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LaFayette Apple Festival ☐ October 11 & 12 ☐ Sat 9a-6p, Sun 9p-5p
Complete information on the Festival at <http://www.lafayetteapplefest.org>;
the Apple Run at <http://thelafayetteapplerun.org>

From the Town Supervisor: *Reaping Our Harvest!*

With the autumn season just around the corner I thought that I might touch on the subject of what is LaFayette best known for and how we continue to Reap Our Harvest as a Town. Editor Laura Horian has asked each newsletter contributor to elaborate on what they feel LaFayette is best known for. As Laura has stated, we will soon have a new highway building along a major interstate with our Town's name proudly standing tall on it! So, what are we best known for?

I recently met with **Mrs. Laura Lavine**, our new school superintendent, and during our conversation Laura asked me why I returned to LaFayette to live. My answer was simple and quick: family, friends, our rural character and our culture. I love living in LaFayette!

I think that LaFayette is best known for its People; everyday, hardworking People, who will reach out to help anyone in a moment's notice. They are willing to go the extra mile when called upon and continually work to make our Community thrive.

Each day that I live in LaFayette I witness how we are Reaping the Harvest by virtue of each family passing the torch of success to their children and what it takes to continually hone the practices of being a good neighbor, a hard-working volunteer for your church, our school, and Community Council. You see it when we use the services of our local businesses. Our community thrives on this and if these practices were to ever wilt away, so would our Town and our Culture.

Take a moment to think about the neighbor who reaches out to help on a bad snow day, a power outage, or when an illness strikes a family. Thankfully, many of you are always willing to help someone in need and ask for nothing in return. **This is LaFayette! This is who we are.**

Look at our graduating seniors each year and what they have to offer our future. Each one of them has Reaped their Harvest by their personal investment in their education along with the investment made by their teachers and families. Think about Joshua Allan, an Eagle Scout who has reached the pinnacle of success in the Boy Scouts. His contributions to our community are immeasurable during his many years spent in Scouting. These young graduates will influence communities far and wide. Some may choose to live in LaFayette and again our Town will benefit from their experiences.

Whether your family may have lived here for generations or you are a newcomer, we all bring something to take our Town to the next level of success. I recently met a new couple who just moved to LaFayette; they chose to live here because of our rural beauty and our People!

Former Supervisor Greg Scammell would close his articles with his signature line: *I love LaFayette.* I second that motion and I will add to it, *I love the People of LaFayette!*

Enjoy the Autumn! Bill McConnell, Supervisor

Here's an update on what is happening at the Town Board level...

1. The new highway building is progressing on target and will continue with the goal of working from it by the winter time.
 - a. We may begin the process in September to look at what the old highway department property will be used for. We are presently awaiting the outcome of a grant application that will allow the Town to hire an architectural engineer to begin this process, which will include your voice!
2. The Town Board is always looking to lower or hold the line on taxes. One method is to generate revenue for the Town. Since 2000, our Town has benefited from the building of our cell tower on Groth Road which has brought in almost \$1 million in revenue over the past thirteen years. Almost \$83,000 has been raised annually which has been placed directly into the Town Budget, thus lowering the amount of taxes to be raised.
 - a. This amount has decreased over the past year due to business sector restructuring by a competitor buyout.
 - b. We have been working since late April 2014 with the intent to replace the lost revenue while building a long-term solution to provide annual income for the Town. Councilors **Andy Ohstrom** and **Doug Daniel** have worked this issue for the board at an exceptional pace. I tip my hat to them along with our Town Attorneys **Nadine Bell** and **Kevin Gilligan**. More to come on this in our next issue.
3. We will soon have some new Town banners hanging in the Hamlet thanks to collaboration of the Optimist Club and the Town. Our goal is to have attractive banners that may be seasonal, and event oriented.
4. The Town has received a \$50,000 grant that was secured by Senator **David Valesky** earmarked to assist with defraying the cost of our new highway building. Many thanks to Legislator **Dave Knapp** for his assistance on this grant, too.
5. Many have asked about access to the Stafford Park running-walking trail during the winter months. We are working on a solution to allow this, and will let you know in the next edition.

We invite you to the town Board meetings to participate, listen, and add your input on where our focus may be needed. We hope to see you there!

—**Bill McConnell, Supervisor**



For this September issue, regular submitters were asked to complete this sentence: **I think LaFayette is known for/as...** Responses from contributors appear throughout the newsletter in this “typewriter” styled font...

