



LaFayette

Community Newsletter

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From the Town Supervisor:

Town Business During COVID 19

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At the time of writing this article, we are in stage 2 of Upstate New York's phased re-opening. We are fortunate to have such a strong team at town hall that our town business has been continuing as close to normal as it possibly can. Our highway garage never closed and our clerk never stopped taking appointments even though both had the option to. John Greeley and Jackie Roorda - thank you from the whole Town of LaFayette.

In terms of the continued function of town hall, we will remain open by appointment only for the foreseeable future. Because of the nature of our town hall, as it also



functions as our town court, there are many standards that have to be met prior to us returning to normal, in-person, meetings. At this time, again this is being written in early June, we as an organization cannot meet the state set benchmarks. With that, we are able to continue to provide needed services to the residents while functioning in this capacity. As courts and other functions return to normal in the later summer, hopefully, the town will be able to follow suit.



Our town parks, have been, and will remain, open to the public. Please continue to get exercise and enjoy the outdoors in one of our great town parks. In terms of events we have missed - please keep your eye on the Town website www.townoflafayette.com and Facebook page www.facebook.com/TownofLaFayetteNY/ as we make announcements regarding new dates for events in the later summer. We hope to be able to hold our annual Community Day event. Also, we are planning a town fireworks celebration for the 4th of July at the Apple Festival grounds courtesy of the LaFayette Optimists and the Apple Festival.



Stay healthy and stay safe LaFayette. I look forward to seeing all of you in person again soon.

—Danny Fitzpatrick
Town Supervisor



From the Town Clerk



BE KIND

No matter what our elected officials decide regarding reopening our state, please remember..... Be kind

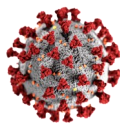
As governors, mayors,

supervisors, etc. are trying to figure out how to ease back in to a new normal, please remember:

- ♥ *Some people don't agree with the state opening.... that's okay....Be kind.*
- ♥ *Some people are still planning to stay home.... that's okay.... Be kind.*
- ♥ *Some are still scared of getting the virus and a second wave happening....that's okay. Be kind.*
- ♥ *Some are sighing with relief to go back to work knowing they may not lose their business or their homes....that's okay. Be kind.*
- ♥ *Some are thankful they can finally have a surgery they have put off....that's okay. Be kind.*
- ♥ *Some will be able to attend interviews after weeks without a job....that's okay. Be kind.*
- ♥ *Some will wear masks for weeks....that's okay. Be kind.*
- ♥ *Some people will rush out to get their hair or nails done.... that's okay. Be kind.*
- ♥ *The point is, everyone has different viewpoints/feelings and that's okay. Be kind.*
- ♥ *We each have a different story. If you need to stay home, stay home. But be kind .*

If you need to go out, just respect others when in public and be kind! Don't judge fellow humans because you're not in their story. We all are in different mental states than we were months ago.

So remember, please Be Kind.



DUE TO CORONAVIRUS ALL TOWN CLERK SERVICES ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE CALL (315) 677-3674 OR email

townclerk@townoflafayette.com

Despite the Coronavirus, my office remained open, handling business by appointment only. Since the Town Hall was and remains closed to the public, the front door will remain locked and all necessary and recommended precautions such as social distancing 6 feet apart, wearing masks and constant sanitizing of hands, pens, etc. and everything involved were used to ensure the safety of the residents and I am continuing those practices until further notice. All services listed below can and will be provided; it just takes a bit more preparation and some patience too, please.

MARRIAGE LICENSES & TRANSCRIPTS - Check our website for questionnaire forms & instructions. Also, please call for an appointment.

FACILITIES RENTAL – (Please keep in mind the reopening regulations due to Coronavirus). Our two pavilions book up quickly with graduation parties, family & class reunions, birthday & anniversary parties and even weddings. If you are interested in renting either of the Stafford Park pavilions or the Community Center, I advise you to act quickly to reserve them. The fee for residents is still only \$100.00, non-residents or businesses \$250 plus the \$50.00 deposit.

PASSPORT PROCESSING Applications are available on-line at <http://travel.state.gov>, or in my office. Please call to schedule an appointment to process passport applications. Renew your passport by mail yourself if your current passport isn't over 5 years expired with five easy steps and form DS-82 at website above.



DEPT. OF CONSERVATION

LICENSING Hunting, fishing, trapping, Duck Stamps, etc. are all available.

From the Town Clerk cont'd...

