



LaFayette

Community Newsletter

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From the Supervisor: Thank You

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Let me start with a big THANK YOU for the opportunity to be our Town Supervisor. I look forward to working with everyone to continue making

LaFayette a great place to live and work. Another thank you to past and present board members, elected officials, town employees, and community organizations for their ongoing support since I joined the board in 2010.

One more thank you extends to Bill McConnell for his leadership and dedication to our LaFayette community. His passion and vision resulted in numerous improvements to our planning, communication, funding, facilities, and budgeting. I would also like to personally thank Bill for providing me with guidance, knowledge and inspiration that truly demonstrated what an exceptional public servant is.

Looking ahead – 2016

I would like to encourage you to come to the annual organization meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 5:00pm at the Town office. At this meeting besides eating well, we will appoint the entire Town Team to their respective positions and committee assignments. This team consists of over 60 people that are absolutely critical in delivering the important services our town provides. If you are interested in serving our community in any capacity, please don't hesitate to contact me – let's talk.

A new theme for 2016 will be, "Open for Business - Town Hall Tuesday Nights." After re-arranging, adding, and continuing several schedules, we have a new monthly schedule. The new schedule supports a theme of a one

stop shop for all your town needs. We realize many people have busy daytime schedules and evenings may offer the best option to access our services. Here is our preliminary schedule:

1st Tuesday of the Month

- Town Clerk 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Town Supervisor 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- Codes 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Safety / Risk and Facility Management Committee 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- LCC 6:00 to 6:30 pm

2nd Tuesday of the Month

- Town Board 6:00pm to 7:00pm Voucher Review
- Town Board 7:00pm General Communication Meeting
- Town Clerk 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Codes 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- LCC 6:00 to 6:30pm

3rd Tuesday of the Month

- Planning Board 7:00pm
- Town Clerk 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Codes 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Town Supervisor 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- LCC 6:00 to 6:30 pm

4th Tuesday of the Month

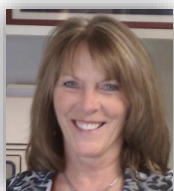
- Zoning Board 7:00pm
- Town Clerk 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Codes 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Town Supervisor 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- LCC 6:00 to 6:30pm

Thanks to all those involved who will make our Open for Business Tuesday Nights a success.

PS... The Library is also open until 8:00 every Tuesday Night – check it out.

—Andy Ohstrom
Town Supervisor

From the Town Clerks



We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and were able to spend some time with the people you love the most.

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.

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

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM – 4 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;

lafayettedputytownclerk@cnymail.com

Offices closed on all federal holidays

Assessor (677-3420, fax 677-7806) Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM. lafayetteassessor@cnymail.com

Building and Zoning Code Enforcement (677-5371, fax 677-7806) Tuesday 6 PM-7 PM or by appointment.
lafayettecodes@cnymail.com

Tax Collector (677-9155, fax 677-7806) Mail Property Tax payments to Kitty Reinhardt at PO Box 193, LaFayette, NY 13084 or in person at the Town Hall.
lafayettetaxcollector@cnymail.com

January : Monday Wednesday & Friday 1-4 PM,
Tuesday 5 PM - 7 PM

February/March: Monday 1 PM - 4 PM; Tuesdays 5 PM - 7 PM

Town Supervisor (677-5251) Tuesday Evenings 5:30 – 7:00 pm or by Appointment.
lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com

LaFAYETTE JUSTICE COURT HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM. (Closed Fridays)
(Closed lunchtime 12:30-1:30PM).

Email: tolcourt1@aol.com

677-9350, fax 677-4622

Town Court - Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM.

Justices: Maureen Perrin and Adrian W. Shute

PO Box 135, LaFayette, NY 13084. Email:

tolcourt1@aol.com

District Attorney Nights - 3rd Monday, 6:00 PM

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.

RABIES CLINICS – Onondaga County Health Dept. has not compiled the list of Clinics for 2016. It should be completed soon and we will have it available in our next newsletter.

As we begin this New Year, we want to thank Bill McConnell for his passionate, and successful commitment to LaFayette as Town Councilor and Supervisor. We appreciate the numerous accomplishments you have achieved in your 12 years of dedicated service. We also welcome our newly elected Town Supervisor Andy Ohstrom. We look forward to working with him and anticipate more good things in LaFayette under his leadership.



HERE'S TO A HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE AND BLESSED "2016"!!!

—Jackie Bush Roorda—Town Clerk
—Kristin Colburn—Deputy Town Clerk

From the Highway Superintendent



Hello LaFayette Residents -

What a difference a year makes. Last year by December we had 13 inches of snow on the ground already , but don't worry skiers and snowmobilers ; it's just around the corner. The warm December temperatures

and lack of snow is a direct result of El Nino. Saying that , it has allowed the Highway Department to perform more work out doors such as ditching and building a small dome for our sand/salt spoils (see photo). The plow trucks are ready to go!

