



Town of LaFayette

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FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR: *THE TAIL IS WAGGING THE DOG!*

First: Congratulations to our Town for passing the referendum to build a new highway department building!

A total of 549 residents voted on April 16 (516 walk-in; 33 absentee ballots), with 420 in favor. It has been a long road and there is much work ahead of us. Thank you on behalf of the Town Board and our Highway Department! And a special thank you to our outstanding elections officials; Mrs. Bettye Knapp, Mrs. Eva Palmer, Mrs. Beverly Cook, and Mrs. Pat Keefe. These ladies are true Servants to our Town!

I've used the old saying of *The Tail is Wagging the Dog* as my theme in this issue. It refers to the Town's efforts to Revitalize the Hamlet. The **Tail** in this case represents the process involved with our request to the NYS DOT Region 3 (CNY) to move funding into the Year 2015 budget for our Hamlet road project. The request was denied because these funds are funneled from the Federal level down to the State level and then finally into the NYS DOT budget lines. ***We find ourselves being held hostage by a process that cannot be altered.***



We cannot move forward with any of our efforts to demolish the LaFayette Hotel and to revitalize our Hamlet without the funds that come with the road project.

I believe that the Town Board must now begin to immediately *Wag the Tail* by establishing a strategy that allows us to move forward on our own; to *Paint our Own Canvas* without being held back indefinitely by an outside process. We can move forward by applying for two New York State grants that will allow the Town to:

1. Purchase and demolish the former LaFayette Hotel at no cost to our taxpayers. The building's owners have agreed to move forward with this effort. The grant would include funds to rebuild this area into an attractive parcel, and seek to purchase the lot adjacent to the Hotel that has remained in disrepair.
2. Demolish the old Town Highway Department building and establish free public parking for the businesses and organizations that are adjacent to it. This effort would also include developing an attractive green space area within the boundaries of this property.
3. Begin to re-build the sidewalks in the Hamlet and to create the streetscape that was to be accomplished by the original NYS DOT road project.

These grant applications must be submitted no later than June 1, 2014. Securing the funding is competitive but I remain optimistic that we can overcome the challenges that lie ahead. I will keep you posted on our progress. Thank you once again for helping the Town move forward with all of these efforts. We need your thoughts and ideas to assist in building a Strong Community!

—Bill McConnell, Supervisor

Call to Action for our LaFayette Military Veterans! I'm reaching out on behalf of VFW Post 1955 to ask that you participate in our Memorial Day to Honor our Comrades in Arms who have fallen upon the battlefield. Please walk or ride in a trolley with the many veterans who call LaFayette home. Let us show the Pride within the United States Armed Forces by wearing your Service Colors. We will march up at 0830 hours for a Roll Call at the Alliance Church on May 26th. Please call me at 391-8167 if you plan to participate. Hope to see you there, *Bill McConnell.*

IN HONOR OF A LOCAL FALLEN WORLD WAR II SOLDIER...

Pfc. Robert V. Mason, part of the 10th Mountain division trained at Fort Drumm was killed in action on February 20, 1945. He died at the Battle of Mount Belvedere, Italy. That battle was key to the German surrender. Ten weeks later Adolf Hitler committed suicide at the Battle of Berlin that put an end to World War II in Europe. Robert was the last Mason male descendant, and the family name ended with his death. The remaining descendants you might know as the “Brandt” and “Scofield” families.



There is an un-named stream that flows through the original Mason family homestead along Eager Road. Local residents and Optimist Club member **Ron Bush** extensively researched, and applied to, the Board of Geographical Names, and the stream is now officially named **Mason Brook** in honor of Pfc. Robert Mason. This stream crosses Apulia Road at the intersection of Colton Road. Ron also requested financial contributions from the Optimist Club to create the naming sign. On **Saturday, May 24th, at approximately 11:30am**, there will be an unveiling of that sign in dedication of **Mason Brook** at the Colton Road location. A luncheon will follow at the V.F.W. Post to honor the descendants and all of our Veterans.

We hope many military members, their families and our Patriotic Citizens will attend. There is no cost for the luncheon and the bar will be open to purchase refreshments.

Four other young men from LaFayette, probably classmates and for sure close friends of Robert were killed in the war. They were **William Bush**, brother of **Mary (Bush) Gardner**, **Edward B Locke**, **Bernard Millett** and **Dominick Yacchetta**. A big sacrifice for a small town. Let's show our appreciation this Memorial Weekend with a big blast of PATRIOTISM!



FROM THE DEPUTY SUPERVISOR: *MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR*

Discovering the stories and lives of those from LaFayette who make our community a great place to live.

Meet your new neighbor: **John Lemondes**. Last October John came to LaFayette with his wife and three children after a 27-year military career that took him around the world. His most recent position was as Project Manager for the Army's Chemical Weapons Stockpile Elimination Program based at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. His responsibilities included the operation of four industrial plants, thousands of employees and a budget of \$1 billion.

Two years prior to retirement John began to search for his dream property, and he found it right here in LaFayette. The property (formerly the Hilltop Ranch) lies off Eager Road and offers 400 acres of hard work, opportunity, and dreams. As I talked to John it was easy to see why he chose the property. He does not just describe it as a house, trees, ponds, and fields. John describes it by painting the living picture of what it will be: a maple syrup farm, a herd of sheep, a vineyard full of grapes and a warm and inviting home.

Frequently when a person retires, one door closes, and another door opens. Prior to the military John graduated from Penn State with a degree in agricultural science. A highly mobile military career offers few opportunities to start your own farm. John's agricultural education, and passion for farming, had been put out to pasture for 27 years (pun intended). Now those dreams can be planted and have time to grow (pun intended again).

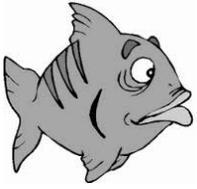
If you think: “Wow, he has a lot of work to do,” you are right. However after meeting this “retired guy” I have the distinct impression that he has the ambition, energy, and ability to make it all happen and then some.

