a nearby aspen like a brown thunderbolt



towards the quail covey. Seven quail scattered but one was secure in the hawk’s talons. My reaction was slow and less than rational – I rushed out too late to save the quail, but also deprived the hawk of its meal as it fled. This hawk showed up regularly at our feeder during the next week and piles of quail feathers on four more occasions were testimony to its success. The three remaining bobwhites vanished one week later after a particularly severe cold snap. Perhaps they lacked the critical mass of bodies they needed to keep warm as they bunched up in their covey during the long winter nights.

We felt guilty luring these birds to their death around our feeders. Like most feeding stations ours was placed in the open area, watchable from the living room window. The solution was obvious – to “plant”

some dense brush strategically around the feeder. I pounded several light metal fence posts (available at most hardware stores) into the ground in a staggered semicircle, with an opening towards the house. I tied deciduous shrubs cut from our back-forty to the fence posts with twine. Some discarded Christmas trees filled out the background. The result was magical. The birds dove into the shrub cover and conifers whenever a hawk appeared, and predation dropped sharply. At home in Lafayette today, growing Spirea and Honeysuckle shrubs near our feeders, serve as good cover, augmented by used Christmas trees set up after the holiday season. Try this – You may be pleasantly surprised, as it may also increase the variety of your visiting birds!

—Ranier Brocke

# FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

## Walking trails

In an effort to provide town residents with year round opportunities for outdoor recreation, the town’s Parks Department will attempt to clear and maintain a section of the recreation path at Stafford Park.

Because of the length of the recreation path, it is not feasible to clear and maintain the entire recreation path. Therefore, beginning in January, only the south segment – the section of the recreation path that encircles the playing fields near the concession stand – will be cleared and maintained. This segment of the recreation path can be accessed from the park entrance and parking lot closest to the new Highway Garage construction site.

While only the south segment will be cleared and maintained on a regular basis, weather conditions may allow for other sections of the recreation path to be opened from time-to-time. However, due to the slope of the segment of the path connecting the south segment to the central segment (near the tennis courts), it will be closed for

the entire winter. Also, the path may be closed periodically for maintenance.

Given the characteristics of the winters here in LaFayette, it isn’t possible to keep the recreation path free of ice and snow every day during the winter. On days that the condition of the recreation path is deemed to be too hazardous, it will be closed.

Each morning during the winter, a representative of the Parks Department will inspect the recreation path to determine whether it will be open or closed for the day. This determination will be made by 9 a.m. In the event of weather changes after 9 a.m., the condition of the path can be reassessed.

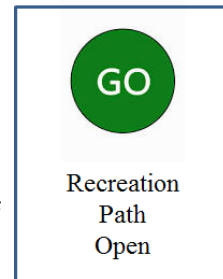
The open/closed status of the recreation path will be communicated to potential



users via signage at the park and through social media. Signs indicating whether the path is open or

closed will be posted at the entrance to Stafford Park’s three parking areas; the signs will be

visible from the roadway (Route 11) so you will not have to get out of your car to know the status of the path. Signs will also be posted at the entrances to the recreation path from the parking areas. Social media that will be used include the Town’s Facebook and Twitter accounts, and, if possible, the Town’s web page. If you are interested in receiving status updates regarding the recreation path, subscribe to the Town’s Facebook and/or Twitter accounts for notifications.



Despite the best efforts of the Parks Department, and due to changing weather conditions, snow and ice may be present on the recreation path. **Please keep in mind that if you choose to use the recreation path, you do so at your own risk.** PLEASE OBSERVE THE SIGNS – DO NOT USE THE PATH WHEN IT IS CLOSED.

