



# LaFayette

## Community Newsletter

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## From the Town Supervisor:



Dear Residents,

For those of you who I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet, I am your

new Supervisor, Danny Fitzpatrick. I was born and raised here in LaFayette and live here with my wife Trish.

I am excited to be joining a new board with newly elected board member Carole Dwyer and our two senior board members Steve Zajac and Mel Palmer. This is an excellent group with a great vision for the town. There exists one vacancy on the board which we intend to fill in January.

My top priorities for the town are important but straightforward - fixing up the four corners and working with Ichor and others in developing the center of our town, working on seeking grant money to invest in a new community center, keeping taxes low and ensuring we have the great services our town has become accustomed to.

In addition, I would like to start looking to tech fixes to issues as they arise. Including a digital newsletter delivered via email for those who choose to receive it

digitally and a text messaging system to instantly warn of severe weather or other emergency situations in town.

I am dedicated to being accessible to the town. I am available via social media, my personal email - [Fitzervisor@gmail.com](mailto:Fitzervisor@gmail.com) or my cell - 315.247.1600. I am here to work for you. Though, I will note, at the request of my supporters I have deactivated my Twitter account to avoid starting a Twitter war with other towns.

Always feel free to reach out with your thoughts or concerns.

**-Danny Fitzpatrick  
Town Supervisor**



## From the Outgoing Town Supervisor

I want to take this opportunity to thank the residents of LaFayette for permitting me to serve our community as Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor and Councilman. I sincerely appreciate the support provided me during my time on the town board.

While I look forward to enjoying more of my retirement, I will miss being part of town government and my role as a public servant. I trust that the friendships I have developed here will last

well into the future.

If I can be of any help after my departure, please let me know. I'd be happy to offer whatever assistance I can to provide a smooth transition to my successor.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Yours sincerely,**  
**Doug Daniel**  
**Outgoing Town Supervisor**



## From the Town Clerk's



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Refreshments 5 – 6:00PM

6:00 PM Organizational Meeting,  
Town Board Meeting to follow

All residents are welcome to enjoy refreshments and witness the swearing in of our Newly Elected Supervisor, Daniel Fitzpatrick; Town Board Member, Carole Dwyer; re-elected Town Board Member, Melanie Palmer; Tax Collector, Kitty Reinhardt; Town Justice, Adrian Shute and our County Legislator David Knapp. It is also a great opportunity to talk with Town Board Members along with of the members of Planning, Zoning, Grievance, Codes, Clerks, Library, LCC, pretty much everyone who is involved in the how and what makes LaFayette run. Also, you can get more familiar with LaFayette's Town Officials.

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE PUBLIC SERVICES:

DEC licenses (hunting, fishing, etc.) and Duck Stamps

Dog licenses (all dogs over 4 months of age need to be licensed)

Facility Rentals (Stafford Park Pavilions and Community Center)

Handicap parking permits

Marriage Licenses (please call for an appt.)

Notary Public Service

Passport Services (by appointment)

Veterans Discount Cards (F.A.V.O.R.)

Voter registration forms

Blue recycling bins are available for pick up

Please visit the Town of LaFayette website or call for information regarding any of the above Services. Most forms needed may be downloaded for your convenience. We invite you to visit our office or call and we will be happy to assist you in obtaining the services you require.

**DOG LICENSING** - The fees are \$8.00 for Spay/ Neutered dogs and \$20.00 for Un-spayed/ Unneutered dogs. *Licenses may be obtained for 1, 2, or 3 years depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccines.* You may pay with check or cash, via mail or in person. Forms for new licenses may be downloaded from our website. It is **New York State Law** that all dogs must be licensed in the municipality which they reside. Please contact Dog Control Officers; Ken Johnson 263-1000; Deputy Dog Control Officer Michael Johnson 663-6378 for any stray/lost dogs.



