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## From the Town Supervisor:



**Old Highway** Garage—We have completed the plans and engineering to demolish and remove the existing structure. The total cost will be less than \$40,000

including the safe and environmentally responsible removal of the asbestos contamination. We have applied for a specialized grant to cover the cost of this project and we are highly optimistic that it will be awarded soon. What will happen to the property after the demolition? Ideally it would be available for private development. However with soil contamination on site that option is not likely. The newly renovated site well attended with 60 minutes of will provide many possibilities and opportunities for the development of this important property within the hamlet.



**Markland Road Satellite Manure Storage System**—On March 8th the Agriculture Committee provided a community forum with a panel of experts to review the plans and details for a large manure storage lagoon located at the end of



Markland Road. The meeting was presentation and several hours of questions and answers. Many questions were about what can the Town do about this? Shockingly this project, according to New York State Law, bypasses town planning, zoning, codes or board approval. The Town has no jurisdictional or legal authority to approve or deny this construction. We have not even received, or will we receive any formal notice of this complex and controversial project.

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



Consensus Report—There has been a renewed discussion regarding the Consensus Report on government consolidation. Will there be a vote? I have no idea. However, first and foremost, please take the time to review the information at <a href="https://www.consensuscomment.com">www.consensuscomment.com</a>. It's an easy read. This way you can directly analyze the information and form your own opinion. If it does come to a vote, others will attempt to define it for you based on their interpretation, opinion or motivation.

—Andy Ohstrom



If knowledge can create problems, it is not through ignorance that we can solve them."

—Isaac Asimov

## **LaFayette Memorial Day Parade**

Monday, May 29, 2017 9:00 am-Parade

Lineup will begin at 8:30 at LaFayette Alliance Church

Memorial Day Benefit for Outreach— 8:00—12:00 noon @ Columbia Presbyterian Church

Interested in entering a float, please call 677-9282—prizes awarded







## From the Town Clerk's

pril is National Donate Life
Month, National Child Abuse
Prevention Month, National Autism
Awareness Month, Alcohol
Awareness Month, along with

numerous other causes that draw our attention. As you know, National Donate Life is one of my passions, however if any of these personally touch your lives, it's a good month to pursue them!

LET'S CLEAN UP OUR TOWN / DUMP DAYS MAY 6th – 13<sup>TH</sup>

# Shredding May 13th 9am-1pm Town Hall Parking Lot

Once again, despite budget crunching, our Town Board has agreed to continue this shredding service for our residents & businesses. So it's a good time to get rid of no longer needed paperwork, business files, tax returns, etc. Bring as much or as little shredding to the upper parking lot of the town hall on the date and time above. Watch your papers be shredded on site, via a video camera attached to the shredding truck. This event gets larger each year; please feel free to take advantage of this free service for you.

TRASH / RECYCLING For missed pick-ups; please contact Feher directly at (315) 422-0715. The hours of pick-up may vary between 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM

## HOLIDAYS THAT INTERRUPT TRASH SERVICE

Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day. If the holiday falls on or before your pick up day within that week, pick-up is delayed one day. Any new customers or change in grade of service level must be done by calling Minnie Dancks at (315) 683-5679 and she will advise the Assessor to change it on next year's tax bill.

<u>Dump days, free shredding & brush pickup, ewaste, etc.</u> With offering these FREE services, we urge residents and businesses to keep your property neat and clean and respect your

neighbor's property as well. I often notice recycling bins, trash and debris along the side of the road & in the ditches. I have also received calls from residents who's neighbor's trash and recyclables often blow all over the place. With the snowing and blowing in this New York weather, it is hard to keep that from happening. Please be mindful that if your trash has blown over, please pick it up as soon as possible. Taking pride in the appearance of our Town means everyone needs to do their part.

Dog Licensing Just a reminder; "ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED". You have the option of licensing your dog for one to three years now. The cost per year is \$8.00 for spay and neutered dogs and \$20.00 for unsprayed and unneutered dogs. When doing a multiple year license, the license expiration date must be before the expiration date of the rabies vaccination. Replacement tag fee: \$3.00; Impoundment fee: \$150.00. Please be responsible for your pets. Dog Control Officers: Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000 and Mike Johnson (315) 663-6378. If you have any questions or situations involving a dog, please call dog control. If you have a concern regarding wild-life animals, you may call (607) 753-3095. If you see any suspicious/strange acting animals (possible rabies) please contact the Department of Environmental Conservation Police at (315) 426-7431.

## RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH

Thursday, May 4th, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, Clay Highway Garage 4483 Route 31, Clay

Thursday, May 18th, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, SPCA, 5878 East Malloy Road, Mattydale

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 PM, NBT Bank Stadium(Lobby)1Tex Simone Dr,Syr

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00-7:00PM, Camillus Town Hall, 4600, W.Genesee St., Syr.

Thursday, June 8th, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, Meacham Ice Rink, W. Seneca Turnpike

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM - 6:00PM, Onondaga Nation Fire Dept. Route 11A

## From the Town Clerk's cont'd.....

**Handicap Parking Permits** 

<u>Marriage Licenses</u> - Please call for an appointment.

Facilities Rentals This is also the season of family reunions, class reunions, graduation parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, etc. If interested in using the Community Center or Pavilions at Stafford Park, please make your reservations early, as these facilities book up fast. The deposit is \$50.00 for Stafford Park and \$60.00 for the Community Center. The rental also remains at \$100.00 for residents and \$250.00 for non-residents and businesses, excluding non-profit.

