



LaFayette

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Mid Year Update from the Town Board

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It's July Already! A Mid-Year update from the Town Board.

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Hello to all of our residents, I hope that you are enjoying your summer!

I thought that it might be beneficial to provide you with an update on our mid-year status of the budget along with three projects that have been completed or are in the works!

First and foremost, your hard-earned monies that have become the taxes that fund our Town’s budget are being diligently overseen and conserved as best as possible. Each month, the Town Board members oversee the expenditures for all that the Town does to support the services that are provided to you. The goal is to remain “under budget” each year and to hopefully use the taxes that are saved to lessen the tax rate of the following budget year. The Town Board was able to carry-over funds from last year’s budget to lower the tax rate for each of us during the Year 2023. How did this happen? Great budget stewardship by everyone who works for the Town and by our revenue generators – our cell tower and the traffic tickets that come through the Town Court. Several years ago the Town partnered with a firm from Connecticut to manage the contracts of the wireless contracts that use the cell tower. This firm negotiates on behalf of the Town and the various leases. The Town will receive up to \$40,000 this year in leases from the tower and these monies are directly applied to lowering tax rates. And the same for the traffic tickets: last year the Town received almost \$60,000 in its share of the fines and this is also applied to lowering the tax rate for all.

Our current budget expenditures are well below the 50% mark as we are at our mid-point of the 2023 budget.

There are a three Town projects that are being tackled and these do not impact the budget and or the expenditure of your taxes due to application of grant monies that the Town has received.

Our Community Center in the Hamlet requires a great deal of work to raise its standard to provide a positive experience for all of those who use the facilities. The Town’s engineering Team is C&S Engineering and they are overseeing a process of bids to include leveling and replacing the main floor, renovating the kitchen, restrooms, front porch, and to replace the heating system and to install air conditioning within the Center. More to come on when these activities will begin. There may of course by a period of time when the Center be closed in order to complete the work, we will keep you posted!

Mid Year Update from the Town Board cont'd...

Another project that was completed in May was the repair of the cracks on the Stafford Park walking trail and resealing it too. This work should last more than five years until it might need more attention once again.

The Hamlet Revitalization project that includes a process of “what to do” with the former hotel building on the corner is nearing a Town Board decision making point. I’ll include Deputy Supervisor Mark Distlers narrative of what has been accomplished and what lies ahead.

“The Town’s decision on what to do with the old LaFayette hotel in the heart of the LaFayette Hamlet has made much progress this year and is getting close to being completed. As been reported previously, the Town has been working on developing two redevelopment options: (1) demolish the building and replacing it with a small park or (2) rehabilitate the building (maintaining its historic character) and put it back on tax roll as a viable commercial operation (privately owned and operated).



Regarding the rehabilitation option, the Town retained the services of Hanover Real Estate Development to assess the rehabilitation’s feasibility (whether it makes financial sense to rehabilitate and converting it into a viable commercial operation). In May, they reported to the Town that rehabilitation is feasible and that the most feasible commercial operation would be a restaurant on the ground

floor and an inn on the top two floors. They presented renditions of what the building could look like and provided cost estimates and funding sources (which do not include Town taxpayer funding). They stated they are “very interested” in conducting the rehabilitation (design and construction) and owning and operating the restaurant/inn. Their feasibility recommendation is predicated on the Town being awarded two outstanding grants from NYS and Onondaga County.

Since then, the Town was informed that we were awarded the \$1.6M NYS grant and are waiting to hear about the \$0.5M County grant. While waiting, the Town is developing park options and refining cost estimates. The Town is planning to hold a community survey, asking its residents which redevelopment option they prefer (assuming the County grant is awarded). The survey will include renditions of park options and the rehabilitation option, as well as cost to taxpayers, if any, and income to the Town for both options. More information about the survey will be provided in the next newsletter and/or direct mailing to the Town residents. So please stay tuned to this important decision as it progresses to completion.”

As always, the Town Board and all of the departments work hard to provide you the services and facilities that you deserve while controlling the outlay of your tax dollars.

Please enjoy your summer!