Our Town Supervisor **Bill McConnell** has used the phrase: **Your hills are a canvas for our hands**, to describe the opportunity and beauty that lies within our town. Well here is a new neighbor with a very large canvas, a lot of paintbrushes, and vision for his future. I look forward to seeing the artwork he creates.

—**Andy Ohstrom**



MAY & JUNE LAFAYETTE EVENTS



Fishing Derby

May 10 - Stafford Park

Sponsored by the LaFayette Optimists

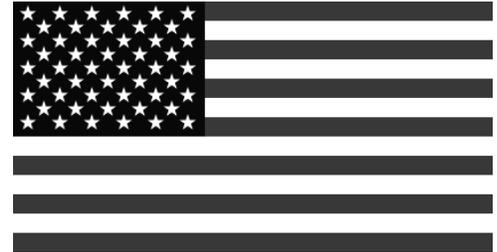
Fishing starts at 9am! Prizes awarded about 11:30am. Junior Fishing Derby open to residents, preschool - 8th grade.

Memorial Day Parade

May 26 – Through the village, beginning at 9am

Line up at LaF Alliance Church 8am; parade starts at 9am. We need more floats! Build a float, join the parade, and maybe win a prize! Call the VFW at 677-9282 for more information.

Remember that VFW Post 1955 will host a chicken BBQ immediately after the parade. The LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department will also hold an Open House and will serve refreshments. All floats will be judged as they pass the Fire Department, and the winners will be announced after the Memorial Day ceremony at the LaFayette Cemetery.



FYI: The proper display of the US Flag on Memorial Day is at half-staff until noon and then it should be raised fully up. For clear flag display guidelines, see the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs "Guidelines for Display of the Flag" at <http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/flagdisplay.pdf>

Community Day

May 31 - Stafford Park – Noon til fireworks!

Free food. Games for kids. Fun for the whole family!



12:00 Community Council Frisbee Golf Tournament. All are welcome. No preregistration needed.

2:00 Taking Steps to Fight Cancer (registration begins at 1:00)

3:00 Optimist Bike Rodeo

4:00 Volunteer Fire Department Pushball

4:00 Little Human Races sponsored by Grimshaw Assoc of Parents and Staff

4:30 7th/8th Grade Intersquad Lacrosse Game

5:30 LaFayette Community Band

6:15 VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony & Bonfire

7:00 Community Council Duck Race

7:30 Live Music featuring "Boots N Shorts"

8:00 Hula Hoop Dance Off

9:30 Fireworks sponsored by Optimist Club



Note: tickets will soon be available for the Optimist Club Golf Ball Drop. Proceeds help fund the Community Day fireworks and numerous other Optimist events.



FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

2014 Level of Assessment: Negotiations over the 2014 Level of Assessment for LaFayette were recently finalized between with representatives of the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services. These negotiations take place every year prior to March 1 (taxable status day) and are based on an analysis of the prior year property sales in the town and a 3-year rolling average of same. A rate of 97% of value has been established for the coming tax year, which is an increase of 4% over the 2013 rate of 93%. The town has maintained a level of assessment in the 90th percentile since the 2006 revaluation.

Town-wide Revaluation: There is no State requirement for a municipality to maintain a certain level of assessed value. Several years ago, the Office of Real Property Services offered municipalities a cash incentive of \$5 per parcel to maintain a tax roll at 100% of value. Due to budget reductions it has been systematically reduced and is now awarded on a first come-first served basis. For the Town of LaFayette, our cash incentive would amount to roughly \$5,000 if we were to conduct a town-wide revaluation with no guarantee there would be available funds left in the program. Since the cost of a re-val would be 10 times that amount, for the foreseeable future, I do not believe one is cost justified or in the best interests of the taxpayers.

Recent growth in the town: Due to the recent development of the Jamesville Grove sub-division, along with other new home construction, we have added 12 new homes to our 2014 tax roll with an estimated increase of \$4.5 million. This does not generate additional tax revenues but spreads the overall tax burden across a wider base, which equates to lower taxes for all town residents. If everything were to remain constant, this would amount to a reduction in Town taxes of approximately 5 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for all taxpayers, or a savings of \$5 on a home assessed at \$100,000.

Upcoming Dates and Events:

- **May 1, 2014** – Tentative 2014 tax roll filed and available for inspection at Town Offices.
- **May 27, 2014** – Grievance Day. Board of Assessment Review will hear complaints by appointment from 5-9:00pm at the Town Offices. Complaint forms (RP-524) are available in my office or online at www.tax.ny.gov/forms and must be filed with my office prior to Friday, May 23rd. Appointments can be scheduled in advance by calling 677-3420. Walk-ins will need to wait for the next available time slot.

—*Shawn Adam, Sole Appointed Assessor*



FROM THE TOWN CLERK

***SPRING IS HERE, FINALLY!!!!** I can still hear my Grandma Hayes saying, "just look at all the new buds on the tree branches; that means spring is here!" Green grass, flowers blooming, seeing our hibernating neighbors out and about, and how about breathing in that 'fresh spring air'?!*

***Spring is the time for cleaning up and getting out.** While we are busy cleaning up the yards and planting our gardens don't forget to enjoy the many activities and festivities that take place in the warmer weather. The **Fishing Derby, Memorial Day Parade, Community Day, Bark for Life** and all the other activities in the Town of LaFayette. Mark your calendars, and please be safe, happy, healthy and kind.*

Facilities Rental...

Spring begins the season of family reunions, class reunions, graduation parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, etc. If you are interested in using the Community Center or the pavilions at Stafford Park, please make your reservations early, as these facilities book up fast. The deposit remains at \$50.00 and the rental is \$100.00 for residents and \$250.00 for non-residents and businesses (except for not-for-profit). Call or email me to make a reservation or check on availability. You may obtain all the pertinent information on the town website, www.townoflafayette.com.