Compassion. Many times over the past several years, residents have been in need and various fundraisers have been organized for their benefit. The overwhelming support of so many people really exemplifies the personality of our town. How lucky we are to be surrounded by others who really do pay it forward and who care enough about each other to make a difference.

—**Donna Coty, LaFayette Chiropractic**



From the Town Clerk

LaFayette is known for its friendly People. LaFayette residents, businesses, Town Officials and Town employees give that Hometown Feeling to everyone. LaFayette is a great place because of the people who live here, beginning with the ones who started this Town in 1825 right up to the ones who live here today.

We are blessed with beautiful scenic views, hills and valleys, corn fields, farm lands, pastures with wandering brooks, cows, cattle, horses and even alpaca; new and old housing developments, beautiful homes and affordable apartments. Although we are "in the Country," within 20 minutes, we can be in Syracuse, DeWitt, Cortland. For many years I worked in different hospitals and medical offices in Syracuse, Fayetteville, and North Syracuse. Co-workers would comment: "Isn't that way out in the Country?" "That LaFayette is a whole other world!" Well, they were right, it is a whole other world, and it's our World and it's a great World. LaFayette people smile at strangers; hold the door open for someone walking in behind us; help our neighbors; check on the elderly; and look out for one another. No wonder so many new residents compliment the People of LaFayette! Proud of our Town, proud to be a resident and honored to be LaFayette's Town Clerk!!!

And now for the news!

Dog Enumeration Update - Since mailing the Dog Enumeration Notice, July and August have proven to be extremely busy in the Town Clerk's Office. **Thank you for being so prompt with your new licenses.** We have received great feedback, especially with the outbreaks of rabid animals this summer. This process shows that the town is making all its residents aware that it is the law to license your dogs. This was necessary to protect the Town on liability issues, whether rabies or dog attacks, and of course for the safety of our community. If you haven't licensed your dog(s) yet please do so immediately. We understand there may be circumstances that may have prevented you from getting this done by the Sept. 1st deadline. Please don't hesitate to come in and do it at your earliest convenience.

Rabies Shot Clinics (or contact your local Vet)



Our Streets & Highways

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. As you know, we at the Highway Department have been extremely busy with Town roads and the site-

Sep 9, 5-7p; SPCA, 5878 E Malloy Rd, Mattydale.
Sep 18, 5-7p; Marcellus Fire Dept, 4292 Slate Hill Road, Marcellus
Nov. 6, 5-7p; Beaver Lake Nature Center, East Mud Lake Rd. Baldwinsville
Dec. 6, 10a-12p; SPCA, 5878 E Malloy Rd, M'dale.

Hunting Licenses - Lots of changes with the process of getting your licenses, some good (lower costs) some not so good (lengthy process). DMP's will be available through October 1st. It is the lottery system again, so everyday your chances are as good as the first or last day. I do ask though: please don't wait till the last day to apply for them, as last year sometimes the line was to the door that last day. Questions can be answered at www.dec.ny.gov or by calling 1-866-933-2457.

Contact Information - Please make a note of these contacts, and kindly call them directly.

- **School Taxes - 677-5503** Payments taken at the School District Office or M&T Bank. The Town Clerk's Office is not permitted to accept School Taxes, only Property Taxes.
- **Assessor - Shawn Adam** 677-3420
- **Supervisor - Bill McConnell** 677-5251 or 391-8167 (cell)
- **Building & Code Officer - Ralph Lamson** 677-5371
- **Court / LaFayette Justice Court - 677-9350;** Fax: 677-4622
- **Community Council/Recreation Director - Regina Reinschmidt** 677-7272 or 378-9409 (cell)
- **Feher Rubbish Removal - 422-0715.** Call Feher directly for missed pick-ups

School is beginning. Please drive safely. Enjoy the beautiful colors of the Fall season, and keep smiling!

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

work for the new Highway Building. Last winter wreaked havoc on our roads. I am pleased to say that our Highway guys worked hard to repair and

surface treat over 7 miles of Town roads! This would not be possible without help from our County Legislator **Dave Knapp** who helped us secure an extra \$40,000. Advocacy day was also a big help. Senators **David Velasky** and **John DeFrancisco** were instrumental in channeling funds our way. Local roads DO matter!

The Highway Department held another successful “E” waste event on Saturday August 2nd. Thanks to everyone who used this great service. The next “E” waste event will be held on the first Saturday of May 2015 during annual clean-up days.

