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Community Newsletter



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From the Town Supervisor:

Some Clarifications on Trash -

There has been a lot of discussion on the trash deal and I would like to clarify several things -

- 1. You are NOT required to use the bins if they are seriously unreasonable for your personal situation. Please contact me if there is a significant issue.
- 2. The contract was put out to public bid, the SOTS board took the best offer and it is still below the comparative regional average for trash service.
- 3. The entire county, and in fact most of the country, have seen major rate increases in trash. Some much more severe than ours.
- 4. The reason we focused on automated pick up is it protects the workers statistically, working in the trash industry is the 4th most dangerous profession in the country.
- 5. The previous vendor's bankruptcy was unexpected and not the fault of anyone working on these contracts. It was due to the practices they engaged in performing their duties. They often picked up trash for those not paying or picked up the incorrect amount of trash. That was clearly an unsustainable business model.

LaFayette Goes International -

I had the incredible opportunity of dining with the Right Honorable David Mundell, Secretary of State of Scotland (I feel like my title is far less exciting). We had a wonderful talk about our similarities and differences and the incredible impact the Scottish and Scots-Irish had, and continue to have, on the town.



As always, feel free to reach out anytime - 315.247.1600 or Fitzervisor@gmail.com.

—Danny FitzpatrickTown Supervisor

From the Town Clerk



The Town of LaFayette Cordially invites you to join us for the 2019 Organizational Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 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: townclerk@townoflafayette.com or deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com No later than Friday, January 4th.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



All residents are welcome to enjoy refreshments and witness the swearing in of our newly elected Town Board Member; Bill McConnell (back by popular demand). As you may recall, Bill

sat on the Town Board for many years as a Councilor and also as Supervisor. Please join our Town Board Members, members of Planning, Zoning, Grievance, Codes, Clerks, Library, LCC, along with most everyone involved with what makes LaFayette continue to be a great place to live.

As Town Clerk I get to know a lot of residents. Since I was born, raised, and am a lifelong LaFayette resident, people are always saying that I must know everyone. It's amazing how many new residents I am getting to know and love this Town. The comments are always the same, "This is a beautiful place to live"; "We love living here"; "Everyone is so nice", etc.. Recently one of my classmates who moved to Florida over 40 years ago (yes, hate to admit it but I am that old) was in Town for his nephew's funeral. Throughout

the years he has come home often to visit his family and friends. This visit left him very sentimental and called me upon his return to Florida, hoping there was a way to express his gratitude for the people in this small town's continuous warmth and giving attitude. This visit was a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in such a caring environment. That's just what happens here in LaFayette, whether a benefit for someone in need, or in this instance, all those who came to pay respects to his nephew, dropping off food, and offering his sister their condolences, etc.

This brings me to another aspect of being Town Clerk. Frequently, I am questioned regarding several topics that have taken place, most commonly when people are in an uproar over such things as hydro-fracking, manure lagoons, "trash" etc. Questions like: "When and how did this take place? Who made this decision? Why didn't anyone know about this, why wasn't this made public? I get it, prior to becoming Town Clerk, I never attended Town Board Meetings, nor went to the website to read the minutes or had a clue what is needed to make any town run smoothly.

From the Town Clerk

I've learned a lot in these almost 8 years and have worked with different Supervisors, Town Boards, Planning Board, Zoning Board Members and different committee members. I truly feel that in almost every case, these leaders have the same goal "To make LaFayette the best it can be for everyone". Often times I question; why do they even want those positions, as it can seem to be a thankless job. They certainly aren't in it for the money, most are paid very little or not at all. In most cases they have full-time jobs, business obligations, busy family lives and on top of all that, and are running to meetings, addressing phone calls, emails, etc. to serve LaFayette residents. Thank you to past, present and future members of our Town Government who have, are now, or may

at a later time serve LaFayette as a Town Official, for the School District, the Fire Department and Ambulance Crew, Optimist Club, Community Council, Booster Club, Outreach and Senior Citizens, and the list goes on and on. There is always room for more to step up to help make LaFayette even better than ever. As my grandmother always said, "Many hands make light work". As always, feel free to contact any of us with any matters of concern or interest. Contact information is in this newsletter and on the website. As George W. Bush recently said in his eulogy for his father, George H.W. Bush taught them to give back to the community they love and to be a citizen who leaves his town or community a better place than it was before their service.