—Bill McConnell

From the Town Clerk

I admit I told a minor "Falsehood" with regard to the April Community Newsletter being my last and final one, but "for real" this is it. I want to thank the residents of LaFayette for their support throughout my time as Town Clerk of this amazing and unique Town of approximately 5,000 people. So many said to me, "you've lived here your whole life, you know everyone". I actually don't but I feel blessed to have spent my entire life as a LaFayette resident and 12 years as Town Clerk. I love hearing people boast about what a great community and how lucky they are to be a part of such a warm, giving and generous group of people who reside in LaFayette.

Community – a group of people living in the same place or having particular characteristics in common. – a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitude, interest & goals.

LaFayette Community - the above definition along with, always stepping up to the plate for those in need whether with an act of kindness, a smile, lending a helping hand, sponsoring a benefit, etc. that's what I feel this town is all about.

So out with the old (me) and in with the new! Most everyone knows Kristin Shute Colburn, my Deputy for the past 10 years, has been appointed interim Town Clerk and will be running for the position in the general election in November. I would like to present/introduce Tonya Farewell who will be our new Deputy Town Clerk. Tonya has lived in LaFayette for the past 17 years. Tonya's husband, Jamie Farewell, graduated from LaFayette in 1994, her sons Kyle in 2020 and Evan this year.



She is more than qualified and is excited to start serving our residents as Deputy in the Town Clerk's office.

MAY 13th SHREDDING/MEDICATION DISPOSAL

This event was a great success....the largest amount of shredding so far, (twice as much as last year) and disposed of two bags full of expired

medications. It was three solid hours of non-stop traffic at the LaFayette Town Hall. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved and many who took advantage were so appreciative of these "free of charge" services for our residents.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Please have your trash out by 5:00AM. If your trash pick-up falls on or after a holiday there will be a 1-day delay in services. If you have any concerns or missed pick-ups, etc., please call Dependable Disposal at (315) 472-7455.

HOLIDAYS THAT INTERRUPT TRASH PICK UP SERVICE

- Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day
- Monday, September 4th for Labor Day

RABIES SHOT CLINCS sponsored by the SPCA

- Thursday, July 1th, 4pm-6pm @ Onondaga Nation Fire Department, Route 11A, Nedrow
- Thursday, Aug. 24th, 5pm-7pm @ Meachem Ice Rink, 121 W. Seneca Tpke, Syracuse
- Thursday, Sept. 21st, 4:30p-6:30pm @ Burnet Park Zoo, 52 Burnet Park Drive, Syracuse

PLEASE REMEMBER NYS Public Health Laws require that all puppies and kittens get their 1st rabies shot at the 3 months of age 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-spay 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.

SERVICES PROVIDED AT 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)

From the Town Clerk cont'd...

- Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Handicap Permits
- Notary Public Services (Free of charge for residents; \$2 for non-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 (KRISTIN) or deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com (TONYA), who will be more than happy to assist in any way that they 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



Life is not a race – but indeed a journey. Be honest. Work hard. Be choosy. Say “thank you”, “I love you”, and “great job” to someone each day. Go to church, take time for prayer. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper. Love your life and what you’ve been given, it is not accidental – search for your purpose and do it as best you can. Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you aspire to be. Laugh often. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkles are more becoming. Forgive, it frees the soul. Take time for yourself – plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you’ve been blessed to know. Live for today, enjoy the moment.

(Bonnie L. Mohr)

Enjoy your summer!!!!

— Jackie Roorda



Court Corner

New York State Unified Court System has a website for court related help. Visit www.nycourthelp.gov

Our hours are as follows:

- Mon-Thurs 9:30—5:00 pm
- Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 daily
- Closed on Fridays

The court is closed Tuesday, July 4 and Monday, September 4.

We have a web page under the Town of LaFayette, select the court department and our question and answer tab which may answer a lot of your questions. Please check it out!

<https://www.townoflafayette.com/court.html>

Phone: (315)677-9350

Fax number: (315)677-4622

- Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00 pm
- Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30. Please call court to schedule.
- Tickets can be mailed to the court address with the plea section filled out and signed.



**LaFayette Town Court
P.O. Box 135
LaFayette, NY 13084**



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

From the Highway Department



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

Town Clean-Up Days: 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 62.13 tons of general household debris, over 15,163 lbs. of E-Waste and 9820 lbs. of tires.

Summer Road Work: 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 on Amidon Rd, Bear Mt. Rd, Drumm Rd, Lower Dodge Rd, Everingham Rd, Mill Rd, Naomi Rd, Nichols Rd, Shute Rd, Summer Ridge Rd, Thunder Rd, Tully Farms Ext. and Webster Rd totaling 4.21 miles.