Please have all your brush out by Sept 15th.

We will begin brush pick-up during the month of September. The Highway Department will grind all of this year's brush and offer mulch again during

—Check us out on Facebook @ LaFayette Highway Dept! John Greeley, Highway Superintendent



From the Information Officer

I chose this issue’s theme as “what LaFayette is known for” (forgive the dangling preposition). It has been front-of-mind while I prepare to sell my house. Real estate agents ask for the features of a community when they prepare a house listing. I began with the very objective characteristics: convenient location, close to downtown, easy access to 81, key services right in town. Then I moved to personal favorites: beautiful topography, state forests with abundant hiking trails, 3 ski hills within 20 minutes, incredible snowmobile trails right out the back yard. But then I found myself getting *mushy*: the warmth of the people, the rallying around to support a neighbor, the smiles from folks you don’t even know. LaFayette has what I call “real” people. What you see is what you get, and what you get are some of the warmest, good-humored, compassionate people around.

Oddly, no one submitted any articles for the Apple Fest this year. My guess is that it’s part of this town’s very fiber. We don’t really have to announce something that’s been going on for coming up on 42 years! But it’s still news. When you think about how far away people come from to eat and drink all things apple, to shop the crafts, to get those famous Optimist Club Steak Sandwiches. Literally thousands of people wait in anticipation of this event so they can be a part of something as homespun as it comes. And there’s the Aple Run, too. I’m keeping up my running so I can join the best-organized, most visually beautiful, friendliest 5K around. I started training in May 2013 to run in a July fundraiser that year, and then just kept running a few times a week so I wouldn’t have to diet the rest of my life. And since then, I’ve run many 5Ks, and NONE of them offer the sweet, lay-back tone of the LaFayette Apple Run. You really don’t have to run it either. Walk. And once you’re parked, you can slowly saunter over to the festival and enjoy a big fat apple dumpling because you’ve earned it! Hope to see you there.

—Laura Horian



Optimist Club Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser Winners!

1st Place \$3,000 - **Amber Wilson** (in photo with Ron Bush)
2nd Place \$1,000 - **Alexis & Sophia Chemotti**
3rd Place \$750 - **Barbara Lasky**
4th Place \$500 - **Lisa Kurtz & Joanie Gravino**
5th Place \$250 - **Tara Emm; Nancy Rittenhouse; Jean & Mort @ Orchard Vali; Bob O'Neill; Dan Porter**



The Optimist Club thanks everyone who participated in making this a successful event: to all the members who sold a lot of golf balls; to **Orchard Vali** for another fine job; to **Michael Grimm** who graciously donates his truck and manpower to drop the ball for us! And if you attend the Apple Festival, please stop by and fill your belly with a Famous Optimist Club Steak Sandwich. The Golf Ball Drop and Apple Festival are our only fundraisers. Every dollar we make goes into our LaFayette Community Projects. On behalf of the entire LaFayette Optimist Club we thank you for your continued support!

—**Ron Bush**



LaFayette Outdoors: *In Touch with Our Past*

Washington's buddy Lafayette, financier of our American Revolution, did not really ride through our town. But this myth does reflect our community's aspirations to be in touch with the past and the larger world beyond. Want proof? Soon after Lafayette's settlement in 1891, the Cherry Valley Turnpike, now Route 20, ventured far westward from its historic namesake, crossing our major north-south highway, today's Route 11. "Crossroads Town" gained importance when the New York Railroad came through running milk trains. As original maple and chestnut forests yielded to axe, plough and grazing livestock, the woods became a pastoral landscape whose classy apple orchards continue to treat the nation.



Exploring our remnant forest patches today you can still find overgrown foundations of settler log cabins flanked by stone walls, now used as perches by drumming grouse. Into this checkerboard of farms and wild land, new family homes slowly filtered in during the last century, joining older frame houses, some predating the Civil War. This gradual pattern of growth with

well-spaced homes gives Lafayette its unique appearance of a generously green and evenly settled landscape, without pretentious subdivisions—a community that never truly abandoned its rural past. I believe this graceful historic change contributed to our town's neighborly and friendly spirit where, like the TV sitcom *Cheers*, "Everybody knows your name!" Well, almost.

