



LaFayette

Community Newsletter

From the Supervisor:

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Senator Valesky visits LaFayette

On November 15th New York State Senator David Valesky came to our town offices for a meeting with the Southern Onondaga County Town Supervisors and Officials. Our County Legislator Dave Knapp organized and hosted the meeting which included representatives from LaFayette, Tully, Pompey and Fabius. It was an open conversation regarding the challenges and opportunities that face our small towns.

Senator Valesky listened to our thoughts and ideas, he asked us some great follow up questions. He sincerely offered his support and assistance to connect us with



Pictured left to right: County Legislator Dave Knapp, Senator Dave Valesky and Town of LaFayette Town Supervisor, Andy Ohstrom

numerous State resources. Thank You Senator Dave Valesky and County Legislator Dave Knapp!

—Andy Ohstrom

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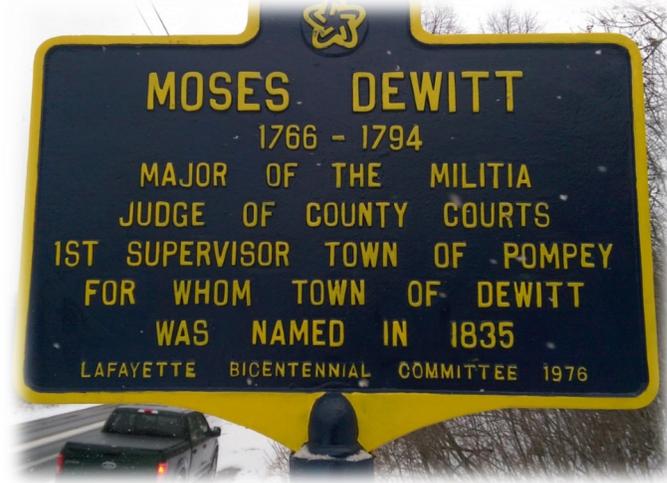
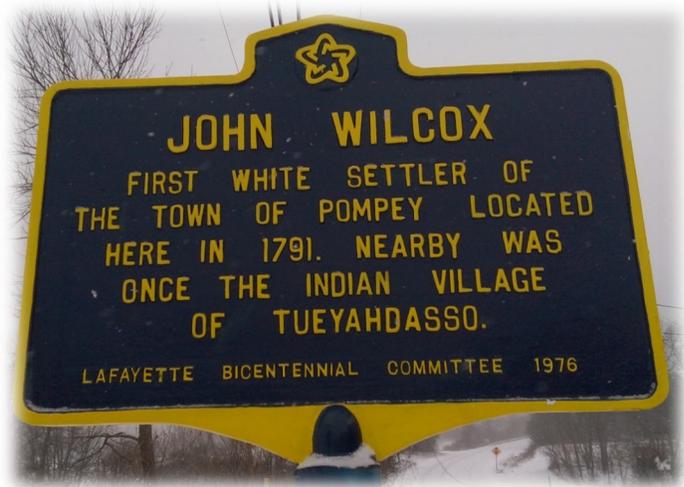
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History in Action

I would like to thank and recognize our Town Historian Greg Titus for his outstanding job rehabilitating and revitalizing our highway historical markers this summer. Many of these markers had rusted and suffered from extensive paint deterioration. Greg single handily restored 4 of them by sand blasting the surface, applying anti corrosion primer, and then he meticulously restored the paint and lettering to original condition. He has plans to continue with several other signs this year. Thanks for preserving our history Greg!

Here are 3 examples of his work:

—Andy Ohstrom



The Town of LaFayette

Cordially invites you to join us for the
2017 Organizational Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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@cny.com or lafayettedeputytownclerk@cny.com

No later than Thursday, January 5th.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



From the Town Clerk



Happy New Year!!!!!!

2017 is going to be a great year, don't you think? I am hoping that everyone had a nice holiday and I hope that with the new year....you are rejuvenated, feeling positive vibes and looking forward to lots of good things coming your way for the entire year!!!!