Annual Fall Brush Pick-up: All brush must be out on your road side by August 14. Please place your brush butt end first towards the road and no longer than 8' (please no bags of leaves or other debris). **Please take note**, this service is intended for fallen tree limbs and minor tree trimming "NOT" major tree removal and property clearing. If you have a tree removed by a contractor, that contractor is responsible for removal of the debris. This brush will be recycled into mulch and provided to the residents free of charge at the Highway Garage starting in late April to early May depending on the weather.

Note: Mulch will be available thru the summer and into the fall at the Highway Garage (2849 Route 11). Please be patient with our road work this summer and take the time to look for our Road Work / Men Working Signs.

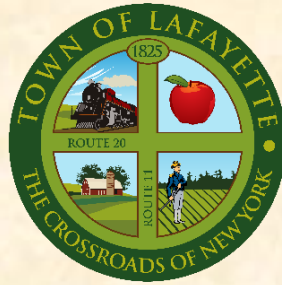
Any questions, please contact Don or Steve at 315-677-9535

Thank you, residents for all your support this summer and Please Stay Safe!

-Steve Robson
Highway Superintendent



Jackie Bush Roorda retires with 12 years of service on June 30, 2023 as Town Clerk for the Town of LaFayette. Also on June 30, 2023, Sherri LaVancher retires as LaFayette Town Assessor. Sherri previously served as an Assessor for Onondaga County. She retired from the County and took on her role with LaFayette in 2019. She retires from her second career as she spends time assisting her son with a new business venture. We thank both Jackie and Sherri for their dedicated service to the Town of LaFayette and honor them with the below proclamation. We hope they both enjoy many years of retirement and joy with their families.



PROCLAMATION

TOWN OF LAFAYETTE, NY

In recognition of service to the residents of LaFayette, the LaFayette Town Board, and on the occasion of their retirement and exemplary dedication, we declare collectively June 30, 2023, “Jackie Roorda/Sherri LaVancher Day” in the Town of LaFayette, NY.



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 at least three 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:

LCC has three teams included in the ULA League this year: 3/4 boys, 3/4 girls and 5/6 boys. The 5/6 girls have joined the Tully team. LaFayette will be hosting several games at the Apple Festival Grounds.

Instructional lacrosse for K-2 boys and girls started in mid-June with a great amount of participants.

Thank you:

LCC would like to thank the following individuals who volunteered their time and efforts as coaches and assistant coaches for LCC in the Apple Valley League Baseball/Softball/Rookies/Tee-ball season:

- **Tee-Ball (Green):** Ronnie Taylor
- **Tee-Ball (Yellow):** Larkin Podsiedlik
- **Rookies (Green):** April Aungier
- **Rookies (Yellow):** Kris Edwards
- **Minors (Boys):** Angela Enigk, Eric Mangold
- **Minors (Girls):** Todd Olrich, Crystal Burke, Melissa Hogan
- **Majors (Boys):** Mike White, Dave Coakley, Glenn Christoffel
- **Majors (Girls):** Thank you to ONS and Fabius Pompey for inviting the 5/6 girls to join their teams since we did not have enough girls to field a team.

Thank You!

Thanks to all the parents/guardians/students that assisted at various times during the season.

LCC would like to thank the following entities that sponsored the softball/baseball, rookies and tee-ball programs through generous donations:

- **B&B Lumber**
- **Carroll Restorations**
- **Double C AG Trucking**
- **EcoShine Window Cleaning**
- **Empire Freight Logistics**
- **Energy Savers Inc.**
- **Greeley's Auto Center**
- **LaFayette Fire Department, Inc.**
- **LaFayette Optimist Club**
- **LaFayette Veterinary Clinic**
- **McDonald's**
- **Oliver's Campers**
- **Ron Bush Oil, Inc.**
- **Shute's Water Systems**
- **The LaFayette Inn**



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 assisting LCC in the participation of RockFest and LaFayette Community Day:

Erin Black, Jillian Johansen, Madelyn Dwyer and Dave Prince

Be on the lookout for information on Youth Soccer



From the Community Council cont'd....

