



# LaFayette

## Community Newsletter

### From the Supervisor: "Owning It"!

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Many of us have heard the phrase, "**Owning It**", and have applied it in a variety of ways

throughout our lives. I look at the concept of "Owning It" as; when there is a task at hand at home, at work, or in our community, those of us that are directly responsible for that task rise to the challenge and make it happen!



In this issue, I want to report to you the good news of how our Town Supervisors and Town Board members, over the past twenty years, have produced an excellent financial outcome for our new Highway Department building.

The most important area that the Town Board, as an Executive Body "**Owens**", is the annual budget which is funded by our taxes. They must build a budget that supplies you with promised services, a budget that complies with Public Law, and is also well recognized throughout financial institutions as a strong and well balanced budget.

As promised, the Town Board recently closed out the Bond Anticipation Note that was used,

essentially as a construction loan, to build our new highway building. This choice was made in order to begin paying off the building in twenty years or less as promised to you in April 2014.

Interest rates were low on Municipal Bonds thus, on July 22, 2015, a bond was sold at a 3.0% rate for a twenty year mortgage on the building. This was

completed after an extensive process that was completed by the Standard & Poor's financial team and our town officials.

The Good News that I spoke of in the top paragraph is; the Town received a savings of over **\$200,000** of interest because of the Excellent Financial Rating that the Town received!

*Your Elected Leaders: Supervisors Clay Smith (late), Greg Scammell, Adrian Shute, their Board Members along with our current Board members, "**Owning It**" and delivered a financial Home Run for the Town. Thank you for your Leadership!*

## From the Supervisor....cont'd

We should also recognize our Town Accountant, Tom Chartrand. Tom's services and advice over this same period of time was essential in delivering the savings on our Bond. Tom has consistently delivered expert advice to the Town Board and has been the Right Hand Man for the Supervisors for those many years. Thank you Tom!

Our Year 2016 budget process will now begin days after you receive this newsletter. The New York State Comptroller recently released the CAP on property taxes at a low 0.73%. This signals that our Town budget will grow to a maximum of 0.73%. A challenge, yes, but the Town Board prepared for this during this past year by taking on several issues such as the new highway building. They will "Own" this process with the goal of keeping your taxes as low as possible.

You too can take "Ownership" of the budget process. How? By attending the budget meetings beginning with the first meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM in the Town Hall. At this meeting, you can witness the presentation of the budget inputs from all of the department heads along with the LaFayette Fire Department budget request.

There will also be budget workshops that are open to the public. These dates will be published on the Town's web site at [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com).

As you can see, Ownership of our Town's financial status, budget execution, and maximizing the taxes that we all pay falls upon all of our shoulders. For you, the taxpayer, we need to



ensure that tax rates remain low and our tax dollars are applied with efficiency and good faith for the common good of our Town. For the Town Board to build a budget that

supports the Town's Vision along with guarding the use of your tax money, Ownership is a two Way Street when it boils down to taxes....I invite you to get involved...**Own It!**

Thank you!

—Bill McConnell  
Town Supervisor

## LaFayette **Apple** Run



Sunday, October 11, 2015

8:30 am—Fun Run

9:00 am—18K Road Race

9:15 am—3.5 Mile Run/Walk

Packet Pickup and Race Day Registration Opens at 7:30 am



*If you haven't yet liked us on facebook and twitter you are missing out on real time town information. Follow us today!*

*Also you can read this newsletter online in color with working hyperlinks*



## From the Town Clerk



I hope everyone had a great summer, enjoying the warm, hot sunny days and being thankful for even the rainy days. When you see the devastation of the wild fires out West, well, that makes me okay with those rainy days. Now we get to enjoy our beautiful fall season and spectacular fall foliage.



**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**PLEASE DRIVE SAFE!!!!!!! PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE SCHOOL ZONES, SCHOOL BUSES & PLEASE WATCH FOR STUDENTS CROSSING TO GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL.**

I always chuckle when I think about that old commercial where the parents are singing, "It's the happiest time of the year" as the kids go back to school. I also just want to make sure everyone is safe, looking out for children riding school buses and walking to school. It has been brought to my attention and it has also been my experience when assisting my grandchildren in crossing Route 20 by Grimshaw Elementary School, that this is often a dangerous situation. Many vehicles travel too fast, some are trying to "beat the light" and many do not stop to let the students cross to get to and from school. There is not a crossing guard there at all times so kindly be on the "look out" always, but especially during school hours. There also is construction going on and your attention is needed, necessary and appreciated. Thank you!