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING **TUESDAY JANUARY 10th, 2017** **Refreshments 5 – 6:00PM**

In case you aren't quite aware of what the "Organizational Meeting" is all about.....I urge you to attend. Quite frankly, prior to becoming Town Clerk, I hate to admit.....but I really had no clue what happens at this annual meeting. Often residents come in to our office with questions such as; who approved this or how did this get done and I never heard a word about it; and even recently was asked "is this Town going to do something about hydro-fracking?" A moratorium was passed in 2014 Prohibiting Natural Gas and /or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration or Production Wastes, etc. I found it interesting that residents are not aware of this since it was a huge news item for quite some time. A committee worked numerous hours and numerous notices of the meetings regarding the whole "Hydro-fracking" issue were posted in the Syracuse Newspaper, on the Town website, at the Post Office and at the Town Hall. I guess the point I am trying to get at is.....The Town Board is trying to be transparent in letting the residents know what is going on in LaFayette, and are appreciative when residents show up to meetings and question things (GOOD OR BAD) that are going on within OUR town.

The Organizational Meeting is a great opportunity for you to meet the Town Board Members along with many of the members of Planning , Zoning, Grievance, Codes, Clerks, Library, LCC, pretty much everyone who is involved in every aspect of what makes LaFayette run.

All residents are welcome to enjoy a beverage and a snack, witness the swearing in of our Newly Elected Town Board Member, Kerry Evans, and get more familiar with ALL of LaFayette's Town Officials. We are hosting a Summer Picnic theme for our snacks this year. Perfect, right?
6:00PM Organizational Meeting, the Town Board Meeting to follow.

Speaking of transparency in our Town Government, my Granddaughter, Lily thought we should have an "idea box" also known as a suggestion box, which she cleverly made out of paper. Her first "idea" was to have an "idea box" and her 2nd idea is to add a bright star on top of the Town Christmas Tree. My granddaughter, Ellie had her own idea, advising that her Dad was out of Town and saw a 40' wreath that was beautiful. Ellie's idea is for everyone to chip in and get one of those wreaths for LaFayette. Love those girls. So.....if anyone has any questions, comments or ideas for our Town, please feel free to drop them off at the Town Hall, email or send a note to the Supervisor or Town Clerk for consideration.

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.

From the Town Clerk



Meeting	Day	Time	Email	Phone	Fax
Assessor	Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 am - 1:30 pm	lafayetteassessor@cnymail.com	677-3420	677-7806
Building & Zoning Code Enforcement	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm or by appointment	lafayettecodes@cnymail.com	677-5371	677-7806
Town Supervisor	Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 - 7:00 pm or by appointment	lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com ohstrom2999@outlook.com	677-5251	
Planning Board	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM			
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM			
Town Board Meeting	2nd Tuesday of the month	Vouchers at 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm			

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;

lafayetteputytownclerk@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.*

MEETING SCHEDULES

Town Board - 2nd Tuesday of the month; Vouchers at 6:00 PM and Meeting to start at 7:00pm, unless it is a holiday. Special Meetings will be posted on the website, Town Hall bulletin board, the Post Office and Post Standard/Syracuse Media website.

DOG LICENSING - The fees are \$8.00 for Spay/Neutered dogs and \$20.00 for Unspayed/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.

RABIES CLINICS – Onondaga County Health Dept. has not compiled the list of Clinics for 2017. It should be completed soon and we will have it available our next newsletter.

**HERE'S TO A HAPPY ,
HEALTHY, SAFE AND BLESSED
"2017" !!!!**



—Jackie & Kristin

From The Highway Department



Happy 2017 Residents! Here are a few important announcements and dates that will help us as we head through March:

- Please adhere to State, County and Town Laws by not plowing snow across the highway
- No parking on streets, roads and turnaround from November 1st until April 1st. Blocking the highway and turnarounds could prevent snow plows, school buses and emergency vehicles from doing their job.
- Plowing Speeds cannot exceed 25 MPH!
- Christmas Tree Recycling Program: Drop off used Christmas Trees at the Highway Garage (2849 Route 11 North). Look for the Christmas

Tree Sign. All trees are recycled back to residents as free mulch in the spring.



- Brush pick up will start April 1st through April 15th. All brush should be put out at roadside butt end first, nothing longer than 10 feet. Contractors that cut trees are responsible for their removal!

Please drive safe this winter. Leave ample amount of time for travel during snow events. School closings will be posted on our "Highway" Facebook page and the "Town of LaFayette" Facebook page before 6:00 am.



—John Greeley
Highway Superintendent
www.TownofLaFayette.com



Tax Collector Hours:

January

Monday, Wednesday and Friday—1:00—4:00 pm

Tuesday evening—5:00—7:00 pm

February and March

Monday—1:00—4:00 pm

Tuesday evening—5:00—7:00 pm

Mailing address: P.O. Box 193, LaFayette, NY

lafayettetaxcollector@cnymail.com

677-9155 —Kitty Reinhardt



Interested in volunteering for the FISH program, an organization that drives people to doctor appointments ?

This runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers can be a random driver or be scheduled for once a month according to your schedule

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

—Barb Kohberger

Court Corner

Winter driving is upon us!! Please remember to leave plenty of room between you and the driver in front of you. If you don't, you may receive a ticket for following too closely under V&T Law 1129A. This is a 4 point violation with a fine up to \$150.00 and a \$93.00 state surcharge.

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

Our hours are 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-5:00pm Monday-Thursday. We are closed on **Fridays**. Our phone number is (315)677-9350. Our fax number is (315) 677-4622. Court will not be in session on 1/16/17, 2/20/17 & the office will be closed both days in observance of Martin Luther King and Presidents Day. Our DA nights for January and February 2017 will be 1/18/17 at 4pm & 2/22/17 at 4pm. 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. After we schedule your appointment, a confirmation letter will be sent to you.
- District Attorney requests can be mailed to:

LaFayette Town Court
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*



DID YOU KNOW: Failure to reduce your speed for a special hazard, (ex: slippery roads) will result in a ticket under violation 1180E. This violation carries 3 points on your license and the fine could be from \$45.00-\$525.00 with a \$93.00 state surcharge. Please slow down as road conditions can change quickly.



YOU COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE AND SOMEONE ELSE'S.

—Carleen, Debbie & Katey



Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

The LaFayette Varsity baseball team is hosting a spaghetti dinner / silent auction on February 4th at the LaFayette Fire Barn. This dinner / auction is to support a spring training trip to the Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our event will run from 4pm-7pm and the silent auction will follow from 7pm-8pm. You can expect a homerun of a meal featuring pasta, fastballs (meatballs), bread, salad and dessert all served by the finest group of baseball players around. But wait, that's not all...Our silent auction will blow you away like a fastball from our star pitcher. Don't be left out in the cold, come out on February 4th to support a great bunch of players reach their Field of Dreams!

—Greg Long

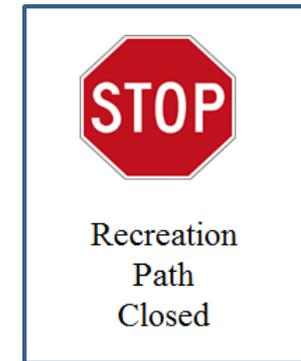
From the Parks Department

In an effort to provide town residents with year round opportunities for outdoor recreation, the town's Parks Department will attempt to clear and maintain a section of the recreation path at Stafford Park again this winter.

As with last year, only the south segment – the section of the recreation path that encircles the playing fields near the concession stand – will be cleared and maintained. This segment of the recreation path 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.

Due to the park bathrooms being closed during the winter, a port-a-potty is available at the south section of the park.

The open/closed status of the recreation path will be communicated to potential users via signage at the park and through social media. Signs indicating whether the path is open or closed will be posted at the entrance to Stafford Park's three parking areas; 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. Signs will also be posted at the entrances to the recreation path from the parking areas. In addition, Facebook will also be used to communicate the status. If you are interested in receiving status updates regarding the recreation path, "like" the Town's Facebook page for notifications. Despite the best efforts of the Parks Department, and due to changing weather conditions, snow and ice may be present on the recreation path. **Please keep in mind that if you choose to use the recreation path, you do so at your own risk.** PLEASE OBSERVE THE SIGNS – DO NOT USE THE PATH WHEN IT IS CLOSED.



Walking in a
WINTER WONDERLAND



<https://www.facebook.com/TownofLaFayetteNY/>

Have a safe and healthy winter.

The LaFayette Parks Department



A TASTE OF CHOCOLATE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11,
1:00–4:00 PM
SWEETS FOR YOUR
SWEETHEART

FULL AND SAMPLE SIZED
CHOCOLATE TREATS FOR SALE
A DELICIOUS FUNDRAISER FOR
LAFAYETTE OUTREACH, INC.



LaFayette Public Library

Thanks to all of you that participated in both our Election Day Bake Sale and our second Barnes & Noble fundraiser. Your support is much appreciated!

