



Town of LaFayette

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FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR: WE ARE LAFAYETTE!

I visited the Mayor of Cortland, NY in early September, and my eyes caught a large poster filled with color, hanging in the foyer. I read it over a couple of times and was so taken with its message that I asked the City Clerk where they found it.

With a quick Google Search, the Clerk found the poster, entitled ***How To Build Community***. The text was written by members of the Syracuse Cultural Workers (SCW) Community, and the watercolor that surrounds it was created by artist Karen Kerney, a founder of SCW, in 1998. It appears that her theme was to invigorate a feeling of community within the area of Syracuse in which she lives and works. Her bio sketch says that she believes in “building the world we want to live in.”

LaFayette is also a collection of diverse people striving to work together to create a strong and dynamic community. And, like Karen, I believe we can ***build the Town we want to live in.***

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The Town has since bought a copy of that poster, and it proudly hangs in the town office. There are sticky notes for you to write your own ideas about how to build community in LaFayette, and hang them on the poster. SCW graciously granted us permission to put a small reproduction of the poster in this newsletter (see inside back page). It’s an important message to share. I was fascinated as I read the short, bulleted ideas it presented. Many of them defined you and me; how we strive to sustain and strengthen our Town, Our Community. Thus, I’ve chosen this poster as my theme to follow up the January Town Newsletter theme of providing a direction of where our Community events and issues are going.

“Know Your Neighbors, Plant Flowers, Use Your Library, Buy from Local Merchants, Take Children to the Park, Honor Elders, Support Your School, Start a Tradition, Share Your Skills, Know that No One is Silent though Many are Not Heard—Work to Change This, Ask for Help When You Need it, Help Carry Something Heavy, Hire Young People for Odd Jobs!”

These are but a few of the lines on the poster that I reflected upon, knowing that many of us take these actions often as part of our daily and weekly routines.



***Have you wondered how You can
Paint the Canvas of our Community?***

First, I would offer that this poster could act as a guide, one that would place in the minds of people of all ages that they too can build our Community through action. You don’t need to be on committees, boards, etc. Your actions and ideas are truly important. Our traditions, our community, our future—it’s there for you to paint! Use Ms. Kerney’s “snippets” of wisdom as a thought for each day.

Second, take the time to communicate to the Town, the School District, our businesses, and our volunteer groups the areas that you feel are good and could benefit others. Allow these organizations to make it a best practice to benefit our entire Community. Do the same for areas that we need to strengthen, too. We have a great community now, but need your collaboration to become even stronger.

Third, become involved: an email, a phone message—these are the small things that may make a difference. **Make Your Voice heard!**

Fourth, volunteer if you are able; use your skills and interests to benefit our Community. Become involved in guiding our direction. We are truly fortunate to have the great number of volunteers throughout our community. Thank You!



And thank you for reading this. I encourage you to cut out the mini-poster on the inside back page and place it on your refrigerator or use it as a bookmark. Use it to reflect upon while continuing the **Tradition of Making LaFayette a Great Place to Live and Work**. Stop by the Town Office to see the large version and let us know how you will help build community! Enjoy the Spring!

—**Bill McConnell, Supervisor**

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FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Out with winter, come on Springtime!!!!

Lots of things are going on in LaFayette and if you are reading this newsletter, you most likely are aware of all the new and improved changes that hopefully will be happening in our Town this year.

I am really excited about the "Hamlet Beautification" Project and Committee. This is being led by **Nancy Mueller**, who was instrumental in the research regarding hydrofracking. Hopefully, we can convince the New York State Department of Transportation to make "2015" as the date for this project of widening and realigning the Intersections of Route 11 and Route 20 and the demolition of the old corner building. If you have ideas for the Hamlet Beautification, please to get involved in this wonderful project. LaFayette is too special not to look "pretty." Outsiders driving through our Town should be seeing a well-kept, eye-appealing place. Please send your ideas or volunteer to assist with the plans ahead.

2014 Onondaga County Health Dept. Rabies Shot Clinics: See the calendar on the back page of the newsletter for times and places. *FYI*: Animal Disease Control (315) 435-3165. LaFayette Dog Control Officers **Ken Johnson** (315) 263-1000 or **Mike Johnson** (315) 663-6378.

Feel free to email me with any questions at lafayettetownclerk@cnyemail.com or call (315) 677-3674.

—**Jackie Bush Roorda**

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Interesting facts about the Byrne Dairy learned at the January 13 Town Meeting...