During winter months we shift our focus on maintaining safe roads so School buses and our residents can travel Town roads safely.

We ask our residents to please adhere to State – County – Town Laws:

1. No parking on streets or roads from November 1st through April 1st. This includes dead ends and turn - arounds as it makes it difficult for School buses and Emergency vehicles to turn – around.
2. State Law prohibits plowing snow across State – County – Town Roads
3. Plowing speeds do not exceed 25 mph so please be patient as our drivers clear the roads.

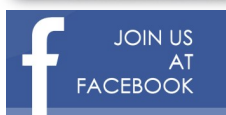
For up to date weather conditions and events that directly impact the Town , check out the LaFayette Highway Department Facebook page:

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

Christmas Tree Drop – off:

Our Highway Department will be accepting Christmas trees from now until February 1st. Drop – off will be to the rear of the Highway building past fueling facility. (Look for sign) Please no brush- 2849 Route 11 North

Have a Safe winter and enjoyable Winter Season!



—John Greeley
Highway Superintendent



The Town of LaFayette **Cordially invites you to join us for the** **2016 Organizational Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016

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 or lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnyemail.com

No later than Thursday, January 7th.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Complete Town Directory and Community Volunteer Directory can be found on the home page or at the following links:
 2016 Town Directory: http://www.townoflafayette.com/uploads/2/5/1/4/25140650/copy_of_2016_tol_directory.xls.pdf
 2016 Community Volunteer Directory:
http://www.townoflafayette.com/uploads/2/5/1/4/25140650/copy_of_2016_community_volunteer_directory.xls.pdf

Town of LaFayette Directory 2016			Website: www.townoflafayette.com		
Office	Official	Office/Home Phone	Alt. Phone	Fax #	Email
Supervisor's Office	PO BOX 193	LaFayette, NY 13084			
Supervisor	Andrew Ohstrom	(315) 498-9377	(315) 569-2999	(315) 677-7806	lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com
Deputy	Doug Daniel	(315) 677-9353	(315) 382-8694	(315) 677-7806	cnydaniel68@yahoo.com
Secretary	Jackie Bush Roorda	(315) 677-3674		(315) 677-8006	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
Bookkeeper	Tom Chartrand	(315) 677-5149		(315) 677-7212	thomas@a-znet.com
Town Board	PO BOX 193	LaFayette, NY 13084	MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 7pm		
Supervisor	Andrew Ohstrom	(315) 498-9377	(315) 569-2999	(315) 677-7806	lafayettesupervisor@cnymail.com
Councilor	Steve Zajac		(315) 727-5883	(315) 677-7806	szajac1@twcnv.rr.com
Councilor	Melanie Palmer	(315) 677-3674	(315) 436-3544		mjp6331@gmail.com
Councilor	Doug Daniel	(315) 677-9353	(315) 382-8694	(315) 677-7806	cnydaniel68@yahoo.com
Councilor					
Assessor	PO BOX 193	LaFayette, NY 13084	Hours: Tues, Wed. & Thurs. 8:30 am - 1:30 pm		
Chair	Shawn Adam	(315) 677-3420		(315) 677-7806	lafayetteassessor@cnymail.com
Assessment Grievance Board of Review			MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF MAY @ 7 pm		
Chair	N.F. "Pete" Paul		(315) 706-4983		npaul1@twcnv.rr.com
Member	Richard Stach	(315) 443-1502	(315) 307-5216	(315) 443-3208	gvw@yahoo.com
Member	Bettye Knapp				
Member	Gregory Titus	(315) 469-6681	(315) 569-9328		gregtitus@hotmail.com
Member	Jim Keefe				
Code Enforcement/Building Inspector			HOURS: TUESDAYS 6PM-7PM OR BY APPOINTMENT		
CEO/BI	Ralph Lamson	(315) 677-5371		677-7806	lafayettecodes@yahoo.com
Deputy CEO/BI	Nick Kirby	(315) 677-5371		677-7806	nkirby05@gmail.com
Constable	Harrison Homer	(315) 492-2433			
Dog Control					
Officer	Ken Johnson	(315) 263-1000		(315) 677-7806	youneedaroof@yahoo.com
Deputy	Mike Johnson	(315) 663-6378		(315) 677-7806	
Facilities Usage: Community Center, Stafford Park Pavillion			CALL FOR AVAILABILITY		
Scheduler	Jackie Bush Roorda	(315) 677-3674		(315) 677-7806	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
Scheduler	Kristin Shute Colburn	(315) 677-3674		(315) 677-7806	lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnymail.com
Highway Department	PO Box 209, LaFayette NY 13084				
Superintendent	John Greeley	(315) 677-9535	(315) 559-3627	(315) 677-3239	johnlafhighway@yahoo.com
Deputy Superintendent	Steve Robson	(315) 677-9535	(315) 952-6063	(315) 677-3239	stevlafhighway@yahoo.com
Justice Department	LaFayette Town Court 2577 US Route 11, PO Box 135, LaFayette NY 13084		COURT - WEDNESDAY @ 6 PM		
Justice	Adrian Shute	(315) 677-9350		(315) 677-4622	
Justice	Maureen Perrin	(315) 677-9350		(315) 677-4622	
Court Clerk	Carlene LaRonde	(315) 677-9350		(315) 677-4622	Tolcourt1@aol.com
Deputy Court Clerk	Debbie Phinney	(315) 677-9350		(315) 677-4622	tolcourtdp@gmail.com
Deputy Court Clerk	Katey Romancik	(315) 677-9350		(315) 677-4622	kate4roman@gmail.com
Tax Collector	PO Box 193 LaFayette NY 13084	(315)677-9155			
Collector	Kitty Rienhardt	(315) 677-9155	(315) 677-0119	(315) 677-7806	kitty22@twcnv.rr.com
Deputy Collector	Jackie Bush Roorda	(315) 677-3674		(315) 677-7806	lafayettetownclerk@cnymail.com
Town Clerk	PO Box 193 LaFayette NY 13084		Mon, Wed, Thurs 9 am - 4 pm & Tues. 9 am - 7 pm		
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Our network of small businesses supporting the buy local initiative is growing. In many communities, support for small business and buying local are increasing in momentum. Buying local strengthens the economic base of the community. Where we shop, where we eat and have fun—all of it makes our community home. Invest in the LaFayette community!