Meeting	Day	Time	Email	Phone	Fax
Assessor	Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 am—1:30 pm	assessor@townoflafayette.com	677-3420	677-7806
Building & Zoning Code Enforcement	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm or by appointment	codes@townoflafayette.com	677-5371	677-7806
			supervisor@townoflafayette.com	677-5251	
Town Supervisor		by appointment	fitzervisor@gmail.com	247-1600	
Planning Board	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	infoofficer@townoflafayette.com		
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	infoofficer@townoflafayette.com		
Town Board Meeting	2nd Tuesday of the month	Vouchers at 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm			

MEETING SCHEDULES -

TOWN BOARD—2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH; VOUCHERS AT 6:00 PM; MEETING AT 7:00PM (UNLESS IT IS A HOLIDAY); 2019 JAN 8, FEB 12, MAR12, APR 9, MAY 14, JUN 11, JULY 9, AUG 13, SEPT 10, OCT 8, NOV 12 AND DEC 10 **SPECIAL MEETINGS** WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA, TOWN HALL BULLETIN BOARD, THE POST OFFICE AND POST STANDARD/SYRACUSE MEDIA WEBSITE

PLANNING BOARD—3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS AN AGENDA
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS—4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00M IF THERE IS AN AGENDA

From the Town Clerk cont'd....

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) townclerk@townoflafayette.com

townclerk@townoflafayette.com deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.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.



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 315-677-9155 —Kitty Reinhardt Fax 315-677-7806

taxcollector@townoflafayette.com

New for this year—we will now be using the Onondaga County website for our program. You will now be able to pay your tax bill online through ONGOV.NET using a credit card. No credit card payments can be processed by the LaFayette Tax Collector

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, Voter registration forms
- Passport Services (by appointment)
- Veterans Discount Cards (F.A.V.O.R.)

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 Laura Holt (315) 696-6468 for any stray/lost dogs.

RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ONONDAGA COUNTY

<u>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u> – The first clinic for 2019 will take place in March, however no dates have been confirmed for the rabies clinics for 2019. You may call (315) 435-3165 Animal Disease Prevention or visit <u>www.ongov.net/health/ADP.html</u> for further details

So for 2019 we are hopeful that your year will be blessed with good health, with many moments of laughing out loud fun, & numerous times spent with family and friends. As I say every year, we pray for peace for the people of our Great Country and the entire world. That is what our past, present and future service men & women have sacrificed so much for..."PEACE ON EARTH"—Jackie Roorda

Office	Official	Office/Home Phone	Alt. Phone	Fax #	<u>Email</u>
Supervisor's Office	2577 US Route 11; PO B	ox 193, LaFayette NY 1	3084		
Supervisor	Daniel Fitzpatrick	(315) 677-5251	(315) 247-1600	(315) 677-7806	fitzervisor@gmail.com
Deputy	Steve Zajac		(315) 727-5883	(315) 677-7806	szajac1@twcny.rr.com
Secretary	Jackie Bush Roorda	(315) 677-3674		(315) 677-8006	townclerk@townoflafayette.com
Town Board	2577 US Route 11; PO Box 193, LaFayette NY 13084		* MEETS T	* MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 7	
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Councilor	Steve Zajac		(315) 727-5883	(315) 677-7806	szajac1@twcny.rr.com
Councilor	Melanie Palmer	(315) 677-3674	(315) 436-3544	(315) 677-7806	mjp6331@gmail.com
Councilor	Carole Dwyer	(315) 677-3965	(315) 436-6020	(315) 677-7806	caroledwyer@howardhanna.com
Councilor	William McConnell	(315) 391-8167		(315) 677-7806	wmmac4@aol.com
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Chair	Shawn Adam	(315) 677-3420		(315) 677-7806	assessor@townoflafayette.com
Code Enforcement/ Building In	spector - 2577 US Route	11; PO Box 193, LaFay	ette NY 13084 - F	OURS: TUESDAY	S FROM 6PM- 7PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
CEO/BI	Ralph Lamson	(315) 677-5371	(315) 677-3586	677-7806	codes@townoflafayette.com
Deputy CEO/BI	Nick Kirby	(315) 677-5371		677-7806	nkirby05@gmail.com
Constable	Harrison Homer	(315) 492-2433			homer1@twcny.rr.com
Dog Control					
Officer	Ken Johnson	(315) 263-1000		(315) 677-7806	youneedaroof@yahoo.com
Deputy	Laura Holt	(315) 696-6468			ltbholt@verizon.net
Facilities Usage: Community Co	enter, Stafford Park Pavil	lion - Community Ce	nter - 2508 US Ro	ute 11, LaFayete i	NY 13084 ** CALL FOR AVAILABILITY **
Scheduler	Jackie Bush Roorda	(315) 677-3674		(315) 677-7806	townclerk@townoflafayette.com
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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	stevelafhighway@yahoo.com
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Editor/ Social Media	Sue Marzo	(315) 677-3500			infoofficer@townoflafayette.com
nformation Tech.	Jerry Brown	(315) 877-1727			gbrown@cnytech.us
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Please note: This is an abbreviated version of the Town Directory with key contacts. For a complete listing of both the Town Directory and the Community Directory please visit the home page after January 1, 2019 when all contacts will be available and you will be able to download. www.townoflafayette.com