- Byrne plans to use 7 acres of the 30 existing acres (owned by **Bruce Donahue** of Route 20 Crossroads Corp) just west of the McDonald's.
- The site is 798 feet away from the closest residence (west).
- Due to topography and west side hedgerow, the building is well buffered visually and for sound.
- The building will be colored an aged ivory with green roof, and have 53 parking spaces.
- There will be 8 gas pumps, 2 diesel, that can serve 18 vehicles at once, provided by 2 underground double walled, DEC approved tanks.
- At 7030 sq feet, it will be the largest Byrne Dairy ever built. The market intent is to replace the old IGA offering produce, meats, full service grocery and deli.
- It expects to employ 18-20 equivalent full time employees.

February 10 Town Meeting Outcomes...

- LaFayette Jr/Sr High Athletic Coordinator **Jerry Kelley** supported seniors **Caitlyn Agedal** and **Lexi Peebles** in their request to organize the 3rd Annual Cancer Walk during LaFayette's Town Days on May 31st.
 - **Elizabeth Esmark** of *Matthew 25 Farm* requested a zoning change from Ag/Res to Business for a property on 5323 Route 20 to open a small antiques store. The request will be reviewed by the planning board. If approved, she hopes to open the store around Memorial Day.
 - A planned public hearing on the proposed Byrne Dairy Grocery and Fuel was postponed to the March 10 regular Town Meeting because NYS DOT Region 3 has not yet responded to the request to cut a driveway entrance off Route 20.
 - A few resolutions related to the new Highway Department Building proposal were passed. It was deemed that there are no negative impacts in locating the building in the proposed space just south of Stafford Park. Specifics on the resolutions will be posted on the LaFayette website's Town Board minutes soon, but in sum, the Town Council approved a proposal for issuance of a \$3.2 million 20-year bond in support of the project. Associated with the approval are the following:
 - project cost will not exceed \$3.2 million
 - a public referendum will be held on **April 16, 12-8pm at the Town Commons**
 - absentee ballots will be available and accepted (see below for more info)
- Residents will have one more opportunity to learn about the project so they can make an informed vote: a **Special Meeting on Monday, March 24, 6:30-8:30pm**. This is your chance to ask questions and get answers about the building size, location, etc. It's a huge project (the building will be the largest in LaFayette) that involves several agencies in the review process including county agencies (for septic and well) and state agencies (DEC for sediment control, DOT for curb cut on Route 11). **All are welcome.**
- The \$3.2 million price tag is an adjustment to an earlier projected price of \$3.7 million, and takes into account a 4,000 square foot reduction in building size. There are no grants identified at this time, but C&S Engineers are finding ways to gain efficiencies with energy design.



Using an Absentee Ballot to Vote on the Highway Building Project...

News about absentee ballot availability for a public referendum on the Town Highway Building came to light at the Feb 10 Town Board Meeting. Newsletter deadline did not allow us to include an Absentee Ballot Application. But by the time you read this, Absentee Ballot Applications will be available from the Town Office.

The public referendum will occur on Monday, April 16th, 2014. Voting will take place at the LaFayette Commons, Town Hall Meeting Room at 2577 US Route 11, LaFayette, New York 13084 between the hours of 12:00PM and 8:00PM using paper ballots and a locked ballot box. Vote totals will be counted by election inspectors and certified immediately after voting ends.

Absent voters must complete an Absentee Ballot Application to get a ballot. The Application asks the reason for requesting an absentee ballot (e.g., absent from county, illness or disability). All eligible voters may get an Absentee Ballot Application by:

- stopping by the Town Clerk's office in the Town Commons
- calling the Town Clerk, Jackie Bush Roorda at (315) 677-3674
- mailing in a request to PO Box 193, LaFayette, NY 13084
- emailing the Town Clerk at lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com

You can also download an Absentee Ballot Application from the Town website (www.townoflafayette.com), complete it and return it to the Town Clerk who will then provide a ballot.

Completed ballots **must be postmarked by April 12, 2014** to be counted. If you plan to vote using an absentee ballot, you have about 6 weeks from the day you received this newsletter to get the completed application and ballot to the Town Clerk! **Call Jackie for additional information, 677-3674.**

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The biannual brush pick-up will begin Tuesday **April 1st 2014** and continue throughout the month. **All brush must be put at roadside no later than April 20th to allow the crew to pick everything up!** Please put brush at roadside (butt-end first; no longer than 10 feet). Contractors that cut down homeowner trees are responsible for their removal. Good news LaFayette: The brush that we recycled last year will now be available to LaFayette residents in the form of mulch! **Free of Charge!!** Mulch will be available for pick-up while supplies last at the Annual Clean-Up Days...

The LaFayette Annual "Clean-up" Days will run **Saturday May 3rd through May 10th**. Trash listed below will be accepted at the Groth Road Recycling area. Free mulch will be loaded during these hours only.