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



From the LaFayette VFW—Memorial Day Recap

The winners for the 2023 LaFayette Memorial Day Parade are as follows:

Floats/Organizations

- Cub scout Pack 100
- Pompey Lions Club
- Daisy Troop 100

Fire Departments

- Pompey Hill
- Nedrow
- Southwood
- Sentinel Heights

Bands

- LaFayette Community Band
- LaFayette High School Band

Youth Groups

- Community Council
- Brownie Troop 424
- Girl scout Troop 61124
- Boy Scouts Troop 100

Miscellaneous

- Big Red Mack Truck
- J Duncan Trucking
- BSA Honor Guard



The winners of the Memorial Day Essay contest for 5th and 6th grade is as follows:

5th Grade:

- First Place—Jacob Baker
- Second place—Adriana Ryan
- Third place—Sequoia Shenandoah

6th Grade:

- First place—Lily Plumpton
- Second place—Rose Kendall
- Third place—Jacob Meyer



Community Day 2023

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On June 3rd we held our 15th LaFayette Community Day. It is hard to believe that it has been 15 years since Adrian Shute had the wonderful idea to have a day when we could celebrate our community. The weather was perfect, and it was great to see everyone getting out and having fun. The afternoon started at 3pm with the **LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department** Push Ball Tournament. Given the beautiful day, there was no shortage of contestants. Back for its third 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**, conducted by LaFayette's own Zak LeBlanc (class of 2011). 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 of **LaFayette VFW Post 1955**. Along with the American flag we also respectfully retired the Ukrainian flag which has been flying almost since the beginning of the Russian invasion of the Ukraine in February of 2022. Immediately following the flag retirement, we held our own Watch Fire with pallets donated by **B & B**

Lumber. To keep everyone safe the LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department provided a crew to make sure the fire stayed under control. 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 LaFayette 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. 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 treats and freeze pops donated by **River Valley, Knapp Shute Insurance Agency, and Shute's Water Systems**. **Terrell's Potato Chips** donated bags of chips and **Byrne Dairy** contributed 600 water bottles. The **LaFayette Apple Festival** shared their picnic tables and garbage cans, and **Skeval Tents** provided the 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



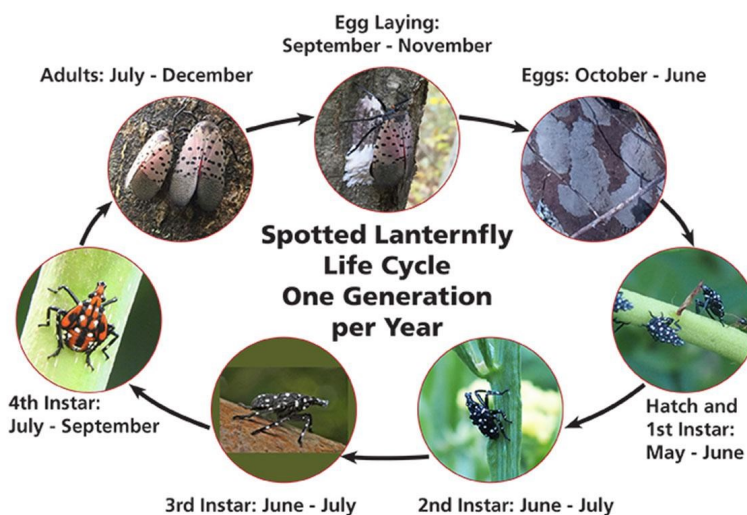
further helped us pick everything up on Sunday morning in addition to helping with the flag retirement ceremony. A final big thanks goes to **Ron LaJoie for his professional DJ services** that kept us entertained. Financial support was given by **Knapp Shute Insurance Agency**. Community Day is organized by a small group of volunteers each year. The members include Adrian Shute, Andy Ohstrom, Dave Prince, Don Bush, Kim Tingley, Bill McConnell, and Dave Knapp. See you next year on June 1, 2024!
—Dave Knapp

BUY LOCAL

Thanks to our Sponsors!

From LACC—Spotted Lanternfly

Lycorma delicatula, commonly known as Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), is an invasive insect from Asia. SLF has been found in New York State on Staten Island, New York City, Long Island, Port Jervis, Sloatsburg, Orangeburg, Ithaca, Binghamton, Middletown, Newburgh, Highland, and Buffalo. SLF threatens the agriculture and forestry industries and is also a nuisance pest. The nymphs and adults feed on over 70 different plants with piercing sucking mouthparts. The greatest agricultural concern is damage to grapes, hops, apples, blueberries, and stone fruits.



