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From the Town Supervisor:



BAIL AND DISCOVERY REFORM—A DANGER TO ALL

Last year, in the middle of the night before anyone had the opportunity to read anything, Albany gave our town and the rest of New York State the gift of "bail reform." I think Congressman Katko put it most succinctly in saying it was by far the worst piece of legislation that he has ever read. As I write this, your town board is drafting a resolution to the state to demand the repeal of these "reforms" so we can avoid the even more devastating issues that could follow.

When people think brilliance, people do not think Albany. Under the new rules a murderer is allowed to tour the scene in which he or she killed someone. District Attorneys and their staff are mandated to meet the new discovery requirements within 15 days - a standard that cannot be met by any office in the state. What it results in are just not egregious insults to victims via personal intrusions but crimes that can never be prosecuted and the public left in danger. It's not just LaFayette saying there is a problem, Mayor Bill de Blasio agrees with this assessment, noting the obvious crime uptick since the enactment of the new laws.

What does that mean for LaFayette? In real terms, the loss of tens of thousands of dollars in revenue.
Albany has made doing our job locally as close to impossible as they can. It's a disaster for LaFayette and municipalities across the state. We must do all we can as a community to push back against these bail and discovery reforms to restore public safety and protect our sources of local revenue.

As to always to end on a positive note, Stafford Park is getting some big renovations this Spring. We will see the rebuilding of our tennis and basketball courts, fixing drainage in the park, and dredging our pond for improved fishing at the derby. All of this at no cost to the residents thanks to grants secured with the assistance of our great County Legislator Dave Knapp.

Danny FitzpatrickTown Supervisor

From the Town Clerk



-Spring- A TIME OF NEW BEGINNIGS. The smell of the fresh air, fresh grass, spring flowers and spring clean ups. Maybe it's a time for a fresh, cleaned up attitude as well.

There are days I have to remind myself of that.

Our attitude in every situation is ours to command. No one can force us to have a bad attitude or a good one; it is entirely up to us. When we maintain a good attitude and positive expectations, we will usually come out of situations victoriously at just the right time, or at least we may think so? (Food for thought)

SHREDDING / RECUSE MISSION DROP OFF/ MEDICATION DISPOSAL / TORN OR TATTERED FLAGS DROP OFF

May 2nd from 9am-12pm LaFayette Town Hall



The Town Board has **Shred Day** again agreed to offer this free **SHREDDING** service

to residents, including businesses. So bring your personal paperwork, business files, tax returns, statements & bills, etc. to the Town Hall upper parking lot. Watch your papers be shredded on site, via a video camera attached to the shredding truck. It is then locked and taken to a waste management site for recycling. This saves you time and saves our environment and gives you piece of mind that your personal documents are secure.

After dropping off your shredding come inside the **Town Hall Lobby** for **MEDICATION DISPOSAL** to safely get rid of your unwanted and expired drugs or medications. 7 out



of 10 people who abuse prescription drugs get them from friends or relatives, so let's avoid this happening in our community. With all of the prescription drug abuse we hear of, let's get them disposed of properly for the safety of our kids, families and environment. NO SHARPS PLEASE!

This has been a huge success the past 2 years so we are sponsoring another **RESCUE MISSION DROP OFF** along with the shredding and medication disposal. You may drop off everything from small furniture, blankets, clothes, shoes, linens, etc. for Rescue Mission at the Town Hall. *One man's junk is another* man's treasure, right? While you are spring cleaning & cleaning out closets, instead of taking it to the landfill site, drop them off at the Town Hall. Please be sure things are clean and in good condition. (No pillows, mattresses, car seats, TV's or junk please)

Also, TORN OR TATTERED FLAGS DROP OFF



For proper disposal of your torn or tattered American Flags, please drop them off at the Town Hall for the WATCH

FIRE flag burning ceremony @ Community Day on Saturday, May 30th at Stafford Park.

By the way, did you know that the Salvation Army will accept one TV (intact) per person at their drop off site, any day, free of charge? Just an FYI.

Along with offering the FREE services of **Dump days**, free shredding, medication disposal, brush pickup, e -waste, etc. we urge residents and businesses to keep your property neat and clean and respect your neighbor's property as well. We often see trash and debris along the side of the road and in the ditches. Residents call saying their neighbor's trash and recyclables have blown all over the place. 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.

TRASH / RECYCLING

Plan on having your trash/recycling bins out by 5:00 AM as that is the time they start picking up bins. For missed pick-ups; please contact Dependable Disposal (315) 472-7455 ext. #29. Ashley is more than happy to assist you with any concerns. The link for your 2020 recycling schedule is www.dependable <u>-disposal.com/sots</u>, as it has changed from 2019.

From the Town Clerk cont'd...

HOLIDAYS THAT INTERRUPT TRASH SERVICE
Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day,
Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's
Day. If the holiday falls on or before your pick up
day within that week, pick-up is delayed one day.

TOWN CLERK SERVICES

MARRIAGE LICENSES & TRANSCRIPTS - Check our website for questionnaire forms & instructions. Also, please call for an appointment.

FACILITIES RENTAL – thank you again to the LaFayette Optimist Club for all they do and have done at Stafford Park!! The two pavilions book up quickly with graduation parties, family & class reunions, birthday & anniversary parties and even weddings. If you are interested in renting either of the Stafford Park pavilions or the Community Center, I advise you to act quickly to reserve them. The fee for residents is still only \$100.00, non-residents or businesses \$250 plus the deposit.