***Have a safe and healthy winter.***

—Dave Prince



Walking in a *Winter Wonderland*



## STATE OF THE LAFAYETTE PARKS DEPARTMENT

The LaFayette Parks Department is responsible for maintaining the following areas of the town: Stafford Park; Bailey Park; LaFayette Beach; the ball fields behind the LaFayette Inn, and the lawns at the Highway Garage, Odd Fellows and Community Center. In addition, the Parks Department mows the playing fields at the Apple Festival Grounds (TOOLON) for the benefit of the lacrosse program run in conjunction with LaFayette Community Council (LCC). Maintenance of these properties consists of regular mowing, weed whacking, trimming vegetation, picking up fallen limbs, litter pick-up and garbage collection.

LaFayette's parks and green spaces are vibrant and healthy and receive a lot of use. From LCC to civic groups, independent teams and the general public, the parks are used for baseball, softball, lacrosse, Frisbee golf, tennis, volleyball, soccer, swimming, flag football, basketball, movies, horse shoes, picnics and parties. And there is always somebody using the recreation path and playgrounds.

Improvements at Stafford Park during the past year include a new top coat on the recreation path and installation of "doggie clean-up" stations at each of the three main areas of the park. At Bailey Park, overgrown areas at

the edge of the basketball court were trimmed back. Projects at LaFayette Beach include the installation of a portable cement bounce-back wall for practicing lacrosse or baseball and resurfacing of the basketball court and installation of new baskets in 2013, and this past fall, construction of a new bathroom facility was begun and will be completed in early 2015.

After making some minor purchases of power equipment, the Parks Department is adequately equipped to maintain the parks. In addition, a part-time helper, hired for spring and summer months, helped to keep the parks in good condition.

The Parks Department has several projects slated for 2015, including the replacement of trash and recycling receptacles, and adding picnic tables, benches and grills at Stafford, Bailey and LaFayette Beach parks. In addition, it will work to recondition the sand and remove the weeds in the volleyball court, repair fencing and backstops, and make landscaping improvements to various areas of the parks.

Long term goals for the parks include resurfacing the tennis/ basketball court at Stafford Park, resurfacing of the basketball court and repair of the baskets at Bailey Park, repair of the "box," guard shack and pavilion floor and improvements

to the swimming area at LaFayette Beach, and improvement of the parks' parking areas. Also, the beach could use additional playground equipment to complement the swing set and sand box located there.

At this time, the Parks Department is adequately equipped. However, some of the equipment is older and used vigorously, thus requiring intermittent repairs. Over time, it will not be practical or feasible to repair the equipment and it will need to be replaced. Also, facilities for storing the equipment are maxed out, and additional storage may be needed in the future.

The Town's parks can be considered the "face" of LaFayette - they are the town facilities that are most often seen or used by town residents and so many people visiting or passing through our town, as evidenced by the amount of use they receive. The Parks Department takes great pride in keeping LaFayette's parks and green spaces looking nice and groomed. The grass is regularly mowed, the weeds trimmed and the parks are kept free of litter and debris. The Department looks forward to continuing this practice and making improvements to the parks in order to ensure that every visit to one of our parks is an enjoyable experience.

—Dave Prince



## FROM THE APPLE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

I would like to take this opportunity, on the behalf of the Board of Directors, to update the community on the 42nd Annual Apple Festival.

We were blessed with favorable weather and solid attendance. All indications are that the food vendors and crafters all had a very good year.

The Apple Festival Board of Directors takes great pride in our support of local businesses and not for profit organizations. Although there has been significant pressure to change our policy, we continue to allow only local, not for profit groups, to sell food at the Apple Festival. We feel strongly that the Apple Festival should continue to be a significant fundraising opportunity for local groups so that they don't have to host as many smaller events throughout the year.