RETURN THE F.A.V.O.R. CARD (Find & Assist Vet of Record) Onondaga County gives back to honorably discharged Veterans. Bring in your DD214 to receive your discount card and a list of the numerous businesses that support this program! It is our privilege to be a part of this wonderful program! Thank you for your service!!!!

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES – Provided free of charge.

HANDICAP PERMITS– Applications available here or at your doctor's office.

DOG LICENSING Just a reminder: **ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED.** You have the option of licensing your dog for one to three years now. The cost per year is \$8.00 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$20.00 for unsprayed and unneutered dogs. When doing a multiple year license, the license expiration date must be before the expiration date of the rabies vaccination. Replacement tag fee: \$3.00; Impoundment fee: \$150.00. Please be responsible for your pets.

Dog Control Officers: Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000 and Laura Holt (315) 696-6468.

2020 RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT have been cancelled due to COVID-19. If you have any questions or situations involving a dog, please call dog control. If you have a concern regarding wild-life animals, you may call (607) 753-3095. If you see any suspicious/strange acting animals (possible rabies) please contact the Department of Environmental Conservation Police at (315) 426-7431.

SHREDDING/RESCUE MISSION DROP OFF/ MEDICATION DISPOSAL/TORN OR TATTERED FLAGS DROP OFF

August 8th from 9am-12pm LaFayette Town Hall

This free **SHREDDING** service to residents, including businesses. Bring your personal paperwork, business files, tax returns, statements & bills, etc. to the **Town Hall upper parking lot.** Watch your papers be shredded on site, via a video camera attached to the shredding truck. It is



then locked and taken a waste management site for recycling. This saves you time and saves our environment and gives you piece of mind that your personal documents are secure.

After dropping off your shredding come inside the



Town Hall Lobby for **MEDICATION**

DISPOSAL to safely get rid of your unwanted and *expired* drugs or *medications*. 7 out of 10 people who abuse prescription drugs get them from friends or relatives, so let's avoid this happening in our homes. With all of the prescription drug abuse we hear of, let's get them disposed of properly for the safety of our kids, families and environment.

NO SHARPS PLEASE!

This has been a huge success the past few years so we may have a **RESCUE MISSION DROP OFF (not confirmed yet)** along with the shredding and medication disposal. Keep an eye on social media for confirmation. You may drop off everything from small furniture, blankets, clothes, shoes, linens, etc. for Rescue Mission at the Town Hall. One man's junk is another man's treasure, right? While you are spring cleaning & cleaning out closets, instead of taking it to the landfill site, drop them off at the Town Hall. Please be sure things are clean and in good condition. (No pillows, mattresses, car seats, TV's or junk please).

Also, **TORN OR TATTERED FLAGS DROP OFF**—For proper disposal of your torn or tattered American Flags, please drop them off at the Town Hall for the WATCH FIRE flag burning ceremony @ Community Day (hopefully it can be rescheduled).



TRASH & RECYCLING PICK UP

Plan on having your trash/recycling bins out by 5:00 AM as that is the time they start picking up bins. For missed pick-ups; please contact **Dependable Disposal (315) 472-7455 ext. #29.** Ashley is more than happy to assist you with any concerns. The link for your 2020 recycling schedule is at www.dependable-disposal.com/sots, as it has changed from 2019.

From the Town Clerk cont'd...

HOLIDAYS THAT INTERRUPT TRASH SERVICE

Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If the holiday falls on or before your pick up day within that week, pick-up is delayed one day.

Please check our website for updates. The Coronavirus has caused a lot of interruptions in many events so please check for any changes. *Answers to most questions, forms or information you*

may need can be found on our website at www.townoflafayette.com, or email me townclerk@townoflafayette.com; or call (315) 677-3674.



Please be Coronavirus safe, happy, healthy & remember, please

Be Kind.

—Jackie Bush Roorda

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.

ONE IN FIVE THOUSAND

Past Town Historian Roy Dodge asks: Is there just one person in the town's population who would like to become familiar with his collection and its contents? An interested volunteer may call him at 315-428-0500.



LaFayette Business Community!

Put this on your calendar!

Arlington Acres Invites **YOU**

To a Business Social

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

5:00—7:00 pm

Details will be included in your invitation!

Working on behalf of the

LaFayette Business Network

From the LaFayette Fire Department

So far this year, the department has answered 232 alarms for assistance. While the department has had to curtail meetings and drills during COVID-19, the dedicated members still answered the call for help.

