



LaFayette

Community Newsletter

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LaFayette Community Day

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From the Town Supervisor



Service Above Self - A Community Built on Volunteerism!

The cover of this edition was chosen with the photos to show that we are back as a community after a long battle over the past fifteen months ... A job well done by those who made this day happen!

Volunteers and volunteer groups make special events like this happen. It is not just the local government but the many, many people who give their time without asking for anything in return except for one thing ... to Build Community Spirit, Have Fun, and Be Proud!

Groups such as the LaFayette Fire Department (LFD), the Optimist, LaFayette Community Council (LCC) – they need for us to step up to the plate and take the reigns with those who have served for many, many years.



LCC desperately needs you – those with limited skills to the incredibly talented – we need you to jump into the fray and provide

leadership, ideas, coaches, mentors, networking – please give Dave Prince a shout and bring your game to the kids!

LFD: read their marquee; Volunteers needed! Yes, a dangerous job with little benefits other than Serving Our Community – you and me! Two household fires this year, numerous ambulance responses and much, much more that you and I do not see every day. Escalating cost to training our EMT's, the time involved, and a thinning of resources make our Fire Fighters need even greater.



Friend of Youth

Our Optimist Club, without a doubt, are a major factor to our children's welfare in our community. Winter Fest, Fishing Derby, Stafford Park, and much, much more. The many activities and a limited resource – volunteers- make everyone's jobs that much harder.

I ask those of you in our Community with a **Servants Heart** to step forward and keep our community strong, vibrant, and active, we ALL have something to offer!

Thank you for all the unsung, under the radar people, and local business who do not wish to be named for making our Community Day a great and fun experience. The Best Fireworks Show seen to date!

Take your best swing, hit a Home Run by Volunteering!

—Bill McConnell



WE NEED YOU

From the Town Clerk

This quarterly newsletter covers three very important days in American history, 4th of July, Labor Day and 9/11. I hope everyone takes at least a few moments to remember how fortunate we are to live in this United States of America and pray that we can come together & reunite and support one another as we did after the terrorist attacks of 9/11.



"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude."

"We are the Land of the Free, We are the home of the Brave

Let's pay tribute, To our brave American Heroes

*On this day and forever, **Happy Independence Day!!!**"*

LAFAYETTE OPTIMIST CLUB 13th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND GOLF BALL DROP – AUGUST 21, 2021

The Optimist Club has two major fund raisers every year, their famous steak sandwich booth at the Apple Festival and the Golf Ball drop/Tournament. Don't forget to sign up for the tournament which will be held at Orchard Vali Golf Course. Not only is it a fun, four man, captain and crew tournament, but you will be supporting this amazing Club who continues to do so many things for the LaFayette Community. You may email John Fleischmann at johnfleischmann115@gmail.com or (315) 560-2683 to enter your team or for further details.

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 or (315) 415-3508.

MAY 8th SHREDDING/MEDICATION DISPOSAL & RETIRED FLAG DROP-OFF—SUCCESS!!!

These events were a great success.... the large amount of shredding, two garbage bags full of expired medications and torn, tattered, faded, retired flags that were burned at the "watch-fire" at Community Days. It was three 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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Please have your trash out by 5:00AM and kindly remove the bins from the side of the road as soon as possible. For any missed pick-ups please call **Dependable Disposal** directly at **(315) 472-7455**.

Please note there is no garbage delay for the 4th of July holiday as the 4th falls on a Sunday

Labor Day will have a one day delay as will Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. If you have any concerns or missed pick-ups, etc., please call Dependable Disposal at (315)472-7455.

TOWN CLERK SERVICES

- 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
- Facility Rentals (Stafford Park Pavilions & Community Center)
- Dog licensing which is required by Town law and NYS Ag & Markets



From the Town Clerk cont'd...

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

PLEASE REMEMBER NYS Public Health Laws require that all puppies and kittens get their 1st rabies shot at the age of 3 months, and a booster shot at one year old and then again, every 3 years. There still are no rabies clinics posted but on the Dept. of Health website they are listing a Drive thru clinic. People may register on line (similar to signing up for a COVID Vaccine).

<https://apps2.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmssp/r/2/counties?DateID=C3E1103F7E9002D2E0530A6C7C15AA50>



"It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things." (Theodore Roosevelt)

"Labor Day is a well-deserved tribute for those who work so hard."

"No matter what kind of work you do, Labor Day is for you."

"Be proud of what you do. Let your work speak for you"

"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand." (Vince Lombardi)



9/11

"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." (Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl)

"The attacks of September 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead, we have emerged stronger and more unified." (Rudy Giuliani)

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

Upcoming Elections

GENERAL ELECTION— TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

POLLS ARE OPEN— 6:00AM - 9:00PM

See Board of Elections website for details on EARLY VOTING and absentee applications. www.onvote.net (LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 2444 US Route 11, early voting site)

The October mammography-van visit was quite successful; therefore, Upstate University Hospital's Mammography Van will return on August 18, 2021, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, The van will be parked in the lower parking lot by the library and pre-registration is required.