There is another way of supporting the library: Do you use Amazon? The next time you go to shop on Amazon, instead of logging on to www.amazon.com go to "Smile.Amazon.com". You then logon to your account as you normally would. The first time you use that portal, you will be asked to choose a charity. They have some national ones featured, or you can choose your own. Type in "LaFayette Public Library" (make sure you choose the one in LaFayette, NY). From then on, anytime you long on to Smile.Amazon.com to shop on Amazon, .5% of your purchases go to the library. So for every \$1,000 spent, we get \$5. And you will be spending the same amount of money as you did before! So remember, Smile.Amazon.com. Thanks!

Imagination Lab is back after taking a holiday break. We will be meeting on Wednesdays 3:30-4:30. The events are posted at the circulation desk, on our webpage and on Facebook

Teen Book Club; Here is the schedule for January:

**The Crowns Game* by Eveyln Skye and *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon – 1/10/2017

*Note: Due to the winter break, both books will be discussed on the same date. The time span between the December and January meeting is 5 weeks.

Just a reminder about our Tuesday Teas which are every month on the third Tuesdays of each month 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. The next one is January 18, 2:00 p.m.

We have a new website – same address but totally redone: www.lafayettelibrary.org. Check it out! Also you can follow us on Facebook and at the Twitter handle: @ [LafayettePublib](https://twitter.com/LafayettePublib).

In addition to the student art that we have on display the Lafayette Library is looking to celebrate

the artists in our community. We would like to display your pieces of art around the Library. Bring your art (paintings, drawing, pottery, etc.) to the library with a name plate. This is an ongoing display. Come visit the library to see the talent of others in the community.

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

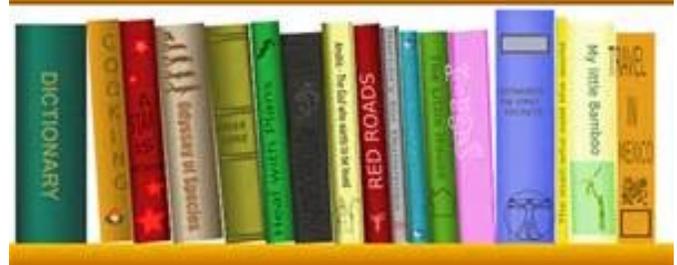
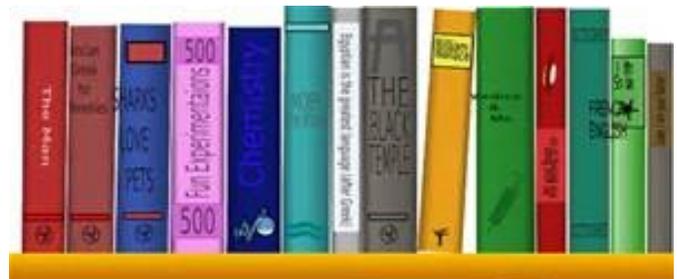
We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

—Scott Kushner



It's story
TIME
@your library™

WEDNESDAY
10:30 AM– 11:30 AM
THURSDAY



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, 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. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY



Current Youth Sports:

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

Wrestling: For boys and girls grades K-6. Practices begin January 4, and will be M-W-F; 6-8 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School's wrestling room (downstairs). Optional matches will be held on Fridays or Saturdays. The season runs through early March.

Volleyball: Program for girls in grades 3-6 will begin soon. Please watch for notices coming home from school or check the LCC website.

If you are interested and able to help out with the basketball, volleyball or wrestling programs, please contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches.

Skiing: Bus transportation and lessons begin Friday, January 6. Cost of transportation from the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School or Grimshaw Elementary School to Song Mountain is \$10 for the six weeks that lessons are provided with ski passes. Riders must be register with LCC prior to January 6. Please note that there will not be transportation or lessons on January 27 due to Song Mountain's Friday Freak Out.

Upcoming Youth Sports:

Basketball: The basketball program for girls and boys in 3rd & 4th grades will begin after the February school break and run through March.

Dates and times for the instructional basketball program for girls and boys in 2nd grade are TBA. Notices 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 March. Flyers will be coming home from school with details for each respective sport.

LCC cannot offer its youth programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Baseball and lacrosse coaches are needed. Please contact LCC at 677-7272 if you are planning to coach this upcoming season. We need to know of your intention to coach so that we can plan accordingly.

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 begins January 3 and

runs through February 9. The cost for this session is \$35. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class. Subsequent sessions are: February 14 – March 23 and March 28 – May 4.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The next session begins January 9 and runs through June 21. Costs for this session are \$63 if attending classes one night per week, and \$126 if attending classes two days per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

Zumba/Aerobics: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School's cafeteria. The current session, which began November 7, runs through March 27. Contact LCC for a pro-rated fee. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class.