The department would like to thank LaFayette Motorsports Park for the use of their building last week and this week for drills. Some of the drills are difficult to do anywhere else so we appreciate when a building is donated for us to use.

Thank you for your continued support.



—Sean Doolittle

From the Information Officer



**KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON**

That was the motto of our Town Government during the shutdown due to COVID-19. If you were in need of town business services, you would be surprised to know that the LaFayette Town Offices were one of the few in the County that were open during normal business hours and handled most town business without interruption via curbside or online service.

Jackie Roorda, our Town Clerk came to work everyday and solely performed all clerk duties. She provided Marriage Licenses, Notary Services, Fishing/hunting licenses amongst other duties not only for the Town of LaFayette but for other municipalities such as Tully, Fabius, Liverpool, Syracuse and even someone from PA that is getting married in Memphis, NY. These offices may have been closed, working reduced hours or were working remotely. She even found the time to perform two wedding ceremonies during a pandemic.

Our Town Supervisor along with County Legislator Dave Knapp were diligent in keeping residents abreast of all things COVID. They hosted a "MUST SEE" weekly briefing via Facebook Live, socially distant at 6', that allowed residents to ask questions. No question went unanswered. They kept everyone informed of events either postponed, cancelled or being planned. They were instrumental in organizing a virtual Memorial Day celebration along with Bill McConnell, the VFW and The Fire Department after the physical parade was called off. A pandemic shutdown was not going to cause our veterans to be forgotten in LaFayette.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick participated in food deliveries, distributed masks and worked with local businesses on compliance. Arlington Acres Drive-in movie night and

helping to get the LaFayette Motor Sports park open without spectators in Phase 1 to mention a few. Town Board meetings were held via Zoom and after a brief delay Planning and Zoning Meetings were added.

County Legislator Dave Knapp helped organize Milk, Egg, Face Mask and Yogurt free giveaways. He also worked to secure hand sanitizer and masks that were given to small farms and roadside stands who sell directly to the public for everyone's protection.

Also, in the middle of the pandemic, the LaFayette Business Network was resurrected with meetings held via Zoom as a means for our small businesses to network through tough times. This endeavor was co-led by Bill McConnell, Town Board member and Town Supervisor, Danny Fitzpatrick. Please refer to our business directory on the Town website and support our local businesses whenever you can.

<https://www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-business-network.html>. Remember when that small business supported your fundraiser? It's time to support them.

I also need to shout out to our **Highway Department** who managed to keep our roads clear for our essential workers during our wintry Spring. They completed the annual brush pickup, cleaned out ditches and provided free mulch for Town residents along with many other duties. No pandemic shutdown here.

And speaking of all our essential workers: **Thank you—Thank you—Thank you** for keeping us going through all this chaos.

We have a lot to be grateful for with steady communication and service with no disruption from our Town and essential workers. **We must all keep calm and carry on! Tough times don't last—tough teams do!**

—Sue Marzo



From the Highway Department



Greetings residents. I truly hope that everyone is getting back to normal. These are unique and unprecedented times. These are also challenging times for the Highway Department. During the Covid-19 pandemic the Highway Department continued to serve the residents. Brush pick-up took over a month and is now completed. Road sweeping operations are 80% complete. Annual Town Clean-up days, (Normally the first weekend in May); had to be postponed until August 1st because of the Governor's "mass gathering" order. "E" waste can be dropped off at the Groth Road Town Transfer site, however, only **2 TV's per household** will be allowed. Residents will also be allowed to bring unwanted sticks and small piles of brush to the transfer site. Free mulch is currently available at the Highway Garage and will be available at the Transfer Site August 1st.

Road work and Mowing operations will continue this summer. We are slightly behind, so please be patient. We apologize for any inconveniences to our residents and will strive to serve everyone in a timely manner. Any questions, feel free to contact me at (315) 677-9535.



