



LaFayette

Community Newsletter

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“Ask not what your country can do”



Our theme for this newsletter is **Community**. Each contributor has been asked by our Editor to bring their thoughts, programs, or services that affect our **Community** to you.

Throughout my lifetime, I've been greatly influenced by the following words from President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural address on January 20, 1961.



*“Ask not what
your country
can do for you,
ask what you
can do for
your country”*

—John F. Kennedy

For me, these words were a call to action for Americans from all walks of life to bond together and work on behalf of our Nation without thoughts of personal compensation or advancement. The true essence of the Volunteer who works for a positive cause.

This type of selflessness is easily recognized but it is seldom seen in action by the many who call LaFayette home. Let us reach out to recognize and thank:

- Our Town Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals: 10 members of our **community** who work on your behalf to bring your project to life.
- I wish to extend a Special Thank You to Steve Beggs who retired following 43 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals.



The Town of LaFayette
Cordially invites you to join
us in the

*Official Dedication
of the*

LaFayette Highway Garage

On Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 10:00 am



Refreshments, live music and equipment displays following

From the Supervisor....cont'd

- Members of our many committees and programs who work on our behalf each and every day to touch you and your family each day of the week!
- I thank Tom Reznick, our Town Safety Officer, for many selfless decades of dedicated service to our *community*.
- The women and men of our Armed Services for they have stepped up to complete the mission that they have been assigned without question. Please take a moment on Memorial Day to recall the Sacrifice of those who have fallen on the behalf of our Country and *Community*.

These Americans have provided the many services to our town that President Kennedy called upon us decades ago. They have placed their *community*

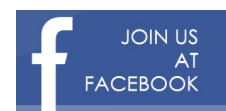


ahead of their personal gain. Please take the time to thank them for their services.

In closing, LaFayette has benefited from hundreds of volunteers that lead our Town's activities each and every day. We thank you very much for all that you do!

The Work of "*Community*" is never done. Please contact me if you have a desire to contribute in your own special way! Thank you.

—Bill McConnell
Town Superintendent



COMMUNITY

We are grateful for all the organizations we are lucky to have that make LaFayette a vibrant *COMMUNITY* and a great place to live. Thank you to all the Volunteers for these wonderful organizations

Town Board and Town Committees	LaFayette <i>Community</i> Band
LaFayette <i>Community</i> Council	Boy Scouts
LaFayette Optimists	GAPS
LaFayette Rural Cemetery	LaFayette Booster Club
LaFayette Seniors	VFW
Southern Hills Garden Club	LaFayette Fire Department
LaFayette Outreach	LaFayette Parks Department
LaFayette Parade Committee	FISH Program
LaFayette Highway Department	PEACE
LaFayette Library	Southern Hills Preservation Club
St. Joseph's Church	LaFayette Apple Run
LaFayette Alliance Church	Toolon
Onatavia Methodist Church	LaFayette After School Program
Columbian Presbyterian Church	LaFayette Central Schools
Apple Festival Committee	Girl Scouts of America
Odd Fellows	PEACE, Inc. (FISH)

Development at the *former* LaFayette Beach

Our little gem of a park located on Amidon Road is going through a tremendous renovation, renewal and revival.



The park itself dates back approximately 40 years, and for generations it has been the home of the LCC swim lesson program and *community* recreational swimming. Many challenges have faced the beach operations during the

last several years; structural repairs, flooding, retention pond degradation and most importantly water quality standards. These issues resulted in the beach not being open for the entire 2014 season. The financial and engineering estimates to remedy these challenges are staggering. The swim lesson program is a valuable and popular program, thus for this year we have partnered with the Town of Pompey to offer swim lessons via their program at Cazenovia College. The *community* swim program is still a possibility and will be operationally reviewed for the 2015 season. Now on to the new renovations underway.

Basketball Courts: A professional new dual court basketball area featuring: new pavement, new poles, rims and backboards, regulation painted lines, and a aesthetically pleasing retaining wall. Completed and installed in 2013 with a *community* development grant under the direction of former town supervisor Adrian Shute and Highway supervisor John Greeley.

Restroom Facility: A brand new ground up construction of a handicap accessible bathroom was completed the fall of 2014. This facility replaces and old bathroom that was desperately in need of repairs and lacked the required accessibility features. The project was funded by a *community* development grant and managed by Town Counselor Steve Zajack

Rebuilding of Box Lacrosse Field The current box Lacrosse Field has proudly served generations of Lacrosse players from LCC youth programs to adult Leagues drawing players from around the county. The field itself is in great shape, however the box structure is in need of complete structural replacement. In an attempt to do a good olde *community* “Amish barn raising” approach, we have talked to many individuals and *community* organizations and will be looking to

finalize plans for construction in the spring of 2015. If you would like to volunteer contact Andy Ohstrom at 498-9377.