From the Highway Department



Happy New Year Residents!!

Just a few reminders as we work our way out of winter-

 Please adhere to State, County, and Town municipal laws by not plowing snow across the Highway.

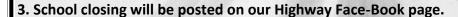
• No parking on streets, roads and Turn-a-rounds from November 1st thru April 1st. Blocking the Highway and Turn-a-rounds will prevent Snow plows, Emergency Vehicles and School buses from doing their job.

Christmas tree recycling program: drop off used Christmas trees at the Highway Garage (2849 Rte. 11 North). All trees will be recycled back to the residents for *Free* mulch in the spring. Please no plastic bags or wreaths.

We thank all our residents for their safe driving habits this winter.

With a few Months left here are some important things to remember:

- 1. Leave ample amount of time to travel during snow events -
- 2. Always keep your window washer fluid full and a cell phone charger in your vehicle.





-John Greeley Highway Superintendent



LaFayette Varsity Baseball Spaghetti Dinner
Pasta—Meatballs—Salad—Bread—Drinks
Fundraising Event for Myrtle Beach Spring Training
February 2nd 4:00—7:00 pm

WHITTH YOU

LaFayette Fire Barn—Route 11
50/50 Raffle
Silent Auction 7:00—8:00 pm

Court Corner

Winter is back which means snow and ice. Even though our highway crews do a great job taking care of our roads and highways, the roads get slippery. This means you may need to drive at a slower speed. The safety of our emergency personnel and plows is important. Your life and others driving around you depend on it. Also, leave room in between you and the car in front of you. A ticket for following too closely is a 4-point violation and carries a fine up to \$150.00 with a \$93.00 state surcharge.

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!

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 1/1/19 in observance of New Year's Day, 1/21/19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day and 2/18/19 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 3rd Monday of each month starting at 5:30pm by appointment. A confirmation letter will be sent to you. This is subject to change when needed.

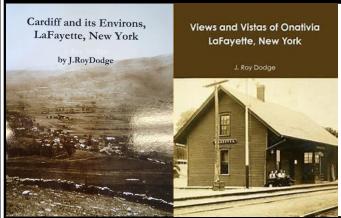
District Attorney requests can be mailed to:

PO Box 135 LaFayette, NY 13084 When you come to court you are expected to be dressed in presentable attire.
Remove your hats.
Turn your cell phones off.
A sign in desk with instructions is located upon entry into the court

officers and emergency personnel are out on the highways to help motorists with car trouble or assist when there is an accident. Please remember to move over to allow them to do their job safely!!! They all have loved ones who are waiting for them to come home safely each and every day and this requires us as drivers to be respectful and understand this. The flashing lights can be seen miles away and require us to be aware and move over when safe to do so. If you don't have to drive, stay home and if you do have to drive, be courteous to everyone around you. Who knows, you may save your life or someone else's.

We will put a notification on our court page under the court cancellation tab if court needs to be cancelled due to bad weather or any other reason.

