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Community Newsletter



LaFayette Spring 2022! "Our Community in Action"



Photos credit Frank Warner (Memorial & Community Day) Sue Bang (stix to cancer)

From the Town Supervisor

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Hello to everyone in LaFayette!

At the May 2022 Town Board meeting, the Town Board approved to commission a survey with the goal of listening to your thoughts and gaining

your feedback on revitalizing the LaFayette Hamlet area.

The Survey focused on the following areas of interest:

1. To gauge community sentiment regarding Hamlet Revitalization.
2. To identify the community's priority infrastructure needs in the Hamlet.
3. To gauge community sentiment regarding potential community / commercial reuse of the old LaFayette Hotel.
4. To understand the community's future vision for the old LaFayette Hotel property by presenting four alternatives.

Barton & Loguidice (B&L) acted on behalf of the Town to create the survey, placed it on-line and at the Town Clerk's office to allow as many residents as possible an option on how they could participate. B&L independently gathered the data and presented it to the Town Board on June 14th. The survey results are as follows:

496 responses: 433 online and 63 written

- a. 78% "think revitalizing the Hamlet will induce future commercial investment in the Hamlet"

- b. 33% live or work with ½ mile of the Four Corners
- c. 349 responses indicated that water/sewer, diverse commercial opportunities, sidewalks and walkability, aesthetic improvements, space for socializing, traffic and celebrating our history were important
- d. 68% were in favor of restoring the old LaFayette Hotel for community / commercial use if full grant funding is available
- e. The following are the preferences of the 4 redevelopment alternatives, the Town is considering pursuing for the old LaFayette Hotel property:

Alternative 1 rehab building with porch: 30%.

Alternative 2 demolish building/ replace with park: 38%.

Alternative 3 rehab building with no porch: 3%.

Alternative 4 rehab building with porch & with park: 29%.

The Town Board will take these data points and over 500 written responses into consideration over the next 30 days. The Town Board must decide at the July 12th Town Board meeting if it wants to pursue possible state and federal grant funding for the rehabilitation alternatives, the first of which has a deadline of July 29.

Thank you **ALL** for participating in this survey, it was a high response rate.

Our job is to listen to you! Then act on what we hear.

—Bill McConnell



Congratulations, Graduates!

A decorative graphic featuring a green graduation cap with a tassel and a scroll, surrounded by swirling green and yellow lines. The graphic is positioned to the left of the main text.

Memorial Day Speech 2022 by Dave Knapp



Good morning, everyone. It is great to see everyone back at our annual parade after two years off because of the pandemic. Although we did not have a parade last year, we did have a brief ceremony that we livestreamed to Town residents, that some of you may have

seen. At that time, I spoke briefly and shared some statistics about the Vietnam conflict. This year I would like to talk about Vietnam a little more in depth and you will understand why shortly.

- There were 2,709,918 Americans that served in the Vietnam theater
- There were 58,267 killed in action
- 39,996 were twenty-two years of age or younger
- Of those, 8,283 were 19
- 13,103 were 18
- Twelve were 17
- Five were 16
- The oldest service member killed was 62
- There were three sets of fathers and sons killed
- 17,539 were married
- Thirty-one sets of parents lost two sons
- 997 were killed on their first day in Vietnam
- 1,448 were killed on their last day in Vietnam
- Eight women were killed serving as nurses
- Over 1,600 are still unaccounted for
- 244 were awarded the Medal of Honor, 153 of them posthumously
- The Town of LaFayette had 33 residents serve in Vietnam, all survived and returned home

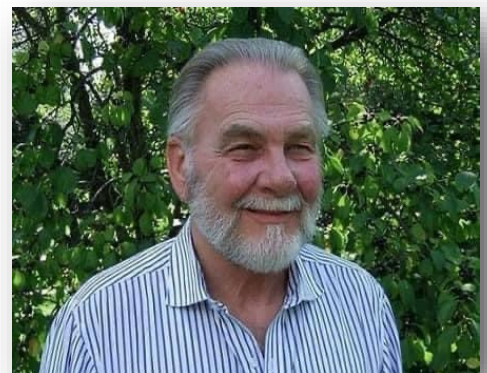
Why did I want to talk about the Vietnam conflict? A few days ago, we lost a great community member, Town Councilor, Town Supervisor, and Vietnam combat veteran, Greg Scammell. Memorial Day held a special significance to Greg. Some of you might remember him handing out