Please feel free to give us a call @ 315-677-3674 or shoot us an email @ townclerk@townoflafayette.com (JACKIE) or deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com (KRISTIN). We will be more than happy to assist in any way that we can!!

Enjoy Your Summer and Please stay safe!!!!

—Jackie &
Kristin



From the Highway Department



Hello LaFayette Residents, Hope everyone is well. Our annual Town Clean-Up Days was a huge success for everyone thanks to the hard work of our Highway Department guys. We were able to recycle 115 tons of general household debris, over 10,000 lbs. of E-Waste and over 11,000 lbs. of tires.

My deputy Don Skinner and I have put together a very busy work schedule for this season. We have begun our first phase of paving and surface treatments on Chase Rd, Morzak Rd, Applewood Development and all of our southern LaFayette roads.



Mulch will be available thru the summer and into the fall at the Highway Garage (2849 Route 11).

“A Date to Remember”
Fall Brush Pick-Up.
Please have all your brush out by August 30th. We need to pick-up all of your brush in a timely manner so we may grind it into mulch for next year.



Please be patient with our road work this summer and take the time to look for our Road Work / Men Working Signs.


Any Question please contact Don or Steve at 315-677-9535. Thank you, residents for all your support this summer and ***Please Stay Safe***

—Steve Robson
Highway Superintendent

happy Retirement



JOE AMBROSE 1988


AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE
ON JUNE 29, 2021, JOE
AMBROSE IS RETIRING FROM
THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.
THANK YOU JOE FOR YOUR
MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE. WE HOPE YOUR
RETIREMENT YEARS ARE
LONG AND HAPPY.



Court Corner



As of March 3, 2021 in person court appearances have resumed, still somewhat limited due to COVID. We encourage vehicle and traffic tickets to be handled by phone or thru the mail. If seeking a reduction from the District

Attorney, you must file online at da.ongov.net, as our court no longer has DA night.

The moratorium on evictions has been extended by Gov. Cuomo until August 31, 2021. Further updates will be provided as we receive them.

The court is closed on July 5, 2021 and September 6, 2021.

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

LAFAYETTE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

Please visit the Town of LaFayette website, review the drafted Community Profile and answer a brief 3 question survey. We look forward to your valuable feedback. Follow this link:

www.townoflafayette.com/building-a-comprehensive-plan.html

From the LaFayette Senior Citizens

Well, we are getting closer Restrictions are being lifted (due to the Covid virus), and hopefully, the Senior groups can begin meeting again!

With that said, the LaFayette Senior Citizens are planning a 4-day trip to Maine in July, as follows, with all the protocols that are in place at the time:

July 12-15, 2021 – Tour of Portland and

Kennebunkport, Maine, including all lodging together with breakfast, narrated harbor cruise of Casco Bay, Boothbay Harbor Tour, visit to Eartha (the revolving/rotating globe), a “Downeast” Lobster-bake dinner, visit to L.L. Bean & Dexter Factory Outlets, and much, much more.

Transportation, luggage handling, meal gratuities, and taxes are also included for the very reasonable price of \$479 per person, double occupancy.

For more information on this trip, or to reserve your spot, please contact Jen Hopper at (315) 469-6592. Hope you can join us!

Other than that, we are just waiting to join our friends, and return to some sort of fun times again. Enjoy your Summer!

—Rita Bush



From Southern Hills Garden Club

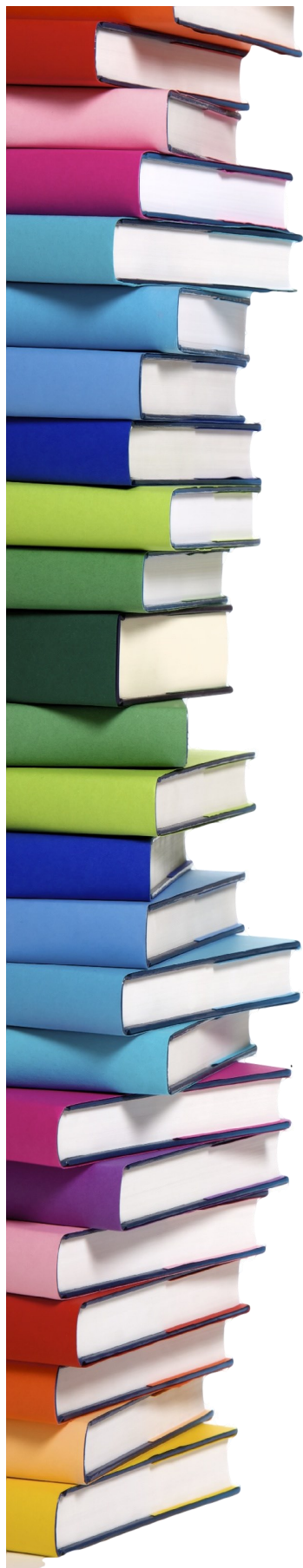


Dr. Steven Chamberlain, Hosta breeder will present “Hosta's” Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:00 pm at the LaFayette Community Center 2508 US Route 11 LaFayette NY 13084.

