



# L<sup>o</sup>Fayette

## Community Newsletter

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As you now know our town trash vendor, Feher, closed down abruptly in May. It was a difficult task but Legislator Dave

Knapp and myself were able to keep service running by contracting for a short-term deal with Dependable Disposal. I believe they have been quite successful for being on the job in such a short period of time.

Due to the change in vendor, Southern Onondaga Trash System (SOTS) will be changing vendors and possibly service levels. There is the potential that the price will increase. Please be prepared for this come the New Year. In addition, across the trash district, people have been paying for lower levels of service but putting out much more trash than what they pay for - that model became unsustainable and is part of the reason for Feher's closure.

My ideal situation will be a trash system that is automated and the trash and recycling containers will be given to residents

as opposed to residents being required to purchase their own. This

will offer a simpler, uniform solution, to what has proven to be a difficult problem. It will also save residents a significant amount of money on their trash bins. Many residents have noted they have needed to replace their trash bins on an annual basis and this system will eliminate that cost.

At the time of writing this newsletter, a new vendor has not yet been selected on a permanent basis. The current status is that there is a bid out that should come back some time in July. When that comes back the SOTS board will meet to discuss the award of contract and select a vendor for the next several years.

In terms of service changes, in order to get the best bid package we have included in the bid as many different options to give the haulers flexibility and ensure a quality service.

I will continue to work to ensure that our town residents get the best services possible and at an affordable cost. With this transition I anticipate a lot of questions and concerns so please do not hesitate to reach out. You can always reach me on my cell 315.247.1600 or email [fitzervisor@gmail.com](mailto:fitzervisor@gmail.com).



— Danny Fitzpatrick

# From the Town Clerk



## 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAFAYETTE OPTIMIST CLUB— “FRIEND OF THE YOUTH”

I can't imagine what LaFayette would be like if we didn't have the Optimist Club in our Town. A huge thank you to the Club for all you have done, continue

to do and plan for the future. Throughout these 50 years, not only the youth of LaFayette but numerous adults have benefitted for all of the amazing things that this group of men have done for this Town. One of the most visible projects is Stafford Park with all the amenities we all have the opportunity to enjoy. Below is a copy of the rendering of Stafford Park masterfully created by LaFayette resident, Sherri Beardslee, which illustrates the many years of labor, expense and time that the Optimist Club has given developing this facility.



## LAFAYETTE OPTIMIST CLUB 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND GOLF BALL DROP - AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The Optimist Club has two major fund raisers every year, their booth at the Apple Festival where they sell their famous steak sandwiches and the Golf Ball drop/Tournament. Don't forget to sign up for the tournament. You may contact Jim McElhannon: email at

[jim@raegancompanies.com](mailto:jim@raegancompanies.com) or (315) 382-0805 to enter your team.

Also help support the Optimist Club by purchasing your golf ball tickets for a chance to win \$3,000, one of the 10 cash prizes. Reach out to any Optimist Club Member or call Ed Castleman at (315) 391-3872

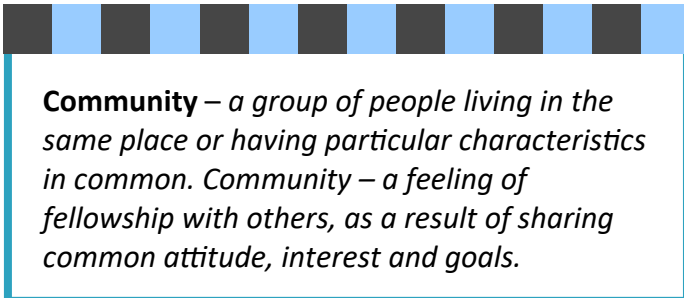
or Ron Bush [rfbnjb@msn.com](mailto:rfbnjb@msn.com) or (315) 415-3508.



# From the Town Clerk cont'd

## LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY DAY

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual LaFayette Community Day was held June 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 3PM and ending with a tremendous Fireworks Display, courtesy of the LaFayette Optimist Club. This event at Stafford Park mirrors the definitions below. As always, it was a huge success enjoyed by hundreds of LaFayette residents of all ages...