Each year the Festival donates to several local civic organizations. These donations are sometimes for volunteer service, events we sponsor or assisting with a special project of that organization. So far in 2014 the donations total \$25,692.00! This year the Festival has donated to the following organizations:



The LaFayette Game Club	LaFayette IOOF
Tully Boy Scout Troop 62	LaFayette Spanish Club
Pompey Lions Club	Grimshaw Poster Contest
GAPS	LaFayette Fire Department
Winterfest	LaFayette Coaches vs Cancer
After Prom Party	LaFayette Community Council
LaFayette Lacrosse Booster Club	LHS Yearbook
LaFayette VFW – Memorial Day Parade	Teen Institute
LaFayette Outreach	Hospice of Central New York
Route 20 Association	LaFayette Trail Riders
LaFayette Fellowship of Christian Athletes	LaFayette Big Picture School
LaFayette Boy Scout Troop 100	LaFayette Community Day
Tully FFA	Boy Scout Troup 18
Tully United Church	LaFayette Optimist Club

We are occasionally asked how much it costs to host the Apple Festival. In 1973 it cost \$3,714.20 to put on the Apple Festival. Today it costs over \$200,000.00 each year. In addition to the donations above, some of our major expenses include \$42,000.00 for rent of tents, portable bathrooms, and equipment; \$15,000.00 in property taxes; \$2,500.00 for emergency services; \$22,000.00 in insurance, \$5,000.00 for printing signs, flyers, passes, etc.; \$11,000.00 in electricity; and \$5,000.00 for fuel. After the above expenses the balance of our budget is spent each year on upkeep, maintenance and improvement of the buildings and grounds.

The Festival is not sponsored by any entity nor do we receive any funding or support from Federal, State or Local governments. The total sum of Festival financial responsibilities is met solely from the revenue generated from the two day event and the rent we receive from the house on the property, storage income for cars and boats, and facility rental fees from weddings, graduation parties, fundraisers, etc.

Since 1973, the Board of Directors has had three main goals: to promote LaFayette; to support our local civic organizations and; to provide financial security for future festivals. The Apple Festival is proof of what great things can be accomplished when a community joins together and works toward a common goal.

—Dave Knapp  
LaFayette Apple Festival Board of Directors

## From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities may be directed to Regina Reinschmidt, Recreation Coordinator at [reglcc@dreamscape.com](mailto:reglcc@dreamscape.com) or 677-7272.

### Coming up....

**Song Mountain**—If you did not register for skiing yet, we can still sneak you in! Contact me at the email above by January 5 to get in.

**Girls 5th/6th Volleyball** - will be held late Feb—March. Watch for flyers.

**Boys and Girls 3rd/4th Basketball**—will be held late Feb-March. Watch for flyers

**Coaches!** Please contact me immediately if you would like to coach and get all the LCC paperwork in by February 15.

**Baseball/lacrosse**—signups will be in early March. Mark your calendars and watch for details. Tentative dates are March 12 and 14

### Adults...

**Yoga**—New session begins Monday January 12. Offered Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30—7:45 pm at Grimshaw. You may take one or both nights. Session ends Monday, June 22nd. Cost: one night/week \$55 or both for \$100. Space is limited.

**Zumba!** - Monday class will continue through March. Want to join in now? For \$30 you can join Monday January 26th—March 30th. If you do the Wednesday class all year it's \$25. The new Wednesday session begins February 4 through June 24, \$55. **And remember, you can always pay \$4 walk-in anytime!**

**Daytime/senior exercise** Meets Tuesday – Wednesday-Thursday, 8:30—9:30 am at the Community Center. All levels welcome. Join anytime by \$4 walk-in or ongoing six-week sessions. Next one starts January 6.

**Tabata**—Great Workout! Tabata inspired interval workout (20 seconds high, 10 seconds break), opens with full body strengthening. Thursdays, 6:30—7:30 pm, Grimshaw café, January 7th—June 18th, \$55 or \$4 walk-in

**Hallwalking**—Walk the halls to work off those Christmas goodies! Stay active and warm walking the halls of Grimshaw, Monday—Friday 5:00—7:00 pm. Enter by cafeteria and sign in book on table. Have dry shoes with you!

## FROM YOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Our committee recently began a review and a complete rewrite of the town's emergency action plan. This is long overdue and will incorporate information from Federal, State and County Plans.