flags along the parade route. Over the years he literally gave out thousands of American flags. Greg served in Vietnam from April 1969 to April of 1970 during some of the fiercest fighting of the conflict. His first job was as a radio operator which was obviously one of the most important jobs in the unit. He participated in Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRP's). There were six to twelve soldier teams that would go on patrol, often for days at a time, to gather intelligence, set up booby traps or ambushes. During an enemy ambush the life expectancy of the radio operator was just six seconds! The enemy's first goal was to eliminate the unit's means of communication so they could be isolated. Greg was steadily promoted over the months to the point where he was leading these patrols. Greg always considered his highest compliments were not medals or commendations but rather when soldiers would often ask to be part of his patrols because they said he knew how to get them out and most importantly, get them back alive.

After returning from Vietnam, Greg continued his education and ultimately returned home to LaFayette. In 1979 Greg decided to continue serving his community and was elected to the LaFayette Town Board. In 1999 he became the LaFayette Town Supervisor where he served until December 31, 2009. He was always enormously proud of the fact that he was the only person in memory to be elected Town Supervisor without the endorsement of either major political party.

Greg will be remembered as a leader who served our community and nation with honor, bravery, and integrity.

—Dave Knapp



From the Town Clerks

How many times have you heard both women and men say they would rather work with an office full of men any day over an office with women, complaining women are jealous, gossip, argue and can be catty, etc. I'm quite sure I have said that myself a time or two in the past. Well, I am proud to say that is not the case now. I don't think I can list 6 women that I would rather work with. I am especially proud of each of these ladies for going above and beyond their duties to take care of our residents needs and even strangers who come to the Court and Town Offices. Between the seven of us, we have accumulated 78 years of service. Interesting is that Carleen LaRonde just happens to be 78 years young and does not mind me saying so as she certainly doesn't look or act it. In the eleven plus years that I have worked with Carleen, I don't recall her ever not having a positive and upbeat attitude. Okay, maybe we do gossip a bit but mostly for fun. Some days are rougher than others dealing with upset or argumentative individuals but most days we handle each and everyone who comes through our doors with a smile and the best service we can provide.

LAFAYETTE OPTIMIST CLUB ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND GOLF BALL DROP AUGUST 20TH, 2022

The Optimist Club have 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 John Fleishman: email Johnfleischmann115@gmail.com or (315) 560-2683 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 or (315) 415-3508.

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY DAY

The 9th Annual LaFayette Community Day was held June 4th starting at 3:00PM and ending with a tremendous Fireworks Display, courtesy of the LaFayette Optimist Club. This event at Stafford Park is one of the best days in our Town. As



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Left to Right:

Kristin Shute Colburn, Deputy Town Clerk—9 years
Kitty Reinhardt, Tax Collector—27 years
Sherry LaVancher, Town Assessor—3 years
Jackie Bush Roorda, Town Clerk—11 years
Joanne Smith, Court Clerk—4 years
Katey Romancik, Court Clerk—8 years
Carleen LaRonde, Court Clerk—16 years

From the Town Clerks cont'd...

always, it was a huge success enjoyed by hundreds of LaFayette residents of all ages...

MAY 11th 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. 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

We are grateful to Dependable Disposal for continuing to do a great job with our trash removal. Please have your trash out by 5:00AM and for any missed pick-ups please call **Dependable Disposal** directly at **(315) 472-7455**. Extension 25 (Christine). If your trash pick-up falls on or after a holiday there will be a 1-day delay in services.

HOLIDAYS THAT INTERRUPT TRASH PICK UP SERVICE

- Monday, July 4th for Independence Day
- Sunday, December 25th for Christmas
- Monday, September 5th for Labor Day
- Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving
- Sunday, January 1st for New Year's Day

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) for residents
- 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 (JACKIE) or 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

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.

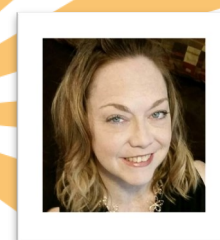
For the safety of our town residents AND BECAUSE IT'S THE LAW...ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED. You can license your spayed or neutered dog for \$8 per year or your un-spayed or un-neutered dog for \$20 per year for up to 3 years as long as their rabies is valid.

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.