Our hamlet's friendly atmosphere is demonstrated in its many organizations and sponsored public events of which the Lafayette Apple Festival is outstanding—perhaps one of the last old time county fairs still in existence. One example of our town's community spirit is reflected in the Lafayette Optimist Club motto: "Friend of Youth." Each year this active club sponsors the Winter Fest, Fishing Derby, Cycling Race, School Debating Contest, School Christmas Party, College Scholarship and various park events funded by the Golf Ball Drop and a food booth at the Apple Fest, serving up the tastiest steak sandwiches in Central New York! Well, you get the picture. Lafayette is a unique place to call home.

—**Rainer Brocke**



Meet Your Neighbor

This edition of Meet Your Neighbor features a neighbor I “met” at the LaFayette Cemetery. While helping to chaperone the 4th grade field trip to the cemetery with my daughter Ashley (an enlightening educational experience), we came along this tombstone in the North East corner of the cemetery ↓ :

After we read the tombstone several times we both wondered: who was he, and how did he meet his fate on the Ocean Queen? We started our amateur research by focusing on the Ocean Queen. I assumed “on passage” referred to a transatlantic voyage from Yorktown, England to New York. And, yes, there were numerous vessels named Ocean Queen that sank in the Atlantic but none of them matched the May 8, 1862 date. Thus his fate remained a mystery.

We continued our research on his military service. The 12th NY Volunteers were known as the Onondaga regiment. Six companies were recruited in and around the Syracuse area to fight in the Civil War. James was a member of the 1st Company, who traveled by rail to Elmira to be mustered in on May 13, 1861. After training in Elmira, his unit moved south to become part of the famed Army of the Potomac. After engaging in several intense battles, James and the rest of the 12th NY found themselves in the middle of the Siege of Yorktown, VA that was fought between April 5 and May 4, 1862.

That answered two parts of the mystery: we knew the Yorktown reference on the headstone was in reference to Yorktown, VA, and his company was involved in heavy battle very close to the date he passed away. The Ocean Queen however was still a mystery.

Armed with more details, we continued our search for the Ocean Queen. We found that the United States Sanitary Commission set up a system of hospital ships to quickly transport wounded and sick soldiers to Northern cities. The Ocean Queen was one of those ships, and it was assigned to the James River in Virginia. But was it in Yorktown during the siege? And how did James die on board? We only found one obscure reference from the diary of Brigadier Surgeon Dr. Wm H White. He states he was ordered to Yorktown on May 2nd and stayed on board the Ocean Queen from May 5th to the 8th.

The full mystery is not solved. But we know that James was a volunteer soldier who left home to fight in a bloody war that determined the fate of our young nation. We can assume that James was injured in battle and placed aboard the Ocean Queen in hopes he would survive to return home. Sadly we know he did not survive, but he did return home.

James H Conine

Died on board the
Ocean Queen
May 8 1862
On Passage from
Yorktown to New
York

AE 22 Yrs

A member of CO. I
12, Reg't N.Y. St
Volunteers

They loved him
most
who new him best

—Andy and Ashley Ohstrom



From the Southern Hills Garden Club
Southern Hills Garden Club is a great organization for gardeners of all levels of experience as we learn from each other and provide opportunities for spreading the word about important horticultural issues affecting our communities. Please join us for the following programs to be held at the LaFayette Community Center:

Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. An Evening with Terry Ettinger presenting “Worst Landscape Weeds and How to Deal with Them.”	Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. A presentation on the <i>Matthew 25</i> , a small not-for-profit farm in Vesper, dedicated to ensure that no Central New Yorker goes without fresh produce.
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—Club President Eunice Tompkins, 696-4650 for more information.





Laura Lavine is a force. She finishes what she starts. And on July 1, she started her role as LaFayette's new school superintendent. There is no doubt that she will fulfill her vision.

You have likely read about Ms. Lavine's formidable background in academic leadership positions at Onondaga Central, Chittenango and Clarkstown. And you may recognize her name from having been interim director of special education at LaFayette. Laura also developed a virtual classroom for Liverpool, and sees opportunities for using that technology in LaFayette. When asked what skills from those positions will be most useful in her new role as LaFayette superintendent, Laura articulated many of the same competencies required to run Fortune 100 companies:

- *Lead by example.*
- *Listen to every stakeholder and give their input due consideration.*
- *Use research to inform our practice.*
- *Hold employees accountable for what the community is paying us to do.*
- *Provide necessary support for employees so they can do their jobs.*

She closed her list with a skill that most corporate leaders wish they had: *create a community that exudes warmth, love and happiness*. Laura is genuinely passionate about her new role. So much so, that she has forsaken a few board positions to focus her energy on making LaFayette students *highly literate, productive and career-minded*. Laura sees that as her most important job, and will do what is necessary to achieve it. It wasn't easy to pare down her support for other organizations, but now that she is more free to focus on her superintendent role, she says she's the happiest she's been in her 36-year career.