YES WE WILL ACCEPT

- E-WASTE (COMPUTERS, SMALLER SERVERS, TV'S, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS, MICE, FAX MACHINES, PRINTERS/SCANNERS, PHONES, VCR'S, DVR'S, DVD PLAYERS, GAME CONSOLES, DIGITAL CONVERTER BOXES, CABLE/SATELLITE RECEIVERS)
- BATTERIES
- PAINT CANS—(EMPTY WITH LIDS OFF)
- FUEL TANKS (EMPTY, 1 FOOT HOLE IN THEM)
- PLASTIC PIPE, WIRE OR CABLE UNDER 8 FEET LONG
- REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, HUMIDIFIERS
- MICROWAVES, STOVES
- MATTRESSES, COUCHES, RECLINERS
- CARPETING, LINOLEUM
- ALL METALS, NAILS AND SCREWS IF CONTAINED
- RECYCLABLES

NO WE WILL NOT ACCEPT

- ANY KIND OF GLASS TO INCLUDE WINDOWS
- ANY KIND OF WOOD FENCING
- INSULATION
- CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (I.E. SHEETROCK)

TIRES ARE ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING FEES:

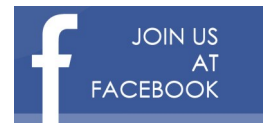
- SMALL TIRES \$3 EACH
- LARGE TIRES \$4 EACH
- TRUCK TIRES \$8 EACH
- EXTRA LARGE TIRES \$.45/LB.



Annual Town Clean-up Days

Saturday, August 1 thru
Saturday, August 8
Saturdays 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Weekdays Noon – 6:00 pm
Groth Road transfer site.
Closed Sunday.

—John Greeley
Highway Superintendent



Court Corner

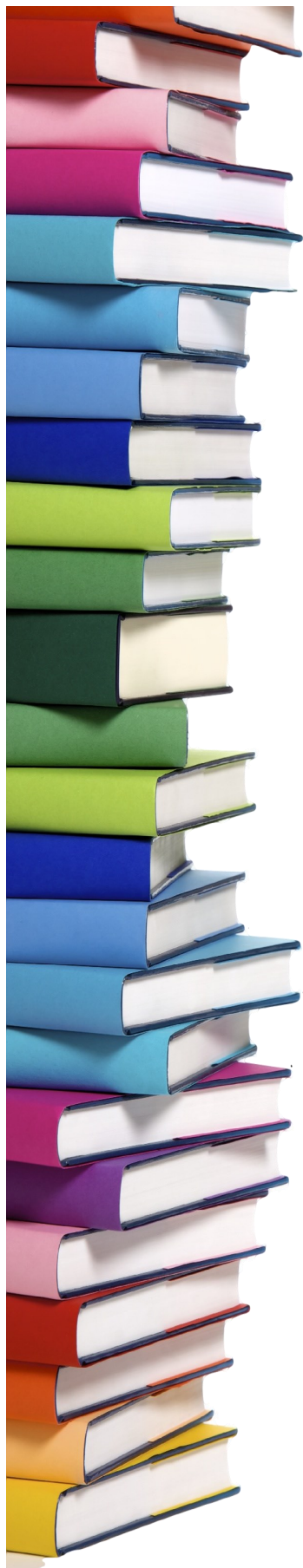
Due to the Covid-19 protocols, the LaFayette Town Court is closed until further notice. We do not have a confirmed date as to when we will reopen to the public.

If you have or had a court date while the court is closed, you will be notified by mail of a new court date when we have a firm reopening date.

Thank you for your patience, please stay safe!

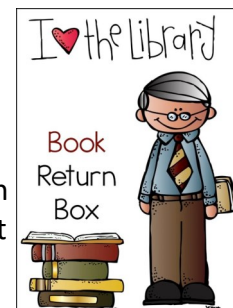


From the LaFayette Public Library



As many of you know, as of June 1st, the LaFayette Public Library reopened for **curbside pickup (only)**. Here is how it works:

Returning items: * As things come into the library via the book-drop, they will be quarantined for 7 days before they are checked in. 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. This way both the staff and the patrons can rest assured that the items that are being handled for check out or put into delivery to other libraries are safe from contamination.



*PLEASE NOTE: we will not take any items from you at this time. If you have items to return, please place them in the book drop. As mentioned above, we have a separate procedure to safely remove items from the book drop to put them into quarantine.

Placing holds

You can place holds (reserve an item) as you normally would: either online or by calling us -315-677-3782 (**see hours below**)

Picking up items

Once things are checked in after the quarantine period, hold notifications will go out (via phone, email and/or text). If you are notified that something is here for pickup, or if you would like something to be put aside for pickup, please contact us to make arrangements at 315-677-3782. Here are the times we will be taking calls to arrange pick up (Note: hours are for you to call to arrange pickup times):

Monday & Tuesday – 10 – 6:30

Wednesday – 10 – 4:30

Thursday – 12 – 6:30

Friday 10 – 4:30

Curbside pick up

At this point, you will have notified us to arrange pickup. At the designated time, we will check the items out and bring them to you. We ask that you either roll down a rear window or pop the trunk to minimize staff contact with door handles, etc. Thank you for your cooperation!

