



LaFayette

Community Newsletter

From the Town Supervisor—Crossroads Town

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I am happy to report to you that your Town Board boldly moved forward at the September 14th town meeting to tender two purchase offers to buy the former LaFayette Hotel and the adjacent vacant property on the south side of the building. The goal is restoring the southeast corner of our **“Crossroads Town”** as an attractive and commercially active area of the Hamlet.

The Code of the Town of LaFayette Zoning defines our *“Hamlet District as: to provide for the development of high-density, compact, pedestrian-oriented shopping, service, entertainment and residential districts. It’s designed to encourage development in the hamlet core of the community. This district is designed to protect the small community charm by encouraging within the Hamlet architecturally appropriate standards typical of the Town’s early development history. These areas may need rehabilitation or redevelopment”*.

This area of the Hamlet has been under duress since the year 2000 and has undergone numerous attempts to redesign and place a purpose to the properties. However, the ability to restore this building to its original purpose for public housing have failed due to the lack of an acceptable waste treatment plant.

The Town Board has worked for months to develop a strategy and vision for these two properties:

Our strategy: the properties were purchased with federal funds that became available through the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Thus, no local taxpayer monies were used for these two purchases. The strategy is to hopefully receive a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from Onondaga County to apply to the restoration and the rehabilitation of the LaFayette Hotel parcel.

Our vision: is to work within the Town Code that is stated above while also remaining within the tradition of the historical section: one of the anchors of our **“Four-Corners”**.

I often receive an email from a resident who returns home from work around 11 PM each night and stops at the red light while facing south on Route 11: his message to me has always been, “why do I have to look at this eye-sore and can’t we do better”. Yes, we can, has always been the answer in my heart and now our time has come.

From the Town Supervisor cont'd....

Since March of this year a Tiger Team has worked with our consultant Barton & Loguidice utilizing a grant that has focused on the Hamlet Revitalization and an update to our Comprehensive Plan. Our survey results reflect two demands from the public:

- ⇒ **“Clean up the Cross Roads of New York”**
- ⇒ **“I can’t believe the hamlet doesn’t have water and sewer. Needs to happen”**

Our original concept for these two properties is to remain within the design standard of the Hamlet and our Code while offering up these possibilities for this corner: a building for a visitors site, open space and a small event center for community

activities, business incubator office space, and the rebuilding of the brick building in the current vacant space that once stood there. The first rendition that was presented at the Town Board meeting reflect the period design taken from the historical books authored by Historian Emeritus Roy Dodge. There will be time for public input at each step of this project.

While working the restoration of the “corner”, we have also been studying the possibility of creating a Town / Hamlet water district that would draw water from our own Town wells, treat it, and provide it to our businesses in the Hamlet area and offering to residents as well.....more to come on this.

Let’s work together in unity in our effort to bring the Cross Roads of New York back to a point of Pride as we approach our 200th Birthday Celebration in 2025!

Thank you,
—Bill McConnell



From the Town Clerk



The Value of a Smile

It costs nothing, but creates much.
 It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give
 It happens in a flash, & the memory of it sometimes lasts forever
 It cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen
 but it is of no earthly good to anyone until it's given away!
 So, if in your hurry you run across someone too weary to smile,
 leave one of yours

No one needs a smile as much as he who has none to give.

ELECTION DAY –

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

2021 Early Voting Communication Plan

For the 2021 November general election, any registered voter can vote in person before Election Day during the period of October 23, 2021 – October 31, 2021.

Onondaga County Voters can vote at any of the 6 Early Voting Sites in Onondaga County, no matter where they reside: LaFayette is lucky enough to be chosen as one of the sites. You can contact the Onondaga County Board of Elections at 315-435-8683 or www.onvote.net or the State Board of Elections at 518-474-1953 or www.elections.ny.gov.



For any questions about, Absentee Ballots, Candidate Information, Election Regulations/Results; Polling Places; Sample Ballots; Voter Registrations, etc., you can contact the Onondaga County Board of Elections at 315-435-8683 or the State Board of Elections at 518-474-1953 or www.elections.ny.gov.

Election Day

SERVICES PROVIDED - 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 and Duck Stamps may be purchased as well
- Handicap Permits
- Notary Public Services (Free of Charge)
- Facility Rentals (Stafford Park Pavilions & Community Center)

And many other things... feel free to give us a call @ 315-677-3674 or email @

townclerk@townoflafayette.com.