<u>PASSPORT PROCESSING</u> Applications are available on-line at http://travel.state.gov, or in my office. Please call to schedule an appointment to process passport applications. Renew your passport by mail yourself if your current passport isn't over 5 years expired with five easy steps and form DS-82 at website above.

<u>DEPT. OF CONSERVATION LICENSING</u> Hunting, fishing, trapping, Duck Stamps, etc. are all available.

RETURN THE F.A.V.O.R. CARD (Find & Assist Vet of Record) Onondaga County gives back to honorably discharged Veterans. Bring in your DD214 to receive your discount card and a list of the numerous businesses that support this program! It is our privilege to be a part of this wonderful program! Thank you for your service!!!!!

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

<u>HANDICAP PERMITS</u> – Applications available here or at your doctor's office.

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.

<u>Dog Control Officers:</u> *Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000* and Laura Holt (315) 696-6468.

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.

2020 RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.



Thursday April 23rd, 5:00PM-7:00PM, Meacham Ice Rink, 121 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syr.
Thursday, May 14th, 5:00PM –7:00PM, Clay Highway Garage 4483 Route 31, Clay

Thursday, June 4th, 5:00PM-7:00PM,

Camillus Town Hall, 4600 W. Genesee St. Syr. Thursday, June 18th, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, Marcellus Fire Dept. 4242 Slate Hill Rd, Marcellus

<u>Questions???</u> Answers to most questions, forms or information you may need can be found on our website at www.townoflafayette.com, or email me townclerk@townoflafayette.com; or call (315) 677-3674.

Make sure you check out the Community Calendar on the town website. Don't miss the many activities and festivities that take place in the months to come in LaFayette; especially **Community Day on May 30**th at **Stafford Park**.

From the Town Clerk cont'd...

Please be safe, happy, healthy, kind, & keep sporting a great attitude. A message from the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency follows looking for your help during Earth Day Cleanup.

OCRRA org

OCCRA extends an invitation on this year's

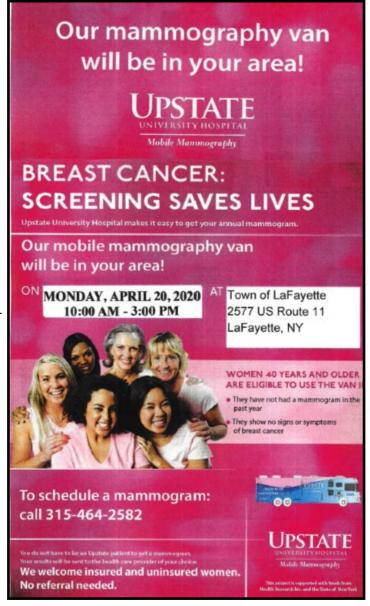
Earth Day Cleanup on April 24 or 25. Last year, 300 groups (that's 6,300+ volunteers) collected more than 60,600 pounds of litter.

Once litter is collected, the LaFayette Highway Department will deliver it to OCRRA's Ley Creek Transfer Station—at no charge. In past years, LaFayette has played a crucial role in making this huge cleanup effort a success. Thank you for your support; its' one of our greatest team efforts.

Working together, 2 million pounds of litter has been collected since the event began in 1991! This year's goal is to engage more than 300 groups. With everyone's help, we can do it.

Register at https://ocrra.org/events/earth-day-litter-cleanup-2020/ by April 17.

We applaud the dedication, effort and hard work of our volunteers and local highway departments that make this environmental program such a success each year. Please consider volunteering to help clean up our community. Thank you.



—Jackie Bush Roorda

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From the LaFayette Fire Department



Last year the Fire Department answered 499 calls for assistance for Fire, Rescue and EMS Calls.

This year the Department will be celebrating it's 75th Anniversary. The department started in 1945 with one truck which we still own today. The Department will be

celebrating all year long. The recent Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

was a success with a good turnout. Look for future celebrations throughout the year.

A safety tip we would like to share is to close your bedroom doors before going to sleep. This will keep smoke and fire out for a longer period of time, which, in turn, will provide extra time to escape. BURN BAN IN EFFECT MARCH 16 2020 TO MAY 14 2020

—Sean Doolittle

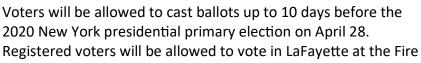
—Sean Doonttie



The Town of LaFayette Historical Society existed from 1985 to 2011. We are interested in resurrecting this organization in an effort to maintain our historical records/documents and photographs. Are you a history buff and have any interest in joining this group? If so, please contact our Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda at 315-677-3674 or via email at

townclerk@townoflafayette.com

Did you know that the Town of LaFayette is one of six early voting sites in Onondaga County?





Station on Route 11 beginning Saturday, April 18 and continuing daily (including weekends) through Sunday, April 26, according to the Board of Elections. No voting will be allowed on Monday, April 27, as poll workers prepare for Election Day of April 28.