<u>PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS</u> Application forms are available on-line at <a href="http://travel.state.gov">http://travel.state.gov</a>, or may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office. Passports can be processed at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours. Please call to schedule an appointment to process passport applications.

<u>Questions???</u> Answers to most questions, forms or information you may need can be found on our website at <a href="www.townoflafayette.com">www.townoflafayette.com</a>, or email me <a href="mailto:lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com">lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com</a>; or my deputy, Kristin Colburn at

<u>lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnymail.com</u> or call (315) 677-3674. We are happy to help assist you in anyway needed.

Don't forget to enjoy the many activities and festivities that take place in the warmer weather. The Fishing Derby; Memorial Day Parade, (Participation with FLOATS? please call (315) 677-9282 to enter a Float and win a prize);

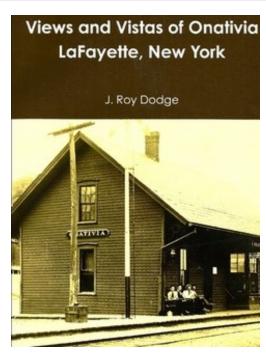


Community Day; Pancake Breakfasts, Chicken BBQ's, Steak Bakes, and all the other activities in our Town. Mark your calendars; and please be safe, happy, healthy and kind!

-Jackie Bush Roorda-Kristin Shute Colburn

Our Governor tends to frequently diminish the role and importance of Towns. However did you know:

Today, it is in the 932 towns of the state that nearly 75% of New York State's entire population outside of New York City resides; 45% of the state's population as a whole. The combined population of all of the other 61 cities of the state is less than 2,000,000 people, or only about 12% of the entire state population. In other words, the population of New York State towns is almost four times that of the 61 cities. ASOT 2006



From its opening in 1854 until the triumph of the automobile sixty years later the railroad was LaFayette's life-line. Nearly everything coming into or going out of the hamlet came by rail. Heavily laden wagons traversed the steep mile-long hill. Furniture or a new piano for the family parlor, vats of kerosene and non perishable goods for LaFayette's general stores and embalmed bodies ready for burial waited in the freight house. By the 1880's farm produce was being shipped in larger and larger quantities, requiring an extra siding for added freight cars. By the 1920's, in addition to its general store and coal shed, Onativia could boast of three feed stores. Seventeen years before the railroad discontinued passenger service, Onativia station closed. Now everything else is gone. This book contains 80 photos that were taken in 1909 and 1910 at the height of the post card era. Collected forty and fifty years ago by the compiler, these views preserve all that we have of Onativia.

Pick up your copy of Roy Dodge's new book at the LaFayette Town Offices— cost \$20.00

## From the Highway Department



ello Residents, Like you, the Highway Department is planning our Spring projects. We have a busy schedule planned. Save these important dates and notices and understand that the Highway Department has limited flexibility in regards to dates and times in order to provide all of the goods and services that our residents can take advantage of. Christmas Tree drop off has ended. Thank you residents! All trees will be

recycled for free mulch to residents beginning May 6th.

**Brush Pick-Up - Dates: April 1st – April 20**th - All brush must be out at curbside by April 1st. Butt end out and no longer than 8 feet. \* *Reminder-* Contractors that cut trees down for Homeowners are responsible for their removal.

Earth Day – Dates: Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd 9:00 am till 3:00pm Drop off trash to Highway Department ( 2849 Route 11 North ) or make arrangements to have trash picked – up. Residents are encouraged to register with OCRRA at earthday@occra.org or call (315) 453-2866. They will notify the Highway as where to pick – up trash. You can also pick – up a registration form at the LaFayette Town Clerk's office. FYI – 7,200 volunteers picked up trash in Onondaga County adding up to 95,000 pounds! LaFayette had 12 groups picking. Please help keep LaFayette beautiful by volunteering on your roads!



Town Clean – up Days – Dates: Saturday, May 6th – Saturday May13th. Saturday- 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Weekdays – 12 noon – 6:00 pm Closed Sunday. "E" Waste will be accepted at this time! Please show proper ID. New residents use Groth Road off Webb.

Enjoy the next few months and please be patient with the Highway Guys in **work zones** as they pickup brush, sweep roads, fix shoulders and ditches. Blue bins are available for pickup any time at the highway

#### YES WE WILL ACCEPT

- E-WASTE (COMPUTERS, SMALLER SERVERS, TV'S, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS, MICE, FAX MACHINES, PRINTERS/SCANNERS, PHONES, VCR'S, DVR'S, DVD PLAYERS, GAME CONSOLES, DIGITAL CONVERTER BOXES, CABLE/SATELLITE RECEIVERS
- BATTERIES
- PAINT CANS—(EMPTY WITH LIDS OFF)
- 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

#### NO WE WILL NOT ACCEPT

- ANY KIND OF GLASS TO INCLUDE WINDOWS
- ANY KIND OF WOOD
- FENCING
- INSULATION
- CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (I.E. SHEETROCK)



TIRES ARE ACCEPTED FOR THE

#### **FOLLOWING FEES:**

- SMALL TIRES \$3 EACH
- LARGE TIRES \$4 EACH
- TRUCK TIRES \$8 EACH
- EXTRA LARGE TIRES \$.45/LB.

garage. As always feel free to call my office at (315) 677-9535 should you have questions or concerns.

LaFayette Highway Dept

www.TownofLaFayette.com

—John Greeley Highway Superintendent





## **Court Corner**

appy our construction workers will be out in force doing road work. Please be mindful of the reduced speed limits in these areas. If you don't and you are ticketed, the fines could be doubled.

We have updated our phone system to include a question and answer session which can be very informative and may answer the question you are calling about.