Tabata (interval training): Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15-7:15, in the wrestling room at the LaFayette Jr. /Sr. High School. Cost is \$5 per class. Call 677-7272 for additional information.

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

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

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 5, February 2 and March 2. 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.

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 cafeteria entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls. A note book will be provided near the cafeteria entrance for sign-in.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the tree lighting on December 4, 2016.

—Dave Prince

From the LaFayette Optimists

Well, as I write this we have our first taste of winter . There is a chill in the air and snow on the ground. This time of year finds many people spending more and more time indoors. Many of us hibernate so to speak activity wise during these months. Not so your Lafayette Optimist Club.

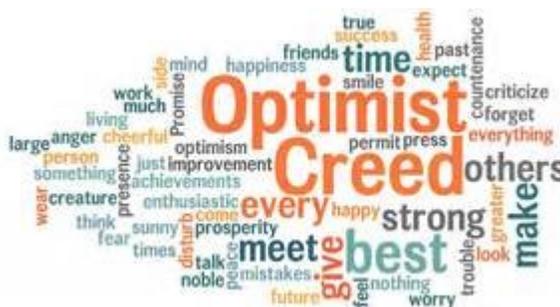
First , we handle many of the town's Christmas decorations...the lighted wreaths and the lights on the tree at the crossroads of Routes 11 and 20. The lights are put on the tree with the help of Michael Grimm's Tree Service who donate their time and effort. Those are LED bulbs on the tree and they should last for years. The urge to get lights that strobe, blink , spell out a message etc. were resisted and we are optimistic that the multiple colors will put a holiday smile on your face but if you want to impart some multicultural meaning to the colors please feel free. It wasn't our intention but we will take credit for it nonetheless.

Second, you might have noticed a few extra benches at Stafford Park which we manage. Our “add a bench” program allows people to make a memoriam to some loved one but still allows us to control what goes where. We have a lot of paved walkway and it will be a long time before we run out of bench spaces. Last year we purchased and put together a bunch of new picnic tables as well. The Optimist Club is always looking for ways to better maintain and expand Stafford Park experience but our efforts as you know are not limited to the park. Two years ago we rebuilt the Lacrosse Box by the Lafayette Beach. We may have more to contribute there . We are also looking at a POSSIBLE project at the Toolon Tigers Fields by the Applefest grounds. Its local, it impacts a lot of kids and their families and it's something we can work on as a group not just write a check. So stay tuned for details in the next newsletter.

Third on the list of our activities is our Third Annual Lafayette Optimist 7th and 8th grade Invitational Basketball Tournament which will be held at the High School on Saturday January 7th 2017. We have had multiple different schools compete and it's a great day for the young and old as well. There may be no better expression of small town life in America than this event. Energetic kids on the court. Passionate but respectful fans in the stands. Friends and families together in a safe clean environment...plus we are helping out local family in need. It doesn't get better than that! Many people donate their time and effort

to make this event a success. We will again look for a local family in need to do an in-tournament fundraiser. Unfortunately we often don't have to look too far to find a neighbor in need. Greg Long was the Optimist who brought this event to fruition and still remains at the helm.

Finally, November saw a change of leadership at the Optimists. We installed a new board of Directors etc. etc. as we do yearly.. Yet another reflection of America....the transition was peaceful and orderly. We inducted new members and transitioned the Board . The outgoing President gave out awards..one of which went deservedly to newish member Kevin Lerch who has stepped up to run our booth at the Lafayette Apple Festival where we sell the fantastic steak sandwich. (Look for a possible breakfast addition to our menu next year not that steak isn't a fabulous breakfast....it's 100 times healthier than those pancakes, donuts etc.) This is our major fundraiser for the year and it takes a lot of planning and actual physical work and there is no better person to be in charge than Mr. Lerch.



Lastly, we close this column by mentioning the very first line of the Optimist Creed. “Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind”.

Obviously we are not talking about physical strength here...its mental strength...the strength to think positive, to stay positive in the face of adversity , to start the day with a positive attitude. You control your peace of mind. Not your boss, not your spouse or your co-workers. It starts and ends with you and your attitude. Not a day goes by that something doesn't go wrong or someone gets upset over something you did or didn't do...you can dwell on it and get sidetracked or you can take it in, process the issue and still remain positive in your attitude and outlook. You too can have this power...You too can be so strong ...and it doesn't take a wad of cash , a special political connection, etc. ..it takes only you ...with a positive, optimistic attitude !