Revisiting how Laura finishes what she starts: she's in the midst of completing her doctorate in how to use oral history as a qualitative research methodology. Why is the PhD important to someone so accomplished? *"Because it's the only thing I ever started and didn't finish,"* says Laura. Her particular focus is on telling the story of how Syracuse University includes people with disabilities.

Laura was asked to complete the same sentence that others represented in this issue of the newsletter were asked: I think LaFayette is known for... *"being a close-knit community with strong family values and high expectations of its school district—which we intend to deliver."* Tall order, but my bets are on Laura Lavine reaching that goal.

—Laura Horian, information officer



FISH Needs Help

The FISH volunteer medical transport program is looking for a dispatcher for one week per month. This volunteer position requires good communication skills. Dispatchers take phone calls from people who need a ride to the doctors. They then connect them with a volunteer driver. Drivers are also needed. Online brochure is at <http://www.peace-caa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/FISH-brochure.pdf>. If interested, please contact Barb Kohberger at PEACE, Inc., 696-8203, bkohberger@peace-caa.org

I think LaFayette is known for the Apple Festival and great LAX teams!

—Barb Kohberger



Thanks...

- Instructional lacrosse - Thanks to **Andy Reed, Tom Scofield, Jim McElhannon** and **Matt Barclay** for coaching our instructional boys and girls programs this summer. The boys will have another practice this fall and participants will get their shirts.
- Running - Thank you to **Julie Clarke** and **Vivian Mueller** for coaching the summer running program! The runners were happy to continue earning their "feet" for miles run. Keep on it and we'll see you at the Apple Run!

Coming up...

- Youth Soccer - Fall soccer begins Saturday, September 6, 10-11:30am at the Optimist Ball Fields (south/concession) for grades K-6. Schedule details will be announced then. Grades 3-6 should plan on games in Tully on Saturdays as well as a weeknight practice here. Coaches still needed! If you haven't checked in with Chris or Regina, call now and plan on helping beginning 9/6. Please submit all LCC coaching forms by then (available at www.townoflafayette.com).
- Pizza in the Box Lacrosse - Join us as we revive Friday night box play and pizza! **Dave Caughey** will be heading this up. Open to boys, grades 3-8. 6-7:30pm, Bring \$5 donation.
- Apple Festival-Pizza Booth - It's time to sign up to work the Pizza Booth! Please plan on doing a 2-hour shift for LCC, especially if your child participates in our programs. Call or email your name, phone #, mailing address and choice of day and time preference (between 11a and 3p) by October 5th. You will help make and sell pizzas. Thanks in advance.

Adults...

- Yoga - Mondays & Thursdays, beginning Sept 15, 6:30-7:45pm, Grimshaw. Session goes until Dec 22. \$40 one night/week or do both for \$75. Please send name, phone, check by Sept 10 to LCC. **Kate Farrar**, certified instructor
- Zumba! - Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Grimshaw cafeteria. Sept 3-Jan 28, 2015. Session price \$55 or walk-in \$4/night. Send name, phone and check to LCC or bring to first class. **Tina Knapp**, certified instructor.
- Daytime/Senior Exercise - Tues-Wed-Thurs, 8:30-9:30am, Community Center, ongoing six-week sessions. Join anytime from 9/16 to 10/24. Now \$35, but that is still less than \$2 per class! Walk-in's \$4/class. All levels welcome. **Kathy Greeley**, certified instructor.
- Tai Chi - We are pleased to announce fall classes! Beginner's class on Tuesdays 7-8pm, Grimshaw (in classroom near cafe). Also a continuation class for the Wed morning group will be same time; location TBA from Lynn. Six weeks -starting week of Sept 8. Free!

Ongoing...

- 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>.
- Volunteers needed - LCC relies on volunteers to keep programs running well. We could use some new helpers! Come to a meeting to find out what we do and where you may be able to assist. Please call 677-7272 or contact any current member to discuss. We need dedicated, energetic people!

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



From the LaFayette Library: Here's what's new...

We hope that everyone enjoyed the many and varied programs we had this summer and that your vacations were enjoyable as well.