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

Many of the forms: marriage license, dog license, passport forms, handicap permit applications, building permits, etc.... can be found on the town website: www.townoflafayette.com

LAFAYETTE FIRE STATION #1 (rear entrance)
2444 Route 11 South, LaFayette NY 13084
2021 General Election
Early Voting will be October 23 - October 31

Onondaga County Early Voting Polling Hours

Saturday, October 23, 2021	10:00 am—3:00 pm
Sunday, October 24, 2021	10:00 am—3:00 pm
Monday, October 25, 2021	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 26, 2021	12:00 pm—8:00 pm
Wednesday, October 27, 2021	12:00 pm—8:00 pm
Thursday, October 28, 2021	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Friday, October 29, 2021	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Saturday, October 30, 2021	10:00 am—3:00 pm
Sunday, October 31, 2021	10:00 am—3:00 pm

From the Town Clerk cont'd...

DOG LICENSING - The fees are \$8.00 for Spay/Neutered dogs and \$20.00 for Unspayed/Unneutered dogs. Licenses may be obtained for 1, 2, or 3 years depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccines. You may pay with check or cash, via mail or in person. Forms for new licenses may be downloaded from our website. It is **New York State Law** that all dogs must be licensed in the municipality which they

reside. Please contact Dog Control Officers; Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000; Deputy Dog Control Officer Laura Holt (315)

696-6468 for any stray/lost dogs.



DOG IDENTIFICATION

I strongly suggest that you put your contact information such as your phone number on your pets. If your dog gets found after hours or on weekends, the dog control officer would contact you directly and avoid your dog/cat going to the SPCA and a \$150.00 fine. Most pet stores sell tags that you can engrave what you choose for your pet.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING



If you have any missed pickups, lost your recycling calendar or have any questions regarding trash or recycling, please call Dependable Disposal directly at (315) 472-7455 and press option #4.

LaFayette Apple Festival October 9th - 10th, 2021

Don't forget to visit the LaFayette Apple Festival. We surely missed it last year due to the Covid pandemic. This year we are looking forward to a huge successful event so all who work so hard all weekend long at the festival grounds can raise funds needed for their organizations. Not only will you have a great time, great food, and great rides, you can check out all the wonderful tents full of crafts while supporting many of LaFayette's Organizations.



*We hope you have a **Happy Thanksgiving**, a **Merry Christmas** and most importantly, we hope that **"2022"** blesses you, and all those you love with good health, wealth, prosperity and lots to **smile** about. As always, we pray for all our service men and women, and thank them for all the freedoms we enjoy every day, because of their sacrifices.*

*My Grandma Hayes used to say "When you smile, the world smiles with you, when you frown, you frown alone". Please don't forget to **SMILE**, it's contagious.*



—Jackie Bush Roorda
—Kristin Colburn

**Women 40 years and older are eligible
Insured and Uninsured are Welcome**



November 9, 2021
9:00 am—3:00 pm
Town of LaFayette
Library Parking Lot
Pre-registration is required
By phone: 315-464-2582
Online: www.upstate.edu/noexcuses

From the Highway Department



As summer greeted us with a high volume of storms, we have struggled keeping a very busy schedule set this summer. Your Highway Department employees stepped up to the challenge and kept us close to schedule.



The storm damage the Town of LaFayette received multiple times this year left roads closed, pipes plugged and debris scattered upon our roads.

Our final round of road treatments was completed on September 9th and brush pick-up started a little late but should be completed by or in October. Our brush pile will be ground up in October and be ready for our residents to pick-up in the Spring of 2022.



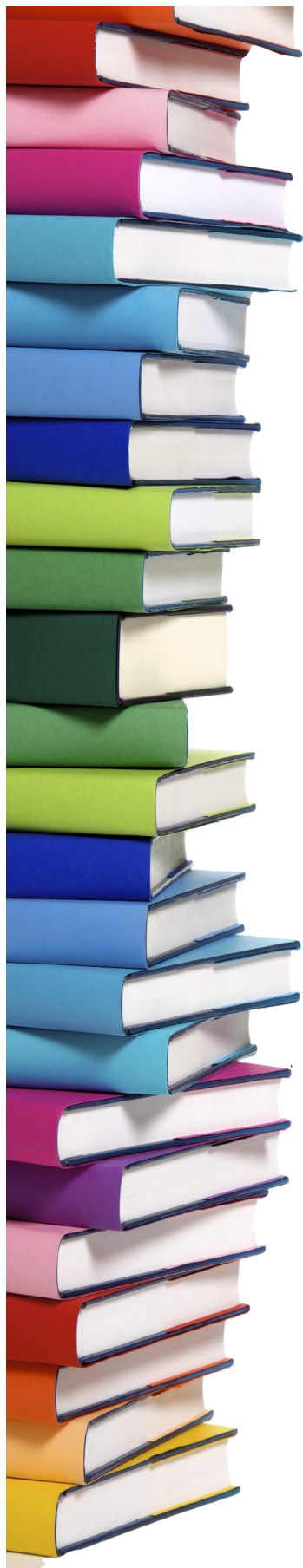
As our children venture back to school, please use extreme caution and maintain reduced speed guidelines in school zones. Passing a stopped school bus is not an option. Stop for all children in crosswalks. Let's keep our children safe.