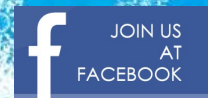
If you are a LaFayette based business, please sign up to be included as a resource for LaFayette to buy local!

<http://www.townoflafayette.com/business-network-application.html>

—Sue Marzo

Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Web Address	Email	Category
Adams Eden Camp	4812 Cook Rd.	LaFayette	13084	677-5121	www.adamsedencamp.com	info@adamsedencamp.com	Other
Bush Crane & Aerial Lift Services	5600 Shute Rd.	LaFayette	13084	882-0557	www.bushcrane.com	rebeckakoontz@bushcrane.com	Other
Caz Travel	4087 LaFayette Rd.	Jamesville	13078	466-4983	www.caztravel.com	mmcintyre@caztravel.com	Travel
Double C Ag Trucking LLC	6181 US Route 20	LaFayette	13084	575-3004		cale4020@gmail.com	Trucking
JG Lawn & Snow	1261 Apulia Rd.	LaFayette	13084	727-9536	www.jglawnsnow.com	jglawnsnow@gmail.com	Gardening/ Landscape/ Snow
LaFayette Chiropractic PLLC	2471 Route 11	LaFayette	13084	677-0107		donnacoty@gmail.com	Chiropractic
LaFayette Computer Service	2944 Route 11	LaFayette		476-4025		sbbn@aol.com	Computer Services
LaFayette Dental Associates	2509 US Route 11	LaFayette	13084	677-3113	www.lafayettedentalassociates.com	smiles@lafayettedentalassociates.com	Dentistry
LaFayette Dry Cleaners	2507 US Route 11	LaFayette	13084	677-9525			Other
LaFayette Family Optometry	6157 US Rt. 20	LaFayette	13084	677-3193	www.lafayettefamilyoptometry.com	cnyisight@twcny.rr.com	Optometry
LaFayette Kennels	3033 US Route 11	LaFayette	13084	677-7297	www.lafayettekennels.com	woof@lafayettekennels.com	Animal Care
LaFayette Veterinary Clinic	2468 US Route 11	LaFayette	13084	677-3838	www.lafayetteveterinaryclinic.com	lafayettevet@centralny.twcnc.com	Animal Care
M and T Bank	US Rt. 11	LaFayette	13084	677-3116	www.mtb.com	ejbishop@mtb.com	Banking
Maureen A. Perrin P.C.	6006 Route 20	LaFayette	13084	677-3117		m_perrin@verizon.net	Legal
McDonald's	4961 US Rt. 20	LaFayette	13084	682-2371		jdKent001@yahoo.com	Restaurant
Motive Cosmetics	3215 Groth Rd.	LaFayette	13084	415-9279	www.motivescosmetics.com/connie		Health & Beauty
Ron Bush Oil	6046 Rt. 20	LaFayette	13084	677-9746	www.ronbushoil.com	rbushoil@twcny.rr.com	Heating
Shutes Water Systems	5684 Route 20	LaFayette	13084	677-5552		shuteswater@verizon.net	Water/well drilling
TCP Contracting		LaFayette	13084	569-4309		tcpcontracting315@gmail.com	Home Improvement
Vision Air - Aerial Videography	5897 Sugar Bush Drive	Tully	13159	778-0402		quad.air888@gmail.com	Photography
Your Web Connections	3215 Groth Rd.	LaFayette	13084	427-9279	www.yourwebconnections.com	dana@yourwebconnections.com	Computer Services

If you haven't yet liked the Town of LaFayette on facebook and twitter you are missing out on real time information. Follow us today!