We are looking forward to some innovative programming in our "Maker Corner" or "Maker Space" (see photo→). The space in the library is designated especially for creating things, whether individually or as a collaborative effort. We have a 3D printer (purchased in large part from a state grant sponsored by Senator DeFrancisco) and have on order some Lego Challenge sets for creative experimental projects for people of all ages. We hope to kick this off in collaboration with the LaFayette schools.



We are still looking to add grades 6-12 to our teen task force to brainstorm about programming, collection development, etc. If you are interested, please contact **Kyra Nay** 677-3782. There is also a teen book club underway. Come and check it out!

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.

Story hours:

- **Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30am**
- **Thursday 6:30 – 7:30pm**

I think LaFayette is known for its apple orchards and of course the Apple Festival.

—Scott Kushner, 677-3782



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.

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.

December 1, Monday: SYRACUSE HOLIDAYS

Join the Lafayette Seniors for a day of Holiday Cheer! No need to get up early; bus leaves at 11:30am. First stop is "Tony's" restaurant in East Syracuse, famous for their Turkey Buffet. Next is the Palace Theatre for "The Big Band Show" featuring the Latshaw Pops Orchestra. Shows are different each year, but there are still the traditional Christmas Carols to sing along! Next...How about a snack or hot chocolate at Heidi's (on own)? And it wouldn't be Christmas without a drive through "Lights On The Lake" featuring Fairytale Magic and colorful displays.

Cost \$77 p.p, includes motorcoach transport, lunch, Holiday Christmas show, stop at Heidi's and "Lights On The Lake."

—Lynn Henderson, 677-5112 for more information or to make reservations



Tom Rezsnyak's Autumn Safety Tips

Home fire hazards escalate as we begin to close our windows and turn on the heat. Below are some reminders to keep yourself safe. And if you'd like an interactive way to help your children and grandchildren become more aware of fire hazards, the National Fire Protection Association offers a fun checklist to complete at: <http://www.sparky.org/pdf/sparkychecklist.pdf>

Carbon Monoxide (CO) — poisoning can occur by a small amount over a long period of time!

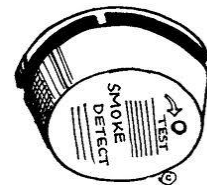


- CO alarms are as important as fire alarms...maybe more because they detect a dangerous gas that is invisible, odorless and colorless!
- Install one (with label of a recognized testing lab) in a central location outside sleeping areas and on every level of the house. When one sounds, they all sound. Manufacturer instructions tell you how and where to install.

- Test alarms at least each month, and replace as manufacturer instructs.
- If the alarm sounds, everyone in the house should seek fresh air. Open windows, step outdoors.
- Sources of CO include:
 - vents (dryer, furnace, stove, fireplace) plugged with lint or snow
 - vehicle exhaust pipes—start your car with the garage door open
 - gas or charcoal grills—only use them outside
 - generators—use in a well-ventilated outdoor location, away from windows, doors, vent openings

Smoke Alarms — working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half!

- Install one on every level, and in every bedroom, including the basement. one near the kitchen should be at least 10 feet from the stove to prevent alarms.
- Consider dual sensor alarms for maximum protection (ionization + photoelectric).
- Replace them after 10 years.



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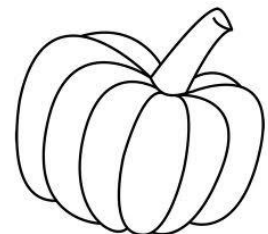


Clothes Dryers — the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them!

- Leave dryer installation and servicing to the professionals.
- Make it a habit for all who use the dryer to remove lint from the filter before each load.
- Check that the dryer's air exhaust vent pipe, and the outdoor vent are not restricted.
- Keep the area around the dryer free of things that can ignite (cleaning solutions, paper).

Halloween — decorations are the first thing to ignite in 1,000 reported home fires each year!

- Keep dried decorations (flowers, cornstalks, crepe paper) away from open flames and heat sources (light bulbs, heaters).
- Avoid costumes with long, trailing fabric, and make sure kids can see out of their masks.
- Give kids flashlights or glowsticks to carry.
- Rather than a real candle in the jack-o-lantern, use a battery-operated one.
- Ask kids to practice stop-drop-and-roll before they go trick-or-treating.



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 & LaFayette Rd. The church is handicap accessible.