SUMMER – Hair gets lighter, Skin gets darker, Water gets warmer, Drinks get colder, Music gets louder and **LIFE GETS BETTER**

If you are going to RISE.... You might as well SHINE

Enjoy your Summer months, they sure go by way too fast!!!!



—Jackie Bush Roorda/Kristin Colburn



From the LaFayette Library



Tuesday Tea continues in the summer! The library is cool and our couch is comfy. July 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



The library will be closed on Monday July 4th to celebrate Independence Day. Have a Happy 4th!

—Jessica Rice

It's not too late to join the Summer Reading program at the library! Summer Reading is for all ages – kids, teens, and adults. Anyone is welcome to participate, to attend the events, and to get chances to win raffle baskets. We will have take-home activities available in the library. See details at <https://www.lafayettelibrary.org/>


Events for July and August include:

- **7/6** Disney movie extravaganza (inside) 1:00 pm to ? (all ages)
- **7/13** Bubbles 'n (comic) Books 11:00 am (kids)
- **7/13** Sea glass art 2:30 pm (teens/adults only)
- **7/20** Magician 5:00 pm (all ages)
- **7/27** Tie-dye on the lawn 12:00 pm (all ages)
- **8/3** Zoo to You 10:00 am (all ages)
- **8/10** The MOST joins us for the Grand Finale 2:00 pm (all ages)



Library Hours

Mondays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Tuesdays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Wednesdays	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Fridays	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturdays	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Closed Saturdays during the summer July through Labor Day	



I am very excited to announce that our new dog park at Stafford Park is nearly complete. Many of you may have noticed the construction at the north end of the park. A big thank you to Michael Johnson and his company, Pro Snow Removal, LLC, who was the successful bidder and general contractor for the project. Michael and his team worked very hard and consistently performed above and beyond the bid specifications.

This project is the product of a federal community development grant that I was able to secure for the park. Special thanks to the LaFayette Town Board who purchased the 1.5-acre parcel of land, and the LaFayette Optimist Club who will be installing a water line to the dog park. Unfortunately, the permanent benches and dog agility obstacles won't be available for a few months, but we will have temporary seating available.

We will be having a grand opening shortly. We just want to give the new grass an opportunity to get established. Information on rules and regulations will be posted to the website along with signage very soon.

—Dave Knapp
County Legislator




LaFayette Alumni Picnic any and all alumni are invited
 Sunday, August 14, 2022; 12:30 pm at Stafford Park, Pavilion II; LaFayette, NY

- * Bring a dish to pass and table service. Hot dogs, coney, coffee, water and lemonade will be provided
- * Please plan to attend and invite your classmates to join us also!
- * This is an ALL Class Reunion

If you have any questions or need directions to the park contact:
 Eva Shute Palmer 315-677-3809—Carleen Gorney LaRonde—315-677-9515—Esther Page Klaiber—315-558-3280


LaFayette's Bicentennial is coming in 2025. Town Historian Rick Stout and Town Supervisor Bill McConnell invite you to get involved with building our celebration. The 200th Anniversary Committee will begin forming soon. Please reach out to Rick or Bill at the following email addresses if you wish to get involved in any way:
Bill McConnell: wmmac4@aol.com
Rick Stout: rick_stout@juno.com

Kudos to the LaFayette Library Board of Trustees!

I attended the April 2022 meeting of the Lafayette Library Board of Trustees. The Board's dedication to on-going projects and future initiatives is impressive. Library Director Jessica Rice provides energy and experience while managing the myriad aspects of a public facility. She and the Board Members have a fun sense of humor and share a passion to provide the Lafayette community with a library experience to be enjoyed by all ages and interests. The website includes information on Story Hour for preschoolers, Imagination Lab for K-6 kids and access to a 3D printer. Visit www.lafayettelibrary.org.

There is currently an opening for a Board Trustee. If you are interested, contact the Library Director, Jessica Rice at 315-677-3782.
 A grateful library patron,
 Denise Ellis



TRUSTEE WANTED!

Do you love the library?
 Do you want to become more actively involved?

From the Highway Department



Hello LaFayette Residents, Hope everyone is well and enjoying the better weather.

Our annual Town Clean-Up Days was a huge success for everyone thanks to the hard work of our Highway Department employees. We were able to recycle 56.66 tons of general household debris, over 7,000 lbs. of E-Waste and over 13,800 lbs. of tires.