We now have a web page under the Town of LaFayette, select the court department and our question and answer tab which may answer a lot of your questions. <a href="https://www.townoflafayette.com/question--answer.html">www.townoflafayette.com/question--answer.html</a> Please check it out!

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. The court office will be closed on 5/29/17 in observance of Memorial Day and 7/4/17 in observance of Independence Day. Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm

Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30. Please call court to schedule. District Attorney nights are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month starting at 5:30pm. After we schedule your appointment, a confirmation letter will be sent to you.

District Attorney requests can be mailed to:

PO Box 135 LaFayette, NY 13084

When you come to court you are expected to be dressed in presentable attire.
Remove your hats.
Turn your cell phones off.
A sign in desk with instructions is located upon entry into the court

points are effective for 3 years from the date of conviction (which is the date of the offense for fixed penalty notices) but remain on your license for 4 years. If you have 11 or more points in 18 months, you will be called to a DMV hearing, after which your license may be suspended or revoked. You can find this information and other information on the New York State DMV website which is dmv.ny.gov.

-Carleen, Debbie, & Katey

## Southern Hills Garden Club



Contact Eunice Tompkins (315-696-4650) for more information about any of these events.

April 22	Adopt-a-highway clean-up	Meet at 9:00 am at the LaFayette Community Center	
April 22	What's new with Petunias	7:00 pm at Carol Watson Greenhouses on Sentinel Heights	
May 16	Annual Container Planting	6:00 pm Plumpton Farms on Coye Rd. Jamesville	
June 3	Annual Plant & Garden Rummage Sale	9:00 am at the LaFayette Community Center	
June 20	Working with Problem Spaces	7:00 pm Michael Brennan and David Suarez, consultants	

## **LaFayette Public Library**

s many of you may have noticed, we have been doing a little bit of remodeling. We apologize for any inconvenience. We have created a more efficient work space to better serve the public. We are now involved in the main part of the project which is a redo of the children's area. We appreciate the participation in the various fundraisers. You can continue to do so using Amazon Smile (see below).

We just want to remind you that if you haven't done so already, when you go to shop on Amazon, instead of logging on to www.amazon.com go to "Smile.Amazon.com". You then logon to your account as you normally would. The first time you use that portal, you will be asked to choose a charity. They have some national ones featured, or you can choose your own. Type in "LaFayette Public Library" (make sure you choose the one in LaFayette, NY). From then on, anytime you long on to Smile.Amazon.com to shop on Amazon, .5% of your purchases go to the library. So for every \$1,000 spent, we get \$5. And you will be spending the same amount of money as you did before! So remember, Smile.Amazon.com. Thanks!



We want to remind you can bring your public library books to the school library in Grimshaw. Ms. McDonald has a bin there that gets picked up on a weekly basis by someone from

the LaFayette Library. You still have to come to the public library to get the items you take out from there, but once you are done with them you can drop them off at Grimshaw School library or back to the public library.

Imagination Lab for April 3:30—4:30:

5<sup>th</sup> – Marshmallow & Gumdrop Sculptures

12<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Filter Flower

19<sup>th</sup> – Lego Challenge/introduction to book talk

26<sup>th</sup> – Book Talk Café

Speaking of imagination, our 3D printer is available for public use. Please come on in and be creative!

Besides our ongoing student art display, we encourage local artists to display their work. Right now we have some of the work of Lynn Perrine, who is also our resident certified Tai Chi teacher. She is displaying a beautiful set of pastels. Please come in to see them. If you have any further interest you can email Lynn at Lynn@perrine.net.

Teen Book Club: on hold for the moment but we are looking for additional members. If interested please contact Amber Williams at <a href="mailto:alwilliams@onlib.org">alwilliams@onlib.org</a>

Just a reminder about our Tuesday Teas which are every month on the third Tuesdays of each month 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. The next one is April 18. Come join us!

Don't forget to visit: <a href="www.lafayettelibrary.org">www.lafayettelibrary.org</a> . Also you can follow us on Facebook and at the Twitter handle: <a href="@alafayettePublib">@alafayettePublib</a>.

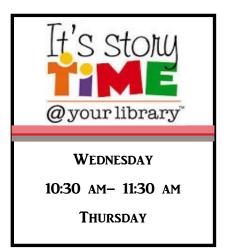
A reminder that we have a children's computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

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.

-Scott Kuschner







## From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities can be found 24/7 on the town's web site at the following link <a href="www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html">www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html</a>, 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@cnymail.com. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY



# Youth Programs: Current:

Basketball - Grades 3&4 basketball is wrapping up and ends

April 5.

Volleyball - Grades 3-6 is wrapping up and ends April 6.

## **Upcoming Youth Sports:**

Tee-Ball/Baseball/Softball (boys and girls grades K-6) – Practices will begin in April. League games begin in May and run until mid June. Picture night will be in May – each team's coach will have additional details and order envelopes available once practices begin.

ULA lacrosse (boys and girls grades 3-6) – You can still register BUT the deadline for registration is April 30. Games are scheduled to begin June 12 and the Opening Tournament weekend will be June 16 & 17 in Auburn. For additional information phone 677-7272 or send e-mail to:

lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com

Instructional Tee-Ball\* (girls and boys grades Pre-K & K) – Dates, times and location are to be determined.

Instructional Lacrosse\* (girls and boys grades K-2) – Dates, times and location are to be determined. Swim Lessons\* (boys and girls, all ages) – Offered in conjunction with the Town of Pompey, the lessons are conducted at Cazenovia College in July. There is no cost for residents of the Town of LaFayette; however, participants must provide their own transportation (directions available on line at Town's LCC website).