Polling Location:

LaFayette Fire Station #1, 2444 Route 11 South, LaFayette

Hours:

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Saturday April 18 10:00 am-3:00 pm	Sunday April 19 10:00 am—3:00 pm	Monday April 20 10:00 am—6:00 pm	
Tuesday April 21 Noon—8:00 pm	Wednesday April 22 Noon—8:00 pm	Thursday April 23 10:00 am—6:00 pm	
Friday April 24 10:00 am—6:00 pm	Saturday April 25 10:00 am—3:00 pm	Sunday April 26 10:00 am—3:00 pm	

From the Highway Department



Hello from the Highway department. Please review some important dates as we head into the coming months.

- Brush pick-up: April 14th April 30th—Put brush out to roadside butt end first (no longer than 8 feet). No bagged leaves or wood with nails. Mulch will be available for free on May 1st. All trees and branches that have been cut by contractors must be removed by your contractor. Please work on getting brush out to the roadside by April 14th.
- Earth Day: Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. 9:00 am 2:00 pm. We will also pick up roadside by calling the Highway department at 315-677-9535.

On this 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, please consider volunteering to clean up some of our Town roads. Register your group or organization at:

https://ocrra.org/events/earth-day-litter-cleanup-2020/



- 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
- RECYCLABLES

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.



Annual Town clean up days

Saturday, May 2nd thru Saturday, May 9th Saturdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm Weekdays Noon – 6:00 pm Groth Road transfer site. Closed Sunday.

The Highway department thanks our residents for their safe driving habits. We ask for your continued patience as we work to keep our roads safe.

—John Greeley Highway Superintendent



TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY:

It is important that we continue to follow recommendations to minimize the spread of all respiratory viruses including COVID-19. Please make sure you follow these reminders.

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are not available, use an alcohol based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - Use proper respiratory etiquette—cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or into your bent arm (elbows) sleeve (not in your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
 - Routinely clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects or surfaces.
 - Link to CDC COVID-19 Fact Sheet https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf





Court Corner

Court will be closed on May 25, 2020 for Memorial Day. There will be no court proceedings Wednesday night April 8, 2020.



The snow has melted and spring cleaning is coming! A reminder that the DEC has prohibited burning residential brush from March 16, 2020 to May 14, 2020, because of the heightened risk of wildfires during the start of spring. Also, burning of

trash and household waste is illegal in NY state. The fines for open burning for a first offense can range from \$500 to \$18,000 and/or up to I year in jail. A second conviction can result in a fine range of \$0 to \$26,000 and/or up to 1 year in jail. A surcharge of \$75 or 6% of the fine, whichever is greater, is also charged.

Did you know....

The NYS Magistrates and Court Clerks must take courses each year in order to continue in their positions. The Judges have long had mandatory training, but in 2019, the Court Clerks started their annual training. The training requirement has been approved by the NYS Office of Court Administration. Judges



and Clerks are receiving and successfully completing courses on approved topics, which include new legislation and information necessary for

reporting fiscal/financial rules and practices.

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

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

Hours: 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-5:00pm

Mon-Thurs Closed Fridays

Phone: (315)677-9350 **Fax number**: (315)677-4622

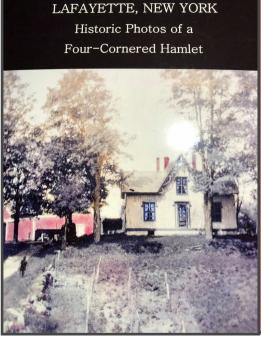
- Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm
- Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30. Please call court to schedule.
- District Attorney nights are the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 5:30pm by appointment. A confirmation letter will be sent to you. This may be adjusted due to the justice reforms effective 1/1/2020.

District Attorney requests can be mailed to:

PO Box 135 LaFayette, NY 13084

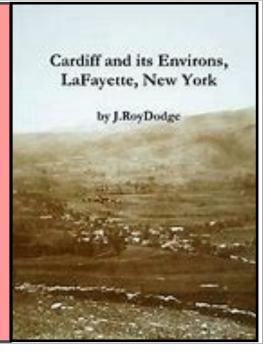
When you come to court you are expected to be dressed in presentable attire.
Remove your hats.
Turn your cell phones off.
A sign in desk with instructions is located upon entry into the court

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



LaFayette, NY: Historic photos of a four-cornered hamlet is available at the Town Clerk's office. It contains over two hundred photographs and more than twenty five other illustrations in 94 pages. The price is \$25.00.

It is the fourth in the series of old-time picture books from the collection of former town historian Roy Dodge. All four of Roy Dodge's historical books can be purchased at the LaFayette Town Offices.



From the LaFayette Public Library



Please go to our website – <u>www.lafayettelibrary.org</u> or our Facebook page for up to date information about any events, closings, etc.

We received a grant to digitize the high school yearbooks. We did a range from 1920 – 2001. Thank you to those of you who helped fill in the gaps of the years we didn't have at the library. Once the process is complete, the digital yearbooks will be available online and we will post the link once that information is ready. Stay tuned!

Upcoming events:

Tuesday Tea - April 21 2:00 p.m.

April Imagination Lab: check out our website and Facebook page for further info

Census 2020

The 2020 Census is here! By now, you should have received a card in the mail telling you where to go online to fill out the Census. If you do not have internet access, the libraries will have dedicated access to the Census website. Please make sure that whatever way you do it, that you are counted. An accurate count determines where billions in funds are directed; it means Congressional seats (e.g. New York State has lost seats due to inaccurate or under counts). We are here to help!