Summer reading Program

As of this writing, we are developing how we are going to deal with Summer Reading Program registrations, logs etc. There will be no live performances (again – as of now) but we are working on how to get performances to you virtually and there is a Summer Reading Program!



Curbside Pickup



Stay tuned and wash your hands!

—Scott Kushner

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



The LaFayette Community Council (LCC) is a volunteer organization that functions under the

auspices of the Town of LaFayette government. Its goal is to promote the well-being and happiness of the residents of the town of LaFayette by providing a wide variety of recreational and leisure activities intended to enhance the physical, social and cultural welfare of residents of all ages.

LCC is composed of members of the LaFayette community, including: A Board of Directors consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary; Voting Members; Coaches; Instructors, and other volunteers. In addition, there is a clerk that takes care of the day-to-day operations.

Current Programs Offered:

Youth programs - basketball; wrestling; volleyball, baseball/softball/t-ball; lacrosse; soccer; swim lessons; and soccer and tennis camps during the summer

Adult Programs - senior exercise; yoga; aerobics; men's basketball, and co-sponsor of "Step UP to Stop Falls" classes

Other programs and activities - ski club; hall walking; Community Day; Apple Festival; the annual tree lighting and movie nights. LCC is also a supporter of the high school's musical production, and its Rock Festival, Grimshaw's Parade of Baskets, the After-Prom program and sponsors an annual scholarship for graduating seniors.

For LCC to maintain the quality of the programs it offers, we need dedicated and energetic people – LIKE YOU!



New members are needed; LCC needs new members so that we can continue our current programs, and your ideas and input so that we can expand the array of programs we offer. Also, all current members of the board of directors will be stepping down as of December 31, 2020 and need to be replaced. Please consider taking on a Board position. Ideally, these positions need to be filled as soon as possible to assure a smooth transition – current board members will be available to direct the new board members through the end of the year. In addition, the recreation clerk will be available to the new Board to assure continuity of programs.

COVID UPDATE

As New York state emerges from being on pause, recreational activities are expected to be allowed to resume in phase IV, which should be sometime around July 1. In anticipation of this, LCC is working on plans for our spring and summer programs, with some modifications to comply with restrictions established by the state. LCC also hopes to resume the two winter programs, grades 2-4 basketball and volleyball, that were interrupted. Information regarding all LCC programs will be published on the Town's Web Site – refer to the LCC tab, as well as through the Town's social media outlets, Facebook, and Twitter.

—Dave Prince



Employee Spotlight—Dave Prince

Dave is one of our residents who **“holds many hats”**, **gets around Town** more than most people do and **Loves to Volunteer!**

Originally from Mattydale, Dave makes it very specific that he is a graduate of the North Syracuse School District and not the current Cicero-North Syracuse district – his pride shows with a big, wide smile on this fact!

Dave, his wife Louise (originally from Carlisle, PA) arrived here in LaFayette in 1996 with the intent to settle down somewhere outside the suburbs – they found a home in LaFayette!

When Dave arrived in LaFayette he worked as the Upstate Medical Transplant Center Coordinator while Louise also worked as a Doctor at Upstate. There begins Dave journey as he now began his new career as the Stay at Home Dad as 5 children arrived over the years into the Prince home!

But **“Stay at Home”** Dad, Dave is **not!** Let’s take a look at all the **Hats that Dave has worn** over the Years:

- LaFayette Community Council Coach: T-Ball Baseball, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Lacrosse.
- LaFayette Community Council Treasurer: 2000 – present.
- LaFayette Parks Crew Leader: 2010 – Present. In charge of the Town Green Space areas for the grooming and maintenance to include Stafford Park, Bailey Park, Vinegar Hill Sports Park, TOOLON Park, LaFayette Inn softball fields, and the Odd Fellows space.
- President, LaFayette Library, Board of Directors.

Getting around Town more than most People Do:

Dave is out there on the mower during the summer months and on the snow blower on the walking trail in Stafford Park in the winter just so we can enjoy some exercise!



Greatest memory as an LCC Coach:

Working with a young beginning wrestler with Autism and remembering this young athlete’s smile and thumbs up after his first match!

Piece of Advice:

Get involved! People Make the Community! We need coaches in the LCC programs!

“I love the emotional rewards of service to others, to make a difference in someone’s life!”