I received an email from Jack & Jane Smyth regarding the Community Day. “We just wanted to send you a note, expressing our thanks for a wonderful day at Stafford Park. Having moved to Lafayette last July, this was our first experience. We enjoyed the food offered throughout the day. The Community Band concert, followed by the Bluegrass band were great fun. The Boy Scout flag ceremony was very patriotic, respectful & moving”.

## **MAY 12<sup>th</sup> SHREDDING/MEDICATION DISPOSAL & RESCUE MISSION DROP-OFF**

This was a great success....the largest amount of shredding so far, two huge garbage bags full of expired medications and a truck load of items donated to the Rescue Mission. It was four hours of non-stop traffic at the LaFayette Town Hall. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved. Thank you to all who took advantage of these “free of charge” services for our residents.

## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR TOWN HALL REPRESENTATIVES**

We need to update our email addresses for a better more secure service. It's slightly painful but highly necessary. Please be advised that the new email addresses are found on page 5.

## **GARBAGE & RECYCLING**

Thank you to Supervisor Danny Fitzpatrick, County Legislator Dave Knapp and the SOTS (Southern Onondaga County Trash System) for acting so quickly in ensuring that our garbage pick-up was not interrupted with the sudden debacle with our previous trash removal company (Feher). Numerous meetings continue to take place regarding future long terms commitments in trying to find the best solution for everyone concerned. We are grateful to Dependable Disposal for doing a great job, despite the difficult task at hand. Please have your trash out by 5:00AM and for any missed pick-ups please call **Dependable Disposal** directly at **(315) 472-7455**.

Also, thank you for your patience in this transition period. As frustrating as it is when your trash and recyclables are not picked up as usual, we appreciate your understanding that this is a tremendous undertaking for Dependable Disposal and they are sincerely trying to accommodate everyone's needs.

## **HOLIDAYS THAT INTERRUPT TRASH PICK UP SERVICE**

- Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day
- Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas
- Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day
- Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day
- Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> for Thanksgiving

If your trash pick-up falls on or after a holiday there will be a 1-day delay in services. Any new customers or changes in your service level must be done by calling Minnie Dancks @ 315-683-5679.

## **NYSEG/AVANGRID PROPOSED HIGH VOLTAGE POWERLINE THROUGH LAFAYETTE**

As many of you know, NYSEG is proposing to add a new 345kv power transmission line which dissects most of LaFayette and affects numerous landowners. Legislator Dave Knapp held an informational meeting on Saturday, June 9 at the Town Hall that included an attorney with extensive experience regarding easements and energy companies, “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of



## From the Town Clerk cont'd

Easements". Please watch your mailboxes and check the Town website [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) for more updates or additional informational meetings. You may reach out to Dave Knapp, County Legislator at [dknappmb@aol.com](mailto:dknappmb@aol.com) or Supervisor Danny Fitzpatrick at [fitzervisor@gmail.com](mailto:fitzervisor@gmail.com) with any further questions or concerns.

### **JUST A REMINDER OF WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AT YOUR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

- Dog licensing which is required by Town law and NYS Ag & Markets
- Marriage Licenses & Transcripts (applications can be found on the town website & Please call for an appointment)
- Passport Processing (again please call for an appointment)
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Handicap Permits
- Notary Public Services (Free of Charge)
- Facility Rentals (Stafford Park Pavilions & Community Center)

Any many other things... feel free to give us a call @ 315-677-3674 or shoot us an email @ [townclerk@townoflafayette.com](mailto:townclerk@townoflafayette.com) (JACKIE) or [deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com](mailto:deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com) (KRISTIN).

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

Many of our 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)

### **RABIES SHOT CLINCS sponsored by the SPCA**

**Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

4pm-6pm @  
Onondaga Nation Fire  
Department, Route  
11A, Nedrow

**Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>,**

5pm-7pm @ Village of Minoa DPW, 100 Kalin  
Drive, Minoa

**Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>,** 5pm-7pm @ St. Lucy's  
Church, 432 Gifford Street, Syracuse

**Mon., September 10<sup>th</sup>,** 5pm-7pm @ Cicero Parks

& PLEASE REMEMBER NYS Public Health Laws require that all puppies and kittens get their 1<sup>st</sup> rabies shot at the age of 3 months, and a booster shot at one year old and then again, every 3 years.