**HUNTING/TRAPPING/FISHING LICENSES** - On sale beginning August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Free Pocket Ranger App...**The Official New York State Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife App powered by Pocket Ranger. "Fishing", "Hunting", "Watchable Wildlife", "Rules & Regulations", "Licenses and Permits Info". Download on the App Store or get it on Google play. More information can be found at: [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/96470.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/96470.html)

### Reminders:

- For Hunting and Trapping Licenses, the license year runs from September 1 – August 31.
- Annual Fishing Licenses and the Recreational Marine Fishing Registration are valid for 365 days from date of purchase.
- Deer management permits (DMPs) will be available via instant lottery from August 10, 2015 through close of business day on Oct 1, 2015.
- Lifetime License holders should receive your annual tags prior to September 1, 2015.
- Lifetime holders of trapping or fishing privileges only should not expect annual privilege panels to be mailed to you. You should already have a hard plastic ID Card. That is all you will need to trap or fish.

### Turkey Permit Update:

- Please be aware that changes have affected fall turkey hunting regulations and carcass tags. Hunters will only receive 1 fall turkey tag.

### **RABIES CLINICS** –

**September 10, 2015** (Thursday) 5:00-7:00 pm;  
SPCA, 5878 East Malloy Road, Mattydale

**September 17, 2015** (Thursday) 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Marcellus Fire Dept., 4242 Slate Hill Road,  
Marcellus

New York State Public Health Law requires that all puppies and kittens get their first rabies shot at three months of age. They also need to get a booster shot at one year old and then again every three years. Ferrets must get a shot every year.

## From the Town Clerk cont'd

**PRIMARY ELECTION Conservative Party Residents Only** – SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> NOON – 9:00 PM at the LaFayette Commons in the Meeting/Court Room 2577 Route 11, LaFayette.



**ELECTION DAY** – NOVEMBER 3rd – VOTING HOURS are 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM *Don't forget to VOTE, it is your privilege and really your duty to make sure we elect the best people to run our government for our future and the future of our children!!!!* If you have any questions about this year's candidates, registration, times or locations to vote, please contact the Onondaga County Board of Elections at 425-3322 or visit [www.ongov.net](http://www.ongov.net). Don't forget to vote on November 3rd!!!!

-Jackie Bush Roorda  
LaFayette Town Clerk

Sign donated by Andy Ohstrom at  
the new Box Lacrosse Field at  
Vinegar Hill Sports Park

## From The Highway Department



Most of the major repairs are completed on our town roads. Mowing operations will continue through the month of October. Thank you to all who have notified me of **dangerous** overgrowth at intersections. Ditching and shoulder operations will continue also.

Don't forget the free mulch available at the new highway garage that will be available until September 15th. Feel free to help yourself.

We would like to also thank all the residents who did your part to recycle "E" waste on August 1. It was another successful event.

It is not too early to think about the winter months. Please remember that your mailbox should be 45 inches from the ground to allow plow blades to get under them. **Make sure you also think early about**

**winterizing your vehicles; checking tires, wiper blades and anti-freeze.**

We at the Highway garage take safety very seriously. Please be cautious as our school year gets underway. Make sure to follow the speed limit through school zones, watch out for crossing school children as they make their way to and from school, and stop for stopped school buses.



—John Greeley  
Highway Superintendent  
[www.TownofLaFayette.com](http://www.TownofLaFayette.com)

## LaFayette Golf Ball Drop Results

The entire Optimist Club gives a big thank you to all the generous people who supported us in this annual fund raising event. Without your support, we could never be able to do the great things that we do. You and the club developed the park, put on the fireworks at Community Days, put on the fishing derby, make the Halloween party happen, built the new lacrosse box, put flags up in our town, awarded scholarships, built pavilions and bathrooms. We are in this together *YOU* and *THE OPTIMIST CLUB*.

Now congratulations to our winners:

1st prize—Keith O’Neill  
 2nd prize—Dave Carlton  
 3rd prize—Kristine Rose  
 4th prize—Terry Sullivan  
 5th prize—Robert O’Neill  
 6th through 10th—Dave Grabowsky, Dan Alexander, Howard Shute, Joe Marzo and Chris Arnold.

Again, thanks for your support. Sorry if your name is not on this list. Try to show optimism and realize, we are all winners by enjoying the nice things we do for our community.

Don’t forget to stop and buy your LaFayette Optimist Steak Sandwich at the upcoming LaFayette Apple Festival.

Thank you.