- **Saturday May 3rd and May 10th 9 am-4 pm**
- **Monday - Friday, May 5th - 9th 12-6 pm** Closed Sundays.

We **WILL** accept:

- e-waste (computers, small servers, TVs, monitors, keyboards, mice, fax machines, printers/scanners, phones, VCRs, DVRs, DVD players, game consoles, digital converter boxes, cable/satellite receivers)
- batteries
- paint cans (empty with lids removed)
- fuel tanks (empty, 1 foot hole in them)
- plastic pipe, wire or cable under 8 feet long
- refrigerators, freezers, humidifiers
- microwaves, stoves
- mattresses, couches, recliners
- carpeting, linoleum
- all metals, nails and screws if contained
- recyclables

We **Will NOT** accept:

- any kind of glass to include windows
- any kind of wood
- fencing
- insulation
- construction materials (e.g., sheetrock)



Tires are accepted for the following fees:

- small tires \$3 each
- large car tires \$4 each
- truck tires \$8 each
- extra large tires, \$.45/pound

—*John Greeley*



FROM THE OPTIMIST CLUB: WINTERFEST A SUCCESS!



The LaFayette Optimist club held it's annual Winterfest on Feb 1st to raise money for LaFayette Outreach. Some of the events that took place were: a poker run, the search for the Golden Apple, a human dog sled race, and a broom ball contest. Fifteen prizes were awarded in all. Nine contestants participated in the chili cookoff. **Tom Schofield** of Studco won the Chef's Choice Award and **Dale Nagel** of St. Joseph's Church won the People's Choice Award. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks were also available for one dollar each. The biggest fundraiser of all came from the 22 businesses that donated items for the silent auction and the 10 businesses that donated money in lieu of an item to be auctioned off. In all, over \$1,000 was raised for Outreach. The Optimist club wishes to thank all the volunteers who helped bring this about, the business people for their generous contributions, the chili cookoff chefs and everyone who attended for making this event a success.

—*Tim Bice, Winterfest Project Leader*

—*Jerry Doolittle, LaFayette Optimist Club President*

com·mu·ni·ty (/kə-¹myü-nə-tē/): A group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society; example: those who gathered for Winterfest 2014 in LaFayette, NY.

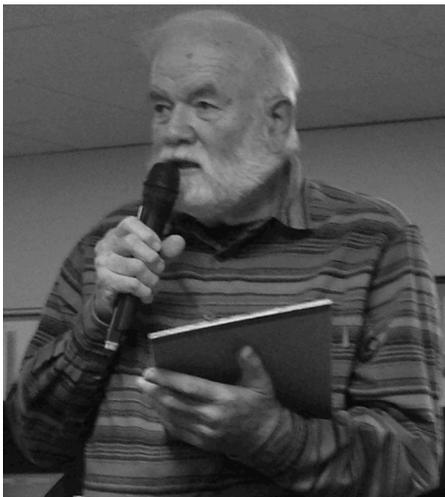
Mark the first Saturday in Feb 2015 on your calendars for next year's Winterfest!

FROM THE INFORMATION OFFICER

We had a terrific turnout at the 2014 LaFayette Town Board Organizational Meeting on January 13. I never knew about this event until last year when I was encouraged to attend as a new town employee. If you've never gone, put it on your calendar for next year (usually the 2nd week in January). It's an enlightening way to get a glimpse of what makes this town tick.

It's unclear whether it was the interest in witnessing the swearing in of newly elected officials or the promise of food and beverage that brought a standing room only crowd into the Town Hall. Residents began mingling and munching when the doors opened at 5pm. Sandwiches, and veggie, fruit and cheese trays were provided by LaFayette's *Nice & Easy*. *Cindy's Cafe* beautifully presented a variety of luscious desserts. The Organizational Meeting was called to order promptly at 6pm.

The quick hour included: swear in newly elected officials, recognize residents for achieving milestones in their service to LaFayette (such as Rainer Brock, below, serving since 1987), appoint and/or approve people to various town positions, and tie up a few resolutions and policies.



Town Supervisor **Bill McConnell** closed the meeting by summarizing his 5 areas of focus presented in the January newsletter. He urged us to get involved as a way to best ensure that our tax dollars are spent on the things we want. He reminded us at the end: *We can't row this ship very far ahead without you.*

I'm not a political person, but I am struck with how the people of this town make it run. The volunteer energy and commitment becomes palpable when you attend meetings, ask questions, and take the time to notice what's going on. One thing that's always bugged me was the state of our 4-corners. Every time I drive through it I wonder: *When is that apartment building going to become something other than a boarded up building? These potholes are getting ridiculous. Weren't we promised a major road improvement?* There are answers to those questions, and when you learn them you realize that the folks you thought were preventing positive change are not necessarily the ones stepping on the brakes.