Don't have access to the internet at home? Reminding you that we now circulate 7 Chrome Books with a Verizon hotspot. They go out for 3 weeks. You can place holds, but no renewals. They must be returned to the lending library and need to be checked in at the circulation desk. It must be verified that all parts are returned before the kit can be returned. Come take advantage of this. This is available through the courtesy of our county legislators (County Legislature Chair Dave Knapp and County Executive Ryan McMahon in particular). Please thank them if you get a chance!

Reminder: the library has three Empire passes that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga county parks. The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. These passes are good throughout the year. Enjoy!

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using Amazon Smile https://smile.amazon.com/, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you! Thanks!

Along with many other libraries in Onondaga County, LaFayette Public Library is working with an organization called "Field Goods". They deliver fresh foods from small farms. The library serves as a drop off/pick up place to deliver the

LaFayette Library cont'd...

food. This is a "local supports local" effort. Just to remind you, the patron is responsible for picking the goods up in a timely manner. There is an option to add \$1.00 to your order that will go to the library so it serves as a fundraiser besides helping to support the local economy. It is custom ordering so you can pick what you want delivered. The food is delivered on a weekly basis on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, go to https://www.field-goods.com.

We have an ongoing jigsaw puzzle exchange in the entryway to the library. Pick up a puzzle or two leave a puzzle or two. It's very popular and we have some really cool puzzles come through here! Also we have a puzzle set up in the library so come in and fit a piece or two (or three).

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 also have two ipads in the children's area with lots of fun and educational apps on them.

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 Kushner



STORY TIMES—WEDNESDAY 10:30 - 11:30 AM

IMAGINATION LAB—WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY TEA—EVERY THIRD TUESDAY 2:00 PM

WARNING!



As the weather warms up theft can become more prevalent. One of the most infuriating things that can happen and it is the most

common form of larceny in the Town of LaFayette is the car break-in. Unfortunately, most of the vehicles broken into are not actually broken into at all. The thief will simply open the unlocked door of an unattended vehicle and quickly steal valuables. While there is no way to 100% deter these thieves, there are some common sense steps you can take to make your vehicle more secure. Above all, make them work for their pilfered prizes, and they may forget about it and move to another target. These thieves do not limit themselves to car break-in's. They are also going into unlocked garages and sheds.

- Lock all doors; home, car, shed, garage
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight
- Remove your keys from the vehicle
- Do not leave a spare key near your vehicle



- Close your windows
- Park in a well-lit area
- Install an audible alarm system and/or anti theft device or camera system

NEIGHBORHOOD The most important thing you can do to help is to call 911 if you see or hear anything suspicious at the

time of the incident. The power of prevention and keeping vigilant will help keep our community safe.

> —Sue Marzo **Information Officer**

EUNITY EDAY O 2020

Annual LaFayette Community Day Saturday, May 30, 2020 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, listen to music, 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 this happen.











From LaFayette BSA Scouting

The Scouting for Food collection efforts were a great success. Partnering with the Grimshaw Student Council, two Girl Scout Troops, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts- 1,123 pounds of food was delivered to the LaFayette Food Pantry! The Firehouse generously donated 600 pounds of potatoes from their AppleFest booth. Thank you to all those who helped make this a successful service project, especially Jennifer McDonald, Scott Gates, Kristin Colburn and Cheryle Jepson! Cheers to all the residents who donated!!!

LaFayette Scouting is making history with the addition of a new all-female Troop!! Under Scoutmasters Holly Johnson and Wayne Brennan, the girls will actively participate in the leadership, outdoor skills, citizenship and service-oriented program that our boys have enjoyed for years. Any girls aged 11-17 interested in joining Troop 100G, please reach out to Commissioner Christian at christian.com



LaFayette is hosting a unique Scouting Camporee at the AppleFest Grounds

May 15-17. Called "Digital Family," organizers are emphasizing the responsibilities inherent with digital technology. Cyber awareness training will take place on Saturday covering internet privacy, cyberbullying, identity theft and etiquette for Scouts aged 5 through 17. There are an estimated 350 attendees

expected to participate. You can help our Scouts compete with an e-Waste Collection competition by dropping off old cell phones, laptops and tablets (no monitors, printers, desktops or TVs). Collection boxes



will be at the Town Offices, Library and the LaFayette Highway Garage from May 11 thru May 17.

You'll see us cleaning streets, waving from our floats in the Memorial Day Parade and camping at Community Days before we enjoy the outdoors for the summer. Come fall, we'll be recruiting for more boys and girls to join us at the Cub Scouts (K-5), BSA Scouts (11-17) and Venture Scouts (14-20).

Yours in Scouting,

Christian Borchert,

Unit Commissioner and Onondaga District Activities & Civic Chair

P.S.— The recent BSA bankruptcy should be understood as an organizational restructuring to protect their national assets while providing a victim fund. Local councils are separate organizations and are not part of the national BSA restructure.