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Events...

▪ **May 3rd 10a-2p: Shredding in the Town Hall Parking Lot**

As a service to our residents, we will be offering free shredding of any and all of your no longer wanted or needed personal paperwork, business files, tax returns, statements & bills, etc. Bring them to the upper parking lot of the town hall on May 3, 10a-2p. You can watch your papers be shredded via a video camera attached to the truck. It is taken to a waste management site for recycling. If this event is fully utilized it may become an annual event, to coincide with our Clean Up Days: May 3–10 this year.

▪ **June 7th 11a- 2p: 2014 LaFayette/Tully Bark For Life at Stafford Park, LaFayette**

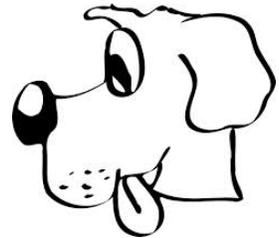
American Cancer Society sponsors BARK FOR LIFE, a Canine Event to Fight Cancer! Join in as we celebrate Relay For Life with our four-legged friends. Dog walks, food, games, raffles, canine demonstrations, all for a great cause. You can even license your LaFayette Dog, as the Town Clerk will be present with tags in hand! Registration is \$10.00 prior to, or \$15.00 at the event. Registration forms may be picked up at the LaFayette Veterinary Clinic, 2468 Route 11. Updates and info at www.facebook.com/2014tullybarkforlife

Speaking of Dogs...

▪ **Rabies Shot Clinics, Onondaga County Health**

New York State Public Health Law requires that all puppies and kittens get their 1st rabies shot at three months, a booster shot at 1-year and then again every 3 years. Ferrets must get a shot every year.

- Thursday, May 1, 5-7p Clay Highway Garage, 4483 Route 31, Clay
- Monday, May 12, 5-7p Manlius Rec. Center, 6 Stickley Dr., Manlius
- Tuesday, May 20, 5-7p SPCA, 5878 East Malloy Road, Mattydale
- Thursday, June 5, 5-7p, Camillus Town Hall, 4600 W. Genesee St.
- Thursday, June 19, 5-7p Meachem Ice Rink, 121 W. Seneca Turnpike
- Monday, June 23, 5-7p Cicero Highway Garage, 8236 S. Main St.



▪ **Dog Licensing: ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED**

You now have the option of licensing your dog for one to three years. The cost per year is \$5.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$13.00 for unsprayed/unneutered dogs. When doing a multiple year license, the license expiration date must be before the expiration date of the rabies vaccination. Replacement tag fee: \$3.00; Impoundment fee: \$150.00. Please be responsible for your pets.

▪ **Dog Control Officers: Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000 & Mike Johnson (315) 663-6378**

If you have any questions or situations involving a dog, please call dog control. If you have a concern regarding wildlife animals, you may call (607) 753-3095. If you see any suspicious or odd-acting animals (possible rabies) please contact the Department of Environmental Conservation Police at (315) 426-7431.

From the Dog Officers...

DOG BITES — We seem to have had more dog bites in the past year than ever before. To walkers, bikers, runners and dog walkers: *please* be more alert when you're out and about. And report all bites.

DOG OWNERS — Please be sure to keep your dogs under control and make sure they don't bite anyone. You are responsible for your dog's action and you are at risk of liability for your dog's action even if your dog is on your property. If your dog bites someone you may be responsible for all damages, which could include civil and possible criminal charges, and medical costs.

LOST & FOUND DOGS — If you lose your dog, report it to the LaFayette dog control immediately. Waiting can be costly. If a lost pet gets picked up, it is taken to the SPCA shelter. If unclaimed within 10 days, the dog goes up for adoption. To claim your pet within those 10 days, you must show license and proof of rabies shot. There is also an impoundment fee of \$150.00. If you find a dog call the LaFayette dog control officer immediately. It is illegal to keep the dog, and an owner may be missing their pet. Local dog ownership laws are available in the town office and on the town website.

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And Fish...

2014 TROUT AND SALMON FISHING SEASON BEGINS (visit the DEC website: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/fishing.html)

Fishing licenses are required for persons age 16 and older to fish in New York's fresh water lakes and rivers.

The 2014 trout and salmon fishing season opened April 1, 2014. As part of the state's NY Open for Fishing and Hunting initiative, fishing license fees have been reduced (\$25.00). They are available to purchase and print: from home computers, over the phone (866-933-2257), and at the Town Clerk's Office.

- Purchase and print online from home (<http://licensecenter.ny.gov>). Consider investing in a lifetime fishing license, which can be converted to an Adventure License, and be eligible for a free adventure license plate.
- Purchase by phone at [866-933-2257](tel:866-933-2257). You will receive a confirmation number to use immediately as proof of holding a license until their actual license is received in the mail.
- Come into my office to buy your license, but FYI: New York State Department of Conservation has a "new" and "not-so-improved" computer program. They are promising to fix the glitches and improve the speed for transactions. Until then, please be patient as we use this new program.

Other Permits, Licenses...

Handicap Parking Permits

Forms for both temporary and permanent disabilities are available at your Physician's Office and the Town Office. When completed by you and your Physician, bring with your Driver's License to get your Permit.

Marriage Licenses

To obtain a Marriage License, you need: birth certificate, picture ID (Driver's License), any past divorce or annulment papers (certified copies), \$40.00 check or money order or cash, completed and signed informational form. Access them at www.townoflafayette.com, stop in or call and I will mail form to you ahead of time. The license will take effect 24 hours after it is issued and is valid for 60 days.

Passports

Application forms are available on-line at <http://travel.state.gov>, or may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office. I can process passports during regular office hours, but please call to schedule an appointment.