My deputy Don Skinner and I have put together a very busy work schedule for this season. We will start our first phase of paving and surface treatments soon on Smokey Hollow, Gordon Cooper, West Shore Manor, Persse Road and most of our Northeast 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 22th. 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

Court Corner

Our hours are as follows:
9:30—5:00 pm—closed from
12:30—1:30 for lunch
Monday thru Thursday
Closed on Fridays



Phone number: 315-677-9350
Fax number: 315-677-4622

Webpage: www.townoflafayette.com/court.html

Email: tolcourt1@aol.com

Court holiday closings: Monday 7/4/22
Monday 9/5/22

Court receives JCAP Award:

JCAP stands for Justice Court Assistance Program. At the May 10th Town Board meeting, the Board approved a quotation from Ranger Security to provide a security walk-through for the Town Court. This will enhance our safety for court nights and assist in the well-being of our staff and others who appear for court.

The security walk-through will be attended by a



deputy of the Onondaga County Sheriff’s Department, who appears each Wednesday evening for court. The court has received many JCAP grants over the years, for such items as the remodeling of the court bench, and renovation of the courtroom for seating, window treatment and carpeting.

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

When coming to court you are expected to be dressed in presentable attire. Remove your hat. Turn cell phones off.

From Town Historian Rick Stout

We better keep him. If we do not, probably we will get some old dog who has lost his teeth or some young dog who can't bark." This was said by a deacon in the Onativia Methodist Church about the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Edmund M. Mills.

Reverend Mills, 26, came to the Onativia and Apulia Methodist Churches in 1872. He graduated from Wesleyan University and served at Elbridge and Peru under Dr. J. B. Fouts, presiding elder until his ordination. During his three years as pastor of Onativia and Apulia he never missed a Sunday at either church. Many times he walked from Apulia to Onativia when the snow storms blocked the train on the Deleware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. Even his marriage to Emily Rexford Adams of Fabius on a Saturday did not prevent him from preaching the next day. Of his preaching, "The Syracuse Journal" of February 11, 1874 records that, "The little M. E. church in Collingwood is being crowded each evening by all classes of our people, eager to avail themselves of the privilege of obtaining a knowledge of the life to come, as presented in beautiful and soul-stirring sermons by their pastor, Rev. E. M. Mills, who is a young man talent and culture, coupled with an untiring zeal for the cause of Christ."

Besides preaching, Rev. Mills had many other talents. It was through his efforts that the church in Apulia obtained a parsonage. Rev. Mills helped to get the logs out of the woods to make lumber for the house and he was a notable hand in the carpentry at the Onativia church. Swimming was also a passion of his. Every year he would swim across Cazenovia Lake, and at the age of 73 swam from Belgium to Phoenix in the Oswego River, a distance of about 5 miles. In addition to all of this he had a love of horticulture, especially roses. There is today in Thornden Park, a rose garden dedicated to him and called "The E. M. Mills Rose Garden."

That deacon in 1875 knew what he was

talking about when he made those remarks about Rev. Mills. But despite those remarks, Rev. Mills moved on to another church in 1875 not because he wanted to but because he had to. In those days the the time limit for Methodists preachers was three years before they were arbitrarily moved to another church. After his pastorate at Onativia and Apulia, Dr. Mills had important charges in the Central New York conference, was district superintendent, did special work for the centenary movement, and created the retired minister fund for the conference. As district superintendent, he was a leader in the general conference to remove the 3 year time limit.

Who knows? But for that 3 year time limit the "E. M. Mills Rose Garden" could well have been located in LaFayette!

— **Rick Stout, LaFayette Historian**



Information for this article came from Roy Dodge's "Lafayette, N. Y. A History", 1975, "The Tully Times" and the "Syracuse Herald". Jay Lurie is a local filmmaker producing a short film on the E. M. Mills Rose Garden in Thornden Park which will be available for viewing on the Syracuse Rose Society Facebook page sometime in the middle of July.



From the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission

In the last newsletter, we discussed the newly revised town law about solar farms and ways to balance between supporting renewable energy and preventing impacts to the peaceful enjoyment of living in LaFayette. We reminded ourselves of the long-term benefits that solar energy provides (*i.e.*, natural resource preservation, air pollution reduction, national energy reliability).

There is a NYS program – Community Solar - encouraging solar by providing a discount on electric bills for individuals and municipalities who subscribe to a solar project.