# From the Town Clerk's



Meeting	Day	Time	Email	Phone	Fax
Assessor	Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 am - 1:30 pm	<a href="mailto:lafayetteassessor@cnymail.com">lafayetteassessor@cnymail.com</a>	677-3420	677-7806
Building & Zoning Code Enforcement	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm or by appointment	<a href="mailto:lafayettecodes@cnymail.com">lafayettecodes@cnymail.com</a>	677-5371	677-7806
Town Supervisor	Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 - 7:00 pm or by appointment	<a href="mailto:lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com">lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com</a> <a href="mailto:fitzervisor@gmail.com">fitzervisor@gmail.com</a>	677-5251 247-1600	
Planning Board	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	<a href="mailto:lafayetteinfoofficer@cnymail.com">lafayetteinfoofficer@cnymail.com</a>		
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	<a href="mailto:lafayetteinfoofficer@cnymail.com">lafayetteinfoofficer@cnymail.com</a>		
Town Board Meeting	2nd Tuesday of the month	Vouchers at 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm			

## RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH

Saturday March 10th, 10:00AM – 12:00noon, SPCA, 5878 East Malloy Road, Mattydale  
 Thursday, April 26th, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, Meacham Ice Rink, W. Seneca Turnpike  
 Thursday, May 10th, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, Clay Highway Garage 4483 Route 31, Clay  
 Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 PM, NBT Bank Stadium (Lobby) 1Tex Simone Dr., Syracuse  
 Thursday, June 7th, 5:00-7:00PM, Camillus Town Hall, 4600, W. Genesee St., Syr.  
 Thursday, June 21st, 5:00PM – 7:00PM, SPCA, 5878 East Malloy Road, Mattydale  
 Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM - 6:00PM, Onondaga Nation Fire Dept. Route 11A

## Rabies Clinics



### TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 9 AM – 4:00 PM,  
 Tuesdays 9 AM – 7:00 PM  
 or by appointment  
 (Summer hours - closed Fridays; May - October)

2577 US Route 11, PO Box 193

LaFayette, NY 13084

(677-3674, fax 677-7806)

[lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com](mailto:lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com);

[lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnymail.com](mailto:lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnymail.com)

Offices closed on all federal holidays.

*Please be advised that we do not accept credit or debit cards. All transactions need to be paid by cash or check.*

*We are hoping that everyone had a blessed holiday season. As we log out of 2017 and into this New Year, we are sending you heartfelt wishes full of love, luck, happiness and good health. I pray that our leaders stop the negativity, the lashing out at one another, spreading anger & hatred and join together to work for peace and the good of the people of our Great Country and the world. That is what our past, present and future service men & women have sacrificed for. They, our children and everyone deserves*

**"PEACE ON EARTH"**

—Jackie Roorda

—Kristin Colburn

LaFayette Town Clerks





**The Town of LaFayette**  
**Cordially invites you to join us for the**  
**2018 Organizational Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
 Time: 5:00-6:00 pm Refreshments  
 Meeting to follow  
 Location: LaFayette Town Hall – 2577 Route 11

***THE WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME***

Please RSVP to Jackie or Kristin at 315-677-3674 or by email at:  
[lafayettetownclerk@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettetownclerk@cnyemail.com) or [lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnyemail.com)  
 No later than Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

***HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!***



**Tax Collector Hours:**

**January & February**

**Monday, Wednesday—12:00—3:00 pm**

**Tuesday evening—5:00—7:00 pm**

**March**

**Monday—12:00—3:00 pm**

**Mailing address: P.O. Box 193**

**LaFayette, NY**

**[lafayettetaxcollector@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettetaxcollector@cnyemail.com)**

**315-677-9155 —Kitty Reinhardt**

**Fax 315-677-7806**



**RECYCLE**



**Newspapers,  
Magazines,  
Catalogs and  
Softcover Books**  
*Keep loose, don't tie.*



**Cardboard,  
Pizza, Pasta and  
Cereal Boxes**  
*Flatten.*



**Papers, Mail,  
Envelopes**



**#1 and #2  
Plastic BOTTLES**  
*Empty and rinse.*



**Cans and Jars**  
*Empty and rinse out,  
labels are okay.*



**#5 Plastic Tubs**  
*Empty and rinse,  
no lids.*

**Save the world a little each day.**

See how at



**Want to know about an item not listed?  
 Try our searchable database at [OCRRA.org](http://OCRRA.org)**

# From the Highway Department



From the Highway Department...

Happy 2017 Residents! Here are a few reminders as we head into March:

- Please adhere to State, County and Town Laws by not plowing snow across public highways.
- No parking on streets, roads and turnarounds from November 1st until April 1st. Blocking the highway and turnarounds will prevent Plows, School buses and Emergency vehicles from doing their job.
- Remember: Plowing speeds can not exceed 25 MPH. Be Patient! Arrive Alive!