From Southern Hills Garden Club

Date	Location	Time	Topic
4/21/2020	LaFayette Community Center— 2508 US Route 11 LaFayette	7:00 pm	"Invasives" presented by Diane Bordoni and Eunice Tompkins
4/25/2020	Earth Day Cleanup		If interested contact Cathy Nagel 315-677-9342 or email CEN42085@aol.com
5/19/2020	Plumpton Farms—3990 Coye Road Jamesville	6:00 pm	"Container Planting"—bring your own containers, soil is available, and plants will be available for purchase
6/6/2020	LaFayette Community Center— 2508 US Route 11 LaFayette	9:00 am	Annual Southern Hills Garden Club Plant Sale— Unique plants and gardening rummage items for sale
6/16/2020	Carol Watson's Greenhouse— 2980 Sentinel Heights Rd. LaFa- yette	6:00 pm	"Hypertufa Pots" Class - please contact Cathy Nagle 315-677-9342 or email CEN42085@aol.com to sign up

From the LaFayette Senior Citizens

The LaFayette Senior Citizens' group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the LaFayette Fire Station, on Route #11 in LaFayette. (Please note that if school is cancelled inclement weather, the group will not meet).

The Senior Group is always looking for new members If you are over 50 years of age, come and enjoy the camaraderie, have a delicious lunch, and take part in the fun activities that are planned.

To join, all you need to do is to bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and \$5 for dues for the year. Coffee and tea is

provided. Anyone can join, whether you live in the immediate area, or not!

For 2020, Jennifer Hopper, the LaFayette Senior Citizen Trip Coordinator, has three enjoyable trips planned:

Maine in July: From July 13 -16, for only \$479 per person (double occupancy), you can tour Portland and



Kennebunkport, with a narrated Harbor Cruise of Casco Bay, a Boothbay Harbor tour, a visit to the LL Bean Factory Outlet, and much more. This price includes motor coach transportation, 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 full-course dinners (including a "Downeast" lobster-bake dinner & entertainment), luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities.

Lockport and Niagara Falls in September: This one-day trip on Thursday, September 17, includes motor coach transportation, a buffet luncheon and 2-hour cruise through the Lockport Locks on the Erie Canal, a 1-hour guided tour of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Region, and admission to the Niagara Falls Observation Deck. All this for only \$92 per person!

del Lago Resort & Casino: On Tuesday, December 8, a trip is planned to the del Lago Resort and Casino, where you will enjoy a buffet luncheon, \$25 free slot play, and a show ticket to see The Platters. Upon return to the Central New York area, the motor coach will transport you through Onondaga Lake's Lights on the Lake. Pricing for this trip is \$68 per person.

For more information on these trips, please contact Jennifer Hopper at (315) 469-6592.

Tully Senior Citizens also have trips planned for 2020, which LaFayette Senior Citizen members are invited to participate in: **Mt. Airy Casino**: On Tuesday, June 16, a trip is planned to Mt. Airy Casino in Mt. Pocono, PA. A luncheon buffet at the Casino, and \$15 in free slot play will be provided. Admission to the musical tribute to Buddy Holly, That'll be the Day, is also included in the cost of this trip: \$78 per person.

Merry-Go-Round Theater: On Monday, August 24, a trip is planned for Auburn at the Merry-Go-Round Theater to see the production of **State Fair**. Prior to this show, a stop will be made at Sauders Market in Seneca Falls, and a family-style luncheon at Springside Inn. Cost of this trip is \$114 per person.

Nashville and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee: This trip, planned for October 3-10, includes motor coach transportation, all lodging, 5 shows, many meals, Ark Encounter in Kentucky, Titanic Museum, the Grand Ole Opry, Dollywood, and much more. This trip is priced at \$1,384 per person, double occupancy.

Christmas at the Pines Dinner Theater: On Thursday, November 12, a trip is planned to Allentown, PA, to attend a dinner theater. For the dinner, there is a choice of 4 entrees, that will be served prior to the performance of Pines Country Christmas, which will get you in the Holiday mood! Cost of this trip is \$88 per person.

More information on these trips can be obtained by calling Esther Hoose, the Tully Senior Citizen Trip Coordinator, at 315-317-1618. So, join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and see what the "Seniors" is all about! Hope to see you at a meeting soon.....

—Rita Bush



From the LaFayette Optimists

The mission of the LaFayette Optimist Club is to support and engage our kids and our community. This is realized through the events we support, and our work at Stafford Park. We strive to schedule relevant, impactful projects that bring our community together.

In January we hosted the Optimist Club Boys Basketball Tournament. CONGRATULATIONS to the winning teams:

7th Grade Winners: Tully

8th Grade Winners: Cato-Meridian

GREAT JOB to ALL of our participants. We had a great turn out and many competitive games. Thanks to all for attending.



In April, with cooperation from Mother Nature, the Club will begin clean-up at the Park. We are all excited to welcome Spring and get after our list of projects for the season. At the upper pavilion, we have already completed drainage improvements to keep water away from the building. We will also be planning upgrades to deal with wind and birds to make the pavilion more comfortable for us all to use.

We will be making improvements to the Flag Display in the lower part of the Park. The *Marine Corps League, Greater Syracuse Detachment* recently provided a donation to the club which will be put into this project. THANK YOU. The design will expand the current display to honor all of our Military Service branches.

May will bring the Oratorical Contest, Fishing Derby, and Bike Rodeo! The Oratorical Contest is a great chance for our students to showcase their writing and speaking skills. Keep a look out for a date.

Bring your Junior Anglers and their bikes down for the Derby on May 9th! There will be a casting contest, a

chance to make a gift for Mom for Mother's Day, and of course FISHING! We will also be holding the Bike Rodeo the same day. After all the monster fish have been measured in the upper portion of the park, we will help inspect your bike and gear, and then send you through the bike course.