Needed for a passport application:

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship (e.g., Birth Certificate)
- Proof of Identity (e.g., Driver's License)
- One recent 2" x 2" passport photo (can be done at stores & pharmacies that develop pictures)
- Fees: Cash, or check made out to U.S. Dept of State. \$135.00 for 16 or older; \$105.00 for those under 16.

Special Requirements for Children - Each minor child applying for a passport must appear in person.

To submit an application for a child under age 16 both parents or the child's legal guardian(s) must appear and present the following:

- Evidence of the child's US Citizenship.
- Evidence of the child's relationship to parents/guardian(s), **AND**
- Parental/guardian identification

If only one parent appears you must also submit one of the following:

- Second parent's notarized written statement consenting to passport issuance for the child.
- Primary evidence of sole authority to apply, **OR**
- A written statement (made under penalty of perjury) explaining the second parent's unavailability.

Trash & Recycling...

For late or missing pick-ups (hours vary from 6AM-6PM), call Feher directly at 422-0715. Some holidays interrupt trash service: **Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day.** If holiday falls on or before your pick up day, pick-up is delayed one day. New customer or request for change of service level? Call Minnie Dancks at 683-5679 and she will alert Assessor to change it on next year's tax bill.

—**Jackie Bush Roorda**, lafayettetownclerk@cnyemail.com, 677-3674

OUR STREETS & HIGHWAYS

We had a long, hard winter season this year. On behalf of the Highway Department, I thank you for your safe driving habits and patience. We have a lot of work planned for our Town roads this summer. Brush pick-up started on April 1st and concluded April 20th. If you didn't get all your brush out don't worry, the Highway will be going around in August again...

Important Dates to Remember: The LaFayette Annual "Clean-Up Days" **May 3rd through May 10th.**

- **Saturday May 3rd and May 10th 9 am-4 pm**
- **Monday - Friday, May 5th - 9th 12-6 pm** Closed Sundays.

At Groth Road Landfill (off Webb). Must Have Valid LaFayette Resident ID!

We **WILL** accept:

- e-waste (computers, small servers, TVs, monitors, keyboards, mice, fax machines, printers/scanners, phones, VCRs, DVRs, DVD players, game consoles, digital converter boxes, cable/satellite receivers)
- batteries (auto or household)
- paint cans (empty with lids removed)
- fuel tanks (empty, 1 foot hole in them)
- plastic pipe, wire or cable (max 8 feet long)
- refrigerators, freezers, humidifiers
- microwaves, stoves
- mattresses, couches, recliners
- carpeting, linoleum
- all metals (nails and screws if contained)

We **Will NOT** accept:

- glass (including windows & wooden frames)
- any kind of wood (incl furniture & construc)
- fencing
- insulation
- construction materials (e.g., sheetrock)

Tires are accepted for the following fees:

- small tires \$3 each
- large car tires \$4 each
- truck tires \$8 each
- extra large tires, \$.45/pound

The Highway is happy to announce that we have wood chips (while supplies last) for LaFayette residents at no charge. Load at landfill during "Clean-Up Days" only.

Other important recycle days sponsored by OCRRA:

- Shred-O-Rama – May 18th, Alliance Bank Stadium, 8am-noon
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, year around by appt.

Any questions, visit OCRRA.org

Have a Great May!

—John Greeley, Highway Superintendent



HIGHWAY SUPPORT UPDATE

The Onondaga county highway association, of which our LaFayette department is a member, traveled to Albany in March to meet with local representatives. John Greeley, Highway Superintendent, spoke one-on-one with Senator John DeFrancisco (at right) and Dave Valesky, sharing the motto: **Local Roads Matter!** They must have heard John and other highway department reps loud and clear because both Senate and Assembly voted to continue to financially support the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), with an additional \$40 million for distribution through the CHIPS formula. We don't know yet how many dollars that means for LaFayette, but it is clear that our cries for improved roadways in this area are not falling on deaf ears. Thanks to the LaFayette Highway Department for continuing to represent us not only here in our Town, but across the state when it comes to securing support. Apparently, local roads DO matter!



LAFAYETTE ON THE MAP FOR RUNNERS

If you're a walker, jogger, runner or bicyclist in this community you already know we have some challenging hills that keep the routes interesting. And that's one of the reasons the **Ironman 70.3 Syracuse is coming back to part of our town on Sunday June 22nd** for the fifth consecutive year. The event is growing—along with people recognizing our town as a great place to run.



The race begins in Jamesville Reservoir, where athletes will complete a 1.2-mile, single-loop swim. The 56-mile bike course winds through the Highland Forest recreational area, taking athletes through the picturesque, rolling countryside of Onondaga, Madison, and Cortland counties. Athletes will finish their race with a 13.1-mile run in and out of Jamesville Beach County Park, offering plenty of shade to accompany the challenging rolling hills.

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Ken Hammond, Race Director, thanks us in advance for our cooperation in a few different traffic impacts on the race day that expects to draw about 2000 athletes. Detour signs will be in place, along with Onondaga County Sheriffs, to facilitate a smooth event with very limited delays. The greatest LaFayette impact is along Apulia Road. Here's the plan, according to Ken...

Athletes will be traveling both directions on Apulia Road from 7a-5p. An officer will be present to direct vehicles, as Apulia Road will be closed at this time allowing only residents of Apulia Road access. On Apulia Road between South Street and the Park, the road will be open to local traffic only; through traffic will be detoured onto Coye Road. Residents that live between Westshore Manor and Palladino Road may access their home from Jamesville; we ask that you please leave your home heading south to ensure ease in your travels and safety for our athletes. On Apulia Road Northbound between Route 20 and the Park, the road will be open to local traffic only; through traffic will be detoured onto Bush Road, then Route 91 north. For the residents that live along any of these roads we would like to thank you for your support. If you have any questions please contact us at syracuse70.3@ironman.com.

If you live on Apulia, know that nothing is appreciated more as a runner than hearing applause and shouts of support from people on the sidelines!