From The Parks Department

We welcome this newest addition to Stafford Park! Many of you took advantage of the mild November temperatures and tried it out. We look forward to spring so more of the LaFayette Community can utilize this wellness activity. Here is a short summary...

The LaFayette Town Board, working through Thoma Group, applied for and received a Community Development grant for park improvements in the form of an exercise circuit. I was assigned to be the contact person to see the grant through. Much of the early process involved site location and approval, and choosing the equipment type.

The lengthy mid-section of the work included environmental reviews, and waiting (and waiting) for approval at the county and federal levels. The last segment moved quickly with site preparation and installation. The paper trail for the grant from the December 2013 awarding of the funds, to the November 2015 completion, is on file at the town offices should you wish to review.

So many people helped make this happen and thanks are in order. Tom Kurtz, Alfred Klaiber and Art Gabriel did all the site work including drainage, concrete pad preparations and grading. The site will be dryer and it looks fabulous. John Greeley and Steve Robson expertly answered the environmental review questions for the permits, had to obtain the materials pricing estimates and submit financial reports. This was an incredible amount of work, special thanks to them. Thank you to the members of the Optimist's Club that installed the equipment including Jerry Marzo for leading. Thank you to Community Council for their monetary donation and to Watson's for their involvement and support. And of course Tom Chartrand for making sure I handled the entire process correctly. I thank the town board for the opportunity to oversee the project and am pleased I was able to see it through before my position ended. So enjoy it, use it and be sure to thank the highway guys when you see them.



OPTIMIST WORK TEAM



The equipment is called Energi Prime. View this you tube video to introduce yourself to the equipment <https://www.youtube.com/user/ENERGIFitness>

Use your smart phone and have your own personal tutorial! Watch for notices of a grand opening and "how-to" tour this spring. This is a wonderful addition to Stafford Park and the LaFayette Community. May you enjoy continued good health and happiness in 2016 and beyond.

—Regina Reinschmidt, Recreation Coordinator

Stafford Park Recreation Path Winter Rules

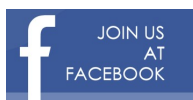
In an effort to provide town residents with year round opportunities for outdoor recreation, the town's Parks Department will attempt to clear and maintain a section of the recreation path at Stafford Park again this winter.

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.

GO

Recreation
Path
Open

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.



Facebook will be used to communicate the status. If you are interested in receiving status updates regarding the recreation path, like the Town's Facebook 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.

Have a safe and healthy winter.

—Dave Prince



The LaFayette Optimist Club is proud to host the second Optimist Basketball Tournament for 7th and 8th grade boys

Date: Saturday, January 9

Time: 9:00 am

Location: LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School



We invite the entire community to come out and support our local athletes as they take on teams from OCS, DeRuyter and Marcellus. This is a free event with all proceeds from the sale of refreshments going to a local family in need of assistance. Through your generous support at our inaugural tournament we were able to raise over \$4,000. We hope to see you there.

LaFayette Public Library

Imagination Lab events for January and February do not require registration but it is appreciated so we know how many to prepare for:

January:

- 6th: Salt and Ice Experiments
- 13th: Symphoria Program - String Instruments
- 20th: Lego Free Play
- 27th: DIY Spool Knitting

February:

- 3rd: Candy Heart Experiments
- 10th: Valentine's Day Cards
- 17th: Lego Free Play
- 24th: Mini Marshmallow Shooters

We have an ongoing teen book club that meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays. The books scheduled for January:

- "A Night Divided" by Jennifer Nielson 1/5
- "Stardust" by Neil Gaimen 1/12
- "Jepp, who defied the Stars" by Katherine Marsh 1/19 & 1/26

Hope you can join us!

In collaboration with the LaFayette Big Picture School, we had a very successful pumpkin toss, with a catapult designed by the students. Look forward to more innovative programs.

We had our second successful Tuesday afternoon in December. The teas are every 2nd Tuesday of the month: 2-4:00. Tea/coffee and cookies. Bring your book club, or your knitting, or a good book and relax in our newly renovated library.


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

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

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

Connect with us at: <http://lafayettelibrary.org/>

—Scott Kushner



It's story

TIME

@your library™

Wednesday

10:30 am– 11:30 am

Thursday 6:30—7:30



Court Corner

Winter weather, along with bad driving conditions, is upon us. Please be mindful of the road conditions and other drivers around you. We all want to get to our destinations safely. **Please don't drink and drive!!!! Use a designated driver or call a taxi if you are out and drinking.**

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. Our office and court will be closed 12/23/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15 & 1/1/16, 1/18/15 & 2/15/16.

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 6:00pm. 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: New York State has a mandatory surcharge amount on most tickets totaling \$93.00 for each ticket. The surcharge on most equipment violations is \$63.00. **We have received many questions regarding this added amount on the tickets and we wanted to clarify the surcharge is mandatory and assessed by the state and not the court.**



—Carleen, Debbie & Katey

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF
ODD FELLOWS



UNCAS LODGE #161
LAFAYETTE, NEW YORK

Uncas Lodge #161, IOOF, Odd Fellows, located in LaFayette, has completed a particularly active year having taken in nine more new members, with average age of 30.