Soccer Camp\* (boys and girls grades PK-6) - Offered by The Ultimate Goal at Stafford Park, July 24 – 28. Tennis Camp\* (boys and girls entering Grades 3-7)

- Conducted by LaFayette Sr. High School Varsity tennis coach, Joe Fox, Monday, July 24 – Thursday, July 27, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- \* Notices with details will be sent home from school. Information and forms can also be found at the Town Offices and on the Town's website under the Community Council tab.

### **Adult Programs:**

Daytime/Senior Exercise Class - Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette Community Center. The cost is \$35 for the entire session or \$4/per class walk-in fee. The current session runs from March 28 through May 4. The next session begins May 9 and runs through June 15. Yoga - Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m., at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The current session runs through June 21. Costs for this session are \$63 if attending classes one night per week, and \$126 if attending classes two days per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class. A pro-rated rate is available. Zumba/Aerobics – Wednesdays; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Grimshaw Cafeteria; \$50 for the entire session or \$4/per class walk-in fee. Current session began February 3 and runs through June 15. A prorated rate is available.

Tabata (interval training) – Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15-7:15. Cost is \$5 per class. <u>Call 677-7272 for additional information</u> <u>regarding the location of classes.</u>

Tai Chi - Beginner classes are held at Grimshaw School Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Advanced classes are held at the LaFayette Community Center, Mondays, 10-11 a.m. Call 677-7272 for additional information.

Men's Basketball - Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m. in

## From the LaFayette Community Council cont'd

the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. The program runs through April.

Adult Tennis – Dates and times TBD. If interested, call 315-677-7272 and leave a message with contact information.

#### **Adult and Youth Activities:**

Walking – Don't let bad weather keep you from getting some exercise. The hallways of Grimshaw Elementary School are available for walking weekday evenings from 6-8 p.m., through April. Please use the cafeteria entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls. A note book will be provided near the cafeteria entrance for sign-in. The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk.

#### **Announcements:**

Community Council - Board meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Dates of upcoming meetings are: April 6, May 4, June 1, and July 6. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.



First Aid and CPR/AED course - To be offered in April; time and location TBD.

Youth Soccer Clinic - Josh Jewett, a student in LaFayette's Big Picture School will be conducting a soccer clinic as part of his Learning Through Internships (LTI) project. The clinic, which will be for boys and girls in grades 2-4, will be held May 19 & 20 at Stafford Park North (behind True Value Hardware). There is no fee to attend the clinic, but participants must register ahead of time. For more information and to register, contact Josh Jewett, LCSD Sophomore

19jewjos@lafayetteschools.org or call 315-504-1000.

Memorial Day – LCC baseball teams will be participating in the Memorial Day parade, Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.

Community Day – Saturday, June 3 at Stafford Park. LCC will be providing popcorn and sno-cones, and conducting other activities, including our Annual Duck Race. Ducks can be purchased the day of the race <u>only</u>. Kid's ducks, which can be decorated, will be available at no charge again this year. Stop by our table; enjoy some refreshments and GET YOUR DUCKS!

Youth Football — Two programs, TOOLON and Southern Hill Storm Football, will be available to LaFayette youth this fall. Contact the respective program for more information.

### **Thank You:**

LCC would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time and efforts to help LCC provide our community with positive and quality sports experiences; you have our sincere gratitude for all you do.

Wrestling - Mark Chapman; Nick Moltion: Shane Manley: Todd Briggs, Steve Albro

Youth Basketball - Chris DeJoseph; Tom Scofield; Chris porter; Adrian Shute; The Evans Family (Kerry, Steve, Ian and Allison); Jay Colburn; Joe Greco; John Stanton; Julie Clarke

Volleyball - Mackenzie McElhannon; Simone Thornton: Journey Shenandoah-Kurtz Ski Club -Wendy Moltion

Adult Men's Basketball – Mark Dadey

—Dave Prince



## From the LaFayette Optimists

s I write this it's too early to know if we are having an early Spring but I am ,as you should surmise by now , Optimistic. As the season turns over, we Optimists are turning over big plans for the youth of our community. Before we press on to the greater glories of the future let me review what we have been up to since the last newsletter as well as give you a heads up for our yearly upcoming events.

In January we had our Third Annual 7th and 8th Grade Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament. Besides a great time being had by the kids we also raised over 5,000 dollars for a local family. Sometime this Spring, we Optimists will meet at Spafford Park and do our Spring Cleanup, clean up trash, clear brush and broken branches, spread mulch or sand etc. as well as assess any damage done by the winter. We have the **Fishing Derby coming up 5/13/17**. This is at the pond at Spafford Park. Lots of prizes given out each year. So far, at least during the years I have been involved, we have been spared any fish hooks in the eyeball incidents but it's just a matter of time. Wait, do I hear the whispers that that statement is a little pessimistic? May I counter that I am optimistic that you have two good eyes to start with and what are the odds of getting a fish hook in both eyes at the same time? So even if there is "an incident" you still can see well with the one eye. We also do a bike rodeo and safety check at the Community Days. We also sponsor the fireworks display at the annual Community Days as well and that's some pyrotechnics second to none! Ok, that's what's on the big board for our recurring events. We also have a big project we are working on that will almost certainly get done before this summer. We hope to work with the Toolon organization and the Apple fest folks to construct a pavilion at the Toolon Fields. We have three Pavilions at Spafford Park already and there is no protection from the rain or sun at the Toolon Fields at all. This project is physical, Its local, its a focal point for kids in our community....It is, in short, a great Optimist Project. Although we