For the safety of our town residents AND BECAUSE IT'S THE LAW...ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED. You can license your spayed or neutered dog for \$8 per year or your un-spayed or un-neutered dog for \$20 per year for up to 3 years as long as their rabies vaccination is valid.

And if you have any problems with dogs in your area please reach out to our dog control officers: Ken Johnson @ 315-263-1000 or Laura Holt @ 315-696-6468.

***Enjoy Your Summer!!!!***

### **Rabies Clinics**



—Jackie Roorda



Interested in volunteering for the FISH program, an organization that drives people to doctor appointments ?



This runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteer drivers from LaFayette and Tully are needed. Eligible participants must reside in the LaFayette or Tully school districts. Contact us if you need a ride. Questions? Call Barbara Kohberger at PEACE, Inc. 315-696-8203

We also have parenting education classes that will begin in September. Classes are held at PEACE, Inc. County South Family Resource Center from 6:00—8:00 pm. Dinner provided as well as free child care. Please call 315-696-8203.

—Barb Kohberger



# From the Highway Department



Rejoice Residents! Winter is over! The Highway Department has an extremely aggressive work schedule this summer to include ditching ops—mowing—surface treating and some paving also. Town “Clean-Up” days was another huge success for 2018. Many residents enjoyed this service. Thank you to all who helped recycle and return 18,364 pounds of “E” waste. Free mulch is still available at the Highway Garage.

## Important Dates:

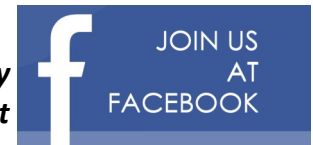
- “E” Waste drop-off Saturday, August 4th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Brush pickup early September (please don’t call—we know where to go).

During the summer time, I ask you to take time to enjoy family and friends. Always remember “those” who gave all to make it possible, and as you travel our town roads be aware of “men working” signs and *GIVE US A BREAK!* Thank you.

Comments -Questions? (315) 677-9535

**Find us on Facebook as LaFayette Highway Department!**

—John Greeley  
Highway Superintendent



## TEN TIPS for DRIVING SAFELY in WORK ZONES:



1. Expect the unexpected
2. Slow down
3. Do not tailgate
4. Watch for construction workers & equipment
5. Pay attention to work zone signs
6. Obey flaggers
7. Stay alert
8. Minimize distractions
9. Schedule extra travel time
10. Be patient & stay calm

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Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:00 am—4:00 pm | Closed Fridays—May—October | Tuesdays: 9:00 am—7:00 am by appt.

## Court Corner

Small claims and evictions are scheduled on court nights by the court. Filing fees for small claims are \$10 for \$1,000.00 or less and \$15.00 if your claim is more than \$1,000.00. Our court can only hear cases for \$3,000.00 and under on small claims. This court can hear your case if the person or entity you are suing resides in LaFayette. Evictions are \$20.00 to file. Paperwork needs to be filled out by the claimant. You can go to [nycourts.gov](http://nycourts.gov) for information on doing it yourself, under topics and select small claims.

**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!**

Our hours are 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-5:00pm Monday-Thursday. We are closed on **Fridays**. Our phone number is (315)677-9350. Our fax number is (315) 677-4622. The court office will be closed on 7/4/18 in observance of Independence Day (no court this night also), & 9/3/18 in observance of Labor Day.

Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm

Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30. Please call court to schedule.

District Attorney nights are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month starting at 5:30pm by appointment. A confirmation letter will be sent to you. This is subject to change when needed.

District Attorney requests can be mailed to:

**LaFayette Town Court**  
PO Box 135  
LaFayette, NY 13084

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

**DID YOU KNOW:** If you are operating your vehicle without insurance, the DMV can suspend your registration and driver's license. A lapse in insurance coverage can occur between the date you register your vehicle and the date your new insurance coverage begins. If the registration suspension period is more than 90 days, you must surrender your vehicle registration and plates. The DMV will also suspend your driver's license. Your drivers license will be suspended for the same number of days as your registration suspension. To reinstate your driver's license, you must pay the DMV a \$50 license suspension termination fee. You will also be responsible for civil penalty to restore your driver's license.