- Christmas tree recycling program: Please drop off your Christmas tree at the Highway Garage ( 2849 Route 11 North ). Look for the "Christmas tree" drop off sign. All trees are recycled back to the residents in the spring as free mulch.  
***Recycling Matters to the Highway Department!***

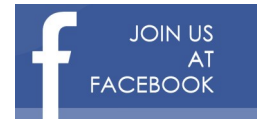


- Biannual brush pick-up will begin in April. Please get sticks and branches out to the road-side **Asap**. Due to the **Extremely** busy schedule, the Highway Department will be by only once! We will come back again in August to pick-up summertime branches and sticks.

Contractors that cut down trees are responsible for their removal. Please continue to drive safely-check wiper blades and washer fluid.

Leave extra time for travel during snow events. School closings will be posted on our Highway Face-book page and Town of Lafayette Facebook page usually before 6:00 am. *God Bless!* Plow Trucks are ready to go!

**-John Greeley  
Highway Superintendent**



## LEON COOK - DEDICATION

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on behalf of Leon Cook, a tree and plaque were dedicated by past and present Town Board members and by those who work in the Town Hall. Leon retired in 2011 at the age of 80, after 30 years in the highway department, 26 of those years serving as Highway Superintendent. Sadly, Leon passed on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. What better location for his remembrance but at the new highway garage, with most of his family, friends and several residents and town employees present. Newly elected Supervisor, Danny Fitzpatrick began and ended the ceremony with words of tribute reflecting on the dedication and devotion that Leon selflessly gave over the years. Adrian Shute, Pete Paul, Ron Bush and John Greeley also reflected on the numerous ways in which Highway Superintendent Leon Cook served his Town each and every day in those 30 years. Thank you for taking such great care of our roads for all those years. Rest in peace, Leon, you are a "one of a kind", and the Town of LaFayette misses you.

—Jackie Roorda



# Cross your Fingers for LaFayette Square

For nearly four years, Town Supervisors and board members, our County Legislator, volunteers and professionals in LaFayette, worked together to resolve the ongoing vacancy and decline of the old LaFayette Hotel. The building was assessed, ideas hatched, new technologies introduced, and a vision of a rehabilitated building with a café and apple museum was featured in our newsletter, along with an article titled **“Memorable Streets Draw More Pedestrians (and more business!)”** The point was that a “Historic, Agricultural Small Town Brand”, combined with successful local businesses, could contribute to preserving our ‘Built Heritage’. The article – like the Town’s Comprehensive Plan – proposed that the hamlet should be the focus of economic and community development, starting with saving and revitalizing the hamlet’s oldest building.

Fortunately, over the same four years, while a community vision for the old hotel was hatching, a local business (Ichor Therapeutics) was growing, doubling in size annually, and purchasing a new building every 18 months. With plans to expand again in 2018, Ichor was anticipating the need for more space to house professional and research staff near its headquarters in the hamlet.

Occasionally, New York State announces grant-funding opportunities aimed at solving problems like old, vacant buildings with good bones, in great locations, but that need a lot of work. The “Restore New York Communities” grant program was announced in September. The funding is intended to support rehabilitation of sites and buildings that have the potential to impact economic and community development; but funding must be applied for by a municipality. To win a grant award, a project would have to be so convincing that the State would select it over dozens of others, and the application would need to be submitted by December 15, 2017 – a tall order. Could this funding opportunity bring together the needs

of the Town with those of a growing local business? Could the stars be aligning for the old hotel? That was the question to explore – and to answer quickly!

At a November public hearing, the community expressed enthusiastic support for the idea. With assistance from the CNY Regional Planning & Development Board (CNY RPDB), the town resolved to submit a grant proposal in December to rehabilitate the building. Winning grant awards will be announced in May or June of 2018. If LaFayette wins the grant award through this public-private collaboration, a hamlet master plan would logically follow as a next step; and then the old LaFayette Hotel building can be brought back to life at “LaFayette Square”. That project name fits because throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century the town center was known as “LaFayette Square” (as documented in Roy Dodge’s book “Crossroads Town”); and all the more so, since the acre at its center, “a public grounds”, was noted in a deed to be “for the erection of any public buildings and other public use, but never to be converted to individual property, for a term as long as wood grows and water runs.”