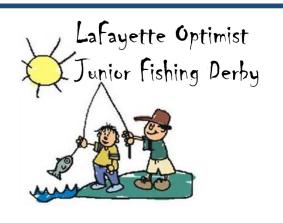
are still in the very early planning stages and we have much to work out with the other sponsors .....knowing the resolve of the Optimists it will get done...and done right! Let me close with another



line from the Optimist Creed. "To talk Health, Happiness and Prosperity to everyone you meet". It kind of

parallels a spanish toast I learned years ago. Translated it means "Health, Love and Money .....and time to enjoy them. Both expressions remind me of that line from a song from a Monty Python movie....." always look on the bright side of life". Why wouldn't you make every possible encounter a positive one especially by focusing on what's really important not just the latest S.U. score or the weather. It's all about your attitude. I think your attitude determines your happiness. Since only you determine your attitude there's no reason why you can't have an Optimistic one!

—Joe Barry



Stafford Park, Route 11
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017
Fishing begins at 9:00 am
Prizes awarded at 11:30 am
Derby open to LaFayette Residents
Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade





9th Annual LaFayette Community Day Saturday, June 3, 2017 3:00 pm Stafford Park, Route 11, LaFayette

Community Day started in 2009 as a way for people in the Town of LaFayette to come together once a year to meet each other and have fun. Since then, Community Day has grown in size, but has remained a free event with no sales or merchandising. It is a chance for people to come out and meet their neighbors, get some free food, play some games, and enjoy the fireworks. The Town of LaFayette, LaFayette Optimists, LaFayette Community Council, LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department, LaFayette VFW and many other groups work together to make it happen.

Events scheduled for this year's *Community* Day

Community Council Frisbee Golf Tournament.

LaFayette Optimist Bike Rodeo

LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department Pushball

Little Human Races sponsored by Grimshaw Association of

Parents and Staff

VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony & Bonfire

LaFayette Community Council Duck Race

Live Music

Free Food

Fireworks sponsored by the LaFayette Optimist Club

# LaFayette Outdoors - Liquid Gold

grew up on Aunt Jemima, Log Cabin and Mrs. Butterworth syrup. To be quite honest I was pretty certain I liked the sweet sticky stuff more than what I was pouring it on. By the end of the meal I needed a straw to clean up the plate after the "other stuff" was gone. I couldn't bear to waste any of that sweet sticky stuff. Many years later my wife introduced me to the real deal...pure maple syrup. That day I was "delivered" from the wanna be syrups. It was love at first taste.

One day I asked my wife how much does that real maple syrup cost? She answered. Then I said, "No seriously, how much???" We continued to buy it because it was so delicious and good for us when compared to the cheaper brands of syrup. However, the kids were instructed not to waste a drop!

My wife Gina homeschooled our girls. One of the benefits to homeschooling is you can decide when and where to take a field trip. Gina decided to take the girls on a field trip to Dutch Hill Farms to go see how maple syrup was made. I was working from home at the time so I decided to join them. Boy was it an eye opener! Since that field trip I have never questioned the price of pure maple syrup after seeing what goes into making it.

How was Maple Syrup discovered? Legend has it that the first maple syrup maker was an Iroquois woman, the wife of Chief Woksis. One late-winter morning, the story goes, the chief headed out on one of his hunts, but before yanking his tomahawk from the tree where he'd thrown it the night before he noticed that the tree's sap was running down the bark and filling up a container near the trunk. The woman spied the container, thinking it was plain water and cooked their evening meal in it. The boiling that ensued turned the sap to syrup, flavoring the chief's meal as never before! And thus began the tradition of making maple syrup.

**How is it made?** The sap of a maple tree looks like water and it tastes quite a bit like water with just a hint of maple sweetness. At this point the sugar content is around 2%. This sap flows in late winter and early spring (around the time the Native Americans call the sugar moon). There is a finite window of opportunity for capturing quality sap. Once the trees start to bud and produce leaves, the quality of the sap dramatically changes and cannot be used to make syrup.

Here is what it takes to turn sap into syrup: Nights in the twenties, days warming to about 40 Fahrenheit

- It takes about 5 ½ days for the average tree to produce 40 gallons of sap. That is what it takes to make 1 gallon of syrup!
- Sap can be collected in buckets or plastic tubing, which is used to gather larger volumes of sap. Then it is boiled down in a special evaporator, monitored for viscosity and sugar density, filtered, graded and packed.
- Finished product comes in at about 66.9% sugar.
- The darker the syrup the stronger the flavor

I spoke to a local hobby maple syrup producer Seth Wallburger about why he makes maple syrup. He said it is a labor of love. He and his good friend Dave and cousin Tony make it for family and friends and really enjoy the process. They very much look forward to this time of year when they can team up and tap into that liquid gold.







-Craig Giancola

## From the LaFayette Fire Department

n April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, the LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department will be teaming up with other fire departments across New York State participating in a recruitment drive weekend. The LaFayette Fire Department will be hosting an open house in attempt to obtain new members.

We will be opening our doors at 10 AM Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> and also April 30<sup>th</sup>. Family activities will take place both days from 10 AM to 4 PM. We will have hands on fire extinguisher training, a furnace safety / chimney safety seminar. This seminar will cover everything from carbon monoxide and smoke detector alarm activation to furnace maintenance and problems as well as how to prevent chimney fires. Participants will also gain knowledge on the process of what has to be done when they have an active chimney fire and the requirements that have to be met before the chimney can be placed back in service. The New York State Police will be providing a seminar with their K-9 unit. Come meet the dogs and see their presentation. The department will also be doing live rescue demonstrations and utilizing the Jaws of Life.