The goal is to modernize our plan while focusing on the immediate support that the Town's resources can provide during the first 48 hours of a large scale emergency.

Doug Daniel, myself and Kelly Green are leading this effort and our timeline includes completing

it by February 2015. Mrs. Green is an experienced engineer and public official who moved to LaFayette from Cape Girardeau, MO and owns a consulting firm specializing in this work.

As you well know, one of our greatest long term emergencies in Central New York is a long term power outage that is an outcome of an extreme weather pattern; snowfall, thunderstorms or high winds.

If you require assistance during extreme power outages your first call should be to 911.

Please take the time to prepare yourself for



our winter ahead. Plan for a night without power; ask yourself do you have enough provisions and a portable heat source.

We will share with you many of the assets, actions and outcomes this plan will offer the Town throughout the year.

—Bill McConnell  
—Doug Daniel  
—Kelly Green, P.E.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST**

### **Are you ready?**

#### **Take the next step**

You don't know when disaster may strike. Be prepared for the worst with a Disaster Emergency Kit, one that contains a minimum of 72 hours of food, water and other supplies

#### **Communication checklist**

Make sure you have at least one of the following in case there is a power failure:

- Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries
- Battery powered radio, with extra batteries, for listening to local emergency instructions
- Listen to emergency broadcasts
- Make a family communication plan. Your family may not be together during and extreme winter event, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will be doing during an emergency.
- Be sure to check on older neighbors and family members; assist as necessary

#### **Heating checklist**

- Turning on the stove for heat is not safe; have at least one of the following heat sources
  - Extra blankets, sleeping bags and warm winter coats
  - Fireplace with plenty of dry firewood or a gas log fireplace
  - Portable space heaters or kerosene heaters
- Use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements
- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water
- Never leave children unattended near a space heater
- Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture and drapes
- Have the following safety equipment
  - Chemical fire extinguisher
  - Smoke alarm in working order (check prior to winter storm season and change batteries)
  - Carbon monoxide detector (check prior to winter storm season and change batteries)
- Never use an electric generator indoors, inside the garage, or near the air intake of your home
- Do not use generator or appliances if they are wet
- Do not store gasoline indoors
- Use individual heavy-duty, outdoor rated cords to plug in other appliances

#### **Cooking and Lighting Checklist**

- Use battery-powered flashlights or lanterns
- Never use charcoal grills or portable gas camp stoves indoors
- Avoid using candles as they can lead to house fires. If you do never leave them unattended.

#### **Food and Safety Checklist**

Have a week's worth of food and safety supplies

- Drinking water
- Canned/no-cook food (bread, crackers, dried fruits)
- Non-electric can-opener
- First aid kit
- Rock salt to melt ice on walkways
- Cat litter or bag of sand to add traction on walkways

#### **Water Checklist**

- Leave all taps slightly open so they drip continuously
- Do not thaw pipes with a torch. Thaw pipes slowly with warm air
- Fill the bathtub or have bottled water on hand



## All LaFayette Residents are cordially invited to attend the 2015 Organizational Meeting!

Date: January 12, 2015

Time: Refreshments at 5:00 pm; Organizational Meeting at 6:00 pm

Place: Town Commons (hall in Town Office, 2577 U.S. Route 11N)

All residents are welcome to enjoy a beverage and a snack, witness the swearing in of our newest Town Board Member, Melanie Palmer and get more acquainted with LaFayette's Town Officials.