Lastly, Enjoy the fall months, stay safe and don't forget about the **LaFayette Apple Festival**.

—Steve Robson
Highway Superintendent



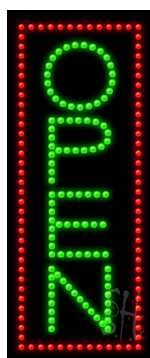
From the LaFayette Public Library



We hope everyone has had a pleasant summer. What a strange trip it's been! We started the summer lifting the mask mandate for people coming into the building that have been vaccinated. However, due to the uptick in Covid cases, we ask that **masks be worn in the building, use hand sanitizer at the entrance, whatever your vaccination status. That goes for anyone over 2 yrs. of age.** If there is a drop in cases, we will reconsider. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping us all healthy!

Returning items: The outside book drop is open 24/7, so you can use that anytime. The book drop inside is also available during library open hours. **We are no longer quarantining items.** Items will be checked in as they are returned to the library, instead of waiting 3-7 days.

Picking up items, browsing and computer use: in late Spring, we eliminated scheduling visits to the library and for computer use. Even though we are asking people to wear masks inside the building, we are **not** bringing back scheduled visits. We have resumed our normal services like making copies, faxing, etc. The following are our permanent hours going forward:



Mon & Tues	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Closed Saturdays	July—Labor Day

Please note: All services *except check out* end 15 minutes before closing. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thanks to all you who participated in the Summer Reading Program, and congratulations to all our prize winners! We were happy to have been able to safely provide some live programming as well.

Please take a look at our **Wonderbooks**. 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**.

We continue to circulate our ever popular **Tech packs**. They are a kit that consists of a Chromebook and hotspot that can be checked out for 3 weeks. These are in high demand, so *please* return them on time and with both components fully charged, in consideration for your fellow patrons. Thanks!

LaFayette Library cont'd...

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, Jamesville beach is closed). The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan 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. back at last. When they are not outdoors, please respect the mask mandate. Thanks!

Imagination Lab – Wednesdays 3:30 – we intend to bring this back starting September 15th. Depending on the status of the pandemic, we'll either have it in house, or pick up/ take home projects. Please contact the library

On a more personal note, after nineteen years as Director of the LaFayette Public library, I am retiring beginning in October. It's been a pleasure serving in this community, and hope to stay in touch. Many thanks for years of support from my Board and the community. A special shout out to Dave Knapp for his ongoing support of the library, allowing us to keep up with technological changes – not an easy task – made easier from his support!

—Scott Kushner

From the LaFayette Senior Citizens

At last! On August 18th, the LaFayette Senior Citizen group met for the first time in nearly a year and a half. Two new members joined the group, which we were all glad to see.

The week of July 12th, the LaFayette Senior Citizens took a memorable trip to Portland, Maine, which had to be postponed last year due to the pandemic. We enjoyed our fill of lobster and other seafood, as well as all the beautiful coastal scenery, lighthouses, and historic places. It was so good to be able to travel again!



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 in LaFayette. (Please note that if school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the group will not meet). *The Senior Group is always looking for new members If you are over 50 years of age, come and enjoy the camaraderie, have a delicious lunch, and take part in the fun activities that are planned. To join, 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 are provided. Anyone can join, whether you live in the immediate area, or not!

—Rita Bush

Let your voices and ideas be heard!!!

LAFAYETTE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

LaFayette is a beautiful rural town and a great place to live. Our vibrant hamlet, surrounding farmland, green spaces, and scenic views are preserved through thoughtfully managed development. Our proud community is supported by proactive leadership. We welcome a diverse population, encourage the development of compatible businesses, and strive to capitalize on our existing assets and historic identity as the Crossroads of New York State.

There are two surveys on the Town of LaFayette website for you to give valuable input on the new LaFayette Comprehensive Plan.

The original survey of 3 questions on our Community Profile and a new survey on Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 3 Draft with two survey questions can be found at: www.townoflafayette.com/building-a-comprehensive-plan.html

We encourage and thank you for your participation.



Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Uncas Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, celebrated its 170th anniversary on July 24, 2021. It is the oldest nonsectarian organization in the Town. In 1940 there were 800 lodges in New York State. Today there are 32.

—J. Roy Dodge

48th Annual Apple Fest

Saturday and Sunday October 9 and 10

Saturday 9:00 am—6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Apple Pie Baking Contest October 8; 3:00 pm—6:00 pm at Red Apple Barn

Scarecrow Contest October 8; between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm



From Southern Hills Garden Club



Southern Hills Garden Club presentation “Fall Back to Spring Ahead” scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00pm at the LaFayette Community Center has been cancelled until 2022. 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, cancellations, or membership please contact Cathy Nagel 315-677-9342 or Email CEN42085@aol.com

—Patricia Kroneck

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



Youth Programs:

Summer Sports:

Lacrosse wrapped up August 18. The LCC Board of Directors

would like to thank the following individuals who helped with the program – Tyler Gale, Kevin Gale, Brittany Gale, Terri Clarke, Marissa Evans, Gianna Anthony, Bean Miner, DJ Mahar, Nate Loughlin, Pat Dwyer, Ryan Agedal, Ian Evans, Jon Dix, Jameson Bucktooth, Junior Bucktooth, Josh Groth, Drew Bucktooth, Trevor Jones, and Aidan Griffin. On behalf of the kids, thank you.