For further information about our programs or ministries, contact: 677-9810, www.lafayettealliance.org

Summer Schedule of Services (thru 9/7/14)		Schedule of Services (beginning 9/14/14)	
Sunday	9:00–10:00 AM – Sunday School for all ages 10:15 AM - Worship Service 6:00 PM – Interactive Bible Study	Sunday	9:30–10:30 AM – Sunday School for all ages 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM - Worship Service 6:00 PM – Interactive Bible Study
Wed	7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting	Wed	7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting

At LaFayette Alliance Church we worship, serve, learn, enjoy fellowship with one another and reach out to our world with the life-transforming truth of God's Word. If you are looking for a place to belong, to grow, and to serve, come check us out!

- **Youth Group** ~ 7th – 12th grade meets Sundays in our church 6–8pm.
- **Awana** ~ For boys and girls, age 3 through 12th grade. Meets Thursdays 6:30–8:10pm. New clubbers are always welcome. **Awana will begin again in mid-September.**
- **Battalion** ~ For boys in 7th – 12th grade meets Mondays at 6:30 pm. Battalion emphasizes character building, Bible study, indoor and outdoor activities, service and leadership skills.
- **Widow Ministry** ~ Helping widows in our community, we meet on the 1st Saturday of the month.
- **Global Outreach Missions Conference** ~ Sept 28–Oct 5. This year's theme: 'The Joy of Access' Romans 10:4-15

~ Our Ministries ~

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



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>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Join us!</p>
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT OUR SUMMER CHICKEN BBQs!

News beginning in September...

- ☞ Dance More Classes begin Thursday, September 4th. Go to <http://www.dancemorestudios.com> for information on classes held in the Sessions Building, Mondays and Thursdays this fall.
- ☞ Apple Pie Making begins Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-noon and 6-9pm beginning September 2nd until the first week of October. Pies go on sale in the Sessions Building on Thursday, October 9. Come join us for the fun and visit us at our booth at the Apple Festival!
- ☞ We celebrate our Golden Circle Members during service on Sunday, September 21st, followed by a coffee hour for New Hope Family Services.
- ☞ On Third Sundays -- September 21 and October 17 -- we offer Contemporary Worship [and music] Services beginning at 6:30pm.
- ☞ We had so much fun last year we decided to do it again! Come join us for Trunk or Treat on Halloween Night Friday, October 31st, beginning at 6pm in the parking lot.

—Marla Jabbour

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Upcoming Holidays & Town Events

Date	Event	Location	Add'l Info
Sept 2	Apple pie making begins!	Columbian Presb	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am-noon and 6-9pm, Sept 2nd until the first week of Oct. Pies go on sale in the Sessions Building on Thursday, October 9.
Sept 8, 6:30pm	Town Board Meeting	Town Commons	
By Sept 15	Town pick-up of brush	Your yards!	Please have all brush out by side of road
By Sept 29, 5:30pm	Town Board Budget Meeting	Town Commons	All are welcome to listen, and ask questions.
Oct 1	Last day for hunting licenses	Town Clerk's office	Lottery system; chances are same, first or last day (but please don't wait til last day!)
Oct 11, 9a-6p	LaFayette Apple Fest	5330 Rowland Road (off Rte 20)	Apple pancake breakfast 7am. \$5 admission (12 & under free). \$4 presale tix at Old Tyme Café or Baileys Ice Cream on Rt 11 in Nedrow. Free parking.
Oct 12, 9a-5p	LaFayette Apple Fest	"	" " " "
Oct 12	LaFayette Apple Run 8:30a – Fun Run (free) 9:15a – 5K Road Race 9:30a – 15K Road Race	Tully Farms Rd, just south of Rt 20	Packet Pickup and Race Day Registration opens at 7:30am. More info at http://thelafayetteapplerun.org/Default.aspx
Oct 27, 6:30pm	Town Board Meeting	Town Commons	
Oct 31, 6pm	Halloween Trunk or Treat!	Columbian Pres parking lot	And if you trick-or-treat in the neighborhood, please wear something bright and/or carry a light!

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Submission deadline for remaining 2014 newsletter: October 15

To be issued Nov 1st; covers November-December (elections, tree lighting, etc.)

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Fall Quotes...

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

—Albert Camus

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

—L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile."

— William Cullen Bryant

"Don't you love New York in the fall? It makes me want to buy school supplies. I would send you a bouquet of newly sharpened pencils if I knew your name and address."

— Nora Ephron