Subscribing to a solar project means the rate payer requests, in a contract, National Grid to purchase electrical power from the solar project. In return, the rate payer gets a discount of up to 10% of their monthly electrical bill. The “up to” part of the discount agreement is because of seasonal variations in sunlight. It is expected that discounts will be near 10% during the summer and about 5% during the winter.

It costs nothing. It's a built-in discount on an ever-increasing monthly bill, supports renewable energy, and the subscriber can get out of the agreement with a 60-day notice.

I subscribed to the solar project in LaFayette, located on Sentinel Heights Road, owned by Green Street Power Partners. The broker is PowerMarket. The project is scheduled to go online the end of June. LaFayette residents, who are National Grid electric account holders, are eligible to subscribe to any solar project in the National Grid service area (see references below).

Subscribing was easy, online or by calling PowerMarket, who were very responsive, friendly and professional. I had several phone and email conversations with them. This is what I learned:

1. There are terms called Bill Credits, which is based on how much the solar project is able to produce, and Subscription Fee, which is what National Grid pays the solar project owner. Here is an example of the terms and how savings are derived:
 - Total electric bill = \$160
 - Bill Credits = \$150 (lower than the total because the solar project produced at 94% of its capability)
 - Subscription Fee = \$135 (90% x \$150)
 - Consumer's savings = \$15 (10% x \$150) or 9.4% (\$15 / \$160)
 - Consumer's payment to National Grid = \$145 (\$160 - \$15)
2. There is a 60-day cancellation notice needed but there are no early cancellation fees.
3. There will be one bill to pay, and that is to National Grid (no change in billing)



I'll provide an update of my experience and savings in a subsequent newsletter. Interested in learning more? Here are some websites:

Learn more about Community Solar

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/NY-Sun/Solar-for-Your-Home/Community-Solar>

Find solar projects in National Grid's NY service area

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/NY-Sun/Solar-for-Your-Home/Community-Solar/Community-Solar-Map>

Subscribe to Sentinel Heights solar project

<https://powermarket.io/project/sentinel-heights.html>

-Mark Distler

From the LaFayette Optimists

Hello from the Optimists!

It has been a busy spring! The club completed our annual Stafford Park clean-up, built new baseball dugouts, planted trees at Stafford Park and we have begun improvements to Bailey Park.



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. We also 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**. It was nice to see the students present their speeches in person this year. All participants did a great job presenting well thought out, and inspirational speeches. A special congrats to the winners:

1st Place	Mya Gray
2nd Place	Amelia Evans
3rd Place	Jack Taylor
Honorable Mention	Camille Reynolds

This year we had the privilege to conduct mock interviews with Seniors from Big Picture. The

event was a very successful and we hope to continue this event every year.

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 all together.



Looking ahead, The annual **LaFayette Optimist Golf Ball Drop and Tournament** will be held on **Saturday August 20th**. Proceeds from ticket sales fund a significant portion of the club's projects. This includes the items mentioned above, in addition to 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.

A new dog park has been built at Stafford Park, and should be opening very soon.

Have a great summer!

—David Coakley
Secretary



Promise yourself...

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. – The Optimist Creed

From LaFayette Senior Citizens

The LaFayette Senior Citizens' group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the LaFayette Fire Station, on Route #11. (Please note that if school is cancelled because of inclement weather, the group will not meet).

The Senior Group is always looking for new members An invitation is extended to anyone over 50 years of age; come and enjoy the camaraderie, have a delicious lunch, and take part in the fun activities that are planned. For example, in June we had a wonderful catered Birthday Luncheon at the Firehouse, which all enjoyed, and no member had to do any cooking for that meeting!

To join the group, all you need to do is to bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and \$5 for dues for the year. Coffee and tea is provided. Anyone can join, whether you live in the immediate area, or not! Come, and bring a friend.

LaFayette and Tully Seniors share trips with each other, so there is always something new and different to do, if you like to travel.

The LaFayette Seniors will have a day trip on July 12 to Clayton to tour two castles, and in September, a train ride to Old Forge. The bus will transport travelers to Utica to board the train, and will meet them in Old Forge, and after visiting the Old Forge area, will transport them home. For pricing, and more information about these trips, contact Jennifer Hopper at (315) 469-6592



Recently, the Tully Seniors enjoyed a wonderful 2-day trip to Lancaster, PA, to see the play *David* at the Sight and Sound theater. Thirty-nine people enjoyed the play, as well as a visit to the Green Dragon market. Much delicious Amish food was also enjoyed.