THANK YOU COACHES!

Fall Sports: Soccer - is underway and will conclude mid-October

Winter Sports – We hope to be able to conduct our winter programs, including basketball, volleyball, and wrestling. Whether we can conduct these programs will be dependent on state and local mandates, as well as LaFayette School District requirements.

A flyer with specific information and registration forms for the above programs will be sent home from school.



If you are interested and able to help with the basketball, volleyball, or wrestling programs – **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP** - please contact LCC at 315-677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Adult Programs:

Men's basketball – LCC is working on arrangements for this activity to begin in the fall, dependent on state and local mandates, as well as LaFayette School District requirements

Other Programs:

Ski Program: LCC's Friday night skiing will begin in January 2022. We will hold two information and registration sign-up nights: Thursdays, November 3 and 10, 6-8 p.m. at the LaFayette Community Center. **DEADLINE FOR FORMS AND PAYMENTS IS NOVEMBER 15.** Pricing information and forms are available on the Town's web site under the Community Council skiing tab.

Announcements:

Apple Festival: We need your help running the pizza booth at the Apple Festival; please consider putting in an hour or two selling pizza to support our youth programs. Kids are welcome to help too.



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.

—Dave Prince

Eagle Scout Scott Heath—Leadership in Action!

The Town of LaFayette is truly blessed to have a young man like Scott Heath in our Community ... young and mature beyond his peers - a proven Leader!



Scott lives in the Cascade Road – Clark Hollow Road area and took inspiration from his neighborhood to lead an overwhelming effort to literally bring respect and righteousness back to “Sherman Hollow” cemetery.

His family includes Scott (Dad), Kelly (Mom), and his siblings Samuel and Leah. Bud and Carol Nurse – long time dairy people and motorcycle driver- are Scott’s grandparents. Scott has lived in LaFayette since he was just over four years old.

Scott joined Troop 115 of the Fabius Boy Scouts while he was in sixth grade and his journey continues as a Senior at LCS while he works towards his Eagle Scout rating. He chose a local project that would test his will, motivation, and ability to improvise. The Sherman Hollow Cemetery (1.0 Mile south from Route 20 on Jamesville-Apulia Road) is a NYS declared “abandoned” cemetery thus it counts on volunteers to maintain it along with a limited amount of support provided by the Town.

Over the course of a year, Scott, his family, and his volunteers have transformed Sherman Hollow Cemetery back into a state of wellness that now reflects the history and respect that can be gleaned from each head-stone of our first settlers.

Their work included: cutting brush and debris that were hauled away on five 10-wheel dump trucks, raising money to invest in a new flagpole, concrete to shore up leaning or fallen head-stones, enlisting the help from a small army of volunteers: “My Dad was a big help and my grandfather, Bud Nurse, donated the fence post, skid steer, and concrete materials”.

Biggest challenge: the planning! And, then the execution of the plan, of which LaFayette Historian Rick Stout assisted with. Completing a one-year project in less than 60 days while rising to the challenges of school, limited volunteers, and the size of the project!

My mentors: “Ed Drexler and Ray Carr from Troop 115”! “Troop Leader Barb Scanlon for the inspiration during my journey and her donation for the flagpole”!

Lessons learned: “Learned how to control chaos ”! “Sharpened my leadership skills and learned how to place the strengths of our volunteers in the right spot to succeed”.

Scott will graduate from LCS in 2022 and then hopes to attend the Merchant Marine Academy with the goal of becoming a mid-shipman and then onto US Coast Guard to “serve My Country” “I then hope to become a Captain of a merchant vessel sailing the high seas of the world”.

LaFayette truly has a “Diamond in the Rough” when looking at who Scott Heath is and what he can do. Please join him on Saturday, October 16th, 10 AM, at the Sherman Hollow Cemetery for its re-dedication and to celebrate Scott’s work!

The Town of LaFayette and the relatives of those who are buried in Sherman Hollow extend to you, a huge Thank You!

—Bill McConnell



Amazing Work

From Apple Festival Board of Directors

The LaFayette Apple Festival Board of Directors is excited that the Festival is back for its 48th event on October 9th and 10th. Planning is coming together and we are looking forward to a successful return to supporting the local schools, churches, community, and non-profit organizations after having to cancel the 2020 Festival. Please stop down and support these important organizations that enrich our community, or sign up to volunteer as many groups are still in need of assistance.