New Signs, Equipment, Painting and Fencing. Some small but important details will complete the transformation: New signage at front entrance to include new fencing and landscaping. Installation of new playground and athletic accessory equipment, and the repair painting of the existing pavilion and shed structures. These items will provide a much needed image upgrade.

You may have noticed in the introduction I used the term *former* LaFayette Beach. As we have been discussing the renovations several people have indicated the park is also in need of a new name to go with the new image. With swim operations winding down and the new sports facilities being the main focus, a “Sports Park” theme seemed logical.

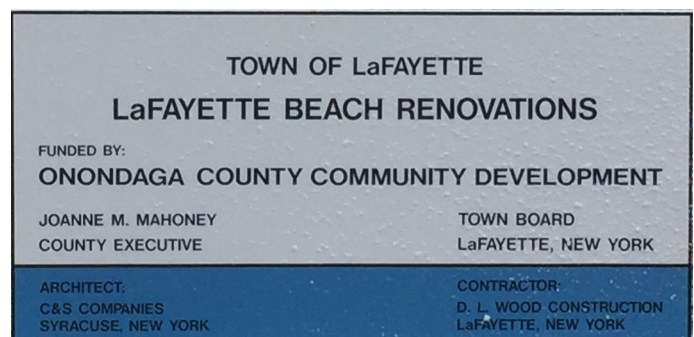
LCC will have supervised basketball during the summer for grades 4-8. LaFayette will be fielding ULA Lacrosse teams for boys and girls grades 3/4 and 5/6. Also, LCC will have instructional lacrosse programs for grades K-2. These are just some of the programs that will be utilizing our “new” sports park.

When looking at the history and geography of the park, it was discovered the area has traditionally been called Vinegar Hill (as verified by our town Historian Gregg Titus).

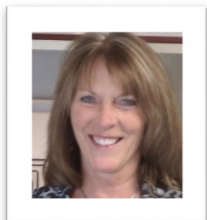
Thus a new name to reinforce the new image for the park has been proposed: **Vinegar Hill Sports Park**. The plan is for the park renovations to be completed in 2015, and we can have a completely revitalized park that the entire *community* can be proud of.

—Andy Ohstrom

www.townoflafayette.com



From the Town Clerk



“Com-mu-ni-ty” – 1) a social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage; 2) a

feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitude, interest and goals.

It seems there are so many negative comments such as “what is this world coming too?” “I don’t talk to my neighbor, they ticked me off years ago when they pushed their snow in my yard and they are weird” “What’s the matter with kids these days, when I was their age, it was different”; “People just don’t care about others anymore” “Back in the good old days things were so much better, people were nicer”; and how about “Road Rage”, why??? Generation after generation the world has changed. It had to. Modern technology, social media, and easy accessibility to everyone else’s business forced it too. When talking with other generations, they advise that their parents and elders had some of the same negative comments as the world seemed to go in an unfamiliar and faster paced direction. Change is tough to handle sometimes and I think we are all guilty of the negative comments from time to time. I’m thinking some more positive thoughts for this newsletter.

My segment is on the “LaFayette ***Community***”, because it is awesome. As a lifelong resident, student, member of some of the organizations and now as Town Clerk, I get to hear many positive comments about this Town. Its residents, Leaders both past and present, all the volunteers for the numerous organizations who donate so much of their precious time whether to coach a sports team, assist Senior Citizens, Brownies, Girls & Boy Scouts, build the Park Facilities, assist in their Churches and activities and acting on the Boards of various

Committees, wow these people give and give and give and our ***Community*** benefits from every bit of it.

Presently, I am on a committee that is organizing a benefit for my niece, Victoria Fitzpatrick (June 6, 2015/LaFayette Fire Dept). I’m amazed and humbled at the generosity almost every person, business and even strangers display in order to help someone going through rough times in this Town. Some who may not have the resources almost always find some way to help. Often times they don’t even know the person the Benefit is for, but their compassion is there, without hesitation and straight from the heart. That’s what I think ***“Community”*** is about. Thank you to everyone who donates raffle items, money, flyers, tickets, time, energy, thoughts & prayers, knowledge or whatever else they can to better the lives of someone in need.

“La-Fay-ette Com-mu-ni-ty” – a Town full of people living with the feeling of fellowship and having the common attitude, interest and goals of making our Town a wonderful environment for our children, parents, grandparents and everyone else who is fortunate enough to reside in this Town.

Now on to some Town Business....