Honorable Maureen Perrin and Honorable Adrian Shute Carleen, Debbie, & Katey, your court clerks

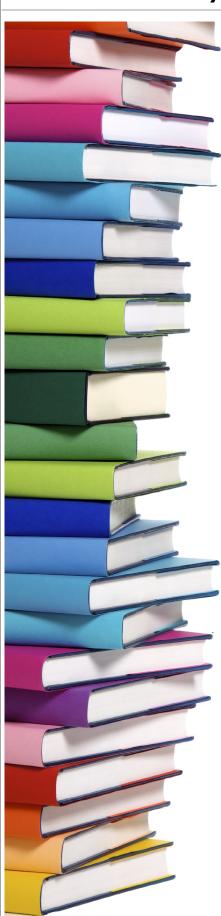


The LaFayette historical picture books compiled from the J.R. Dodge Collection continue to be available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Conklin Mills & Falls, Views & Vistas of Onativia and Cardiff & its Environs are each \$20.00.

Work is now progressing on a similar book devoted to the LaFayette hamlet.

From the LaFayette Public Library



Upcoming events:

January 6 – 6-8 p.m. – TCG Player – game night. Card based – Pokeman, Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic the Gathering. Come on in and play. Registration required (there's pizza involved!)

Imagination Lab -

January 2nd – Mystery stem bags – make what bag says to make with materials provided

January 9th & 16th – Collage animals

January 23^{rd –} red cup challenge – stacking red cups using only rubber bands January 30th – paper columns – build them strong enough to hold the most books

<u>Tuesday Tea – January 15th - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.</u> Our Tuesday Teas 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. Come join us

<u>Step to stop falling:</u> the fall sessions wrapped up in December. They will start again on Wednesday, March 6 @10 a.m. in the library community room into the third week in May. This exercise helps core strength and aids in maintaining balance.

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

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

Along with many other libraries in Onondaga County, LaFayette Public Library is working with an organization called "Field Goods". They deliver fresh foods from small farms. The library serves as a drop off/pick up place to deliver the food. This is a "local supports local" effort. There is an option to add \$1.00 to your order that will go to the library so it serves as a fundraiser besides helping to support the local economy. It is custom ordering so you can pick what you want delivered. The food is delivered on a weekly basis on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, go to https://www.field-goods.com.

If you would like to display your craft, hobby or collection or know of someone who might be interested in displaying their work in our display case, please let us know.

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

LaFayette Library cont'd...

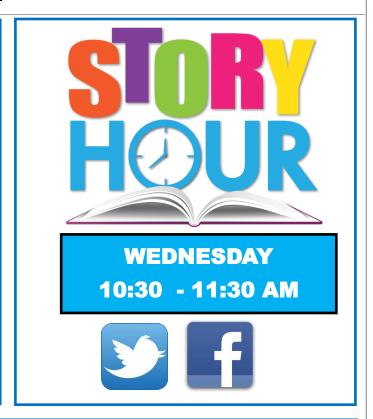
The library system has a number of databases available that range full courses to Newspaper archives to genealogy. Many of these databases are available on any device that can access the internet using your library card and pin number. Others are in-library use only. Ancestry.com is one that is accessible for in library use.

Don't forget to visit: 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. NEW: we have two new ipads in the children's area with lots of fun and education apps on them

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

— Scott Kushner



Volunteers needed!

LaFayette Rural Cemetery Association is a not-for-profit corporation that is governed by a board of trustees, all of whom are volunteers. The cemetery association is not affiliated with any church or funeral home, but is managed by the board in accordance with New York State law to the best of our ability. The upkeep of the cemetery and management of our tasks are funded by lot sales, burial charges and donations. We make a financial report to the

state every spring, paying fees to the state based on the number of burials that are made.

Our board members at present are Lloyd Amidon, Ray Bishop (Treasurer), Ralph D;Agostino, Bud Fisher (Secretary), John Hughes, Andres King (Vice President), Esther Klaiber, Dick Naylor (President and Sexton), Sumner Palmer, and Dick Scammell. The board is looking for new board members from among our lot owners, especially if you have computer skills, record-keeping experience, and/or leadership experience. Please let us know if you'd like to find our more. These are all unpaid positions, but they are rewarding nevertheless, and would look good on your resume if you have one.

Our annual meeting, open to the public, is usually held on the third Tuesday in May at the Presbyterian Church Session Building at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to join us.

We'd like to remind you that if you are making a new Will or doing other advanced planning, or if you just want to help out the cemetery, we welcome and appreciate any donation to the cemetery, whether for a specific purpose like monument repair or for general use. The bequest should be to LaFayette Rural Cemetery Association, Thank you for your support.