In August, the Tully Seniors will have a day trip which will include shopping at Sauder's Amish Market, lunch at Springside Inn, and a visit to REV Theater for the State Fair production. In October, they will have a day trip to Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino for some gambling and the Sweet Caroline performance. Christmas Time in Branson, Missouri, will be from November 13-21, featuring 7 Christmas shows, and much more, including lodging and many meals. For pricing, and more information about these trips, contact Esther Hoose at (315) 317-1618

The next LaFayette Seniors' Meeting is planned for Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Hope to see you there!

—Paula Bush



Southern Hills Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, February through November at the LaFayette Community Center, 2508 S Route 11. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. If a meeting takes place off site, the meeting time is typically earlier. 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

Upcoming event—September 20, 2022 7:00 pm LaFayette Community Center—Dr. Steven Chamberlain, Hosta Breeder will give a presentation on Hosta's.

—Patricia Kroneck

2022 Inductees LaFayette High School Sports

HALL OF FAME

Sport	Name	Class
Boys Wrestling	John Carroll	Class of 1983
Boys Lacrosse	Neal Powless	Class of 1992
Boys Lacrosse	Brendan Storrier	Class of 2004
Boys Baseball	David Thomas	Class of 1988
Boys Basketball	Roger Amidon	Class of 1982
Boys Basketball	Ronnie Amidon	Class of 1982
Girls Volleyball	Mackenzie (Storrier) McElhannon	Class of 1997
Girls Volleyball	Abby (Storrier) Lerch	Class of 2003

Contributor to Athletics Paul Carroll

2003 Boys Lacrosse Team

Wes Adam	Matt Noble
Kevin Bucktooth Jr.	John Paige
Ross Bucktooth	James Pierce
Patrick Dwyer	Brian Salatino
Andrew Gaffield	Patrick Shanahan
Blake Gale	Andrew Spack
Tyler Gale	Brendan Storrier
Brian Gormley	Jerome Thompson
Josh Groth	Jeremy Thompson
James Pierce	Andrew Thurston
Nick Lavadas	Kevin Wilkerson
Jamie Loughlin	Greg Scott— Head Coach
Spencer Lyons	Kevin Gale—Asst Coach
Randy Hadzor	Mike Riese—Asst Coach
Hiawaha Nanticoke	Jerome Thompson—Asst Coach
Lee Nanticoke	

2005 Boys Lacrosse Team

Brian Allen	John Paige
Josh Amidon	Matt Paige
John Bergman	Antonio Pizzuto
Patrick Dwyer	Derek Printup
Tyler Gale	Corey Redmond
John Greeley	Corey Russell
Josh Groth	Steve Thomas
Greg Harrington	Jerome Thompson
Tyler Hill	Jeremy Thompson
Mike Johnson	Kevin Wilkerson
Nate Loughlin	Greg Scott—Head Coach
JD Lundy	Kevin Gale—Asst Coach
Jeremy Marzo	Mike Reise —Asst Coach
Lee Nanticoke	Jerome Thompson—Asst Coach
Matt Noble	

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, 315-677-7272. Messages will be retrieved five times per week and an LCC board member will return your call. Emails are also accepted at lcc@townoflafayette.com The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084. Follow us on Facebook.




Youth Programs:

Lacrosse:

We have three teams included in the ULA League this year: 3/4

boys, 5/6 boys and 4/5/6 girls. LaFayette will be hosting several games at Stafford Park. Instructional lacrosse for K-2 boys and girls started in mid June.

Thank you:

LCC would like to thank the following individuals who volunteered their time and efforts as coaches and assistant coaches for LCC's Baseball/Softball/T-ball season:

- **Pre-K Tee-Ball:** Melissa Hogan, Todd Olrich
- **Tee-Ball (Green):** Brian Szczesny, Katie Szczesny
- **Tee-Ball (Yellow):** Madelyn Dwyer, Brittany Clemens
- **Rookies (Green):** Chris Baker, Katie Kautz
- **Rookies (Yellow):** Ashley Brown, Sam Burke, Aaron Bruckman
- **Minors (Boys):** DJ Mahar, Angela Enigk
- **Minors (Girls):** Todd Olrich, Melissa Hogan, Crystal Burke
- **Majors (Boys):** Mike White, Eric Mangold
- **Majors (Girls):** Victoria With, Sarah Stanton
- Thank you to the LaFayette High School Baseball Coach Kelly and members of the team for taking time to practice with the youth.
- Thanks to all of the parents/guardians that assisted at various times during the season.