- Dump Days—May 2-9 (see the highway Depts page for all details)
- Shredding May 9—Upper Parking Lot of Town Hall— 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- Rabies Clinic May 7—5:00—7:00 pm Clay Highway Garage
- Rabies Clinic May 11— 5:00—7:00 pm Manlius Rec Center
- Rabies Clinic May 21—5:00—7:00 pm SPCA Molloy Rd.
- Rabies Clinic June 11—5:00—7:00 pm Meachem Ice Rink

Please visit the Town of LaFayette website www.townoflafayette.com. Most forms are available for download for your convenience or you may call (315) 677-3674 or email myself or Kristin at lafayettetownclerk@cnyemail.com or lafayettedeputytownclerk@cnyemail.com. We invite you to visit our office or call, we’ll be happy to assist you in obtaining the services you require.

-Jackie Bush Roorda

The Highway Department

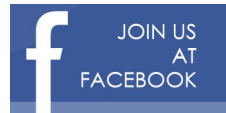


Congratulations LaFayette Residents! We survived what is to be one of the worst winters in many years! I commend your safe driving habits. Brush pick-up operations started in April and ran through April 23rd. We will pick-up brush again in August. Earth day was April 24th and 25th. Thank you to all residents that helped keep LaFayette beautiful.

Important dates to remember:

The Highway Department is happy to announce again this year that we will offer free mulch for all residents during clean-up days and at the new highway garage while supplies last. The new highway garage is moving at a rapid pace; move-in began in late April. We thank Diamond and Thiel and all of the contractors for their continued

dedication to this project despite the rough winter conditions. We will be holding our official "Grand Opening" on **Community** days, May 30th. Please stop off for a tour and enjoy free food and oldies music. We will have "New" plow truck displays and lots of neat things to do! The huge project would not have been possible without the support of our residents. On behalf of the Highway Department, we thank this **community** for their continued support. We stay committed to serving our residents by offering free "E" waste drop off, free mulch, brush pick-up and our #1 priority: Keeping Roads Safe....



—John Greeley
Highway Superintendent
www.TownofLaFayette.com



Dump Days May 2 – 9
Groth Road Landfill
Saturdays 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Mon-Friday 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
Closed Sundays
Open to LaFayette Residents

YES WE WILL ACCEPT

- E-WASTE (COMPUTERS, SMALLER SERVERS, TV'S, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS, MICE, FAX MACHINES, PRINTERS/SCANNERS, PHONES, VCR'S, DVR'S, DVD PLAYERS, GAME CONSOLES, DIGITAL CONVERTER BOXES, CABLE/SATELLITE RECEIVERS
- BATTERIES
- PAINT CANS—(EMPTY WITH LIDS OFF)
- FUEL TANKS (EMPTY, 1 FOOT HOLE IN THEM)
- PLASTIC PIPE, WIRE OR CABLE UNDER 8 FEET LONG
- REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, HUMIDIFIERS
- MICROWAVES, STOVES
- MATTRESSES, COUCHES, RECLINERS
- CARPETING, LINOLEUM
- ALL METALS, NAILS AND SCREWS IF CONTAINED
- RECYCLABLES

NO WE WILL NOT ACCEPT

- ANY KIND OF GLASS TO INCLUDE WINDOWS
- ANY KIND OF WOOD
- FENCING
- INSULATION
- CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (I.E. SHEETROCK)



TIRES ARE ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING FEES:

- SMALL TIRES \$3 EACH
- LARGE TIRES \$4 EACH
- TRUCK TIRES \$8 EACH
- EXTRA LARGE TIRES \$.45/LB.

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN—TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DUMP DAYS



LaFayette Outreach

LaFayette Outreach is an organization providing a wide range of social services to the LaFayette **Community** and school district and Nedrow. The organization started at St. Joseph's Church in 1981. In 1992, it was incorporated as a stand alone 501c3 not-for-profit organization.

Hours: Tuesday 9:30 to 12:00 noon Thursday 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Located at St. Joseph's Church, 3163 Route 20, LaFayette

Phone/fax: 677-5221

Outreach is supported by individuals, churches, organizations, and businesses in our **community**.

Outreach provides: Food Pantry



Referral services to appropriate agencies and programs

WIC held monthly

Seasonal programs

Food Sense

LaFayette Outreach is a partner agency of the Food Bank of CNY

LaFayette Outreach is a designated United Way Agency. Please consider indicating on your pledge card that you wish your donation to go to LaFayette Outreach. This keeps your donation in the LaFayette **community**.

We welcome calls and inquiries.



—Cheryle H. Jepson

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

ALL AMATEUR
PHOTOGRAPHERS!!!

LOOKING FOR SCENIC
PHOTOS OF LAFAYETTE
LANDSCAPES TO POST TO
OUR TOWN WEBSITE

PLEASE SEND TO:

lafayetteinfofficer@cnymail.com

Thank You!