We will have many activities for the children as well. There will be a kid's zone set up with a bounce house. We will have a face painter both days. On Sunday we will have Jeff The Magic Man performing a

magic show and balloon artistry. Food and beverage will be provided both days. Saturday night Matt Chase and Thunder Canyon Band will be playing. The department will provide water and soda during the band's performance. Adult beverages may be brought in. There will also be several other activities going on.

Please come and show your support. There are many aspects of the fire service that you may be able to help out with that you are unaware of. We welcome everyone in the town of LaFayette to come join us. Even if it's just to stop in and say hi and tour the station and the apparatus. This event is sponsored by the LaFayette Fire Department and there is no charge to LaFayette residents. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the station (315)677-3400. Thank you in advance and we will see you at our house. Let's come together and make this a success.

> **—Dan Comins** 1<sup>st</sup> assistant chief LaFayette Fire Department





# LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department Open House and Recruitment Drive April 29 and 30

## Children's Activities

Bounce House •Face Painting • Ongoing Children's Programing

Jeff the Magic Man Sunday 4/30 2-4

## Other Programming

- 10 11 Hands-on fire extinguisher training
- 12-1 Car extrication demonstration
- 1-2 Chimney and Furnace Safety (April 29 only)
- 3 4 Police Canine Unit (April 29 only)
  Ongoing EMS Programing

Refreshments available

## Saturday, April 29 7 pm to 11 pm

Entertainment by Matt Chase and the Thunder Canyon Band Soda and water provided

## From LaFayette Rural Cemetery

ur cemetery board members are Lloyd Amidon, Ray Bishop (Treasurer), Bud Fisher (Secretary), John Hughes, myself (Vice President), Esther Klaiber, Dick Naylor (President), Sumner Palmer, and Dick Scammell. If you think you might be interested in sitting on the board, let a board member know. Vacancies come up from time to time, and the meetings (every other month) can be very interesting!

Everyone is welcome to attend the Cemetery Board's annual open meeting, which will be held at the Session Room of the Presbyterian church in LaFayette on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. One topic at the meeting will be a recent change in state law that allows the burial of cremated pet remains in cemeteries, if the burial is in the same grave as its deceased human, at the same time as the human is buried or at a later date. We will be discussing and then voting on whether LaFayette Rural Cemetery should allow pet burials under these circumstances, and we welcome your views. At present our rules state that our cemetery lots "shall not be used to any other purposes than as a burial place for dead human beings." Depending upon the comments we receive, the board could decide to change its rules to allow pet burials.

Last year we had seven interments and four cremation burials at the cemetery. Details of how we did financially this past year will be shared with the public at the annual meeting. We still have cemetery lots for sale. Call me at 315-677-9363 for more information about lot sales or burial costs.

Donations to the cemetery are always welcome to help us with the costs of mowing and upkeep. We also invite you to consider making bequests to the cemetery association in your Wills to help us to maintain it in a condition that



respects all of our deceased loved ones.

—Andrea King, Vice President 315-677-9363



### **County South Family Resource Center**

Free Annual Community Clothing Drive—Friday, May 12th 9:00 am—5:00 pm



## Drop off dates:

Mon—Thurs, May 8—11 2:00—5:00 pm @ Masonic Hall, State Street, Tully Interested in volunteering for the FISH program, an organization that drives people to doctor appointments?



This runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Volunteers can be a random driver or be scheduled for once a

month according to your schedule

Questions? Call Barbara Kohberger at PEACE, Inc. 696-8203

—Barb Kohberger

## From Boy Scout Troop 100

"Thars Gold in them thar hills! But to get it you must overcome many challenges along the trail.

So Be Prepared!"

his was the challenge presented at this year's winter Klondike Derby for area boy scouts at Camp Woodlawn in Constantia. The annual winter Klondike Derby had many participants including 5 of our own from Lafayette Troop 100. Our group also had a guest scout who joined in the fun, from the Tully troop.

The Klondike event had many challenges for both teams and individuals. Building a fire and speed boiling eggs, shelter building, planning a hiking program, and first aid challenges, to name just a few. Congratulations to the hard work of the Lafayette human sled race team; Second Place, not too shabby! Additionally, Troop 100 was the only group to successfully rescue an injured winter hiker, in the mock rescue competition. Their training and teamwork was evident in each of their contests.



Tents pitched in the snow and cold, provided great opportunities for the scouts to apply what they have learned about preparedness and protecting themselves from the elements. Using the

snow as an insulator around the tents and securing tarps, provided shelter and overnight warmth during the campout.

Individual and team challenges; just one of the many skills boys can gain from scouting! Good job to the group who challenged themselves to a super weekend!

The weekend outdoor fun carried into the latest week night meeting. Boys met outside, built a fire and prepared hot chocolate and "beaver tails" in



Dutch ovens. Not sure what a beaver tail is? Find a local scout and ask!

In addition to honing winter camping skills, the boys have been rebuilding a miniature trebuchet to launch snowballs. In an effort to bring valuable STEM skills to the scouts, the trebuchet rebuild provides an exploration of physics and engineering

in a fun and handson way.



And finally-Congratulations to Lafayette's newest Eagle Scout: Jacob Schaffer. Well done!

More information can be gained by contacting Kevin Gretsky, Scout

Master <a href="mailto:gretskyk@aol.com">gretskyk@aol.com</a> or Brian Kramak, Assistant Scout Master, <a href="mailto:bkramak@gmail.com">bkramak@gmail.com</a>.