Please take the time to put Dave into your Spotlight when you see him **“out and about” in LaFayette!**
Thank you, Dave, for all that you do!

—Bill McConnell



WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS

Employee Spotlight—Carleen (Gorney) LaRonde

**Town of LaFayette—Justice Court Clerk—
2006—present**

Many of our residents may not know Carleen but, she has worked her entire life, two careers right here in her hometown!



Her street address has never changed, and she can say with great pride that I've been fortunate to have worked within 2 miles of my home after graduating from the LCS Class of '61!

Carleen's first career began working in the LaFayette Central School system as a Teacher's Aide in 1972, then Secretary to the Superintendent, Elementary Principal and High School Principal until her retirement in 2005!

However, she had done a short stint in the court system from 1976-1980 working for Judge George Field ... these were the days when Judges had a small office in his home and arraignments were handled on the dining room table! It seems that Mary Field, Judge Field's daughter-in-law stated that her mother-in-law did not want to be the clerk! How about you Carleen?!

Never would Carleen suspect that this may be the jump start to her current position as our Justice Clerk! Again, a call came from Judge Malcolm Knapp inquiring if she was interested in working in the court as a Deputy Clerk since she knew "how to do the computer stuff" while working at LCS. Her second career starts not only "after retiring" but she is now also working with her former classmate – Judy Walrath!

Factoids on Carleen:

- Loves a challenge! Worked a whole summer with Debbie, Katey, and Steven Dodge to catalogue thousands of "cold case traffic fines"!
- Enjoys being a "calm voice" for those who come into the Court and hopes to help them out.
- Loves to have "lots of laughs" with her co-workers Katey and Joanne.
- Enjoys living in LaFayette, I never left!
- I love People!

Thank you to Dennis, Carleen's Husband, for sharing her with her Home Town all these years!

Please take a moment and stop by at the LaFayette Court and Shine Your Spotlight on Carleen and say HELLO!

—Bill McConnell

HAPPY Fourth of July Town Fireworks Celebration

4TH OF JULY



July 4th—at dusk

Apple Festival Grounds

Social distancing rules apply

Cars will be parked 6' apart

Enter off of Tully Farms Road

Bring a chair and enjoy a spectacular show

Live Music

Free Popcorn from LaFayette Booster Club

Provided by the LaFayette Optimists

With a kick in from the Apple Festival to make it more special

From the LaFayette Senior Citizens

In light of all the adjustments we have each been required to make to help stop the spread of the current pandemic, the LaFayette Senior Citizen group is no longer meeting each month. Hopefully, as restrictions lift, and social distancing and mask wearing are not an issue any more, we can resume our monthly get-togethers, and make plans for trips that have been re-scheduled for similar time slots in 2021. When this time is deemed appropriate, our "telephone tree" will be utilized to notify members of upcoming meetings.



Until then, we hope each of you has been well, and able to persevere during our quarantine time. It certainly isn't what any of us thought would happen as we ushered in 2020!

—Rita Bush

Southern Hills Garden Club



September 15, 2020

**LaFayette Community Center
7:00 pm**

Dr. Steven Chamberlain, Hosta breeder will give a presentation. Guests are welcome and membership is open to anyone.

**For information please contact
Cathy Nagel**

**315-677-9342 or email
CEN42085@aol.com**

LAFAYETTE OUTREACH

Located at the end of the hall in St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity, LaFayette Outreach exists to assist any community members in need of healthy meals. We are well stocked and eager to be of help. The recent pandemic has caused a heartwarming array of donations, from businesses to individuals, from churches to community groups, and we want to be sure that no family in our community goes without food. We deliver 5 days' worth of meals and welcome people to visit our pantry every two weeks. It is easy to visit, remain in your car, and we will serve you every Tuesday from 9:30 to 12:00, and the first and third Thursday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30. Our phone is 315-677-5221. Your generous neighbors care about you. Come and see us if you need a hand.



From the LaFayette Optimists

I cannot remember a time when OPTIMISM is a more needed tool than as of late.

The last several months have given us many reasons to fret. All of our lives have been upended recently, and the schedule of Optimist events for this spring was no exception. The Oratorical Contest, Fishing Derby, and Bike Rodeo will return in the spring of 2021. The flip side of that coin is that these times remind us of the many things we have to be thankful for, and to look forward to. The Optimists were able to do our spring clean-up work in the park, and we see MANY people taking advantage of this wonderful asset we have for our community. We have been putting fresh stain on the buildings, and will be proceeding with our plan to improve the flag display. Tennis court improvements and pond dredging will also be moving ahead soon.