**Special thanks from the
Senior Exercise Class to
Dave Baker for allowing
us to use the VFW while
repairs were being
made to the Community
Center**



Huge Rummage Sale!!!

Pompey Community Church (corner of
Berwyn Rd. and Route 20 (large white
building on the hill))

Donation drop off:

Saturday, May 23 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sunday, May 24 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tues – Thurs of that week 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Gently used items appreciated

Rummage Sale

Friday, May 29 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday May 30 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

(with \$1 fill a bag of small items and all large
items ½ price starting at 1:00 pm on Saturday)

**Proceeds benefit the PCC Youth Group
outreach efforts to help the disadvantaged**

A note from our Town Historian Emeritus

Fifty four years ago I began collecting historic photographs of the Town of LaFayette. This past winter I counted the collection for the first time and was surprised to find that they now number 1,600. They have been organized by topic: organizations, individuals, the hamlets of LaFayette and Cardiff; the “forgotten places” such as Conklin’s Falls/Berwyn, Onatavia and Collingwood, etc.

Working with Town Historian Greg Titus and Town Supervisor, Bill McConnell, I hope that a book of these photographs can be produced. Modern technology for photo reproduction has improved to the point that good quality can be assured. I would be pleased to know if there is anyone else residing in the town who might be interested in such a project.

My collections include several thousand clippings as well as the standard source materials for local history research. The “bible” of the collection has long been the notes of our esteemed historian Newton E. King (1873-1956). He numbered every

property in the town as per the 1874 map and compiled all that he could on those who settled there.

Through all the thirty-one years since I left LaFayette, the Town Board has supported me in adding to the photographs. I have always said that I am ever ready to answer historical inquiries that may arise.

—J. Roy Doge



PEACE, Inc. County South Family Resource Center has a medical transportation program that serves LaFayette and Tully. It is called FISH for “Friends in Service Here” and has been operating for over 10 years. We are looking for volunteer drivers in LaFayette who might be available to drive people to medical appointments once a month. It is a great opportunity for retired individuals who are looking for things to do and it also provides a wonderful service in our **communities**. If interested, please call Barb at PEACE, Inc. @ 315-696-8203.

PEACE, Inc. is also doing taxes for free at Shoppingtown Mall near Sears. The EITC program can be reached at 315-634-3756 for an appointment.



Ducks for Sale – Get your duck now \$10 each or 3/\$25 to compete in the Annual LCC Duck Race to be held at Community Day 5/30. If you do not have a form, send in your name, address, phone and number of ducks with a check made out to LCC to: LCC, P.O. Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084 Must be received by May 25th



6th Annual LaFayette Community Day
Saturday, May 30th, 2015 3:00 pm
Stafford Park, Route 11, LaFayette

Community Day started in 2009 as a way for people in the Town of LaFayette to come together once a year to meet each other and have fun. Since then, *Community* Day has grown in size, but has remained a free event with no sales or merchandising. It is a chance for people to come out and meet their neighbors, get some free food, play some games, and enjoy the fireworks. The Town of LaFayette, LaFayette Optimists, LaFayette Community Council, LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department, LaFayette VFW and many other groups work together to make it happen.

Events scheduled for this year's *Community* Day



Community Council Frisbee Golf Tournament.

LaFayette Optimist Bike Rodeo

LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department Pushball

Little Human Races sponsored by Grimshaw
 Association of Parents and Staff

LaFayette youth baseball game

VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony & Bonfire

LaFayette *Community* Council Duck Race

Live Music

Free Food

Fireworks sponsored by the LaFayette Optimist Club



LaFayette Public Library

Here is the May lineup for Kyra's "Imagination Lab" for elementary school students (K-6 basically) on Wednesday afternoons, 3:30 – 4:30. Registration is not required but appreciated so we know how many to prepare for. This can be done via email to Kyra Nay: knay@onlib.org or via phone: 677-3782. This is what is coming up in May:

- 5/6 Matisse Paper Cuts
- 5/13 DIY Musical Instruments
- 5/20 Cardboard Box City
- 5/27 Lego Freeplay

Also, we are putting together our schedule for summer reading programming. Here is what we have so far:

- David Moreland the Magician – July 1 @ 10:30
- Zoo-to-You – July 23 @ 3:00 p.m.
- Hero Butterfly Migration – July 27 @ 1:30

- The M.O.S.T. – July 28 @ 2:00
- Gravitational Bull: juggling, comedy, magic and more – August 12 @ 10:30
- Bubbleman: origin story with Doug Rougeux August 21 @ 2:00 for the Summer Reading program grand finale!

Please come and join us!