### Abbreviated Town of LaFayette Directory – 2015 (full directory available on [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com))

Office	Official	H Phone	B Phone	Fax	Email
<b>Supervisor's Office</b>					
Supervisor	William McConnell	391-8167	677-5251	677-7806	lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com
Deputy	Andrew Ohstrom	498-9377	569-2999	677-7806	ohstrom@twcny.rr.com
Secretary	Jackie Bush Roorda		677-3674	677-7806	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
Bookkeeper	Tom Chartrand	480-5653	677-5149	677-7212	Thomas@a-znet.com
<b>Town Board</b>			<b>Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM</b>		
Supervisor	William McConnell	677-7201	677-5251	677-7806	lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com
Councilor	Andrew Ohstrom	498-9377	569-2999	677-7806	ohstrom@twcny.rr.com
Councilor	Steve Zajac		727-5883	677-1084	szajac@twcny.rr.com
Councilor	Doug Daniel	677-9353	382-8694	677-7802	cnydaniel68@yahoo.com
Councilor	Melanie Palmer	677-3806	677-3552	677-7806	mip6331@gmail.com
Assessor Chair	Shawn Adam	214-4268	677-3420	677-7806	assessor@townoflafayette.com`
Attorney	Kevin Gilligan	677-7868	422-1152	579-0138	kmg@ccf-law.com
Budget Officer	Tom Chartrand	480-5653	677-5149	677-7212	Thomas@a-znet.com
<b>Code Enforcement &amp; Building Inspector</b>			<b>Meets Tuesday 6-7 PM or by Appointment</b>		
CEO/BI	Ralph Lamson	480-5653	677-5371	677-7806	lafayettecodes@yahoo.com
Deputy CEO/BI	Nick Kirby	378-5945	677-5371	677-7806	nkirby05@gmail.com
<b>Community Development Committee</b>					<b>Meets as Needed</b>
Chair	William McConnell	391-8167	677-5251	677-7806	lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com
Member	Andrew Ohstrom	498-9377	569-2999	677-7806	ohstrom@twcny.rr.com
Constable	Harrison Homer	492-2433			
<b>Dog Control</b>					
Officer	Ken Johnson		263-1000	677-7806	Youneedarooof@yahoo.com
Deputy	Michael Johnson		663-6378	677-7806	
<b>Emergency Response Committee</b>					
Chair	William McConnell	391-8167	677-5251	677-7806	lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com
Member	Doug Daniel	677-9353	382-8694	677-7806	cnydaniel68@yahoo.com
<b>Facility Usage (Community Center, Stafford Park Pavilion, Meeting Room, Ropes Course, Jack's Shack)</b>					
Scheduler	Jackie Bush Roorda	374-1695	677-3674	677-7806	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
Scheduler	Kristin Colburn	569-8858	677-3674	677-7806	lafayettedputytownclerk@cnymail.com