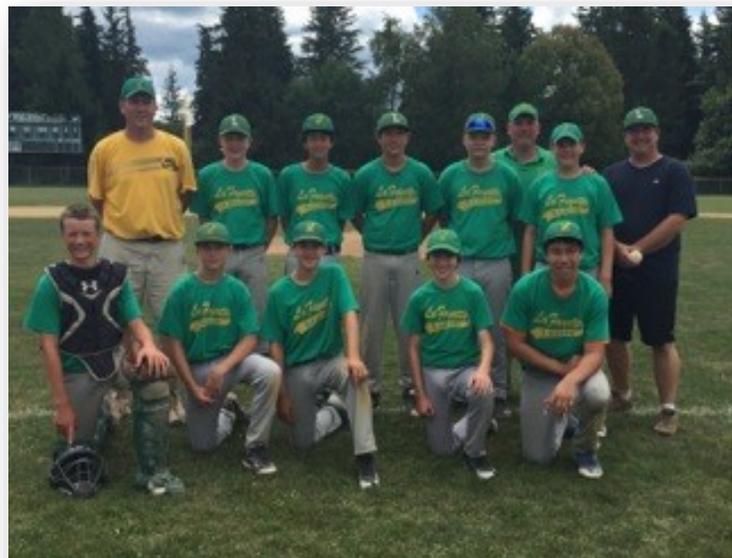
—Ron Bush



Our 2nd place winner—Dave Carlton

## From The LaFayette Boys 16 U Baseball Team

The LaFayette boys 16U baseball team completed a Diamond Pioneer League Championship season with a 14-8 victory over Tully. The team finished the season with an 11-1 overall record. Players from LaFayette were: Thomas Long, Tim Crouse, Ryan Zajac, Cameron Reiss, Kyle Lamson, RJ Shaver, Adam Walton and Tom Whitney. Coaching staff Greg Long, Steve Zajac and Terry Walton. Diamond Pioneer League baseball features 3 divisions with teams from OCS, Fabius, Tully, LaFayette, Cazenovia, Skaneateles, Camillus, DeRuyter and Marcellus. The coaches and parents would like to thank Regina Reinschmidt, Jerry Kelly, Tony Vadala and LaFayette Schools for assistance throughout the season.



—Greg Long

## LaFayette Outdoors—Did you hear Cecil's Roar?

Here in Lafayette we'll never hear a wild lion's roar, but if you've followed the news in early August, you've heard Zimbabwe's lion Cecil deliver a symbolic roar heard round the world. This majestic black maned lion was shot by an American hunter on safari, paying a hunter's permit of around \$150,000. His professional guide did not inform him that Cecil had been illegally lured out of Hwange National Park. Various media had a field day with this event, topped off by an online petition "Justice for Cecil" signed by 400,000 people! Certainly the erring hunting guide should get a well-deserved punishment for his bad judgement. But Zimbabwe's politicians reacted with the worst possible solution for big cat conservation by closing all hunting seasons for lions, leopards and other big game. The problem is that in Africa today, a relatively small number of international hunters contribute the bulk of funds for all wildlife conservation through expensive hunting permits. Years ago when Kenya's politicians closed big game hunting, they soon discovered that the paltry fees collected from "wildlife watchers" in their national parks were grossly insufficient to employ enough park rangers to prevent poaching or to support local jobs. The result – rampant illegal game killing by local residents around the parks, residents who no longer had an economic incentive to spare big cats killing their livestock, or elephants destroying their crops. Wire-snared or illegally shot animal carcasses soon littered the Kenyan landscape, a fate that is likely to befall Zimbabwe's big game.



The lesson for us in New York: **regulated hunting is the best wildlife conservation tool in human dominated landscapes**, as Ithaca's residents learned when their un-hunted, over-abundant deer population could not be contained with birth

control pills. These deer became a nuisance by destroying local flower and vegetables gardens. Controlled deer hunts are now planned there. In Lafayette, we'll keep this lesson in mind, although we



do not have this problem yet. Yes, we've heard Cecil's symbolic roar!

—Rainer Brocke



Southern Hills Garden Club, an organization for gardeners of all levels of experience provides opportunities for spreading the word about important horticultural issues affecting our communities. Join us for an event to be held Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm at the LaFayette Community Center. We will hear from Michael Grimm of Michael Grimm Tree Services on **Tree Care in the Fall**. Please feel free to contact Club President, Eunice Tompkins at 696-4650 for more information.

# MEMORABLE STREETS DRAW MORE PEDESTRIANS

## “Memorable Streets Draw More Pedestrians” (and more business!)

This was the title of a recent article by Josh Cohen, a freelance writer and editor of *The Bicycle Story*. His work has also appeared in *Crosscut*, *Pacific Standard*, *The Magazine*, *Grist* and *Vice Sports*. In the article, he asks: what are the characteristics of the busiest blocks in your town and what’s drawing all those people? In LaFayette, we might say it’s Apple Fest, down in the valley. The point is, decades of modern urban design have given us a pretty good idea of what makes streets attractive for people. Hundreds of studies have measured the built environment, and a new study published in the latest issue of the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* helps to highlight how streetscapes and design elements bring people to a place.