—LaFayette Rural Cemetery Board of Trustees

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@townoflafayette.com. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette,



Youth Sports:
Basketball: The grades
5 & 6 girls and boys
seasons are underway.
Practices are

Saturdays. Games will also be played on Saturdays beginning in January.

<u>Basketball for boys and girls in grades 3 &4 will begin after the February school break</u>. Flyers will be sent home with additional information.

Wrestling: For boys and girls grades K-6. Practices began in December. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Jr./Sr. High School's wrestling room (downstairs). Grades K-3 practice 5:15-6:00 p.m., and grades 4-6 practice 6:15-7:15 p.m. Optional matches will be held weekly on Fridays or Saturdays. The season runs through early March.

Volleyball: Programs for girls in grades 3-6 will begin soon. Please watch for notices coming home from school or check the LCC website. Information will also be posted on the LCC sign located at the corner of Routes 11 & 20.

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

Upcoming Youth Sports:

Baseball and Lacrosse: Registration for the baseball and lacrosse programs will be 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

Adult Exercise:

Daytime/Senior Exercise: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Classes are held at the LaFayette VFW on Rte. 11. The next regular six week sessions are: January 8 – February 14, and February 19-March 28. The cost per session is \$36 and cannot be pro-rated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The next session runs January 7 through June 19, 2019. The cost for this session is \$76 if attending class one night per week, either Monday or Wednesday, and \$152 if attending class both Monday and Wednesday. Fees cannot be pro-rated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

WERQ® (This class replaces Zumba and Tabata):

WERQ® is a dance fitness class that tightens and tones the entire body through athletic moves and dance steps choreographed to dance, pop and hiphop music. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Grimshaw Elementary School. The next session runs January 7 through June 19, 2019. The cost for this session is \$76 if attending class one night per week, either Monday or Wednesday, and \$152 if attending class both Monday and Wednesday. Fees cannot be prorated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

From the Community Council cont'd.....

Tai Chi: Beginner and advance classes. 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:

Ski Program: LCC supervised ski nights begin Friday, January 4, 2019. Bus transportation and lessons begin on this date.

Bus transportation is available from the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School and Grimshaw Elementary School to Song Mountain for seven Fridays, January 4 through February 15. Riders must register with LCC prior to January 5. Cost of transportation for the season is \$10.

Six lessons are included with most of the ski packages offered by Song Mountain. The lessons will be held January 4, 11, 18, and February 1, 8 15. Please note that there will not be any lessons on Friday, January 25 due to Song Mountain's Friday Freak Out. In the event that a group misses a scheduled lesson during the program, make-up lessons will be conducted on March 1.

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., December 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019. Please use the gymnasium entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls. A note book will be provided in the gymnasium foyer for sign-in. The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk. During the winter, only the south section of the path will be maintained for walkers.

Thank You:

LCC would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time and efforts to the LCC soccer program - Lance Benjamin; Mike White; Erin Scofield; Renee Clemens; Dylan Kinsella; Aiden Griffin; Brandon Benjamin; Kevin Morel, and LaFayette High School's Varsity Boys soccer team players.

In addition, LCC would like to thank everyone who helped out with the tree lighting on December 2, 2018, and offer a special thank you to Cyndi's Old Tyme Café for providing the delicious cookies served with the hot chocolate.

The LCC would like to thank LaFayette Co-ed Softball for their generous donation which will allow LCC to buy some new wrestling mats that will make their debut on February 2 when we host a wrestling match.

Announcements:

"Step Up To Stop Falls": This 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, in conjunction with the LaFayette Public Library, has arranged for yoga instructor, Kate Farrar, to provide this program. Call 315-677-7272 for additional information.

Community Council Board Meetings: Are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. Please

Do Something a member of LCC as a participant on Be a **CEACH** provide our programs without

consider becoming its board or as a coach - we can't

—Dave Prince

LaFayette Business News



Quality Assurance Director P. Scott Campbell looks on as Research Scientist Dr. Brandon Moyer prepares samples for use in the laboratory.