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<b>Highway Department</b>			677-9535		Meets as Needed
Superintendent	John Greeley	677-9174	559-3627	677-9535	jgreeley@yahoo.com
Deputy	Steve Robson	677-1054	952-6063	677-9535	stevelafhighway@yahoo.com
<b>Information Officer</b>					
Editor	Sue Marzo	677-3500	382-6907		laflancers@hotmail.com
<b>Justice Department</b>					Meets Wednesday 6:00 PM Court
Justice	Adrian Shute	677-5267	677-8186	677-7806	ashute@twcny.rr.com
Justice	Maureen Perrin	677-3676	677-9350	677-4622	tolcourt@aol.com
Court Clerk	Carleen LaRonde		677-9350	677-4622	tolcourt@aol.com
Deputy Clerk	Katey Romancik		677-9350	677-4622	
Deputy Clerk II	Debbie Phinney		677-9350	677-4622	
<b>Planning Board</b>					Meets 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
Chair	Jim Nakas	677-9754	470-6769		jpnakas@esf.edu
Member	Richard Markoff	677-3501			Rick.markoff@gmail.com
Member	Barb Lasky	677-3037			bjlasky@syr.edu
Member	Bradley Bush	677-9746		677-9159	summersled@twcny.rr.com
Member	Shawn Adam	214-4268			assessor@townoflafayette.com
Secretary	Jackie Bush Roorda		677-3674	677-7806	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
Dep. Secretary	Kristin Colburn		677-3674	677-7806	lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnymail.com
Attorney	John Langey		422-1152	422-1139	jrl@ccf-law.com
<b>Recreation Dir.</b>	Regina Reinschmidt		677-7272	677-7806	reglcc@dreamscape.com
<b>Recreation &amp; Youth Committee</b>					Meets as Needed
Chair	Steve Zajac		727-5883	677-7806	szajac@twcny.rr.com
Member	Dave Prince	696-0229			dprince2@twcny.rr.com
Member	Regina Reinschmidt		677-7272	677-7806	reglcc@dreamscape.com
<b>Safety Officer</b>	Tom Rezsnyak	677-9906	440-2412		T.Rezzie61@gmail.com
<b>Tax Collector</b>					
Collector	Kitty Rienhardt	677-0119	677-9155	677-7806	kitty22@twcny.rr.com
Deputy	Jackie Bush Roorda	374-1695	677-3674	677-7806	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
<b>Town Clerk</b>					Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:00PM; Tuesday 1:30PM-7:00PM
Clerk	Jackie Bush Roorda	374-1695	677-3674	677-7806	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
Deputy	Kristin Colburn	569-8858	677-3674	677-7806	lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnymail.com
Deputy	Carole Scofield	677-3733	677-3674	677-7806	carolebscofield@gmail.com
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>					Meets 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM
Chair	Stephen Beggs	677-3791			sbeggs001@twcny.rr.com
Member	Karl Field	677-9267			fieldka@aol.com
Member	Jerry Marzo	677-9927			jmarzo@bitzerscroll.com
Member	Christine Keenan	469-1622			
Member	James Nash	677-9621			jnash20@twcny.rr.com
Secretary	Jackie Bush Roorda	374-1695	677-3674	677-7806	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
Dep. Secretary	Kristin Colburn	569-8858	677-3674	677-7806	lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnymail.com
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# Columbian Presbyterian Church



## Pastor Shawn Reyburn

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(315) 677-3293

Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com  
cpresbyt@twcnny.rr.com  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 11:00am

**We begin our Annual Lenten Series on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Soup & Bread at 6:30pm and service at 7pm in the Session Building.**

### January

- **Close to my Heart [scrapbooking] Workshop**, Saturday, Jan 3, 10am-10pm in the Session Building
- **Men's Breakfast**, Monday, Jan. 5, 6am in the Session Building
- **LaFayette Outreach Public Meeting**, Sunday, Jan. 11, 1-2pm in the Session Building
- **Contemporary Worship Service**, Sunday, Jan. 18, 6:30pm
- **January Blahs Luncheon**, Sunday, Jan. 25, noon – 2pm in the Session Building
- **Youth Breakfast**, Friday, Jan. 30, 7am in the Session Building

### February

- **Men's Breakfast**, Monday, Feb. 2, 6am in the Session Building
- **Close to my Heart [scrapbooking] Workshop**, Saturday, Feb. 3, 10am-10pm in the Session Building
- **Annual Birthday Dinner**, Sunday, February 8, noon-2pm in the Session Building
- **A Taste of Chocolate**, Saturday, Feb. 14, 10am-2pm. Sweets for your sweetheart! Free admission and sample-sized chocolate treats for sale. A delicious fundraiser for LaFayette Outreach, Inc.
- **Contemporary Worship Service**, Sunday, Feb. 15, 6:30pm
- **Lenten Series**, Wednesday, Feb. 18. Soup & Bread at 6:30pm and service at 7pm in the Session Building
- **Lenten Series**, Wednesday, Feb. 25. Soup & Bread at 6:30pm and service at 7pm
- **Youth Breakfast**, Friday, Feb.