Southern Hills Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, February through November, at the LaFayette Community Center 2508 US Route 11 LaFayette NY 13084. Some meetings are off site. Guests are welcome and membership is open to anyone interested in gardening. For information regarding meetings or membership, please contact Cathy Nagel 315-677-9342 or Email CEN42085@aol.com Thank you.

—Patricia Kroneck

From the LaFayette Public Library



Using the library: we have gotten rid of appointments. Therefore, you can drop anytime during library hours to browse, pick up items, computer use and all the rest of the services available at the library, such as faxing, printing, copying, etc. We prefer the wearing of masks inside the building, until such time that the comfort level is such that there is no concern. Our hours are:

Mon & Tues	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Thursday	12:00 pm—7:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am—2:00 pm

Please note: all services except for checkout end 15 minutes before closing. That includes all of the services mentioned above

Returning items: We will continue to leave the outside book drop unlocked so you do not have to come into the library to return items. Our inside book drop is also available during our open hours. Also, we are no longer quarantining items, so they will be checked back in upon return. We thank you for your patience during that confusing time when we were quarantining items. Hopefully, that is over!

NEW ITEM reminder: We have recently purchased 30 “Wonderbooks” (with more to come) for the children’s area. They are combination of print and audiobook in one. The audio component is built right into the physical book. So you can read it like a normal print book with illustrations with your child, or have the book narrated while you follow along. They are shelved with the Easy Readers.

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

We have renewed our three Empire passes that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga county parks. For the county passes, please call the facility you plan to visit beforehand to make sure they are accepting the passes at this time (for example, right now the zoo is *not* accepting the passes for financial reasons). The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan

LaFayette Library cont'd...

period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. These passes are good throughout the year. Enjoy!

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/>, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you! Thanks!

Story times: Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **We have been having story hours outside. So please join us! If the weather doesn't look good, please call us at 315-677-3782 for an update.**

Here is the Summer Reading line up*:

*** All events will be outside. There may be alternative rain dates so please contact the library for further info.**

- **Monday – June 28th – Summer Reading begins!**
- **Weds – July 14th – Moreland the Magician@ 11 a.m.**
- **Weds. – July 21st – The MOST@11 a.m.**
- **Weds – July 28th – Tie Dye on the lawn – 11a.m. to Noon**
- **Weds. – August 11th – Bubbleman @11 a.m.**
- **Friday – August 20th: last day to hand in raffle tickets**
- **Monday – August 23rd – Raffle tickets drawing**

Contact Miss Amber with any questions about the programs, registration, etc.:

amfoster@onlib.org or call the library – 315-677-3782



—Scott Kushner



Town Employee Proclamations:

- June 11—Joe Ambrose and Art Gabriel Day—awarded Jun 9, 2020
- June 29—Roy Dodge Day—awarded June 9, 2021

LaFayette Apple Festival is back!



After being forced to cancel last year's event the Apple Festival Board of Directors is excited to announce that we will be holding our 48th LaFayette Apple Festival on October 9th and 10th. During the height of the Covid 19 pandemic we were able to continue to assist our community in many ways. We hosted several milk and food box giveaways as well as two drive through vaccination clinics. With the help of the LaFayette Optimist Club and the LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department we held a drive-in fireworks display for the 4th of July. This was one of the only organized fireworks displays in Onondaga County in 2020. We were also honored to be asked to assist a grieving family of a fallen firefighter by offering space for a memorial service per Covid guidelines at the time. Twenty-twenty was a difficult year for all

civic, community, and non-profit organizations. The Board of Directors is committed to continuing to provide a venue to support our local community groups.

—Dave Knapp

OCTOBER 9TH AND 10TH

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. 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@townoflafayette.com. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084



What is LaFayette Community Council?

LCC is individuals that serve on the board of directors, providing direction and leadership for the organization to meet its mission and purpose.

LCC Board positions include, President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary.

LCC are individuals who comprise the general membership, dedicated and energetic people who provide input and ideas and assist with programs and special activities such as Community Day, Apple Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, Town Tree Lighting, scholarship program.

Community Day Helpers: Allison O'Kane, Robin O'Kane, Mick O'Kane, Christine Cromley, Tonya Farewell, Bobbie Buck, John Liddy, Bailey Hogan, Tim Baker, Chris Baker, Julie Clarke, Chris Baker, Melissa Hogan

LCC is individuals that coach or help with our youth sports teams.

Baseball Coaches and Helpers:

Tee ball #1 – Sarah Stanton, Rachel Richter

Tee ball #2 – Melissa Hogan, Todd Olrich

Rookies #1 – Chris Baker, Angela Enigk, Doug Kautz, Amanda Mangold, Eric Mangold

Rookies #2 – Melissa Hogan, Todd Olrich, Sam Burke

Rookies #3 - DJ Mahar, Pat Dwyer, Carl Shaw

Minors Baseball – Mike White, Eric Mangold, Glenn Christoffel, Dave Coakley

Majors Softball – Victoria With, Travis Homer, Sarah Stanton

LCC businesses that support our youth programs:

Baseball Team Sponsors: The Route 20 CNY Community Group, Empire Freight Logistics, Bob Johnson Auto Group, Ron Bush Oil, B&B Lumber, Lafayette Veterinary Clinic, Harmatuk Construction and Concrete Services

Community Council is a community focused organization made up of individuals. Please consider becoming a part of the LCC community - we need you, after all Community is our middle name.