We would also like to mention the concert series that was held on the Festival grounds this past summer. The Festival is an expensive endeavor, costing in excess of \$200,000 a year to put on, with many of the expenses fixed whether we have good attendance, favorable weather, or have to cancel as in 2020. These expenses include property taxes, insurance, electricity, building, equipment and grounds maintenance, as well as still supporting the community through scholarships and other donations.

Since 2016 we have experienced rain on one or both days of the Festival weekend which has impacted

From Apple Festival Board of Directors cont'd...

attendance, and with having to cancel the 2020 event, our financial reserves have been severely depleted. We need to maintain a certain balance in order to be able to host the next year's event. We realized we needed another source of revenue to remain viable to hold the 2021 Apple Festival. A solution seemed to be at hand when we were approached by a local concert promoter and agreed to lease a portion of our grounds to them. The LaFayette Apple Festival is not in the concert business. We have enjoyed a good relationship with our neighbors in Cardiff and it was never our intention to have this cause a disturbance.



Lastly, we would like to address rumors that seem to be circulating on social media.

- The LaFayette Apple Festival is a 501(c)4 not for profit corporation which purchased the former Field Fruit Farm in 1989. The grounds have been zoned commercial/business since that time. No individual owns the grounds or rights to the LaFayette Apple Festival.
- No member of the Board of Directors, or their families, personally profited financially or otherwise from the concert series. All contractual revenue received from the lease of the property went directly into the Festival account to cover expenses associated with the 2021 Festival.

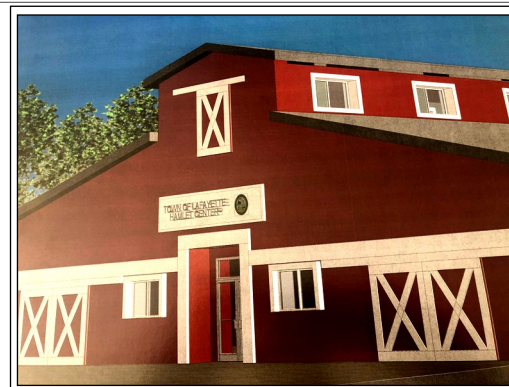
Since 1973 it has been the goal of the LaFayette Apple Festival to promote our wonderful Town and provide a venue for local groups to raise funds to put back into supporting the residents and our community.

—Dave Knapp

County Legislature Update



I am excited to announce that I have received confirmation that I have been able to secure an additional \$100,000 for the construction of the new Ron Bush Senior Center at Stafford Park. This is in addition to the \$150,000 that was previously announced. I'm excited to continue working with the Town Board through the bidding process and seeing the project through to completion. This will be a wonderful new facility for residents to utilize for community classes, meetings, events, and family gatherings.



I am also working closely with Town Supervisor, Bill McConnell, and the Town Board, on the transfer of the Cardiff area public water system to the Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA). This has been a long process which should be completed in the next few months and will keep the water system viable and serving residents for years to come. We are also improving the system by adding a water storage tank to improve reliability of delivery.



If anyone has questions about either of these projects or any other topic of concern, please feel free to contact me at dknappmb@aol.com.

Dave Knapp
Chairman, Onondaga County Legislature
12th District

From Our Town Historian Rick Stout



Some Notes on the Sherman Hollow Cemetery

No deed reserving the burying ground has ever been found for the Sherman Hollow Cemetery situated on Apulia Road south of Route 20.

The belief that it came from the Enoch Everingham Farm, as printed in some accounts, is not correct. Enoch did not purchase the land surrounding the cemetery on three sides until 1830. His father, John Everingham who came here in 1801 or 1802, settled on fifty acres nearby that did not include this site.

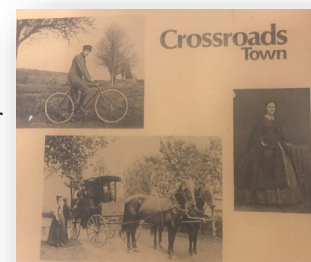
According to records in the Town of Otisco the victim of the first accidental death in that town was buried here. Nathaniel Dady Jr. who died July 19, 1802 is said to have been brought here for burial. The grave is unmarked.

There are five Revolutionary War soldiers buried here. Their stones were marked with bronze emblems in 1928 by the Sons of the American Revolution. By the 1960's all of these emblems had been stolen. There are two veterans of the War of 1812 here.

VanRenselear Everingham, who grew up on the adjoining farm and died of illness early in the Civil War, was brought here from Washington, D. C. by his brother. His remains were moved to the LaFayette Rural Cemetery and placed on a large family lot a few years later.

There are 57 marked graves in the cemetery. The earliest stone is that of James Sherman in 1813. He was a revolutionary soldier and the first settler in the valley in 1793. The last stone is that of Darius Hamilton in 1877. The farm upon which he lived for fifty years was on the hillside above the railroad within sight of the ground where he, his wife and four children are buried.