As it turns out, researchers measured 20 streetscape features — such as plazas, historic buildings, long sightlines, street furniture (benches, lamp posts, etc.), windows, building color — and put those features into five broader categories: imageability (how memorable a street is), enclosure (the degree to which buildings enclosing the street make it feel room-like), human scale, transparency (the proportion of first-floor windows), and complexity (built detail, like gables, porches and architectural detail). The three (of 20) streetscape features that had a statistically significant positive impact on pedestrian activity (and therefore economic activity) were: the proportion of windows on the street, the amount of “active street frontage” and the quantity of street furniture (ok, there are lots of things to look at, at Apple Fest!). But these findings help quantify some common-sense notions about community design that can be applied to our own Hamlet — that people want interesting-looking streets at a human scale with a variety of places to visit.

Windows are important for creating a welcoming interaction between people and buildings. Blank walls and reflective glass are boring and uninviting. Active street frontage — shops, restaurants, street trees — are critical for generating foot traffic. These things fall into the category of imageability (how memorable the street is), and it is memorable streets that draw people and help keep the street (and place) welcoming to pedestrians and bicyclists. The study’s findings can have a big impact on development in any community that cultivates qualities important for activating places.

Well, we do have the Apple Fest, but what about Community Development in the Hamlet of LaFayette? Ours is a Rural, Historic, Agricultural Small Town — and that is a “Brand” that can become the basis for the revitalization of our Hamlet. The successful business enterprises in Town that are preserving their ‘Built Heritage’: Old Farm Buildings, Productive Apple Orchards, Scenic Views, are creating and marketing goods that accompany a long rural heritage (apples, spirits, and Small Town atmosphere, Festival Days). They are becoming part of a growing “Rural Upstate New York” Brand that should also define our Hamlet, because LaFayette is Authentic Rural Small Town New York. Right now, a region-wide plan is underway to connect the many outdoor recreation and heritage resources, events, natural areas, bike and scenic routes in a network of places that visitors from all over the state, U.S. and globe will be drawn to visit. Related business opportunities will blossom in rural hamlets across CNY that recognize and prepare to play a complementary role in this recreation and heritage network of places.

How can we revitalize the Hamlet to draw people to come to visit, spend money, and invest because they love to be here? Imagine the Hamlet as a “Place” where people come to walk from one business to another, to home, to school, to meet neighbors. At the crossroads of New York State, our classic small Town on NYS Scenic Route 20 (and Route 11) that crosses the entire U.S. North-to-South and East-to-West. Today, we see thousands of travelers pass through our Town on Route 81, just steps from the center of our historic Hamlet. Why has Byrne Dairy located its premier store here? Because of the

# MEMORABLE STREETS DRAW MORE PEDESTRIANS.....

market access our Hamlet has at it's finger tips. Byrne Dairy has located in an ideal spot for their business model.

What is our Hamlet's Business Model? There is a Best Practice of Community and Economic Development of Rural Centers (like our Hamlet) that want to hold onto their Small Town, Rural Identity, but grow opportunities. These best practices are:

- Rehabilitation and reuse of Historic Buildings because they bring revitalization, economic opportunity, and improved quality of life.
- Preservation of a unique, historic place brings new economic opportunities.
- Small Town Hamlet buildings offer a unique atmosphere of rural charm that is growing in popularity, and can be marketed to travelers, visitors, and new residents.

Rural centers like LaFayette can keep their small Town charm while growing economically and culturally, to become highly attractive and successful places that people want to be. But, all this depends on Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Reuse of our heritage buildings, roads and streetscapes. If we lose our historic buildings, scale, and form, we also lose our opportunity to 'Revitalize' the place we know as home.

Currently, we are missing the opportunity that Route 81 and the Apple Festival bring to our door. Demolishing the 1807 LaFayette Hotel building and replacing it with a park will not bring opportunity to the Hamlet. Market demand for Commercial or Mixed Use space was once, and can again be strong in our Hamlet. But we must create the spaces and the atmosphere where these businesses can succeed. By addressing the wastewater issue with new green technology and revitalizing 8,000 square feet of potential office, residential and commercial space in the Old Hotel Building, and creating a walking-friendly streetscape with nearby parking; our Hamlet could become a place people visit and invest.

The Apple Festival is great, but our Hamlet should be the center of our focus on economic and community development, starting with saving and revitalizing our Hamlet's oldest building, the old LaFayette Hotel.