Go to the New York Department of Motor Vehicle Website under Insurance lapses for more information.

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

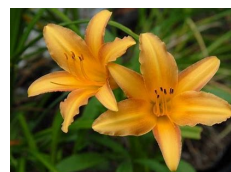
—Carleen, Debbie, & Katey

Cardiff and its Environs,  
LaFayette, New York

by J.RoyDodge



Town Historian Emeritus Roy Dodge's latest book, Cardiff and its Environs, is available at the Town Clerk's office. It contains over one hundred photographs and several other illustrations. His earlier productions, The Conklin Mills and Falls and Views and Vistas of Onativia, are still in stock at the same price of \$20.00.



Join the Southern Hills Garden Club as they visit the Garden of Edie at 5005 Creal Road in Homer, NY on Tuesday, July 17 at 6:00 pm. Edie specializes in daylilies, featuring many unusual and beautiful cultivars. There will be some available for purchase. Contact Eunice at 315-696-4650 if you have any questions.

—Eunice Tompkins

# From the LaFayette Public Library

## Upcoming events:

Imagination Lab – Off for the summer. See you in the fall!

Tuesday Tea – July 18th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Our Tuesday Teas are every month on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.

People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. We also have a jig saw puzzle set up.

Come join us

Step to stop falling: this exercise helps core strength and aids in maintaining balance. The program starts again in the first week in October. Day(s) and time (s) TBA.

## Summer Reading:

### General

July 11<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. – Gravitation Bull

July 18<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. – Moreland the Magician

July 25<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. – The M.O.S.T

August 1<sup>st</sup> 11 a.m. – Zoo-to-you

August 8<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. Bubbleman

August 13<sup>th</sup> Last day to hand in raffle tickets

August 14<sup>th</sup> – Raffle tickets pulled

### Teen specific

July 17<sup>th</sup> 12-2 – Teen Silent Library

July 24<sup>th</sup> 12-3 – Teen craft/DIY day

July 31<sup>st</sup> 5-7:30 – Teen Open Mic night

August 7<sup>th</sup> - TBA

Something new! The Library is offering Empire passes to be checked out for a three day loan period. We have three passes that allow access to any of the New York State parks. Only one per family at a time. No holds or renewals. Enjoy!

The library is featuring the art of students who showed in the Scholastic Art fair. Come down and take a look! These are students whose work we have: Evelyn Ryan, Alyssa Francis, Grace Caughy, Jennifer Post, Jacob Park, Isabella Papworth, Olivia Virnoche, Raven Ditmann, Adam Schaefer, Cameron Walsh, Harlee Farrar, Jenna Reese,

Anna Goddard Karina Magyar, Tyler Fabend, Leanna Crouse, Heaven Elliot, Keegan Hemlock, Carolyn Redmore, Caitlyn Oristian, Leanna Crouse, Lindsay Carroll and Ivy Bennett.

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

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

Speaking of imagination, our 3D printer is available for public use. Please come on in and be creative!

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

Thank you for your continued support in using Smile. Amazon.com!

Don't forget to visit: [www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org) . Also you can follow us on Facebook

A reminder that we have a children's computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it. We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

—Scott Kushner



It's story

TIME

@your library™

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WEDNESDAY

10:30 AM– 11:30 AM



# From the LaFayette Optimists

Well, of course the Optimists have been busy. Notice, if you will, the finishing of the pavilion at the Toolon Fields. You'll appreciate it both in times of blistering heat and downpours alike and let's hope that we have plenty of both this summer. Man thanks to John Gowing and crew of Gowing Construction for his donated time on putting the roof on the structure.

We had a great showing at the Optimist Oratory Contest at the High School. We spoke about what could improve our community. There were multiple interesting approaches including fixing the tennis courts, sidewalks in town, cameras in the classroom, equal treatment under the much referenced Title IX, for the girls sports teams. It's great hearing these kids give honest heartfelt speeches to a crowd of strangers and probably more difficult for them, to speak in front of their peers. Prizes, were of course, given out. Scott Kushner, local librarian extraordinaire, was the Optimist who oversees the event. Scott really epitomizes optimism because he moved out of the immediate area but still maintains his involvement in the club by championing this event.