For additional information on the cemetery and a list of those buried there refer to J. Roy Dodge's book entitled "**CROSSROADS TOWN**".



— Rick Stout, Historian

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.

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

We do our very best to keep your cemetery

looking good. You may make your donations payable to:

LaFayette Rural Cemetery Association
P.O. Box 94,
LaFayette, NY 13084

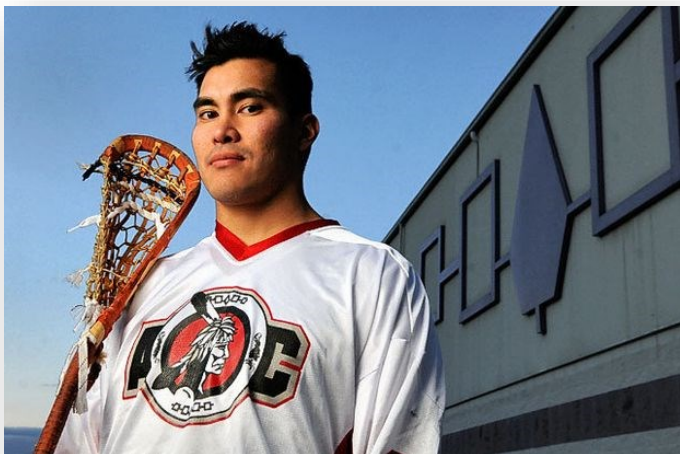
We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Upstate Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame

The Upstate Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame – Class of 2021 will include the induction selection of two of LaFayette’s past greats – Carl “Ket” Weist and Brett Bucktooth.

Carl “Ket” Weist is the founder of LaFayette Boys Lacrosse. He started the lacrosse program in 1960. Under his coaching the team won championships from 1963-1966. He then took an administration position and turned his team over to Gordie Ohstrom. The nucleus he developed was the start of the LaFayette Lacrosse dynasty that is renowned throughout the lacrosse world.



Brett Bucktooth was a member of LCS Class of 2001. During his High School career was 1st Team All CNY Lacrosse (1999, 2000 and 2001), High School All American (2001) and All League Lacrosse (2001). He went onto to play 4 years at Syracuse University with a Championship Win in 2004. He has played for the Rochester Rattlers and Buffalo Bandits.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 17th 2021 at Traditions at The Links @ 4pm. **On Saturday, October 16th at 7:00 pm Ket and Brett will be at the LaFayette Inn for a greet and gab, please stop in as this is open to all.**

Congratulations on your induction to the Upstate Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame



— The LaFayette Hall of Fame Committee

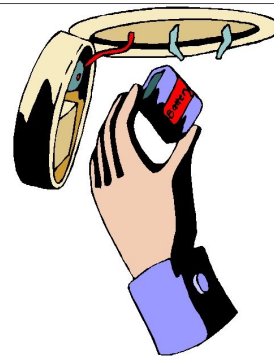
From the LaFayette Fire Department



With the upcoming cold months we would like to remind everyone to get their chimneys cleaned out before using their fireplaces.

We also would like to remind all to change smoke detector and carbon monoxide batteries in October.

The LaFayette Fire Department recently responded with our ambulance and an engine on mutual aid to the Onondaga Nation for



a multi vehicle accident. It was started by a driver who failed to move over and struck a trooper car along with others. We would like to remind you it is a law to move over for any flashing lights. Help keep all first responders and tow truck operators safe.

—Sean Doolittle

◀ MOVE OVER ▶

FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND SERVICE VEHICLES

From the LaFayette Optimists

Hello from the Optimists!

THANK YOU! to the Community for supporting the 2021 Optimist Golf Ball Drop.

We had excellent support for both ball drop ticket sales and participation in the golf tournament. This event, along with the Optimist Steak Sandwich sales at the Applefest provide the vast majority of the Optimist budget. ALL of these funds stay in our community and are used to support our many initiatives and scholarships.

So THANKS AGAIN, and please come see us for a Steak Sandwich at Applefest!

Looking ahead,

- In July we started a project to install dugouts at the upper Baseball Field at Stafford Park. The concrete work has been completed. Construction of the dugouts will continue as materials arrive, and Mother Nature allows.
- Applefest Steak Sandwich booth.
- We will be having the annual HALLOWEEN PARTY at Stafford Park on Friday 10/29 at 6:30 pm. Moving the party outside was a great success last year and we are looking for a repeat.
- The Club has purchased new Christmas wreaths for the poles



in town. You will see them go up after Thanksgiving.