This brings us to 25 members, unprecedented in today's world. These young members are using "social media" to communicate with Brother's worldwide. The Grand Lodge of Europe has about 93,000 members in nine countries and new lodges are being formed in four more nations. Odd Fellows existed in Iron Curtain countries, but were kept secret. The order has fewer than 60,000 members in North America, being quite strong in English speaking Canada but almost completely extinct in some of the US states.

The purpose of the lodge is to form comradely, visit the sick, take care of widows and children and educate the orphans based on Friendship, Truth and Love.

Uncas Lodge raised and gave away \$1,500.00 to several worthwhile charities this year and a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating LaFayette senior.

For the first time in our 164 years of continued operation in LaFayette, Uncas Lodge has had one of the brothers chosen to hold office in the Grand Lodge of NY. He is Chad Willson of LaFayette and is the Grand Chaplain for this term.

The lodge meets on the second and forth Thursdays each month and is always eager to for new members, especially from the LaFayette area to join with us. Uncas Lodge is the last lodge left in Onondaga County and its' doors have never closed in 164 years, but close at times.

The lodge, from time to time, has "open" meetings to showcase the lodge and members and the good works. District Deputy Willson is glad to give more information at 399-6145.

Brother Roy Dodge has written a booklet years ago on Odd Fellowship in Onondaga Country. A booklet on Odd Fellowship in Onondaga Country in PDF form is available. Contact Jim Moltion at sbbn@aol.com and he will forward the file to you. Very interesting history!

—Thad Jackson, Noble Grand

From the LaFayette Optimists

Happy New Year from the LaFayette Optimists to the entire community. With the support of the town we decorated the town center with the lighted wreaths and the lighted evergreen and the Manger scene. The lights on the evergreen were brand new and consist of 1500 LED bulbs and 1500 feet of wiring! That's 5 football fields length of wires to string. Michael Grimm's Tree Service very generously donated the men and equipment to get the job done right !

In Christmas seasons past, the Lafayette Optimists have sponsored the Winterfest. This was usually held in the latter part of January. Well, between the vagaries of the weather and other activities attendance has fallen off in recent years so WINTERFEST IS NO MORE. We thank very much all who attended and contributed to prior years including all the local merchants that provided items for the raffle.

You know us Optimists... we don't look at this as a problem or a failure ...rather it's an opportunity to try something else. We began a new event in LaFayette last year and it was such a great event with such a great turnout that we are planning to do it yearly. This year is the Second Annual Lafayette Optimists 7-8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament. This has Optimists written all over it. It's for the kids...lots of kids as we have hosted teams from Tully, OCS, Fabius, and Marcellus. It's local ...so we can see the results of our efforts and have control of the activity..AND its a charity event as we raised money for a local family in need. That's an Optimist Trifecta.!

This year the Tournament will be Saturday Jan 9th at the High School. It will again involve the 7th and 8th graders. You don't have to have a player in the game to come and watch. You see a lot of attitude both good and bad at times with professional athletes and even at the college

level. Watching these youngsters race up and down the court all you see is effort and concentration. We will again be doing some raffles to again contribute to a worthy cause. Food and drinks will be available and yes the yellow cheezy wheezy stuff will once again be available to top the Nachos. This tournament was suggested by , set up by, and run by Optimist Greg Long with contributions made by lots of members and friends but he championed this event and a champion he is !

Another line from the Optimist Creed is to promise yourself..To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. If only we could inculcate our youth with this idea, what a world they could mold for themselves. Isn't it better to tell a kid ...in this great country of ours "the sky is really the limit..follow your dreams"...rather than ..."you'll never make much of yourself". You don't have to settle for "OK". The great Les Brown has a saying..."Shoot for the Moon..because even if you miss ...you'll land among the stars !" Of course just expecting the best doesn't work...you have to work for it but why not work for the best not just work to get the job done. To think only of the best will train your mind to eliminate the negative thinking that holds so many people back from their best. Oh you don't think negative thinking really affects you? Why then do most heart attacks occur on Monday...the day people return to their job stresses. What you think affects what you do and what happens to you. The world will provide plenty of challenges and discouragements...why not arm yourself with the best protection available at any price.....an Optimistic Attitude.