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

We have also been collaborating with the Big Picture School. We are planning an event in May TBD. We'll send out information regarding that once it is confirmed

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

We have an ongoing teen book club that meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays. For further information please call the library 677-3782. Here are some examples of what's being read:

"Atlantia" by Ally Condie

"Egg and Spoon" by Gregory McQuire

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

Connect with us at:

<http://lafayettelibrary.org/>

—Scott Kushner



LaFayette Rural Cemetery

The Cemetery Board welcomes our newest member, Richard Scammell, who has joined us to serve out the remaining term of Wesley (Bud) Hall. Mr. Hall passed away in 2014.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Cemetery Board's annual open meeting, which will be held at the Session Room of Columbian Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Checking statistics for the past 10 years, we have averaged about 12 burials a year, of which, on average, 8 are casket burials and 4 are cremation burials. We still have lots for sale in our beautiful cemetery. Call Andrea King at 677-9363 for more information about lot sales. Most of our



funds are tied up in investments from which only the interest is available to spend. These days, interest doesn't amount to much. Donations to the cemetery are always welcomed to help us with the costs of mowing and upkeep. We also invite you to consider making bequests to the cemetery association in your Wills to help us to maintain it in a condition that respects all of our deceased loved ones.

LaFayette Rural Cemetery
5968 US Route 20
LaFayette, NY 13084

—Andrea King

From the *Community* Council

Questions about recreational activities may be directed to Regina Reinschmidt, Recreation Coordinator at reglcc@dreamscape.com or 677-7272. Additional information, including current list of the LCC board members and contact info can be found at www.townoflafayette.com.

The theme for this month is *community*. Most of what we do centers around that word. It is our goal to engage the LaFayette *community* in health and wellness and to give our children the opportunity to grow, learn and have fun in an involved and supportive *community*. Look for us at *Community* Day! Join us to be an active *community member*-- we always need *community* minded volunteers.

Coming up....

Swim lessons American Red Cross Swim lessons, at Cazenovia College pool, 11:15am-12pm, M-F, July 6th-24th. Lessons are free for town residents. **Deadline is May 29th** This is offered through Town of Pompey swim program so we must adhere to a strict deadline. We are pleased to be able to offer this great opportunity to our LaFayette children. Forms went home from school already. They are also on the town website. So be sure to get them in on time!

Cortland Crush Baseball/Softball Camp for Tully and LaFayette! We are excited to offer this new camp! Baseball/softball, for girls and boys, just completing grades 3-8. Camp is June 29th, 30th and July 1st, 9am-12pm at Tully fields. Run by players and coaches of the college team "Cortland Crush" Modified players encouraged to attend. Cost is \$45 (or save \$5 if registered by June 1st). Forms went home from school or you can get one on the town website.

13th Ultimate Goal Annual Soccer Camp Mark your calendars...camp is a bit earlier this year. July 27th-31st. Forms will go home from school this month. Info is also on town website. We look forward to another great camp this year!

Tennis Camp Our annual kids tennis camp by HS coach Joe Fox dates are still in the works at the time of this due date. So watch the website and for flyers from school, but plan on it happening and you attending.

Coaches! Please turn in your LCC paperwork if you are coaching baseball or lacrosse immediately, thanks.

Adults...

Yoga Offered Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:45pm at Grimshaw. You may take one or both nights. Session ends Mon June 22nd. Space is more limited due to construction at the school, so no walk-ins the rest of this session.

Zumba! Continues Wednesdays until June 24th. Call for pro-rated session price or remember, you can always pay \$4 walk-in anytime!

Daytime/senior exercise Meets Tues-Wed-Thurs, 8:30-9:30am at the *Community* Center. All levels welcome. Join anytime by \$4 walk-in or ongoing six-week sessions. Will continue until June, then possibly twice/week for summer session.

Tabata Great workout! Tabata inspired interval workout (20 seconds high, 10 seconds break), opens with full body strengthening. Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Grimshaw café, until June 18th, \$4 walk-in or call for pro-rated session price.

Hallwalking is over since you can get out on the walking path now. We will offer it again in the fall.

Tennis We plan on having tennis lessons this summer again. Dates and times are in the works so please check back soon.

Past programs...

Girls 5th/6th volleyball just finished. Normally held in the fall, this year we had to have it springtime. Big thanks to Simone Thornton for coaching again! Thanks Also to Lauren Gates and Jurnee Kurtz. We had 25 girls participate which is great. Thanks to parents for being flexible with the location change.

Boys and girls 3rd/4th basketball was held in Feb and March. Thank you to Adrian Shute, Andy Reed, Chris Porter, Rich Dix, Shawn Reyburn, and all who helped make the programs successful.

Skiing Great year for our ski program! Lots of snow, a bit cold but we braved it. Plan on signing up next fall again and think about upgrading to a season's pass to enjoy both Lab and Song. Special thanks to Wendy Moltion, Cindy Seiter, John Shaver and Cory and Zack LeBlanc for being this year's advisors.