**Promise yourself...
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. – The Optimist Creed**

—Doug Kautz,
Secretary

2021 LaFayette Optimist Golf Ball Drop WINNERS

- 1st John Thomas Jr.
- 2nd Steve and Pam Crawford
- 3rd Cathy Bush
- 4th Jim McElhannon
- 5th Dan Galloway
- 6th Lloyd Amidon
- 7th Mike Johnson
- 8th Robin Bush
- 9th Linda C.
- 10th Joe Evans



Many thanks to the following for installing new LED lights at Vinegar Hills Sports Park "The Box".

- DJ Mahar
- Daniel Mahar
- Josh Groth for use of his bucket truck
- LaFayette Lacrosse Association



From the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission

In the second quarter newsletter, the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission (LACC) asked for candidates to serve as volunteers. In the last newsletter, eight members were announced as appointed to serve, including two high school students. Since then, three more volunteers raised their hands and are now also LACC members. We welcome: Markus Schaub, Rachel Zevin, and Doug Anderson.

It's a good thing we have more members because our projects increased at the same rate! Here are what we are working on at the request of our Town:

- Comprehensive Plan Update – participation on the Tiger Team
- Community/Senior Center – recommendations to connect visitors to Stafford Park
- Parks – recommendations to increase visitors connection with nature at our Parks
- Tree Planting – coordination of tree plantings to replace trees removed from Bailey Park
- Community Noise – recommendations to Town's noise ordinance

- Solar Farms – recommendations for siting considerations
- Agritourism – consultation on a possible initiative
- Electric Car Charging Stations – research of costs and grants
- Stormwater Control – recommendations to better control stormwater runoff
- Wild Parsnip – recommendations to manage this hazardous plant in our Parks*

*Visitors to Stafford and Bailey Parks will now find signs warning visitors not to touch wild parsnip
Community/Senior Center: SUNY ESF's landscape architecture program has agreed to design, at no cost to the Town, a ravine landscape and nature walk that will include new plantings at Stafford Park. You will hear more about this next Spring/Summer as we share the designs. Yet another Stafford Park improvement project!

We welcome your ideas and inputs. So please reach out to the LACC chairperson, Mark Distler (markdistler@gmail.com) or any member with your thoughts. We hope you enjoy our article about plastic pollution.
—Mark Distler

People & Plastic Pollution—Part I

How best to handle common consumer waste plastic, Two things to keep in mind:

- A. What we can put in our blue bins is no longer about the recycling symbols
- B. What we can take to stores for recycling is more than plastic shopping bags



Here are the three ways to handle our waste plastic

Place in recycling bin

Plastic bottles & jugs	Empty and replace cap
Plastic dairy tubs	Empty and rinse, no lids

Put in Trash

Plastic bags w/strings	Plastic soil or mulch bags
Frozen food bags	Pre-wash salad mix bags
Candy bar wrappers	Plastic bags w/food residue or labels
Chip bags	Degradable/compostable bags or film packaging
Six pack rings	Clamshell containers (berry & takeout containers)
Plastic egg cartons	Bulky/rigid plastics (buckets, baskets)

Collect & Take to Grocery or Retail Stores

Shopping bags	Produce bags (w/labels removed)
Dry Cleaning bags	Retail bags (w/drawstring removed)
Bread bags	Cereal box liners (that don't tear like paper)
Bubble wrap	Overwrap (from per towels, toilet paper, napkins etc.)
Newspaper bags	Case wrap (from bottle water cases)
Zip top bags	Air pillows (from packaging, air removed)

In the next issue, we will explain why we want to handle our waste plastic in these ways. It will discuss how we are exposed to plastic, how it may affect our health, and what we can do to reduce exposure.





PROCLAMATION

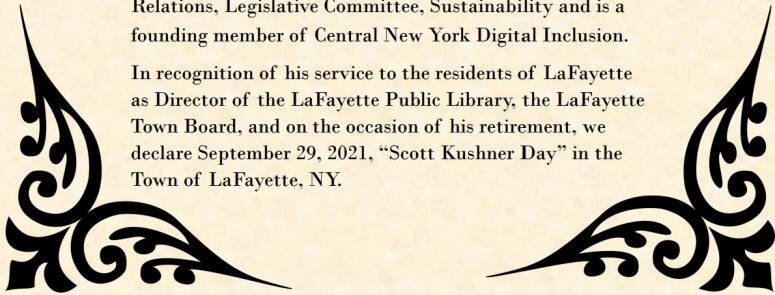
TOWN OF LAFAYETTE, NY

Scott Kushner has served as the Director of the LaFayette Public Library for 19 years.

During that time, he has overseen all aspects of the library including the expansion and modernization of the collection, instituted several new programs for patrons of all ages, developed new specialty areas such as “Maker Space,” and has kept the library up to date technologically, maintaining the library as a dynamic entity.

In addition, while serving as Director, Scott has been a member of several committees within the Onondaga County Public Library system, including Government Relations, Legislative Committee, Sustainability and is a founding member of Central New York Digital Inclusion.