So now, we wait – fingers crossed!

—Jeanie and Dennis  
(Gleisner and Earle)





## Court Corner

If you fail to pay your fine from a ticket or fail to appear on a ticket, your license can be suspended! The fee to have your suspension lifted is \$70.00 for each ticket. If you have more than 1 ticket it can get expensive

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!

<http://www.townoflafayette.com/court.html>

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 12/25/17 in observance of Christmas, 1/1/18 in observance of New Year's Day, 1/15/18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day, & 2/19/18 in observance of Presidents 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 by appointment. A confirmation letter will be sent to you.

**District Attorney night for January will be 1/17/18 at 4:00pm and February will be 2/21/18 at 4:00pm.**

***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***

District Attorney requests can be mailed to:

**LaFayette Town Court**

PO Box 135

LaFayette, NY 13084

**DID YOU KNOW:** When you take an approved Defensive Driving course, the points do not physically come off your driving record. However, 4 points may be subtracted if you have 11 points or more on your license and may be in jeopardy of the DMV suspending your license. Benefits to taking the Defensive driving course are to refresh your driving knowledge and to receive a possible 10% discount on your auto and motorcycle insurance premiums each year for 3 years. This information can be found on the New York Department of Motor Vehicles web page under **POINTS**.

**We will put a notification on our court page under the weather tab if court needs to be cancelled due to bad weather.**

**-Carleen, Debbie, & Katey**

### Views and Vistas of Onativia LaFayette, New York

J. Roy Dodge



Town Historian Emeritus Roy Dodge's third book of LaFayette historic pictures will be available in early 2018. It is entitled "Cardiff and its Environs" and will include about 150 photographs with explanatory text. He wishes to thank those who have purchased his "Views and Vistas of Onativia". It is still available in the town clerk's office. Dodge has about 1,600 photographs collected over more than fifty years and his files containing thousands of clippings arranged by topic are always available upon request at his home, 315-428-0500. He still lives in hope that some day town government will provide an appropriate accommodation of his unique collection.

# From the LaFayette Public Library

**H**appy New Year We hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season!

We have an ongoing jigsaw puzzle exchange in the entryway to the library. Pickup a puzzle or two – leave a puzzle or two. It's very popular and we have some really cool puzzles come through here!

We have a display case in which we like to have a monthly display. If you would like to display your craft, hobby or collection, or know of someone who might be interested in displaying their work, please let us know and we would be happy to schedule an exhibit. We had a wonderful holiday display there until recently

## January Imagination Lab (Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30)

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – Free-fall foreshortening art

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – Wonder dough, corn starch, and washable paint

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Newspaper art

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Mine Craft selfies

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – world in a Jar

The library system has a number of databases available that range from full courses to Newspaper archives to genealogy. Many of these databases are available on any device that can access the internet using your library card and pin number. Others are in-library use only. An example of that is Ancestry.com, a robust genealogy database, which is available for free in any library in the county on a device that's connected to the OCPL network. One of our public access computers is connected to the OCPL network and has Ancestry bookmarked in Chrome.

Thank you for your continued support in using Smile. Amazon.com!

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

Just a reminder about our Tuesday Teas which are every month on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. We also have a jig saw puzzle set

up. The next one is January 16. Come join us!

Don't forget to visit: [www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org).

Also you can follow us on Facebook

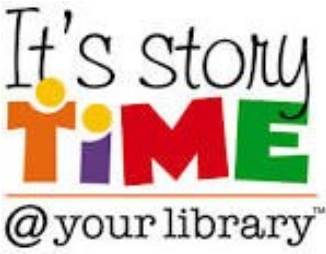
A reminder that we have a children's computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

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.

Imagination Lab – Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30 (except July and August)

—Scott Kushner





**WEDNESDAY**

**10:30 AM– 11:30 AM**

**THURSDAY**

**4:00–5:00 PM**





# From the Parks Department

## Stafford Park Recreation Path

In an effort to provide town residents with year round opportunities for outdoor recreation this winter, the town's Parks Department will attempt to clear and maintain the south section of the recreation path at Stafford Park. Due to the park bathrooms being closed during the winter, a port-a-potty is available in this section of the park.