—Jeanie Gleisner

## Columbian Presbyterian Church



*For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us online at [Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com](http://Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com) or follow us on FACEBOOK*

[www.facebook.com/pages/LaFayette-Columbian-Presbyterian-Church](http://www.facebook.com/pages/LaFayette-Columbian-Presbyterian-Church)

### Pastor Shawn Reyburn

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20  
LaFayette, N.Y. 13084

(315) 677-3293

[Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com](http://Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com)

[cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com)

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 11:00am

# From The LaFayette Business Network



# LaFayette Business Network

Are you a LaFayette business owner or a leader of a town organization and want to help promote a vibrant economic climate that supports the local economy of LaFayette? I invite you to join the LaFayette Business Network. You can easily sign up to include your business on the LaFayette website at:

[www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-business-network.html](http://www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-business-network.html)

Buying local is an initiative open to anyone who believes in the benefit of spending money in the communities where he or she lives, works, goes to school and plays.

In addition, local businesses will be periodically highlighted on our social media outlets, Facebook and Twitter #“Buy Local LaFayette”. This is an easy way to advertise your business and promote our own town entrepreneurs and community organizations. Residents needing some home improvements, an attorney, a dentist, financial advise, and many other services, will have a resource at their fingertips to support our local LaFayette economy.



Join us as we help grow our own local independent businesses. I would expect at the time of the next newsletter to have grown this site to make it a great resource for our community. Join now!!! Contact [lafayetteinfoofficer@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayetteinfoofficer@cnyemail.com) with questions.

Follow this link to an interesting article in Time Magazine about the benefits of shopping locally <http://content.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1903632,00.html>

—Sue Marzo

### LaFayette Business Network Member Application

Company Name \*

Address1 \*

Address2

City \*

Zip \*

Phone Number \*

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Web Address

Email \*

CATEGORY - SELECT ONE \*

ATTORNEYS

Name \*

First  Last

The LaFayette Business Network seeks to promote an economic climate that will help grow existing businesses and promote growth in the area. Click on a link below and support our local economy. If interested in advertising your business, please add your company details by clicking on the button below.

[Click here to join the LaFayette Business Network](#)

ATTORNEYS  
AUTOMOTIVE  
BEREAVEMENT  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS  
COMPUTER SERVICES  
DENTISTRY  
FARMING  
FINANCE  
GOLFING  
HEATING/COOLING  
HOME IMPROVEMENTS  
GARDENING/LANDSCAPING/NURSERY  
HEALTHCARE  
OTHER SERVICES  
REAL ESTATE  
VETERINARY MEDICINE  
WATER/WELL DRILLING

# From the Southern Hills Preservation Corp

In cooperation with Onondaga County Community Development, Southern Hills provides outreach to communities in southern Onondaga County to let residents know of the County's Lead Hazard Reduction Program, a program to reduce lead paint hazards in privately owned, residential structures throughout Onondaga County. Lead hazards are often found on painted window frames, wood siding, and painted doors. Common repairs provided by the program are new windows, doors, and siding. The program is funded by Onondaga County Community Development Division and the US Department of HUD.

Participation is on a first come, first served basis to applicants meeting the following requirement:

- Live in homes which contain lead paint hazards
- Must have a child under the age of six who lives in or spends a significant amount of time in the home such as a grandchild or someone you babysit for.
- Own or occupy a unit in a one to four family residential structure.
- Have a current annual gross household income of no more than 80% of the median income for the County.

Eligible properties:

- Must be protected by a current Homeowners Insurance Policy.
- Must be covered by flood insurance, if located in a designated flood zone.
- Have all property taxes and mortgage(s) current or in a payment agreement.

The amount of assistance will vary dependent on the scope of the hazards found in the home. Rental units occupied by tenants meeting the program requirements may be eligible to participate in the program. Property owners may only receive assistance for 2 of their properties within a 24 month period.

To be eligible for the program, the applicant's household gross income must be below the income limit for family size as shown in the table following:

Family Size	Income Limit
1	\$38,400
2	\$43,850
3	\$49,350
4	\$54,800
5	\$59,200
6	\$63,600
7	\$68,000
8	\$72,350

Eligible repairs are determined by a thorough lead paint inspection of the home. The Community Development Housing Inspector, along with an independent contractor hired by Community Development, will perform the inspection according to established standards.

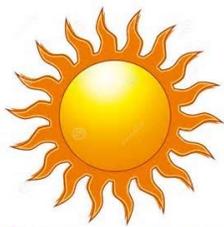
Assistance is in the form of a 5-year deferred loan. You must agree to repay 100% of the loan if you do not own and occupy the property as your principle residence during the first thirty-six (36) months following completion of the work. Repayment then declines to 50% between months 36 & 48, and 25% between months 48 & 60. Please call with any questions.