I am happy to say we will be having our annual GOLF BALL DROP fundraiser as normally scheduled on August 15th!

This event is a big part of how we fund our student scholarships and community events schedule. It is also a great opportunity for 10 lucky ticket holders to get some financial stimulus! Your odds of winning are better than buying a scratch off ticket, and the proceeds are 100% going right back into our community! **Get your tickets NOW!**



You can buy tickets from any Optimist Member, or from the LaFayette Optimist Facebook page! You may also see us at the Park, or the Bank, or set up around town. You will likely also run into Mr. Ron Bush, our number one salesman. I was selling tickets last year, and he still talked me into buying some from him!

"Promise yourself to make all your friends feel that there is something in them." – from The Optimist Creed

—Doug Kautz, Secretary

With the uncertainty of the LaFayette Apple Festival in 2020, this may be our biggest fundraiser. The LaFayette Optimists need your support more than ever.

Ron Bush has an open door policy—Stop by his home to purchase tickets!



LA FAYETTE OPTIMIST CLUB

13th Annual Golf Ball Drop

Saturday, August 15th, 2020, 3:00 pm

Orchard Vali Golf Course



1 BALL



3 BALLS
(SAME NUMBER)

Closest to the pin wins cash prizes:

1st Place—\$3,000	4th Place—\$500
2nd Place—\$1,000	5th Place—\$300
3rd Place—\$750	6-10th—\$200

GOLF BALL #1234

FIREWORKS ● STAFFORD PARK ● FLAGS IN TOWN ● HALLOWEEN PARTY ● FISHING DERBY

BIKE RODEO ● ORATORICAL CONTEST ● 7TH & 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Conservation Subdivision Design (CSD)

Under "Open Space" in LaFayette's Comprehensive Plan Action Matrix, Goal #7B, this *Short Term* action is listed:
"7B. Utilize Conservation Subdivision Design to protect steep slopes, scenic views, farmland, wetlands, floodplains, and other unique or significant natural features."

Here's how our town can benefit from Conservation Subdivisions. Landowners used to only have two choices - either continue to own their land and conserve it, or sell it for traditional development methods.

Full Equity

"Landowners who view their property as their 'pension' no longer have to destroy their woods and fields in order to retire with a guaranteed income, as their equity is not diminished." Randall Arendt, noted planner commenting on conservation subdivision design

Comparison images of a conservation subdivision (top) vs. a conventional subdivision (bottom) with the SAME



number of home sites (55) on the same 130 acre property.

Conservation subdivision (above) with just under 3/4 of an acre, 30,000 sq. ft., house lots with the SAME number of home sites (55) as the conventional subdivision below on the same 130 acre site. The conservation subdivision preserves almost two-thirds of the site, 62%, 81 acres.

Conventional subdivision (above) with 2 acre house lots with the SAME number of home sites (55) on the same 130 acre site as the conservation subdivision at the top of the page.

Conservation subdivisions preserve the rural character of a community, protect wildlife, water quality, reduce flooding and conserve important rural and agricultural economies.

Homeowners' time spent mowing lawns and on other outdoor maintenance is reduced, freeing them to enjoy the many acres of open space. This does not mean that homeowners have to live on a small lot. Many conservation subdivisions lot sizes in rural areas are an acre or more.

Same Number of Homes, More Profitable, and Good for the Economy

The same number of homes can be built as allowed in conventional "cookie-cutter" subdivisions. Conservation subdivisions are proven more profitable, less costly and faster selling than conventional subdivisions. They enhance the property values of nearby parcels and neighboring properties. Study results show that lots in conservation subdivisions carry a premium, are less expensive to build, and sell more quickly than lots in conventional subdivisions making them more profitable to developers than conventional subdivisions. Homes in the conservation subdivision sold in about half the time, on average for \$17,000 (13%) more than homes in the conventional subdivision where lots were twice as large.



From "Growing Greener", by Randall Arendt

Wonderful for Children and Families

Studies cited in the best selling book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder*, show that children exposed to nature learn critical exploratory skills, are more apt to be interested in science and math, are more confident, and become better and much more successful adults.