Youth Sports:

Lacrosse – For boys and girls, grades Pre-K through 6. Practices will run through July and August. Please refer to Community Council's Facebook page or the Community Council section of the Town's website (www.townoflafayette.com) for details. There is no deadline for registration and children can join the program at any time. **Fee is \$10.**

Soccer - For boys and girls, grades Pre-K through 6. Practices will begin in September. Registration and first practice will be Saturday, September 11. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and practices at 10:00 a.m. Please refer to Community Council's Facebook page or the Community Council section of the Town's website (www.townoflafayette.com) for details. **Fee is \$10.**

Registration forms for lacrosse and soccer are available online - Community Council section of Town's website (www.townoflafayette.com).

If you can help with lacrosse or soccer – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC at 677-

From Community Council cont'd...

7272 or send e-mail to:

lafayettecommunitycouncil@townoflafayette.com

We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Adult Programs:

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

Tai Chi: Beginner and advance classes. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

Other Programs:

"Step Up To Stop Falls" - On hold until further notice.

Walking: The recreation path at Stafford Park is maintained throughout the winter and is available, every day, dawn to dusk.

—Dave Prince

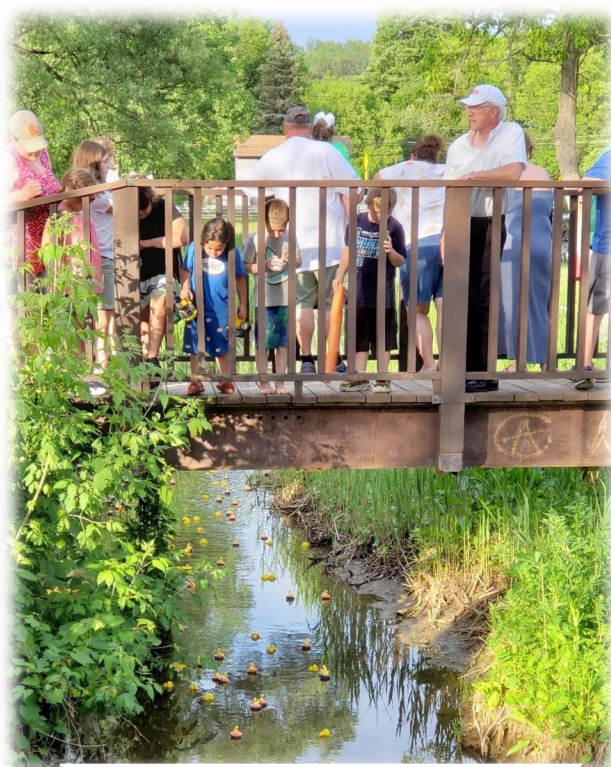


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Sponsored by Assemblyman John Lemondes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

LaFayette Fire Department

1:30 pm—6:30 pm



**American
Red Cross**

LaFayette Senior Center Update



At the June 8th LaFayette Town Board meeting I was excited to announce that I have secured a \$150,000 grant from the Federal Community Development Grant Program to be used for the construction of the new senior center. This is the same source of funding that I have been able to access in years past for other projects in our wonderful park including paving the walking path, construction of the upper pavilion, work out equipment, volleyball court, and most recently, the upcoming dog park which will begin construction shortly. I am continuing to look for other sources of grant funds for this great project.

—Dave Knapp, County Legislator

From the LaFayette Optimists

Hello from the Optimists!

It has been a busy spring! The club completed our annual Stafford Park clean-up, and we re-filled the playground area with new wood chips. Thanks to B&B Lumber for providing the chips! It has been great to see the playground and the ball diamonds full of smiling faces.

We held the annual Fishing Derby on Mother's Day weekend. Mother Nature dealt us some tough weather, but we still had a great turnout. Go to the LaFayette Optimist Facebook to see some great pictures. You can also see the list of winners for largest and smallest fish for each age group and for the casting contest. We had plant potting again during the derby to provide a last-minute Mother's Day gift.

A big THANK YOU to all of the student participants in our Oratorical Contest. Submissions were done via video this year. All participants did a great job presenting well thought out, and inspirational speeches. A special congrats to the winners:

- 1st Place: Ryan Ortlieb
- 2nd Place: Caroline Davidson
- 3rd Place: Ian Northrup

For Community Days the club sponsored the Bike Rodeo and funded the Fireworks show. It was a beautiful day, and great to see the community come together after missing the event last summer.

Looking ahead,



The annual LaFayette Optimist Golf Ball Drop and Tournament will be held on Saturday August 21st. Proceeds from ticket sales fund a significant portion of the club's projects. This includes the items mentioned above, in addition to



The 2021 Optimists Scholarships were awarded to Collin Dix and Marissa Evans at the Year End Optimist Picnic—Presented by Bruce Donahue

Congratulations!

the student scholarships we provide, the Halloween Party, Basketball Tournament, Winterfest, etc.....