FROM THE INFORMATION OFFICER

It's been a challenging winter to sustain a running schedule! And it's a good thing we're hearty in LaFayette, because we certainly needed to call on our reserve optimism to get through February and March. By the time you read this, Spring and all its signs of rebirth will be in full force, accompanied by the promise of inspiring holidays.

Passover is both historically and agriculturally significant. It represents the beginning of harvest in Israel, but is mostly a celebration of the Israelites being liberated from Egyptian slavery. *Earth Day* is recognized by all as a day to pay attention to the many gifts our planet provides, and commit to sustaining them. *Easter*, in addition to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, also has an earthly meaning, as it falls on the Sunday immediately following the first full moon after the spring equinox. No matter the spiritual belief, this time of year brings all of us out into the light.

Living here, I always look forward to the big cross placed outside the Columbian Presbyterian Church. We see it wrapped and dark for those few days, and then on Easter morning it is bright white and covered in flowers. It's only one sign of rebirth, but it is joyous to behold.



—Laura Horian



FROM THE LAFAYETTE SENIORS

Join us any 3rd Wednesday of the month at the LaFayette Fire Station at noon! Coffee and tea provided. Bring a dish to pass and your place setting. Dues only \$5/year. Here are the trips scheduled for 2014.

For more information or to sign up call Lynn Henderson at 677-5112.

<p>June 4, Wed: MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET IN SYRACUSE Join us for an Italian buffet dinner at Grimaldi's Luna Park in East Syracuse. After our meal we'll go to the Crouse Hinds Theatre for a 7:30pm performance of Million Dollar Quartet. This music session will bring you right into the recording studio for an unforgettable night. Cost: \$88.00 pp, includes motor coach transportation, dinner and performance.</p>	<p>August 6, Wed: CRUISIN IN LOCKPORT, NY This 2-hour canal cruise includes "locking through" and being raised 49 feet in elevation of the Niagara Escarpment. A Coast Guard captain will describe sights and folklore along the way. Then a Lunch Buffet, and a guided tour of the Niagara Region of Western NY, plus a visit to Niagara Falls (on the NY side), NO PASSPORTS NEEDED. Cost: \$79.00 pp, includes motor coach transportation, lunch and guided tour.</p>	<p>October 1- 7, Wed-Tues: NASHVILLE, MUSIC CITY USA Tour includes: Hotel for 6 nights, 13 meals, bus transportation, 4 shows (Grand Ole Opry, Nashville Nightlife Theatre, Songwriters Performance, luncheon cruise on General Jackson Showboat). Also, guided tour of the city, the Ryman Auditorium, Grand Ole Opry-backstage, the Country Music Hall of Fame & the Fontanel Mansion. Costs pp: Single-\$1,679, Double-\$1,300, Triple-\$1,185 For more info, flyers and reservations.</p>
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FROM F.I.S.H

F.I.S.H. is celebrating its 10th year of service to the communities of Tully and LaFayette. In those 10 years, approximately 1500 rides have been provided by 57 dedicated volunteers to 95 different passengers. The F.I.S.H. program provides rides for individuals to medical appointments (dentist, doctor, physical therapy, podiatrist, medical testing, counseling) in Cortland and Syracuse when they have no other means of transportation. Special thanks to community volunteers **Carl Grillo, Peter Huntington, Albert Miller, Kay and Jim Butkus, Knowlton and Connie Foote, Ray Greene, and Sherry Moore** for your dedication to this worthy program. F.I.S.H. is a collaboration between PEACE, Inc., community volunteers and Tully United Community Church. For 10 years LaFayette's Columbian Presbyterian Church served as the treasurer of the program. Now, it will be done by Tully United Community Church.

There are several areas to support F.I.S.H. and volunteers are needed! Volunteers can drive once a month according to their schedule or be a random driver. There is also a need for a dispatcher at this time. Dispatchers volunteer from Monday through Thursday, one week per month. By using an answering machine, the dispatchers can go about their day and take care of F.I.S.H. reservations when convenient.

F.I.S.H. services are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-4pm. and can be accessed by calling 696-8659 Monday through Thursday until 4pm. There is no formal charge for the rides, however donations are welcomed. Please call the PEACE, Inc. County South Family Resource Center at 696-8203 if interested in volunteering for or using this service.

The Grocery Van

The PEACE, Inc. Grocery Van takes trips to Cortland and Syracuse on the 2nd Monday of each month. This service provides transportation to a large grocery store for low-income individuals. Volunteer, **Leo Gordona**, picks up participants at their homes at 9:00 AM and returns usually by noon. If interested, please call the PEACE, Inc. County South Family Resource Center at 315-696-8203.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

It's never too late to thank volunteers for their service. April 6-13 was national Volunteer Week, and PEACE, Inc. would like to thank all the dedicated community members who volunteer for the programs at County South Family Resource Center. From PEACE to these volunteer: **"We couldn't do our job without you!"**

Debbie Brown
Barbara Locke
Gloria Yenny
Cheryl Paccia
Jacque McConnaghey
Sue Donato
Rosie Reed
Eleanor Barr
Tillie Pease
Kay Butkus
Jim Butkus
Carl Grillo
Peter Huntington
Tonya Kanar
Sherry Moore
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Rick Grunder
Ray Greene
Kathryn Graham
Thomas Graham
Albert Miller
Frank Roberts
Arlington Palmer
Marian Jerose
Dorothy Grace
Joe Grace
Robert Wiley
Ed Bursch
Barbara Bursch
Beth Lattimer
Jim Keefe
Pat Keefe

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Corina Lucas
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Gordon Howard

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Nancy Chawgo
Gayle Brennan
Sonja Shepard
Eve Carlton
Delphi Falls Church
Christ Church
Bill Kohberger
Josh Tiffany
Chris Ryan



FROM LAFAYETTE HEAD START

LaFayette Head Start is recruiting new families! Head start is a federally funded program that helps low income families that are in need. We are accepting applications for 3 and 4 year olds living in the LaFayette, Nedrow, Tully, Fabius etc. area for the 2013-2014 school year! Stop by our location at 2777 Route 11 LaFayette, NY 13084 or call us today at (315) 677-7814. You may also fill out an application online at <http://www.peace-caa.org>.