—Jean Fetzko







The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to assist in maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of excellence in the athletic programs at the LaFayette School District. In addition, it will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving and honoring the athletes, teams, coaches and individuals who made a significant contribution to these athletic programs. The Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee is a collaborative effort that includes former LCS Alumni and the LaFayette School District. The committee is currently accepting and seeking nominations for consideration for the Class of 2017. Please submit nominations ASAP, they can be emailed to LaFayetteSportsHOF@gmail.com or USPS mailed to: LCS Sports Hall of Fame,

#### Nomination as a Player

The nominee, must be an alumnus of LaFayette School District and must have graduated at least five years ago.

- 1. An Athlete: Any person who distinguished themselves in the field of athletics while a student at LaFayette High School. Criteria should include:
- a. School, league, state or national records; or,
- b. League, state or national recognition; such as All-Conference Team, All-District

Team, or individual championship; or, c. Individual statistics for a given athlete.

2. An athlete not honored for their high school athletic achievements but who participates in college and gains honors at this level may be considered by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. An athlete not honored for their high school athletic achievements but who participates at the Professional Sports Level may be considered by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

#### Nomination as a Coach

A coach with at least five (5) years of service at LaFayette High School or is an LCS Alumni, who has at least 10 years of coaching experience, may be considered for the Hall of Fame. Consideration should be based on accomplishments that merit significant contributions of the Alumnus. The nominee, must have retired / departed as a Coach from the LaFayette School District at least five years ago.

#### Contributor

An individual who has made outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletic programs at LaFayette High School other than coaching or playing.

#### **Team Selection**

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee may choose to select a LaFayette School District *team* (s) for induction into the Hall of Fame. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame, the team (s) must have distinguished themselves above and beyond normal standards. These may include:

- 1. Undefeated seasons; and / or,
- 2. League, sectional, district, regional or state championship; and / or
- 3. State appearances.

The nominated Team (s), must have graduated at least five years ago.

#### Posthumous Candidates

This is open to deceased athletes, coaches or contributors that have met eligibility criteria.

Any persons from the above categories who are nominated, but not selected to the Hall of Fame during the years, will have their nomination form kept on file to be reviewed yearly for possible consideration up to (5) five years after the original submission.

#### **Nomination Instructions**

The person(s) nominating an individual or team should supply the LaFayette School District Sports Hall of Fame Executive Committee with the information on the Candidate Recommendation Form. A detailed explanation should be provided as to why you believe this individual or team should be inducted into the LaFayette School District Sports Hall of Fame. Your explanation should reference all sports played or coached and any awards, records, or recognitions garnered while a student, coach, special contributor, or team at LaFayette Central School. Please include any relevant post high school athletic or coaching activity of your nominee's candidacy. Be as accurate and specific as possible.

Please contact: Mr. David Knapp, LCS HOF representative @ dknappmb@aol.com, 315-558-0154 or email <u>LaFayetteSportsHOF@gmail.com</u> to assist with any questions that you may have.



# LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## **Candidate Recommendation Form**

4-4	NOMINEE'S NAME:
	TEAM NOMINEE
	NOMINEE'S CONTACT INFORMATION
	CATEGORY (CHECK ONE)
	ATHLETE—GRADUATION YEAR
	COACH—RETIREMENT YEAR
	TEAM—SPORT AND YEAR
	CONTRIBUTOR—NAME, YEAR & ACCOMPLISHMENT
	YOUR NAME
	YOUR ADDRESS
	YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
	YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE
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	completed form by either email to <a href="mailto:lafayettesportshof@gmail.com">lafayette</a> or USPS LaFayette  -Attn: HOF Nomination—P.O. Box 294—LaFayette, NY 13084

## 2017 RELAY FOR LIFE



#### What is Relay for Life?

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life movement is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. The Relay for Life events unite communities around the world to celebrate our survivors of cancer, to remember those who we have lost, and to join together to fight this disease as one with love



and friendship. Every dollar donated goes to the fight against cancer and funds research, helps with patient education, improves the detection and treatment of this disease and provides support for those who are in need. We have seen a 23% decline in cancer deaths since 1991, with 1.7 million lives saved and this is done by raising one dollar at a time.

#### Where and when is this event?

The event is Saturday, June 10th from 12 noon until12 midnight, at Beak & Skiff Orchards just west of LaFayette on Route 20. The generosity and kindness of Beak and Skiff has been overwhelming and we are so grateful to have this event at such a beautiful place. This central location allows our surrounding communities to be part of the event making it a truly an "apple country" experience.

#### Why do I relay?

Our sister Patti was diagnosed with a very rare cancer in 2004. This cancer virtually had no treatment and no cure other than surgery to remove large tumors that would continually recur during her ten year battle. She endured over 20 surgeries without complaint and with a fantastic and positive attitude. Sadly, she ran out of time, out of options but never out of hope. She always believed that a treatment would be found to help her. After she lost her battle in 2010, I made a promise to myself to always do whatever I could do to help others in situations like hers --patients that are still able and willing to fight but have no available options. I was and am so proud of her and amazed at her courage and bravery in her long battle. .My sister Karen and I formed "Patti's Heavenly Lights", a team that participated in several relays to honor Patti and raise money for the cause. Every time our friends and family joined in union at the start of each relay, I would feel her there with love and support and calmness to help us and guide us through the night.