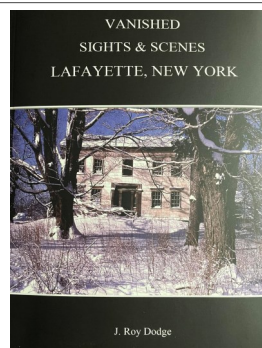
You can learn about this invasive pest by reading the information on the NY DEC website at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113303.html> and at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/spottedlanternfly>. There is also a lot of information including photos on Cornell's CALS website.

How You Can Help—Learn how to identify SLF.

- Inspect outdoor items such as firewood, vehicles, and furniture for egg masses.
- If you visit other states with SLF, be sure to check all equipment and gear before leaving. Scrape off any egg masses.
- Destroy egg masses by scraping them into a bucket of hot, soapy water or a baggie/jar of hand sanitizer.



—Kelly Wypych



Roy Dodge's latest book Vanished Sights & Scenes—LaFayette, NY, contains fifty four pictures illustrating the family and property legacies of General Isaac Hall. Arriving her in 1797, he was the wealthiest man in the town in the 19th century. He left an estate worth millions in its modern equivalent. The "hamlet" of Collingwood with its post office and general store are described. Some of the photos taken by town residents Elva Newell and Adelbert Bush are presented. Twelve aerial photographs and other vanished sights and scenes are included. There are about 150 photographs in the book available at the Town Clerk's office for \$25.

Notable LaFayette Person—Harrison Thomas

There is a site on Wikipedia that gives a synopsis of our town. It gives our location with coordinates, a brief history, its geography, demographics including census records since 1830, attractions and other communities within LaFayette. It is all very interesting if you like statistics and data. There is also a section titled “Notable Person”. Much to my surprise, the person listed is someone I have never heard of nor is there any reference to this person in any of Roy Dodge's excellent books on the history of LaFayette. The person listed is Gerrit T. Thorn, Wisconsin legislator and lawyer, born in LaFayette. After doing a little research I found that his family is in the LaFayette census for 1830 and 1840 only. Gerrit Thorn (born July 20, 1832) was one of 10 children born to Jehiel and Sarah (Houghtaling) Thorn. He lived in the northeast part of town and as a teenager worked in the Jamesville Post Office. After 1848 the whole family moved west like so many other families. It was in Wisconsin that Gerrit Thorn was to make his mark and not LaFayette.

In comparison, Harrison Thomas was born in LaFayette February 12, 1834 to Joseph and Laura (King) Thomas. Joseph (age 20) came with his father, Simeon, from Orange County in the spring of 1817. They built a log cabin along present Route 11, near where Winacre Drive enters that highway. They cleared the land on both sides of what has ever since been known as “Thomas Hill”, and eventually their descendants owned all of the land from Commune Road to Webb Road except for eighty acres settled by John Shaw where LaFayette High School is located. Joseph Thomas built a house at the foot of the hill about 1820. Harrison Thomas, like Gerrit Thorn, was one of 10 children. Harrison married Elizabeth Ann Dickson on February 8, 1860 and had 2 sons, Frank (b. 1865) and Clarence (b. 1868). He lived on the old Thomas homestead until 1898. The comparison between Harrison Thomas and Gerrit Thorn ends here. Gerrit Thorn lived here and made his mark elsewhere. Harrison Thomas lived here, made his mark here and even after leaving LaFayette in 1898, his legacy lived on in LaFayette for another 50 years. This was all because of an invention of his called the “Harrison Thomas Hay Binder”.