In recognition of his service to the residents of LaFayette as Director of the LaFayette Public Library, the LaFayette Town Board, and on the occasion of his retirement, we declare September 29, 2021, “Scott Kushner Day” in the Town of LaFayette, NY.



SEPTEMBER 29, 2021



From the LaFayette VFW

Pancake Breakfasts

October 24, 2021

November 28, 2021

December 19, 2021



8:00 am—noon

Adults \$10.00

Seniors and children 6-12 \$8.00

5 and under free



Veterans Day Dinner

November 11 2021

4:00 pm till gone

Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, squash, stuffing, rolls, dessert

Price TBD



Herlihy Smokehouse & Grill

October 23, 2021

Noon—4:00 pm

Watch Facebook for details



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Brought to you by:
Town of LaFayette
Town of LaFayette Fire Department
LaFayette Optimists
LaFayette Community Council
Michael Grimm
LaFayette High School Band/Choir

Sunday, December 5, 2021 4:30 pm
Christmas Carols, Refreshments
Visit from Santa on the Fire Truck

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 10:30 am

****St. Joseph's website will provide upcoming events or specialties****

SPECIAL NOTICES

- ◆ St. Josephs wants to thank all of you who assisted in making and selling of Apple Pies & Fritters
- ◆ Faith formation and Confirmation class will resume in October, be sure to have kids signed up
- ◆ Christmas and other specialty masses will resume this year.

Capacity in the church can now be at 100% - Please come back and join our mass

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

Pastor: Shin, Se Gye

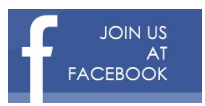
Email: pastorsegyeshin@gmail.com

Church email: onativiachurch@hotmail.com



Fish Dinners: Drive thru/takeout only—Watch for posters and signboards for dates.

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 & live streaming from our Facebook page

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

The Great \$5 Sweater Plus Sale 	Saturday, October 9 Sunday, October 10	9:00—4:00 pm 12:00—4:00 pm	Sweaters, snow pants, wool coats, ski jackets, collegiate apparel and more
Crumb top and 2-crust Apple Pie Sale	Ready at end of September pre-order now	315-677-3293	Frozen, unbaked pies 
Chicken Barbecue 	Saturday, October 16	11:00—gone	\$12 Full Dinner, \$6 Half Chicken
Trunk or Treat	Sunday, October 31	5:00—6:30 pm	Parking Lot only
Election Night Roast Beef Dinner	Tuesday, November 2	4:00—7:00 pm	To Go Only



"A Christ-Centered Family Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor
Trevor Smith, Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Bible Quizzing 3rd-12th Grade	Thursday evenings	6:30—8:00 pm
Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night	Saturday, October 30	5:30 pm 
Thanksgiving Eve Service	Wednesday, November 24	7:00 pm
Clothing Give-away	Saturday, December 11	9:00—noon 
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Friday, December 24	7:00 pm

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](http://TheWeeklyConnection.com), and find out even more details about our various programs www.lafayettealliance.org

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Upcoming Events—October—November—December

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
October 9-10	Great Sweater Sale	Columbian Presbyterian Church	10/9—9:00 am—4:00 pm 10/10 -12:00 noon—4:00 pm
October 9-10	LaFayette Apple Festival	Apple Fest Grounds	10/9-9:00 -am—6:00 pm 10/10—9:00 am—5:00 pm
October 12	Town Board Meeting	Town Hall	6:30 pm
October 16	Meet and Greet Ket Weist/Brett Bucktooth	LaFayette Inn	7:00 pm
October 16	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am—gone
October 16	Sherman Hollow Cemetery Re-dedication	Apulia Rd.	10:00 am
October 23	Herlihy Smokehouse & Grill	LaFayette VFW	Noon—4:00 pm
October 24	Pancake Breakfast	LaFayette VFW	8:00 am—noon
October 29	Optimist Halloween Party	Stafford Park	6:30 pm
October 30	Trunk or Treat	LaFayette Alliance Church	5:30 pm
October 31	Trunk or Treat	Columbian Presbyterian Church	5:00 pm—6:30 pm
November 2	Election Night Roast Beef Dinner	Columbian Presbyterian Church	4:00—7:00 pm take out only
November 9	Town Board Meeting	Town Hall	6:30 pm
November 9	Mammography Van	LaFayette Library Parking Lot	9:00 am—3:00 pm
November 11	Veterans Day Dinner	LaFayette VFW	4:00 pm till gone
November 28	Pancake Breakfast	LaFayette VFW	8:00 am—noon
December 5	Christmas Tree Lighting	Town Center	4:30 pm
December 11	Clothing Give-away	LaFayette Alliance Church	9:00 am—noon
December 14	Town Board Meeting	Town Hall	6:30 pm
December 19	Breakfast with Santa	LaFayette VFW	8:00 am—noon

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