LCC would like to thank the

following entities that sponsored the softball/baseball and tee-ball programs through generous donations:

- **Ballard Sports**
- **Bob Johnson Chevrolet**
- **B&B Lumber**
- **Double C AG Trucking**
- **Empire Freight Logistics**
- **Energy Savers Inc.**
- **Fidelity Charitable**
- **Harmatuk Construction**
- **LaFayette Optimist Club**
- **LaFayette Veterinary Clinic**
- **McDonald's**
- **Oliver's Campers**
- **Ron Bush Oil Inc.**
- Thank you LaFayette Optimist Club for the new dugouts.
- Thank you Ballard Sports for the field maintenance.
- Thank you Grimshaw Elementary for inviting LCC in the Parade of Baskets
- Thanks to LaFayette Athletic Booster Club for including LCC in the Stix it to Cancer fundraising event and for all of the community support in raising funds for the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital/Upstate Cancer Center.



Photo credit Frank Warner

From Community Council cont'd...

- Thank you to all the youth and adults that participated in the Memorial Day parade and ceremony to honor and remember our fallen heroes.

Thank you to the following individuals for your help with LaFayette Community Day:

- Angela Enigk, Colleen Cameron, Jillian Johansen and Dave Prince

Be on the lookout for information on the following programs:

- Youth Track
- Pickleball
- Youth Soccer



If you are able to help with the LCC programs – **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP** - please contact LCC. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their time and efforts as coaches. Thank you.

Updates on all LCC programs can be found on the Town's web site under the "Community Council" tab. Information is also posted on LCC's Facebook page and the Town's social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook). When possible, notices will also be provided through the LaFayette School District.

—Kimberly Tingley
Secretary

Community Day 2022

**COMMUNITY
DAY
2022**

On June 4th we held our 14th LaFayette Community Day. As we emerge from the pandemic, 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 beautiful day, there was no shortage of contestants. Back for its second year was the Punt, Pass, and Kick competition hosted by the Southern Hills Storm youth football program. It was once again a very popular event and we were happy to have them back for another year. At 4:15pm the entertainment was kicked off by the LaFayette Junior-Senior High School Jazz Band. As always, they did a great job. Next up was 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 it 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 Hula Hoop contest. Many youngsters participated showing off their prowess. Our special guest this year was LaFayette's very own Lil' Miss Rodeo New York, Ryein Marie. She assisted us with retiring the flag and was a great ambassador. 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

Community Day 2022

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, Knapp Shute Insurance Agency and Shute's Water Systems. 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. A special shout out goes to LaFayette Boy Scouts Troop 100 who camped at the park and helped us set up the grounds, collected garbage during the day and further helped us pick everything up on Sunday Morning in addition to helping with the flag retirement ceremony. 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, Dave Prince, Dan Cummings, Don Bush, John Liddy, Scott Gates, Kim Tingley, Bill McConnell, and Dave Knapp. See you next year on June 3, 2023! —**Dave Knapp**



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Pictured from left to right are LaFayette Athletic Booster Club President Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz, Vice-President, Heather Castleman, Secretary, MacKenzie McElhannon, and Treasurer, Peggy Durant Fleischmann. These ladies have been operating the Booster Club for 9 years. They organize fundraising activities for the athletic programs at the school in many ways including bottle drives, t-shirt sales, food trucks, parade of baskets, lottery raffles just to name a few. They communicate to the community through social media highlighting athletes, coaches and past alumni, photos and accolades aplenty.

This year they organized Stix to Cancer—Crossroads Cup raising monies for cancer awareness and providing donations to Golisano Children's Upstate Cancer Center totaling \$3,550.