Ichor Therapeutics to hire 6 more fulltime researchers; draws national and international recognition

The research team at Ichor Therapeutics has closed out the 2018 calendar year with momentum. Site plans are being finalized for an expansion of the company's footprint to include the former LaFayette Health Clinic, which Ichor purchased earlier this year. Additionally, Ichor has begun recruiting 6 additional full-time researchers, which will bring

the total employee headcount to about 45. Ichor started 2016 with only 8 employees.

Mirroring the growth of its team and facilities, Ichor is bringing national and international recognition to LaFayette. CEO Kelsey Moody, a resident of LaFayette, gave 9 invited talks this year, ranging from San Francisco and New York City to Berlin, Germany. 4 invited talks are already scheduled for early 2019.

LaFayette High School students with an interest in STEM careers are encouraged to apply for summer internships at Ichor. The application process is expected to open in early February. For general inquiries or to schedule shadowing opportunities to learn more about the company over the winter break, please contact info@ichortherapeutics.com.

—Kelsey Moody

Can't thank those responsible for our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony enough -

- Mike Grimm of Michael Grimm Landscape & Tree and bucket crew for hanging the lights on our tree
- The Optimist Club for hanging the lights on the plaza and funding the purchase of all of the lights
- Community Council for refreshments hot chocolate/popcorn
- Cindy's Old Tymes Café for cookies
- The LaFayette Fire Department for their Annual Donation to LaFayette Outreach through their Annual Boot Drive and for transporting Santa and distributing candy.
- The LaFayette High School Band and Choir for the festive music
- Mark Chambers for renovating the manger
- Dave Knapp for Mc'ing the event







From the LaFayette Optimists

The LaFayette Optimists remain busy regardless of the season. We had our annual Halloween Party at Grimshaw in October and it was well attended as always. Lots of kids in costumes, Pumpkin carving contest, and candy bags for all. Mike Sutkus champions this event for the Optimists.

November saw the LaFayette Optimists celebrate their 50th Anniversary as a club. The Marcellus Optimists first sponsored our club 50 years ago. Ron Bush was there at the start of the club and remains an active member today. How's that for a testament to fortitude and optimism. We did invite the other living original club members to the party. We also invited the current Marcellus Optimist President to the event as well. We inducted new members and established a new set of board members and awards were given out as well. A peaceful and orderly transfer of power took place.

By the time this newsletter is published we will have put up the Christmas decorations at the center of town. Notice the new siding on the manger? We did extensive research to make sure the siding would be historically accurate and reflect the materials available in the Middle East at the time of the birth of the baby Jesus . Mark Chambers champions this activity for us.

The lights on the big tree are put up with the help of Michael Grimm and his tree service team. The Christmas tree lighting drew a nice crowd with music provided by kids from the high school band. They sounded great doing holiday tunes and the weather was nice as well.

Upcoming in January we are putting on another 7th and 8th grade boys basketball tournament at the High School. Usually we have 4 different schools competing and this is another great event centered around the kids of our community which is our mandate. Greg Long originated this event but Scott Gates runs it now.

As usual coming up this Spring we have the Oratorical Contest where students from the high school speak on some civic or optimistic topic.

Personally I find these speeches quite heart warming and interesting. You will see the Optimists out in April doing the Park clean up. The LaFayette Optimists are Stafford Park...it's just that simple. The Park originated with the Optimists and is owned by the town for liability reasons but is run and controlled by the Optimists.

We'll have the Fishing Derby in May and the Bike Rodeo in June and of course at the LaFayette Community Days we are responsible for the fireworks and the money for that comes from the sale of golf ball drop tickets. Of course we also sponsor scholarships at the high school, the dictionary give-away in the grade school and multiple Park improvements etc. but we'll write about that on a separate occasion..



Let me close by reciting another line from the Optimist Creed.. I like this one especially during these dark and dreary days when you go to work and it's a dark and when you come home dark again. It might be hard to maintain optimism under these conditions but that's what the creeds for, to remind us that we control our mood and our actions not the weather or the boss etc. Optimism is a state of mind. A state you can work on every day. We promise ourselves to wear a cheerful countenance at all times and greet every living creature we meet with a smile. It doesn't cost a penny to share happiness with a smile. It doesn't take more time to be Optimistic. It's all about attitude and I am optimistic that a smile can help get you through the day!

—Joe Barry

LaFayette Outdoors—You Got Game?