LaFayette Optimists—*Friend of Youth*

The LaFayette Optimist Club is grateful for the opportunity to write a column in the *Community* Newsletter. The Optimists are a youth oriented organization having local roots since 1968. We were originally sponsored by the Marcellus Optimist Club. We sponsor multiple events in LaFayette including the Fishing Derby, Winterfest, Bike Rodeo, Oratorical Contest, Fireworks at the summer *Community* Days celebration, etc. We have established and maintained and improved Stafford Park. We are spearheading the complete renovation of “the box” at the LaFayette Beach. We plan on, once we get all the clearances and permissions to completely dismantle and rebuild the box. Dates to be determined in part by the weather. By the time you read this we should be well on our way with the restoration. We fund our club by selling the best steak sandwich at the Applefest and with sales from our fall golf ball drop. All those funds go to support our local projects.

Looking back we had a successful Winterfest as well as establishing the first annual LaFayette Optimist Invitational 7-8th grade basketball tournament. This was very well attended with teams from Fabius, Marcellus, and Onondaga. Sales of refreshments, a raffle and donations raised a considerable sum of money to the organization. One anonymous Optimist doubled the total collection and this sum was donated to the Casi Hazeltine Family, a young local boy battling cancer.

We have a facebook page as well. Make sure you like our page so you can be aware of all our events.

May 9 is our annual fishing derby. It is always great family fun. Coming up are the fireworks and bike rodeo on May 30.

At the end of our meetings we recite the Optimist Creed. It reminds us that attitude is everything. An Optimistic attitude doesn't cost a penny. We promise ourselves “To be strong that nothing can disturb our peace of mind”. That's a positive sentiment. We are, of course, not talking about physical strength but strength of character, strength of mind. The second part of the sentence suggests we start from a “peace of mind” place has a certain Zen like quality to the phrase doesn't it? So, the first line in the Creed exhorts us to have strong but peaceful sensibility. It's a great thing to keep in mind. It's a great optimistic attitude. Now if only we can somehow expose the kids in the *community* to the same ideas. Well, until we figure that out we will continue with our efforts to provide the local kids and families with safe, fun, health activities and opportunities.



—Joe Barry



Follow us on facebook

LaFayette Optimists Junior Fishing Derby

Prizes.....Food.....Fun!!!!

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Fishing begins at 9:00 am

Prizes awarded at 11:30 am

Stafford Park, Route 11

Derby open to residents of LaFayette

Preschool through 8th grade

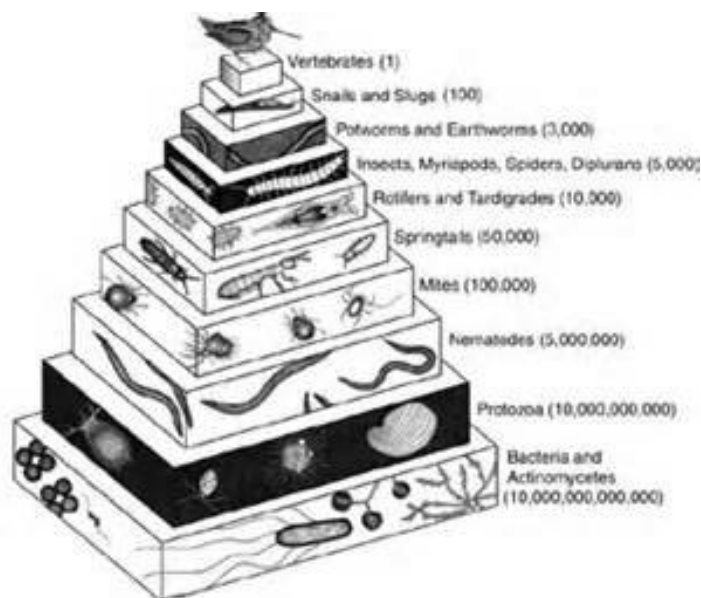


LaFayette Outdoors—LaFayette's Hidden *Community*

In keeping with this issue's theme, we'll concentrate here on a segment of our *community* that is often overlooked – nature's hidden creatures, closer to you than you think! I am not referring to the cryptic vertebrates around us that are often not seen like deer, turkeys, owls, beavers and the like. No, there are others – have you considered what hides in the soil under your feet in the front lawn or under the forest floor nearby? Right now, you may find scores of black dots hopping around on a melting patch of snow – springtails living in the soil, coming up for a breather. But they are only a fraction of our natural soil

community scientists have found in an area of one square meter (3 x 3 ft), or nine square feet. Not much you say. Digging straight down and carefully counting all animals down to bacterium size (see diagram), they have counted approximately (rounded off numbers) 100 snails, 3000 earthworms, 5000 insects and spiders, 50,000 springtails, 100,000 mites, 50 million nematodes (worms), 10 trillion protozoa and even more bacteria! In the diagram, these are arranged in an ecological pyramid of numbers, not volume. The whole volume sampled may represent a block of soil about 5 feet deep. Now imagine the astronomical total of animals when you extend your 1 meter square area to all of Lafayette Township! You can see why that single woodcock on top of the pyramid and all those worm eating robins in your yard in summer have no problem finding food.