In this school calendar year they helped fund many Student Athlete activities including:

- * Purchased warm ups, gear and team training by professionals and paid for summer/winter leagues
- * Golf—new logoed golf balls
- * Basketball—Eric Devendorf Camp
- * Boys Basketball—James Leone Camp Training
- * Girls Basketball—Bishop Grimes Summer & Spring League, St. John Fisher Tournament
- * Boys Lacrosse—John Pepper Lacrosse Tournament
- * Tennis—Paid for 8 new tennis rackets
- * Girls Volleyball— New warmup backpacks

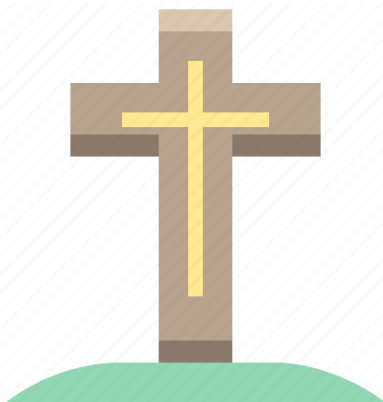


In their spare time Lisa Shenandoah Kurtz and Heather Castleman are also on the Hall of Fame Committee. If you are not following the Booster Club on Facebook to see all the photos and accolades that they post promoting our student athletes and alumni, you are missing out. Follow them at:

www.facebook.com/LaFayette-Athletic-Booster-Club-366319780166010



From the LaFayette Rural Cemetery



The operation and maintenance of our cemetery is an ongoing commitment. The cost of opening and closing of graves, pouring cement for headstone foundations, mowing and trimming of grass and general maintenance, all add to the expense most of which are hired services.

The financial income the cemetery receives from lot sales is not nearly enough to cover the cost of operation and maintenance.

The cemetery is a separate entity and receives no

financial aid from the Town of LaFayette. Therefore, the cemetery is responsible for its own cost of operations. There are no contracts.

DONATE



We do welcome all public donations to help with the ongoing cost. There are no salaried positions on the Board of Trustees. Thank you.



CHURCH *News*



Come Celebrate Mass 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 or www.southernhillscatholic.org

Sunday 9:00am with Rev. James H. Carey or Msgr. James O' Brien

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 8th & 9th.

**Vacation Bible School will be from 7/25 – 7/29. Be sure to sign up your kids to attend.
Faith Formation and classes will resume in September.**

******OUR CATHOLIC FAITH, KNOW IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT******

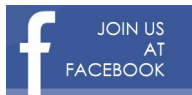


Onativia United Methodist Church

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
 Church email: onativiachurch@hotmail.com

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@twcny.rr.com

Worship Service 10:00am

Church Office Hours Tues&Fri 9:00—noon



LaFayette Band Concert to benefit LaFayette Outreach
 Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022 @ 7:30pm with reception to follow

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 unbaked pies will be
 available at the end of September. Call to pre-order
 your one or two crust pies @ 315-677-3293



More chances to enjoy Chicken
 Barbecues

- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- Chicken ready at 11:00 usually
 sold out by noon



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
 barbecues. Save these dates: October 7, 8 & 9 for the Great \$5 Sweater Sale.



"A Christ-Centered Family Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor
 Trevor Smith, Associate Pastor

Celebrating 40 years of ministry in LaFayette

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00—10:00am	Sunday School
10:00—10:25am	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30am	Praise & Worship Service
6:00pm	Ignite Prayer Ministry (1st & 3rd Sunday)



Community Vacation Bible School
 August 1-5 6:30—8:30 pm
 All kids welcome ages K—6th Grade
 Free Registration at:

<https://lafayette.myanswers.com/vbs/>

- August 27** Clothing Give-Away & School
 Supplies Handed Out
- September** Word of Life Olympians program
 for children 1st-6th grade—contact
 church office or visit web for info

*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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E V E N T S

July 12	LaFayette Senior Citizens 1000 Island Day Trip	7:00 am—6:30 pm
July 12	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
July 16	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
August 1-5	Community Vacation Bible School—LaFayette Alliance Church	6:30—8:30 pm
August 9	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
August 14	LaFayette Alumni Picnic—Stafford Park	12:30 pm
August 16	LaFayette Band Concert —Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:30 pm
August 16	American Red Cross Blood Drive—LaFayette Fire Dept.	1:30—6:30 pm
August 20	Optimist Golf Ball Drop— Orchard Vali	4:00 pm
August 20	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
September 13	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
September 17	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
September 20	Southern Hills Garden Club—Hosta's—LaFayette Community Center	7:00 pm
September 29	LaFayette Senior Citizens Adirondack Railroad Tour	7:00 am—6:30 pm

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