When farmers loaded their loose hay onto their wagons they would bind the hay so as to prevent the hay from tipping over. Every previous type of binder had various disadvantages. The principal ones being a great liability of the breaking of the parts, inability to readily remove the binder from the wagon when not required for use, and insufficient operation, owing to its position upon the load. The “Harrison Thomas Hay Binder” was entirely different in operation and was mounted directly on top of the load, enabling the pressure to be applied with the greatest effectiveness, thus securely binding the load at the top. Moreover, the Thomas binder could easily be placed in the operative position and easily removed when not in use. The “Harrison Thomas Hay Binder” was patented April 29, 1890 and was manufactured by Adam Walburger and his son, Charles, in Hotaling Hollow for many years. Until the end of the loose hay era 60 years later the “Harrison Thomas Hay Binder” was in common use. It saved the farmers from the frustration of dealing with the old types of binders and it saved the farmers time which was a precious commodity. Unfortunately, the life of a farmer is not an easy one. The 1890's were economically devastating with the depression of 1893 sending prices to new lows. Harrison, like many farmers, suffered heavy losses. Then in 1897 he lost all his hay and oats in a fire. In January of 1898, a levy was put on his property. After that Harrison left LaFayette. In the end, circumstances didn't favor Harrison Thomas but no one can deny the fact that he left a positive impact on the life of every farmer in LaFayette. So, with no disrespect to Gerrit Thorn, Harrison Thomas has my vote as a “Notable Person” from LaFayette.



— Rick Stout
LaFayette Historian

From LaFayette Senior Citizens

The LaFayette Senior Citizens group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the LaFayette Firehouse on Route #11. If the LaFayette Schools are closed for inclement weather, the Seniors will not meet.

The Seniors group is always looking for new members --- to join, all you need to do is bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and \$5 dues for the year. Coffee and tea are provided. Anyone over the age of 50 can join, whether you live in the immediate area, or not!

LaFayette and Tully Seniors share trips. In May, several members took a 9-day trip to New Orleans, sponsored by the Tully Seniors. Highlights of the trip included a visit to two museums: The Warther Museum and National WWII Museum, which was very moving. In New Orleans we were able to be immersed in the culture and traditions of the locals, as well as experience a steamboat ride on the Mississippi, and visit a historic plantation and home. We had some great meals ... by the time we left, everyone had about all the Gumbo and Jambalaya they could hold!



In June, members took a 3-day Ohio Island Hoppin' Trip, sponsored by the LaFayette Seniors. The deadline for this publication was too early for the trip details to be noted, but everyone was awaiting the experience of islands in Lake Erie!

LaFayette Trips

Upcoming trips planned by the LaFayette Seniors include:

- Niagara Falls 1-day adventure, featuring Niagara Falls attractions, July 18th, \$135 per person.
- Hudson River 1-day Cruise, September 27th, \$145 per person.



- Three-day Christmas in New York City trip, featuring Radio City Music Hall and a back door tour, as well as a performance by the Rockettes; also, visit 9/11 Memorial. November 27-29, \$619 per person, double occupancy. Currently, this is the only trip that still has reservations available.

For information and reservations, please contact Jennifer Hopper at 315-469-6592 as soon as possible. These trips "sell out" fast! Deposit is required.

Tully Trips

- Upcoming trips planned by the Tully Seniors include:
- Trip to Auburn REV Theater for performance of *Beautiful*, The Carole King Story, as well as shopping at Sauder's, lunch at Springside Inn and visit to the Chocolate Pizza Company. August 28, \$118 per person.
- Two-day trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to see performance of *Moses* at the Sight & Sound Theater, as well as shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, and more. October 5-6, \$309 per person, double occupancy.

For information and reservations, please contact Esther Hoose at 315-317-1618 as soon as possible. These trips "sell out" fast, as well! Deposit is required.

Hope to see you at our next Meeting!

—Rita Bush



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 are planning improvements to Bailey Park.

We held the annual Fishing Derby on Mother's Day weekend. We had another great turnout this year. Go to the LaFayette Optimist Facebook page to see photos and the list of winners for largest and smallest fish for each age group and for the casting contest. Once again, the plant potting activity was a big hit during the derby to provide a last-minute Mother's Day gift.

A big THANK YOU to all 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: Jeremy Aldrich
- 2nd Place: Cambria Stanton
- 3rd Place: Rory Cawley

The club also awarded its student scholarships. The two recipients were Olivia Virnoche and Brett Bucktooth Jr. Congratulations to both recipients. This year we had the privilege again to conduct

mock interviews with students from The Big Picture School. The event was very successful, and we are looking forward to conducting the event again next year.

For Community Days the club 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 19th. 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.

Have a great summer!

Promise yourself...

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

– The Optimist Creed

—David Coakley
Secretary



LaFayette Rural Cemetery

Many people visit the cemetery during the spring, summer, and fall. We work hard to keep the grounds of the cemetery looking nice. For each board member and numerous families throughout the town, it is the final resting place for many of our loved ones. If you have questions, or are interested in purchasing a burial plot or having a monument installed, the following is up-to-date contact information. The cemetery recently secured an email address:

LaFayetteRuralCemetery@gmail.com.