But wait, we don't have to go as far as your feet to add to Lafayette's *community* numbers. Since you are a card carrying citizen of our town, all the denizens on or in you qualify as *community* residents. Let's start with your head. Did you know that your scalp and its hair are a virtual jungle of living critters? Yes, you



are a virtual jungle of living critters? Yes, you have hundreds of follicle mites living inside your hairs, plus bacteria etc. on your scalp. And we shan't even make much of your intestinal flora and fauna (bacteria etc.) that daily help you digest your food. You received that complex of critters early in life from your mother as a nursing baby. In short, you can see that Lafayette's hidden *community* is large – nothing to sniff at. Be proud of it. Oh, by the way, washing your hair this evening will not get rid of the follicle mites!



—Rainer Brocke

Nardi, James B. "Life in the Soil" University of Chicago Press, 273pp, 2007

LaFayette Seniors

LaFayette Seniors meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the LaFayette Fire Station at noon. If you are 55 years or older & would like to join us, please bring a dish to pass and your place setting. Coffee & tea are provided. Dues are \$5.00 for the year.

Cal Lynn Henderson at 677-5112 for more info and reservations for any of the following activities

Senior Trips for 2015

May 21—Thursday—A
Mystery Trip!!! I cannot tell you where it is—as it would be a secret. But I can tell you one thing, you will have a fun time!!!!



Cost \$72, prepaid includes motor coach transportation, food and more! Need food choice at time of reservation (Prime rib of beef, Chicken Parm Cutlet or Broiled Haddock)



July 1—Wednesday—
Cooperstown, NY— We will meet our Step on Guide for 90 minute tour of the area. Our lunch buffet will be at the Otsego Resort Hotel famous for their fine dining. Next...we will get on the Glimmerglass Queen on Otsego Lake for a one hour cruise. Then onto Fly Creek Cider Mill. Sample some of their specialty food products, such as aged cheddar cheese, fudge,

preserves and lots more! Each person will also receive a \$3 voucher to use in the store.

Cost \$81 prepaid includes motor coach transportation, lunch guided 90 minute tour with a 1 hour cruise. Our final treat is at Fly Creek Cider Mill.



September 23—Wednesday—Erhards
Banquet Center featuring..."Oldies & Motown". Get down and enjoy the fun, open bar, dancing and a full course sit down lunch with the Uptown Get downs and their 5 piece band direct from Carnegie Hall in NY. Start a Conga line, have a twist contest, get your toes tapping and your head bobbin to the oldies and the soul train music, disco, rock and a lot more. Join the fun and get ready to rock your socks off!!!

Cost \$72 prepaid—includes your motor coach transportation and all the good stuff above.

November 9-11—Tuesday—Thursday,
Lancaster, PA right in the hear of Pennsylvania Dutch country. Trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, American Music Theater—The Christmas Show—Millennium Theater—The Miracle of Christmas, Kitchen Kettle Village, National Christmas Center, Rockvale Square Outlets and motor coach transportation.

Cost \$322 prepaid



—Lynn Henderson



LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The LaFayette Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held at 9:00 am on Monday May 25th. Lineup will begin at 8:30 am at the Alliance Church. Any groups wishing to enter a float, please send an email to Sandra Holtzmaster at sholtzma@twcnny.rr.com or call the VFW Post @ 677-9282 to confirm.

Columbian Presbyterian Church



Pastor Shawn Reyburn

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Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 11:00am

Summer 2015 Chicken Barbecue Schedule

3rd Saturdays beginning at 11:00 am—usually sold out by noon

Call ahead (by Friday @ noon) to reserve halves and dinners 315-677-3293

May 16—June 20—July 18—August 15

Did you know that the Columbian Presbyterian Church has a **Community** Outreach Committee? It helps to promote our church's mission which states: "We faithfully worship God by reaching out to our **community** and the world through outreach/mission, worship and programs. We enjoy close-knit fellowship in every phase of what we do in response to God's call". Our church has been at the heart of our **community** for over 200 years, showing our love for our neighbors through events such as: the Easter Egg Hunt, Ecumenical Lenten Services, Trunk-or-Treat, a bi-weekly girl's club meeting and Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach.