#### What to expect at a Relay for Life Event?

The relay event is made up of individuals and teams who walk throughout the event on a track or path to raise money for The American Cancer Society. As the event begins and the first two laps are dedicated to our survivors and our caregivers, cheering and support is encouraged and always so beautiful and emotional to witness. Teams follow onto the path, to begin this wonderful community celebration. The love and camaraderie is palpable during these moments and you really feel the support all around you as teams begin the 12 hour walk that demonstrates that the cancer battle is not done alone. Team members take turns walking throughout the 12 hour relay, symbolizing the ongoing fight against cancer while other members and participants visit team campsites to engage in games, activities and various entertainment including music and dancing that is fun and family oriented. When dusk approaches we light our luminaries around the path to remember those who we have lost and to show the others that have survived that there is light and hope and they are not alone. Closing ceremonies will be at midnight and will wrap up the event by recognizing all volunteers, the community, the host Beak & Skiff and all involved that made this event such a success. Our promise is that we will continue to participated in Relay For Life until cancer is no more.



#### How can I help or participate?

You can have a team of your own, or join an existing team. You can organize one at work, at school, at church or just with your own family and friends. You can be a sponsor of the event, or just make a general donation to the cause. You can sign up to be a volunteer to help before or at the event. The website for the Relay for Life of Apple Country is <a href="https://www.relayforlife.org/applecountryny">www.relayforlife.org/applecountryny</a> This has all of the information you will need to sign up a team or to make a donation or for general information about the event. I hope to see you all there. Thank you so much,

—Donna Coty and the Relay for Life Committee

## LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

#### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

#### Sunday Worship Schedule—April—May 21

8:00—9:00 am **Traditional Worship Service** 

9:00-9:30 am Coffee and Fellowship 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am - 12:00 pm Blended Contemporary Worship Service Interactive Bible Study/Youth Group

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule—May 28...

9:15-10:15 am

10:30 am— 11:00 pm Blended Contemporary Worship Service Interactive Bible Study/Youth Group 6:00 pm

Sunday School for all ages

If you would like further information concerning our church or any of its programs,

please contact the church office at 677-9810. Check us out on the web! You can listen to Pastor Rob's messages, subscribe to our weekly email update, The Weekly Connection, and find out even more details about our various programs www.lafayettealliance.org

## A Christ-Centered Bible Teaching Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

David Booher, Youth Pastor

JOY ("Just Older Youth") Luncheon -A great time of food, fellowship, and a different guest speaker held immediately after our 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service the second Sunday of every month. All senior-age adults are welcome!

Chili Supplier Cabin Fever - We will be having a Chili Supper (Great Commission Women Fundraiser) at 5pm followed by our "Cabin Fever" (an evening of fellowship and the sharing of talents) from 6 - 7 pm on March 26<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend!

Clothing Give-away -We hold this event four times each year. We are planning the next Clothing Give-away on Saturday, April 1, from 9am – Noon at our church. Contact the church or visit our website for more details as they become available.

Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner -We will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 7, from Noon – 3pm at our church. Proceeds will benefit our quizzing team. All are welcome to attend!





For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at Columbian presbyterian church.com or follow us on FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/pages/LaFayette-Columbian-Presbyterian-Church

## **Pastor Shawn Reyburn**

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20 LaFayette, N.Y. 13084 (315) 677-3293

<u>Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com</u> cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com Worship Service 10:00am

Men's Breakfasts	6:00am Mondays Apr 3, May 1, June 5		
Women's Breakfasts	8:30 am	Saturday Apr 29	
Youth Breakfast	7:00 am	Friday Apr 28	
God's Girlz—Grades 3-7	2:30 pm—4:30 pm	Tuesdays Apr 4, May 2, May 16, May 30	
God's Boyz—Grades 3-7	2:30 pm—4:30 pm	Tuesdays Apr 11, Apr 25, May 9, May 23, Jun 6	
Lenten Soup and Bread Series	6:30 pm	March 1—April 5 see website for locations	
Memorial Day Benefit for Outreach	8:00 am—12:00 noon	May 29	
Chicken BBQ's	Order ahead 677-3293	May 20 * Jun 17 * Jul 15 * Aug 19	
Eater Egg Hunt & Games	11:00 am	Apr 8	
Palm Sunday Service	10:00 am	Apr 9	
Seder Meal	6:30 pm	Apr 12	
Maundy Thursday Stone Soup Dinner	6:00 pm Service @ 7:00 pm	Apr 13	
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:00 pm	Apr 14	

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Upcoming Events						
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO			
April 1—April 20	Brush Pick Up	Curbside	Brush no longer than 8'			
April 4 & April 6	Defensive Driving Course	LaFayette Community Center	6:00—9:00 pm \$35 4 points off license 10% off insurance			
April 10,May 9 & June 11	Town Board Meetings	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm			
April 21&April 22	Earth Day Trash Drop off	LaFayette Highway Garage	9:00 am—3:00 pm			
April 29 & 30	Recruitment Drive	LaFayette Fire House	See page 12 for details			
May 12	Free Clothing Drive	Masonic Hall, State St. Tully	9:00 am—5:00 pm			
May 6—13	Dump Days	Groth Road Landfill	Saturdays 9:00 am—4:00 pm Weekdays 12 noon—6:00 pm Closed Sunday			
May 13	Shredding Event	Town Office Parking Lot	9:00 am—1:00 pm			
May 13	Fishing Derby	Stafford Park	9:00 am			
May 20, Jun 17	Chicken Barbecue	Columbia Presbyterian Church	Order ahead 677-3293			
June 3	Community Day	Stafford Park	3:00 pm Fireworks at dark			
June 10	Relay for Life	Beak & Skiff Orchards	12:00 noon—12:00 midnight			

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