I learned at the Organizational Meeting that LaFayette was promised road improvements to 4-corners in 2009. That date was then pushed to 2011. Now our scheduled improvements have been moved out to 2021! Fortunately for us we have town officials that don't agree with that, so they are petitioning the Department of Transportation for a revised (sooner) fix-up date.

Folks stay away from town meetings because they don't want to be involved in town politics. But it's less about politics and more about simply being informed. We are blessed to have residents in this town who are committed to making it better. You may not agree with every decision that gets made, but once you become aware of how much is involved in making those decisions, you become far more accepting of them.

A lot of things are likely to happen in LaFayette this year: a new Byrne Dairy, a new highway garage, a town beautification plan. Go to those town meetings on (typically) the 2nd Monday of each month. You don't have to say anything; you can sit in the back and just observe. But give it a try. I brought my 15-year old son to one (yes, I could've pulled his teeth more easily), and he admitted afterward to being pretty impressed with what goes on, and how much people care. You may walk away with a similar impression.

—*Laura Horian*



FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Questions about recreational activities may be directed to **Regina Reinschmidt**, Recreation Coordinator at reglcc@dreamscape.com or **677-7272**. Detailed program information is updated regularly at www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html. Here are rec highlights for March-April:

Youth Basketball • The 5th and 6th grade teams finished on February 15th. We had a great season, playing against Tully, South Onondaga and Fabius/Pompey. Thanks to **Adrian Shute, Phil DeSaw, James and Stephanie Dow, John Shave, Steve Zajac, Dave Caughey and Rich Dix**. We also extend **special thanks to the parents** that helped officiate games. 3rd and 4th grade ball is starting now. Flyers went home from school to announce the 3rd grade boys and the 3rd/4th grade girls. 4th grade boys began in late Jan.

Community Recreation • Thank you to **Mark Whitney** for running this program. Attendance was low and we need to know—what would you like to see offered? Or is the time slot just not good for your schedule? Let us know because we would like to continue offering this opportunity. Call 677-7272 or email reglcc@dreamscape.com

7th/8th grade extended program • We offered basketball for the boys during their “off-season” and had a tremendous turnout. Thanks to **Greg Long** for heading this up. Will offer it again next Jan, but also, look for upcoming summer program!

Hallwalking • Will continue through the end of March, M-F 5-7pm, Grimshaw. Enter by cafeteria and bring walking shoes separately so they remain dry. Sign in the notebook on the table in foyer.

Daytime/Senior Exercise • Great exercise program at the Community Center: T/W/Th, 8:30-9:30a. \$3 walk-in fee or pay a 6-week session price to save more. This is a very low cost exercise opportunity, with a certified instructor! Come and meet friends. It’s fun and healthy...spread the word! Questions? Call Kathy, 677-9174.

Yoga • Meets Monday nights, but call 677-7272 if interested because space is limited.

Zumba! • Mon. class will continue through end of March; Wed. class through end of June. \$4 walk-in, or we can pro-rate a session price for you. Call 677-7272. **Please note, there were misprints on price: full sessions are now \$55 (Sept-Jan & Feb-June) Sorry for any confusion!**

LCC Coaches • Please complete your application and certifications now. Go to townoflafayette.com for info, or request a packet from us by emailing reglcc@dreamscape.com. Coach certification is now done online. You need to pay, complete, then submit proof to us for reimbursement.

Baseball • Apple Valley League (AVL) registration is Thurs, March 13, 6-7:30pm and Sat March 15, 9-10:30am at Grimshaw cafeteria. Must be in Kindergarten to begin regular T-ball. Watch for flyer.

Lacrosse • Upstate Lacrosse Association (ULA) registration is Thurs, March 13, 6-7:30pm and Sat March 15, 9-10:30am at Grimshaw cafeteria. Please bring checkbook for uniforms and fees. Instructional signups will be taken as well. Watch for flyer from school.

American Heart/Heartsaver CPR/AED • Classes will be held this month. Thursday March 20, 6-10pm, Grimshaw café OR Saturday, March 29, 9am-2pm at LaF Fire House. You must call to register by March 15. Leave your name, phone, mailing address and which class. Space is limited, so PLEASE, if you sign up, show up because you are holding a place someone else could have. This is free for LCC volunteers/coaches and only \$20 per person for other community members.

Lifeguards/beach help • We will be hiring for the swim season by May. Interested guards need to have their class complete and all certifications up to date by then. We need guards, swim instructors and some activity leading as well. Contact LCC, PO Box 98, LaF, 13084 with your interest in employment by May 1st.