Please support the club by purchasing a ticket, and/or entering a team in the tournament. You can reach out to any club member, or purchase tickets through the Club Facebook page.

The club will putting in dugouts for one of the Baseball Fields later this summer.

Have a great summer!

Promise yourself...

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on the greater achievements of the future—The Optimist Creed

facebook

—Doug Kautz,
Secretary



The LaFayette Lacrosse Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 14th annual alumni event will return to The LaFayette Box on Amidon Rd in historic "Vinegar Hill" on Saturday, Aug 21, 2021. Please check the Facebook page or reach out to Brian Gormley (gormley.brian.i@gmail.com) for details!

From our local BSA and Cub Scouts



Our local Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts are back in action after months of small group meetings and video streamed calls. You may have seen us at the Community Days helping with recycling and trash.

If not, you will definitely see the mini libraries in town that both Scouts BSA and the Cub Scouts built with donated lumber & grant money from Grimshaw librarian, Jennifer McDonald. Four mini libraries will be placed around our community. We hope you'll take advantage of them and appreciate the technology built within them broadcasting a little history of our community.

Even without the parade, our Troop proudly presented as we honored our veterans at the Memorial Day ceremony.

The Troops' upcoming programs include mountain biking, hiking, canoeing, camping & a week-long overnight to the Adirondack Sabattis summer camp.

The Cub Scouts have their annual graduation campout at the AppleFest grounds in June where they receive awards for the work they've done throughout the year.

Both the Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts are looking for new boy and girl recruits. Please reach out to Unit Commissioner, Christian Borchert chrisandal@hotmail.com

—Christian Borchert



Hanging up the Cleats but still not out of the lineup!

Coach Jerry Kelly has retired as a full-time member of the LaFayette School District after twenty-eight years of dedicated hard-work on behalf of the hundreds of students that have grown up as Lancers!

Coach Kelly came to LaFayette from the West Side of Syracuse, NY and attended West Side Catholic High School formerly the Syracuse Parochial League.

Over the past 28 years (3 years of part-time employment) Coach Kelly has been a Teachers Assistant along with leading the LCS Athletic Department as the Athletic Coordinator. He has coached Boys Baseball for 23 years, Boys Basketball (will be entering his 20th season), Girls Softball for 5 years, and short stints at the Junior Varsity and Modified level. His programs have earned a League Title in Girls Softball, Two Sectional Titles and a League Title in Boys Basketball while accumulating 212 wins and 180 losses at the helm of the basketball program.

What brought you to LaFayette Coach? “After Mary Jo and I were married, we lived on the West Side and my Father-in-law (Bernie Aungier) convinced us to move out here. Stop renting and put your money on a house were Bernie’s words!” So, we moved and along the way our five children – Katie, Heather, Kristie, Jeremiah, and Sean were able to grow up here in LaFayette near their grandparents”.

How did you get involved with LCS and when? “I had been working for William Importing in Liverpool and former LCC President Jerry Smith asked if I would get involved in their programs, so I became a volunteer coach and started in T-Ball softball and baseball”.



Jamie Farwell w/Jerry Kelly
Jamie Farwell’s children w/Jerry Kelly

and then a position came open at LCS and I then became part of

the full-time staff”!

Best times? “The sense of Community, and lending support; when Mary Jo was ill, I was just overwhelmed with the outpouring from the LaFayette area: school, town, and friends. Again, the parents and the Community made our 2007 Boys Basketball State Title run just so special, a lifetime memory and a great time!”



Your biggest challenges over the years? Ensuring our student-athletes knew and understood the academic code and what it took in the classroom to remain eligible to play on a sports team. Your biggest piece of advice? “Understand that its about the kids, nothing else”! We should take any personal achievements as second when working with our kids’!

Any mentors over your career? “Coach Chris Terillion taught me that its all about the kids. Former Principal Bob Ramsden was always working to help us out and to ensure that we were good role models”.



Kyle Tracy, Isaac Dow, Jerry Kelly,
Reid Jackowski and Sander
Varvin

Looking back over the past 28 years, without thinking about them, what is one thought to pass along? “It goes by in the blink of an eye”!

Your favorite student(s)?
“*All of them!*”

From the Community of LaFayette, We thank you for your dedicated service to Community and to Our Kids.

Jerry will still be in the “*Lineup*” as the Head Coach for Boys Varsity Basketball. Good luck to Coach Kelly and his family in the future!