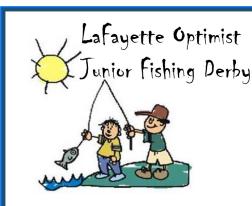
"Promise yourself to talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet" – from The Optimist Creed

-Doug Kautz, Secretary



LaFayette Optimists

Present the 2020 Bike Rodeo Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:00 noon Stafford Park



Stafford Park, Route 11 May 9th, 2020 Fishing begins at 9:00 am Prizes awarded at 11:30 am Derby open to LaFayette Residents Preschool through 8th grade

Service Anniversaries at the Highway Department



The Town of LaFayette recognizes two of it's longest serving employees in this issue of the newsletter. We formally thank both Joe Ambrose and Art Gabriel and ask you to do the same when your paths cross out on out Town Roads!

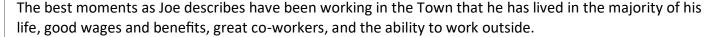
Joe Ambrose: June 1985 – Present, Celebrating 35 Five Years of Service!

Joe is originally from Utica, NY and his family moved to LaFayette when he was a child. One of his greatest past times is the sport of bowling and his first job was at the former LaFayette Lanes on Route 11 North. Ask him and he'll tell you how many "300" games he has rolled!

He has always been a "Ground Guy" as Joe describes it; always on the ground with a shovel, directing traffic, and monitoring the work path of the Town's heavy equipment.

Former Highway Superintendent Chuck Knickerbocker first hired Joe and guess what the starting pay was back in 1985, \$3.35 per hour! Remember

those days? Leon Cook then became the next Highway Superintendent of which Joe has worked the majority of his career for.



One of the most harrowing experiences was years ago when Joe rode as former Deputy Superintendent Cliffy Parker's wingman on a blustery winter's day. Both men in the 10-wheeler snow plow all loaded up with salt heading east on Reidy Hill Road and then down Eager Road to Jamesville Apulia Road. As destiny would have it, Eager Road was iced over and the plow truck hit a patch of ice and began spinning in a 360



Service Anniversaries at the Highway Department cont'd

degree circle down the road Both men steeled themselves for an impact with the narrow bridge on the bottom of Eager Road when Cliffy regained control moments before impact and drove the truck under the bridge like any other day on the job!

Joe's word's of advice: pick your jobs wisely as job retention is not the norm in today's world and New York State is one of the only pension driven systems for a retirement.

Memories: I'm glad I stayed on here in the highway department, its has always gotten better to work here over the years ... great new highway building and the town's approach to keep our equipment up to date. Working with Ralph Reiss – great man and fun to work with! The Blizzard of '93!

Thank you, Joe, for your 35 years of Dedicated Service to your Town and your Neighbors!

Art Gabriel: January 1988 – present, Celebrating over 33 years of Service!

Art grew up in LaFayette with his homestead formerly being on Amidon Road and he was originally hired at the highway department as summer help while still in high school during the summers of 1986 and 1987.

Former Highway Superintendent Sonny Amidon hired Art during those summers and then kept Art on as a full time employee upon his graduation.

What has changed over the years for Art? The amount of knowledge in his job as an operator working those "levers" or driving the snowplows in the worst of weather conditions. Art tips his hat to Leon Cook as his mentor in providing all of the many tips on how to do his job "the right way and the safe way'!



"Being Leon's wingman allowed me to learn a lot from him without Leon even knowing it. It was a privilege not to be taken lightly working by his side".

Best moment on the job: the New Shop, the Equipment, and operating the Volvo Excavator!

Most challenging moment? A ride down Ortloff Road in the snow plow. The rig 'broke free" on ice, spun around, and then the plow caught solid ground and I continued down the road as nothing happened!



Word of advice: Attention to detail, learn all you can. Former Superintendent Chuck Knickerbocker put me on the "machines" and made sure that Leon kept me there because I worked hard at learning how to be an operator.

Thank you Art for your 33 plus Years of Service to your Town and your Neighbors!

—Bill McConnell
Town Board Member

From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities can be found 24/7 on the town's web site at the following link https://www.townoflafayette.com/community-council.html, on the main navigation bar or by calling the Community Council phone, 677-7272. Messages will be retrieved twice per week and an LCC board member will return your call. You can speak to an LCC representative face to face during Town Hall Tuesdays every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Emails are also accepted at lafayette.com. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084



Youth Programs:

Baseball/Softball/Tee-Ball: Boys and girls in grades **K-6**. Registrations were held

in March and players have been assigned to teams. LCC reserves the right to decline late registrations (received after the March 31 deadline). Late registrations will be accepted and registrants assigned to a team only if there is space available on a team for the registrant's respective level of play. Practices will begin in April. Regular season games are scheduled to be played May 4 through June 12.

Pre-Season Baseball and Softball Workouts:

Saturdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25; girls, 12-1:30 p.m., boys 1:30-3 pm. Girls and boys in grades 3-6 are welcome to attend these sessions to work on baseball/softball skills. If necessary, these workouts will be held in the Grimshaw School gymnasium.

Instructional Tee-Ball – Boys and girls in Pre-K & K (2019-2020 school year) that have not played teeball in the past. This program will begin in May and run through mid-June. **Fee is \$10.**

Lacrosse – Community Council is working on restructuring the lacrosse program. We would like to create a committee consisting of interested community members willing to provide input and vision as to what the new program should be. If you are willing to participate in this process and be a part of the committee, please contact LCC: lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com, or 315-677-7272.