—JT Barry

From the LaFayette Optimists

Congratulations!



The annual LaFayette Optimist Installation Dinner was held November 17th at Orchard Vali Golf Club. Officers were sworn in for the coming year.

Ken Gardiner—President

Vice President—Ed Castleman

Secretary—Joe Barry

Treasurer—Jim Wolfe

Board Members: Jerry Marzo, Frank Gordiner and Kevin Lerch

Special Congratulations to Joe Barry for his outstanding communication skills as secretary of the club. He was awarded the prestigious Optimist of the Year Award. Also congratulations are due for Rookie of the Year, Kevin Lerch for leading the Steak booth at the Apple Festival this year.

Thank you also to outgoing President, Frank Gordiner for his leadership in 2016. Well Done!



THE 3RD ANNUAL LAFAYETTE OPTIMIST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

will be held at the LaFayette Jr/Sr High School on January 7th starting at 9am. Featuring 7th and 8th grade boy's teams from LaFayette, Tully, OCS, Homer and DeRuyter. This no cost tournament benefits local families in need of financial support. Our tournament has raised over \$8000 through food sales, donations and raffles in the past two years thanks to the generosity of tournament supporters. We invite you to come spend a day with us watching great basketball and support a terrific cause.

—Greg Long

FROM LAFAYETTE OUTREACH

A sincere thanks to all the individuals, churches, schools, community groups, and businesses, that generously donated to Lafayette Outreach for the holiday season. We are able to help families because of your support.

thank
you!

United Way reminder. Lafayette Outreach is a designated United Way agency. You can indicate Lafayette Outreach on your pledge card and keep your donation in the community.

Lafayette out reach hours:
Tuesday's 930AM till noon
Thursdays first and third only
5 PM till 6:30 PM
315-677-5221



From Boy Scout Troop 100

Fly like an Eagle... A throwback to the Steve Miller Band, yes, but more importantly, a reality for several local teenagers from Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 100. Currently, three young men are in the final steps of achieving Boy Scouts' highest rank; Eagle Scout.



These three, with the assistance from the other troop members and many parents, are very close to joining their predecessors in this prestigious accomplishment: Gerald R. Ford Jr.; *38th President of the United States*, William C. DeVries, MD; *Transplanted first artificial*

heart, and Neil Armstrong; *First human to set foot on the Moon* are just a few of the many Eagle Scouts throughout the USA.



Pictured: Andrew Hall

But, Lafayette also has an impressive history of Eagle Scouts. Over the past few years, the troop has seen quite a few young men accomplish this honor; Gavin Gretsky (2011), Dan Hughes (2011), Zachary Gretsky (2012), Josh Hall (2013), Zach Thrasher (2015) and Caleb Gretsky (2015).

So, just how does one become an Eagle Scout?

Any boy scout who lives a life based on the principles of scouting, can work toward this honor by



Pictured: Aaron Stroup,
Thomas Farrar, Michael Wais

completing the requirements of 21 Merit badges and proposing a service project to benefit a school, church or the community. Once their project is approved, it is scout's job to organize, develop, and provide leadership to others as well as acquire the necessary materials for their individual project. This is most often done by soliciting monetary or material donations. Then, each candidate needs to supervise others and lead the project from start to finish, before they reach 18 years of age.

We are proud to highlight our current Eagle candidates:

Jacob Schaffer completed a project for his church, the Jamesville Community Church. He repaired patio and completed landscaping at the church, which includes a multi-use green space. **Devon Scott** erected a structure to provide a serene, outdoor reading area for the Lafayette Library.

Andrew Hall landscaped and created a peaceful meditation garden for his church, St. Joseph's Church. Congratulations to all for their accomplishments and hard work!

Eagle Scout is a worthy challenge and the leadership training it provides is another example of Boy Scouts' life-long learning motto. Troop 100 is always on the lookout for new members, whether to achieve Eagle or the experience of any of the other ranks; all are welcome. The troop meets Tuesday nights at the Presbyterian Church. You may also contact Scout Master Kevin Gretsky at gretskyk@aol.com or Brian Kramak, Assistant Scout Master, bkramak@gmail.com for more information.