Owners of rental units: If the assisted unit becomes available, you must agree to give priority in renting the unit to low income families with a child under age six for a period of 5 years. For an application go to: <http://www.ongov.net/cd/documents/LeadHazardApplicationPacket5-15.pdf>

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
Onondaga County Community Development  
Division  
1100 John H. Mulroy Civic Center  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 435-3558

—Barbara Locke

# From SolarizeCNY



**Interested in Making the  
Switch to Solar?  
SolarizeCNY Workshop  
LaFayette Fire Department,  
Route 11 on Tuesday,  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**

***SolarizeCNY invites you to learn more about how solar power can work for you, your family, or your business, by attending our workshop, which is free and open to the public. This is a perfect opportunity to find out about financial incentives to solarize before the end of 2016.***

Learn about current NYSERDA and Federal incentives on solar panel installations at homes, farms, and businesses, and take advantage of bulk buying discounts. SolarizeCNY-Onondaga County is able to achieve cost savings by encouraging many people to install solar panels at the same time. The solar companies benefit from the economies of scale associated with having many customers in a community installing solar, so the companies are able to offer a reduced price on the solar panel installations.

SolarizeCNY-Onondaga County also streamlines the process for potential solar customers by educating them about the details of solar panels and pre-

screening reputable solar installation companies through a competitive process to ensure they meet established criteria. In Onondaga County, the committee has partnered



with three Solar Panel Installers; Alternative Power Solutions, Halco Energy and Renovus Energy. They were chosen for their excellent reputations and quality equipment.

Workshop attendees can sign up for a free site assessment to determine the suitability of their property. If suitable, they will be able to purchase a solar installation at substantial cost savings from a SolarizeCNY contracted installer, during a limited time enrollment period.

The SolarizeCNY is offering more than 80 free community workshops so interested property owners can learn about the program, solar energy and cost savings available. Solarize programs have already been successful across the US and in communities such as Syracuse (in 2014), Tompkins County, Madison County, and Broome County.

The LaFayette Workshop is part of the larger Solarize Central New York program, which is being administered by the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board. It aims to dramatically increase the number of solar installations in our region, helping to shift Central New York to clean, sustainable energy. SolarizeCNY is a non-profit initiative that spans a five-county area-- Onondaga, Cayuga, Oswego, Cortland and Madison counties --- and offers the largest solarization program ever.

—Sue Eiholzer



**OPEN HOUSE  
PETER & DIANE PLUMLEY'S  
318 SENTINEL HEIGHTS RD.  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26,  
1:00 – 4:00 PM**

Visit a LaFayette neighbor's Solar installation. Peter Plumley, will share his experience with solar and how he is saving money by going solar.

# LaFayette Public Library

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer. We would like to remind you that the ever popular Imagination Lab is coming back in September. For those of you that are unfamiliar with it, this is an after school program for elementary school students (K-6 basically) on Wednesday afternoons, 3:30 – 4:30. This can be anything from Lego free play to building a cardboard city. Registration is not required but appreciated so we know how many to prepare for. The list of events TBD.

As part of the “redo’ of the library, we have created a section to hang the art of some students: Vivian Mugler, Jazmynn Crandall, Corinne Sheley, Allison O’Kane, Gunnar Schumacher, Tori Albro, Jade Williams (graduated 2015), Shelby Ohstrom, Ivy Bennett, Danielle Duby, Jannah Grant and Kaitlyn Koons. Please come and see the wonderful artwork! We hope to have this as an ongoing exhibit.



Also coming in the fall we will be doing some programming in coordination with the LaFayette Big Picture school which will include computer program, 3D printing, Lego Mindstorms and much more.

We have an ongoing teen book club that meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays. For further information please call the library 677-3782.

A reminder that we have a children’s computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

As always, we are constantly updating our collection, whether it is print, audio, or video. Come on in and “check out” the collection (pun intended).

We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

It's story  
**TIME**  
@your library™

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Wednesday  
10:30 am– 11:30 am  
Thursday 6:30—7:30  
6:30pm – 7:30pm

—Scott Kushner

Connect with us at:

<http://lafayettelibrary.org/>



# From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities may be directed to Regina Reinschmidt, Recreation Coordinator at [reglcc@dreamscape.com](mailto:reglcc@dreamscape.com) or 677-7272 LCC, P.O. Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084. Additional information, including current list of the LCC board members and contact info can be found at [www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html](http://www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html). Go to Department's (Dept.'s), select Community Council, then scroll down the left side to choose program. You may also pick up any current program registration form at the town office building. Enter front glass door, make a quick right and you will find a small table with LCC paperwork.

## Coming up....

Fall Soccer Kick-off Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30am. Boys and Girls, Grades K-6. All levels will divide up and play. Coaches please arrive early. We will have uniforms for sale. Flyers come home from school. Bring your registration form and money with you.

Running Club Watch for flyers from school. We will be carrying on Mrs. Storie's running club, preparing for the Apple Fest Run. Come and earn your feet! Help may still be needed, contact us immediately. *You may participate even if you are not doing the Festival Run*

Flag Football We are in need of someone to oversee this casual program. Boys and girls, grades 3-6 can just show up and play flag football at the park with just a little instruction to get them going. If you can help, contact us now...we would like to get going soon.