## CAR AND EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

Minimize travel but if travel is necessary keep the following in your vehicle

CELL PHONE, CHARGER	SHOVEL
WINDSHIELD SCRAPER	BATTERY POWERED RADIO
FLASHLIGHT	WATER
SNACK FOOD	HATS, COATS, MITTENS
BLANKETS	CHAINS OR ROPE
SEALANT FOR TIRE REPAIR	ROAD SALT AND SAND
BOOSTER CABLES	EMERGENCY FLARES
BRIGHT COLORED FLAG	FIRST AID KIT
TOOL KIT	ROAD MAPS
COMPASS	WATERPROOF MATCHES TO MELT SNOW

## FIREFIGHTER -EMS RECRUITMENT

Your Friends and Neighbors are giving their time for

# YOU!

Accepting Applications  
LaFayette Fire Department



Your Community and Friends Need

# YOU!

Every Monday Night – 7 PM Station 1, Rt. 11 South  
NYS Training Provided

**What if they did not have time!**



# LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP SERVICES	SUNDAY	8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY	9:30 AM—10:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP	SUNDAY	6:00 PM
INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY	SUNDAY	6:00 PM
PRAYER MEETING	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM

**A**t LaFayette Alliance Church we worship, serve, learn, enjoy fellowship with one another and reach out to our world with the life-transforming truth of God's Word. As part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, we are a missions' minded church. In the spring we have a missions weekend and in the fall a week-long mission conference with missionaries serving in various parts of the world and many opportunities to hear about their ministries. We are a Christ-centered church and care about you and your family. If you are looking for a place to belong, to grow, and to serve, come check us out.

### ~ Youth Group ~

Our Youth Group (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets on Sunday evenings in our church from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information on our youth group or any of its activities, contact the church.

## ***A Christ-centered family church"***

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

*Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

*David Booher, Youth Pastor*

### ~ Awana ~

This is a program for boys and girls, age 3 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Awana is back and in full swing and meets every Thursday from 6:30 – 8:10 pm. The children enjoy Bible lessons, Scripture memorization, and game time. New clubbers are always welcome. Note that Awana will not meet when the LaFayette School District is closed for vacation or due to weather.

### ~ Battalion ~

This is a ministry for boys in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade that meets every Monday night at 6:30 pm. Battalion emphasizes character building, Bible study, indoor and outdoor activities, service and leadership skills. Come check us out!

### ~ Clothing Exchange/Give-away ~

We hold this event four times each year. We are planning the next Clothing Exchange/Give-away in March. Contact the church or visit our website for more details as they become available.

<b><i>For Children...</i></b>		<b><i>For Youth...</i></b>		<b><i>For Adults...</i></b>	
Sunday School	Vacation Bible School	Sunday School	Bible Quizzing	Sunday School	Home Groups
Nursery	Bible Quizzing	Youth Group (7-12th gr)	Outreach Events	Bible Studies	Mission Trips
Children's Church	Awana (age 3-6th gr)	Youth Retreats	Mission Trips	Discipleship	Volleyball & Softball
		Battalion (boys 7-12th gr)		Retreats	Men's Basketball

***If you would like further information concerning our church or any of its programs, please contact the church office at 677-9810. We are located at the corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road in LaFayette. The church is handicap accessible.***

***Check us out on the web! You can listen to Pastor Rob's messages and find out even more details about our various programs.***  
**[www.lafayettealliance.org](http://www.lafayettealliance.org)**

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**Town website — <http://www.townoflafayette.com>**

**Facebook—Town of LaFayette —<https://facebook.com/townoflafayette>**

**Facebook—LaFayette Highway Dept. —<https://facebook.com/lafayettehighwaydept>**

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Add'l Info
Nov 1 (till April 1st)	No street parking continues	Throughout LaFayette	November 1st until April 1st—no parking on State, county or town
Jan 12, 2015 5pm - refreshments 6pm - organization	2015 Organizational (Meet the Town) Meeting & Town Board Meeting	Town Commons	A festive, social gathering (with food). Come meet the town officials who keep LaFayette running. All residents
Jan 31 9am—3pm	Winterfest	Grimshaw	Silent Auction, Broom Ball, Poker Run, Chili Cook-Off, Human Dog Sled....Thank you Optimist Club
Feb 9 6:30 pm	Town Board Meeting	Town Commons	See website for agenda

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2**

**COVERS MARCH—APRIL**

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