Instructional lacrosse: For girls and boys in grades

Pre-K - 2 (2019-2020 school year). Programs will begin the week of July 6 and run for six weeks. **Fee is \$10.**

<u>Developmental lacrosse</u>: For girls and boys in grades 3-6 (2019-2020 school year). Practices will begin in June. As mentioned above, we are working on restructuring this program, which emphasizes developing lacrosse skills, to include competitive games against neighboring communities mid July to August.

NOTE: Due to past difficulties finding coaches and fielding teams, LCC has pulled out of the Upstate Lacrosse Association (ULA). However, LCC reserves the option of competing in ULA if there are enough players interested at a given level and coaching is available.

Swim Lessons (boys and girls, all ages) – Final arrangements for swim lessons are pending. Generally, lessons are offered in conjunction with the Town of Pompey and are conducted at Cazenovia College in two separate 3-week sessions, usually beginning in July. Lessons are conducted daily, Monday – Friday, with 45 minute time slots beginning at 8 a.m. There is no cost for residents of the Town of LaFayette; however, participants must provide their own transportation. Once arrangements are finalized, flyers with further details and registration information will be sent home from school, and will also be available at the LaFayette Town Hall or on line at the Town's LCC website.

Soccer and Tennis Camps – LCC is in the process of making arrangements for these camps. Flyers with additional information and a registration form for each respective program will be sent home from school. Information and forms can also be found

From the Community Council cont'd

at the Town Offices and on the Town's website under the Community Council tab.

For additional information about LCC programs, or if you are able to help out with them — AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC at 677-7272 or send e-mail to:

<u>lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com</u>. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Adult Programs:

Daytime/Senior Exercise: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette VFW on Rte. 11. The current session runs through May 7. The subsequent session will run May 12 through June 18. There will be no sessions during the summer and sessions will resume after Labor Day. The cost per session is \$36 and cannot be pro-rated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The current session runs through June 24, 2020. The fees for this session are \$80 if attending class one night per week, either Monday or Wednesday, and \$160 if attending class both Monday and Wednesday. Fees cannot be pro-rated. The walkin fee is \$5 per class. Details regarding Summer Yoga are forthcoming.

Aerobics: At this time, LCC is not offering an aerobics program as we do not have an instructor available. We are actively working on locating an instructor to run these classes. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact LCC and provide contact information in order for us to notify you once an instructor is found.

Tai Chi: Beginner and advance classes. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

Men's Basketball: Mondays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium, through April 2020. Fee is \$20. Participants must sign a waiver, which are available on line or at each

session. The cost for this program is \$20 for the entire session or \$5 per week walk-in fee.

Other Programs:

Walking: Don't let inclement weather keep you from getting some exercise. The hallways of Grimshaw Elementary School are available for walking weekday evenings from 6-8 p.m., until April 30, 2020. Please use the gymnasium entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls. A note book will be provided in the gymnasium foyer for sign-in. The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk.

Thank you:

LCC would like to thank the following individuals who volunteered their time and efforts as coaches and helpers for LCC winter sports programs.

Girls grades 5 & 6 basketball – Joe Greco

Boys grades 5 & 6 basketball - Jim McElhannon, Jay Colburn and Wayne Brennan

Wrestling – Coaches Todd Briggs, Pat Dwyer, Nick Moltion, Joe Clemens, Steve Albro, and Matthew Moses, as well as the many parents who helped out with concessions and score and time keeping during the home wrestling matches we hosted.

Grades 2- 4 basketball – Sally Morel, Jason Andersen

Volleyball - Alyssa Armstrong,

Sponsors – Meyer Heating and Air Conditioning (wrestling shirts, concessions) and Taste of Heaven Pizzeria (basketball jerseys)

Announcements:

"Step Up To Stop Falls": A falls prevention program designed to raise awareness about falls and how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults and includes an exercise class designed to improve strength and balance. LCC, in conjunction with the LaFayette Public Library, has arranged for yoga instructor, Kate Farrar, to provide this program beginning April 1. Classes are held on Wednesdays,

From the Community Council cont'd

10:00-11:00 a.m., in the LaFayette Public Library's conference room, located on the main floor of the Town Offices, adjacent to the courtroom. **There is NO FEE for this program.** Call 315-677-7272 for additional information.

Community Council Board Meetings: Are held monthly. 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.

Memorial Day Parade: All LCC participants are invited to march with LCC in the Memorial Day parade, Monday, May 25, 9:00 a.m.