Follow up on Facebook



—Joe Barry

LaFayette Optimists Give Back with your help

Traditionally the Optimist Club through its WinterFest earnings and generous donations by local businesses and individuals has supported the LaFayette Outreach Program. Unfortunately, after many years of wonderful memories and experiences it seems our WinterFest program has run its course. However, we would like to continue to support the children of LaFayette Outreach and are asking for your donations and support which we will collect and provide directly to the LaFayette Outreach. As always, the Optimist Club

will make an appropriate donation as well. Please continue this worthy fund raiser. Donations can be sent to

Lafayette Optimist Outreach donations

6440 Newell Hill Rd
LaFayette N.Y. 13084

Checks payable to: Lafayette Outreach Program

—Tim Bice

From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities can be left on the Community Council phone, 677-7272. Messages will be retrieved regularly and an LCC board member will return your call. You may also contact any current board member immediately as follows: President Julie Clarke 559-5826, Vice President Adrian Shute, 727-8012, Treasurer David Prince 430-5995, Secretary Ellen Tapley-Ryan, 439-9224. Andy Ohstrom is the town liaison to the board, 569-2999. Visit www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html to find information on programs. Community Council's information station is at the town offices—enter the front door and to your immediate right is the display. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084

Ongoing...

Basketball 5th and 6th grade programs are ready to begin their games Sat Jan 9th. The 2nd grade program begins Monday, January 4th from 6-7pm at Grimshaw. 3rd and 4th graders will be held after February recess. Watch for flyers from school.

Wrestling Will begin Tuesday, Jan 5th, 6-7:30pm at the high school in the downstairs wrestling room. Practices are Tues/Thurs with optional Fri or Sat matches starting soon. 1st-6th graders

Skiing The bus and lessons begin Friday, Jan 8th. If you are registered and have questions, please call our main advisor Wendy Moltion 345-7904. The Friday night pass may still be purchased for \$95, Jan 1st through Jan 8th but you must go directly to Song to complete the form and pay in person at their office. Season's pass price deals have expired.

Hallwalking If you can't walk outdoors, take advantage of the school halls to work off those holiday extras! Grimshaw, Mon-Fri, 5-8pm, enter by cafeteria and sign in the book. Dry shoes only!

Past programs/thankyou's...

Volleyball What a great season! We had a record number of girls (47) participate in our 3rd-6th grade programs. Thanks to our dedicated coaches: Simone Thornton, MacKenzie McElhannon and Nicole Rogers. *Note-we welcome and thank Nicole, new to the area, she just wanted to get involved!* Thank you all for volunteering. **Don't forget volleyball plays a March session too.**

Gary Olrich and family LCC would like to thank Gary Olrich for 20 years of donating his services. Gary has winterized the water at the concession stand each fall and turned it back on every spring, plus many repairs in between. He did this all as a volunteer, due to his dedication to LCC's youth programs. We appreciate your time and we wish you the best in the future.

Adults...

Zumba First session will finish Jan 27th, walk in's welcome, \$4. Winter/spring session runs Feb 3 through June 22nd, costs \$50. Meets Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm, Grimshaw cafeteria. Please send session checks by Feb 1st to LCC. Instructor: Tina Knapp

R.I.P.P.E.D- Tabata based exercise First session ends Jan 28th, walk in's welcome, \$4. No class in February. Spring session runs March 3rd through April 21st costs \$25. Meets Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm, Grimshaw cafeteria. Please send session checks by Feb 29th to LCC. Instructor: Marie Thornton

Yoga New session begins Monday January 11th and ends June 20th. Meets Mon and Wed, Grimshaw café or 1st classroom on left, 6:30-7:45pm. Cost for one night/week is \$58, or do both for \$110. Walk-in's accepted, but session payment preferred. Mail to LCC by January 5th. Instructor: Kate Farrar

Senior/daytime exercise is steadily growing in numbers! Come join the group to stretch, move, breathe, tone. Ongoing 6-week sessions beginning Tues Jan 5th. Meets Tues, Wed and Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am at Community Center, costs \$35 or \$4 walk in. Make checks payable to LCC, but you may turn them in to the instructor: Kathy Greeley

Men's Basketball Meets Mondays, 7-9pm at Grimshaw gym, new players welcome. Thanks to Joe Greco and Mark Dadey for overseeing sign in sheets, donations and equipment. Program will run until April 18th. Begins each fall the Monday after Columbus Day.

Upcoming...Baseball and Lacrosse Signups are typically in early to mid March. The exact date is TBD, so watch for info forthcoming. This will be for AVL, ULA and instructional lacrosse programs.

THE TOWN OF LAFAYETTE would like to thank Regina Reinschmidt for her 20 years of service dedicated to youth sports representing the community council
We wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors



LaFayette, NY: a Farming Community; Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!

Our Town's roots are steeped within the rich traditions of farming. From LaFayette's official origins of 1825 and throughout the past 190 years, farming has enriched our community and transported our products throughout the Region and New York State.

Yesterday's farms were primarily small dairy farms dotting every corner of our Town. They primarily consisted of 15 – 50 head of Holstein cows producing large volumes of milk that was transported from the former Onatavia Creamery via the railroad to the Syracuse area milk processing centers.

Today the vast majority of those small family farms have been absorbed by larger farms because of two primary reasons:

1. Family heirs decided to pursue other jobs and professions outside of farming.
2. The Cost of doing business in the milk industry.

Today's milk production in the Town is done by four farms: two who reside in the Town and two who live outside of the Town but own large areas of farm land within the Town.