THE LAFAYETTE RURAL CEMETERY



The board members of the LaFayette Rural Cemetery will hold their annual meeting on **Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Columbian Presbyterian Church Session Building at the corner of Routes 20 and 11. The public is invited.

We're glad to have so many people coming to visit and decorate the graves of their loved ones. Please note that our rules about grave decorations prohibit the use of glass containers and glass or plastic blocks as decorations in the cemetery.

When you come to the cemetery to tidy up a grave, please bring a container with you to fill with discarded items and take the yard trash with you instead of just leaving it in the cemetery. The cemetery has no rubbish removal service, so sometimes we have to deal with unsightly piles of yard waste that people leave behind after their clean-up. We would appreciate your cooperation in keeping to the "Take out what you bring in" general rule, and add to that: "Help keep the cemetery beautiful by taking away any yard trash you've created." That will make our volunteers' clean-up jobs much easier. Thank you!

Anyone interested in purchasing a lot in our cemetery may call **Andrea King at 315-677-9363** to find out about available lots.



LAFAYETTE OUTDOORS: *BIG NEWS FROM OUTER SPACE*

As earthbound creatures, our outdoor thoughts are mostly about our immediate surroundings, our vision rarely rising above eye level. Yes, we do look up occasionally to check the weather, notice a bird or at night, admire a full moon. For the most part, outdoor events overhead are not a priority for us. Yet the really big news in science these days comes from cosmologists searching the night sky with a sophisticated telescope at the South Pole. By looking deep into outer space, they hope to learn more about what the universe was like at the Big Bang moment, the time of the universe's origin and its initial expansion. They were looking beyond the millions of stars in our Milky Way galaxy, peering farther into endless black space with its countless shining dots, many representing other galaxies like ours. This telescope is so sensitive that it can detect minuscule differences in space temperatures with its microwave detectors, each cooled to a fraction of a degree of absolute zero (-273C, -460F). The detected microwave patterns reflect gravitational forces in space, a clue to the structure of the universe at its very beginning.



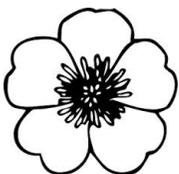
What these scientists discovered in the observed swirling gravitational patterns called *B modes* was major proof that in the first sliver of a second, the cosmos expanded like a gargantuan balloon, inflating at a speed faster than light. In one fell swoop, these observations strongly support Einstein's quantum mechanics theory, tying together the stuff and forces of the universe—ordinary matter, dark matter, dark energy, gravitation and the bending of space-time. One cosmologist said, "It's not every day that you wake up and find out what happened one trillionth of a trillionth of a trillionth a second after the Big Bang." According to another: "Never has the boundary of human understanding been pushed back so far."

For you Lafayette students, undergrads and graduates, here's an afterthought from this old professor. Don't just look forward to "a job." Prepare yourself in high school and college for a profession you choose to pursue. Astrophysics? Why not? There's a great future ahead in this and many other fields—in environmental sciences, biology, medicine, architecture, chemistry, engineering, computer science and the arts. Do what challenges and excites you. Your time to look ahead has never been better. And don't feel inhibited because of your age. Recall that Isaac Newton invented calculus at the age of 18 because he needed it to describe planetary orbits of our solar system. So, follow your dreams, study hard, read a lot and don't look back!

—*Rainer Brocke*



FROM THE SOUTHERN HILLS GARDEN CLUB



The purpose of the Southern Hills Garden Club is to advance the gardening achievements of the members, to stimulate local interest in horticulture, and to work for the improvement and protection of the aesthetic resources of our local communities. We participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program in LaFayette, maintain the Memorial Garden at the LaFayette Library, and present programs to educate our communities on current horticultural concerns. Contact Club President **Eunice Tompkins at 696-4650 for more information**, and please join us for...

May 20	6pm	<i>Vegetable Container Planting (or plants of your choice!) at Plumpton Farms on Coye Road, Jamesville</i>
June 17	6pm	<i>Tour the Rose Gardens of Ann and Joe Gibson in Fayetteville</i>
July 13	10am-4pm	<i>Garden Conservancy Open Days at the Lochners on Deer Run</i>
July 15	6pm	<i>Tour of the Garden of Edie</i>



TOM'S SAFETY TIPS ON LYME DISEASE

We live in a high-risk area for Lyme disease—not just in our pets, but in humans too. From 2008 to 2012 the number of human Lyme disease cases in Onondaga County rose from 14 to over 127. It starts with a bite from a tick that you may not even know has occurred, showing up as a red spot, and often overlooked as a spider bite. But then weakness, dizziness, headache and achiness set in, and the spot grows into the more tell-tale “bulls-eye” rash. An OSHA fact sheet on Lyme Disease recommends these preventive tips:

- Avoid tick habitat (brushy, overgrown, grassy, woody areas)
- Consider applying tick-toxic chemicals to surrounding residential areas in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.
- Wear light colored clothing when outdoors. Long-sleeve shirts, and pants tucked into socks or boots is a good idea, too. Wear shoes that cover the entire foot, and a hat.
- Use insect repellants that kills ticks.
- Do a thorough body check after you've been outdoors, shower, and wash and dry clothing at high temperatures.
- If you feel “flu-ish” and can't identify an obvious illness, consider getting tested for Lyme.

To remove a tick from skin, use tweezers to grab it close to the mouth, as close to the skin as possible, and gently and steadily pull it straight off without twisting. A tick usually has to be attached 24-48 hours to pass on Lyme disease. If you think it might be a deer tick, try to save it in some kind of container and show your doctor. For more information visit: <http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/lyme/>

—topic selected by Tom Rezsnyak



FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

For more information on all the rec opportunitites, contact Regina Reinschmidt, reglcc@dreamscape.com, 677-7272, or visit <http://www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html>.