Community Day: Saturday, May 30 at Stafford

Park. LCC will be providing popcorn and sno-cones, and conducting other activities, including the Annual Duck Race. Stop by our table; enjoy some refreshments and GET YOUR DUCK! —Dave Prince



Girl's grades 5&6 basketball team coached by Joe Greco

Columbian Presbyterian Church



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
Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com
cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com
Worship Service 10:00am
Church Office Hours:
Tues-Friday 9:00 am—noon

Caturday April 1	Factor Egg Hunt and Camps	10:20 am Hunt @ 11:00 am
Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt and Games	10:30 am Hunt @ 11:00 am
Thursday, April 9	Maundy Thursday Stone Soup Supper	6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm
Friday, April 10	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:00 pm
Sunday, April 12	Sunrise Easter Service Breakfast Worship Service	7:00 am 8:00 am 10:00 am
Tuesday, April 21	Syracuse Flute Choir Concert	7:30 pm reception to follow
Saturday, May 16	Chicken Barbecue	11:00 am—gone
Tuesday, May 19	LaFayette Rural Cemetery Public Meeting Open to the Community	7:00 pm Session Bldg.
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Plant Sale	8:00 am—noon
Saturday, May 30	Tag Sale	9:00 am—2:00 pm
Saturday, June 20	Chicken Barbecue	11:00 am—gone



"A Christ-Centered Family Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule		
9:00—10:00 am	:00 am Bible-In-Life Hour	
10:00—10:30	Coffee/Fellowship Time	
10:30 am	Morning Worship Service	
6:00 pm	Ignite Prayer Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays)	

~ Clothing Give-Away ~

We hold this event four times each year. We are planning the next Clothing Give-away on Saturday, April 4th, from 9am – Noon at our church. Contact the church for more details.

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

please contact the church office at 677-9810.

We are located at the corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road in LaFayette. The church is handicap accessible Check us out on the web! You can listen to Pastor Rob's messages, subscribe to our weekly email update, The Weekly Connection, and find out even more details about our various programs www.lafayettealliance.org

Onativia United Methodist Church

Please join us for worship - Sunday mornings at 9:00

Celebrating 160 years of worship at the corner of Apulia Road and Dodge Road 6257 Dodge Rd. (P.O. Box 316) LaFayette, NY 13084

Church email: onativiachurch@hotmail.com Phone: 315-677-9843

Pastor: Stephen Jackson Phone: 315-558-3534

Pastor Office Hours: Thursdays 1:00 to 4:00pm

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Come Celebrate Mass with Us at St. Joseph's Catholic Church of the Nativity

6104 Route 20 East, Lafayette, New York 13084 Ph- 315-677-3439 / Website- www.stjosephslafayette.org

Sunday 9:00am with Rev. James H. Carey

Additional Mass Locations and Times:

Immaculate Conception (Pompey)

St. Leo's (Tully)

St. Patrick's (Otisco)

Sunday - 9:30 am

Saturday - 4:30 pm / Sunday - 8:00 am

Sunday - 9:00 am

St. Joseph's - Schedules/Events

Every Friday @ 7pm February 28th- April 10th - Stations of the Cross – at St. Joseph's
April 5th- Palm Sunday Mass @ 9am at St. Joseph's Church Mass
April 12th- Easter Sunday Mass @ 9am at St. Joseph's Church Mass
May 17th- First Communion Mass @ 9am at St. Joseph's Church Mass
May 2nd- 6th- Mission Program @ St. Leo's Church- See details in April Bulletin or Facebook
May 31st- Confirmation Mass @ 3pm at Immaculate Conception Church
Save the Date: Aug 3rd- 7th - Vacation Bible School (VBS) @ St. Joseph's- More information to follow
Note: Faith Formation continues weekly after Sunday Mass from 9:50 am to 10:50 am

"Our Catholic Faith" - "The Call to LOVE"

Town of LaFayette 2577 Route 11 P.O. Box 193 LaFayette, NY 13084

Upcoming Events—April—May—June			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
4/4/20	Clothing Give-away	LaFayette Alliance Church	9:00 am—noon
4/14/20	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
4/14—4/30	Brush pick-up	Roadside by April 14	Free Mulch May 1
4/21/20	Syracuse Flute Choir Concert	Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:30 pm
4/23/20	Rabies Clinic	Meacham Ice Rink	5:00—7:00 pm
4/24/20	Fish Dinner	Onativia United Methodist Church	4:30
4/24 & 4/25	Earth Day litter cleanup	LaFayette Highway Garage	9:00—2:00 PM
5/2—5/9	Town Clean Up Days	Groth Road Landfill Closed Sunday	Saturdays 9:00—4:00 pm Weekdays Noon—6:00 pm
5/2/20	Shredding/Med Disposal/Rescue Mission Dropoff	LaFayette Commons	9:00 am—1:00 pm
5/9/20	Optimist Fishing Derby	Stafford Park	9:00 am—noon
5/9/20	Optimist Bike Rodeo	Stafford Park	12:00 noon
5/12/20	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
5/14/20	Rabies Clinic	Clay Highway Garage	5:00—7:00 pm
5/15/20	Fish Dinner	Onativia United Methodist Church	4:30
5/16/20	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am—gone
5/19/20	LaFayette Rural Cemetery Meeting	Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm
5/25/20	Memorial Day Parade	Town Center	9:00 am
5/25/20	Memorial Day Benefit for Outreach	Columbian Presbyterian Church	8:00 am—noon
5/30/20	Tag Sale	Columbian Presbyterian Church	9:00 am—2:00 pm
5/30/20	Community Day	Stafford Park	3:00 pm
6/4/20	Rabies Clinic	Camillus Town Hall	5:00—7:00 pm
6/9/20	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
6/16/20	Senior trip to Mt. Airy Casino	Pocono, PA	\$78/person
6/18/20	Rabies Clinic	Marcellus Fire Dept.	5:00—7:00 pm
6/19/20	Fish Dinner	Onativia United Methodist Church	4:30
6/20/20	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone

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