We just finished the fishing derby and while the weather might have mildly impacted the attendance it did not impact the enthusiasm. This event is championed by Dave Knapp but it really runs itself. Many hooks were in the H2O. I happily report no one suffered any hook related injuries. The largest fish was 17 inches and the smallest was 1.5 inches. I don't know the count of how many free hot dogs we gave out this year but we have never run out. We gave out prizes for every possible category and of course had a grab bag at the end so every single kid left with some prize. We also continued the tradition of Mother's Day plant potting where the kids had the opportunity to make a potted plant to give the Moms on their day. This year we added the option of having the kids decorate the pots. Next year we will have contests based on the pot decoration as well. We did about 45 pots in all. Carol Watson was her usual generous self and gave us tremendous discounts on the flowers and has our gratitude and should have yours as well. Since we think local, act local, and spend local we bought the soil, the paint brushes etc. at the local hardware store. I don't know where we get the hot dogs and we are all better off not knowing. Not because we don't give out a first rate dog but because after all it's a hot dog.

We will give out nice monetary awards at High School graduation. One senior of each sex, and is chosen for the award. That's how we roll...our mandate is to be a friend to kids and nothing says friend to kid more than a school related monetary prize. What even comes close to that? Well perhaps the great Stafford Park which started out as a pond owned by the Onondaga Casting Society and has morphed with a great collaboration between the town and the Optimists who retain control of all park related activities. We were out in force recently moving tons of mulch...not a truckload but tons of mulch by tractor and

by hand to re-cover the two major playgrounds at the park. If you know an Optimist you know someone who is willing to donate their time and often their money to make the world around them a better place and ask nothing in return. Doctors and politicians, laborers and their bosses, people who can back up a load of mulch and people with a deft control of big machines. This town is full of men who actually care about the community. We have finished the recent project of staining/maintaining the Lacrosse Box this summer as well. Jerry Marzo is our Optimist Champion for all things related to the park.

Wait, did I mention the Bike Rodeo we recently held? This may have been our best rodeo event ever with the most structured program so far. Jim McElhannon has brought this program to new heights with the involvement of local law enforcement and a professional bike shop van to provide safety checks. A very nice fellow from the Bike Loft tuned up all the kids bikes and each kid got a certificate signed and presented to them by Town Supervisor Danny Fitzpatrick.

Do I really have to talk about the Optimist golf ball drop? Someone is going to bank some real cash from one of these tickets. The total number of tickets is limited and at 10 dollars a ball or 3 for 25 you have a real chance of taking home a nice cash prize. Find an Optimist, buy a ball and try your luck. We use our portion of the contest to fund the fireworks at the Community Days...if you haven't seen these fireworks you don't know what you are missing. You don't have to be into everything the community has to offer but coming down for the fireworks at the annual Community Days is a winner-winner chicken dinner. Fabulous fireworks in your backyard ....for free....what's not to like?

Let me close not with another line from the Optimist Creed but with another example of how we Optimists contribute to the kids...This year ..with very helpful oversight from the teachers and administration ..we have reinstated a monthly Optimist Achievement Award whereby worthy students are judged by the staff at the high school, and they will get well deserved recognition for their actions, their character etc...Really ..this isn't an award for those that ARE the best but an award for those that DO their best. If this doesn't define the Optimist agenda for you nothing will. We are celebrating this year our 50th year in this community. What other organizations can say that!? And we have members that were there at the start and are still there now !! This is unimaginable to me and leaves me in awe ....and optimistic I can have a similar run in the club.