LAFAYETTE OUTDOORS

The Critter That Built New York

As I write these lines on Groundhog Day in snowy February, Punxsutawney Phil has just awakened from hibernation, forecasting six more weeks of winter. In contrast to Phil's media-driven notoriety, who of us recalls the truly deserved fame of our other large rodent, the mighty beaver? Its exquisite fur once fueled the world's commerce, drove men into battle and influenced the fate of nations. The beaver's fur was not only prized by pioneers for its warmth but also provided the ultimate fashion statement in the felt hat made from the underfur. These hats were in great demand by the well-healed citizens of Britain and Europe in the seventeenth and eighteenth century.



Making a felt hat is complicated. First, guard hairs are removed from the pelt and the downy underfur shaved off. For one hat, 9 ounces of underfur are rolled onto a sheet of wet linen, flattened into batts held together by the barbs on the hairs. Two batts are folded over a cone-shaped paper form, treated with hot water and sulfuric acid (originally mercury compounds were used, poisoning the hat maker with "madhatter's" disease). A shellacked, colored brim was added and the finished hat decorated with a ribbon or turkey feather.

The Hudson's Bay Company, a center of the fur trade in the 1600s established the following barter values: One prime beaver skin was worth alternately 1 brass kettle, 2 pounds of sugar, 1 gallon of brandy, 20 fish hooks, 8 knives, 4 spoons, 2 shirts, 1 pound of beads or 2 pounds of tobacco. Even today, 4 hash marks (points) appear on the edge of a prime English wool blanket, once equivalent to 4 beaver pelts. Muzzleloaders were particularly sought by natives, each worth 32 pelts. Transferred from trappers to merchants in Europe, each beaver pelt gained 1000 percent in value. A Montagnais Indian said in 1634: *"The beaver... makes us kettles, swords, knives, bread, everything without the trouble of cultivating the ground. The English have no sense; they give us twenty knives for one beaver skin."* Across the North American continent, beaver skins became a standard form of currency, useful in the barter of any goods.



For 300 years beginning in the mid 1500s, explorers and fur traders opened up the North American continent to European settlers in a vast area from Hudson's Bay to Oregon and Manhattan south to Louisiana. Conflicts and major wars between Native Americans and settlers, as well as European nations with each other, marked this period capped by the birth of the United States. Much of this drama unfolded across our state, centered on the Iroquois Federation's (Haudenosaunee) longhouses on Onondaga Lake. And John Jacob Astor founded the American, Pacific and Southwest Fur Companies, becoming the richest man in America. Hence, today the beaver adorns the coats of arms of New York City and Canada (right, Toronto's coat of arms).



From near extinction, the beaver has made a grand recovery. Beyond our history, the beaver is mighty in a second way: as habitat engineer for ducks, muskrats, deer, kingbirds, fish, ospreys and many other species. If you are an exceptionally hardy individual, you can trap them if you have a DEC trapping license between November 10 and April 7. This spring, do take the opportunity to watch a beaver pair raise its squalling kits along a waterway or near a stick lodge anywhere from Labrador Pond to the Jamesville Reservoir. No license required!

—**Rainer Brocke**

FROM THE LAFAYETTE SENIORS

Join us any 3rd Wednesday of the month at the LaFayette Fire Station at noon! Coffee and tea provided. Bring a dish to pass and your place setting. Dues only \$5/year. Here are the trips scheduled for 2014:

June 4, Wednesday: **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET IN SYRACUSE**

Join us for an Italian buffet dinner at Grimaldi's Luna Park in East Syracuse. Dinner will include many Italian favorites such as eggplant parm, baked chicken-Italian style, pizza, meatballs, pasta and more. After our meal we'll go to the Crouse Hinds Theatre for a 7:30pm performance of Million Dollar Quartet. In 1956, 4

young musicians gathered for a recording session in Memphis for what would become the greatest recording session ever: *Sixteen Tons*, *Blue Suede Shoes*, *Hound Dog*, *Folsom Prison Blues* and many more. This music session will bring you right into the recording studio for an unforgettable night.

Cost: \$88.00 pp, includes motor coach transportation, dinner and performance.



August 6, Wednesday: **CRUISIN IN LOCKPORT, NY**

This is a unique 2-hour canal cruise which includes "locking through" and being raised 49 feet in elevation of the Niagara Escarpment. This is the same water that creates Niagara Falls. A Coast Guard captain will describe the sights, and folklore along the way. You will see water cascade over Lockport's famous Flight of Five 1840's locks. Travel through the solid walls of the 'rock cut' architecture. Be sure to bring your camera! We will also have a 3-entree Lunch Buffet including roast beef, turkey and corned beef; baby spinach garden salad, pasta station, maple glazed carrots, deserts, and much, much more. Our next adventure will include a step-on guide who will take us through the Niagara Region of Western NY, plus a visit to Niagara Falls (on the NY side), NO PASSPORTS ARE NEEDED. This experience will be one to remember for years to come!