-submitted by Jean Fetzko

LaFayette Outdoors—



As long as I can remember come winter I had a pair of downhill skis strapped to my feet. I must have been 4 or 5 years old when I did my first face plant trying to go up the hill at Drumlins via the evil tow rope. My older brother impatiently said, “Just grab the rope and don’t let go. I proceeded to grab and go. As soon as my grip tightened, I practically launched out of my ski boots. By the time I reached the top of the hill I lost both skis, a hat and one glove. It was me against the tow rope and I believe it was a draw. I made it to the top for sure and was proud of it; however most of my gear did not.

I ended up figuring it all out and began a long love affair with the challenge of the mountain, the icy wind in my face and the winter beauty and scenery that abounds while skiing. Speaking of snow and fun, I wanted to list a few of the places where we can enjoy the outdoors while snow is flying and accumulating on the ground.

 <p style="text-align: center;">SKIING</p> <p>Song Mountain 1 Song Mountain Road Tully, NY 13159 Phone: 315.696.5711 http://skicny.com/</p> <p>Labrador Mountain 6935 Route 91 Truxton, NY 13158 Phone: 607.842.6204 http://skicny.com/</p> <p>Toggenburg Mountain 1135 Toggenburg Road Fabius, NY 13063 Phone: 315.683.5842 http://www.skitog.com/index.shtml</p> <p>Greek Peak 2000 NY-302 Cortland, NY 13045 Phone: 607.218.8714 http://www.greekpeakmtnresort.com/</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">SNOW SHOING CROSS COUNTRY SKIING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four Seasons Golf & Ski Center (rentals available) Fayetteville - Beaver Lake Nature Center (snow shoe rentals available) Baldwinsville - Highland Forest (rentals available) Fabius - Green Lakes State Park (no rentals) Fayetteville - Oneida Shores Park (no rentals) Fayetteville - Bear Swamp State Park Auburn - Winona Forest Pulaski - Baltimore Woods Nature Center (snowshoe only - rentals available) Marcellus - Montezuma Audubon Center (snow shoe rentals available) Savannah - Great Bear Recreation Area (no rentals) Volney - Osceola Tug Hill Cross Country (rentals available – no snowshoeing) Camden - Sterling Nature Center (snow shoe rentals available) Sterling <p>Rentals are also available at Eastern Mountain Sports at Destiny USA or Fayetteville Towne Center</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">ICE SKATING</p> <p>OUTDOOR Clinton Square Downtown Syracuse</p> <p>INDOOR Meachem Ice Rink Syracuse Sunnycrest Ice Rink Syracuse Cicero Twin Rinks Cicero Lysander Ice Rink Baldwinsville Allyn Ice Arena Skaneateles Tennity Ice Skating Pavilion Syracuse University</p> <p>Rentals are available at all ice skating rinks.</p>
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Tired of winter? Cabin fever setting in? Looking to shed a few pounds? Want to get in shape? Be adventurous! Get out of the house and go make some memories with friends or family. Grab a pair of skis or snow shoes and enjoy the beauty of nature that is all around us during our CNY winters. And don’t forget our Fred Stafford Memorial Park for your winter enjoyment!

Note to Readers: If you happen to come face to face with one of those evil rope tows, don’t forget to let go of the rope should you fall! ;-)

—Craig Giancola

From the LaFayette Apple Festival

It is hard to believe that we just concluded our 44th Annual LaFayette Apple Festival. I would like to take this opportunity, on the behalf of the Board of Directors, to update the community on this year's event.

Despite all the careful preparations and planning, the one factor we can't control is the weather. A very rainy Saturday hurt attendance, but was thankfully followed by a more temperate Sunday.

The Apple Festival Board of Directors takes great pride in our support of local businesses and not-for-profit organizations. Although there has been significant pressure to change our policy, we continue to allow only local, not for profit groups, to sell food at the Apple Festival. We feel strongly that the Apple Festival should continue to be a significant fundraising opportunity for local groups so that they don't have to host as many smaller events throughout the year, but instead can spend their time doing great things for our community.