***Have a healthy and happy  
Summer. Yours in Optimism.***

**—Joe Barry**

**Secretary to the Lafayette Optimist Club**



# Community Day Follow Up

**COMMUNITY  
DAY  
2018**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we held our 10<sup>th</sup> annual LaFayette Community Day get together. Once again, the weather cooperated and although it was rather cloudy much of the afternoon, the clouds soon departed and we had a picture perfect evening and a nice sunset. There were many activities planned throughout the afternoon and evening and everyone appeared to have a great time. As in the past, we had free hotdogs expertly prepared by Andy Ohstrom, his wife Sheila and daughter Ashley. Shute's Water Systems handed out Ice Cream and Popsicles, Oliver's Campers gave away water bottles and the LaFayette Community Council served Popcorn and Snow Cones. Again, all for free. The Community Band performed and

helped us retire the Park's Flag with the assistance of LaFayette Boy Scouts Troop 100 and LaFayette VFW Post 1955. At the conclusion of the flag retirement ceremony, the LaFayette Fire Department conducted a beautiful Watch Fire where we properly retired numerous old and tattered flags brought by community members. Local musical group, "Boots and Shorts" played during the evening as kids played pick-up Soccer and other games and we held the Community Council Duck race in the creek and the always competitive Hula Hoop contest. The day ended with a wonderful fireworks display sponsored by the LaFayette Optimist Club as always.

Our goal has always been to hold a free, fun, family focused event that celebrates our great community of LaFayette. This could not happen without lots of support from individuals, local businesses and community groups. Many thanks to our organizing committee which consists of: Adrian Shute, Dave Knapp, Dave Prince, Paul Ellis, Dan Comins and Don Bush. We also had great support from local businesses including: KnappShute Insurance Agency, Oliver's Campers, Shute's Water Systems, The LaFayette Inn, LaFayette Veterinary Clinic, and LaFayette Kennels. As in the past, our local Community Groups really stepped up to make the day a success. They include: LaFayette Community Council, LaFayette Town Board, LaFayette Fire Department, LaFayette Apple Festival, LaFayette High School Chapter of the National Honor Society and the LaFayette Optimist Club.

We hope everyone who came out enjoyed their day. If you have never attended, please save the date in your calendar for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual LaFayette Community Day ***which will be held next year on Saturday, June 1, 2019.*** It will be here before you know it. If you have any ideas for events or other activities for next year please don't hesitate to let us know.

—Dave Knapp





# From the Community Council

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



**Youth Programs:**  
**Soccer Camp\*** (boys and girls grades (K-6) - Offered by The Ultimate Goal at

Stafford Park, July 23-27. Ultimate goal will also be offering a one day all-sports camp, "Wet and Wild," in LaFayette this summer. Date and time TBA.

**Tennis Camp\*** TBA (boys and girls entering Grades 3- 7) – Conducted by LaFayette Sr. High School Varsity tennis coach, Joe Fox. Dates and times TBA.

\* Notices with details will be sent home from school. Information and forms can also be found at the Town Offices and on the Town's website under the Community Council tab.

## Adult Programs:

**Daytime/Senior Exercise Class** – Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette Community Center.

**Yoga** - Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**WERQ** - Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Call LCC for details about summer sessions for the above classes: 315-677-7272.

**Tai Chi:** Beginner and advance classes are held at the LaFayette Community Center on Monday mornings 8:30-11 a.m. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

## Adult and Youth Activities:

**Walking** –The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk.

## Announcements:

Community Council - Board meetings are usually held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Please contact LCC – 315-677-7272, for more information. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. **Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.**

—Dave Prince



Photo 1: Minors Softball Team getting ready to march in the Memorial Day Parade; Photo 2 and 3: June 9 Cortland Crush Game at LaFayette High School. LaFayette Baseball Players throwing the 1st pitch & players meeting the Crush



# A Former Supervisor's Take on the Ropes Course

I thought that I would take some time to comment on the sale of the ropes course as proposed by your Town Board.

First though, I thought that I might define what the role of the Town Board is when representing You and Your tax dollars. New York State Public Law "spells it" out quite clearly and succinctly; Town Board's should act as an **Executive Body** in working on behalf of those that they represent. Each member has but one vote; with no vote weighing more than the other. The job of the Supervisor is to build an agenda for the Board on behalf of the Town's constituents, work the day-to-day issues at hand, and to also act as the Chief Financial Officer for the Town.