Cost: \$79.00 pp, includes motor coach transportation, lunch and guided tour.

October 1- 7, Wednesday-Tuesday: **NASHVILLE, MUSIC CITY USA**



Tour includes: Hotel accommodations for 6 nights, 13 meals, 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners, bus transportation, 4 shows (Grand Ole Opry, Nashville Nightlife Theatre, Songwriters Performance and a luncheon cruise/show on the General Jackson Showboat. Also, guided tour of the city, tours of the Ryman Auditorium, Grand Ole Opry-backstage, the Country Music Hall of Fame & the Fontanel Mansion.

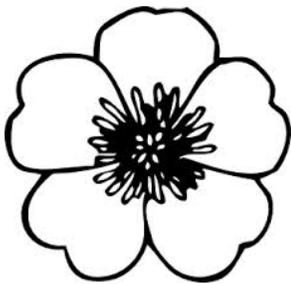
Costs pp: Single-\$1,679, Double-\$1,300, Triple-\$1,185 For more info, flyers and reservations. **Call Lynn Henderson at 677-5112.** Don't delay...this trip will fill up fast.



FROM PEACE — FISH IS IN IT'S 10TH YEAR

PEACE Inc.'s FISH program [Friends in Service Here] needs drivers and participants. This is a great way to stay involved after retirement and help your community as well. FISH drivers take someone to a medical appointment once a month. They don't have to stay with the customer; just be there when they are done so that they can transport them back home. There is also a *random driver* option where the dispatcher can call the driver when they need them and the driver can accept or not. We also would like to see more people use the program. These customers are usually low income or have no family members to take them to an appointment. Customers are eligible for a maximum of 3 rides per month. Donations are also accepted for this program to help reimburse the volunteer drivers when needed. Over its 10 years FISH has provided hundreds of rides to people in LaFayette and Tully. Please consider helping to support our community with a few short hours each month! Questions? Please **call Barb at PEACE Inc, at 315-696-8203.**

FROM THE SOUTHERN HILLS GARDEN CLUB



The purpose of the Southern Hills Garden Club is to advance the gardening achievements of the members, to stimulate local interest in horticulture, and to work for the improvement and protection of the aesthetic resources of our local communities. We accomplish these goals in several ways: participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program in LaFayette, maintain the Memorial Garden at the LaFayette Library, and present programs to educate our communities on current horticultural concerns. Contact Club President **Eunice Tompkins at 696-4650 for more information.**

Please join us for the following programs:

March 18	7:00 p.m.	<i>What's New in Horticulture for 2014 (at Carol Watson's on Sentinel Heights)</i>
April 15	6:00 p.m.	<i>Tips for Pruning with Diana Smith of Topiary Gardens (at her site in Marcellus)</i>
May 20	6:00 p.m.	<i>Plant Your Containers at Kurt Watson's on Route 11</i>
June 17	6:00 p.m.	<i>Tour the Rose Gardens of Ann and Joe Gibson in Fayetteville</i>



FROM THE LAFAYETTE LIBRARY

Greetings and welcome to the last part of winter. We have a new youth services librarian on board at the library: **Jennifer McDonald**. Jen comes to us with nine years' experience in teaching and is now pursuing her Masters in Library Science at Syracuse University. She is interested in some innovative programming for the library and looks forward to hosting you at the library.

Speaking of innovative programming, want to be part of a Human Library? LaFayette Public Library is looking for individuals with interesting life and career stories that they would be willing to volunteer and share with others. Those that make up a Human Library are Human Books.

What is a 'Human Book'?

Most likely a majority of readers will find that Human Books are people just like you and me. They are open about who they are and prepared to share their experiences. A Human Book is a person that has chosen to be a public representative of a certain group. An example of how people can be, if only minds are open long enough to find out who and what they really are. But before anything else, they are courageous people that stand by their convictions and are willing to discuss their values with others. (from www.humanlibrary.org)

Lafayette Library is working with Onondaga County Libraries to create a Human Library database of volunteers who would like to help others by telling their stories. If you are interested please stop by the library or email **rskushner@onlib.org** or **jmcdonald2@onlib.org** for more information before April 1st. We would like to hold an event for Junior and Senior High students in the month of April where students could check out a Human Book to learn more about a career or life choice. Go to www.humanlibrary.org to find out more about this concept.

See LaFayette school's monthly Green Sheet for up-to-date lists of new books, and ones we're expecting soon!