—Bill McConnell

Community Day Wrap-up

**COMMUNITY
DAY
2021**

On June 5th we held our 13th LaFayette Community Day. After being forced to cancel in 2020, it was wonderful to see everyone getting out, having fun, and celebrating our great community. The afternoon started at 3pm with the Optimist Club Bike Rodeo. Followed shortly after by the LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department push ball tournament. Given the warm temperature, there was no shortage of contestants. New for this year was the Punt, Pass, and Kick competition hosted by the Southern Hills Storm youth football program. It was a very popular event and we hope to have them back next year. At 5:30pm the entertainment was kicked off with perennial favorite, the LaFayette Community Band playing many familiar patriotic songs culminating with the Armed Forces Medley where we saluted our veterans from all the armed services. As has become our tradition, we then retired our beautiful but worn American Flag which has flown over the park for the past year. As in the past we were assisted by LaFayette Boy Scout Troop 100 who properly folded the flag and presented to Mark Young, Commander of LaFayette VFW Post 1955. Immediately following the flag retirement, the LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department set up old pallets for our Watch Fire. For the past year the Boy Scouts, the VFW, the Town of LaFayette, and others have been collecting old flags to be properly retired. It was a solemn but impressive display of respect for our flag. At 7pm was the always exciting Community Council Duck Race down Kennedy Creek. The last organized

event of the day was the hotly contested Hulu Hoop contest. Many youngsters participated showing off their prowess. While waiting for dusk we were entertained by local band Matt Chase and the Thunder Canyon Band. The capstone on a wonderful day was a spectacular fireworks display, sponsored as always, by the LaFayette Optimist Club. The goal of Community Day has always been to bring our families, friends, and residents together to celebrate LaFayette. We have been able to keep this a totally free event with the help of many, generous, local sponsors. Andy and Sheila Ohstrom cooked and served over 1000 hot dogs paid for by the Town of LaFayette. The Community Council provided free popcorn and Shute's Water Systems distributed 1200 ice cream cups and freeze pops donated by Byrne Dairy and Knapp Shute Agency. The LaFayette Apple Festival shared their picnic tables and garbage cans and Dan Palladino of Heritage Hill Brewhouse and Kitchen lent his large tent for the Community Band. Financial support was donated by LaFayette Kennels, Ron Bush Oil, Watson Farms, LaFayette Mind, Body & Spine, and Knapp Shute Agency. Community Day is organized by a small group of volunteers each year. The members include Adrian Shute, Andy Ohstrom, Paul Ellis, Dave Prince, Dan Cummings, Don Bush, John Liddy, Scott Gates,

Chris Baker, Bill McConnell, and Dave Knapp. See you next year on June 4, 2022!

—Dave Knapp



Thank you to all our Sponsors, Entertainment and Volunteers for making this event a huge success. Please give back by supporting our local businesses

From the LaFayette Fire Department



- With warm weather here be extra careful when working outdoors. Stay hydrated and take breaks to avoid any medical issues.
- Please be careful when burning brush. Have a hose or buckets of water nearby and keep an eye on it to avoid the fire getting away from the original pile. Wet the area around the pile before burning if possible.
- We have had a couple of alarms where a resident has burned food on the stove and received smoke inhalation while clearing the house of smoke. One incident resulted in a trip to the hospital. Please call 911 and we would be glad to help clear the smoke using our fans.
- LaFayette has a new truck on the way and will try to bring it to an upcoming Board Meeting for all to see. —Sean Doolittle

LaFayette Head Start



LaFayette Head Start is recruiting for the 2021-2022 school year! Head start is a federally funded program that helps low income families that are in need. We are accepting applications for 3 and 4 year old's living in the LaFayette, Nedrow, Tully, Pompey, Fabius etc. area! Stop by our location at 2777 Route 11 LaFayette, NY 13084 or call us today at (315) 677-7814. You may also fill out an application online at <http://www.peace-caa.org>.

Earth Day 2021



Earth Day, 2021 in LaFayette, N.Y. was a very successful day of clean up! On Friday, April 23rd, Don Moody picked up trash along Ortloff Road. He was joined by a neighbor and her enthusiastic 7 year old, who wondered why there was so much trash on the road. On Saturday, our group of 16 LaFayette residents, plus one dog, Oscar, picked up a minimum of 22 bags of trash and other large items. We focused on the area along the four corners, Route 20 up to McDonalds and along the road from McDonalds to Byrne Dairy. It was a beautiful spring day, unlike the wintry weather this same group faced in 2019, when we picked up 1000 pounds of trash along Ortloff Road and from the four corners down Route 11 to Stafford Park.

We appreciate the help we received from the Town Highway Department in our efforts! Some of the items that were found were rather surprising and included car parts, tire treads, crushed rubber cones, kitchen cabinets, large pieces of plywood, pairs of socks, a syringe, two credit cards and as expected many plastic cups, bottles, Styrofoam plates and cups. Picking up so much plastic and Styrofoam made us think about what we throw away, and where it may end up. We had a great time, with a great group helping to keep our town and environment healthy and clean. If you see some of us this summer in our bright yellow shirts, picking up trash along the roads in LaFayette, helping to keep our community clean, stop and say hello! And please, no littering!

—Nancy White



From Our Town Historian Rick Stout



Spoor Cemetery

Located in our town is a small burial ground known as Spoor Cemetery. It has that name as the only tombstone there is that of John Spoor.

The burial ground was first reserved in a deed from David and Cornelia Campbell dated March 2, 1816 to John Spoor for 19 acres “excepting and reserving therefore two rods square (One rod equals 5 & 1/2 yards) where Sylvester S. Campbell was buried. Sylvester was David and Cornelia's young son who died between 1810 and 1816. There is no stone on his grave.