The Town has owned a parcel on Jamesville-Apulia Road since the late 1990's and this parcel was purchased in a delinquent tax situation. It became the former home of the Town's Ropes Course. However, this parcel has lain vacant since 2006 when the Ropes Course was closed. This closure occurred due to rising costs to the Town and less interest in groups to utilize its Course and the Nature Trail. The Nature Trail also became impassable due to flooding and the cutting

of the stipend for the curator of the trail. Your town Board has this item on agenda and will carry it forward with the goal of finding a suitable purchase offer.

The property offers no value to the Town at this time. The sale will allow the Town to free itself of any and all liability and to place the funds from the sale into the Town budget at some point. Your town board will keep you updated as the process unfolds.

I encourage you to attend the next scheduled meeting to listen to discussion on this matter. Your

thoughts and opinions are what your Town Board builds its consensus upon and takes the lead to act as an Executive body on your behalf.

***Take care and enjoy a beautiful Central New York Summer!***

**—Bill McConnell  
Former Town of LaFayette Supervisor**



## 2018 INDUCTEES LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



# HALL OF FAME



	Sport	Name	Graduated
Boys	Baseball	Bill McConnell	Class of 1973
Boys	Basketball	Mike Merriman	Class of 1973
Boys	Cross Country	Andrew Jugan	Class of 1993
Girls	Cross Country	Carrie Allen Thomas	Class of 1997
Boys	Lacrosse	Ron Hill	Class of 1967
Boys	Lacrosse	Travis Solomon *	Class of 1978
Boys	Lacrosse	Joshua M. Amidon	Class of 2007
Boys	Lacrosse	Zachary Guy	Class of 2008
Boys	Lacrosse	John Greeley III	Class of 2009
Boys	Lacrosse	Miles Thompson	Class of 2010
Boys	Lacrosse	Lyle Thompson	Class of 2011
Girls	Soccer	Jennifer Wallace	Class of 1984
Girls	Softball	Kate Jugan	Class of 1995
Girls	Volleyball	Karen Reynolds	Class of 1978
Girls	Volleyball	Lonnie Wallace	Class of 1987
Girls	Volleyball	Tami LaClair	Class of 1984
Boys	Wrestling	Jeff Vahey	Class of 1986
Boys	Wrestling	Allen Jones	Class of 1993
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	Sport	Name
Coaches	Soccer/Volleyball	Doreen Doctor
Coaches	Basketball/Lacrosse	Jerry Vredenburg

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Committee: Dave Knapp - LaVern Doctor - Sherwin Hill - Tom LaRose - Bill McConnell - Tom Scofield - Jerry Kelly - John Liddy - Jeremy Belfield - Jason Ryan - Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz



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## LaFayette Outdoors – Unwanted Guests



“Daddy, what is that smell?” asked my #1 daughter. “Something died in our back yard,” quipped #2 daughter. #3’s diaper was full so she couldn’t smell much of anything and was totally clueless of the rancid odor originating from our back yard.

I said to the girls, “We have a skunk in our back yard and something startled it so it responded in a big way! That night and nights to follow we would shine our flashlights out back trying to catch the intruder. All of a sudden, #2 shouted, “There he is!” #1 yelled, “Get the gun Daddy!” I scrambled to get the .22 caliber bullets loaded and took aim. As I was contemplating the quickest cleanest way to dispatch this critter, I noticed he was on to us and headed toward his home...under our deck. He hesitated, and I let him have it. The girls screamed, “You got ‘em!!” As we were rejoicing over the elimination of our arch enemy, it hit us...literally. He had the last laugh as his pungent spray seeped into our house and was strong enough to make our eyes water and the girls gag. Daughter #3 was still oblivious. I assumed her self-made dirty diaper force field “protected” her from the skunk’s revenge. We hustled to close the windows, but it was too late. Mr. Stinky went out with a fight and he had the last laugh!

Could we have avoided the skunk showdown in our backyard? Absolutely! Decks, porches, sheds, garages and even roof eaves can provide shelter for critters. The skunk loved the dark cool space under our deck and was probably getting ready to raise a family there.