Thanks & Congrats...

Youth Wrestling - Big thanks to **Mark Chapman** for taking over the wrestling program this year. Even though numbers were down from previous years, the wrestlers were dedicated and had lots of fun participating in several matches. If you didn't wrestle this year---be sure to join us next year! Thanks again Mark!

Youth Basketball - Our 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls programs finished up at the end of March. Thanks to our coaches **Mark Dadey, James Dow and Andy Reed** and to those that helped them out at practices. We would also like to thank **Adrian Shute** for running the 2nd grade co-ed program.

Baseball picture raffle winners - Thank you to those who purchased \$1 chances to win the \$20 baseball picture package from Colorgraphics. Winners of the two packages are: **Michelle Dix** and **Sara Mencilly**.

Thank you donors! - We would like to thank John and **Sami Stanton, Paul and Heather Coon, Christian and Allison Borchert and Joe and Melissa Wallis** for their monetary donations to the baseball program.

Special thanks to James Nakas - We extend a sincere note of appreciation to Jim for his very generous donation to Community Council to be used towards our programs. Thank you!

Our appreciation goes to Tom Rezsnyak! Thank you Tom for your tireless effort and dedication to the Apple Valley League and baseball/softball in LaFayette. Tom is moving on from being the LaFayette baseball representative after more that two decades of service. Thanks also to **Janine Baker**. She served as AVL treasurer for about as long as Tom...thank you both and know that you leave big shoes to fill.

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Coming up...

Annual Duck Race at Community Day - Buy your tickets now for the 3rd annual duck race that takes place at 7pm on Community Day. Send your name, mailing address, phone number and check made out to LCC by May 25 to: LCC, PO Box 98, LaF 13084. We will send you your tickets. Ducks are \$10 each or 3/\$25. And kids, watch for flyer in school on the kids duck event. See you at Community Day!

Baseball & Lacrosse - AVL baseball and softball seasons are beginning, as well as practices for ULA. Anyone in K-2 that still needs to register for Instructional lacrosse may stop at the town offices to complete a pink or blue form. Flyers go home announcing these programs later this month. Instructional T-ball also begins soon so call 677-7272 immediately if you haven't signed up! That is for pre-K kids, 4-5 yr olds; those that will be in regular Kindergarten in the fall.

Ultimate Goal Soccer Camp - Join us for a week of soccer fun! August 4-8, 9a-12p for ages 7-14 and 9-10a for ages 4-6, held at the Optimist Ball Fields. Detail in flyers and online after May 15.

Summer running - LCC summer track/running times and dates TBA. Watch for a school flyer in June. It will also be announced by **Mrs. Storr** at running club. Plan on running all summer! We hope to add training for fall 5K runners, too.

Annual Tennis Camp - Varsity coach Joe Fox and some of his players will again volunteer their time to offer a summer camp for boys and girls, grades 3-8 interested in learning tennis. Camp will be held at Stafford Park, July 28-31, 4:30-6p.

Ongoing...

Running coaches still needed - We need volunteers for the Community Council summer track/running program. Parent or other adults to coach and/or oversee, high school runners that need volunteer hours and like to work with younger children—needed for summer practices for grade school kids. This year we are planning to complement the school running program and concentrate on preparing for the Apple Run, along with our usual fun tag and other games. Contact us by May 10, so we can get this advertised to the kids before school ends!

LCC Coaches - Please complete your application and certifications now. Coach certification is now done online. You need to pay, complete, then submit proof to us for reimbursement. Any coach formerly certified under SUNY Youth Sports may recertify at <http://fit2coach.org/recertification>.

New, and for ADULTS, too!...

Adult Tennis Lessons! - We are pleased to announce the return of adult tennis lessons to the LaFayette town park courts after more than a decade. Ever want to learn to play? Or just brush up? Held Mondays and Thursdays, July 7-31. Beginners from 6-7p and intermediate from 7-8p. Four weeks/eight classes. If you have internet access, we prefer you visit www.townoflafayette.com, print out, complete and return the registration form. If not, please pick up a copy at the town office, or send in your name, address, phone number and \$75 check by June 1 to: LCC, POBox 98, LaF 13084. *We need a min of 4 and max of 8 per class to have this program. Young adults welcome.*

Tai Chi in the park! - A new program we hope to offer this summer; still in the works. After May 15 visit <http://www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html>, and click on Adult Programs or call 677-7272.

Daytime/Senior Exercise • Great exercise program at the Community Center: T/W/Th, 8:30-9:30a. \$3 walk-in fee or pay a 6-week session price to save more. This is a very low cost exercise opportunity, with a certified instructor! Come and meet friends. It's fun and healthy...spread the word! Questions? Call Kathy, 677-9174.

Yoga - Meets Monday nights, but call 677-7272 if interested because space is limited.

Zumba! - Mon. class will continue through end of March; Wed. class through end of June. \$4 walk-in, or we can pro-rate a session price for you.



FROM THE LAFAYETTE LIBRARY: HERE'S WHAT'S NEW...

Thanks to a technology grant acquired by Onondaga County Legislator **David Knapp** (below left) through the county, the library was able to acquire eight new public access computers—whose replacement was *way* overdue. In addition, we purchased an early literacy computer (below right), for ages 2-8 that has 40 different educational programs in a wide range of subjects. Come check it out in the children's area in the library. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Dave from the Board, staff and the patrons for enabling us to greatly improve the delivery of information at the library.



We also have some great programming coming up in collaboration with the LaFayette Community Council. The following includes the programming we have scheduled so far, including some movies!