The south section of recreation path is the portion of the path that encircles the playing fields near the concession stand and can be accessed from the park entrance and parking lot closest to the new Highway Garage. Please **DO NOT** walk around the highway garage – the presence of large trucks and equipment create hazardous conditions, therefore, the property is not appropriate for recreational walking.

Despite the best efforts of the Parks Department, the path may be closed under the conditions outlined below.

Under these circumstances, the "Path Closed" sign will be posted at the entrances to the park's parking lots and entrances to the recreation path. The "Path Open" sign will be posted only when the path is completely clear of snow and/or ice, and weather conditions are not expected to deteriorate to the point that the path becomes hazardous. The signs will be visible from the roadway (Route 11) so you will not have to get out of your car to know the status of the path.

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS – DO NOT USE THE PATH WHEN IT IS CLOSED, AND KEEP IN MIND THAT IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE THE RECREATION PATH, YOU DO SO AT YOUR OWN RISK.



*The presence of snow and/or ice present on the path*

*Wet conditions with the temperature expected to drop below freezing*

*When weather conditions are expected to deteriorate and the path won't be maintained in the interim*



*Walking in a*  
**WINTER WONDERLAND**

Have a safe and healthy winter.

—The LaFayette Parks Department

The LaFayette Seniors meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon at the LaFayette Fire Station. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. If the LaFayette School is canceled due to inclement weather, there will be no meeting. We welcome anyone over the age of 50 to join our Senior Citizens Club. Dues are \$5.00 per year. Our new Trip Coordinator, Jennifer Hopper, is planning four bus trips for us in 2018. We will publish further information as soon as the details are nailed down. You do not have to be a member to join us on the bus trips. For further information, please contact Esther Hoose, President, Lafayette Seniors at 315-317-1618.



—Esther Hoose, President

# From the Community Council

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



## Current Youth Programs:

**Basketball:** The seasons for girls and boys in grades 5 & 6 are underway. Practices are mid-week and games will

be played on Saturdays in January and February.

**Volleyball:** This program is for girls in grades 3-6. The program is conducted on Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School's gymnasium and will run through January 31.

**Wrestling:** For boys and girls grades K-6. Practices for Grades K-3 are Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:15-6:30 p.m. Practices for grades 4-6 are Mondays, 6-8 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:30-8 p.m. Practices are held in the wrestling room at the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School, which is located in the school's basement. There will not be any practices during school break in February. Matches will be held on Saturday mornings; the coach will provide schedule.

The season runs through mid-March.

**Registration and first practice will be on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the respective practice times (grades K-3: 5:15 p.m.; grades 4-6: 6 p.m.).**

**Registration fee is \$5.**

## Upcoming Youth Sports:

**Basketball:** The basketball program for girls and boys in grades 3 and 4 will begin after the February school break and run through March. Flyers with starting dates, times and locations will be sent home from school.

**Baseball and Lacrosse:** Apple Valley League Baseball and Upstate Lacrosse Association sign-ups will be held in early March. Flyers will be coming home from school with details for each respective sport.

**As Spring approaches, LCC is in the process of planning the baseball and lacrosse seasons. Coaches are needed at all levels for both of these sports. Please let us know if you are planning to coach this upcoming season; we need to know of your intention**

**to coach so that we can plan accordingly.**

## Other youth activities:

**Skiing:** LCC supervised ski nights begin Friday, January 5, 2018; bus transportation and lessons begin on this date.

Bus transportation is available from Grimshaw Elementary School and the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School or to Song Mountain. The bus will be provided each of the Fridays that lessons provided with ski passes are scheduled (see dates below). The cost for the transportation is \$10, whether riding for the entire six weeks or for just a few weeks. Riders must register and make payment prior to riding the bus.

Six lessons are included with most of the ski packages offered by Song Mountain. The lessons will be held January 5, 12, 19, and February 2, 9, 16; bus transportation will be provided on these dates. Please note that there will not be any lessons on Friday, January 26 due to Song Mountain's Friday Freak Out, however, bus transportation will be provided. In the event that a group misses a scheduled lesson during the program, make-up lessons will be conducted on March 2, but no bus transportation will be provided.