<http://www.landchoices.org/conservationsubs.htm>

-Jeanie Gleisner-Earle

Church News

Onativia United Methodist Church

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

We are sorry that we are closed due to Covid-19 restrictions
Please join us for worship when it is safety to meet face to face
Sunday mornings at 9:00

Church email: onativiachurch@hotmail.com

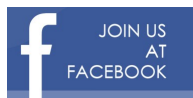
Phone: 315-677-9843

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Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Columbian
Presbyterian Church



Pastor Shawn Reyburn

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20
LaFayette, N.Y. 13084

(315) 677-3293

Online service available at:
Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com
cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com
Worship Service 10:00am

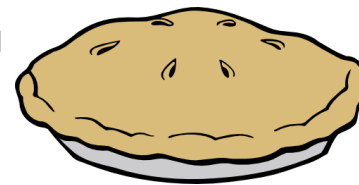
*For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at
Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com or follow us on FACEBOOK*

www.facebook.com/pages/LaFayette-Columbian-Presbyterian-Church


July 18	Chicken Barbecue (watch for updates on Facebook)	11:00 am—gone
August 15	Chicken Barbecue (watch for updates on Facebook)	11:00 am—gone

We will soon be making Apple Pies Mondays—Thursdays, 9:00 am—noon and 6:00—9:00 pm 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.

Call to Pre-order your one or two crust pies at 315-677-3293



Thank you to everyone in the community for your donations to the St. Paul Textile Shed, generous support of our Outreach Benefit Tag Sale and patronage at our Chicken Barbecues.

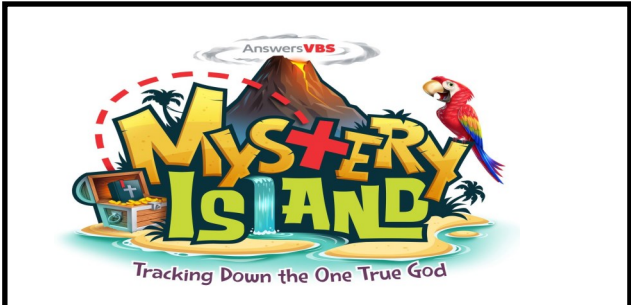


"A Christ-Centered Family Church"
Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00—10:00 am	Bible-In-Life Hour
10:00—10:30	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30 am	Praise & 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 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



Vacation Bible School

August 3-7 6:30-8:30 pm (Grades K – 6) School supplies for all children will be handed out. Call Greg for info at 315-492-8431. Register online at www.lafayette.myanswers.com **Dear parents:** depending on the guidelines in force this August, we are planning both an on-site VBS experience for your kids as well as a virtual gathering. if possible, both will be offered to accommodate what you feel is best for your child. Those who would like a virtual VBS will be able to pick up a take-home supply pack at the church on August 1 from 9am to noon.



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
Additional Mass Locations and Times:

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| 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 |

****Weekend Associate Rev. Ed Reimer; Deacon William Ferguson****

FR. CAREYS – SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S MEMBERS
TYPICAL MASSES, TEACHINGS AND GET TOGETHERS HAVE CHANGED DUE TO THE COVID SITUATION

ALL MASSES CELEBRATED BY FR. CAREY ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON (YOUTUBE.COM) PARTICIPATE BY SEARCHING FOR (REV. JAMES CAREY) ON YOUTUBE AND ENJOY MASS WITH FR. CAREY

BE ADVISED- THAT ACTUAL MASS ATTENDANCES WILL ALSO BE COMING IN VARIOUS WAYS FIND THE WEEKLY BULLETIN ON ST. JOSEPH'S WEBSITE TO SEE WHEN MASSES WILL TAKE PLACE AND ALSO SIGN UP WITH YOUR EMAIL TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY BULLETINS

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your LOVE"

Town of LaFayette
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Upcoming Events—Jul-Aug-Sept

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
July 14	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
July 18	Chicken Barbecue	Columbia Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
August 1-8	Town of LaFayette Clean Up Days	Groth Road Transfer Site	Saturday 9:00 am—4:00 pm Weekdays Noon—6:00 pm Closed Sundays
August 3-7	Vacation Bible School	LaFayette Alliance Church	6:30—8:30pm
August 8	Shredding Event/Med Disposal/Rescue Mission	Town Hall Upper Parking Lot	9:00 am—12:00pm
August 11	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
August 15	Optimist Golf Ball Drop	Orchard Vali Golf Club	3:00 pm
August 15	Chicken Barbecue	Columbia Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
September 8	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
September 15	Southern Hills Garden Club	LaFayette Community Center	7:00 pm

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