I tried venison and didn't care for it. It's too gamey. Too dry. Too tough. I can't eat Bambi!! Over the years I have heard countless non hunters talk about venison and how they didn't like how it tasted. I always ask, "Do you like steak?" their typical answer is yes!! I then tell them "then you will love my venison!"

There are countless great recipes available, one of our family favorites is Pepper Steak. It I so good that one of my sisters (Tracy I can't eat Bambi Carbone) absolutely loves it. That

is until I told her after her second helping that she was eating venison!! She said some choice words for me that I cannot print in this family publication. However, after cooling down she did say darn, that was delicious!

Pepper Steak

IngredientsMeat Marinade1-1/2lbs Venison2 TBL Cornstarch1 Large Onion3 TBL Soy sauce1-2 Green peppers3 TBL Water1 Red pepper1 Tsp Garlic powder1-2 Stalks of celery1 TBL oil¾ Cup of oil

Cut meat @ 45 degree angle against grain. Prepare marinade by mixing cornstarch with soy sauce & water & garlic powder. Add meat strips until all liquid is absorbed. Add oil, stir. Cut veggies into small pieces. Heat wok and



add oil. When hot, add meat and stir fry until meat changes to slightly brown tint. Remove meat. Add onions, stir fry a few minutes. Remove; substitute peppers & celery & stir fry. Add onions back in and add: ½ tsp sugar, ½ cup of beef broth or water, 1 TBL cornstarch mixed with 2 TBL water.

Add meat and 3 TBL soy sauce & 1 TBL of oyster sauce

Stir fry slightly to achieve color. Sauce will thicken a little. Serve at once!

I googled "venison recipes" and there are 238,000,000 million! So many great recipes out there! Here are a few very popular ways to serve venison.

VENISON JERKEY— VENISON CHILI— GRILLED BACKSTRAPS



Leaner than chicken, hormone and preservative free organic source of protein, healthier than beef. So if you've "Got Game" take a chance and mix it up there are literally millions of venison recipes.



"A Christ-Centered Family Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Sunday Worship Schedule

Bible in Life Hour 9:00 am—10:00 am
Coffee/Fellowship Time 10:00 am—10:30 am
Blended Contemporary Worship Service 10:30—11:45 am

Ignite Prayer Ministry—1st & 3rd Sundays 6:00 pm
Thrive Youth Group—2nd & 4th Sundays 4:30 pm

Spring Missions Conference w/Alan Clason February 10th—February 16th

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, <u>The Weekly Connection</u>, and find out even more details about our various programs <u>www.lafayettealliance.org</u>

Columbian Presbyterian Church



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

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Men's Breakfasts	Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4	Mondays 6:00 am
Youth Breakfasts	Jan 25, Feb 15, Mar 29	Fridays 7:00 am
God's Girlz	Jan 16, 30, Feb 13, 27, Mar 13, 27	Wednesdays 2:30 pm
God's Guyz	Jan 9, 23, Feb 6, Mar 20	Wednesdays 2:30 pm
LaFayette Rural Cemetery Meeting	Jan 15 & Mar 21	7:00 pm
Boy Scouts	Tuesdays Session Building	7:00 pm
Lenten Soup and Bread Series	Begins Ash Wednesday March 6	6:30 pm
Taste of Chocolate	Saturday, February 9	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Chicken & Biscuit Supper \$10 Adults, \$5 6-12 yrs., Under 5 free	Tuesday, March 26	4:00—7:00 pm

Thank you—to everyone who participated in our fall events: Outreach Pantry food collections; Apple Fest, BBQ & Pie Sale; Trunk-or-Treat; Election Night Dinner; Holiday Festival & Great \$5 Sweater Sale & Cookie Cafe

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
January 8	Organizational Meeting—regular meeting to follow	LaFayette Commons	5:00—6:00 Refreshments Meeting to follow
January 15	LaFayette Rural Cemetery Meeting	Columbian Presbyterian Session Bldg.	7:00 pm
February 2	LaFayette Baseball Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	LaFayette Fire Barn Route 11	4:00—8:00 pm
February 9	Taste of Chocolate	Columbian Presbyterian Session Bldg.	10:00 am—2:00 pm
February 12	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm
March 12	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00 pm
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Mar 26	Chicken & Biscuit Supper	Columbian Presbyterian Session Bldg.	4:00—7:00 pm

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