John Spoor was a Revolutionary War veteran. He enlisted in 1776 when he was 26 years old in Col. Gansevoort's N. Y. regiment and served four years as ensign. In 1790 he was in Vermont. When he was 66 years old he bought his 19 acres of land in LaFayette from David and Cornelia Campbell.

On March 3, 1821 John Spoor applied for a pension, being then 71 years old. He said he owned “nineteen acres of very poor land in Pompey (It was not yet LaFayette until 1825) worth not over \$5 per acre. There is some very poor land there yet.” He had other property, all amounting to \$265.81, and in this was a pair of “old andirons (a pair of metal supports for logs in a fireplace) with the feet off.” His credit was so good that he owed \$200. His wife Rachel at the time of the application was 69 years old and their daughter Polly lived with them.

John Spoor lived another 13 years and died July 1, 1834 being 84 years old. He was buried next to Sylvester Campbell. After his death the 19 acres was assessed to “Widow Rachel Spoor” in 1835. It then passed to their daughter Polly on February 20, 1837. Polly then sold the 19 acres to Edmund Hall who had 86 acres of his own. Rachel Spoor died in LaFayette on June 16, 1843. It is not known where she is buried nor is it known what happened to Polly.

The next mention of the burial ground is on July 14, 1851 when Edmund Hall sold all of his farm to his son Nelson “except the burying ground where John Spoor is buried.”

In 1924 the cemetery was conveyed to the Empire State Society Sons of the Revolution and on October 25th a dedication ceremony was held. An iron gate was erected along with a flagpole. A memorial monument was also placed there in honor of Jeremiah Jackson though it was later proved he was never buried there. In 1928 the Syracuse Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution marked John Spoor's stone with a bronze medal.

Over the years Spoor Cemetery has come to be classified as an “abandoned cemetery.” That term should never be equated to a “neglected cemetery” but that is what has happened since a photo was taken in 1978 and put in Roy Dodge's 1979 book “Crossroads Town” on page 151. The photo shows the cemetery in the midst of a plowed field with no trees anywhere. On a visit to the cemetery a couple of months ago there was a good size tree growing right next to the tombstone and brush almost completely covering everything else. That is what 40 plus years of neglect will do. Thankfully, through the initiative of Roy Dodge and the resolve of the town board the tree has been chopped down and the brush has been cleared. What needs to be done now is to visit the cemetery a couple of times a year to see that things are as they should be.

It is not hard to understand how the cemetery came to be neglected. Like most of you, I

was unaware of the cemetery's existence. But, having participated in this cleanup project I realize that I can and should do more. In fact, all of us can do more to honor our veterans, past and present. We have special holidays set aside to do just that but don't leave it to just those special occasions. Use every day to honor in some way those who have fought to make our nation the great nation that it is. Our veterans deserve that and so does John Spoor.

— Rick Stout, Historian



From the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Committee

The last newsletter included an article looking for volunteer LaFayette residents to apply to be members of LaFayette's Advisory Conservation Commission (LACC) established by Town law in 1971. Once again, LaFayette residents are generous with their time and talent to support our Town. The following people were recently appointed to the LACC: Carole Dwyer, Larkin Podsjedlik, Amy Roe, Keith Terrell and Kelly Wypych. We are also pleased to announce two new student members: Isabella Shenandoah-Kurtz and Claire Virnoche.



LaFayette is a great place to live in part due to the exceptional scenic views and the abundance of open space and farmland. The LACC serves our governing, planning and zoning boards by analyzing,

planning and documenting information needed to protect LaFayette's valuable natural resources and rural character. We support stewardship by helping to ensure impacts on environment and open space are studied as part of our town's planning and decision making.

We are currently working on recommendations to the Town Board to enhance the experience for visitors to our new Senior Center and at our town parks. We are exploring ways to create a stronger link to nature and awareness of environmental conservation by studying projects such as special gardens, nature trails, improved park access, and informational kiosks. Our process begins with brainstorming and developing ideas, which we are currently doing. Once developed, our recommendations are presented to the Town Board, who decide whether or not to implement them.