## Adult Programs:

**Daytime/Senior Exercise:** Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette Community Center. The next session, a three week mini-session, begins January 23 and runs through February 8. The cost for this mini-session is \$18 (less than \$3/class). Subsequent sessions are: February 14 – March 23 and March 28 – May 4. The cost for the regular 6-week sessions is \$36. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class

**Yoga:** Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The next session begins January 8, 2018 and runs through June 20, 2018; costs for this session are \$75 (approximately \$3/class) if attending classes one night per week, and \$140 if attending classes two days per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

**WERQ® (This class replaces Zumba and Tabata):**

# From the LaFayette Community Council cont'd

WERQ® is a dance fitness class that tightens and tones the entire body through athletic moves and dance steps choreographed to dance, pop and hip-hop music. Classes are held Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School cafeteria. The next session will begin January 8, 2018 and runs through April 19, 2018; costs for this session are \$42 if attending class one evening per week, Monday or Thursday, and \$80 if attending classes both Monday and Thursday evenings per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

**Tai Chi:** Beginner and advance classes are held at the LaFayette Community Center on Monday mornings 8:30-11 a.m. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

**Men's Basketball:** Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. Program runs through March 2018. 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:

**Hall Walking:** Don't let the weather keep you from getting some exercise during the winter months; the hallways of Grimshaw Elementary School are available for walking weekday evenings from 6-8 p.m., through April. 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.

**Walking** – The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk. During the winter, only the south section of the path will be maintained for walkers. Signage will be posted to indicate whether or not the path is open.

## Announcements:

**Community Council Meetings:** Board meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Dates of upcoming board meetings are: January 4, February 1 and March 1. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. LCC oversees several youth sports programs, including: basketball, wrestling, volleyball, baseball/softball, lacrosse, tennis and soccer. However, we cannot offer

these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise. We can always use additional help, whether it is as a team coach, a program coordinator, or as a member of the board of directors. If you are interested and able to help out with the any of these programs, please contact LCC at 677-7272 or [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com).

**"Step Up To Stop Falls":** Falls are a big health care concern. According to the Onondaga County Aging Services, 1 out of 3 people over the age of 65 fall each year and 1 of 10 of those falls result in hospitalization, making falls the leading cause of injury, deaths, hospitalizations, and emergency department visits among adults 65 and older. "Step Up To Stop Falls" is 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 is working with Yoga instructor Kate Farrar on plans to offer this program here in LaFayette beginning in early 2018. Additional information will follow.

**First Aid and CPR/AED Course:** To be offered in April; time and location TBD.

## THANK YOU:

Thank you to our Fall 2017 soccer coaches: Kevin Morel; Lance Benjamin, Erin Scofield, Dylan Kinsella, Barbara Brown, Sandra Ortiz, Stephanie Loughlin, Katie Olrich, and Mike White. Also, a big thank you goes to Varsity Soccer players Colin Morel, Mason Shute, Olivia Prince, Mya DeJoseph, Charlotte Ryan and Aidan Griffin for helping referee the youth games.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the tree lighting on December 3, 2017.

—Dave Prince



JAN28      FEB25  
MAR25      APR22  
8:00—12:00 NOON



PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST  
LaFayette VFW  
Route 11, LaFayette NY 13084



## From the LaFayette Optimists

Happy Holidays to all in Lafayette and beyond from your Lafayette Optimists.. The Optimists have been busy and we continue to work on community projects. We have our LaFayette Optimist Basketball Tournament coming up in January and this is always a well attended event where we get 7th and 8th grade kids to the High School for some athletic fun and we have always tied this in with some local charity donation. Details will be available at the door. It's quite a sight to see those young boys racing back and forth on the basketball court. This event was conceived by Greg Long and he still spearheads the event and it's been very successful and we have him to thank.



You might have noticed our other project from the fall. The building of a pavilion at the Toolon fields. With help from the Applefest folks and the Toolon organization we have built a pavilion to provide someplace to sit and get out of the weather. This project took a while but we finally got it done in November. You can see it from



Route 20 and it's quite nice and should last for years and years. It demonstrates what we as Optimists do...we see a need in the community that relates to kids and we work on it until it's a done deal.

The LaFayette Optimists also sponsored the Lego - Robot school project this year. This is a new event for us but it seems right down our alley. Its local, it involved the kids in an ongoing education project , and we can compete with Tully! This is likely to become an annual project. For many of our projects

we ask the participants to come to a meeting and explain the project and what they need so we know what we are supporting.