Our treasurer, Valerie handles all email correspondence.

The current officers of the cemetery are:

- Sumner Palmer, President
- John Hughes, Vice-President
- Elizabeth Esmark, Secretary, (315) 447-4646 (also available to answer questions)
- Valerie Rarick, Treasurer
- Ralph D'Agostino, Sexton

The sources of income to maintain the cemetery are through burials and interments, sale of lots and donations to the cemetery. If you would like to donate, please address your check to the LaFayette Rural Cemetery Association, PO Box 94, LaFayette, NY 13084. Thank you.

—Elizabeth Esmark

LaFayette Alumni Picnic

Sunday, August 13, 2023, 12:30 pm

Pavilion II (near playground) at Stafford Park

- Bring a dish to pass and table service. Hot dogs, coney, coffee and water will be provided.
- Join us and bring your classmates. This is an **ALL CLASS REUNION**

For questions or directions call:

Eva Palmer—315-677-3809

Esther Klaiber—315-558-3280



Southern Hills Garden Club



Southern Hills Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, February through November at the LaFayette Firehouse 2444 US Route 11, LaFayette. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. Offsite meetings typically have an earlier start time.

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

-Patty Kroneck

July 18, 2023	5:30 pm	Little York Plantation Route 281 Little York	Tour of Nursery and Garden Center
Sept 19, 2023	7:00 pm	LaFayette Firehouse Route 11 LaFayette	Sue Finger will present "Orchard Culture"





Sunday Services	
LaFayette Alliance Church	10:30 am
Columbian Presbyterian Church	10:00 am
Onativia United Methodist Church	9:00 am
St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity	9:00 am



Church Events

LaFayette Alliance Church

Sunday School	Sundays		9:00—10:00 am	LaFayette Alliance Church
Coffee and Fellowship	Sundays		10:00—10:25am	315-677-9810
Ignite Prayer Ministry	1st & 3rd Sundays		6:00 pm	www.lafayettealliance.org
Summit Student Ministry— alternating between Alliance Church & Pompey Community Church	Wednesday evenings		6:30—8:30 pm	
	Register at: lafayette.myanswers.com			
Vacation Bible School—K thru 6th	July 31—August 4		9:00 am—12:00 pm	
Clothing Give-away	August 19		9:00 am—12:00 pm	

Columbian Presbyterian Church

Chicken Barbecue	July 15		11:00—gone	Columbian Presbyterian Church
LaFayette Community Band	August 1		7:30 pm	315-677-3293
Chicken Barbecue	August 19		11:00—gone	cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com


If you need help dropping items into the new shute on the St. Pauly Shed, let the church know and we will try to have someone meet you.

columbianpresbyterianchurch.com

Onativia United Methodist Church

Onativia United Methodist Church
onativiachurch@hotmail.com

St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity

Vacation Bible School	July 31—August 4			St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity
Spice Night at St. Joseph's	September 7			315-677-3439
Apple pie baking begins	September 11			www.stjosephslafayette.org
Apple pie sales begin	September 11			
Drive up famous apple pie sales	September 30		10:00 am—4:00 pm	
Holy Hour Wednesday Evenings			6:30 pm	

Many thanks to Father James Carey—Enjoy your retirement!
Welcome our new priest Father Nathan Brooks
Congratulations to the 2023 Confirmation Class

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Upcoming Events—JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

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July 11	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
July 15	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
July 18	Southern Hills Garden Club—Little York Plantation	5:30 pm
August 13	LaFayette Alumni Picnic—Stafford Park	12:30 pm
August 14	Fall Brush Pickup	Roadside butt end first no longer than 8'
August 15	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
August 1	LaFayette Community Band—Columbian Presbyterian Sanctuary	7:30 pm
August 19	Optimist Golf Ball Drop—Orchard Vali Golf Club	3:00 pm
August 19	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
August 24	Rabies Clinic—Meachem Ice Rink	5:00—7:00 pm
September 12	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
September 19	Southern Hills Garden Club—LaFayette Firehouse	7:00 pm
September 24	Pancake Breakfast—LaFayette VFW	8:00 am—12:00 noon

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