The Human Library is an innovative method designed to promote dialogue, reduce prejudices and encourage understanding. The main characteristics of the project are to be found in its simplicity and positive approach. (from www.humanlibrary.org)



LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

"A Christ-centered family church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor • Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship • David Booher, Youth Pastor

Weekly Schedule

Sun 8:00 AM Early Morning Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:45 AM Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM Youth Ministry
6:00 PM Interactive Bible Study w/ Pastor Rob

Mon 6:30 PM Battalion

Wed 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

Thur 6:30 PM Awana



Coming Up:

† **Saturday, March 1:**
Clothing Exchange & Give-Away from
9:00am-12:00pm.

† **Friday, April 18:**
Good Friday Service
at 7:00PM

For further information about our church or any of its programs, please contact our 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 and find out even more details about our various programs: www.lafayettealliance.org • 677-9810



Columbian Presbyterian Church

Pastor Shawn Reyburn

at the Crossroads of NY State – Route 20 and 11

<http://columbianpresbyterianchurch.com> • 663-6851

THANK YOU! • The Community Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make *A Taste of Chocolate* on Feb. 8 a big success. We made some new friends, and enjoyed lots of chocolate creations (...does it get any better than that?). Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to Lafayette Outreach, to coincide with the Feinsein Challenge, which matches every dollar and food item donated in March and April.

WE'RE COLLECTING • We will be collecting breakfast-related items (pancake mix, syrup, quick breads, cereal, etc.) for Lafayette Outreach's Easter food distribution until April 6. The distribution will be on April 8 & 10.

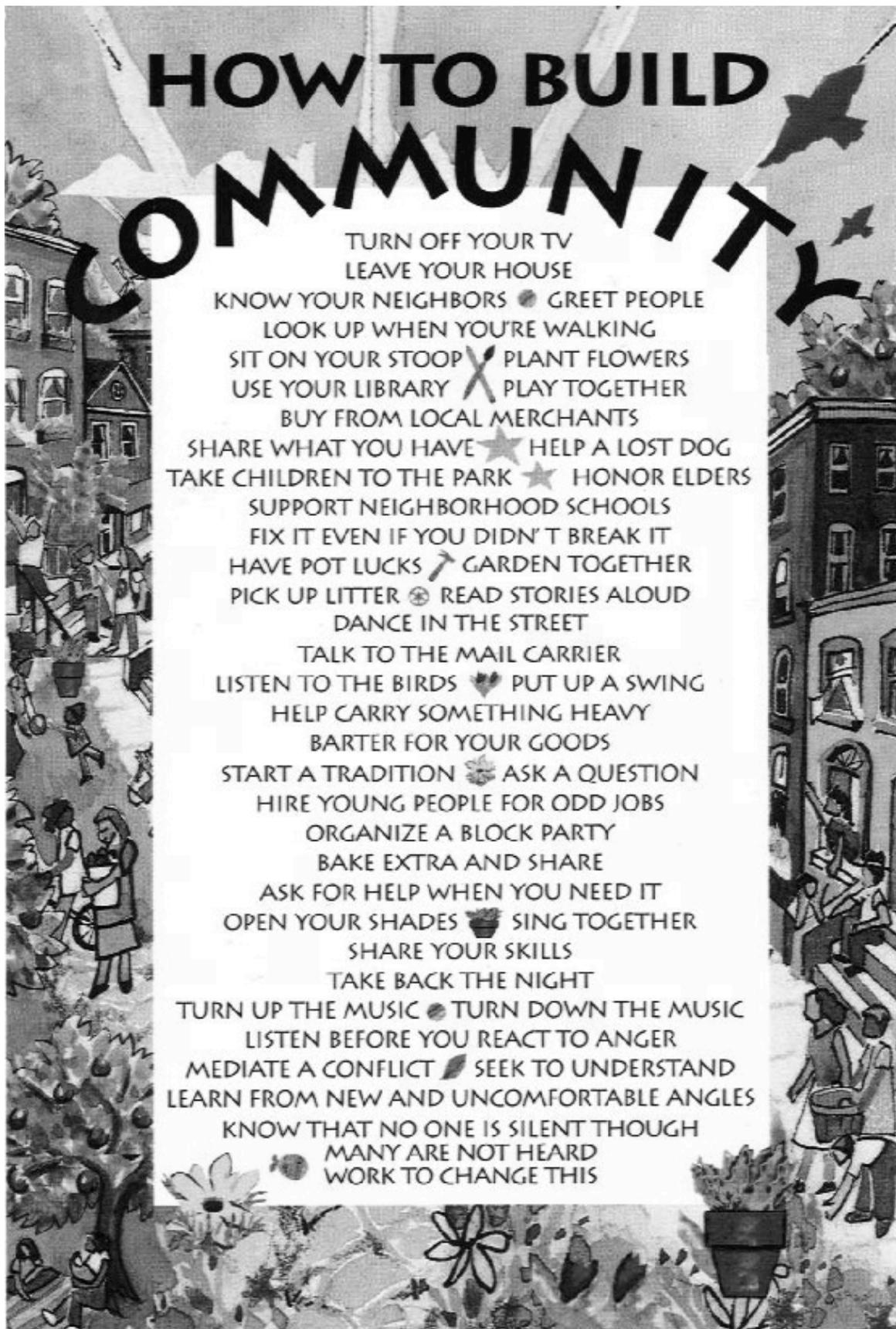
JOIN US!! • Please join us for all of our Lenten & Easter services:

- † 3/5, 6:30p soup supper followed by 7pm worship; full Lenten services schedule available then
- † 4/13, Palm Sunday
- † 4/16, Seder meal
- † 4/17, Maundy Thursday (including a "Stone Soup" meal)
- † 4/18, Good Friday 7pm service
- † 4/20 Easter Sunday 10am service

And mark your calendars:

- ☐ 4/26, Sat, First chicken barbeque of the season! 11am until they're gone (come early!)
- ☐ 5/26, Mon, 8am- 12 pm, Memorial Day Benefit for Lafayette Outreach. If you would like to help, or if you can donate new, antique, or hand-made items for the silent auction, or plants or baked goods for those sales, you can contact the church at 677-3293, or cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com.

Thank you for your continued support!



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COMMUNITY**

TURN OFF YOUR TV
LEAVE YOUR HOUSE
KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS ● GREET PEOPLE
LOOK UP WHEN YOU'RE WALKING
SIT ON YOUR STOOP ✂ PLANT FLOWERS
USE YOUR LIBRARY ✂ PLAY TOGETHER
BUY FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS
SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE ★ HELP A LOST DOG
TAKE CHILDREN TO THE PARK ★ HONOR ELDERS
SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS
FIX IT EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T BREAK IT
HAVE POT LUCKS 🪓 GARDEN TOGETHER
PICK UP LITTER ♻ READ STORIES ALOUD
DANCE IN THE STREET
TALK TO THE MAIL CARRIER
LISTEN TO THE BIRDS ♥ PUT UP A SWING
HELP CARRY SOMETHING HEAVY
BARTER FOR YOUR GOODS
START A TRADITION 🌸 ASK A QUESTION
HIRE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR ODD JOBS
ORGANIZE A BLOCK PARTY
BAKE EXTRA AND SHARE
ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT
OPEN YOUR SHADES 🪴 SING TOGETHER
SHARE YOUR SKILLS
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
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UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Add'l Info
March 1, 10am-12pm	Rabies Shot Clinic	SPCA 5878 East Malloy Rd	Sponsored by Onon. Cty. Hlth Dept
March 10, 6:30pm	Town Board Meeting	LaF Town Commons	
March 23, 8am-12pm	VFW Pancake Breakfast (4 th Sunday of month)	LaF VFW Hall	Adults \$6.50; Srs \$5:50; Kids 5-12 \$4.50; under 5 free
March 24, 6:30-8:30pm	Special Town Meeting	LaF Town Commons	Informative public Q&A on proposed Highway Building
April 3, 5-7pm	Rabies Shot Clinic	Meachem Ice Rink, 121 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syr	Sponsored by Onon. Cty. Hlth Dept
April 14, 6:30pm	Town Board Meeting	LaF Town Commons	
April 16, time TBD	Public Referendum on Town Highway Building	LaF High School	Calling for your vote!
April 27, 8am-12pm	VFW Pancake Breakfast	LaF VFW Hall	\$6.50; \$5:50; \$4.50; <5 free
May 1, 5-7pm	Rabies Shot Clinic	Clay Hwy Garage, 4483 Rte 31	Sponsored by Onon. Cty. Hlth Dept



SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR 2014 TOWN OF LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Deadline	Dates Covered	Date Issued
April 7	May-June (clean-up days, fishing derby, Memorial Day, Community Day)	May 1 st
June 9	July-August (Summer Reading Program, Golf Ball Drop & Tournament)	July 1 st
August 4	September-October (Apple Fest, Apple Run)	September 1 st
October 6	November-December (Elections, Tree Lighting)	November 1 st



Thank you to the LaFayette Green Sheet for the kind words about our Town's leaders. It says a lot about a town when so many skilled LaFayette grads have raised their families where they grew up. We are fortunate to have them continue to serve the community as town leaders and doers.



Editor's Quote for March 2014:

No matter what our attempts to inform, it is our ability to inspire that will turn the tides.

—Jan Phillips, Co-Founder Syracuse Cultural Workers