You must have noticed as you drove by the corner of routes 11 and 20 the lights on the bank, the lights on the Xmas Tree, the manger..they are all Optimists projects and we hope you enjoy them . Thanks again to Michael Grimm for his help in getting the lights on the tree.

In November the Optimists transitioned to new Board Members as we do every year.

This year Ed Castleman is our President. Joe Barry is our VP and Secretary. Jim Wolf remains as our Treasurer. Past President is Ken Gardiner .Park Manager remains Jerry Marzo.



Members at large are Dave Anthony and Kevin Lerch. I don't have any statistics but I think we have a nicely sized club for our size community and we remain very active in managing the Park and looking for other projects. Please feel free to approach any of us with your ideas for improving the community with the focus on the kids.

Lets close with another line from the Optimist Creed. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. Focus on the positive. No one really wants to hear your problems ...keep it on the positive side...and what's more important than to focus on health and happiness ...nothing wrong with prosperity as well. Reminds me of a great toast I have been known to use...I learned it in Spanish..Salud, Amor and Dinero...y tiempo para gustarles....Health, Love and Money....and time to enjoy them.

Keeps you focused on what's important. We are optimistic you will start your day with positive thoughts and these will lead to positive actions.

—Joe Barry



# LaFayette Outdoors – Wintertime Outdoor Survival



Long before old man winter shows up on our doorsteps ready to greet us with a frosty kiss. Outdoor activities such as skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, ice fishing etc. can go from a fun time to a life and death situation rather quickly if one is not careful.

Back in the early 80's before gortex, thinsulate, and high tech clothing, I remember hunting in single digits in 100% cotton "thermal"

long johns and freezing 'to death.' I would sweat on the way to the tree stand and within 10 minutes I could start to feel the bitter cold penetrate my weak winter weather armor. Those old long johns were pretty cutting edge and way ahead of their time because they were breathable...the wind cut right through them! Fortunately, the



new

Here are needed items that you should have handy in your vehicle during the winter months:

- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Blanket
- Snacks
- Water
- Gloves
- Boots
- First-aid kit
- Tire Chains
- Ice Scraper
- Jumper Cables
- Road Flares

garment designs and fabrics allow us to enjoy winter fun without being uncomfortable doing so.

How do I dress for the elements? Layers, layers and more layers... Layering advice can be specific to the activity you are planning to do. For high energy activities such as snowshoeing, hiking, cross country and downhill skiing, etc., you should layer with breathable and moisture wicking material such as polypropylene. Many garments such as Under Armor and Nike Pro work well for these types of outdoor adventures. Products made from Merino wool are excellent for this as well. A

mid layer of fleece, merino wool or down, followed by a wind resistant outer coat will do well to ward off winter's bite.

For more stationary activities such as ice fishing or stand hunting you are better off with many layers which include the polypropylene base with wool layers over top. There are products available that have a windstopper barrier built in to the garment. These are excellent for providing warmth and protection from the wind.

Good boots with insulation ratings appropriate for the activity and expected temperatures are a must. Of course, a good hat and gloves will help make your activities more enjoyable.

If you are willing and able, get out and enjoy our parks, ski areas, frozen lakes and don't forget to layer up! Enjoy,

Here are the items to carry for outdoor winter time activities:

- Hot Beverage/Water
- Healthy Snacks
- Blanket-heat reflective type
- Hand Warmers
- Cell Phone
- Multi-purpose tool

Signs of Hypothermia:

- Shivering
- Slurred speech or mumbling
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Weak pulse
- Clumsiness or lack of coordination
- Drowsiness or very low energy
- Confusion or memory loss
- Loss of consciousness

— Craig Giancola

## LaFayette Outreach

LaFayette Outreach is an organization providing food and referral services to elderly, low income, and disadvantaged residents of the Town of LaFayette, the School District, and the Onondaga Nation. We are supported by donations from businesses, individuals, organizations (Fire Department) and the four churches in the LaFayette area. We served over 65 Thanksgiving dinners in November, and provided Christmas baskets, including gifts for the elderly and children for over 70



families this Christmas. We are blessed to receive donations which enable us to buy and provide dry and canned goods, soaps, juices, meats, and fresh produce and dairy foods (when available) on a

monthly basis to anyone in need. Local addresses are required. "Food Sense", a non-income based service is available to all.