- Saturday, May 10 – *Lorax* – 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, June 14 – *Wall. E* – 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday – June 24 – Mark Zane (musician) – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday – July 1 - Summer Reading Kickoff – 6:30 p.m. (Summer Reading sign up begins end of May)
- Wednesday – July 9 - Zoo-to-You – 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday – July 16 – Bubbleman – 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday – July 23 – the MOST – 11:00 a.m.
- Friday – August 8 – Easy Ramblers (musical group) – 6:30 a.m.
- Tuesday – August 12 – Gravitational Bull – 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday – August 19 – David Moreland – 2:00 p.m.

We are looking to start a teen task force, grades 6-12, to brainstorm about programming, collection development, etc. If you are interested, please contact Jen McDonald at 677-3782 or email: jmcdonald2@onlib.org.

We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. These are one-on-one sessions by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO A LAFAYETTE CENTENARIAN!



Bertha King celebrated her 100th birthday on April 21st. Mrs. King was born in Hornell, NY to parents of Danish and Norwegian heritage. After her birth, her family moved back to Norway until returning to the United States in 1924. She has lived the majority of her life within the Hamlet of LaFayette. Happy Birthday, Mrs. King!



LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

"A Christ-centered family church"

*Robert Gates, Senior Pastor • Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship • David Booher, Youth Pastor
At the corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road in LaFayette. The church is handicap accessible*

Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, May 25

Weekly Schedule

Sun 8:00 AM Early Morning Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:45 AM Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM Youth Ministry
6:00 PM Interactive Bible Study w/ Pastor Rob



*For further information
about our church or any
of its programs please
contact our office:
677-9810
www.lafayettealliance.org*



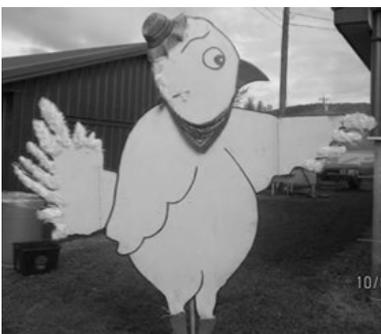
Columbian Presbyterian Church

<p><i>Pastor Shawn Reyburn</i> <i>at the Crossroads of NY State – Route 20 and 11</i> http://columbianpresbyterianchurch.com 663-6851</p>	<p>Summer worship hours begin on June 15th. Worship at 10am until after Labor Day in September.</p>
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THANK YOU! • The Community Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make and serve "Stone Soup" on Maundy Thursday (April 17). A collection plate was passed and all donations were presented to LaFayette Outreach.

WE'RE GEARING UP • for another terrific Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach. If you would like to donate a new, antique, or hand-made item to the silent auction, or baked goods or plants for those sales, or if you'd like to help out, please contact the church. Let's continue to grow this event into one that all of Central New York looks forward to and supports!

JOIN US!! • Monday, May 26, from 8:00 am- 12 noon. The Columbian Presbyterian Church will be hosting its annual Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach on Monday, May 26, from 8:00 am- 12 noon. The event will be held on the church grounds, located at the intersection of routes 11 & 20, LaFayette. LaFayette Outreach is our local food pantry and service-referral agency, and relies exclusively on grants and donations to help feed our neighbors in the area south of Syracuse. The Benefit consists of a silent auction, plant sale, bake sale, ice cream sundaes, and a free kid's craft area. 100% of the proceeds will be donated directly to LaFayette Outreach. If you have questions, please contact the church, at: 677-3293, or cpresbyt@twcnny.rr.com



BBQ IS BACK! • Summer chicken barbecue season is almost here! The dates for this summer are:

- May 17th
- June 21st
- July 19th
- August 16th

Barbecues start at 11am until gone, which won't take long!

Thank you for your continued support!!



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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & TOWN EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Add'l Info
May 1	Tentative tax roll available for inspection	Town Commons	See Tax Assessor article on page 4 for details
May 3, 10a-2p	Shredding Day	Town Commons parking lot	With a good showing, this will be offered annually. Bring your old papers and watch them get shredded!
May 3, 9a-4p	First Clean Up Day!	Groth Rd Landfill off Webb	See details on page 7 for what's allowed. Continues throughout week, Mon-Friday, May 5-9, 12-6 pm
May 10, 9a-4p	Last Clean Up Day!		
May 10, 9a-12p	Fishing Derby	Stafford Park	Thank you Optimists for sponsoring this!
May 11, all day	Mother's Day	Many homes	Give <u>Mom</u> special attention!!
May 12, 6:30pm	Town Board Meeting	Town Commons	
May 17, 11am-?	Chicken BBQ	Columbian Pres	Served until they run out!
May 24, 11:30a	<i>Mason Brook</i> unveiling	Stream & VFW	Stream crossing Apulia Rd at Colton Rd; luncheon follows at VFW. Show your patriotism!
May 26, 9a-??	Memorial Day Parade	Through Town	Begins at LaF Alliance Church; ends at LaF cemetery.
May 27, 5-9pm	Tax Grievance Day	Town Commons	Call Shawn Adam with Qs or to set up an appointment
May 31, 12-10p	Community Day	Stafford Park	See page 3 for details. Bring family & friends!
June 7, 11a-2p	Bark for Life	Stafford Park	Canine demos, food, games, raffles...& a good cause!
June 9, 6:30pm	Town Board Meeting	Town Commons	
June 15, all day	Father's Day	Many homes	Give <u>Dad</u> special attention!!
June 21, 11am-?	Chicken BBQ	Columbian Pres	Served until they run out!
June 22, 7a-5p	Ironman 70.3	Mostly Apulia Rd	See page 8 for details



SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR REMAINING 2014 NEWSLETTERS

Deadline	Dates Covered	Date Issued
June 10	July-August (Summer Reading Program, Golf Ball Drop & Tournament)	July 1 st
August 12	September-October (Apple Fest, Apple Run)	September 1 st
October 14	November-December (Elections, Tree Lighting)	November 1 st



Editor's Quote for May 2014:

Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's party!'

—Robin Williams