Apple Festival! We run the LCC Pizza Booth at the festival and need your help! If your child participates in our programs, please do your part and work a two-hour shift at the booth. Call or send in your name, phone number, mailing address and time preference and we will get back to you. Festival is Oct 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Boys 3rd-6th lacrosse Pizza in the Box Watch for flyers from school if we are going to have this fun fall program again. Coaches, contact us now to set up!

## Adults...

Zumba! Zumba will continue to meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Grimshaw Café, for the school year. Starts Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and ends June 15<sup>th</sup> but is split into two main sessions. So join now for 9/9-1/27. We will meet a minimum of 16 times/session. 2<sup>nd</sup> session will be 2/3-6/15. Send in name, phone and check for \$50 for first session by Sept 5<sup>th</sup> to LCC at address in box above. Instructor Tina Knapp

Men's Basketball Mondays, Grimshaw gym, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>-April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm. Needed: one person to oversee. Call now if you can help.

RIPPED-Tabata You Never Know What You Are Going To Get! Visit the town website for full explanation.

Class will be a mix of various cardio and strength workouts to lose weight and increase metabolism/20 second high, 10 second rest interval training. Will change it up each week...so your body is always guessing what it's going to do next. Sound fun? It is! Come join, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Grimshaw cafe. First session 9/17-1/28, second 2/4-6/16. Send in name, phone and check for \$50 for 1<sup>st</sup> session by Sept 10<sup>th</sup> to LCC add address above. *If you are signing up for both Zumba and Tabata, you may pay a combined \$95. Must be received by Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.* Please bring resistance bands if you have, water, and a mat. Instructor Marie Thornton

Note for exercise classes Walk-in opportunity still available, but we ask you to please sign in each time and pay the appropriate amount of \$4. Please refrain from using coins. Help us and the instructor out by using the sign in sheets and explaining any payment discrepancy. Thanks in advance!

We will announce later this fall our extra winter mini-session. If there is enough interest, Zumba may add Mondays and Tabata Tuesdays, probably a six-week class in Jan-Feb. These will be a separate cost. Watch for info in class...

Senior/Daytime Exercise We will resume Tues Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30 am at LaF Community Center. Meets Tues/Wed/Thurs. Register for six-week sessions of \$35 or pay \$4 walk-in fee. Instructor Kathy Greeley

Yoga Traditional Hatha Yoga meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm, beginning Sept 21st. School year is split into two sessions. First session (shorter), 9/21-12/21, cost \$75. 2nd session will run 1/11/16-6/20/16, cost \$110. If you can only do one night, please pay \$40 for 1st session and \$58 for 2nd. Instructor Kate Farrar, location Grimshaw (room TBD)

Hall Walking will resume again in Nov, check next issue for details. Till then try to walk outdoors while you can.

## Thank you's...

Joe Fox Thanks to Varsity Tennis Coach Fox for once again running our kids camp. We had a great turnout of 12 kids

this year. Remember to keep playing as long as the nets are up this fall!

Lacrosse Special thanks to Cassley Jackowski and Jim McElhannon for running the Instructional Girls and Boys programs (respectively). We also thank those that helped out like Karyn Meaney, Jay Colburn, Brian Keller, Tyler Gale and Kevin Gale. The girls had a shorter camp like season, while the boys met more over two months and even scrimmaged. Thank you to all that helped the K-2 learn lacrosse!

LCC also thanks the ULA head coaches for a great season. Brian Keller, Mark Dadey, Ellen Tapley-Ryan, Joe Evans and Andy Reed. Many thanks to the students that volunteered to help

this year too: Cassidy Doster, Lexi Peebles and Haley Beebe. And thanks again to Tyler Gale and varsity boys players that helped out at the ULA level too.

Everyone be sure, whether you are in one of our programs or not, to take advantage of the autumn



season's cooler weather. Get out and enjoy a brisk walk, play catch in the yard, go hike or bike, spend some time

outdoors and stay active.

—Regina Reinschmidt

## Court Corner



It is that time of year when our officers from the LaFayette Troopers barracks are on Route 81 working to keep our highway

safe. We also have the NYS troopers out of Oneida working at the truck stops. Please be mindful of our officers and use extra caution when traveling our highways as they are putting their lives on the line everyday to keep us safe along with our construction workers as well.

Our hours are 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-5:00pm Monday-Thursday. We are closed on Fridays. Our phone number is (315)677-9350. Our fax number is (315) 677-4622.

Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm

Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30

District Attorney nights are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month starting at 6:00pm. District Attorney requests can be sent to:



Our summer dress code is in place until 9/30/15 which is:

- Business casual attire for attorneys
- Defendants should not wear shorts except knee high or longer
- No halter tops
- No sundresses or spaghetti straps
- No mini skirts
- No exposed midriffs
- No muscle shirts or tank tops

**DID YOU KNOW:** You will receive an assessment fee of \$300 from the state of New York when you have 6 points on your license. You can go to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website for more information on the assessment fees and other helpful information.

**School is in session. Make sure you stop for the school buses and watch out for our children!!**

—Carleen, Debbie & Katey

# From The LaFayette Optimists

Promise yourself.....Well, the summer months are a quiet time for the Optimists...at least meeting wise...We take the summer off from meetings and spend the time with friends and family. We just had our golf ball drop fundraiser. This is one of only two events at which we raise funds. Funds we disperse locally. One example is our high school scholarship awards. We gave out two scholarships at the high school graduation. The two students are chosen by a committee of school teachers and administrators. We have set up a scholarship fund which will , we hope eventually be self supporting and have given out scholarships for over a decade already.

We also, in conjunction with other local community groups, donate dictionaries to the students in the grade school each year. Our biggest fundraiser is coming up at the Lafayette Apple Festival where we operate the steak sandwich booth. The money raised from selling the finest meat product that money can buy (enhanced by some with cheesy cheese sauce at no extra charge) is used to support and expand

Stafford Park, the fishing derby, bike rodeo, fireworks at community days, Halloween contest, and local projects like the complete teardown and rebuild of the Lacrosse Box at Lafayette Beach. We are an active club and the focus is always on the kids and keeping it local. Our next event will be the Halloween Party at Grimshaw Elementary School in the fall. Details to follow but always a frightfully well attended event.

Let me close with another line from the Optimist Creed. "To make all your friends feel that there is something in them" . To actually make contact with them in some non superficial way that affirms them. Powerful psychological stuff. That quiet complement might mean more to a person than any public approbation. You don't have to wave pom-poms to be a cheerleader. You do, however, have to be an optimist even if you aren't



a card carrying member of the local club. Until next time promise yourself .....to remain Optimistic !



—Joe Barry

# LaFayette Seniors

LaFayette Seniors meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the LaFayette Fire Station at noon. If you are 55 years or older & would like to join us, please bring a dish to pass and your place setting. Coffee & tea are provided. Dues are \$5.00 for the year.

Cal Lynn Henderson at 677-5112 for more info and reservations for any of the following activities

### Senior Trips for 2015



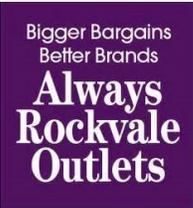
**September 23**—Wednesday—Erhards Banquet Center featuring..."Oldies & Motown". Get down and enjoy the fun, open bar, dancing and a full course sit down lunch with the Uptown Get downs and their 5 piece band direct from Carnegie Hall in NY. Start a Conga line, have a twist contest, get your toes tapping and your head bobbin to the oldies and

the soul train music, disco, rock and a lot more. Join the fun and get ready to rock your socks off!!!

**Cost \$72** prepaid—includes your motor coach transportation and all the good stuff above.

**November 9-11**—Tuesday—Thursday, Lancaster, PA right in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country. Trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, American Music Theater—The Christmas Show—Millennium Theater—The Miracle of Christmas, Kitchen Kettle Village, National Christmas Center, Rockvale Square Outlets and motor coach transportation.

**Cost \$322** prepaid



—Lynn Henderson

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**Upcoming Events**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
September 10	Primary Election— Conservative Residents Only	LaFayette Commons Meeting Room	Noon—9:00 pm
September 10	Rabies Clinic	SPCA Molloy Rd.	5:00 pm—7:00 pm
September 14	Town Budget Meeting	Town Commons	5:00 pm
September 15	Solarize CNY Workshop	LaFayette Fire Dept.	6:30 pm
September 15	Southern Hills Garden Club	LaFayette Community Center	7:00 pm
September 17	Rabies Clinic	Marcellus Fire Department	5:00 pm—7:00 pm
September 26	SolarizeCNY Open House	318 Sentinel Heights Rd.	1:00 pm—4:00 pm
October 3	Apple King & Queen Contest	LaFayette High School	7:00 pm
October 9	Apple Pie Baking Contest	Red Apple Barn	6:15 pm
October 10-11	LaFayette Apple Festival	5330 Rowland Rd.	Saturday 9:00 am—6:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
October 11	LaFayette Apple Run	LaFayette Festival Grounds	7:30 am registration 8:30 am fun run 9:00 am—18k road race 9:15 am—3.5 mile run/walk
October 12	Town Board Meeting	Town Commons	6:30 pm

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