We can be reached at 677--5221. If you are aware of an individual or family needing assistance, please encourage them to call us.

—Marty Jaynes

## Boy Scout Troop 100



LaFayette is a community that certainly has a wonderful hometown, welcoming feel. Being part of Boy Scouts in LaFayette expands that sense of community in a variety of ways.

Service to others is part of scouting. Each year the scouts participate in multiple projects that give back. But one of the most exciting parts of being in a community such as LaFayette is when members are willing to give back to the scouts in support of their goals. Just recently, the troop had the benefit of having both Mr. Tim Baker and Mr. Dave Knapp attend a meeting to discuss with the scouts several aspects of both local government and community resources. The scouts are invited to attend a LaFayette Town meeting to gain the requirements of the merit badge Citizenship in the Community. Thank you to both Mr. Baker and Mr. Knapp for their time and expertise!

As we wind down a fulfilling year, 2018 looks to be gearing up to be another exciting one for the troop. Each month has special events planned; winter hikes and camping, a ski trip and local ski lessons, the Klondike Derby, and a trip to Washington DC to explore the Smithsonian museums and National Zoo, to name just a few. So, if you are still considering scouting, do not hesitate and miss out on our adventures! It is a great way for our small-town youth to see things outside of our community.

We welcome any 11-17-year-old young -men and are in the process of developing the ability to enable young ladies of the same ages to join. Be watching for information. Please remember, any serious Eagle Scout contenders, need to be joined by their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For more information about how to become involved contact: - Brian Kramak, Scout Master [bkramak@gmail.com](mailto:bkramak@gmail.com) or Assistant Scout Masters, Kevin Gretskey, - [gretskyk@aol.com](mailto:gretskyk@aol.com) or Chris Fowler – [christophefowler@gmail.com](mailto:christophefowler@gmail.com).

—Jean Fetzko



# LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00—10:00 am	Bible-In-Life for all ages
10:00—10:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
10:30—11:45 am	Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm 1st & 3rd Sundays	Ignite Prayer Ministry
4:30 pm 2nd & 4th Sundays	Thrive Youth Group

### *A Christ-Centered Bible Teaching Church"*

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

*Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

*David Booher, Youth Pastor*

***If you would like further information concerning our church or any of 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](http://www.lafayettealliance.org)***

**Columbian  
Presbyterian Church**



***For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at  
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### **Pastor Shawn Reyburn**

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Worship Service 10:00am

Church Office Hours

Tues- Friday 9:00 am—Noon

Men's Breakfasts	Mondays @ 6:00 am	Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 5
Youth Breakfasts	Friday's @ 7:00 am	Jan 26, Feb 16, Mar 23
God's Girlz	Wednesdays	Jan 3, Jan 17, Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 20 (chicken dinner)
God's Guyz	Wednesdays	Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7
Lenten Soup and Bread Series	Begins Ash Wednesday @ 6:30 pm	February 14
Games & Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 AM	March 24
Maundy Thursday Stone Soup	6:00 PM Service PM7:00 pm	Thursday March 29
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:00 PM	Friday March 30
Sunrise Service	7:00 am	Sunday, April 1
Easter Brunch	8:00 am	Sunday, April 1
Easter Service	10:00 am	Sunday, April 1
Chicken & Biscuit Supper	4:00—7:00 pm	Tuesday March 20 \$10 adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, children 5 & under eat free
A Taste of Chocolate	10:00AM - 2:00 PM	February 10 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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### Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
January 9	Organizational Meeting	LaFayette Commons	5:00 Refreshments; 6:00 Org Meeting; 7:00 Board Meeting
January February	Tax Collector Hours	LaFayette Commons	Mon-Wed-12:00—3:00 pm Tues evening—5:00—7:00 pm
February 13	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm
February 10	A Taste of Chocolate	Columbian Presbyterian Church	10:00 am—2:00 pm
March	Tax Collector Hours	LaFayette Commons	Mon 12:00—3:00 pm
March 10	Rabies Clinic	SPCA 5878 E. Molloy Rd. Mattydale	10:00 am—12:00 noon
March 13	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm
March 20	Chicken-n-Biscuit Supper	Columbian Presbyterian Church	4:00—7:00 pm

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