Church members have been involved in local groups such as: Applefest, GAPS, Optimists, Odd Fellows, The Master's Touch Chorale, Boy Scouts, sports coaching, LaFayette Outreach and the LaFayette **Community** Band. It doesn't get more **community**-oriented than that!

May

- *Close to my heart (scrapbooking) Workshop, Saturday, May 2, 10am—10pm in the Session Building*
- *Men's breakfast, Monday, May 4, 6am in the Session Building*
- *God's Girlz, Tuesday, May 5 2:30—4:45 pm in the Session Building*
- *Chicken BBQ, Saturday, May 16, 11 am—noon @ the Session Building*
- *Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, May 17, 6:30 pm*
- *God's Girlz, Tuesday, May 19, 2:30—4:45 pm in the Session Building*
- *Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach, Monday, May 25 8am—noon*
- *Youth Breakfast, Friday, May 29, 7am in the Session Building*

June

- *Men's Breakfast, Monday, June 1, 6am in the Session Building*
- *God's Girlz, Tuesday, June 2, 2:30—4:45 pm in the Session Building*
- *Close to my heart (scrapbooking) Workshop, Saturday, June 6 10am—10 pm in the Session Building*
- *God's Girlz, Tuesday, June 16, 2:30—4:45 pm in the Session Building*
- *Chicken BBQ, Saturday, June 20, 11am—noon @ the Session Building*
- *Worship time changes to 10am through the summer as of Sunday June 21*
- *Youth Breakfast, Friday, June 19, 7am in the Session Building*

Monday, May 25, 8am-noon Memorial Day Benefit for Lafayette Outreach. Come bid at the silent auction for new items, antique treasures, hand-made crafts, gift certificates and more. We'll also have hearty plants and delicious baked goods for sale with all proceeds to benefit LaFayette Outreach.

Thank you for your continued support!

LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP SERVICES	SUNDAY	8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY	9:30 AM—10:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP	SUNDAY	6:00 PM
INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY	SUNDAY	6:00 PM
PRAYER MEETING	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM

A Christ-centered family church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

*Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of
Discipleship*

David Booher, Youth Pastor

~ Youth Group ~

Our Youth Group (7th – 12th grade) meets on Sunday evenings in our church from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information on our youth group or any of its activities, contact the church.

~ Awana ~

This is a program for boys and girls, age 3 through 12th grade. Awana is back and in full swing and meets every Thursday from 6:30 – 8:10 pm. The children enjoy Bible lessons, Scripture memorization, and game time. New clubbers are always welcome. Note that Awana will not meet when the LaFayette School District is closed for vacation or due to weather.

~ Battalion ~

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

~ Daniel Shayesteh ~

Daniel Shayesteh will be with us on the weekend of May 15th -17th. Daniel was a teacher of Islamic philosophy, a member of the Iranian Revolutionary Army and a leading Muslim fundamentalist political leader during the Iranian Islamic Fundamentalist Revolution that began in 1979. He is now a licensed evangelist for Jesus Christ in the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Daniel will be sharing with us his story and how to evangelize others for Christ during several sessions over the weekend. This is a "don't-miss" event if you want to learn more about Islam and how to engage others to consider Christ. For more information, or to learn about his ministry "Exodus from Darkness", visit his website:

www.exodusfromdarkness.org.

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

If you would like further information concerning our church or any of its programs, please contact the church office at 677-9810. We are located at the corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road in LaFayette. The church is handicap accessible.

Check us out on the web! You can listen to Pastor Rob's messages, read our monthly newsletter, the Lamplighter and find out even more details about our various programs.

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
May 2-9, 2015	Dump Days	Groth Road Landfill	Saturdays—9:00 am—4:00 pm Mon-Fri—12:00 noon-4:00 pm
May 7, 2015	Rabies Clinic	Clay Highway Department	5:00 pm—7:00 pm
May 9, 2015	Optimist Fishing Derby	Stafford Park	9:00 am—1:00 pm
May 9, 2015	Paper Shredding	LaFayette Commons	9:00 am—1:00 pm
May 11, 2015	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
May 16, 2015	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am—sold out
May 19, 2015	Cemetery Board Meeting	Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm
May 21, 2015	Rabies Clinic	CNY SPCA Molloy Rd.	5:00 pm—7:00 pm
May 25, 2015	Memorial Day Parade & Outreach Benefit	The Crossroads of New York State—LaFayette, NY	9:00 am -
May 30, 2015	Community Day	Stafford Park	3:00 pm—fireworks
June 8, 2015	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
June 11, 2015	Rabies Clinic	Meachem Ice Rink	5:00 pm—7:00 pm
June 20, 2015	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am—sold out

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