Farm operations have changed over the past twenty years with the primary change being the size of the herd that is utilized to produce **America's staple, MILK**. With the size of the herd comes a different method of utilizing the waste product of manure. Manure is still utilized as a fertilizer on freshly cut fields but it is applied as a liquid manure.

Liquid manure now brings the challenge of coexisting as neighbors due to the immediate and many times overwhelming odor when it is initially spread. Plus, it must be regulated in order to not taint the land or the supply of underground water or surface water.

Residents (non-farmers) and farms both have **Rights**. You as a resident have the right to protect your property and your water sources. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation oversees a Farm Plan for compliance. During September 2015, liquid manure that was spread over farm field on Webb Road were in **Compliance** however due to heavy rain and a choice to not plow the manure into the ground after it was applied caused an incident that resulted in manure runoff from sub surface



water. NYS DEC is now engaged with the appropriate farm to not only curb this incident from occurring once again but, to also levy a fine.

Our farmers do have **Rights** that are covered under the New York State Agriculture and Markets division and the Town of LaFayette's Right to Farm Ordinance. Their rights ensure that they are allowed to pursue their right the farm in the prescribed agricultural districts and agricultural lands that are defined within the Town.

There are three areas that we believe must be addressed in order to sustain our farming heritage while also coexisting within our current zoning ordinances, they are;

1. **Rights:** The Rights of our residents and of our farmers to be upheld and understood.
2. **Balance:** Finding the right methods to apply liquid manure and other practices that ensure our residents are minimally affected. To work together to find the Balance to Co-Exist in our farm community.
3. **Compliance:** To ensure that all that work and live in LaFayette are in compliance with Town, County, and State statutes.

The Town has been engaged on all three of these areas and will continue to be involved. We will continue to communicate during each newsletter on farming development issues and the impact on our community. Thank you for reading this!

Town of LaFayette Agricultural Committee,

—Melanie Palmer

—Bill McConnell

LaFayette Outdoors—After the Climate Conference

Following the recent climate conference in early December, I was left with the feeling that not even the delegates believed in attaining their target dates for decreasing greenhouse gases since their previous targets set in the meetings of 1992 (Rio Janeiro), 1997 (Kyoto) and 2009 (Copenhagen) will be missed, even as the rate of greenhouse gas emissions have increased worldwide. Clearly, the conference became quite political, with delegate pronouncements made primarily for home consumption. The conference was also used as a forum by third world leaders to demand “reparation” payments from rich countries like America to “atone” for past greenhouse gas production.



The big question is: “What practical solutions are there to reduce human produced greenhouse gases contributing to global warming.” This space is too small to answer the question adequately, but it is instructive to briefly look at experiences of countries like Germany producing 35% of its energy needs from renewables, and Denmark where energy management to reduce greenhouse gases has long been attempted. Keep in mind that all nations collectively have a long way to go since currently only 7% of the world’s primary energy needs are met by “green” sources like wind, solar, hydroelectric and nuclear power. The major sources worldwide are still “dirty”, namely coal (31%), oil (31%) and natural gas (31%). China alone accounted for two thirds of the world’s increase in greenhouse gas emissions since 2000.



The fundamental problem with each of the “clean” energy sources is the following: (1) wind turbines do not generate electrical energy when the wind stops; (2) ditto with solar panels at night or when the sun is obscured; (3) as hydroelectric power depends on gravity, it is minimized in areas like our Great Plains states or during droughts, and (4) spent nuclear fuels are hazardous and must be safely stored. Because of these drawbacks, coal, oil and gas energy plants have to be maintained as standbys, which means that the whole system is more costly. Governments solve these higher costs by increasing taxes on all energy. Hence, the Danes now pay electrical tariffs 7 times the wholesale cost of “dirty” energy. Also, since they have a choice, Danes are switching from electrical power back to gas for cooking. Danes do derive 44% of their energy needs from green sources but when the wind stops blowing in Denmark, its citizens can fortunately tap into Norway’s hydropower.

The German government is trying hard to phase out nuclear and coal power. But this government recently backed down after major riots of its coal miners. Subsidies for “clean” energy in Germany are high resulting in high energy taxes; German households currently pay \$0.30 per kilowatt hour of electricity while the French pay only \$0.17 per kilowatt hour. However, 40% of electrical power in France comes from nuclear plants. Closer to home there is much talk about “green energy”, yet New York State has

not managed to prevent the impending closure of Oswego’s nuclear plant. And nationally, congressional opposition has prevented use of the existing national repository for nuclear wastes in Nevada, a setback for the whole country. Clearly we have a long way to go to achieve our green energy targets, if that is even possible.

—Rainer Brocke

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR FISH!!!



“Friends in Service Here” is made up of retired community members who drive people who don’t have rides to doctor appointments. Volunteers sign up for 1 day a month or can be called randomly. The FISH service drives on Tuesday and Thursday only and has been going for 12 years. PEACE, Inc. pays for the phone line and does the scheduling and the rest is run by dedicated volunteers. Many people in our community who would not have been able to get to their appointments are healthier and happier because of this service. Follow the link below to view their

brochure. They also may be contacted at 315-696-8659 if you can volunteer or to see if you qualify for the service.