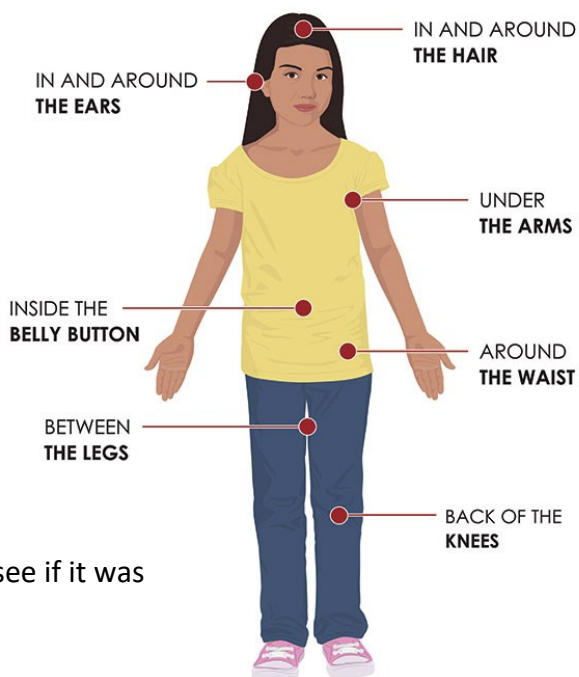
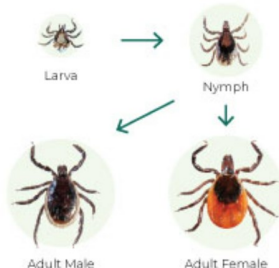
We welcome your ideas and inputs, and know that community collaboration and involvement will be key to the success of any projects approved by our Town Board. So please reach out to the LACC chairperson, Mark Distler (markdistler@gmail.com) or any member with your thoughts. Also *look for our article in each Newsletter where we will write about nature, natural resources, and conservation, as well as ask for your opinion about the recommendations we are considering to the Town Board.*

—Mark Distler



TICK IDENTIFICATION

Black-Legged Tick (Deer Tick) Growth Stages



Follow this link to download the Central New York Lyme & Tick-Borne Disease Alliance Tick Prevention Guide

<https://cnylymealliance.org/tick-prevention/>



Bit by a tick? You can send it in for analysis to see if it was diseased. The link to submit is below:

<https://nyticks.org/tick-submission>

Memorial Day at the Cemetery 2021



CHURCH NEWS



Come Celebrate Mass with Us at 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:

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

APPLE FESTIVAL WILL BE COMING AND ST. JOSEPH'S WILL BE MAKING APPLE PIES

- Help in making the Apple Pies will be needed around the beginning of September.
- Apple Pie baking will begin at St. Joseph's around mid September.
- Fresh Apple Pie sales will start at St. Joseph's around the end of September.
- All help is appreciated at St. Joseph's tent at the Apple Festival October 9th & 10th.

Vacation Bible School is to be determined and families will be contacted.
Faith Formation and classes will resume in September





Onativia United Methodist Church

Please join us for worship - Sunday mornings at 9:00

Celebrating 160 years of worship at the corner of

Apulia Road and Dodge Road

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

Pastor: Shin, Se Gye

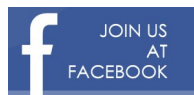
Email: pastorsegyeshin@gmail.com

Church email: onativiachurch@hotmail.com



Fish Dinners: Take out available—Watch for posters and signboards for dates.

Columbian Presbyterian Church



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

Pastor Shawn Reyburn

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20

LaFayette, N.Y. 13084

(315) 677-3293

Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com

cpresbyt@twcnny.rr.com

Worship Service 10:00am

Church Office Hours:

Tues-Friday 9:00 am—noon

We will soon be making **Apple Pies** Mondays-Thursdays, 9am-noon and 6-9pm until the end of September. Frozen unbaked pies will be available at the end of September. Call to *pre-order* your one- or two-crust pies @ 315-677-3293.

Thank you – to everyone in the community for your donations to the St. Pauly Textile Shed, generous support of our Outreach Benefit Tag Sale and patronage at our Chicken BBQs. Save these dates: November 13 & 14 for The Great \$5 Sweater Sale!



MORE chances to enjoy Chicken BBQs

July 17 ** August 21 ** September 18 ** October 16

Chicken ready at 11am – usually sold out by 11:45am



"A Christ-Centered Family Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor



Scar Force - the force of God's love and the scars of our Savior Jesus Christ

July 19-23 6:30-8:30 pm (Grades K – 6)

Call Greg Simmons 492-8431 or Pastor Trevor Smith 677-9810 for more information. Register online at

<https://vbsmate.com/events/>

LafayetteAllianceVBS/20553. Dear parents: All VBS events and games will take place at Lafayette Alliance Church, and appropriate in-person guidelines will be

Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00—10:30	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30 am	Praise & Worship Service
6:00 pm	Ignite Prayer Ministry (1st & 3rd Sun-



~ Clothing Give-away ~

We hold this event four times each year. We are planning the next Clothing Give-away to be held on Saturday, August 21, from 9am – Noon at our church. Contact the church for more details.

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

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Upcoming Events—July—August—September

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
7/13/2021	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
7/17/2021	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am —gone
8/10/2021	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
8/17/2021	American Red Cross Blood Drive	LaFayette Fire Department	1:30—6:30 pm
8/18/2021	Mammography Van	Town Hall Parking Lot	9:00 am
8/21/2021	LaFayette Alumni Lacrosse Game	Vinegar Hill Park—"The Box"	TBD
8/21/2021	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am—gone
8/21/2021	Clothing Give Away	LaFayette Alliance Church	9:00 am—Noon
8/21/2021	Optimist Golf Tournament/Golf Ball Drop	Orchard Vali Golf Club	
9/14/2021	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
9/18/2021	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am —gone
9/21/2021	Southern Hills Garden Club	LaFayette Community Center	7:00 pm

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