### Habitat Modification:

Chicken wire stapled to a deck, shed, garage or porch and then buried under ground 6-8” works fantastic. Lattice can be put up after the wire is in place. This will keep wildlife from taking up residence under your building structures. Let’s look at other ways to reduce unwanted wildlife around our homes. The first step to discouraging nuisance wildlife on your property is to remove the source of attraction, which is usually food and or shelter. Never leave out pet food, secure garbage and compost piles, and protect gardens and small livestock, such as chickens. Prevent wild animals from taking cover on your property by sealing off spaces like porches, decks, sheds, garages, and attics.



Modifying an animal’s habitat often provides lasting and cost-effective relief from damage caused by nuisance wildlife. Habitat

modification is effective because it limits access to one or more of the requirements for life – food, water or shelter.



Rodent- or bat-proofing buildings by sealing cracks and holes prevents these animals from gaining access to suitable habitats where they are not welcome. Storing seed and pet food in tightly closed containers, controlling weeds and garden debris around homes and buildings, and storing firewood and building supplies on racks or pallets above ground level are also practices that can limit or remove the animals’ sources of food, water or shelter.

Taking the time to survey your property now by eliminating these critter hideouts and food attractants will prevent damage to your property and will allow you to enjoy your summer and fall critter-free!!

— Craig Giancola

# LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00—9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:15—10:15 am	Bible in Life
10:15—10:45 a	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:45—11:45 am	Blended Contemporary Worship
6:00 pm 1st & 3rd Sunday	Ignite Prayer Ministry
6:00 pm 2nd & 4th Sunday	Thrive Youth Group

## ***A Christ-Centered Bible Teaching Church"***

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

*Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

*David Booher, Youth Pastor*

## Clothing Give-away

We hold this event four times each year. We are planning the next Clothing Give-away on Saturday, August 25 from 9:00 am—Noon at our church. Contact the church or visit our website for more details as they become available

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

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

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

## Pastor Shawn Reyburn

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Worship Service 10:00am

Church Office Hours

Tues- Friday 9:00 am—Noon

Chicken Barbecue Call before Friday to reserve halves (\$6) and dinners (\$11) 315-677-3293	Saturday, July 21	11:00—gone
LaFayette Concert Band performance for LaFayette Outreach—reception to follow to present collection from Memorial Day Benefit—Thank you!	Tuesday, July 31	7:30 pm
Chicken Barbecue	Saturday, August 18	1:00—gone
Back to School Barbecue (free)	Tuesday, September 4	5:00 pm
Men's Breakfast (free)	Monday, September 10	6:00—7:00 am
God's Girlz	Wednesday, September 12 & 26	2:30—4:30 pm
God's Guyz	Wednesday, September 19	2:30—4:30 pm
Youth Breakfast (free)	Friday, September 28	7:00—8:00 am

We will soon be making **Apple Pies** Mondays-Thursdays, 9am-noon and 6-9pm (NOT LABOR DAY) until the end of September. Frozen pies will be available at the end of September and baked pies will go on sale in the Session Building on Thursday and Friday, October 4 & 5 and at AppleFest. Come join us for the fun and visit us at our booth at AppleFest! ARE YOU HUNGRY? Call to *pre-order* your one- or two-crust pies @ 315-677-3293

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## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
Tuesday, July 10, 2018	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 17, 2018	Southern Hills Garden Club	Garden of Edie, Homer, NY	6:00 pm
Thursday, July 19, 2018	Rabies Clinic	Onondaga Nation Fire Dept.	4:00—6:00 pm
Saturday, July 21, 2018	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
Tuesday, July 31, 2018	LaFayette Concert Band	Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:30 pm
Thursday, August 2, 2018	Rabies Clinic	Village of Minoa DPW	5:00—7:00 pm
Saturday, August 4, 2018	E-Waste Drop Off	LaFayette Highway Garage	9:00 am—2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 14, 2018	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm
Thursday, August 16, 2018	Rabies Clinic	St. Lucy's Church	5:00—7:00 pm
Saturday, August 18, 2018	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
Saturday, August 25, 2018	Clothing Give-away	LaFayette Alliance Church	9:00 am—noon
Saturday, August 25, 2018	Optimist Golf Ball Tournament & Drop	Orchard Vali Golf Course	
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	Back to School Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	5:00 pm
Monday, September 10, 2018	Rabies Clinic	Cicero Parks	5:00—7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 11, 2018	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm

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