Each year the Festival donates to several local civic organizations. These donations are sometimes for volunteer service, events we sponsor or assisting with a special project of that organization. So far in 2016 the donations total \$29,898.00! This year the Festival has donated to the following organizations:



- The LaFayette Game Club
- Tully Boy Scout Troop 62
- Pompey Lions Club
- Grimshaw Teachers
- Brady Faith Center
- LaFayette After Prom Party
- LaFayette Lacrosse Booster Club
- LaFayette VFW – Memorial Day Parade
- LaFayette Outreach
- Route 20 Association
- LaFayette Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- LaFayette Boy Scout Troop 100
- Tully FFA
- Tully United Community Church
- LaFayette Varsity Baseball
- Salvation Army
- LaFayette IOOF Lodge
- LaFayette Spanish Club
- Grimshaw Poster Contest
- LaFayette Fire Department
- LaFayette Coaches vs Cancer
- LaFayette Community Council
- LHS Yearbook
- Teen Institute
- Hospice of Central New York
- LaFayette Trail Riders
- LaFayette Big Picture School
- LaFayette Community Day
- Boy Scout Troup 18
- LaFayette Optimist Club
- LaFayette Athletic Booster Club
- Southwest Community Center

We are occasionally asked how much it costs to host the Apple Festival. In 1973 it cost \$3,714.20 to put on the Apple Festival. Today it costs well over \$200,000.00 each year. In addition to the donations above, some of our major expenses include \$42,000.00 for rent of tents, portable bathrooms, and equipment; \$16,000.00 in property taxes; \$2,500.00 for emergency services; \$26,000.00 in insurance, \$5,000.00 for printing signs, flyers, passes, etc.; \$11,000.00 in electricity; and \$5,000.00 for fuel. After the above expenses the balance of our budget is spent each year on upkeep, maintenance and improvement of the buildings and grounds. The bulk of these expenses are fixed regardless of attendance so we also maintain a reserve account to support the next Festival in years like this with inclement weather.

The Festival is not sponsored by any entity nor do we receive any funding or support from Federal, State or Local governments. The total sum of Festival financial responsibilities is met solely from the revenue generated from the two day event and the rent we receive from the house on the property, storage income for cars and boats, and facility rental fees from weddings, graduation parties, fundraisers, etc.

Since 1973, the Board of Directors has had three main goals: to promote LaFayette; to support our local civic organizations and; to provide financial security for future festivals. The Apple Festival is proof of what great things can be accomplished when a community joins together and works toward a common goal.

We look forward to seeing you next year on Columbus Day weekend, October 7th and 8th, 2017.

Dave Knapp
LaFayette Apple Festival Board of Directors

LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00—9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:00—9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
9:30—10:30 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am— 12:00 pm	Blended Contemporary Worship Service
6:00 pm	Interactive Bible Study/Youth Group

A Christ-Centered Bible Teaching Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

David Booher, Youth Pastor

JOY ("Just Older Youth") Luncheon

A great time of food, fellowship, and a different guest speaker held immediately after our 2nd worship service the second Sunday of every month. All senior age adults are welcome!

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 for more info or sign up for weekly email updates: www.lafayettealliance.org You can listen to Pastor Rob's messages, and find out even more details about our various programs.

Columbian Presbyterian Church



Pastor Shawn Reyburn

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

(315) 677-3293

Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com

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Worship Service 11:00am



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For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com or follow us on

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Beginning January 8 Worship Service moves to 10:00 am

Men's Breakfasts	6:00—7:00 am	Mondays Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6
Women's Breakfasts NEW!!!!	7:00 –8:00 am	Monday Jan 2
Youth Breakfasts	7:00 am—8:00 am	Fridays Jan 27, Feb 17, Mar 31
God's Girlz—Grades 3-7—crafts, snacks, and sharing for girls; Theme—"World Travelers"	2:30 pm	Tuesdays Jan 10, Jan 24, Feb 7, Mar 7, Mar 21
Lenten Soup and Bread Series	6:30 pm	Begins on Ash Wednesday
A Taste of Chocolate—Sweets for your sweet-heart! Full and sample sized chocolate treats for sale. A fundraiser for LaFayette Outreach	1:00—4:00 pm	Saturday, February 11
Chicken & Biscuit Supper—\$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, children 5 and under eat free	4:00—7:00 pm	Tuesday, March 21

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
January 7	LaFayette Optimist Basketball Tournament	LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School	9:00 am
January 10	Organizational Meeting	LaFayette Commons	5:00—6:00 refreshments; meeting to follow
February 4	Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction	LaFayette Fire Dept.	7:00 pm
February 11	A Taste of Chocolate	Columbian Presbyterian Church	1:00—4:00 pm
February 14	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm
March 14	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm
March 21	Chicken & Biscuit Dinner	Columbian Presbyterian Church	4:00—7:00 pm

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