<http://www.peace-caa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/FISH-brochure.pdf>

—Barb Kohberger

LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP SERVICES	SUNDAY	8:00 am and 10:45 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY	9:30 — 10:30 am
Youth Group	SUNDAY	6:00 PM
INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY	SUNDAY	6:00 PM
PRAYER MEETING	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM

At LaFayette Alliance Church we worship, serve, learn, enjoy fellowship with one another and reach out to our world with the life-transforming truth of God's Word. As part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, we are a missions' minded church. In the spring we have a missions weekend and in the fall a week-long mission conference with missionaries serving in various parts of the world and many opportunities to hear about their ministries. We are a Christ-centered church and care about you and your family. If you are looking for a place to belong, to grow, and to serve, come check us out.

~ Youth Group ~

Our Youth Group (Jr. High 6th – 8th grade and Sr. High 9th – 12th grade) meets on Sunday evenings in our church from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information on our youth group or any of its activities, contact the church.

~ Awana ~

This is a program for boys and girls, age 3 through 12th grade. Awana is back and in full swing and meets every Thursday from 6:30 – 8:10 pm. The children enjoy Bible lessons, Scripture memorization, and game time. New

A Christ-Centered Bible Teaching Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

David Booher, Youth Pastor

clubbers are always welcome. Note that Awana will not meet when the LaFayette School District is closed for vacation or due to weather.

~ Battalion ~

This is a ministry for boys in 7th – 12th grade that meets every Monday night at 6:30 pm. Battalion emphasizes character building, Bible study, indoor and outdoor activities, service and leadership skills. Come check us out!

~ Clothing Exchange/Give-away ~

We hold this event four times each year. We are planning the next Clothing Exchange/Give-away in March. Contact the church or visit our website for more details as they become available.

~ GriefShare ~

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare classes coming in the Spring.

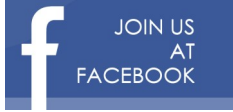
<i>For Children...</i>		<i>For Youth...</i>		<i>For Adults...</i>	
Sunday School	Vacation Bible School	Sunday School	Battalion (boys 7–12th gr)	Sunday School	Retreats
Nursery	Bible Quizzing	Youth Group	Bible Quizzing	Bible Studies	Home Groups
Children's Church	Awana (age 3-6th gr)	Youth Retreats	Outreach Events/Mission Trips	Discipleship	Mission Trips

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, read our monthly newsletter, the Lamplighter and find out even more details about our various programs.

www.lafayettealliance.org

Columbian Presbyterian Church



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

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Pastor Shawn Reyburn

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Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 11:00am

January

- **Men's Breakfast**, Monday, January 4, 6:00 am
- **Family Worship Service**, Sunday, January 17, 6:00 pm
- **Youth Breakfast**, Friday, January 22, 7:00 am
- **January Blahs Luncheon**, Sunday, January 24, noon—2 pm

February

- **Men's Breakfast**, Monday, February 1, 6:00 am
- **Close to my Heart (scrapbooking) Workshop**, Saturday, February 6, 10:00 am—10:00 pm
- **Ash Wednesday: Lenten Series begins**, Wednesday, February 10, Soup & Bread at 6:30 pm and Service at 7:00 pm
- **Lenten Series**, Wednesday, February 17 Soup and Bread at 6:30 pm and Service at 7:00 pm
- **Annual Birthday Dinner**, Sunday, February 21 noon—2:00 pm & **Family Worship Service**, 6:00 pm
- **Lenten Series**, Wednesday February 24, Soup and Bread at 6:30 pm and Service at 7:00 pm
- **Youth Breakfast**, Friday, February 26 7:00 am



A Taste of Chocolate

**Saturday February
13, 1:00—4:00 pm**

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
January 9	Optimist Basketball Tournament	LaFayette High School	9:00 am
January 12	2016 Organizational Meeting	LaFayette Town Hall	5:00 –6:00 refreshments Meeting to follow
February 9	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Town Hall	7:00 pm
February 13	A Taste of Chocolate	Columbian Presbyterian Church	1:00-4:00 pm
Every Tuesday	Town Hall Tuesdays	LaFayette Town Hall	Town Clerk—4:00—7:00 pm Codes—6:00—7:00 pm LCC—6:00—6:30 pm
1st 3rd & 4th Tuesday of month	Town Supervisor	LaFayette Town Hall	5:30—7:30 pm
3rd Tuesday of month	Planning Board	LaFayette Town Hall	7:00 pm
4th Tuesday of month	Zoning Board	LaFayette Town Hall	7:00 pm

More detailed calendar is located at: <http://www.townoflafayette.com> If you have an event you would like added please email lafayetteinfoofficer@cnymail.com

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